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Editorial.

THE ART OF CONVERSATION.

Servata semper lege et ratione loquendi.—JUV.

BEYOND all doubt the Art of Conversation, like that of letter-writing, is a thing of the past; now-a-days we only write notes, which always finish with the stereotyped phrase "yours in haste," or if the epistle be indited to one of "the dearer ones," the sole proof of our affections are crosses in the corner. We care little for the purity of language in which Lady Montague used to write, and have but little success if we emulate the wit of Lamb. So it is with conversation. This idea forcibly struck that fictitious "Editorial mind" the other day at "Speech Day," when so many fair opportunities were afforded to our conversational abilities. We know that it is rude to stare; but we could not help gazing with pity on persons who were couched in mute wonder at the side of fair damsels, and did not dare to open their mouths save to utter monosyllables or to make some inane remarks about the weather. What is more embarrassing than finding you have not a word to say to anyone; what is more agreeable than discovering the ability to say what you please, and to be able to clothe your thoughts in the most graceful verbiage?

The time of serious discoursing is, of course, past, and the only kind of conversation that is admitted now-a-days is that of the light and flippant quality; to be serious when talking is a great crime, and lays one open to the accusation of "shop." Now "shop" has no fixed definition; its meaning alters with circumstances; at an afternoon tea it is anything that it is not scandal; on Sunday it is anything that savours of religion; at the training table it is all that savours of sport. This is the only restraint that is placed on the subjects of one's converse. There are some, however, which arise out of the character of the speaker; for example, one, to avoid being thought a prig, may venture to the verge of being doubtful; while one of the fair sex, to avoid such indiscretion, may retreat into the "penetralia" of primness, like one we saw sometime ago dubbed as a "Shee Precise Woman," by a seventeenth century writer. These, however, are mere chance restraints and may be avoided by being natural; some might mention "good manners" under this head, but they are certainly natural though rare. There is no doubt that conversation is a lost art. It exists merely in novels, and as

they have of late engaged only a small popularity, we may expect it will disappear from them also. The majority of men are mere dolls who will squeak when pressed, but otherwise emit no sound; those who do talk, like Romeo, "speak yet say nothing." That faculty for disputation, which all men used to possess, is not to be found now save amongst the Scotch. Where is the proverbial wit of Dean Swift's day, and the graceful conversations of the eighteenth century? All these, alas, have disappeared with the advance of the modern spirit. We shall soon speak through tubes, and make proposals of marriage by putting a penny in the slot.

The Volunteers.

THEIR HISTORY.

By CAPTAIN E. T. EVANS, late Middlesex Regiment.

When first military bodies on a voluntary basis were formed in this country it is difficult to say; in Saxon and Norman-Plantagenet times a sort of system of universal service was in force, and every man practically was liable to be called upon to "serve the King in his wars." The Wars of the Roses wrecked the feudal system and gave importance and independence to the commonalty, whose allegiance to its several lords was broken, hence the need for raising in some way an armed defensive force; which the Tudor sovereigns met by ordaining that each man between the ages of fifteen and fifty should be possessed of a bow of his own height and sufficient arrows, and should practice at the butts, which parish constables were to see were erected; an old soldier in each village being appointed as instructor. But this was in effect compulsory service, and the first formed voluntary body of which we find any record was the "Fraternity of St. George" incorporated in 1537, which however consisted of companies of London Archers, originally raised in Edward III's reign. This body is the lineal and legitimate ancestor of the Hon. Artillery Company, of London, and was, with the "Train-bands" of the City, specially exempted from disbandment in 1663, on the ground that they formed no part of a paid standing army. Prior to the last mentioned date however there existed voluntary military bodies in the provinces.

In the reign of Charles the First it is certain that Volunteer Corps existed distinct from Trained-Bands and Militia for, in an ordinance directed to lords lieutenant of certain southern counties (Southants among them) as to the collection of ship-money, it is directed that Volunteer Corps *and* Trained-bands should be called upon to assist. A pamphlet in the King's Collection describes the mustering of the Essex Trained-bands and Volunteers at Braintree in 1642; the latter under the separate

command of a Captain Barrington. These troops subsequently took part in the attack on Cambridge.

Again, at the times of the Jacobite risings of 1715 and 1745, Volunteer Corps were raised in England, not only in the northern, but in the southern counties, the last presumably as a precaution against an attempt on the part of France, and that they existed in the last named year is proved, for example, by the fact that the Exeter Volunteers were disbanded by the Government in 1746, the members thereupon publishing a statement of their grievances in a pamphlet, which is extant.

In 1775, at the time of the American War of Independence, Volunteers were again raised in this country, but as extra companies to Militia regiments, though certain battalions raised as "volunteers" appear to have become regiments of the regular army.

Soon after the opening of the wars of the French Revolution, namely in March, 1794, a comprehensive Plan was promulgated "for the Security of the Country" directed to "Gentlemen of Weight and Property in different parts of the Kingdom"; the measures it was thought expedient to adopt being "To augment the Militia by extra companies as practised in the last War"; to form Volunteer Companies in particular towns, especially on or near the coast; to raise Volunteer Troops of Fencible Cavalry and other bodies of Cavalry consisting of gentlemen and yeomanry. The officers were to receive temporary rank only, and were not to be entitled to half-pay (so the officers were to be paid evidently). The men received pay only "while actually in service." There was also provision for the enrolment of "pioneers," particularly in places near the coast. Uniforms were to be provided by Government, and the officers to be recommended by lords-lieutenant, but to receive commissions from the King. The infantry raised under this Plan were the Loyal Associations, familiar to us in Rowlandson's plates. The commissions of the officers of this force recite that the several corps were "associated to serve without pay for the protection thereof (the county) in case of any emergency at the requisition of the Civil Power, but (the officers) not to take rank in Our Army," nor were the Associations to be subject to military discipline nor to "serve out of their several parishes except of their own accord"! The Associations found their own arms, assisted by private subscriptions (like the volunteers of 1859), and were in fact a kind of armed police; they attended and kept order at fires and were used in cases of civil disturbance; as were the H.A.C. and the Loyal London Volunteers previously, in 1780, against the Gordon Rioters; for there were during many years but few regular troops in the country, and the civil police was almost non-existent. The Associations

were also understood to be available in case of invasion, and it is asserted that on one occasion of alarm the Hampstead (London) men marched to the boundary of their parish on Primrose Hill, where they bivouaced for the night but, the French not appearing, they returned to breakfast; having, anyway, displayed their good intentions.

These civilian forces were disbanded at the Peace of Amiens in 1802, but in the following year it was deemed expedient to again take measures for defence and under the Defence Acts passed in that year Volunteer Corps were raised with a total personnel of about 380,000 officers and men of all arms in Great Britain alone (Ireland had 83,000), the limits of age apparently being between fifteen and sixty. These corps, usually termed Loyal Volunteers, were reviewed and inspected in Hyde Park and elsewhere by the King on many occasions, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence, by the way, being Colonel and Lieut.-Colonel respectively of the Spelthorne Legion (West Middlesex), a strong corps of all arms. William of Clarence, though a sailor, had previously been a private in the Teddington Association. The officers' commissions were granted by lords-lieutenant, but no rank in the army was conferred thereby; there was a small allowance to the men during days of actual training, and they were not limited to service in their own parishes, but undertook to serve throughout Great Britain. To a commanding officer, by the way, who was insisting that his corps could not be called upon to do such and such things "except in case of invasion," Pitt remarked that the gallant corps in question would certainly not be asked to leave the country except upon the occurrence of that event.

These Loyal Volunteers were armed by the government and clothed by a government allowance and by subscriptions. They carried colours, as the majority were raised as complete battalions, and many of these colours have been honourably preserved. The Loyal Associations, however small their effective, seem also to have carried colours, and many of these were used at first by their successors.

After Trafalgar recruiting for the Volunteers did not keep pace with the resignations in most instances, and an Act was passed for the establishment of local Militia where numbers were deficient; though very many corps, notably in and about the metropolis, continued to exist down to 1814 as Volunteers, but in rural districts unpaid voluntary service seems generally speaking to have collapsed; small country corps having become difficult to keep together after the actual threat of invasion had passed. When Napoleon was sent to Elba, the government, so to say, rubbed its hands and cried, "Now we've finished with him! Cut down the estimates and disband!" So, in 1814

both the Volunteers and the local Militia practically ceased to exist, government aid and arms being withdrawn; the members of the Volunteer Corps being permitted to retain their uniforms and, in one case (probably typical of all), at the final muster, the Lieut-Colonel, addressing the men, asked that they would do the officers "the honour to receive a small donation to drink prosperity to your country and His Majesty's health." No doubt this was done but it could not help poor King George.

It would probably be found to be the general impression that no Volunteer Corps existed in this country between 1814 and 1859, but a return presented to the House of Commons in January, 1832, showed a total enrolled of 1,166 officers and 19,233 men, and it is believed that, though the existence of this force was authorised, it received no government allowances nor even arms. Without reckoning the H.A.C. and rifle clubs like the Victorias, there were certainly corps established under authority in rural districts at that time. In Middlesex we have records of the Uxbridge Volunteers for example, which paraded on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' christening in 1841, and which, it is stated in prints of the time, had been present at and assisted to extinguish numerous fires; these being principally of an incendiary character and accompanied often by rioting. Apparently these corps were disbanded some time in the forties, the country having quieted down.

At this period however attention was constantly directed (by the Duke of Wellington among others) to the question of national defence and to the advisability of reviving the volunteer force on a comprehensive scale, but it was not until 1852 that any start was made, when the services of the Exeter men were accepted, followed in 1853 by the Royal Victoria Rifle Club, (the lineal descendants of the Duke of Cumberland's Sharpshooters of 1798) being organised as rifle volunteer battalion of four companies under the second Duke of Wellington. These corps and those established subsequently served under the Acts of 1803, and the officers were commissioned by the lords-lieutenant (but there was then no government grant). Their formation, experimental as it was regarded, led up to the circulars of General Peel, secretary-for-war, of May, 1859, with which it was said the Prince Consort had a good deal to do. There was a general and enthusiastic response to these circulars, which however only contemplated the formation of independent companies of riflemen; hence the multitude of small corps; in Middlesex there were forty-nine. However these were soon formed into Administrative Battalions, a makeshift and clumsy expedient, which in towns soon led to consolidation, but country corps mainly remained administrative until 1880.

How elementary was the drill which the volunteers were

supposed by military experts to be capable of assimilating is apparent from the original drill-book, issued by authority in 1859. It was known as "The Green Book," and was by no less a person than General Dan Lysons. In it the volunteer is instructed in some very elementary squad-drill and in skirmishing, but the formation of fours is relegated to the end of the volume as a supplementary exercise, which the volunteers are informed they may learn "when they become thoroughly drilled [mark "thoroughly"] and find they have spare time." But the force soon broke away from the leading-strings of the Green Book, and, as early as March, 1860, it was capable of being reviewed by the Queen in Hyde Park (Hyde Park, which the Iron Duke said you might be able to get a division into, but could not get it out again!) The number on this occasion being close on nineteen thousand men, and at Edinburgh, a little later a similar number marched past Her Majesty.

Thus the force became regularly established and royally recognised and a special Act relating to it was passed in 1863, which fixed an annual capitation grant and gave it adjutants from the regular army; official regulations being issued from time to time for its governance, and at this period the government took over the entire arming of the force, rifles and bayonets to the extent of but twenty-five per cent. of the enrolled strength only having been provided previously, the balance being provided by the members and by public subscription.

The Volunteers from this time did far more than carry out the bare government requirements, the average number of drills performed being far and above the required minimum (sixty in the first two years, and nine drills a year after); they laid out rifle ranges and built the butts—often with their own personal labour; from the force arose the National Rifle Association, which has done so much for rifle shooting; the members attended voluntary regimental and also provisional camps with the regulars (at one of the last the writer remembers being with a detachment of a Hampshire Corp in light grey and green); provisional battalions of volunteers were also found at the Autumn Manœuvres. Later, the Volunteer Ambulance Association and the V. Medical Staff Corps were formed, these bodies were afterwards amalgamated. Many corps, especially in the metropolis, organised their own regimental transport, and some showed the regulars how machine gun and mounted-infantry detachments could be attached to infantry battalions. The Military Tournament was inaugurated and carried on successfully for a number of years by Volunteer Officers and Tactical Associations for the study of the War Game and other branches of military science were formed all over the country. This, in spite of the persistent refusal of successive governments to give it adequate organisation and equipment (such equipment as it

had having been found by private subscriptions), and, though assisted by only a very inadequate capitation grant, it continued to make itself more and more efficient for nearly fifty years, down to the time when Lord Haldane converted it into a Territorial Force and gave it the organisation and furnished it with the artillery and departmental establishments for which the Volunteers had for years been praying.

As to cadet corps these were formed very early in the history of the force in connection with many public and large private schools, but after a time seem to have been cold-shouldered by authorities scholastic because, as was said in one case, they "interfered with the school curriculum!" Oh, perverse generation, that could not see the advantage of training boys for national defence and inculcating ideas of military discipline! There was however a revival of cadet training in the nineties, and no one with any common sense or broad mindedness now questions its advantages; moreover, most boys like it, especially when the band is in front. A boy then feels quite "a soldier and a man."

Now, at this supreme period in the history of Europe, without waiting for any call from the State but, rather, in despite of some primary discouragement from authorities representing that entity, volunteers, comprising such men as are not otherwise eligible in a military sense, are enrolling themselves in this Kingdom of the West to serve without pay for the defence of the same; their officers however do not hold commissions nor are the men attested but, as they are doing hard work and are recognised as having become surprisingly efficient, it is suggested that these corps might very well be brought under the Act of 1863 and the regulations issued thereunder, so far as they are suitable to the times and circumstances, officers receiving commissions from lords-lieutenant; otherwise whence do these officers derive their authority to command and instruct His Majesty's lieges? In the early days of the old volunteer force the officers were, as now, elected by the men, but it was admitted to be a pernicious custom and died out very early and it is submitted that it was unwise to have revived it now.

Probably many of the old boys who have experienced their first military training in a V.T.C. regret that they did not join the Volunteers or Territorials when younger and more fit. As a keen recruiter the writer well remembers the inadequate excuses that used to be made for not joining, but he is confident that nothing of this kind will have to be related of any alumnus of Price after he has passed his cadet period and emerged into the World, if not as a soldier, at least as a soldier-citizen.

E. T. EVANS.

October, 1915.

Speech Day at Price's School, Fareham.

We reprint the following from the "Hampshire Post."

Speech Day took place on Wednesday afternoon, and because of the war was very quietly observed. The Vicar of Fareham (the Rev. J. E. Tarbat, M.A.), as Chairman of the Governors of the School, presided, and presented the prizes and delivered an address. Among those who had accepted the invitation of the headmaster (Mr. S. R. N. Bradly, M.A.) and Mrs. Bradly to be present, were Mr. J. Sandy, J.P. (Vice-Chairman of the Governors), Mrs. Sandy and Miss Gladys Sandy, Mr. H. F. Rawstorne, J.P., C.C., Mrs. and Miss Rawstorne, Mrs. Pierrepont Meadows, Mrs. Felton-Smith, Dr. Franklin, Mesdames Tarbat, Arnold, Case, H. Donnithorne and Burrell, Rev. and Mrs. Connolly, Dr. and Mrs. Bidden, Mr. and Mrs. Nowell, Lieut. Howell, R.N., Mr. Leonard Warner (clerk to the Governors) and Miss Warner, Miss Kirby, Mrs. and Miss Elkington, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Baylis (headmistress girls' school, Orme Lodge), Mr. and Mrs. Nugent, Mr. and Mrs. Tiptaft, Mr. and Mrs. Masterman, Mr. and Mrs. Eyles, Mr. and Mrs. Dallaway, Mr. and Mrs. Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. West, Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge, Mesdames Chignell, Laker, Neville, Harris, Percy Pink, Hale, Darking, Hinxman, Harvey, Hall, Cheesewright, Dunn, F. Frost, Swaffield, Misselbrook, Miss Tappenden, Mrs. and Miss Horner, Messrs. R. L. Marriott, H. Tutte, E. Edmunds, Pattenden (Droxford), T. Edney, and other parents and relatives of the boys.

The proceedings opened with the singing by the boys of the unison song, "Forty years on," and then Mr. Bradly presented an interesting report as headmaster, and afterwards read the Hartley College report on the recent examination of the school. Master Norman Frost having sang the song entitled "The Starling," the Chairman presented the prizes and delivered his address, in which he referred in eulogistic terms to the excellent Examiners' report just read, and spoke in a highly appreciative manner of the splendid work done by the headmaster and Mrs. Bradly, and the other members of the staff.

The song "Tipperary Land" was next sung by the boys, under the direction of Mrs. Bradly, and the ceremony ended with the singing of the National Anthem. A short gymnastic display was afterwards given by many of the boys in the field, under Sergt. Brace.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

The prize winners were :—

The Governor's Form Prizes.—Form Va., Easter, G. H. Hill; Midsummer, (G. H. Hill) E. Packham. Form Vb., G. Chignell; E. Llewellyn. Form IV., D. E. Gregory; (D. E. Gregory), B. R. Scott. Form III., W. C. Baker; (W. C. Baker), V. A. Cox. Form II., N. Frost; O. G. Waters. Form I., T. C. Holford; W. R. Peel.

Special Prizes.—The member's prizes for the best knowledge of "The British Empire." (Presented by Colonel Arthur Lee, M.P.)—E. R. Hinxman, E. Llewellyn (aeq.), C. Halsey, S. Harding, A. W. Ivens.

The Vicar's prizes for Divinity.—E. Packham, A. Mulvaney. Mrs. Hynes' prizes for Divinity.—R. Awbery, A. Wilkie.

Mrs. T. H. Harvey's prizes for Mathematics and Science.—G. H. Hill, P. Hynes, C. R. Heath, E. Llewellyn, D. E. Gregory, V. A. Cox, B. Dallaway.

Mr. H. F. Rawstone's prizes for French.—(G. H. Hill), J. Lee, E. Packham (aeq.), C. Ridsdale, L. Boxwell, H. L. Marriott.

Mr. C. M. Fearn's prizes for English Essays.—P. Hynes, V. A. Cox.

Rev. C. F. H. Connolly's prize for English (ii.)—M. R. Nicholson.

Mrs. T. H. Harvey's prizes for Latin.—(G. Chignell), G. H. Hill, L. Boxwell, W. C. Baker, V. A. Cox (aeq.).

Mrs. Brady's prizes for Drawing.—F. Nugent, C. Eddowes, B. Scott (aeq.).

Reading prizes.—(R. H. Teek), F. Nugent (aeq.), S. S. Smith, E. H. Croad, E. A. Grove, W. R. Peel.

Mr. Parson's prizes for Spelling, over 12.—G. H. Hill; under 12, not awarded.

Colonel Stubington's bat for highest average.—T. M. Harris, 12.2 (13 inns.); bowling average, E. Packham, 33 wks. (av. 6.6). Commander Chads' prize for shooting, R. H. S. Teek.

A Warning to Non-Subscribers.

A MORAL FAIRY TALE.

A reader of the *Lion* strolling in the country recently was overtaken by a storm. He crept into a hollow tree log for shelter. After the storm abated he endeavoured to crawl out, but found the log had swollen so that it was impossible to make his exit. When all his efforts had failed, he became depressed, and thought over all the mean and shabby things he had ever done, until finally his mind reverted to the fact that instead of buying his *Lion* like an honourable reader, he was in the habit

of borrowing it from a friend. The thought of this made him feel so small that he slipped out of his prison without delay. He now a subscriber.

The Poet to his Weekly Joint.

And so, my hot roast mutton 'tis your turn to bring relief,
 To one who's lately lived upon the memories of beef;
 You're so very, very welcome, if so very, very small,
 For it isn't ev'ry Poet gets a weekly joint at all.
 And I eat you cold on Sunday, slash your bone till Monday night,
 Yes, you are my cold, cold comfort until nearly out of sight;
 But Tuesday brings a hash in which you partly figure too,
 The bits of fat and gristle which were all I left of you.
 Yet you come to me a rissole (chiefly bread crumbs) for Wed. sup.,
 Upon your subject now I feel the slightest bit fed up;
 On Thursday when a stew appears, although I am no glutton,
 Potatoes, carrots, onions, cannot satisfy like mutton.
 Still the secrets of your bone arrive, revealed in mutton broth,
 Which I pour within me, Friday, in a state of famished wrath;
 But, oh, Saturday brings round again alternative relief,
 When the memories of mutton are wiped out by hot roast beef.

CONSTANCE MEADOWS.

To My Razor.

You brute! Upon my soul! I do declare!
 You've nearly cut my chin in twain;
 You're far too sharp for me my friend—well there
 I'm flowing like a beastly drain.
 Was it for this that all the care I've spent
 On thee, should be repaid like this;
 Or that thou whilst upon thy work intent,
 Did'st dream about a safety miss.
 I've stropped thee day by day, thou know'st full well,
 And tried to keep thee on the edge;
 To spare thy ears from sounds of painful yell,
 When rasping through my sprouting hedge.
 But all of no avail you treat me thus,
 A streaming chin with powdered lime;
 Will not suffice for me to stop a cuss—
 It will my friend be worse next time.
 But why should I be marred for life? Next time
 You'll slip and cut my throat—you hound;
 May be, I'll risk no more for such a crime,
 But hide thee in thy hollow ground.

Why too should I have all these qualms and fears,
 With plastered chin all lank and weird;
 I'll have no more of Kropps or Gillette hears,
 But live in peace and grow a beard.

BLUE-BEARD.

Cricket.

P.S.C.C. v. GOSPORT SECONDARY.

This match was played at Gosport, on June 16th, on a wicket which might be described as "rustic." The School won the toss and sent in Lee and Teek. With the score at 9 Lee was caught in the slips from a ball that bumped in a truly awful manner. Harris joined Teek, and the two proceeded to pile on runs by good if somewhat lucky cricket, Harris was the first to leave at 37 and then Hack helped Teek to take the score to 51 before the latter was bowled for a useful 19. Nugent now joined Hack, only to see him 3 runs later caught and bowled by Pearce. The outgoing batsman had made his runs by hard hitting. The rest of the team were dismissed for an addition of only five runs, the innings closing for 68. Gosport opened with Sherwin and Jenkins, but, with the exception of Geary who made 7, the team could do nothing against the splendid bowling of Baker and Packham, who dismissed the whole side for 18 runs. Thus we won by 50 runs. Scores and analysis :—

PRICE'S SCHOOL.		GOSPORT SECONDARY.	
J. M. Lee c Pearce b Macey ..	7	A. Sherwin, c Lee b Packham	2
R. H. S. Teek, b Pearce ..	19	C. Jenkins, c Edmunds b Baker	1
T. M. Harris, c Jenkins b		T. Pearce, b Baker	2
Macey	15	W. Macey, c Edmunds b	
J. Hack, c and b Pearce ..	15	Baker	0
W. C. Baker, b Pearce ..	1	G. Wells, b Packham	2
A. V. Eade, b Pearce ..	1	E. Geary, c Eddowes b Pack-	
F. E. G. Nugent, c and b		ham	7
Macey	4	S. Osborne, c and b Packham	0
G. H. Hill, not out	0	A. Stoner, not out	0
C. S. Eddowes, c Sherwin b		W. Saunders, c Harris b Pack-	
Macey	0	ham	0
D. Edmunds, b Macey ..	0	A. Hayter, b Packham	0
E. F. Packham, b Macey ..	0	C. Jerome b Baker	0
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total ..	68	Total ..	18

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Baker ..	6.1	3	5	4
Packham ..	6.	2	9	6

P.S.C.C. v. SOUTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This return match was played on the County Ground at Southampton, on Saturday, June 26th, resulting in a brilliant

win for the School by 72 runs. Lee won the toss and on a perfect wicket took first innings. Teek accompanied the Captain to the wickets. The start was disastrous, as Teek, in playing across to a straight one was clean bowled. Harris took his place, and there was seen the finest partnership of the season. The pair played carefully, taking no chances, but punishing all loose balls. The score steadily mounted, until at 46, when Lee, who seemed set for his fifty, in hitting at a rising ball was caught in the slips for a finely played 30. The outgoing batsman had given no chance. Eade followed, but gave little trouble. With Hill in, Harris continued to play brilliantly, his off driving being especially fine. He was at length bowled for an invaluable 22. The rate of scoring now became slower, but the score steadily mounted. Hill played well for his 15, and Packham the last man in hit merrily for his 10. The innings closed for 124—a very fine effort. Southampton started with Drew and Browning, but the wickets quickly fell, the first 5 wickets only realising 23 runs. Tuppini. was brilliantly caught by Lee at point, and Blake was out to a wonderful left-handed catch by Teek on the boundary. Their innings closed for 52, leaving us victors by 72 runs. Baker and Packham bowled throughout, the former taking 6 wickets for 20, and the latter 4 for 28. This is the first time we have beaten the Grammar School on the County Ground, the brilliant team of last year being easily beaten. We have nothing but the highest praise for the team. They were out to win, and win they did in no unmistakable fashion. The whole team rose to the occasion as one man. They could do nothing wrong. The fielding was superb, and on the day's play it was difficult to see how they could lose any of their remaining matches. The catches of Teek and Lee were exceptionally brilliant. Scores and analysis:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL.		SOUTHAMPTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
J. M. Lee, c F. Tuppini b Drew	30	F. J. Drew, b Packham	10
R. H. S. Teek, b A. S. Tuppini	0	B. L. Browning, b Baker	0
T. M. Harris, b Drew	22	W. W. Boggs, b Baker	7
A. V. Eade, b A. S. Tuppini	3	A. S. Tuppini, b Packham	1
G. H. Hill, c Bevan b F. S. Tuppini	15	R. F. White, c Eddowes b Baker	5
F. E. G. Nugent, b O'Hara	11	J. O'Hara, b Baker	11
C. S. Eddowes, b O'Hara	0	F. S. Tuppini, c Ridsdale b Packham	0
W. C. Baker, not out	8	A. F. Barker, c Lee b Baker	1
C. E. M. Ridsdale, b O'Hara	0	J. Bevan, not out	13
D. Edmunds, b O'Hara	2	W. S. Blake, c Teek b Packham	0
E. F. Packham, c Drew b O'Hara	10	S. Owen, b Baker	0
Extras	23	Extras	4
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Total	124	Total	52

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Baker..	8	2	20	6
Packham ..	8	2	28	4

P.S.C.C. AND GROUND v. PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY.

This return match was played here on Saturday, July 3rd, and after a most exciting game resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 runs. The visitors won the toss and took first innings. Mr. Winter and Lineham opened their innings to the bowling of Mr. Gale and Baker. Runs came quickly and the score was raised to 40 before Lineham was run out for a lucky 18. Mr. Toogood followed, but with only one run added was caught at cover. Mr. Hoare filled the vacancy and runs came fast, until with the score at 65 Mr. Winter was badly run out for a valuable 30. The scoring now slackened considerably, and the whole side were out for 114. Mr. Nugent was our most succesful bowler. We opened with Nugent and Lee, and the score was taken to 25 before Mr. Nugent was caught for a hard hit 21. Harris followed, but with only 3 added was caught and bowled by Whyte. Mr. Meadows then joined Lee by with only 9 runs added the latter was bowled by an extraordinary ball, which pitched outside his legs and then took the leg stump. Mr. Gale then came in and played steadily, while Mr. Meadows hit. Twelve more were added, and with the score at 48 Mr. Meadows was bowled by Mr. Hoare. Mr. Bradly now came in and a fine stand was made, both batsmen defying all attempts to get them out. The score was raised to 96 before Mr. Bradly was bowled by a "Yorker." Teek followed, but at 104 was bowled by Mr. Hoare. As long as Mr. Gale remained our hopes of victory seemed pretty sure, but at 109 he was caught. The excitement now was intense, as with 3 wickets to fall we wanted 6 runs to win. The fates however were against us, and the innings closed for 112, leaving Portsmouth Secondary victors by two runs. The fielding of the home side was not up to its usual standard, several catches being missed. Scores and analysis:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL CLUB AND GROUND

Mr. Nugent, c Parkes b Whyte	21
J. M. Lee, b Whyte ..	11
T. M. Harris, c and b Whyte..	0
Mr. Meadows, b Hoare ..	13
Mr. Gale, c Dodds b Hoare ..	29
Mr. Bradly, b Toogood ..	28
R. H. S. Teek, b Hoare ..	2
G. H. Hill, c Dodds b Stocks	3
Mr. Shaddock, b Hoare ..	1
W. C. Baker, b Hoare..	1
E. F. Packham, not out ..	1
Extras ..	2

Total .. 112

PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY.

Mr. Winter, run out ..	30
Lineham, run out ..	18
Mr. Toogood, c Lee b Baker..	0
Mr. Hoare, c Hill b Bradly ..	34
Mr. Stocks, lbw b Nugent ..	3
Parks, run out ..	2
Short, b Nugent ..	5
Whyte, run out ..	5
Bracking, b Nugent ..	5
Dodds, b Nugent ..	0
Boward, not out ..	3
Extras ..	9

Total .. 114

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Whts.</i>
Mr. Gale ..	8	1	24	0
Baker..	9	0	27	1
Packham ..	3	0	15	0
Mr. Bradley ..	7	2	12	1
Mr. Nugent ..	6	0	27	4

P.S.C.C. v. GOSPORT SECONDARY.

This match was played at Fareham, on Saturday, July 10th. School won the toss and batted first. Lee i. and Teek were the first pair and the latter opened brightly, scoring 14 out of the first 19 before being bowled by Pearce. Harris joined Lee and a fine stand was made. Both played fine free cricket and quickly raised the score to 48 before the former was bowled by Pearce. Every member of the team batted well, Harris' 29 being a fine effort.

Jenkins and Pearce were the first Gosport pair, and on the former being ct at point by Eddowes, despite one or two good hits by Sherwin, the side failed miserably, the last wicket falling at 23, leaving the school winners by the handsome margin of 100 runs. Scores :—

PRICE'S SCHOOL,		GOSPORT SECONDARY SCHOOL.	
J. M. Lee, b Pearce ..	18	C. Jenkins, c Eddowes b Pack-	0
R. H. S. Teek, b Pearce ..	14	ham ..	0
T. M. Harris c Sherwin b		J. Pearce, b Baker ..	4
Pearce ..	29	A. Sherwin, b Packham ..	8
G. H. Hill, b Pearce ..	8	W. Macey, c Eade b Baker ..	0
A. V. Eade, lbw, b Macey ..	8	E. Geary, b Baker ..	0
F. E. G. Nugent, b Macey ..	11	S. Osborn, c Harris b Baker ..	3
C. S. Eddowes, c Jenkins b		A. Stoner, run out ..	7
Macey ..	2	G. Bulmer, run out ..	0
D. Edmunds, b Pearce ..	12	M. Harvey, c Baker b Pack-	0
W. Woodward, c Geary b		ham ..	0
Macey ..	7	E. Davey, c Teek b Packham	0
W. C. Baker, not out ..	8	H. Bulmer, not out ..	1
E. F. Packham, b Pearce ..	2	Extras ..	0
Extras ..	4		
Total ..	123	Total ..	23

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wks.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Pearce ..	16	3	40	6	6.6
Macey..	14	1	41	4	10.25
Sherwin ..	1	0	12	0	8
Jenkins ..	5	0	21	0	8
Baker ..	8	3	12	4	3
Packham ..	8	3	9	4	2.25

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. FAREHAM V.T.C.

This match was played at Fareham, on Wednesday, July 7th, the V.T.C. including such well-known players as Mr. J. H. Darby, the Cambridge blue, and Mr. E. Edmunds, captain of Fareham C.C. The School won the toss and batted first on a wet wicket. Mr. Meadows and Lee i. opened to the bowling of Mr. Edmunds, pavilion end, and Mr. Darby. Runs came steadily until a nasty "shooter" from the latter bowled Lee i. (24-1-8). Harris followed, but with only one run added Mr. Meadows was bowled by Mr. Darby (25-2-11). Mr. Johnston joined Harris, and 20 runs were put on before the former was bowled by Mr. Darby in essaying a late cut (43-3-15). Mr. Gale followed, but the third ball sent down to him by Mr. Edmunds kicked badly and he was caught off his glove by Mr. Darby at fine slip (49-4-0). A fine catch by Mr. Edmunds disposed of Harris, and despite some good hitting by Teek the innings closed for 65, the batsmen from Hill i. downwards all succumbing to foolish calls and bad strokes.

The V.T.C. opened with Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Willis, the former being bowled by Mr. Gale's second ball. Mr. Gale then c and b Swaffield, F. F. in the same over. Very poor was the V.T.C. batting until Mr. Darby and Mr. Pharo got together. These quickly raised the score to 43 before the latter was run out. None of the rest gave Mr. Darby much support, but with the score at 64 for 7 wickets Mr. Darby was caught by Harris off Mr. Johnston, who was bowling finely. The remaining 3 wickets added but one run, Tatford being caught by Mr. Johnston with the score at 65. Thus, amidst great cheering a splendidly well-contested match ended with the score 65—65. Scores and analysis:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL.		V.T.C.	
Mr. Meadows, b Darby ..	11	E. Edmunds, b Mr. Gale ..	0
J. M. Lee, b Darby ..	8	W. Wills, b Mr. Bradley ..	4
T. M. Harris, c Edmund's b Darby ..	6	F. F. Swaffield, c and b Mr. Gale ..	0
Mr. Johnston, b Darby ..	15	W. C. Pharo, run out ..	15
Mr. Gale, c Darby b Edmunds	0	J. H. Darby, c Harris b Mr. Johnston ..	30
Mr. Bradley c Walters b Darby	3	Jewell, c Mr. Gale b Mr. Meadows ..	3
R. H. S. Teek b Darby ..	12	Walters, b Mr. Johnston ..	1
G. H. Hill, c Edmunds b Darby	3	Byham, c Harris b Mr. Johnston ..	0
F. E. G. Nugent, c Edmunds b Darby ..	0	Heasman, b Mr. Johnston ..	0
A. V. Eade, run out ..	0	L. B. Trigg, c Teek b Mr. Gale	2
W. C. Baker, st Wills b Darby	0	Glover, not out ..	0
E. F. Packham, not out ..	0	H. Tatford, c Mr. Johnston b Mr. Gale ..	1
Extras ..	7	Extras ..	0
Total ..	65	Total ..	65

The Lion.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
J. H. Darby ..	14.5	2	32	9	3.55
E. Edmunds ..	14	1	26	1	26
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Mr. Gale..	12	1	26	4	6.5
Mr. Bradley ..	4	1	15	1	15
Mr. Meadows ..	1	0	5	1	5
Mr. Johnston ..	8	0	11	4	2.75

P.S.C.C. v. PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played at Fareham, on Monday, July 19th. The School won the toss and decided to bat first. There was little of note in the innings with the exception of the steady batting of Harris and the fine hitting of Ridsdale, each of whom scored 15. Very bad blunders in the running took place in this match, Edmunds i., Ridsdale and Mather being the offenders.

When Portsmouth went in to bat only Yates 14, Boswell 7, and Frier 7, could make any stand against the excellent bowling of Baker and Packham, who were backed up by general excellence in the field. Special mention should be made of Mather, who although fielding with the sun in his eyes did some very awkward fielding in a neat manner. Scores:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL.	PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
J. M. Lee, c Mason b Staple- ton 2	Penfold, c Harris b Baker .. 3
R. H. S. Teek, b Yates 2	Stephenson, b Packham .. 1
T. M. Harris, c Yates b Staple- ton 15	Yates, c Harris b Packham .. 14
G. H. Hill, c Yates b Boswell 10	Stapleton, lbw Packham .. 1
A. V. Eade, c Cultimore b Boswell 3	Ward, b Packham 0
C. S. Eddowes, c and b Bos well 3	Mason, c Harris b Packham .. 4
C. E. M. Ridsdale, b Stapleton 15	Boswell, c Hill b Baker .. 7
D. Edmunds, run out 3	Frier, c Teek b Baker .. 7
K. Mather, run out 4	Owers, c Eade b Packham .. 0
W. C. Baker, c Yates b Staple- ton 2	Parker, not out 2
E. F. Packham, not out .. 7	Cullimore, c Lee b Packham 0
Extra 6	Extras 0
Total .. 72	Total .. 39

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Packham ..	12.3	4	14	7	2
Baker ..	13	2	22	3	7.3

PRICE'S SCHOOL "A" TEAM v. WYKEHAM HALL 1ST XI.

Played on the School Ground on Saturday, July 18th. The School batted first and ran up the fine score of 151 for 4 wickets. Eade again played finely, his 56 not out being quite a good effort. Ridsdale and Eddowes also played well. Wykeham Hall could only make 42. None of their team obtained double figures. We thus won easily by 109 runs. Scores:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL.		WYKEHAM HALL.	
C. S. Eddowes, b T. White ..	32	H. Thompson, c Baker b	
W. V. Woodward, c Bremner		Mather	0
b Oxley	10	A. White, c Baker b Ridsdale	8
J. H. Harris, b Rodliffe ..	3	A. Bremner, b Baker ..	5
G. H. Hill, b Rodliffe ..	10	J. Rodliffe, b Baker ..	7
A. V. Eade, not out ..	56	E. Oxley, c Ridsdale b Eade..	8
C. E. M. Ridsdale, not out ..	32	E. Barnes, st Harris b Edmunds	1
R. C. H. Connoly, D. Edmunds,		C. Reilly, b Edmunds..	0
R. K. S. Mather, W. C.		L. White, b Edmunds ..	0
Baker, G. Pullen, did not bat		T. White, b Edmunds..	2
		W. Dibble, not out ..	7
Extras	8	B. Crowley, b Edmunds ..	1
		Extras	3
Total	151*	Total	42

*Innings declared.

P.S.C.C. v. MIDHURST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played at Fareham on Thursday, July 22nd, and resulted in a draw. Scores:—

SCHOOL.		MIDHURST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
J. M. Lee, b Behn	4	C. Roberts, b Baker	0
W. C. Baker, b Behn	4	G. G. Garland, c Harris b	
T. M. Harris, c Stedman b Behn	36	Packham	0
G. H. Hill, c Roberts b Behn	19	A. R. Stedman, b Packham ..	22
R. H. S. Teek, b Behn	0	F. Behn, b Baker	0
F. E. G. Nugent, c Roberts b		J. A. Stallard, not out ..	12
Stallard	2	C. Gibbs, c and b Nugent ..	1
A. V. Eade, not out	3	G. K. Turner, P. J. Knight,	
C. S. Eddowes, b Behn	0	J. Holland, J. Watts and A.	
C. E. M. Ridsdale, E. F. Pack-		F. Fisher, did not bat	
ham, and D. Edmunds did		Extras	0
not bat			
Extras	7		
Total (for 7 wkts.)	75	Total (for 5 wkt.)	35

SCHOOL v. STAFF.

This match, the conclusion of our season, was played on Tuesday, July 27th. Mr. Gale had got together a team representative of "all England," evidently meaning to squash us. This they did not accomplish, for though they put together the splendid total of 235 for 5, we managed to make a creditable draw. Scores:—

STAFF.		SCHOOL.	
Mr. L. Pullen, run out ..	0	J. M. Lee, b Higgens ..	4
Mr. Nugent, run out ..	8	W. C. Baker, b Higgens ..	0
Mr. Edmunds, run out ..	84	T. M. Harris, b Mr. Gale ..	1
Mr. Johnston, not out ..	105	R. H. S. Teek, c Mr. Edmunds	
Mr. Bradley, c Lee b Packham	26	b Mr. Johnston ..	29
Mr. Gale, c and b Ridsdale ..	7	G. H. Hill, b Mr. Bradley ..	29
Mr. Meadows, Mr. Shaddock,		F. E. G. Nugent, b Mr. John-	
Mr. Higgens, Mr. Paynter,		ston ..	0
G. Pullen and W. Woodward		A. V. Eade, b Mr. Gale ..	14
did not bat		C. E. M. Ridsdale, b Mr.	
		Johnston ..	0
		C. S. Eddowes, not out ..	1
		K. Mather, D. Edmunds and	
		E. F. Packham did not bat	
Extras	5	Extras	14
Total (for 5 wks.)	235	Total (for 7 wks.)	92

The Cricket Committee desire to thank Messrs. Gale and Johnston for their kindness in coaching the team at nets and also to all masters and friends who have so kindly assisted in club and ground matches.

On behalf of the Committee.

J. M. LEE (Captain).

R. H. S. TEEK.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 2ND XI. v. PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY 2ND XI.

Played on the School ground on Saturday, July 3rd, resulting in an easy win for the 2nd XI. by 127 runs. Scores:—

PRICE'S SCHOOL 2ND XI.	PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY 2ND XI.		
C. S. Eddowes, b Stoddart ..	9	F. Day, c and b Nugent ..	2
G. Pullen, run out ..	3	A. Chase, b Mather ..	0
C. E. M. Ridsdale, b Stoddart	5	F. Walker, b Mather ..	0
A. V. Eade, lbw b Stoddart ..	55	A. Combs, b Mather ..	0
F. E. G. Nugent, c Stoddart b		F. Mumford, b Mather ..	6
F. Day ..	29	V. Timms, c Connolly b Mather	3
R. K. S. Mather, b Anderson	26	E. Stoddart, b Nugent ..	1
D. Edmunds, c Walker b Stod-		S. Day, c and b Nugent ..	0
dart ..	0	C. Sainsbury, c Edmunds b	
R. C. H. Connolly, c Day b		Mather ..	1
Stoddart ..	1	F. Anderson, b Mather ..	0
W. V. Woodward, c Day b		G. Parnell, not out ..	0
Stoddart ..	5	Extras ..	0
S. Harding, c and b Stoddart	0		
W. H. Henry, not out ..	3		
Extra ..	4		
Total ..	140	Total ..	13

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES.

BATTING.

Name.	Innings.	Not out.	Most in Innings.	Total.	Average.
T. M. Harris ..	13	0	36	159	12.23
J. M. Lee (captain) ..	13	0	30	151	11.61
G. H. Hill ..	12	1	29	111	10.09
R. H. S. Teek ..	13	0	29	98	7.51
C. E. M. Ridsdale ..	4	1	15	16	5.33
F. E. G. Nugent ..	11	0	11	57	5.18
E. F. Packham ..	10	3	10	34	4.85
A. V. Eade ..	12	1	14	51	4.63
W. C. Baker ..	10	3	10	28	4.0
D. Edmunds ..	7	0	12	27	3.85
C. S. Eddowes ..	9	1	7	17	2.12

The following also batted :—

J. Hack ..	3	0	15	18	6
W. V. Woodward ..	2	1	7	10	10
K. Mather ..	2	0	4	4	2

BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
E. F. Packham ..	92.3	17	219	33	6.64
W. C. Baker ..	91.2	22	221	29	7.60
D. Edmunds ..	17	3	47	5	9.40
R. H. S. Teek ..	16	4	47	5	9.40
F. E. G. Nugent ..	16	2	42	4	10.50
T. M. Harris ..	19	5	48	3	16.

CATCHES.

T. M. Harris ..	..	..	..	10
R. H. S. Teek ..	..	..	..	7
J. M. Lee ..	..	..	..	7
G. H. Hill ..	..	..	..	5
D. Edmunds ..	..	..	..	5
F. E. G. Nugent ..	..	..	..	4
C. S. Eddowes ..	..	..	..	4

Harris stumped three.

THE CRICKET SEASON.

We began the season with four old second eleven colours—and the usual Jeremiah: Where is the team coming from? The question was soon answered—two very useful bowlers, half-a-dozen batsmen, who improved very much as the season advanced, good fieldsmen, and above all a really keen captain, making a match-winning combination. The improvement in the team is best seen by comparing the results of the two Southampton matches—the first we lost by 58, the second we won by 74. This return match was the first win for the School on the county ground, and was a great success all round—the team batted very steadily all through against good bowling, and on going out to field showed what they could do on a really good

outfield; four of the catches were brilliant. The loss of the first match against Portsmouth School 2nd XI. was partly due to the journey—most of the team going on bicycles and being too tired to play well. Gosport was easily beaten in both games, and the Midhurst match was spoilt by rain—and train.

We finished the season with a match against a strong staff side, including several good players from the neighbourhood. The School had the misfortune to lose the toss on an easy wicket and, through stage fright, dropped some catches. They made amends for these on going in to bat, for after losing two wickets cheaply, a plucky and determined stand against a great variety of bowling enabled them to make a most creditable draw.

Of club and ground matches the most exciting was that against the V.T.C., a tie of 65 all.

The "A" team won easily twice against Wykeham Hall, and the Second XI. won all their matches and did very well, especially against St. John's College and Portsmouth 3rd XI.; Mather and Pullen played several good innings. The Junior elevens all did well against Wykeham Hall, but the other match against St. John's was lost. The two teams 1st and 2nd have been very keen to learn at nets, and the greatest improvement in batting has perhaps been shown by Hill, Baker and Ridsdale. The weakest point in the team is the bowling, not so much in quality as in quantity. Packham and Baker both did very well. Fortunately changes were seldom needed—except in the staff match.

The fielding was smart throughout, a splendid example being set by the captain; Teek's catching in the long field was excellent.

Last, but not least, Harris proved the quickest and safest wicket-keeper we have had in the School.

CRITIQUES OF THE XI.

- *J. M. LEE (Captain). A much improved and steady bat, but he still does not get his whole weight into an off ball. An excellent field at cover. Has set a fine example of energy and keenness as captain.
- *R. H. S. TEEK. Has played some useful innings, but is inclined to play crooked to a straight ball through anxiety to score. Has much improved however, as he showed in the staff match. A very safe deep-field catch.
- *T. M. HARRIS. A very steady bat with a pretty style and a good variety of strokes; the latter however do not include one for a Yorker; he must learn to come down hard on it and not try and hit it for four. A very safe and at all times brilliant wicket-keeper.

- *G. H. HILL. A good example of a bad batsman, becoming a most useful member of the team through careful net practice. Once he learnt to anchor his back foot and not to fidget, his improvement was most marked. Has some good strokes, chiefly on the off side. A keen field.
- *E. F. PACKHAM. A useful hitter for tired bowling. Has bowled very successfully all through the season, but is best on a hard wicket. He is inclined to become too short and erratic if kept on too long.
- *W. BAKER. Began with no notion at all of batting, but has learnt very quickly at nets and is now a most useful and steady bat. A medium-pace bowler with a good length, and very straight. When he is hit he must learn to recover his length and not increase his pace. Rather uncertain in the field.
- D. EDMUNDS. Has a straight eye but a very crooked bat, which however became a little less oblique as the season advanced. A good field.
- F. E. G. NUGENT. Has a good notion of batting but is very easily disheartened by failure. He must learn that the cure is not in slogging or in cultivating fancy strokes suitable to some other game, but in careful practice at nets. A good field.
- A. V. EADE. Has not made the improvement which his play last year promised. This is chiefly due to want of care in watching the ball and impatience. When he has been content to play straight and wait for the loose one, he has done quite well. A fair field.
- C. S. EDDOWES. A very keen player with a promising style, but fails often through want of confidence. Must try to forget the stumps and think only about hitting the ball. Has played some good innings in Junior Matches. A smart field at point.
- C. E. M. RIDSDALE. A very promising batsman with a good style and plenty of grit. Watches the ball careful and chooses the right one to hit. An excellent field.

* Denotes Colours.

A.S.G.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

1st XI. . . . .	..	Played 9	Won 5	Lost 2	Drawn 2
Club and Ground		Played 4	Won 2	Lost 1	Drawn 1
"A" team . . . . .	..	Played 2	Won 2		
2nd XI. . . . .	..	Played 6	Won 6		
Junior XI's. . . . .	..	Played 9	Won 7	Lost 2	

The Lion.
Football.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. PORTSMOUTH SECONDARY
SCHOOL 1ST.

This match was played on our ground on Saturday, October 2nd, and formed a very attractive opening to our season.

Teek lost the toss and the School defended the road goal. From the kick-off School attacked, Nugent being responsible for a good centre from which Ridsdale had a good shot saved. The visitors then attacked strongly, and Lee was several times called upon to clear his lines. Hereabouts Mr. Johnstone was responsible for some fine defensive work and was ably backed up by Harris. From a sudden breakaway by the School a corner was conceded, but this proved abortive. Then the Secondary forwards attacked vigorously, and Lee conceded a corner in saving a shot from their inside-right. This corner was brilliantly placed, and Lee punched away. A terrific scramble in the goal-mouth followed, but Mr. Johnstone eventually cleared. Give and take play followed, with the visitors doing most of the attacking. Half-time arrived with the score:—School 0, Secondary School 0.

On resuming the visitors attacked vigorously, and Mr. Johnstone and Teek were responsible for fine defensive work. Packham and Woodward put in some good tackling, though their feeding of their respective wings left much to be desired. From a fine bout of passing the visitors drew our defence, and their outside left beat Lee with a high shot. This reverse stung our players, and much more life was infused into their play. Suddenly Mr. Johnstone secured and, dribbling a few yards, shot with splendid accuracy from 40 yards range, completely beating the visitors' custodian. Great cheers hailed this magnificent effort. Great dash was now shown by both sides, and Ridsdale, Hoad and Nugent put in some nice passing. A fine centre from Eade nearly brought about the downfall of the visitors goal, but the ball was cleared. The visitors now attacked desperately and Lee was several times tested, but their shooting was woefully inaccurate. Great defensive work by Mr. Johnstone kept the visitors at bay, and the whistle went with the score:—School 1, Portsmouth Secondary School 1, after a most exciting game. Team:—

Price's School 1st XI.—J. M. Lee, goal; T. M. Harris and R. O. Johnstone, backs; E. F. Packham, R. H. S. Teek, and W. Woodward, halves; W. C. Baker, J. Hoad, C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade and F. E. Nugent, forwards.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. PETER SYMOND'S SCHOOL.

On Saturday, October 9th, the 1st XI. journeyed to Winchester, but were badly beaten by 10 goals to 1. Our opponents were much the heavier team, and many of their methods were open to criticism. On the whole the play was not good, it was also handicapped by a very rough surface, the grass being both long and lumpy, and the ground under normal size.

The forwards did not seem to be able to get the ball away, although Ridsdale did his level best to break through their defence. The wing halves must learn to mark their men more strictly, as this would have checked many of the advancing rushes of Peter Symond's. The defence played well, but received so much to do, because the forwards could not keep the ball in the other half. Lee in goal saved many shots, though he was handicapped by the rough state of the ground before the goal.

Price's School 1st XI.—Lee, goal; Harris and Woodward, backs; Packham, Teek and Hale, halves; Baker, Hoad, Ridsdale, Eade and Nugent, forwards.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, October 16th. Teek lost the toss, and the School team defended the road goal. At the outset, the Grammar School adopting the wide-passing game, made several strong attacks, and Lee had to save several shots before our forwards got going. Then Nugent, after a fine run, put in a good centre which failed to score. Portsmouth now attacked hotly, and Harris and Woodward were hard pressed, the latter gaining applause for a fine piece of work in holding up Pym, the visiting outside-right. Lee gave a corner in dealing with a shot by Stratten, and this, finely placed by Pym, was punched away by Lee. A great tussle in the goal-mouth ensued, and after both backs had partially cleared, the ball went to Stapleton about two yards out. A goal seemed imminent, but Lee got to the ball and both he and the forward falling the goal-keeper got the ball behind for a corner which proved abortive. The Grammar School were clearly overplaying us at this point, but after a fine piece of work by Teek, Ridsdale got possession, and beating three opponents, placed the ball in the corner of the net as the goal-keeper came out. Great cheers hailed this splendid goal. This reverse stung Portsmouth who tried hard to get through, but our halves, who were playing finely, stopped their attacks, and, after clever passing by all our forwards, the ball went to Baker who scored with a cleverly placed shot. From the re-start one of the Portsmouth half-backs was hurt in a collision, but he was soon able to resume. Half-time came with the score:—School 2, P.G.S. 0.

From the kick-off the Grammar School attacked vigorously, and after Lee had saved from Pym, Stapleton scored with a low shot in the corner. Portsmouth had far the best of the game hereabouts, but fine work by our halves and backs saved Lee serious trouble. After Lee had saved at full length from Stratten, Harris cleared away to the left where Eade, after passing with Nugent, swung the ball across to Baker who was lying unmarked, and, steadying himself, the latter scored with a fast shot, amidst great cheers. Teek, Eddowes, and Packham now did some good defensive work, and from a pass by the former Hoad had hard lines with a clever effort. The Grammar School now played up desperately and Lee, Harris, and Woodward all did good work in repelling their attacks. However, after Lee had saved three shots, Smith obtained possession from a pass by Stapleton and scored with a great shot. Immediately afterwards the final whistle blew with the score:—School 1st XI., 3; Portsmouth Grammar School, 2.

Price's School 1st XI.—J. M. Lee, goal; T. M. Harris, W. Woodward, backs; C. S. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek, E. F. Packham, halves; W. C. Baker, J. Hoad, C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade, F. E. Nugent, forwards.

Referee—Mr. A. S. Gale.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. SARISBURY.

The School 1st XI. were at home to Sarisbury on Saturday, October 23rd. Teek won the toss and the School defended the east goal. From the outset Sarisbury attacked vigorously, and although Harris and Woodward were responsible for good defensive work, Lee was called upon to save several good shots. From a goal-kick School then broke away, and bad defensive play by Sarisbury gave the forwards a great chance, which was badly missed. Sarisbury attacked strongly and their inside-left scored a somewhat fluky goal as he should have been pulled up for a bad foul before he shot. Stung by this reverse the School went away, and after good play by Nugent and Ridsdale, Eade secured, and his shot went in off one of the visitor's backs. Poor, though even play continued till half-time came with the score:—School 1, Sarisbury 1.

On the re-start Sarisbury broke away, and Lee had to concede a corner in saving from their centre-forward. Though good work was done by Mr. Johnston, the forwards combined very poorly, and their efforts were very spasmodic. Sarisbury had the best of the game hereabouts, and our defence was severely tested, but all came out of the ordeal well. However, their centre-forward obtained possession 20 yards out and scored with a fine first time shot. The School now played up

desperately, but the fine form shown by the forwards in the Grammar School match was conspicuous by its absence. However, after a sustained attack Eade scored with the visiting goal-keeper unsighted. The latter made two good saves from Mr. Johnston, as did Lee from the visiting centre-forward. The game concluded in heavy rain with the halves and backs doing good work in repelling the onslaughts of the visiting forwards. Final : School 2, Sarisbury 2.

Price's School 1st XI.—J. M. Lee i., goal ; T. M. Harris and W. Woodward, backs ; E. F. Packham, R. H. S. Teek and Mr. R. O. Johnston, halves ; C. S. Eddowes, J. Hoad, C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade and F. E. Nugent, forwards.

Referee—Mr. Gale.

PRICE'S SCHOOL "A" TEAM v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

The School was at home to St. John's College on Wednesday, October 27th, and with a view to making the game more even, the three first eleven colours, R. H. S. Teek, J. M. Lee, and A. V. Eade were omitted, their places being taken by K. Mather, R. C. H. Connolly, and D. Whale respectively. The game throughout was very fast, but the visitors adopted exceedingly doubtful tactics, and the fouls were frequent though many of them were passed over. In the first half Nugent scored for the School with a fine shot, but shortly before half-time, Knight equalised. Thus at the interval the score was 1—1.

In the second half the visitors scored a good goal midway through, and soon after another was added from a corner taken by Knight though the ball appeared to have gone well behind before it curved into the goal-mouth. Our appeal for this however was disallowed. Ridsdale soon after scored a good goal for us, but immediately Francisco added another for St. John's through a mistake by our defence. Thus the score at the final read :—St. John's, 4 ; School "A," 2. It is worthy of note that the School has never before been beaten by St. John's, and it seems to the writer of these notes that by the omission of the three colours we underrated our opponents' ability.

Price's School "A" Team.—R. C. H. Connolly, goal ; T. M. Harris, T. Hale, backs ; C. S. Eddowes, K. Mather, E. F. Packham, halves ; D. Whale, C. E. M. Ridsdale, F. E. Nugent (capt.), J. Hoad, W. C. Baker, forwards.

Referee—Mr. A. S. Gale.

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. GOSPORT SCHOOL.

Played at Gosport Park on Saturday, November 6th, resulting in a bad defeat for us by 4 goals to nothing. The game was fairly fast throughout. It was obvious our team had not played

together for a long time. The forward line was at all sixes and sevens. Cohesion there was none. Ridsdale at centre did what he could, when the ball came to him. Baker on the right was always miles behind, and distinctly "funkt" his man on several occasions. Nugent on the left never by any chance centered the ball. Teek at centre-half worked like a horse, and if he did keep the ball to himself instead of sending it up to his forwards, it was obviously because he saw that they could do nothing with it. Eddowes and Packham did good work. Both are real tryers. Harris at right-back was excellent, seeing that owing to the absolute incompetence of the left-back, he had to do his work as well. Whatever made the Selection Committee play Woodward at left-back must ever remain one of those unsolved mysteries with which the world teems. He gave away two clear goals, and muddled up the goal-keeper more than once. Lee at goal was firm as a rock. Most of the game he was bombarded with shots. Two of the goals that passed him we venture to think no one could have stopped. The other two shot at a range of six inches or so were a present from the left-back, who stood and watched them go through. To sum up, the team must be radically changed if it is to win any matches at all. More practice games must be arranged. At present the team as a whole lacks initiative. Team :—

Price's School.—J. M. Lee, goal; T. M. Harris and W. V. Woodward, backs; C. E. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek (Captain), E. F. Packham, halves; F. E. G. Nugent, A. V. Eade, C. E. M. Ridsdale, J. Hoad, W. C. Baker, forwards.

PRICE'S SCHOOL 2nd XI. v. WYKEHAM HALL.

This match was played at Lee-on-the-Solent on Wednesday, November 3rd, and proved a highly interesting game. Wykeham Hall won by 4—3, after leading by 3—1 at the interval. Rodlyffe at centre-forward did the hat trick for the winners whose other scorer was White. Our goals were scored by Lee ii (2), and Pink. The game was very fast and even throughout. Our forwards were moderate, Coles at outside-right tried hard, but his partner, Lee ii. was the pick of our front line. Whale in the centre was miserable, as was Pink, the inside-left. Edmunds at outside-left did well. The half-backs tackled well, Coombes at left-half being especially prominent. Hinxman and Mather worked hard and well. The backs, Hale and Bridger were very safe. Connolly in goal made several very smart saves. Team :—

Price's School.—R. C. H. Connolly, goal; T. Hale, J. Bridger, backs; D. H. Whale, E. Hinxman, N. Coomber, halves; D. Edmunds, — Pink, R. K. S. Mather, J. Lee, A. G. Coles, forwards.

Corps Notes.

The following promotions have been made ;—

September.	Corporal R. H. S. Teek	to be Sergeant.
	Lce-Corporal E. S. P. Hynes	„ Corporal.
	„ J. M. Lee	„ „
	„ E. F. Packham	„ „
	„ A. V. Eade	„ „
	Cadet T. M. Harris	„ Lce-Corporal.

The following have left :—Corporal Hynes, Lce-Corporal Hill, Cadets, Llewellyn, Harding, Polwin, Heath, Clark.

RECRUITS.

D. J. Teek, R. C. Cooper, W. Crocker, E. G. Dimmer, D. P. Dodridge, R. D. Edmunds, E. C. Lilywhite, H. L. Marriott, A. E. Misselbrook, A. E. Mulvaney, N. E. Neville, L. Pearce, L. H. G. Stubbington, O. G. Waters.

INSPECTION BY COLONEL G. E. KENT, V.D.

On Tuesday, Colonel G. E. Kent, V.D., commanding the Cadet Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, who was accompanied by Major C. W. Constantine, inspected the Cadet Corps of Price's School, Fareham. Captain S. R. N. Bradley was in command of the corps, which paraded about 60 strong. Lieuts. A. S. Gale and J. Shaddock were also present.

The inspection took place in the grounds of the School. The corps is of comparatively recent formation, and the progress the boys have made towards efficiency has been most marked. On Tuesday they presented a smart appearance and carried out their drills with alertness and precision. These included company drill under Capt. Bradley and Lieuts. Gale and Shaddock, and subsequently Corporal R. H. S. Teek and Lance-Corporal Hynes exercised their respective platoons in various movements with confidence and ability.

At the close of the inspection Colonel Kent spoke a few words of encouragement to the members of the corps. He said that considering it had only recently been formed the progress made reflected credit upon the members and their instructors. He hoped that they would seek to become more efficient, and that when the time came for them to leave school they would not forget what they had been taught, but would still continue their training. He had been very much struck by the way Corporal Teek and Lance-Corporal Hynes had drilled their platoons, and he hinted at the probability of early promotions. Lance-Corporal Hill and Privates E. Llewellyn and Harding, who are about to leave school, were personally spoken to by Colonel Kent, who expressed the hope that they would continue their training.

A Church Parade was held with the Fareham National Volunteer Training Corps on Sunday, July 4th, 1915,

The cadet corps repaired to Roche Court and took up positions near the river Wallington. At 12.20 the cadet corps started to attack Roche Court, which was guarded by outposts of the National V.T.C. Refreshments were kindly provided by Mr. Rawston, and the V.T.C. thinking they had been an outpost duty long enough decided to return to the refreshments. The cadet corps reached Roche Court just as the V.T.C. were leaving and partook of the remnants of the refreshments.

R.H.S.T.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of H. A. Millard, Corporal, Gas Section, R.E., in France. He was at the School 1909-1910, from here he went to Truro College, and from thence to Hartley University College, Southampton, where he was studying engineering. He with others volunteered for the front. During a big gas attack something went wrong with the apparatus. Millard was badly gassed in trying to save others from a similar fate. From this he never recovered and passed away soon afterwards. His section commander said of him that "he always worked hard and was cheerful under all conditions." He is our first Old Boy to die for his country.

Old Boys on Active Service.

R. FRY, Royal Engineers (Searchlight Section), France.
 H. C. SHEPHEARD, H.M.S "Fisgard."
 W. P. FIELDER, Royal Engineers, France.
 M. R. COGLAN, Inns of Court O.T.C.
 F. E. REDDEL, H.M.S. "Fisgard."
 R. S. HIGGENS, 2nd Lieut., 13th Hants.
 J. G. WHITE, A.S.C.
 A. E. BALLINGTON, R.F.A., Ammunition Column, France.
 H. E. BALLINGTON, Sportsman's Battalion.
 R. HILL, H.M.S. "Fisgard."
 N. RICHARDS, Wessex R.G.A. (T.), Bedfordshire.
 H. F. DAVIS, H.M.S. "Fisgard."
 C. G. SANDY, 9th Hants. (Cyclists).
 J. W. MARLOW, H.M.S. "Fisgard."
 A. J. DITCHBURN, Royal Engineers (T.)
 P. HYNES, R.M.C., Sandhurst.
 G. EDNEY, 3rd Portsmouth Battn.
 C. R. HEATH, 3rd Portsmouth Battn.
 R. N. ROAKE, 9th Hussars, France.

- T. L. IBBS, 2nd Lieut., 3rd Monmouth (Adjt.), France.
 J. H. HUGGINS, 2nd Lieut. 7th attached 6th Battn. York Regt.,
 Dardanelles.
 J. H. HUNTER, Sergt., King Edward's Horse, Burma.
 E. COLES, Hants. Yeomanry.
 E. FOSTER, "A" Squadron, H.C.Y., Maresfield Park Camp.
 T. FROST, L.-Cpl. 10th Middlesex, India.
 E. H. FRY, Army Ordnance, Dardanelles.
 P. H. GIBSON, Corpl., 5th Hants. Machine Gun Section, Salis-
 bury.
 E. G. GIDDINS, Corpl., 4th Hants., Persian Gulf (wounded).
 C. H. GRIBBLE, 6th Hants., India.
 W. J. BARTLETT, Engine-room Artificer, R.N., H.M.S. "Black
 Prince."
 H. W. JEFFERY, Hants. Yeomanry.
 E. KING, Hants. R.F.A., Lyndhurst.
 V. F. SANDY, 6th Hants, India.
 R. A. HUNTER, 2nd Lieut., 7th Leinsters, Farnboro'.
 W. R. WEYMOUTH, 2nd Lieut., Royal Fusiliers.
 A. C. MCGROTTY, R.F.A., Ammunition Column, France.
 E. COTTINGTON, R.E., France.
 G. V. SCRIVENS, Sergt., 6th Hants.
 C. F. COGHLAN, Flying Corps.
 E. R. HILLS, Hants. Yeomanry.
 A. V. CONLAN, 2nd Lieut., 2nd London Irish, Hatfield Broadoak
 P. E. HOLLOWAY, 10th Infantry Battn., Australian I.F.
 H. A. MILLARD, Corporal, Gas Section, R.E. (killed).
 D. C. W. OLIVER, 2nd Lieut., 6th Hants.
 H. CHEQUER, 5th Hants.

Shooting Notes.

An interesting Shooting match was concluded on July 14th between four teams of five each representing the four sections of the corps. Prizes were offered for each member of the winning team, and one for the highest individual score. The match was run on American lines, each section shooting against each other. Section 2 won with a total of 270. Teek (shooting captain) obtained the highest individual score of 70 out of a possible 75. The scoring was done by grouping methods, the object being to improve group shooting. The individual scores were:—Max. 75.

SECTION I.			SECTION II.		
Eade (capt.)	..	50	Hynes (capt.)	..	50
Eddowes	..	50	Packham	..	40
Cox i.	..	45	Nugent	..	60
Connolly	..	0	Llewellyn	..	65
Edmunds i.	..	50	Howell	..	55
Total .. 195			Total .. 270		

SECTION III.				SECTION IV.			
Hill i. (capt.)	..	..	45	Teek (capt.)	..	..	70
Heath	..	..	65	Ridsdale	..	..	60
Harris	..	..	55	Lee	..	..	20
Eyles	..	..	65	Scott i.	..	..	40
Harvey i.	..	..	20	Miller	..	..	50
Total .. 250				Total .. 240			

As three members of the "XIII." have left, shooting took place on September 27th, to decide who should fill the vacancies, as a result, F. E. G. Nugent, K. R. Mather, and W. V. Woodward won the coveted places.

The Shooting "XIII." score for the Summer term was as follows:—

1. R. H. S. Teek	..	..	339	7. C. Heath	..	..	240
(Winner and holder of Cup)				8. C. S. Eddowes	..	..	227
2. C. E. M. Ridsdale	..	..	312	9. T. M. Harris	..	..	217
3. E. V. Packham	..	..	292	10. R. H. Scott	..	..	217
4. E. Llewellyn	..	..	248	11. V. Cox	..	..	170
5. E. S. P. Hynes	..	..	242	12. H. S. Howell	..	..	125
6. — Miller	..	..	240	13. J. M. Lee	..	..	99

The maximum score was 450.

SECTION SHOOTING.

The Challenge Cup for the Summer Term was again won by section 4. Scores:— Maximum 3600.

1st. Section IV., 2176. 60 per cent.

1st. Teek, 268. Max. 300.

2nd. Ridsdale, 240.

2nd. Section III., 1983. 55 per cent.

1st. Harris, 242.

2nd. Heath, 227.

3rd. Section II., 1896. 52 per cent.

1st. Nugent, 225.

2nd. Packham, 217.

4th. Section I., 1745. 48 per cent.

1st. Eddows, 228.

2nd. Eade, 209.

R.H.S.T.

School News.

On July 15th, G. H. Hill was awarded his 1st XI. colours.

At the recent examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, N. Neville was successful in passing in the Higher division.

A. V. Eade has been appointed a Monitor.

The Shooting Cup has been again won by R. H. S. Teek.

At a meeting of the Games Committee held on Friday, September 24th, R. H. S. Teek was elected Captain of Football; F. E. G. Nugent was elected Captain of Hockey, vice R. H. S. Teek, who resigned the captaincy owing to the probability of his not being in residence after Christmas.

The following are the School Representatives on the Games Committee:—Form i. and ii., J. Bridger; Form iii., W. C. A. Eyles; Form iv., K. R. Mather; Lower v., W. V. Woodard; Upper v., all the Monitors.

At the Oxford Local Examination held in July, the following were successful. Senior Division, 2nd Class Honours:—G. H. Hill (exempt from London Matric.). Pass: E. V. Packham, E. S. P. Hynes. Junior Division, 3rd Class Honours: G. Chignell. Pass: E. Llewellyn, A. T. Harvey, E. H. Harvey, R. C. H. Connolly, R. H. S. Teek, R. H. Scott.

We congratulate E. S. P. Hynes on passing into Sandhurst. Out of 121 candidates he managed to obtain 28th place. This is the first time that a member of the School has passed direct into Sandhurst.

The following are the School Officers for the year:—Head Monitor, E. V. Packham; Football Captain, R. H. S. Teek; Hockey Captain, F. E. G. Nugent; Cricket Captain, J. M. Lee; Shooting XIII. Captain, R. H. S. Teek; Assistant Editors of the "Lion," J. M. Lee and R. H. S. Teek.

The following boys have been elected to School Scholarships:—H. C. Cure, L. A. Olding, F. Parsons, W. J. Dore, C. E. Lillywhite and E. G. Dimmee.

On Saturday, November 6th, the following were awarded 2nd XI. Colours:—R. C. H. Connolly, T. Hale, K. R. Mather, and A. Lee.

J. M. Miller has been successful in passing the Trinity College Musical Examination in the Junior Division.

Monday, November 8th, was observed as the Half Term holiday.

On November 25th, F. E. G. Nugent, C. E. M. Ridsdale and T. M. Harris, were awarded their 1st XI. Colours.

The Term ends on Wednesday, December 22nd, and the Easter Term begins on January 20th, 1916.

There are now 128 boys in the School.

Valete.

G. H. Hill, entered 1909. Head Prefect. Junior Oxford 1913, 2nd class honours; Senior Oxford 1915, 2nd class honours. 1st XI. Hockey, 1915. 1st XI. Cricket, 1915 (colours). Member Shooting "XIII." Corporal in Cadet Corps. Left Summer Term, 1915.

E. S. P. Hynes, entered 1911. School House. A Prefect. Head of School House, Oxford Senior, July 1915. Passed 28th into Sandhurst, October, 1915. 1st XI. Football, 1914. 1st XI. Hockey, 1915. Corporal in Cadet Corps. Member of Shooting "XIII." Left October, 1915.

Gossip Column.

The Editor is much gratified at the reception given to the first number of *The Lion*. Glowing accounts were heard on all sides. Two hundred copies were printed, and 160 sold. This, though good, is not good enough. A regular circulation of 200 must be aimed at if the Magazine is to pay its way. Our subscribers list is steadily growing, so that in a very short time we ought easily to reach that number. Nearly all the fellows who left last term are going to continue taking it, and we are glad to say every boy in the School is rushing to secure his copy. We have pleasure in publishing the following press notice from the *Hampshire Post*.

THE "LION" OF PRICE'S SCHOOL.

"The first issue of the "Lion," otherwise Price's School magazine, has just been published, one of the masters, Mr. P. Pierrepont Meadows, being the Editor, and its contents will prove most interesting reading, not only to the boys—past and present—but also to their parents resident throughout the district and beyond, as well as to the townspeople of Fareham, who have all along manifested great interest in the school and watched with keen gratification its remarkable progress. In appearance, the magazine is first rate, while the line of its contents is quite worthy of the school, and we congratulate the Editor upon his first publication."

The Corps is still going strong, but considering there are 128 boys on the register, it ought to be represented by more than 60 cadets. At a time like the present, when the national pulse beats high, when such noble response is made to the calls of our country for voluntary service, when, too, the sons of our vast Empire are displaying an unexampled outburst of enthusiasm

to defend the flag and maintain the prestige of the Mother Country, it is perhaps natural that one's thoughts should sometimes turn inward and lead one to dwell on the absence of this ready spirit of eagerness in our School life here. There is in some directions a lamentable lack of it. Fellows join the corps and in course of time leave it; especially at times like this, in quick succession, and, unless the new-comers to the School are imbued with the right sense of *esprit de corps*, the prestige of the Corps, and consequently of the School, suffers in consequence. No one can deny that physical and social development are as necessary parts of a boy's education as is his mental training: he does not come to school merely to get through examinations—however important and expedient it may be to do that—but, to be knocked into a *man*. Everyone must get some sort of exercise; and no better form of exercise can be found than that which a Cadet Corps provides. We ought to have a corps of at least 80 strong. Is it too much to ask that the new year may see the fulfilment of the desire!

In another column will be found a review of the Cricket Season. The team has every reason to be satisfied with its term's work. The XI. developed into quite a good side, and on more than one occasion proved that it had no tale. The Captain and six old choices will be with us next year so we shall expect great things of the 1916 season.

Why is it necessary to litter the field and every other conceivable place with paper? The Editor suggests that this paper would be put to good purpose if articles, either in verse or prose, were penned upon it for insertion in the "Lion." So far no one has submitted to the Editor any article in any shape or form. With so many budding Scientists surely one might look for something, say on the law on "Perpetual Idleness." An essay on the query "If an irresistible force struck an immovable barrier, what would be the result," would prove good reading.

To the members of "Broncho Bill's Circus," who, in the summer holidays, entirely on their own, gave a most successful outdoor Red Indian entertainment on the cricket field on behalf of the local Red Cross Hospital, we extend our hearty congratulations. "The Rising of the Sioux" was most blood-curdling in its reality, while the shooting display by the "Four crack shots from Kansas City" left nothing to be desired. Mesdames Zwotchy and Monsieur Grogean, on their fiery steeds, showed marvellous prowess of preserving their equilibrium in their great horse-

riding display. The Orchestra, augmented by several instruments of the penny whistle type, if not quite in harmony was most certainly in unison. The audience, amongst whom were a number of wounded soldiers, were most appreciative. The sum handed over to the hospital was about fifteen shillings. Dare we hope that the School will organise a concert for the same purpose sometime this winter?

What is the modern Schoolboy coming to? We hear on unimpeachable authority that there are weird and wonderful two-footed monsters prowling about (specimens of the following have been noted—the Coxodactyl, Haleosaurus, Scottusc, Bridgerosaurus, carrying three, and the Coleriotherium) in search of empty ginger beer bottles to be requisitioned as foot-warmers. Poor weak little darlings, we tremble to think what would have been their fate at a Public School twenty-five years ago. They could indeed have been in “hot water.” We suggest that these beings be shut up in a glass case swathed in cotton wool and sent to Madame Tussaud’s, room would gladly be found for them in “The Chamber of Horrors.” Oh, ye Gods! Just think of it! An English Schoolboy coddled up in bed, footing one bottle and hugging another (he ought to be sucking a third). It would be humorous were it not so utterly piteous. We do indeed live in strange times. One plays footer in a vest, another covers his head with a ghastly poodle mop, and so on. In our time both would have been blotted out of existence in the twinkling of an eye. The good old days have indeed gone.

We shall be very glad to see House Matches again revived. They have been dropped, we understand, because the School House has always been far and away the strongest. This does not say much for the keenness of the other Houses. In all Schools one particular House has a run of luck for a more or less lengthy period of time; but the time comes when it loses its best men and the luck passes to another. This has always been the case and will always be so; yet the House System continues. It is of course very disheartening never to win the cup, but then one really plays (at least in theory) for the love of the game, not from any desire to see how many “pots” a particular House can collect. At present there is very little enthusiasm in the games as now constituted. Revive the House games and a tremendous change for the better would come over the games. Human nature being what it is, might we suggest that only those who are actually *boarders* should play for the School House. Lunching at the School hardly comes under that heading.

We had hoped to publish an account by P. E. Holloway, one of our Old Boys, of the Anzac landing on the Gallipoli Peninsular, but it has not yet arrived. We hope, however, to publish it in our next issue.

OBSERVATOR.

Correspondence.

DEAR SIR,

Could not the "Budding Musicians" who muddle through the hymns at prayer-time be provided with ear trumpets, as their hearing is, to say the least of it, slightly defective? If this should prove impracticable, there are at least half-a-dozen more "Volunteer Organists" who, although not exactly brilliant, could be relied upon to keep awake, and play the hymns as such and not as glorified comic songs.

I am, yours truly,

DISGUSTED.

DEAR SIR,

Would it be possible to start a fund to provide soap and mugs for the Day boys lobby? A small subscription all round is all that is needed. Of course the mugs would have to be chained to prevent their being used as footballs.

Yours truly,

A THIRSTY SOUL.

DEAR SIR,

Those of us who use the Day boys lobby as a changing room find it distinctly draughty during the winter months. Where are the doors? The doorways are present, but nothing else. Do you not think we might have these doors replaced? It is distinctly unpleasant to have to change in a doorless room when people are constantly passing to and fro.

I am, yours truly,

BASHFUL BERTIE.

Answers to Correspondence.

DISGUSTED.—Something need to be done. We venture to think that it would need something more powerful than an Ear Trumpet to wake up our two "Musical directors." But then, what can one expect but an Irish Wail!

A THIRSTY SOUL.—All things are *possible*. We can understand the want of soap, but why on earth are more “mugs” wanted, when at present the lobby is thronged with them. By all means chain a few up; we could spare quite a crowd.

BASHFUL BERTIE.—No doubt the doors could be replaced if application were made in the proper quarter. This would be a splendid opportunity of utilising the services of some of the members of the wood-work classes.

Notice to Subscribers.

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