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Editorial.

THE ARMY—ITS DRAWBACKS.

AT this time, when every Briton's thoughts turn naturally towards our Army, and when the desire of helping in the task of upholding the Empire is even more pronounced and fervent than usual, many earnest thinkers are examining the difficulties which the Army, as a profession, presents to the young man who wishes to adopt it. Owing to the heavy casualties in this war, commissions are now easily obtained, but again and again we hear the question asked, "Is it possible for a subaltern to live on his pay?"

To this question, except in a few instances, the answer must be, "No."

Let it be understood that throughout this article, we are not referring to men who gain temporary commission, but to those who enter the Army in normal times by the regular way, viz., Sandhurst or Woolwich. Of the three main arms, Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry, the first is barely possible, the last impossible. In fact, it may safely be said that only a well-to-do man can hope to live in the Cavalry. Artillery commissions being comparatively rare, we will take the Infantry as our standard, and look into this question.

On obtaining his commission, the first large expenditure which the subaltern has to meet is the cost of his uniform and furniture. This may be anything between £150 and £200, in some cases more. It is true that this sum is not an annual expense; still a fairly large sum must be put aside for renewing his uniforms from time to time, and keeping them in that spotless condition which, we are thankful to see, is the pride of the British officer. When he has bought his uniforms and displayed them separately upon his own person to a worshipping circle of sisters, and, who knows, perhaps cousins, and even more distant, but dearer relatives, he joins his regiment, and finds the following subtractive sum put before him for solution in a practical form. His pay is 7s. 6d. a day—truly a princely sum, taking into consideration his big expenses at Sandhurst

and the work he has been obliged to do to obtain it. From this he subtracts anything between four and five shillings a day for his mess subscription—that is to say, for his food—this leaves him something possibly less than two shillings and sixpence a day to spend. Out of this vast residue he must manage somehow to pay his servant—who is quite indispensable, not only for his cleaning, furnishing, and ordering of his uniforms and rooms, but as the good genius who makes life smoother in a thousand little things, and can teach him more about the inside of the Army in a month than all the books in the world. Then come subscriptions of all sorts, which, although theoretically voluntary, cannot be avoided. So far we have merely touched lightly on the expenses peculiar to the subaltern as a soldier. In addition to these are the thousand and one expenses which he incurs when living the civil portion of his life. The subaltern, it is true, has more duty in the day than any of his senior officers; still, notwithstanding this fact, he has plenty of social functions to attend, some of necessity, some for his own gratification. Even in this his expense is greater than the civilian's—he cannot afford to do things on the cheap—he never knows when and where he is not under the watchful eye of his men.

When in uniform, at any rate, he must travel first class by rail, and in a “taxi” by road. Society is so used to looking upon the young officer as able and willing to spend money, that it (or should we say she?) makes it very difficult to avoid extravagance. A circumstance which throws great light upon this question is the fact that when leaving Sandhurst, on obtaining his commission, the cadet is flooded with circulars from money-lenders offering to lend him money on apparently most easy terms. Woe unto the unfortunate who resorts to this means of meeting his liabilities. Sufficiently glaring particulars concerning these sharks have from time to time transpired to make it unnecessary for us to touch on them here. Still, we cannot help feeling that they must be still reaping a golden harvest from the young British officer since they still continue sending their circulars. Suffice to say that the soldier, as a borrower, is perhaps more firmly in their clutches than a civilian.

One thing that makes entering the Army so difficult is the largeness of the initial expense. Many an officer, who, through promotion, has obtained an income, on which it is possible for him to live, is handicapped by the debts which he incurred when he entered the Army.

Surely something should be done to enable suitable men to serve their King without having to pay for the privilege.

A Schoolboy's Trip to Shades.

PART II.

At this point we came to another wicket, with an inscription close by, "This way to the Shades." We decided to go and see them, and passed in. The Shades in classical literature, you may remember, was the abode of suicides and the spirits of heart-broken lovers, etc. It was no longer that. It was indeed the abode of spirits, but they were fettered in musty, cobwebby old bottles, for in front of us was a hotel with a sign-board swinging in front of it. On the sign-board was written:—

"Infelix Elissa keeps this tidy little shanty,
 She keeps a well-stocked larder and a very well filled
 pantry;
 From Pluto, king of 'spirits,' a licence does she bear,
 That she may 'spirits' sell and unlimited good cheer,
 Oh, traveller dear, I sadly fear, you cannot really know,
 How luscious are the wines from the cellar of Dido.
 She has "73" Falernian and some very good old Chian,
 Oh, traveller, do, I pray, just step inside and try 'em."

"Waal," said the Innocent, "I do not know about you, but I feel as though a cup of cold tea and a bath bun would set me up considerably." "Yes," I answered, "Bovril's the ticket for me." We entered the hotel and marched into the bar. I meanwhile told the Guileless One the story of Æneas and Dido. "I calklate," said he, ruminating a little, "that Æneas had the qualities of an indian-rubber ball." "Why?" said I. "'Cause he was a bit of a bounder." I agreed with him. Entering the bar we saw two persons seated by the fire. On one side sat a buxom dame, in a comfortably padded arm-chair; this was Dido. On the other side sat a little wizened man, on a hard three-legged stool, this was evidently Æneas. I looked at him, and I thought he could never have carried his dad from Troy on *those* shoulders. I re-called to mind some verses I had seen in some magazine or other:—

"Upon his back he bore his dad,
 From out the burning town,
 And I've no doubt that he felt glad
 To set his burden down.

See how his weary way he plods,
 Grasping his son's right hand!
 (But where he put those household gods
 I cannot understand!).

O'erwhelmed by ceaseless surge of woes,
 Goes forth that dauntless man!
 (His luggage we may well suppose,
 Was sent by Pickford's van)."

Anyway, whatever he did then he looked mortally afraid of his wife now. Being served with *lemonade and sausage rolls*, we were invited to draw in to the family circle. Æneas and I started an argument on the pronunciation that we used at — School. "We fellows in the Sixth," I said, "are in a *purely transitional stage*, for my part I do not see why we should not pronounce it as it is spelt." "Well," said Æneas, "it must be hard to judge, there's old Cæsar says that to say, '*waynee, wee-dee, weebee*,' is only fit for a lot of Zulus. At present it is a vexed question even with us as to which it is." "Ah, but here are some friends you may have met within your classical *ramblings*." As he spoke, a party of three entered the room. I had no difficulty in recognising the jovial countenance of friend Artistophanes, Orpheus I knew too, because he carried a banjo and a set of bones. The third, whose countenance was distinctly rubicund, especially about the nose, was presented to me as Horace. Punch was called for, and we determined to pass a convivial hour. Horace I found was Chief Secretary for the Shades. This was a position of peculiar difficulty. The Shades were to Pluto what Ireland is to England, "a thing of danger and of woe for ever." Now Pluto was a member of the Underground Blue Ribbon Cadet Corps, and a strong supporter of it. But he could not dispose of the Shades anyhow. He was a Radical, and wished to root out all old customs as soon as possible. Horace on the other hand was a staunch Conservative, and was at all hazards determined to stick to the old customs and abolish all innovations. So all Pluto could do at present was to see that the Closing Bill was strictly carried out. Soon songs were started. I sang, "Bally-hooly" with great effect. The Innocent followed me with "Yankee Doodle." Then Orpheus, tuning up, sang a Carmen, entitled, "Duo pulcherrimi oculi nigri," to the tune of "Two lovely black eyes." Then he sang, "Annie Rooney." Here Horace broke down; he put his hands to his face and sobbed in rather a maudlin way. (Could the name of Annie have touched some delicate spot in his heart, I wondered, or was it the whisky punch?) Horace then in husky tones sang an ode, "Kasah Owgoosetoose" Then Dido chimed in. She favoured with a few short and pithy remarks on "Home Rule," during which dissertation Æneas went out of the room to see a man about a dog. He was evidently acquainted with his wife's theory (and practice also) of Home Rule. On re-entering he was called on

to sing, and in a weak, trembling falsetto started:—

"I'm pious Æneas,
Virtuous Æneas,
Though I could never tell why."

"Nor could I," said Dido, as she cut him short with a tumbler full of cold water. Aristophanes was a really funny fellow. So full of jokes was he that one felt bound to ask him where he had cribbed them from, so pat he had them all at the end of his tongue. He, it appears, was Editor of the "Subterranean Evening Star and Advertiser," and "Underground Mercury Daily Telephone," and "Illustrated Political Bits." "Rather an imposing title," thought I. His latest cartoon was of Socrates dressed as an old lady holding Xantippe in his lap and feeding her with "Mother Proserpine's Soothing Syrup," while Alcibiades and Critias, and a few other bright sparks of that kidney, dressed in Eton's broad collars (worn outside) stood by, saying, "Is'nt it nicey? do master give her another dollop, she is enjoying it so." All this was against the grain with Xantippe. I was much amused too at his description of the meeting of the Underground Sanitary Committee of the Local Board, who were consulting as to whether they should have a paving stone which had been displaced in the main thoroughfare, replaced, which would cost about *two asses*, or whether they should devote the money to the "Billiard Society for Juveniles." The latter course was unanimously preferred, and a present of a piece of cue-chalk was solemnly presented to the Society with an illuminated address. Then Orpheus sang another song, entitled, "Two Eyes of Grey." (Here Horce wept aloud, and insisted on being allowed to seat himself on the floor with his head in the coal-scuttle). Just as we were all engaged in uproariously singing the chorus of "Yip-I-Ady-I-Aye," the door opened, and in walked the keepers of the peace. They were furies dressed in blue. As they entered we started, "Hush, hush, hush, here come the bogie men." Notwithstanding our protests we were chucked out. Horace protesting to the last that he was an *innoshent and shober shintleman*, was ejected through the window. It was about 12.30 at night. We all sat down in a row under a hedge, and singing, "Wait till the clouds roll by," fell asleep. . . . When we awoke the electric light was already high in the heavens, and so bracing ourselves up, we followed the directions of a sign post, which said, "This way to the Round (I observed that it was not an Oval) Grand International Sports. Romans, Greeks and Trojans can only compete in these magnificent Olympian games. Entrance Pavilion, 2 drachma to doorkeeper. Ordinary 2 denarii ditto." We passed on, tipped the keeper, and were in the Elysian fields. By Zeus! What a

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ripping ground. The turf was as level as it could be, smooth, crisp and velvet-like. A race track was marked out round the ground, and a boxing and fencing ring in the middle. A vast crowd filled the spaces apportioned off for the spectators. Romans, Greeks, Trojans and Persians were there, even a Scythian or two could be descried towering over the crowd. Our ticket admitted us into the pavilion. Putting a penny in the slot of an automatic programme boy we read the contents, as follows:—

GRAND INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES.

TROJANS, GREEKS AND ROMANS ONLY.

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| 1.—100 yards, open | ATALANTA,
ACHILLES,
EURYALUS,
C. GRACCHUS. |
| 2.—Open mile | VIRGIL,
HOMER,
THUCYDIDES. |
| 3.—Boxing match | HERCULES,
ENTELLUS,
DARES. |
| 4.—Obstacle race. | C. MARIUS,
HANNIBAL,
NERO. |

(To be concluded).

Verse.

SUMMERTIDE!

'Twas over—and behold! the new
Spring curtains, and the carpets too,
Were up and down; and I and you
Had sat us down awhile
To chat. And ever and anon a few
Facts made you smile.

Yes, Hubbie mine, I felt so gay
When it was over and could say,
“Return home, for has come the day
When, once more, you can sit.”
And you—you liked to hear about the way
I managed it.

You did not grumble, I'll confess,
 The flood-tides of Spring Cleanliness
 Had ebb'd for you, and by Express—
 (I saw to that, no fear!)
 But, Hubbie mine, they rather more than less
 Were surging here!

And, for awhile, the sun did shine
 Upon us. There was not a line
 Of care on your brow nor on mine.
 Then came the change with dire
 Results. June frosts and winds made you incline
 To have a fire.

Oh, Hubbie mine, could you expect
 It? For the fire-grates I had decked
 Them for the Summer. 'Twould have wrecked
 The whole. Why did you storm
 And rave?—unless you thought 'twould have effect
 To make you warm.

But no! it seems that cold, cold breeze,
 Born of Summer, has come to seize
 Us for all time! Cruel fate decrees
 Against me—there's the rub,
 For while in solitary state *I* freeze,
You're at the Club!

CONSTANCE MEADOWS.

WHISPERING VOICES.

Listen to those voices calling,
 Calling o'er the crystal sea;
 "Seek for Life," they seem to whisper,
 Whisper oft to you and me.

There are those for whom these voices
 Echoes dead have been for long;
 While for some, incessant murmurs
 Bursting into joyous song.

There are other voices calling,
 Calling o'er a sea of woe;
 "Please thyself, ne'er fear the morrow,
 "Deaden conscience as ye go."

Hear them, as they clamour loudly,
 Surging like a restless sea,
 Luring all to life's destruction,
 Calling you and calling me.

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But the "Still Small Voice" is calling,
 In the midst of daily work,
 Bidding us, in tones unerring,
 "Right the wrong, and nothing shirk."

Far above are voices pleading,
 Pleading 'fore the Great High Priest,
 For us mortals, toiling earthward,
 For the greatest and the least.

P. PIERREPONT-MEADOWS.

Football.

SCHOOL v. MASTERS AND 2ND XI.

This match was played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, November 13th, and a fine game resulted. The teams were:—

1st Eleven.—J. M. Lee i., goal; T. M. Harris and F. E. Nugent, backs; C. S. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; A. Lee ii., J. Hoad, C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade, and N. Coombes, forwards.

Masters and 2nd XI.—R. C. H. Connolly (2nd XI.), goal; Mr. P. P. W. Meadow (Epsom and University College Durham) and W. Woodward (2nd XI.), backs; Mr. J. Shaddock (London), Mr. R. O. Johnston (Keble College, Oxford), and E. Hinxman (2nd XI.), halves; D. Whale (2nd XI.), L. Pullen (Brighton), W. Baker (2nd XI.), V. Cox ii. (2nd XI.), and E. Edmunds (2nd XI.), forwards.

The exchanges were fast throughout. In the first half the School had the best of the play, and clever play by the forwards brought Connolly into action. He did the needful neatly and cleanly, but was at last beaten by a long shot from Eade, the goalie being impeded by the sun. This reverse stung our opponents, who attacked vigorously. Lee saved several shots, but a bad misunderstanding between Teek and the backs let in Pullen, who scored with a well placed shot. At the interval the score was 1—1. The Masters had the best of exchanges in the second half, but the fine defence by Teek, Harris, and Nugent saved Lee any great anxiety. He saved at full length from Mr. Johnston and Pullen, and in spite of the desperate efforts of these players they were kept at bay, and the final was: School 1, Masters 1.

Connolly was safe in goal for the Masters, as were Mr. Meadows and Woodward at back. Mr. Johnston's work at centre half was splendid, and the vigorous and effective tackling of Mr. Shaddock and Hinxman, the wing halves, upset our forwards' combination. L. Pullen was the only forward to show good form, and his goal was a clever effort. For the School, Eade was the best forward, though the other four did very well. Ridsdale at centre would, however, do well to remember that he has a left wing playing with him. Our halves, as usual, did well, Teek being the outstanding figure. The backs were very safe, and Nugent proved himself a strong and capable defender. Lee, in goal, did all that was asked of him.

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. PETER SYMONDS' SCHOOL.

The School 1st XI. were at home to Peter Symonds, Winchester, on November 24th. Most of the boys having been excused games, a large number turned up to watch the match.

The School lost the toss, and played against the wind. From the kick-off Peter Symonds' attacked vigorously, but clever defensive work by the halves and backs kept them at bay. Teek then set his forwards going, and a pretty combined movement resulted in Ridsdale having hard lines with a good effort which went just wide. Winchester returned to the attack, and despite good clearances by Harris and Nugent, Lee was called upon to save several shots. From one of his clearances the ball went to Mather, who put in a good run and a fine centre, which was not improved upon. Peter Symonds now attacked hotly, and despite vigorous support from the touch-line, the School were unable to drive them back. Lee saved several hot shots, but at last from a splendidly placed centre by Crouch the visiting outside right, Butt, the centre forward, beat him with a finely placed header. The School, stung by this reverse, played up strongly, and Ridsdale was nearly through when badly tripped by the Winchester right back. A penalty was rightly given, but Nugent, much to his own and everyone else's chagrin, shot straight at the goalkeeper, who cleared. Half-time came with Winchester attacking, and the score Peter Symonds 1, School 0.

On resuming, Peter Symonds attacked, and Packham and Ed-dowes were to the fore with good tackling. Teek also kept Butt closely marked, and the backs were thus saved much hard work. After the School had made a hot attack, Butt got away, and put in a fine shot, which Lee saved by tipping over the bar. Harris and Nugent were to the fore with fine tackling, and

the latter made a fine, long pass up to Hoad, who, after a clever dribble, shot just wide. Encouraged by support from the touchline, the School kept up the attack, Whale and Lee ii. on the right wing being responsible for fine play and shots, one of which from the latter was carried over the line by the visiting goalkeeper, but the point was not given. The School kept up a strong attack, but met with hard luck. Fine shots from Ridsdale, Lee ii., and Mather all struck the bar, with the visiting goalkeeper all at sea and completely beaten. Winchester retaliated by a hot attack, and Lee made two good saves at full length from Butt and Crouch. At last, however, Butt scored with a well-placed effort from a pass by Clark. The School now played up finely, and the forwards, well supported by the halves, made repeated and clever efforts to get through, but were held up by the none too scrupulous Winchester defenders, Varley and Monaghan, who both made bad fouls on Ridsdale and Hoad. About five minutes from the end, Winchester attacked, and after Lee had saved from Butt and Lewington, Clark scored from a suspiciously off-side position. The School played strongly, but unluckily to the end, which came with the score—Peter Symonds 3, School 0.

School 1st XI.—J. M. Lee, goal; T. M. Harris and F. E. Nugent, backs; C. E. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; D. Whale, A. Lee ii, C. E. M. Ridsdale, J. Hoad, and K. Mather, forwards.

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. MIDHURST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Saturday, November 27th, the first team journeyed by motor to Midhurst. They were favoured by glorious weather, and the journey was delightful. The team left the School at 11.45, and arrived at Midhurst about 2.15. The route taken was via Portchester, Cosham, Purbrook, Waterlooville, Cowplain, Hordean, Charlton Downs, and Petersfield. The team changed at the Grammar School, and then proceeded to the ground, which is situated behind the ruins of the fine old castle.

The School lost the toss, and played against the sun. From the outset Teek, by fine dribbling, made an opening for his forwards, and a fine attack ended by a shot from Ridsdale just missing. Midhurst Grammar School now attacked, and two free-kicks just outside the penalty area looked ominous. Lee, however, saved both, and danger was thus averted. Fine tackling by our halves and backs held up several dangerous attacks by the Midhurst forwards, who at length were awarded a penalty for a trip by Eddowes. Behn, however, shot high over the

bar. Encouraged by this let off, the School attacked vigorously, and Whale scored with a clever cross-shot following a good run and centre by Mather. Stung by this reverse, Midhurst attacked strongly, and despite excellent work by Harris and Nugent, Lee had to save two difficult shots. The School soon got away again, and Ridsdale, after clever manoeuvring, scored with a pretty shot from 20 yards' range. Half-time came with the score — School 1st XI. 2, Midhurst Grammar School 0.

On the re-start, the School attacked with fine precision, the forwards passing and repassing in splendid fashion. From a fine pass by Lee ii., Eade scored with a great shot. From the kick-off the School again attacked, and after all the forwards had shared in a pretty combined movement, Whale scored with a wonderful shot from a narrow angle. Midhurst retaliated, and encouraged by the frenzied shouts of their supporters, gave our defence a very warm time. The half-backs stuck to their men finely, and Harris and Nugent accomplished many valiant deeds in defence. Despite this Lee was called upon to save many shots, and several times had to run out and punch away to save his charge. Midhurst were clearly overplaying us hereabouts, and their inside right scored two goals in as many minutes with two fine shots, Lee having no possible chance with either. Things were looking far from cheerful, but encouraged by Mr. Gale, who performed wonders in that way, and steadied by our captain, Teek, the eleven pulled themselves together finely, and after Lee had saved two fine shots just under the bar, our forward line got the upper hand, which they retained to the end. Lee ii. had the hardest possible luck in not scoring two goals, one shot striking the cross-bar and going over the line, and the other, a fine effort in the corner, being wrongly disallowed for off-side. The final thus came, with the School deservedly winning a great game. School 1st XI. 4, Midhurst Grammar School 2.

The forwards, although handicapped by the rough nature of the ground and the small pitch, combined well, and shot with accuracy. Ridsdale was very dashing at centre, and was assisted by both the insides, Eade and Lee ii. Whale at outside right gave a brilliant display of shooting combined with speedy runs on the wing. Mather, although rather small, played a vigorous and steady game, centreing well. The wing halves, Eddowes and Packham, were instrumental in impeding the attacks of the opposing wing men. All three halves played a good game, especially Teek, who made fine openings for the forwards, and also made many long shots for goal, most of them, however, without effect. The backs both played fine

games, Nugent kicking strongly, and Harris, with his steady and clever tackling, which always kept the visitors' left wing at bay. Lee did not have much to do in the first half owing to the School's dashing attacks, but when the opposing team changed their places at half-time, the School defence was hard worked, and Lee did good work between the sticks.

The School was represented by: J. M. Lee i., goal; T. M. Harris and F. E. Nugent, backs; E. F. Packham, R. H. S. Teek, and C. S. Eddowes, halves; D. Whale, A. Lee ii., C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade, and K. Mather, forwards.

SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. GOSPORT SECONDARY.

This match was played on the Recreation Ground on December 8th. We were very keen to avenge the defeat sustained on the ground of our opponents earlier in the season, and at the outset attacked vigorously. The forwards combined well, and were responsible for several good efforts which went just wide. Steady work by Jenkins and Sherwin at back for the visitors relieved the pressure, and on their forwards getting away Macey put in two fine shots, both of which were saved by Lee. The School resumed the attack, and Teek, from centre-half, had several shots which failed to materialise. Good work by the forwards resulted in Eade scoring a goal which was disallowed for off-side. A few minutes later, however, the same player scored a legitimate point with a well placed shot. Half-time came with the score—School 1, Gosport 0.

On resuming, the School attacked vigorously, and Ridsdale scored a good goal after clever work by Lee and Whale. We kept up this onslaught, and after a clever run and pass by Mather, Eade scored with a shot which Bulmer should have saved. Gosport now played up strongly, and on Jenkins going forward they attacked strongly. Harris and Nugent, by fine defensive work, saved Lee much trouble, and Packham and Eddowes did good work in holding up the visiting wingers, Horton and Geary. After Lee had saved from Jenkins, Teek secured, and running completely through the opposing halves and backs, scored a very fine goal. Sherwin did much fine defensive work subsequently for the visitors, and from one of his clearances Jenkins secured and scored with a well placed shot, Lee having no chance. Soon after the final came with the score—School 4, Gosport Secondary 1.

The team combined very well on the whole. Ridsdale was dashing at centre; Eade and Lee did well at the two insides,

although playing back a little too frequently. Whale, at outside right, did good work. But the pick of the forwards in this match was Mather at outside left, who tackled well, and centred with great precision, and generally showed fine form. The halves, Packham and Eddowes, tackled well, and kept the opposing wing at bay, but Teek was the outstanding half, playing his best game this season. Both backs, Nugent and Harris, were instrumental in saving Lee a lot of trouble in goal, who, as usual, proved a good and trusty custodian.

The teams were:—

School.—J. M. Lee, goal; T. M. Harris and F. E. Nugent, backs; C. S. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; D. Whale, A. Lee ii., C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade, and K. Mather, forwards.

Gosport. — Bulmer, goal; Sherwin and Macy, backs; Osborne, West, and Bennett, halves; Horton, Stoner, Jenkins, Bulmer ii., and Geary, forwards.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S.

This match, the last of our season, took place on the Recreation on December 18th. Earlier in the season our "A" team, it will be remembered, lost to St. John's by 4—2, so we were naturally keen to avenge this defeat. At the outset the School attacked vigorously, the forwards working hard, but with little cohesion. After good work by the halves, Whale put in a fine centre, and Eade converted it with a great shot. St. John's now had a turn of attacking, and Lee saved from Knight. Good defensive work by Harris and Nugent relieved the pressure, and from a pass by Teek, Lee ii. scored. Shortly after, Lee having saved from Summers, Knight scored for the visitors. Half-time—School 2, St. John's 1.

On the re-start, the School attacked, and Ridsdale scored a pretty goal. A long period of even play followed, and the School were awarded a penalty for "hands," but Teek shot over the bar. Good defensive work by Harris and Nugent saved Lee much trouble from the visitors' subsequent attacks, though the goalkeeper on several occasions had to kick away. Eddowes and Packham did many clever things in holding up the opposing wingers, and after good play by Mather, Whale got possession, and from his fine centre Ridsdale scored. The final was—School 1st 4, St. John's 1.

The forwards were not up to standard, but it is not surprising, as they have had no practice. Eade was slow, but did some fine shooting. Ridsdale and Mather showed dash, but were overweighed. Whale and Lee ii. got away several times, the former's centreing being most noticeable. The halves, Eddowes, Teek, and Packham, did good work, helped by the backs, Nugent and Harris, who played steadily all the game. Lee, in goal, was not troubled very much.

School Team.—J. M. Lee i., goal; T. M. Harris and F. E. G. Nugent, backs; C. S. Eddowes, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; D. Whale, A. Lee ii., C. E. M. Ridsdale, A. V. Eade, and R. K. S. Mather, forwards.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON, 1915. RETROSPECT.

It is difficult to believe that the team which lost to Peter Symonds and Gosport by such painfully large margins, was with only two or three exceptions the same as that which in the return matches ran the former quite close, signally defeated the latter, and won decisively at Midhurst. Much may be accomplished by judicious changes of positions, as was seen by Nugent going from outside-left to left back, and Whale from centre in the Second XI. to outside-right in the First. Portsmouth Grammar School gave us a fast game, which we won by the odd goal in five: the return, for some obscure reason, was scratched. The first St. John's match, when we left out three colours, was lost 2—4; the return proved a fairly easy victory. Midhurst, to which we journeyed in motors, gave us a fast and hard game, and the School play generally was seen at its best.

The match against the Staff—an exhibition of somewhat inert play—should have been a victory for the School. Of non-school matches, Portsmouth Secondary gave us two very well contested games, the first of which we were very lucky to draw, the second resulted in our defeat. Salisbury—a considerably weaker team—should have been beaten, though their goalkeeper did wonders.

The Second XI. lost to Wykeham Hall after a thrilling game, but in the return won easily. Portsmouth III. were just beaten, 3—2. St. John's won the first, but lost the return. Gosport II. twice fell easy victims.

In the smaller boys' matches, Gosport III. were twice beaten. Wykeham Hall II., III. and IV. were beaten respectively by III. (twice), IV. and VI. With St. John's III. the honours were divided, and our 8th were beaten.

FIRST ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

- *R. H. S. TEEK, 1913-14-15, centre-half (Captain). Has acquired pace. Tackles fearlessly and persistently. Rather inclined to dribble too much. Forwards, however small, need constant feeding.
- *J. M. LEE, 1915, goalkeeper. Has saved his side on many occasions, but has yet to learn to kick-off—a labour that should not fall on often hard-pressed backs.
- *A. V. EADE, 1914-15, inside-left. A good shot, but disappointing in combination and dribbling. Improved as the season advanced.
- *T. M. HARRIS, 1915, right back. A very sure tackler, but lamentably slow to turn when once passed. However, he played many good games, and did a lot of work.
- *F. E. G. NUGENT, 1914-15, left half. Found his place as left back, where he developed into one of the safest kicks the School has produced. Quite a fair tackler.
- †C. E. M. RIDSDALE, 1915, centre forward. A neat and plucky dribbler, who makes openings and also gets into the right place to take a pass. With more pace would score many goals.
- †E. F. PACKHAM, 1915, left half. Sticks to his man well, and gets through plenty of work, but he must learn to kick especially with his left foot.
- †C. S. EDDOWES, 1915, right half. A clumsy player, with plenty of pluck. Always plays his hardest, but should learn to think out his tactics.
- †A. LEE, 1915, inside right. A somewhat deliberate dribbler; if he could learn to shoot quicker would score more goals.
- †D. WHALE, 1915, outside right. Much better on the wing, where he plays a bustling game. Has made many opportunities for his inside forwards.
- †K. S. MATHER, 1915, outside left. Showed plenty of dash. A useful player, as he can kick hard with either foot.

Of the Second XI., Baker and Hood—too light for the First—both sacrifice too much to fancy play. Pink is neat on the left wing, and Edmunds works hard. Cox ii. is promising, either at half or on the left wing. Woodward, though a strong kick with his left foot, was too slow for the First XI. Coombes is resourceful, and Hinxman energetic in the half-back division.

Of the backs, Hale is both fast and sure, and should be of great use next season, and Bridger tackles very well. Connolly, in goal, though uncertain at Wykeham Hall, saved many shots.

**Denotes Colours 1914—15.*

†Denotes Colours 1915.

Hockey.

1ST XI. *v.* HAVANT.

The first match of the season was played at Havant on January 29th. The School had a strong team, Mr. Meadows' place being filled by T. Hale. The Havant ground was evidently feeling the effects of "war time," as it was much rougher than the preceding year.

The School won the toss, and from the bully-off our forwards, by nice passing, made a good attack, Nugent having hard luck with a fine shot. Havant had a spell of attacking, but the backs, Harris and Hale, played steadily, and Lee was only once or twice called upon to save. After a fine run and shot by Mr. Johnston, Havant again attacked, and after Lee had saved from Davis, the Havant outside left scooped in a high shot, which found the net owing to Lee being impeded by another Havant forward in a hopelessly off-side position. Stung by this reverse, the School forwards attacked finely, and from a penalty corner taken by Nugent, Mr. Johnston scored finely. Half-time—School 1st XI. 1, Havant 1.

On the resumption, Teek, Packham, and Woodward stopped several dangerous Havant attacks. Mr. Johnston made repeatedly valiant efforts to get through, but about four of the visiting eleven had been "told off" to mark him. After Lee had saved from the visiting centre forward, Harris and Hale were conspicuous with good defensive work. Mr. Johnston, after a great run, had a goal disallowed for "sticks," and Havant breaking away their centre forward scored cleverly, so the final was—Havant 2, School 1.

Mr. Johnston played well, and kept the visiting forwards together by his good passing. He tried hard to get through, but was too well marked by his opponents, who knew him from past years. Our defence played well, especially Teek, who worked hard to keep the attackers from our goal. Harris was in good form, and arrested the dashes made by our opponents on many

occasions. Hale played well, but was inclined to be a little nervous during the first quarter of the game, perhaps because he was playing against men. Lee played well between the posts, and saved many hard shots. Nugent, at centre forward, showed great form, combined with vigorous attacking powers.

1st XI.—J. M. Lee i., goal; T. M. Harris and T. Hale, backs; W. V. Woodward, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; C. S. Eddowes, C. E. M. Ridsdale, F. E. Nugent, R. O. Johnston, and A. V. Eade, forwards.

1ST XI. v. MR. BISHOP'S XI.

This match was played on Pink's Field on February 2nd, and a fast and exciting game resulted. The visitors arrived two short, and our 2nd XI. goalkeeper, R. C. H. Connolly, and Swaffield were provided as substitutes.

From the bully-off the School attacked, and a good shot from Mr. Johnston went wide. From several dangerous rushes by the visiting forwards, Mr. Meadows, Teek, and Harris did fine work in defence. Lee next saved two hard shots from the visiting centre-forward, and our forwards made several clever combined runs. From a break-away by the opposing forwards, a goal was scored, one forward pushing Lee through the goal while the centre forward tapped the ball through. Shortly afterwards another goal of a similar type put the visitors two up. Nothing daunted, the School played up finely, and Mr. Johnston, after a brilliant solo effort, scored with a well-placed shot. Half-time—Mr. Bishop's XI. 2, School 1st XI. 1.

The second half was full of vigour on both sides. Our forwards, finely supported by the halves, made some fine attacks, from one of which Mr. Johnston scored with a fine shot. Nugent and Teek were next conspicuous, and from a dash by the visiting forwards, Mr. Meadows and Harris defended cleverly. Lee saved twice in quick succession from the visiting centre-forward, as did Connolly from Mr. Johnston and Ridsdale. The final came with the score—School 2, Mr. Bishop's XI. 2.

Mr. Johnston played well, and kept our forwards on the go all through the game. Our half-backs worked hard to keep the opposing forwards from our goal. Hale stuck to his man well, and Teek did some useful work in the centre. Mr. Meadows was in good form, and stopped many dangerous rushes by our opponents. Harris was very steady, and Lee, in goal, saved many fast and difficult shots.

The School team was: — J. M. Lee, goal; Mr. P. P. W. Meadows and T. M. Harris, backs; T. Hale, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; C. S. E. Eddowes, C. E. M. Ridsdale, F. E. G. Nugent, Mr. R. O. Johnston, and A. V. Eade, forwards.

SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. MR. JOHNSTON'S XI.

The School 1st XI. played a team got together by Mr. R. O. Johnston on February 12th, and a fast game resulted. The scratch XI., however, never got really at home with one another, and in consequence several fine individual efforts by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Gale were spoilt. Lee, in goal for the School, had little to do, being well covered by Hale and Harris at back. The half-backs were in great form, especially Teek, whose first goal was a real gem. Nugent, at centre-forward, was excellent, though the front line, individually and collectively, showed fine form. Mr. Johnston was, of course, in great form for our opponents, and Mr. Gale was easily the pick of their forwards. At back, Mr. Meadows and our old friend Awbery saved their citadel time after time. Ivens, who played goal for Mr. Johnston's team, is to be commended for saving some difficult shots, thought naturally a bigger player might have saved several of the shots. Nevertheless, he stuck to his difficult task very well. The goals for the School were obtained by Nugent (5), Teek (2), and Eade. Result—School 8, Mr. Johnston's XI. 0.

School 1st XI.—J. M. Lee i., goal; T. M. Harris and T. Hale, backs; W. V. Woodward, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; C. S. Eddowes, C. E. M. Ridsdale, F. E. G. Nugent, A. V. Eade, and R. C. H. Connolly, forwards.

Mr. Johnston's XI.—A. W. Ivens, goal; Mr. P. P. W. Meadows and F. Awbery, backs; N. Coombes, Mr. R. O. Johnston, and H. Shepherd, halves; Capt. Ford, Mr. A. S. Gale, A. Lee ii., Rev. H. E. K. Fry, and V. A. Cox, forwards.

SCHOOL 1ST XI. v. HAVANT.

The School 1st XI. were away to Havant on Saturday, February 19th, 1916, and a fast and keen game resulted. The School were the first to attack, and after pretty passing by the forwards Nugent scored with a fast shot. Havant retaliated, and after Lee had saved from Thomas, Ryan, the centre-half, scored a good goal. The School halves and backs now did good work, and before long Mr. Johnston scored a great goal.

A few minutes later he scored another good goal. Half-time—School 3, Havant 1.

On resuming, the School attacked, and from Eade's centre Mr. Johnston scored a fine goal. Havant now pressed desperately, and after Lee, Harris, and Mr. Meadows had stopped an attack, their inside left scored with a hard shot. Havant kept up the pressure, and though the School defence played very steadily, Thomas scored for Havant after a scrimmage in the goal mouth. Stung by these reverses, the School played up desperately, and from a penalty corner taken by Nugent, Mr. Johnston scored our fifth, and final, goal. Final—School 1st XI. 5, Havant 3.

Mr. Johnston did good work in the forward line, and tried to get through on several occasions, but he was too well marked, and was kept from breaking through their defence. Ridsdale and Eddowes played well on the right, also Nugent in the centre, and by a series of good passes managed to defeat the opposing half-back. Teek played very well in the centre, and stopped many dangerous passes meant for the attacking forwards. Mr. Meadows and Harris were in good form, both hitting hard, and clearing well on many occasions. Lee, in goal, played in good style, and saved many hard and difficult shots.

Team.—J. M. Lee i., goal; Mr. P. P. W. Meadows and T. M. Harris, backs; W. V. Woodward, R. H. S. Teek, and E. F. Packham, halves; C. S. Eddowes, C. E. M. Ridsdale, F. E. G. Nugent, Mr. R. O. Johnston, and A. V. Eade, forwards.

Corps Notes.

PROMOTIONS.

Cadet F. E. G. Nugent	to be Lance-Corporal,	Oct. 15th,	1915.
" C. S. Eddowes	" " "	Nov. 17th,	1915.
" D. Edmunds	" " "	Dec. 21st,	1915.
" W. V. Woodward	" " "	Mar. 16th,	1916.

The following have left the Corps: Cadets Howell, Masterman, Henry, Whale, Mather, and Stubbington.

Recruits: G. D. Etheridge, H. C. Martin, C. L. Flint.

REPORT OF OUTING v. FAREHAM V.T.C. ON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th.

A Southern force composed of the Fareham V.T.C., started out to stop the Northern force, composed of a convoy with four sections of the Cadet Corps and three V.T.C. cyclist scouts, under Captain Bradly, who had to reach Stubbington, or get

within half a mile of that village. The convoy was not allowed to cross the Titchfield-Fareham Road before 11 o'clock. Two of the roads were more or less direct routes to Stubbington from Catisfield, the headquarters of the Northern force. The third led back to Fareham and from there across Peel Common and so to Stubbington.

The convoy, flying a blue and white flag, with three sections, under Captain Bradly, decided to take this route. They worked at first with an advance guard, and later with a rearguard under Lieut. Gale.

Lance-Corpl. Eddowes, with one other Scout, wheeling bicycles, proceeded down the middle road, also flying a blue and white flag, acting as No. 1 "dummy convoy."

No. 2 dummy convoy consisted of a horse and trap, under Sergt. Teek, flying a flag similar to the real convoy, proceeded down the furthest road (Titchfield-Crofton-Stubbington) at a pace of $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles per hour, as this was the specified pace for the real convoy. In front of this dummy Section four did advance guard work under Corpl. Lee.

The object of the two dummies was this: The enemy would in all probability see No. 1 dummy, and would immediately realise that it was not what it posed to be, because of the absence of a horse. They were then meant to notice No. 2 dummy, who would try and make them muster all their men to waylay it.

This surmise proved correct. Lance-Corpl. Eddowes was found to be a false convoy, so he followed his instructions, and returned on bicycle to Fareham, and thence to the real convoy on Peel Common.

Meanwhile No. 2 dummy had done its work thoroughly, and the Southern force not dreaming of two dummies, mustered all their numbers to attack our "point,"* who had come to a small stream which had been blown up. Ten minutes was wasted here, while the bridge was being repaired (fictionary). But by this time the real convoy had arrived at Stubbington (12.49), not having fired a shot. The only interruption was another blown up bridge. But a cyclist Scout had forewarned the Commanding Officer, who had sent engineers in a motor wagon from headquarters to repair the bridge (this is also imaginary of course), and so only ten minutes was wasted there.

The umpires decided that the convoy had reached Stubbington safely.

*"Point" is a military term for the centre part of the advance guard.

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. COGLAN, 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.

R. H. S. Mather and H. S. Howell having left the School, two places in the XIII. fell vacant. These places were shot for on Monday, February 6th, the successful candidate being A. T. Harvey, who scored 74 out of a possible 100, and W. C. A. Eyles, who scored 71 out of a possible 100.

The XIII. is now made up of the following:—

1. C. E. M. Ridsdale ...	418	7. R. H. Scott ...	321
(winner of cup)		8. J. M. Miller ...	293
2. R. H. S. Teek ...	408	9. T. M. Harris ...	289
3. E. F. Packham ...	372	10. W. V. Woodward ...	268
4. C. S. Eddowes ...	353	11. R. K. S. Mather ...	247
5. F. E. G. Nugent ...	345	12. H. S. Howell ...	241
6. V. Cox ...	329	13. J. M. Lee ...	141
Total max. = 600.			

SHOOTING. SECTION ORDER.

Maximum per section 3,600.

The Cup was one by Section 4. Scores:—

Section 4, 2252. 62.5 per cent. 1st.

1. Teek, 261. Out of 300.
2. Ridsdale and Scott, 246.

Section 3, 1859. 51.64 per cent. 2nd.

1. Harris, 241.
2. Harvey, 211.
3. Eyles, 206.

Section 2, 1839. 51.08 per cent. 3rd.

1. Packham, 231.
2. Nugent, 229.
3. Lee ii., 172.

Section 1, 1727. 47.97 per cent. 4th.

1. Eddowes, 240.
2. Cox, 187.
3. Connolly, 176.

School News.

On December 18th 1st XI. Colours were awarded to E. F. Packham, C. S. Eddowes, K. R. Mather, D. Whale, and T. Lee; 2nd XI. Colours were also awarded to T. Bridger, N. Coombes, T. Hale, D. Edmunds, and Hinxman.

We congratulate C. E. M. Ridsdale on winning the Shooting Cup.

On Saturday, March 11th, 1st XI. Hockey Colours were awarded to E. F. Packham, and W. V. Woodward. 2nd XI. Colours were awarded to T. Hale, N. Coombes, V. Cox, and

The following new boys have joined the School this term:—Kirk, Swales, Flint, France, Pearce, Pearce, Farrow, Lewry, Bailey, Martin, Key.

The Term ends on April 11th, and the Summer Term begins on May 5th.

Old Boys' News.

R. C. Kibley (School House), Longcroft, Armadale, Western Australia, writes:—"We have been busy out here with the orchards. A few days ago there was great excitement at Perth because people began to smash up the shops of some naturalised Germans. The police were powerless, and the military had to come. Christmas Day was very hot, 103½ degrees F., but not far away it was 117 degrees for a few hours. The bush is so dry that there is constant fear of fire. We had a trip to a lake at Sandakot the other day. The sand is black. The water is salt, and looks like tea."

A. V. Conlan (2nd Batt. London Irish) has been attached to the 1st Batt., and is now in France.

Pte. E. L. Dover, H.A.C., is stationed at Blackheath.

Kenneth Mather has joined the 91st Batt. Canadian Contingent.

R. E. and E. J. Beatie are in the 136th Batt. Canadian Expeditionary Force.

R. A. Hunter is a 2nd Lieut., Inniskilling Fusiliers.

M. R. Coghlan, 2nd Lieut., London Regiment.

J. T. Marlow has obtained a First Class in the 2nd year's examination on H.M.S. Fishguard, gaining the workshop prize for "D" Class.

The Lion.
Epitaphs.

Some curious epitaphs which may interest the readers of the *Lion* are recorded by a lecturer in a provincial town. After speaking of the history of epitaphs and the various kinds of epitaphs which there were, the lecturer gave some examples. Here was one—"On a Western Editor—here *lies* an Editor." Why lawyers bore such bad characters it was hard to divine, yet such was the case, as the following epitaph showed:—On Mr. Strange, a lawyer—"Here lies an honest lawyer—and that's *strange*." The punning epitaph was very common. Jerrold's anticipatory epitaph on Charles Knight was wonderfully good: it consisted only of two words—"Good Knight." The following illustrations were also given:—On Dr. Fuller—"Here lies Fuller's Earth." On Dr. Potter, Archbishop of Canterbury (1736)—"Alack, and well aday! *Potter* himself is turned to *Clay*." On Thomas Huddlestone—

"Here lies Thomas Huddlestone, reader, don't smile,
But reflect, as this tomb-stone you view,
That Death, who killed him, in a very short while,
Will *huddle-a-stone* upon you."

On Merideth, an organist at S. Mary's, Winton College, Oxford—

"Here lies one blown out of breath,
Who lived a merry life, and died a Merideth."

Following these, examples were given of the enigmatical, satirical and other epitaphs. Here are a few—

"The body of B. Franklin Printer,
Like the cover of an old book,
its contents torn out
and stripped of its lettering and gilding,
lies here, good for worms.
But the work shall not be wholly lost,
For it will, as he believed, appear once more,
in a new and more perfect edition,
corrected and amended
by the Author.
He was born Jan. 6, 1706."

On a woodcutter—

"The Lord saw good, I was lopping off wood,
And down fell from the tree;
I meet with a check, and broke my neck,
And so death lopped off me."

On Burbage, the actor—"Exit, Burbage."

On Mrs. Oldfield, a celebrated actress—

“This we must own, in justice to her shade,
'Tis the first bad exit Oldfield ever made.”

The next the lecturer quoted reminded him of *Punch's* advice to those about to marry, “Don't.”

At Selby, Yorkshire—

“Here lies my wife, a sad slattern and shrew;
If I said I regretted her, I should lie too.”

On a talkative old maid (1750)—

“Beneath this silent stone is laid
A noisy, antiquated maid,
Who from her cradle talked till death,
And ne'er before was out of breath.”

Epitaphs bearing on gluttony, superstition, and for and against teetotalism were next instanced. The succeeding are characteristic examples of what were described as ludicrous and eccentric epitaphs.

At Richmond, Yorkshire—

“Here lies the body of William Wix,
One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.”

In Ballypooren Churchyard on Teague O'Brien—

“Here I at length repose,
My spirit now at aise is,
With the tips of my toes,
And the point of my nose,
Turned up to the roots of the daisies.”

After dealing with several other branches of the subject, the lecturer observed that whilst soldiers and sailors, men who had been engaged in destroying life, had a vast number of laudatory epitaphs, scientists, philanthropists, travellers, missionaries, and other public benefactors had but comparatively few. One to Newton, however, by Alexander Pope, was worthy of mention—

“Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night;
God said, 'Let Newton be,' and all was light.”

The lecturer concluded by remarking that in the course of time the potent forces of nature, allied with the iconoclastic tendencies of humanity, tended to obliterate the last vestiges of

memorial stones from the earth. The most enduring memorial one could earn was to have promoted in some small way the happiness of the human race.

Gossip Column.

The term had an unsettled start. Mr. Shaddock was not gazetted to the 6th Hants. until January 16th, which left very little time to fill his place. A Physics Master from Liverpool was appointed, but three days before term he failed us, and Mr. Lusum, from Portsmouth, took over the French. The time table was re-made, so that Mr. Jones, who is now Assistant Priest at the Parish Church, could take V.a and V.b Physics. Unfortunately it proved that Mr. Lusum, though a naturalised Swiss, was of Austrian birth, and the Military Authorities would not allow him to remain within the "prohibited area," giving him 48 hours' notice to quit. This occasioned an interregnum of a week, which was brought to a close by Mr. Carpenter joining the Staff.

Is punctuality to become an unknown thing amongst us? Who, in all his experience here, ever knew a match of any description to begin anywhere near the advertised hour? May we suggest that those awe-inspiring (to a new boy) words on the match lists on the notice board be altered to "The *usual* punctuality in starting will be strictly enforced?"

A review of the football season will be found chronicled in another column. Had there not been so much chopping and changing the team about in the earlier part of the term, the season would have been highly successful, as it was it finished up much better than anyone expected. The chief fault seems to have been lack of initiative and combination. The keenness that makes a successful team was, with few exceptions, absent. Might we add that it is never *wise* to tell a referee when to blow his whistle. It is just possible that he knows better than you do. Play to the whistle, *always hold your tongue*, and never stoop to doubtful tactics, because some of your opponents may do so. To be a sportsman is essential before all things.

Why is there so little "Out-of-school" reading amongst us here. We have a School Library, but for all the practical use it is, it might just as well not exist. We are all well acquainted

with the phrase *mens sana in corpore sano*. Some of us are not as keen as we might be on the latter part of the phrase, but as regards the *mens sana*, it is murderous to try and feed it on a never-varying diet of Vergil, Cæsar, Gibson on the Articles and kindred works. Let the mind dwell on those masterpieces of thought and of language which are the priceless heritage of all English-speaking races. Do we hear cries of "No time for that sort of thing!" It is worth a little self-denial, and the hour between prayers and bedtime seems to commend itself to us as very suitable. That period is usually spent in horse-play which prevents those, who would read, from so doing. Is it the expense that is the objection? The market is flooded with cheap editions, especially of the novelists, and publishers vie with one another in producing neat little books of selections from the best English prose and verse. The time spent over "cheap literature" (save the mark!) of the "Penny dreadful type," is deplorable. We unhesitatingly rule out this class of reading. Our serious reading must not be confined to examination work, or else we shall find the range of our mental vision becoming narrower and narrower, until we shall be left with the daily paper with which to satisfy all the appetites of the mind.

Mr. Huggins, after being in the first line trenches at Sulva Bay, for some months, had dysentery, and was invalided to Florence. He is now at Alexandria, waiting to join his regiment. He tells us that "the Turks landed a shell in the jam stores and everything was inches deep in jam, which made the flies worse than ever."

It is not often that we allude in these columns to such a threadbare subject as the weather, but throughout the term it has beggared description—rain, snow, sleet, wind, hurricanes—all have done their share. All the hockey grounds have been unplayable. Had it not been for the kindness of Mr. Pink, who has given us the free use of one of his fields, hockey would have been at a standstill. We take this opportunity of thanking him most heartily for this act of a real sportsman, which has been thoroughly appreciated by all.

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