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Editorial.

This is an age in which emphasis is laid on size. The successful business is that which has the greatest works, and the most powerful machinery. The successful newspaper is that which has the greatest net sales. The successful sportsman is he that makes the greatest number of centuries, scores the most goals or rides the most winners. Presumably then the successful school is that which has the most pupils, and if that is the case, we are on the highroad to success, for after only eight years of existence, the school has now over 600 scholars.

If a school were like a business that received a certain amount of raw material and had to turn out a standard finished article at the end, then big numbers would be an unqualified advantage, because the greater the number, the more carefully could one grade the pupils. But a school is not merely a teaching machine; it is also a place for the training of character by the influence of personality on personality. From this point of view great numbers are a positive disadvantage, because far too many boys and girls are lost in the mass.

It must be our aim to counteract the ill-effects of large numbers by trying to make every boy and girl interested in the general life of the school and of their House. This is one of the main purposes of the Magazine, which is first and foremost a record of school activities. By reading it each boy and girl can find out what has happened during the term, how his House compares with the others, how the School teams fare against other schools and what the various School Societies are doing.

School Notes.

We have to welcome two new masters and two new mistresses this term: Mr. G. Farrer, B.Sc., who has come to start a course in metal-work and engineering; Mr. J. Black, B.A., who has taken Mr. Axford's place on the English side; Miss C. A. Barker, M.A., an additional mistress on the foreign language side; and Miss F. P. Appleton, who

succeeds Miss Crocker as instructor in Physical training. We hope that their stay here may be pleasant to them and profitable to the School.

To Miss Saintry, who is leaving at the end of the term, we tender our regrets and congratulations—regrets that she is severing her connection with the School, and congratulations on her approaching marriage.

The Junior Literary Society, under Mr. Atkinson, has proved very popular this term and its debates have been attended by a keen and enthusiastic audience.

The Art Club has extended its sphere of influence and a Metal-work Section has been started by Mr. Farrer.

In the Northern Universities Examinations last July, the following were successful:—

Higher School Certificate.—D. Baker, V. Carroll, K. Dickinson, G. I. Foster, M. Greenwood, D. Harvey, R. Prendergast, C. J. L. Smith, K. Steer, W. Swift and E. H. Wall.

School Certificate.—C. Bletcher, J. Caswell, A. Haigh, A. Hasdell, A. Heal, M. Hodgson, T. V. Howdle, F. Ingamells, F. Kay, J. Outram, R. Pearson, E. Pugh, J. H. Rhodes, R. D. Ridyard, A. Singleton, D. Smith, J. Waring, I. Baker, E. A. Bramham, D. Hanson, E. M. Kilburn, I. Lazenby, D. Liles, M. Rimmer, I. Singleton, J. Bailey, J. G. Beaumont, J. Blacker, P. E. Brownlow, F. Dickinson, C. W. Hollingsworth, K. Hollingsworth, G. Kirk, F. Lancashire, W. Leneham, C. Reese, J. A. Shaw, L. Shillito, D. Tunstall, S. Atkin, F. Chappell, M. Gill, F. M. Hawksworth, L. Holyoak, B. Pyrah, H. Taylor, M. Tipton, O. Turgoose, N. Wroe, G. C. Ankers, K. A. Beaumont, H. Beeley, I. Bramham, C. H. Cook, G. P. Illingworth, A. L. Jones, F. Marsden, H. A. Speight, O. B. Willis, I. Barber, D. Beckham, M. L. Burrows, F. Doherty, E. Housman, H. Hyland, J. Lockwood, M. Smith, G. Haigh, T. C. Haines, L. Peace, A. S. J. Ellis, N. Langford, A. Longbottom, D. Odey, J. Pilner, A. Robinson, and M. Snart.

The School Prefects are.—R. Prendergast, M. Greenwood, C. Riley, M. Lythe, K. Steer, K. Dickinson, H. Howard, M. Abson, F. I. Tillbrook, M. Mitchell, J. Lawson, E. M. Wall, D. Clayton, R. Disley, H. Pears, M. Pickering, C. W. Webb, I. Chesney, D. Creswell and T. Hyland.

The Games Committee consists of.—R. Prendergast, and M. Hardy, F. Cartledge and M. Pickering, H. Pears and I. Chesney, B. Gill and M. Greenwood, J. Outram and M. Hawkesworth, F. Tillbrook and S. Atkin.

The Magazine Committee consists of.—E. Pugh and L. Holyoak, A. Heal and D. Hanson, C. Rees and E. Reave, B. Gill and I. Ryalls, H. Howard and K. Dickinson, J. Lawson and M. Rimmer.

The Library Committee consists of.—R. Prendergast and M. Hardy, K. Hollingsworth and E. Kilburn, C. Cook and E. M. Wall, A. Haigh and B. Carter, H. Howard and M. Abson, D. Cresswell and T. Hyland.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

This term, Athens began very well in the way of detentions, only gaining about four in the first three weeks. However, towards Half-term, the detentions list held many more Athenian names. Still, if the work has reached a rather higher standard, we have great hopes of winning the work cup.

In the July examinations we gained 4 matriculations, and consequently we have more members of the sixth form than we had last year.

There are also more seniors in the House, and the Senior Rugby Team has become much stronger than last year's. This is proved by the fact that we drew with Carthage this year, whereas last year we were beaten by a large number of tries. The senior girls defeated Carthage girls by 7 goals to 1.

A House Party, contrary to expectations, will be held on the last Tuesday in the term and will be run entirely by the seniors.

CARTHAGE.

The detentions this term again have been far too numerous, and the work cup is as far away as ever. It is regrettable that they have been distributed among a few boys in the middle and upper school. Detentions have resulted in the boys playing weak house teams. The games with Athens resulted as follows:—

Senior Boys drew 6-6; Junior Boys won 9-0; Senior Girls lost 1-7; Junior Girls won 2-1.

The girls have been working hard for the sale of work, and the boys have taken their share in preparing the hard courts.

The House Party was held on Friday, Nov. 27th, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The party opened with

community singing and games. After supper, there was a whist drive, which was followed by dancing for the seniors. The competition was won by L. Brown and the whist prizes by J. Ellis and W. Smeeton.

We shall be very sorry to lose Miss Sainty at the end of the term, and we hope she will have success in all her future undertakings.

The House officials are as follows :—

Boys :—House Captain, Tunstall ; Games Committee, Cartledge ; Magazine Committee, Heal ; Secretary, Rhodes ; Capt., Junior XV., Andrews, R. ; Library Committee, Hollingworth.

Girls :—House Captian, I. Singleton ; Games Committee, M. Pickering ; Magazine Committee, D. Hanson ; Senior Hockey Capt., J. Pilmer ; Junior Hockey Capt., M. Jackson ; Library Committee, E. Kilburn.

ROME.

The House wishes to congratulate all its members who were successful in the Higher School and School Certificate examinations last year.

This term we have received a number of new pupils into the House, and accord them a hearty welcome. We also remind them that Rome has a great tradition both of hard work and true sportsmanship to uphold. Detentions are a thing to be despised, loyalty to the House is essential.

Last term we were successful in winning three cups, consisting of the Work, Games and Sports cups—a feat not yet accomplished by any other House. If we are to repeat this performance a very spirited and renewed effort is required from all.

On the games field this term, Romans have not been very successful, partly because of the lack of enthusiasm among its senior members, the senior boys being the chief offenders. The senior boys and girls were defeated by Sparta. The junior boys, however, only succumbed to Sparta after a hard game. The junior girls gained a well needed victory over Sparta. The seniors hope to avenge their defeats in the near future.

Arrangements are being made for the annual House Party to be held at the end of term.

SPARTA

The House wishes to congratulate all its members who gained Higher School, Matriculation, and School Certificates, in July of this year. We welcome our two new House

Captains. M. Greenwood and Steer, and hope the House will wholeheartedly support them. We must also welcome our new members and urge them to carry on the House traditions.

So far our games results have been very promising. The girls are playing better hockey and we are very glad to see the IVth and IIIrd form girls keen and enthusiastic. We hope that as a result of our efforts we may regain the Games Cup.

Whether we have any chance of gaining the Work Cup we do not yet know. For a number of terms our results for work have headed the list, but the Cup has been lost by the number of detentions obtained by several slack members. This term the House urges everyone to work eagerly to restore the former glory of Sparta.

In connection with the Sale of Work at the end of term, we hope all Spartans will contribute something to help the fund.

The House Party will take place on Friday, December 4th, and we hope it will be a real success.

THEBES.

The term has been uneventful so far, except for the fact that we are busy trying to sell the largest number of tickets for the School plays—which take place near end of term.

The detention list this term has not been so high, but is still far too high. One or two of the seniors appear to think that detentions are an asset to the House, and they had better start thinking otherwise.

With regard to games, the juniors have played Sparta and lost.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Social, which takes place on December 14th. We shall again have the services of the "Jazz" band for dancing and singing, and hope to make the social a greater success than ever.

TROY.

There are still far too many detentions, especially among the boys of the Middle School, and so the Work Cup still seems far away; but we hope everyone in the House will make an effort, so that we can possess it again.

We are all looking forward to the House Party, which is to be held on December 18th.

The House is working hard for the Hard Tennis Courts. There were a great number of volunteers to do the "navvy-

ing." The girls are busy preparing for the Sale of work, which is to be held at the end of term.

We are hoping to win the Games Cup next term. Only two junior matches have been played; they were against Thebes and resulted in two victories.

Scores: Girls, won 2—1. Boys, won 11—3.

The House officials are as follows:—House Captains, M. Lythe and Riley; Hockey Captain, S. England; Rugby Captain, Coultard; Games Committee, S. Atkin and Tilbrook; Magazine Committee, M. Rimmer and Lawson; Library Committee, T. Hyland and Cresswell.

School Societies.

ART CLUB.

This term, the usual activities of the Art Club have necessarily been held up by the attempt made to produce articles for the Sale of Work, which is to be held in conjunction with the School Plays. The difficulty which arises almost every term has again presented itself. Members show a disinclination for starting work and carrying it on to any degree of finish.

The production of craft work for the Sale has been considerable and many members of the School, outside the Art Club, have spent much of their time and patience manufacturing some really useful articles. It is to be regretted that pictorial work has been so neglected as a result of the activity shown on the craft-side.

The Club, this term, has had a large membership of just over 100, of which about 70 have attended regularly. There is to be no exhibition this term but new Full Members will be elected on the results of the Sale of Work.

The Competition, held in connection with Health Week, did not excite much enthusiasm among the girls, but some of the boys showed keenness. Posters were designed by O. Turgoose, H. Rhodes, and by Fitch and Ingham, of Upper IVa.

Members of the Art Club have been responsible for the painting of the scenery for the two School plays and special mention must be made of the help given by Maiden and Ingham.

The Committee this term is as follows: Ingham, Fitch, D. Beckham, and S. Atkin, and from the Woodwork Club: Sykes and F. Hallam.

There has been a welcome increase in the membership of the Woodwork Club although attendance was poor during the first half of term. Enthusiasm still seems to be limited to the younger members of the school.

CHOIR.

The choir re-assembled early this term after their long holiday and commenced the work chosen for future presentation, "Merrie England," by Edward German. This opera is very tuneful and quite different in character from the works previously attempted. It is, however, quite a popular choice and as it contains many solo parts, it is hoped that we shall discover many budding Caruso's and Melba's.

We have been pleased to welcome many new members this term especially among the senior boys who are helping with the tenor and bass. Unfortunately the number of sopranos has decreased somewhat. It is hoped that either the old members will return to the fold or that new members will join next term.

We hope to present the public performance of "Merrie England" towards the end of the Easter Term. Full details will be announced in good time.

The attention of present members is drawn to the time of the weekly meeting: 4.20 p.m. on Wednesdays, and not 4.30, onwards. The chronic inability of some of our members to appear in time is a serious handicap in all our rehearsals.

ORCHESTRA.

Since last March the Orchestra has put in some hard work in readiness for the plays at the end of this term. Sufficient pieces have been studied to give a variety of music at each play. The chief pieces include a selection from "Il Flauto Magico," by Mozart, the "Flying Dutchman," by Wagner, and "Gems of Schumann." Pieces of lesser importance are "Melody in F," by Rubenstein, "Serenade," by Schubert, and "Miniatures," by Frank Ridge.

The Orchestra is under the direction of Miss Deeks (pianist) and Miss Knowles is the 'cellist; the senior members of the orchestra are Hancock, Haigh, Bottomley, Maiden and Atkinson, violinists; two new members from the junior school are Orme and Taylor. No response has yet been made to the appeal for instrumentalists, other than violinists. A banjoist or player of a wind instrument would be a welcome addition to the orchestra.

SCOUTS.

The Summer Camp was held this year at Dwygyfylchi, a small village of about a dozen houses, some two miles from Penmaenmawr, on the coast of North Wales. The scenery was ideal, mountains to the rear and right and a beautiful bay to the front. The camp was pitched near Sychant Pass, on which some one had committed suicide the week before we arrived. Most of the scouts managed to reach the summit of at least one mountain and the troop went to Conway and Llandudno on one day and Bangor on another.

This term started with the usual influx of new members, mainly newcomers to the school. The ones who were not so keen were weeded out by a proficiency test, which was held about Half Term. Considerable skill was shown by some of the junior members in ambulance, signalling and general-knowledge. These tests were carried out by several senior scouts.

Most of the seniors have been unable to attend this term, because of the rehearsals for the plays, but as there will be none next term, a better attendance will be expected.

GUIDES.

During the summer holidays we held our first Guide camp. There were seven Penistone Guides, six Guiders and nine of us from Wath. We made many new friends and had a most enjoyable time. The weather was quite good although on Wednesday and Saturday, the rain never ceased. On the fine days we had a "paddling picnic," a visit to Wakefield, a very amusing fancy dress party, and a delightful entertainment given by the Guiders. Cold or damp evenings prevented us having a camp fire each night. Every one was sorry when the week ended and we all look forward to camping with Miss Steer again. Next year we expect a much larger camp, because the Company is now quite full and has a waiting list of four. There have been no enrolments this term but one Cook, two Child Nurse and three Needlewoman Badges have been won.

Literary and Debating Society.

At the first meeting of the session, the programme was arranged. Various House and Form debates were agreed upon, and D. J. Cresswell kindly offered to give a paper on "India" to the members of the Society.

The second meeting of the society was held on Thursday, October 13th, when Cresswell, of the Upper VIth Literary gave a paper on "India." The meeting, which was good and attended by about seventy members, was presided over by M. Greenwood. The speaker gave a very interesting and exhaustive account of present conditions in India, both social and political, touching on various inquiries made into the conditions of government and modes of life of the various classes of India.

At the conclusion of the paper, various members asked questions of the speaker, and Miss Deeks supplied some interesting information on the attitude some of the highly educated Indians had towards Great Britain.

On October 27th, the third meeting of the Society took place. A debate was held between Athens and Thebes. The motion that "Fear of punishment has more effect on human conduct than hope of reward," was proposed by Abson, of Thebes, who was well supported by M. Mitchell, M. Smith and Kay. Both spoke well in opposing the motion. The speakers themselves had well-prepared speeches, but there was little discussion after the debate had been opened to the house. The chairman, Cresswell, closed the debate, and the motion was lost by 39 votes to 18.

On November 10th, there was the fourth meeting of the society in the form of a VIth form debate. The motion that "The invention of machinery has done more good than harm," was proposed by the VIth Science, and opposed by the Lower VIth Literary. The chair was taken by K. Dickinson. Baker was the first speaker for the affirmative and pointed out that everything of use was machinery, *e.g.*, a wheel. He was well supported by M. Rimmer. The first speaker for the opposition was Cook, who was supported by D. Hanson. The debate was open to the house and unfortunately many forgot to address their remarks to the chair, while those who did were often rather personal, and spoke without thinking. On the whole the debate was well attended and each form firmly supported its own side. The motion was won owing to the fact that those who went with an unbiassed mind could not contradict Baker's clear arguments. The motion was won by 56 votes to 36.

Owing to the School Plays, the next meeting will not be held until Monday, December 14th. At this meeting a "Ghost Debate" will be held, and it is hoped that this last meeting will be well attended.

University Women's Camp 1931.

Three of last year's St. David's "Campers" went to Holyhead "camp" this year. The journey there was not so long as Holyhead is a terminus for the Irish Mail expresses.

There were forty-four girls in "camp" and about half of them were Welsh. The North Wales girls seem much more patriotic than the South Wales.

We arrived about 2 o'clock and went round the dorms reading the names on the doors to see if any of our last year's friends had come. We recognised two names, one being a girl who shared our dorm last year. We enjoyed seeing them again.

The school we were staying at was fairly modern and had an up-to-date gym. This came in useful on the rainy days when badminton was played. Unfortunately it rained nearly every day, which cut out most of the bathing. A few of us risked the weather and went to bath in heavy rain. We undressed at school and ran to the beach, which was about five minutes' walk away. We were soaking wet by the time we reached the sea.

One pleasant ramble was to the top of Holyhead Mountain (of which the inhabitants of Holy Isle are very proud). The sight of the island was splendid from the summit but the wind was very strong over the Irish sea.

There are two lighthouses on the island—one on the breakwater and one at South Stack. We had a very interesting visit to the breakwater, which is over a mile long. The lighthouse keeper told us thrilling stories of the winter storms which cut them off from access to the shore.

One visit was arranged for us to go to the harbour, where we obtained permission to go over one of the L.M.S. liners. The rain was pouring in torrents and the passengers were preparing for a rough passage.

For the customary "long excursion" we hired a charabanc to take us round the Isle of Anglesea. We visited many of the beauty spots including Beneleck and Cemaes Bay where we bathed and had lunch. We stopped at Beau Maris and walked along the straight to Menai Bridge, a distance of about four miles. We crossed the bridge after paying a 1d. toll.

The singsongs at camp were very jolly. Each dorm had to provide an entertainment for one evening. After much thought, our dorm produced a play, two songs and a cabaret. On the whole it was quite well appreciated.

We ended camp by a midnight feast when we sang songs in the dark. Comic prizes were presented for the tidiest and quietest dorms which had been secretly inspected every morning.

Most of us came home on the Irish Mail express which waited for the liners to unload.

MARJORIE HARDY.

Hockey.

1st XI. v. Doncaster 1st XI. October 10th.

Result won by 5 goals to 3.

The first match of the season was a great success for the School. The forward line pressed hard from the start and in the first five minutes E. Reeve shot from the edge of the circle and scored. After the restart the Doncaster forwards attacked but the school defence played well, and K. Dickinson, combining well with E. Reeve, scored the second goal for the School. Doncaster then scored, and E. Reeve retaliated by scoring again for the School. Just before half-time, the left inner scored for Doncaster.

During the second half the School pressed hard and after a struggle in the goal circle, K. Dickinson scored by a hard shot from the edge of the circle. Doncaster scored again, but E. Reeve kept up the score for the School by scoring again. In this match the forwards played extremely well, and on the whole, the play was round the goal circle of the opposing team.

1st XI. v. Mexboro' 1st XI. November 14th.

Result : Won by 2 goals to 1.

This match was played away and was a very even one. The pitch sloped and the School played downhill first half, and after many struggles, M. Hawksworth managed to score. I. Chesney and O. Turgoose tried hard to shoot but failed to score, since the Mexboro' goal-keeper played well. Before half-time, M. Hawksworth received a pass from K. Dickinson, and scored again.

During the second half, the School were playing uphill and the Mexboro' forwards pressed hard. After many struggles in the goal circle, Mexboro' scored. The last part of the game was one of hard struggles, Mexboro' pressing hard in the School circle, but neither team scored.

1st XI. v. Hemsworth 1st XI. November 21st.

Result : Won by 3 goals to 1.

This match was played at home and in the first half the School scored all three goals. The School forwards pressed hard. O. Turgoose playing especially well, and scoring in the first five minutes. M. Hawkworth also played well, and scored two goals in the first half.

In the second half the School played uphill, and after a hard struggle round the goal circle, Hemsworth scored. Although pressing hard, neither side scored, and altogether it was an easy win for the school.

1st XI. v. Penistone 1st XI. November 28th.

Result: Lost by 1 goal to 0.

It used to be a remarkable event when the hockey 1st XI. won a match, but fortunately this term it is the reverse. This was the only match lost, and as the score shows, it was a very hard game. During the first half, neither team scored, although both teams pressed hard.

In the second half the School played downhill and it seemed that the match would result in a draw, with no scoring. The Penistone right wing played brilliantly and got through the defence and scored. The School forwards pressed hard round the goal circle but failed to score. Although the School lost, it was the best game of the season, and all the team played exceedingly well.

2nd XI. v. Doncaster H. S. 2nd XI. Away.

Result: Draw by 2—2.

Although the first match of the season, and in spite of lack of practice, the team played well.

Inspired by a fine day, the team played strenuously, although the first half was rather slow. The second half was swift and keen with good passing along the forward line, M. Groves being able to score two goals with clean shots.

2nd XI. v. Thorne G. S. 1st XI.

Result: Won by 7—0.

Again in good weather conditions, making the pitch firm and ideal for hockey, the team met a decidedly inferior opponent. The Thorn defence played creditably but lack of skill and knowledge of passing in the forward line gave the advantage to the School forwards, who attacked the Thorne goal continually. N. Eades played well on the left wing and succeeded in scoring a goal after taking the ball up field, outstripping all attackers. Other goals making a total of seven were scored by M. Hardy and M. Groves.

2nd XI. v. Rotherham H. S. 2nd XI.

Result: Won 3—1.

This match was played in adverse weather conditions, fine rain falling during the game and a muddy pitch caused several falls. However the game was keen and at half time the score stood at one goal each. In the second half, N. Eades scored and also M. Groves (2), the passing along the forward line and defence of the backs being equally good.

2nd XI. v. Mexborough S. S. 2nd XI.

Result : Won by 4—1.

With a slippery pitch but in fine weather, the two teams met. The play was good in both teams but the awkward slope of the pitch gave Wath the advantage over their rivals. The play was in the centre of the field during the first half, but Mexborough were more on the defensive during the second half. C. Jackson and M. Hardy (2) played well and succeeded in scoring. The fourth goal was scored by N. Eades whose swift play was very noticeable.

2nd XI. v. Hemsworth S. S. 2nd XI.

Result : lost by 1—2.

Owing to the absence of C. Jackson, playing in the first team and M. Hardy, the team was considerably weakened. The game was hard and exciting, no goals being scored in the first half. M. Groves scored in the second half followed by a score from the opposite side. The deciding goal was obtained in the last five minutes of the match.

2nd XI. v. Penistone G. S. 2nd XI.

Result : Draw by 0—0.

Owing to foggy weather and a muddy pitch, the teams only played seventeen minutes each way. Muddy goal circles prevented good play and the match ended with no goals being scored, although attempts were made on both sides.

Football.

1st XV. v. Castleford, G. S., October 10th.

Result : Won by 18 points to 6 points.

The match was played at home in brilliant weather. The School won the toss and decided to play uphill. Castleford attacked at first but midfield play followed in which the school took the lead through a penalty goal by Ingamells. Castleford equalled with an unconverted try and the score remained unchanged until after half-time. For the biggest part of the second half the School kept up the attack and Riley, Hollingsworth and Prendergast scored tries which

Ingamells converted. Towards the end of the game Castleford scored another try which they failed to convert.

1st XV. v. Goole S. S. October 24th.

Result: Lost by 14 points to 11 points.

The School team was just beaten in a fast and keen game at Goole. Goole broke through at the beginning and scored a try, which they converted, and a drop goal before the School had settled down. After this the School kept them back until shortly before half-time when Goole again broke through and scored an unconverted try. Thus half-time saw Goole winning by 12 points to nil. In the second half the School forwards played a good game in the loose, and after a forward rush, Prendergast scored an unconverted try. Later Pears dribbled the ball over and got a try which Cartledge converted. Goole scored again and the try was followed by one from the School through Prendergast, neither of which was converted. The School pressed to the end but failed to score again.

1st XV. v. Castleford G. S. November 7th.

Result: Lost by 12 points to 3 points.

The match was played under bad weather conditions, the ball being very greasy and consequently difficult to handle. The game was poor both teams playing badly. All the scoring was done in the first half in which Castleford got four unconverted tries, and the School one through Riley, who touched down after a forward rush. Midfield play followed throughout the second half, neither side threatening to score.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth S. S. Nov. 14th.

Result: Lost by 19 points to 3 points.

The School lost at Hemsworth after a good game. Although they were not accustomed to such heavy ground they kept up a stern fight. The School attacked first but Hemsworth broke through long enough to get two goals and one try in the first half. The second half proved to be an even contest both forwards playing good rugby. Hemsworth scored two unconverted tries in the second half and the School got one from a long dribble by Pears. The game was much more even than one would think from the score.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth S. S. No. 21st.

Result: Won by 19 points to 14 points.

The match was played in fine weather at Wath. The School won the toss and played uphill first half. During this half Hemsworth attacked vigorously and succeeded in

getting four tries one of which they converted. The School failed to score in this half and thus half-time saw Hemsworth winning by 14 points to nil. In the second half the tables were turned, the School bringing their total up to 19 and Hemsworth making no addition to theirs. Tries were scored by Pears (2), Hollinsworth (1) and Tunstall (1), two of which were converted by Prendergast, who also kicked a penalty goal.

1st XV. v. Barnsley G. S. November 28th.

Result: Lost by 11 points to 10 points.

The Barnsley ground was in a bad condition for this match and the ball's being greasy had a bad effect on the handling. In the first half it appeared that the School would be overwhelmed for Barnsley got three tries in quick succession, the first of which they converted. Thus before half time the School was losing by 11 points to nil. Just before half time the forwards got the ball from the loose near their opponent's line and Prendergast scored and converted a try. All through the second half the play remained behind the Barnsley 25 line, and after Hollingsworth scored a try which Prendergast converted the game developed into a very exciting one. The School worked desperately to turn the game from a defeat to a victory but failed owing chiefly to lack of time.

2nd XV. v. Castleford, at Castleford.

Result: Drawn by 11 points to 11.

The match was played at Castleford under fine weather conditions. The School won the toss and elected to play with the sun behind them.

Castleford attacked strongly from the start and after a series of loose scrummages got over the School's try line. The try was unconverted. A short time after they again scored. The School retaliated and carried the play into Castleford's half, but failed to score before half-time came.

Shortly after half-time, Gill took the ball into the Castleford half and Haigh scored a try which Steer converted. The superior weight of the Castleford forwards soon began to tell and they scored once again. A splendid effort by the School three-quarters resulted in Horn going over, while near the end Hill scored the equalising try.

2nd XV. v. Castleford, at Home.

Result: Lost by 14 points to 3.

Playing against a heavier pack the School forwards were decidedly inferior both in the scrum and the loose, and their failure to get the ball back, often resulted in

scrappy play, which proved advantageous to Castleford. In the first half, Castleford did most of the attacking, and scored two converted tries. The School replied by an unconverted try through Coultard.

In the second half the expected School attack did not materialise owing to the lack of opportunities given to the three-quarters, and the only addition to the score was a dropped goal by Castleford.

2nd XV. v. Hemsworth, at Hemsworth.

Result : Lost by 11 points to 6.

The weather was fine and a wintry sun was shining, but the ground was so thick in mud that fast or good play was impossible. However, the School forwards seemed to enjoy the mud and pressed strongly, holding the Hemsworth pack with ease, and after a quarter of an hour the ball came from the scrum for Lee to go through and score an unconverted try. Near half time, Hemsworth scored a try which was not converted. After half-time, Hemsworth pressed hard and scored another unconverted try. The School then pressed hard and after three loose scrums, Haigh tool the ball at his feet for half the length of the field to score a brilliant try. The play on both sides then became desperate, and five minutes from time Hemsworth scored a try which they converted.

2nd XV. v. Doncaster G. S., at Home.

Result : Lost by 27 points to 3.

The weather was fine, but the ground was inclined to be rather soft. The School had to face a heavier and speedier side which proved too much for them. Playing downhill in the first half the School pack were equal to Doncaster and got the ball back well, but the three-quarters failed to take any advantage and were content to pass to one another without making any ground. Doncaster scored first and soon afterward Lancashire kicked a goal for the School. Just before the interval, Doncaster scored again.

In the second half, the School forwards were pushed off the ball continually and could not hold the Doncaster forwards. The School made several desperate efforts towards the end, but were repulsed and Doncaster continued to add to their score till the whistle went.

The Honourable Dead.

They laughed in the face of death;
They jested at fear and pain;
They sang as they stumbled on
To take up their stand again.

They fought for a hard won peace ;
They died that the world might live,
And giving this life they loved
They gave all they had to give.

Remembering how they died,
Pledge them your faith again,
So that their sacrifice
May not have been in vain.

W. PRESTON, Upper IVa.

Of Rugby for Schooles.

Rugbie Footeball, in the younger sorte, is a parte of education; in the elder, a parte of profession. He that goeth to a grammar-schoole withoute any knowledge of rugbie, learns to play it during his schoole-daies there. That the schoole pay all doctors' billes for boys' accidentes at rugbie, I allow well; so that those whose fathers be not over wealthy, are not inconvenienced. As an exercise for schoole boys rugbie footeball is a good thing, for it helpes to adhere the boys more to their studies, which may not allwayes serve for delight to theme. A grammar schoole which includeth rugbie in its curriculum, becomes famed in its districte as a training centre for rugbie-players, and some of the boys may one day gaine a place in a league-teame.

There be severall discommodities of rugbie in schooles. The firste, that boys may be lamed for a lifetime through playing at rugbie, or that bruises made by kicks may cause death in later yeares. The seconde, that boys may bee too keen on games and neglect their worke, instead of placing the latter firste in the liste. As one of the schoolemen noteth well, "Worke cometh before play." And the thirde, which is really too in one, that the continuall expense entailed by boyes for rugbie is like unto the vacuum-cleaner sucking away money from the father's pockete, and that the continuall scrubbing of rugbie togges is a drudgery to the mother.

Certainly the ablest men that ever were have had physicall fitness besides wisdom, and this physicall fitness has oftentimes been obtained by playing rugbie in their earlie schoole-daies.

We will adde this, in generall, touching the subject of schoole-rugbie, that of all other subjects taught to boyes, it is the most popular by far, and the most essentiall. For to all other subjects, there is affection given but now and then. And therefore, it is well said,

“Rugbia festos dies non agit.”

R. COULTARD, Upp. VI.

Secret Voices.

(Translation in Verse of a French Poem).

Nature counsels and in all the world around;
 Her voice is found.
 The star which shines amidst the sky azure,
 Twinkles: Be pure.
 The sapling feeble and trembling, tossed by the wind;
 Murmurs: Be kind.
 The eagle which glides through the clouds to the sky,
 Suggests: Strike high.
 The bees who gaily fill and make their nest
 Say: Work with zest.
 The ever changing trees giving their fruit, would
 Whisper: Be good.
 The sapphire says: Despise nothing in the land,
 For I was sand.
 The flowers perfuming the sweet air above,
 Say: Learn to love.

G. COLLINS, Upp. IVa.

That Fateful Message.

He awoke with a start from a horrible dream. He sat up and looked around—his haggard eyes and drawn face gave testimony to a restless night.

The cold morning sun traced out a dull patch of light on the bedroom floor. There he sat—motionless, shivering yet not conscious of the chilly morning air. He was listening intently—listening to every sound borne on the still morning air.

Suddenly he started. Heavy footsteps were approaching, coming nearer—nearer. Under the window they stopped—a slight rustling, and then the plod-plod of heavy boots receded again. An eerie stillness reigned.

What was the purpose of that visit? He knew—his very being depended on it. Swiftly he scrambled out of bed—barefoot he crept along the landing and down the stairs. His eyes turned straight to the door. Horror!—there it was, a flat packet pushed under the door. He ran to it and stooped to pick it up—dare he? His hand trembled as he touched it—as he rose his whole frame quivered. He recognised the writing.

His fate lay in his hands—life or death. Feverishly he tore it open and pulled forth its contents. He paused a minute, eyes closed in prayer and then wild eyed perused the fateful message.

Beads of perspiration stood on his agonised brow. Suddenly his eyes opened wider. A smile spread over his haggard face—his hands fell to his sides. He was in a trance.

His name was among the list of the blessed—the School Certificate Pass List.

I. TILBROOK, Upp. VI.

Eye Rhymes.

When Caesar was murdered 'tis said,
On a pillow his fair head was laid,
Then he was not mute,
But said 'Et tu Brute,'
Then die Caesar,' and lo! he was dead.

There was a young man called Maloney
Who had several bagsful of money,
He bought a huge bear
And tried it to rear,
But the bear would eat nothing but money.

Orpheus he went down to Hades
To seek for his wife 'mong the shades.
He hailed a sweet sprite
Who was called Aphrodite
Who said 'She's there in the Arcades.'

P. WALL, Upp. VI.

Series of Letters from the "Daily Wire."

January 10th, 1930.

Dear Sir,

I have been a reader of the *Daily Wire* for many years, and now I have bought a canary. At night it is very interesting to notice it get up on a perch, I have put in the cage for its use. In this precarious position it remains all night (for in the interests of knowledge I stayed up one night to see). I make this fact public in order to see if any of your readers have heard of, or had a similar experience.

Yours, etc.,

"NATURE LOVER."

January 12th, 1930.

Dear Sir,

I noticed with indignation "Nature Lover's" letter of yesterday. Surely, surely it is time such fiends as "Nature Lover" were put out of harm's way. It surprises me that any thinking man or woman can stand silently by and see animals and birds condemned to a life long imprisonment. I become speechless with indignation when I see bird's which have hitherto enjoyed unmolested freedom in the forests, being pointed at with sticks and umbrellas in our Menagerie. Both the canary and other imprisoned animals would be far, far better prowling along in their native undergrowth, "Red in tooth and claw," ready to pounce on their prey than pacing a cage, a miserable captive. Is it not high time something was done about the matter?

I am,

Yours, etc.,

"INDIGNANT."

January 14th, 1930.

Sir,

I read "Indignant's" letter in your edition of yesterday with sympathetic interest. It is high time something was done to stop the use of sticks and umbrellas for anything save their legitimate purpose. It is not generally known that your stick or umbrella becomes a positive menace when raised from the floor. Whilst travelling in the "tram" a few weeks ago I had the misfortune to run into an umbrella that was being carried under the arm of a strap-

hanging passenger. I have now lost the sight of one eye. Is it not time something was done to remove this menace from our midst?

Yours, etc.,

"BLIND O' THE EYE."

January 14th, 1930.

Sir,

I read "Indignant's" letter of yesterday, and felt ashamed of our race. My son Willie has a rabbit, which he keeps in a hutch. Would your correspondent dare to say he was therefore a "Fiend"? It is a great pity that people like "Indignant" have not something better to do with their time, than writing silly letters to the papers. Where is our so-called liberty if we cannot keep rabbits in our own back-yards? Again, I am sure we never poke at our rabbit with "sticks or umbrellas," and so I don't know what "Indignant" wants.

Yours, etc.,

"A BRITISH MOTHER."

January 16th, 1930.

Sir,

I noticed in yesterday's edition of the *Daily Wire* a foolish letter from a person signing herself "British Mother." I ask all intelligent readers of this paper, "Where are we getting to when a British mother will write such utter rubbish?" It is, I fear only too real an evidence of the decadence of these days. This is a namby-pamby age and mothers, British mothers, think nothing of writing to the press to defend their "Willie's rabbit." What will such a boy become if he is sheltered at every turn by his mother? Will he be able to uphold the proud heritage of Britain? No, a thousand times No! Let us be done with this molly-coddling and bring our boys up to be men.

Yours, etc.,

"A VETERAN OF 1789."

January 18th, 1930.

Sir,

May I venture to point out that your correspondent of January 16th has made some mistake. At the lowest estimation he must be one hundred and forty years of age, as will be seen from the following calculation: 1930—1789—141. As a keen student of history, I am very much interested in his case, and, if he is what he says he is, I suggest

he gives us a book of Reminiscences. A suitable title would be "My Recollections of Robespierre."

I am, etc.,

"HISTORIAN."

January 20th, 1930.

Dear Sir,

I read with growing wrath "Historian's" letter of the 18th. Have we not enough of these so-called reminiscences without such idiots as "Historian" egging people to write more for us wretched scholars to learn. If I had my way with "Historian"—well—

Yours, etc.,

"HARASSED SCHOOLBOY."

M. STEEL, Va.

Stanzas written in dejection in the VI Form.

(*With apologies to Charles Lamb*).

I have had school-mates, I have had companions,
In the lower forms at school—those joyful heydays!
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

I have been playing, I have been chattering,
Sitting late, swotting late, with my jolly cronies.
Now all are gone, the old familiar faces.

I had a chum, a truer pal had no boy,
Through the matric., I left my chum abruptly,
Left him, to muse on the old familiar faces.

Wretched, I remember the events of my childhood,
Memory's a chasm I'm bound to o'erleap,
Seeking in vain the old familiar faces.

O friend of the by-gone days, more than a brother,
Thou shouldst have been reared under my parent's roof,
So I still dream of the old familiar faces.

How many have vanished, none have forsaken me,
And some are snatched from me; all are departed;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

R. COULTARD, Upp. VI. Lit.

An Actor's ? Lament.

Theatricals—greasepaint, and quaint costumes are rife. What a motley crowd we are—I especially! Characters from a page of Elizabethan literature bustle about me.

How I should like to blow my nose, irritated by the surrounding fungus, but the laws of grease paint and make-up forbid.

Beyond the dark curtains sit the judges even now discussing our fates and merits.

The music strikes up lively, stage lights flash on and the buzz of conversation ceases.

Frantically I collect my requisites—the essential companions of a beer loving fellow—money and a bottle of wine.

Up rises the curtain and the opening actors proceed. They, possessed of some unnatural faculty beyond my grasp, act at ease regardless of their audience.

My cue is spoken and I am left speechless. Weakly I emit a series of sounds—a supposed drinking song. Then this 'jovial and drunken' fellow timidly creeps on. How he fits his part with agonised features and shaking limbs!

On with the show! Who would be an actor?—Yet we are martyrs for a good cause. M.

“Wives” (with apologies).

Bacon, Addison, William Cobbett and Lord Chesterfield are all seated together in a coffee house in London. The general topic is “The female world.”

BACON.—“Wives” did you say? I for my part think they are a burden. They are an impediment, not only to fortune but also to ambition. If ever you wish to do anything out of the ordinary, you have not only your own, but also the interests of your wife to consider.

COBBETT.—I think your point of view is a little biased, Lord Bacon. Why, women are most helpful creatures gifted with common sense fidelity and—

CHESTERFIELD.—Vanity. You may of course be right, Mr. Cobbett but to give my true opinion concerning women, I think they are never to be trusted with secrets, they are beings to be avoided and are exceptionally weak. They know practically nothing about political affairs, they could not give a piece of good advice if they wished, and to sum them up they are gay flippant creatures.

ADDISON.—I am inclined to agree with Lord Chesterfield, he expresses exactly my opinion. The ladies think nothing else but making themselves look beautiful. They walk about the streets in head-dresses which make them look twice as tall as they really are, and they spend all their time in practicing the superficial things of life.

COBBETT.—This is quite a wrong impression to have of the female world. Why! take my own case, for instance, when I reached the age when I thought it was time to settle down in life I wrote down several principles to guide me in my choice of a wife.

BACON.—But this really is too personal.

ADDISON.—But continue Mr. Cobbett.

COBBETT.—The qualities which she should possess were fidelity, good knowledge of domestic affairs, beauty, of course, and a good temper. And I found her in little or no time but the thing which decided me was—

BACON.—Are we not getting a little from the point?

CHESTERFIELD.—O, but please go on, Mr. Cobbett, this is really quite interesting.

COBBETT.—Well, one morning I was taking an early walk which lead me, by chance, past a certain house. There in the deep snow I saw a girl scrubbing out a wash-tub at that early hour. "That's the girl for me," I said to my two companions and sure enough she is my wife now and the sweetest and best imaginable.

ADDISON.—But your wife is only one in a hundred. You were exceedingly lucky.

CHESTERFIELD.—Of course, I've only given you my private opinion and I trust you not to broadcast it. I'm not altogether condemning women for in some cases they are most useful. You should always be especially agreeable to the ladies, for by their help you can be introduced to the lords, and thus you may become M.P. some day.

BACON.—Mr. Cobbett seems the only one of us who has any real praise for the ladies, but now, since it is one o'clock, I think it is quite time we returned to our respective occupations.

The usual "good-afternoons" were said and the company made its departure in different directions.

S. ENGLAND, Upper VI., Literary.

