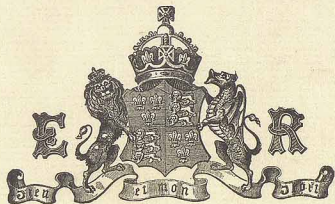


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Editorial.

WE are daily assured, although we have never disputed it, that Christmas is coming. On reference to the calendar we find due confirmation of the statement and note that it is dated to arrive at least once this year on December 25th. We are also incessantly informed that there is to be an attendant holiday. Well we do not disagree, even though it does seem a pity to bring this long and excellent term to an end, and we entirely sympathise with those ardent mathematicians who calculate the remaining days, hours and minutes up to the ultimate second of breaking up in order the better to enjoy and utilise every precious moment. We concur that the few remaining days are far too short. We cannot, however, imagine any young Bolshies, inconsistent as they are, and so far ashamed of their real colours as to wear their red ties in half-mourning on weekdays and in total eclipse on Sundays, declaring themselves for the abolition of Christmas, and of such old and effete institutions as holidays.

With regard to work the prospect is very cheering. The results of the School Certificate Examination, which seven candidates passed, two with distinction in Latin, and three with exemption from matriculation is a matter of congratulation, and should be a stepping stone to even better things. There are many indications that the lead is being followed. The individual and collective mark-sheets and diagrams of the term plainly show that progressively good work is being done throughout the School.

Games, too, have been very much brighter, and the football record for the term compares favourably with that of any year.

The Corps also, though small, tries to make up by smartness for its deficiency in numbers and deserves all the support we can give it. Its efficiency is earning golden opinions from those best able to judge. The O.C. of the Camp at Tidworth Pennings, reporting on that portion of the O.T.C. which went to camp, says: "A very small contingent, but keen and full of promise."

It is patent that the Scouts delight in being prepared and we are pleased to see that numbers of new recruits are flocking into the troop, while some of the veterans, being fully qualified, have departed to seek more glory in the ranks of the Corps.

Physical Training is being continued as usual on alternate days. The instructors and their squads appear to be very alert and there is no doubt that the exercise has very beneficial results on the health and physique of the School. In this connection an Old Boy recently made the remarkable statement that of all the things he missed on leaving School, P.T. was the one of which he most felt the need. The inter-house competition for the Challenge Cup will take place on December 16th, and so be one of the last events of term.

We wish to draw attention to two new features in the *Magazine* which we have no doubt will commend themselves to our readers. The letters from our London and Foreign correspondents have been compiled by two keen Old Boys, and we feel sure that our readers will wish to join us in our thanks to them for their interesting letters. The second feature is a group of poems produced by members of the Vth and VIth Form in those inspired moments of prep. which they devote to English.

In conclusion, we wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Speech Day.

The first event of the term was Speech Day. The day chosen for the Prize Giving was Thursday, September 24th.

A large gathering of parents and friends assembled in the Big School for the function. The Mayor of Bury (Ald. W. J. Caie) presided, in the absence, through illness, of the Comptroller, the Rev. Dr. H. B. Gray, and was supported by the following Governors: Mr. E. L. D. Lake (Deputy Comptroller), Dr. J. S. Hinnell, Col. G. H. Long, and Mr. S. J. M. Sampson (Clerk to the Governors).

The Headmaster extended a warm welcome to those present, and especially to the Mayor for coming to present the prizes. He reported the receipt of letters of regret for absence from the Marquess of Bristol, the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Sir John Wood, Bart., the Rev.

Dr. H. B. Gray, D.D., of whose illness they were all very sorry to hear, the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Rev. Canon E. Hill, the Rev. C. J. N. Child, Mr. J. Ridley Hooper, Mr. W. R. Hustler, and Mr. A. Oliver Lusher. He went on to explain that the "school year" began on 1st August and concluded on the following 31st July, thus consisting of Autumn, Easter, and Summer terms. The results of the Midsummer examinations were not published until about the beginning of September, the Headmaster pointed out, and hence the reason for the present date of this speech day, as soon as possible after the examination results were known, and while the time and energy required could best be spared from the current school year.

Proceeding to report on the past year, the Headmaster referred first to building and material improvements, stating that a new armoury had been constructed and paid for out of the Corps funds. It had been approved by the War Office Inspecting Officer, when he visited the School last July. The playground and drive had been tarred, which was an immense improvement. Turning to the playing field, he stated that although a certain amount of paid labour had been used, a very great deal had been done voluntarily by the masters and boys. Improvements had also been carried out in artificial lighting. The Headmaster stated that the number of pupils was satisfactorily maintained, and that there had been a little alteration in the organisation, which had proved sound. He added that a great deal of extremely healthy rivalry, in the class-room, on the playing fields, and in other ways, existed between the three houses—Lancaster and York (day boys) and Tudor (boarders). The importance and status of prefects had been increased, and they aimed at three prefects in each House.

Turning to games and athletics the Headmaster said: "Although during the past year the School teams have played in painstaking fashion, and have steadily tried to do their best, the handicap of youth and lack of weight has been too great, and I am afraid there are no outstanding successes to record." Col. Wadmore stated that there were, however, hopes for the future, and said that by a slight re-arrangement of teaching periods, organised practice and games had been rendered possible on Mondays and on Wednesdays last summer, in addition to the Thursday and Saturday half-holidays. The younger boys, especially, had had much benefit from this. He added that this plan was being continued as long as weather and daylight would serve. Physical Training, Col. Wadmore continued, was now thoroughly established, and had steadily improved since the gift, a year ago, by Mr. Ratcliffe, the parent

of an Australian boy, of the Inter-House Challenge Cup. The Headmaster pointed out that they had been extraordinarily fortunate in the matter of health and had, so far, been spared any of the usual epidemics. This he attributed to the thrice-weekly "P.T." The fullest possible use had also been made of the Corporation Swimming Bath, and in the swimming gala, held in August, a Grammar School Boy, G. H. F. Smith distinguished himself in the diving events.

Col. Wadmore stated that the Officers' Training Corps had made great progress in efficiency, and the record, of which any school might be proud, of 100 per cent. success in the Certificate "A" examination had been maintained. The credit was due to the officer commanding the contingent and his subordinates. On the occasion of the annual inspection the contingent received high praise from the Inspecting Officer (Capt. F. K. Simmons, of the War Office), whose remarks the Headmaster quoted. A detachment of the contingent attended the annual camp at Tidworth Pennings, and next year it was hoped that considerably more cadets would go to camp. Col. Wadmore remarked that the contingent could be criticised on the point of numbers, its present strength being between thirty and forty cadets, when it ought to be fifty. As one connected with the Officers' Training Corps since its inception in 1908, he made a strong appeal to the parents of boys old enough and fit enough to join to allow them to do so. The strength and efficiency of the Grammar School Scout Troop had been more than maintained, and by the kindness of Lord Bristol, the annual camp had been held in Ickworth Park.

Considerable attention was given to singing, for which the School received a certificate of merit at the Musical Festival, great credit being due to their teacher, Mr. Hallam, and the boys in the choir. Turning to teaching, the Headmaster said that good solid progress had been made during the year. He gave the following results of the Cambridge Local School Certificate Examination held last July, which he characterised as most satisfactory and encouraging: Number of candidates who completed the examination, 13; number of candidates successful, 7; number of successful candidates who gained exemption from the London Matriculation examination, 8; average age of successful candidates, 16.2 (youngest 15.10, oldest 16.10); in history all thirteen candidates passed, eleven with "credit." In Latin, seven out of eight candidates passed, two with "distinction," and three more with "credit."

Concluding, the Headmaster said that the outlook for the coming year was most hopeful and encouraging. He emphasised

the fact that hard, steady work was as necessary as ever, and, above all, co-operation between the masters and the boys, and especially the parents. He expressed thanks for the help given by the Governors, the parents, the local Education Authority, the Officer Commanding and the staff of the Depot Suffolk Regiment, and the general public, adding that everywhere one went people seemed to take a great interest in the Grammar School.

The Mayor made a brief speech before presenting the prizes. He deplored the fact that Dr. Gray was not with them, and was certain that their sympathy went out to him. Proceeding, he said that that was the one day in the year when Governors, friends, members of the staff and pupils could meet together on common ground and discuss matters. They had heard a very detailed and able report from the Headmaster on the progress of the school. The year's work, proceeded His Worship, marked very great progress in the history of the school. He pointed out that, although the athletic side was very important indeed, the most important matter in school was education of the mind and also moral education. They were very glad indeed to hear of so many successes in the Cambridge Local Examinations. It was the standard test of the School.

Addressing the boys more particularly, the Mayor said that the success of the School depended very largely to his mind upon the boys themselves, and the things they did both in school and out of school. "I would urge you boys to stick to your work and stick to your play," he declared, "be earnest in both." If they did that they would maintain the reputation of their School as it had been maintained in the past. It was a very old School with very old traditions, and he hoped that the present generation of boys would see to it that the high standard of scholastic work was maintained in that School. He would like to congratulate those boys who had won prizes and to condole with those who had not. At the same time, it was not the winning of prizes that mattered, but the effort that went before it. In conclusion, the Mayor asked the Headmaster to grant the school a holiday. (Loud applause).

His Worship having distributed the prizes, Mr. E. L. D. Lake proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to him. Before doing so he first referred to the sense of loss which that school must feel in the very regretted death of Mr. John Greene, for so many years Clerk to the Governors. Mr. John Greene was

not only Clerk to the Governors, but he was also a devoted friend and old boy of that School, and they would for many years hold in affectionate regard the memory of Mr. John Greene. (Hear, hear). In the second place, Mr. Lake continued, he would like to congratulate Col. Wadmore on the excellent report he had read them. Steady progress was what the Governors wanted. They wanted to see a better report every year and he was perfectly confident that Col. Wadmore, who had given them a good report this year, would be able to give them an even better one next year. Mr. Lake went on to point out that the School had equally good traditions in the field of sport as it had in the field of work. In looking up his *Wisden's Almanac* he found that during the last 98 years Bury School was represented in Cambridge cricket on no less than 15 occasions. (Applause). That was an extraordinarily good record for a School of that sort and he hoped they would live up to it.

Proceeding, the speaker said that, as an old Territorial officer himself, he would like to congratulate Col. Wadmore on the very excellent display which he saw given by the Cadet Corps on the day of their inspection, and he most earnestly endorsed the appeal made by Col. Wadmore that every boy, who was old enough, should join the School Corps. He was perfectly certain that there was no finer training possible for a boy than that. He also appealed to the parents to leave their boys at the school as long as they possibly could. It made all the difference to the School and it made all the difference to the boy in his after life if he could take full advantage of the later years of that school life, when he got the wonderfully valuable experience of controlling other boys. As an old Public School boy, he did hope that next year a larger proportion of boys would be allowed to stay at that school up to the age of 18 years.

Dr. Hinnell seconded the vote, which was warmly carried, and congratulated Col. Wadmore on his excellent report.

The Mayor, in response, said he was always pleased to attend the School gatherings and he wished the School every success in the coming year.

The boys then gave three lusty cheers for his Worship and afterwards three for Col. and Mrs. Wadmore.

The Headmaster and Mrs. Wadmore subsequently received the visitors in the School Dining Hall, and tea was served.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as under:—

Form V.—C. F. H. Lacey, 1st and Distinguished in Latin; E. N. Plumridge, 2nd in Exam., 1st in English, Geography and Mathematics; H. W. Jones, 1st in French, Distinguished Latin; F. E. Turner, 1st in History; G. G. Carter, 1st in Physics, 2nd in Chemistry.

Form IV.—P. J. Bacon, 1st in Exam., 1st in Science; H. W. Porter, 1st in Mathematics; H. K. F. Marshall, 1st in History.

Form III.—A. W. Stacpoole, 1st in Exam.; C. J. Tillbrook, 1st in Mathematics; C. D. K. Gent, 1st in Science; J. C. Johnson, 1st in French.

Form II.—W. C. K. Stubbing and G. T. K. Nice, 1st in Exam.; G. F. Bell, 1st in History and Geography; E. A. Kelsey, 1st in Latin.

Form I.—I. H. Roberts, 1st in Exam.; E. G. Peppiatt, 1st in French; J. F. Dixon, 1st in Mathematics; P. Allen, 1st in Free-hand Drawing.

Prep. Form.—J. Hallam, 1st in Exam.

Recommended for Sutton and Sudbury Foundation Scholarships.—J. A. C. Kiddy and C. J. Tillbrook.

Recommended for Sutton Foundation Scholarships.—B. G. King and G. H. King.

Best batting average, Summer term, 1925 (bat, presented by Deputy-Comptroller, Mr. E. L. D. Lake)—A. G. Shearing.

Inter-Patrol Challenge Shield, Summer Term, 1925, awarded for general smartness and efficiency—won by "Woodpigeon" Patrol (Patrol-Leader M. L. Lacey) for the third time in succession.

Verses from the Fifth Form.

These poems were not written specially for the *Burian*, but were submitted as exercises in versification. The writers had an opportunity of revising them, but they are substantially as written at first. The boys had complete freedom of subject and metre.

FLEETING YEARS.

The year was born to chiming bells;
 The snow lay thick among the fells;
 The em'rald meads were decked in white,
 And all seemed silent 'neath the light
 Of moonbeams, silver, frozen, pale,
 That glanced from brooklets' icy mail.
 Now Spring has passed; the Summer's fled;
 And Autumn's tints are now all dead;
 And, distant, sounds the snowy tread
 Of Winter, frosty guards ahead;
 Soon, crowned and sceptred, white, he comes,
 The mingling winds his throbbing drums,
 All shrill to usher out the year
 With noise of tempests, sounds so drear.

The year that's passed is but a page
 Upon the manuscript of Time;
 And what to children is an age
 Is but an hour to God sublime.
 So say 'hic jacet,' while you stand,
 And play your part, until the sand
 Is run away, for mortal man
 Has but of time a shortened span;
 And surely as the year is fled
 So man grows old, and, soon, is dead.

E.N.P.

A SUMMER DAY.

The rosy tints of coming dawn
 Are brightening in the eastern sky;
 The skylark ushers in the morn;
 The cock proclaims that day is nigh;
 The music of the chiming bells
 The passing of the hour foretells.

The sun is rising o'er the hills,
 His splendour sparkles in the rills,
 And in the glorious flood of light
 The leaping cascade flashes bright;
 And all around the dew-drops burn
 Like myriad diamonds on the fern.

The feathered choir in chorus sings,
 The glen with joyful music rings;
 The lowing echoes far and wide
 Of cattle on the mountain side.
 And far up in the azure sky
 The lark pours forth her melody.

The morning mist is moving now
 Towards the mountain's mighty brow,
 And in the valley far below,
 The gleaming river wanders slow,
 While on the waters' wide expanse
 The shimmering sunbeams brightly dance.

The summer day wears on and soon
 The world is wrapt in glorious noon.
 Lulled by the insects' monotone,
 The humble bees' contented drone,
 The world of nature seems asleep,
 Drowsed by the poppies' perfume deep.

The western sky begins to glow
 With colours of the setting sun;
 The flaming orb is sinking low,
 His daily course is well-nigh run;
 And while behind the world he dips
 The clouds with crimson fire he tips.

The echo of the evening bells
 Adown the valley softly swells.
 The wood doves murmur in the trees
 Where faintly sighs the wayward breeze.
 The corncrake's melancholy call
 Is heard, while twilight shadows fall.

The light of day is failing fast;
 The darkness deepens; and at last
 The night, borne on with dusky wings,
 Her canopy of darkness flings
 Upon the earth; but in the sky
 The stars shine in serenity.

And then the moon, blest queen of night,
 Sheds over all her silver light.
 And like some faery land of dreams
 With light sublime and landscape gleams,
 And sometimes, o'er the whispering grass,
 Strange shadows quickly move and pass. P.E.J.B.

THE MERCILESS WIND.

Past chimney stacks and 'neath the eaves,
 O'er sheets of white and worlds of snow,
 The eiderdown o'er Autumn's leaves,
 Here, everywhere, the wind doth blow.
 His icy fang chills every bird
 Which sits and broods upon the snow,
 His shrieking cry aloft is heard,
 He ceases not to tear and blow.
 The icicles upon the door
 By his destructive hand are pent;
 He tells his anger with loud roar,
 For he on cruelty is bent.
 His arms draw clouds across the sky,
 Destroying forests, young and old,
 His raging flight through regions high
 Uproots the oak so proud and bold.
 He freezes water in the butt;
 He mocks and jests in cruel joy;
 But cheery fires within the hut
 His strength is powerless to destroy.

T.B.F.R.

ODE TO AUTUMN.

O chilly autumn, wintry blast,
 Now the leaves are falling fast,
 The swallows gather on the lea
 To take their flight across the sea.

The summer now hath seen her last,
 The warm and sunny days are past,
 And thou, grim Autumn, with thy sway
 Preparent us for Winter's fray.

The nuts upon the bushes grow,
 The squirrels ramble to and fro,
 To gather in their winter hoard
 Which in their tree-nest will be stored.

The red-breast whistles in the trees,
 The sheep bleat in the wintry breeze,
 Bidding the summer days good-bye
 Now that the wintry days draw nigh.

M.L.L.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY.

An ancient town of wide renown,
 Of towers, high walls and Abbey grim,
 Of monks with hoods and cowls and prayers
 Who prowled about the cloisters dim.

The monks have gone, their hoods and gowns,
 The ancient towers alone remain,
 Gaunt relics of the olden times,
 Firm through the age their stones have lain.

To Bury curious people come,
 Inspecting tower and ruin old,
 Where many kings in state have slept,
 Rewarding monks with gifts of gold.

The mediæval market town
 Saw stalwart yeomen try their skill
 With arrow, bow and quarterstaff,
 Of home-brewed ale they drank their fill.

The present town is rather dull,
 Behind the times it further gets;
 As quiet place of peace—lo, still,
 Bury a good example sets.

A.G.S.

London Letter.

I met the Editor of the *Burian* the other day and we had a long conversation, somewhat as follows:

Editor: Well, finished with Cambridge at last?

Me: Yes Sir, so I can't write any more of those "Cambridge Letters." (Here followed a conversation with myself in which I said, "Thank Goodness.")

Editor: No, S'pose you can't.....By the way, what are you going to do now?

Me: O, going to London for two or three year's work.

Editor: Good, that'll be all right, then you can write "London Letters" instead of Cambridge ones, and I should like one in time for this term's *Burian*, if you could manage it.

Me: Oh! Yes (long pause).....Eh! Bien! (Ah Well! for those not knowing much French).

Having thus described how I fell into the Editor's trap I will write the letter.

Of course, as I've only been in London a month, I don't know much about it or anyone in. There are several Old Boys up here just now, but I haven't seen many of them. I was out with G. J. Hinnell the other day when who should we meet but the latter's brother, Charlie. Having nothing much to do we all went to see Charlie Chaplin in the "Gold Rush," and a very good show it was too. Charlie (Hinnell, not Chaplin) is in the Bank of England, or did he say the Post Office? anyhow, I know it was something to do with money. His brother has just come up to St. Thomas's Hospital, but I forgot to ask him if he was a patient or a student. I remember being at School with these two brothers and I was there the whole time with the elder one. We went together in 1918 and left together in 1921. I used to see quite a lot of the elder one as he was more my age; we often met when shaving.

C. J. Hinnell is Secretary of the Old Burian's Association and he was telling me of some of the Old Boys in London. He said there were quite a lot but he didn't know much about them except their addresses and whether they had paid their subscriptions lately. I can't remember all the names, but I know he mentioned E. F. Wise, who has two addresses, one for work and one for play I expect. Others he mentioned were C. G. Seth, G. W. Harding, E. D. Bobby, F. S. Wayman, C. E. S. Whitford, the two Lipsetts (Toad and Mis), H. A. Conlan, and many others. Hinnell said he was sorry for me having to write the "London Letter," and promised to do it for me next time, if the Old Boys would let him know something about their various activities, so that he could write a really good letter. I thanked him very much for promising to take over my job, and wished him luck with it. So I hope Old Boys will write to him sometimes and tell him about themselves and others. If he receives too much news for his "London Letter" he said he would pass it on to the Editor of "O.B. Notes." Gee! I AM looking forward to reading the next "London Letter," so I won't keep you any longer with this one.

M.E.

Cambridge Letter.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE,

November 23rd, 1925.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

A week ago I received a letter from one whom I had always called a friend. In it he asked me to write a "Cambridge Letter" to the *Burian*.

Oh! Winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude.

I won't vouch for the accuracy of that, you will find something like it somewhere in Shakespeare's works. I don't know what he has to be grateful for in his relations with me, but he cannot possibly have forgotten how full one's time is here—with work, of course. (Don't laugh!). Still perhaps I will forgive him.

Cambridge is very conservative. No, don't think you are going to be treated to the political opinions of either 'Varsity or town, I refer to nothing more exciting than the weather. Many generations, I am told, of men in stat: pup: have passed through the streets here and have found that they contained neither more nor less mud than they do now. I can, however, report progress in one direction. Owing to the activities of Robert the Senate's veto on motor vehicles is enforced pretty well with the result that there is a large increase in the number of bicycles by which one can be run over. I don't know which is the more dangerous, a noisy motor-bike whose speed varies inversely as its noise—or the brake-less, bell-less push-bike which one meets at 9.5 a.m., ridden by an undergrad, who is not long out of bed and who is trying to be in time for a lecture at 9 a.m. I know which is the more annoying.

I have a feeling that it is about time the whistle went for "no-side." *Bon Voyage*, and Good-hunting, to those who plough thus far through this.

Yours &c.,

W. J. THOMPSON.

Foreign Letter.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE,

November, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

I have been asked to write a French letter, but I am going to write it in English, so nobody need be frightened by the uninteresting title of this letter (which is probably equally uninteresting, but that is the fault of my literary incapability, for France is really very interesting).

Well then, I came to France in the usual way, *i.e.*, by crossing the Channel. But there are several ways of crossing the Channel; if you enjoy it you say, "It's a pity the crossing is so short"; if you don't enjoy it quite so much you say, "I hope we shall get to the other side soon"; whilst if you are not a sea-lover you say, "I don't care if the whole boat sinks in the next five minutes, but for goodness' sake go away and leave me alone." When you arrive at Calais (if you are going to Calais); you collapse thankfully into the train and say, "I am going to sleep now, wake me up when we reach Paris." After about an hour-and-a-half you wake up, to find yourself still in the station at Calais. However, it usually leaves soon after that, and after an extremely uninteresting railway journey you arrive at Paris. The Customs Department at the Gare du Nord is like a bad nightmare. Everybody shouts and talks at once in every imaginable language except your own, whilst you seem to get in the way of all the trunks and trucks and porters in the place. After an unsympathetic "douanier" has made a hopeless mess of your particular belongings, you half-heartedly attempt the seemingly impossible task of closing your trunk again.

Finally you emerge triumphant and sink into a taxi, feeling thankful for the short rest you are about to have. But not a bit of it; Parisian taxis are enough to reduce the strongest man living to a nervous wreck. They dash along on what appears to be the wrong side of the road at a rate that takes your breath away, butting in and out of other taxis, all of you going at about fifty miles per hour, you get a glimpse of the magnificent Place de la Concorde, as you skid round it into the Champs-Élysées. This fine avenue is the taximan's paradise. You positively fly down it, until it seems that you are going to charge the Arc de Triomphe, but at the last moment you slide round it into one of the twelve avenues opening off the Etoile. And so you arrive at Paris.

The next day you start to "do" Paris. If you are brave you take another taxi; if not, you walk. The first thing to see is the Seine. Its banks are lined with famous buildings, and you spend a very enjoyable morning walking along the quays. I do not intend to enter into descriptions of Paris and its sights, for they are far too well known. I will content myself with saying that beyond the places already named, Notre Dame, the Sacré Cœur of Montmartre, and Napoleon's Tomb, are well worth seeing. Also, a magnificent birds-eye view of Paris can be obtained from the top of the Eiffel Tower, the highest building, or rather construction, in the world. Only be sure to get into the right lifts. When I had nearly reached the top I rashly stepped into a down-lift, and had to start all over again. The energetic sight-seer who climbs the 240 steps to the top of the Arc de Triomphe will also be well rewarded.

In September I found myself in Brittany, on a bit of coast that it would be difficult to rival, I should think, for its beauty. The sea round Paramé was the most brilliantly coloured sea I have ever seen. Its blues and greens were so bright as to be almost dazzling, whilst the extreme rockiness of the coast enhanced the general beauty of the scene. Finally, the sands were perfect, and bathing was an everyday event. Everywhere in the Breton lanes were crucifixes and stone crosses, and on many a dangerous rock one could see a Breton saint, placed there to protect the superstitious Breton fishermen from danger. Hedges are scarce in this part of France, but stone walls sometimes replace them. Cows are extremely numerous in Brittany, and wander about in ones and twos, grazing on the roadside. They have a ring through the nostrils and this is attached by a short piece of rope to the off foreleg. The idea is, presumably, to prevent a sudden stampede, but as they are the mildest-looking animals I have ever seen, I am personally of the opinion that the only result is to render the cow as uncomfortable as though it had hay fever.

Paramé is the centre of a district rich in places of interest. Adjoining it is St. Malo, an old-world town with narrow, cobbled streets, completely surrounded by ramparts in an excellent state of preservation. Here I had the good luck to see the Terre-Neuviens straggle in from the Summer's fishing. In case somebody doesn't know, I had better explain that the Terre-Neuviens are the fishing boats in which the Bretons spend the whole Summer, fishing off Newfoundland.

I also visited the famous Mont St. Michel, which consists of an old abbey, a few mediæval houses, and some splendid

ramparts, all built on a rocky island some way off the coast, to which it is joined by a "digue," a kind of dyke, or causeway. I should have enjoyed my visit to this famous beauty-spot if I had not come away with so many living souvenirs. A fine view of the Breton coast can be obtained from the top of the abbey.

But of all the sights that this part of Brittany can offer, none quite equal the St. Malo-Camcale express train. This is run by the "St. Malo Steam Tramway Company," and amongst much dirty smoke, and more noise, it conveys placid Breton fishermen's wives to and from old St. Malo. The express consists of three antiquated trucks which are the carriages, one truck slightly more antiquated, which is the guard's van, and the engine. The engine is wonderful. It looks like the predecessor of the "Rocket," and announces its presence by an automatic bell, which rings incessantly. Needless to say this prehistoric marvel is derailed about once a week, and occasionally it enlivens life by telescoping the two-thirty from Rochebonne.

At Paramé I stayed in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, who were spending several weeks in Brittany. Mrs. Seymour kept us all amused in the evenings by her monologues, of which she has a good store. Which reminds me that she has just had a book of her poems printed, under the title of "The Bright of Eye." After I had left Paramé I discovered that Russell Plumpton, better known, perhaps, as "Podge," was living at St. Servan, a town close to St. Malo, which I visited several times. During the five weeks in which we lived within a few miles of one another, we never met.

Normandy, where I came after leaving Brittany, is also extremely pretty, especially in the Autumn. From my window I have a magnificent view, including the Seine flowing out into the sea, and Deauville, world-famous for its August visitors. Unfortunately, heavy fogs rising from the sea seem likely to obscure the view during the Winter. Loaves of bread are of great interest in France. The form which is generally preferred is very thin, and varies from two to three feet in length. When you see a fat French housewife walking about with two or three of these weapons for the first time, you are inclined to say with the old lady at the Zoo, "I don't believe it!"

The French are, in some ways, absurdly polite, and it is quite usual to see two errand boys, who meet in the street,

shake hands with great solemnity, hold converse in terms worthy of a Member of the Institute, and then shake hands again on parting. I suspect the postmen of raising their hats to each other.

Before concluding this rambling letter I should like to take the opportunity of recommending to all this method of learning French, or any other language. The progress one makes, without realising it at the time, is surprising, and I now feel certain that it is the only way to learn a language fluently.

A happy Christmas to all.

G.V.R.

Queen Alexandra.

Princess of Thule! From o'er the stormy water
Of ocean's stream she came, a nation's pride,
Joyous and fair, a Viking's lovely daughter,
To be the Sea-King's bride.

Not unto warlike Mars was she affianced,
A nobler majesty there came to her,
The Northern Aphrodite, was affianced
To him named "Peacemaker."

In the fierce light that on the throne is centred,
She stood revealed a woman, sweet, serene.
By acts of kindness to all hearts she entered
And ruled, by love, a Queen.

Her radiant spirit, glorious and high,
Brimming with love, with sympathy o'erbrimmed,
Shone forth in splendour from her glorious eye
Which now, for aye, is dimmed.

Young men and maidens wherefore do ye mourn?
Old men and matrons why bow ye the head?
"Our Queen has passed." Yea! to a happier bourne,
Among the immortal dead.

Football.**BURY SCHOOL v. EAST ANGLIAN SCHOOL.**

Played October 3rd. (Away).

The Football season opened in a very promising manner. Winning the toss, the School played with the sun, and after some hard fast play, Gould opened an account for the School. The score remained the same up to half-time.

On the resumption the School pressed hard for some while, then Wright broke away and scored with a good shot. The E.A.S. then pressed but without result. About ten minutes from the end Gould put in another goal for the School, making the score 3—0, as it was at the end of play. The team played very well for the first match, combining together and working very hard. Team:— A.G.S.

Bury School.—Allen, goal; Lacey i., Pike i., backs; Carter, Shearing (capt.), Alston, halves; Morley, Gould, Wright, Plumridge, Bond, forwards.

BURY SCHOOL v. MR. MCGLONE'S XI.

The School recorded another win in this at home match, on October 8th.

Playing uphill at first the School pressed, but no score resulted. Before half-time, however, Gould put the School one up. Then Bond put in a good shot which was well saved. No further goals were scored before half-time.

The second half was a ding-dong, hard game, but the School, after pressing hard, added another goal to their score without reply. The final score being 2—0 in favour of the School. Team:— A.G.S.

Bury School.—Robinson, goal; Pike i., Lacey i., backs; Carter, Shearing (capt.), and Mr. Bluett, halves; Alston, Gould, Wright, Mr. Manley, Bond, forwards.

BURY SCHOOL v. THETFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This match was played on Saturday, October 10th. The School won the toss and elected to play up the hill. The visitors scored after about fifteen minutes' play, their centre-

forward putting in a hard shot. A few minutes later Plumridge scored for the School off a good pass from Gould.

In the second half Bond scored after about ten minutes' play. A few moments later Plumridge again scored, and although the visitors pressed hard, no further score resulted, and thus the School won by 3 goals to 1. Team:—

W.E.R.B.

Bury School.—Robinson, goal; Lacey i., Pike i., backs; Carter, Shearing (capt.), Alston, halves; Morley, Gould, Wright, Plumridge, Bond, forwards.

BURY SCHOOL v. ELY SCHOOL.

The School, although at full strength, were outplayed in the first half with the result that at half-time we were three goals down.

In the second half some members of the team seemed to lose heart and three more goals were scored against us.

Ely passed well and were very quick on the ball, but the School had a far larger share of the play than the score suggests. D.A.

BURY SCHOOL v. THE COUNTY SCHOOL.

This match was played away, and a draw 1—1 was a very creditable result.

The opening exchanges were very even, both goalkeepers being tested. Half-way through the first half the County School pressed hard, and, in spite of some good saves by Robinson, scored. Soon after this the School were awarded a penalty, from which Shearing scored.

The County School had most of the play in the second half, but Pike and Lacey were in excellent form, and no further scoring took place. D.A.

BURY SCHOOL v. EAST ANGLIAN SCHOOL.

This match was played at home, and was rather spoilt by the rain.

The forwards of both sides found the ball difficult to control, and there was no scoring before half-time.

The second half was played at a faster pace, although mis-kicks were frequent. Near the end the visitors' inside-right scored with a long shot. The School attacked hotly after this and Bond was able to equalise just on time. D.A.

BURY SCHOOL v. THETFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Playing on a strange field, the School took some time to settle down, with the result that Theftford scored an early goal. The School had hard luck in not equalising before half-time.

In the second half the School had nearly all the play, Wright and Bond scoring. The victory was well deserved, for all the team played well. D.A.

BURY SCHOOL v. COUNTY SCHOOL.

This return match was played on the School ground, on Saturday, November 21st. The conditions were ideal. The School won the toss and decided to play up the hill. Play was very even, and after about 20 minutes the visitors scored. Before half-time the visitors scored again.

In the second half the School attacked strongly but the visitors' defence was sure. About ten minutes before the finish the School scored. No further goals were secured, in spite of great efforts to equalise. Thus the game ended in a win for the County School by 2 goals to 1.

Shearing played an excellent game at centre-half, and Bond played well in the forward line. E.H.W.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

*†A. G. SHEARING (Captain, centre-half). An energetic and efficient captain. To his untiring efforts the team largely owes its success. A sound and very hard working centre-half. Is inclined to play rather far back.

*†W. E. R. BOND (inside-left). New to this position, but has not shaped badly. Must go for goal, and not hang on to the ball too much, when tackled.

*†D. ALSTON (left-half). A hard working player, has maintained his position well.

*E. H. WRIGHT (centre-forward). A promising player, if he would use more dash, and hold the ball when not tackled. Though occasionally failing to combine with the other forwards, he has played quite well generally.

*H. J. PIKE (left back). Has found the right position at back. He tackles well, kicks strongly, and has been a good defender. He should make an excellent player.

†C. F. GOULD (inside-right). A player who is rather slow at the start of a game, putting in more vim towards the end. He has fairly good ball control, and can shoot well at times.

†G. G. CARTER (right half). Has played quite well throughout the season, and uses his weight well, his kicking has improved in strength, but is not always accurate.

†C. F. LACEY (right back). He and Pike have made a fine pair of backs. He tackles and covers up well; at times his kicking has been erratic.

R. A. ROBINSON (goal). At last has found his right position, in goal; his display for the first season has been quite passable; he has tried in matches.

D. FULCHER (outside-left). Handicapped by size, but has tried hard. At times he is slow in getting a start, otherwise he plays quite a good game.

J. JOHNSON. (outside-right). Another rather small player. He tries hard, and if he could 'lift' his centres more and kick harder, he would make quite a good player.

Also played:—

E. N. PLUMRIDGE (inside-left). Left School at half-time, which was a pity as it necessitated a re-arrangement of the forward line. Has plenty of dash throughout the game; he is another player who is slow in starting, and has rather erratic ball control. Is not afraid to dash in and tackle. A.G.S.

* 1st XI. Colours, 1925. † 1st XI. Colours, 1924.
‡ Half-Colours, 1925.

SECOND ELEVEN CHARACTERS.

- *W. ALLEN (Captain, inside-right). Has led his team well, exhibiting considerable initiative and judgement. A vigorous forward who is quick on the ball but apt to mis-spend a great deal of energy.
- *H. W. HENSHALL (left back). A hard working player, who tackles well. Is rather slow and somewhat erratic but has improved and shows considerable promise.
- *M. L. LACEY (inside left). A tricky little player; must learn to make for goal or pass to advantage.
- *J. N. MORLEY (outside right).—Lacks speed, but centres well and is quick in gathering a pass; needs to keep in his place.
- O. S. NUNN (centre half). A fearless player and very hard worker. Is apt to kick the ball in the air too much and over-run his forwards or go across to the wing.
- A. RANDELL (goal). Handicapped by size. Is quick and resourceful and clears hard, should endeavour to put the ball out to the wing more, and develop a strong place kick.
- G. W. GOWEN (right back). Is apt to mis-kick when hard pressed. Should make a good back if he can develop some speed and not be discouraged when playing an uphill game.
- N. D. HOME (left half).—Can play a very good game, but generally seems half asleep. Has considerable talent if he cares to develop it.
- A. W. STACPOOLE. Lacks weight but nevertheless should tackle harder; feeds his forwards with judgement and accuracy.
- F. H. JONES (centre forward). Is rather slow at present, must remember a forward's work is to make for goal, and a centre-forward's to shoot goals. Must pay more attention to the game.
- B. F. LEE (outside left). Rather slow in starting, but a persevering player; should centre more frequently instead of trying to score from the wing and kicking behind the goal-line.
- Also played:—
- A. E. T. GRUDGINGS. A promising little player who is plucky and keeps cool.

* 2nd XI. Colours.

Games Review and Prospects.

The football season began promisingly. For once, the School had a sizeable team which included several experienced members of last year's eleven, led by last year's Captain, Shearing.

Although several players left during the term, the team has maintained a high standard of play and is fulfilling expectations. The record of matches to date is:

Played 8, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 2.

In Pike and Lacey I. the School possess as sound and energetic a pair of backs as it has ever had. The halves have been particularly safe and hard working; they might have chosen to live a little closer to the forwards with advantage. Robinson, in goal, has done brilliant things, and has the makings of a successful goal-keeper if he can overcome his casualness. The forwards, as a line, have been ineffective. Handicapped in weight and speed they rather disappointingly failed to balance matters by good combination and shooting, and quickness in getting away with the ball. Bond has headed some good rushes, and Wright has been remarkable for cool judgement in front of goal.

The Second XI., energetically led by Allen and Nunn have shown decided promise. The forwards have combined well but are apt to waste time in feints when they should be shooting or going straight for goal. The halves have been too inclined to play the waiting game, and to leave their rightful orbits, but when warmed up work hard and feed their forwards with low, raking passes. The backs have been rather painfully slow but play well together, while the goal-keeper has shown excellent form and done all that could have been expected of him, and a bit more on his own account.

As a team the eleven might with advantage have used attack more, as a means of discovering and of neutralising their opponents' strength. On occasion, a little more stoutness of heart and confidence in their own individual ability would have added goals to their record and more glory to their renown.

The touch line is learning that it can be an important factor in the game, and if encouraged, raises cheering crescendoes in harmonic progression to the highest lung-power.

The re-arrangement of the timetable to allow of practices on Mondays and Wednesdays after School has helped both work and games, and more keenness has resulted.

The smaller boys have been enabled to have frequent practices and a number of promising young players have been noted and given suitable positions in the field. We confidently expect to see good results from this in later years. Ely has given much assistance in the organisation of these games; while Marshall i. and Burdon i. have done good service as referees.

A Third Eleven has been formed and matches have been played with the East Anglian, County, and Feoffment Schools.

The House Matches were hardly contested and the Lancastrians, who had a strong, well-balanced team, deservedly won.

The field has been in excellent condition throughout the term.

We desire to take this opportunity of thanking all the Old Boys and Masters who have helped with the games, for their invaluable interest and assistance. In particular we would thank Mr. Hendin for refereeing and coaching, Mr. Bluett, who has turned out on innumerable occasions and done an immense amount of work with the elevens, and Messrs. Birmingham, Fulcher and Thurlow.

The Fives Courts have been used when time and light permitted and several boys are beginning to show ability in the Eton court game.

The Hockey term will be short as Easter falls early. A fairly full fixture list has been arranged. We regret to hear that the Town team are not playing a second eleven this season. It is early to fortell what sort of a hockey team the School will have. There will be a sprinkling of veterans, since some five or six members of last year's eleven are likely to be available; this will leave about half the positions definitely open for keen players before real competition for places in the eleven begins. We hope to see a number of last year's promising 2nd XI. players make good in the first this season.

The Sports have been fixed for Thursday, May 6th, the second week of the Summer term. It is to be hoped that in consequence the cricket season will begin with seasonable weather.

O.T.C. Notes.

So far, a good start has been made in the new year's work, but hard work will be necessary to maintain and improve the standard and report of last year. We have lost several of our N.C.O.'s and senior Cadets, but the new ones are taking their work in earnest and will improve.

The more trouble taken over Corps work the more interesting it becomes. The more each Cadet knows, the more advanced work the Contingent can tackle.

We welcome the enrolment of 15 recruits and hope that more will follow their example so that our strength may be nearer the establishment limit of 60 Cadets.

The Summer Camp at Tidworth Pennings was successful and instructive in spite of the showery, cool weather. It is a pity that, through the slackness of a few, we could not raise a complete platoon. Our contingent was the smallest in Camp, but we were evidently well thought of, for the Camp Commandant's report stated that the contingent was keen and full of promise. Such a remark should give us encouragement and be an incentive to Cadets to be included in the contingent at the next Camp, where, under the new regulations, schools will only be allowed to send a fixed number of Cadets.

The shooting on the outdoor miniature range was a great improvement on last year. Forty Cadets fired the regulation "Empire Test," nineteen were first and fourteen second-class. The best shot was Cpl. Wright who scored 110 points out of 120.

The Cadets, who qualified at the miniature range, fired some of the practices with ball ammunition on the 80 yds. range at the Dépôt. The most successful shots were L.-Cpl. Parks with a score of 85, and Sgt. Bond with 81, out of 105.

Last year the contingent entered a team for the *Country Life* Competition. Considering the event came so early in the Spring we did fairly well, but next year we must make a better show.

The parades this term has been mostly devoted to drill for the recruits and instruction for the new section commanders.

A very successful Field Practice was carried out in the Vinefields. The Scouts acted in conjunction with the Corps and

constituted the enemy. The work was rather too quiet for them and they had to be restrained from turning, what was instruction for the Cadets, into real practice with the Scout pole.

A very interesting and instructive demonstration was witnessed on the Golf Links. A platoon of soldiers from the Dépôt, wearing full equipment, carried out an advance and attack practice. Many excellent lessons were pointed out to the Cadets by the Officer who kindly planned the demonstration.

The following promotions have been made:—L.-Cpl. Wright to be Corporal; Cadets Gooding, Gowen, Henshall, Nunn, and Parks, to be Lance-Corporals.

We desire to express our thanks and best wishes to those members who have recently left the School.

It is hoped that more of the Cadets, on leaving, will consider the possibility of obtaining a Commission in the Territorial Army or Supplementary Reserve of Officers, and so continue their training and equip themselves to become better citizens ready for any emergency.

The following summary of a recently delivered speech has been forwarded to us from the War Office. It deserves careful reading:—

THE O.T.C. IN WAR.

LORD CAVAN ON NATIONAL DEFENCE.

General Lord Cavan, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, speaking at a dinner given in King's College, Cambridge, by the Cambridge University Officers Training Corps, said they would naturally wish to know, when they joined the Officers Training Corps, what tangible advantage they would derive. The Territorials were the national defence force, and the Secretary of State for War had made that perfectly clear in his address to the heads of the Territorial Association recently. In any future war the officer ranks would be filled solely by men holding Certificate "A," and it would not be of the slightest use for them to come to the War Office asking for a job unless they held that certificate. Even with the anticipated war-time expansion of the Territorial Army from 14 to 28 divisions, they would not take part as officers in any campaign unless fully qualified.

At Cambridge the infantry situation was not satisfactory, and perhaps one cause was that more work was required in the junior division. The syllabus of training in the senior division had been completely revised and put on a higher level, with a view to teaching the officer rather than the private.

Speaking to those who thought of the army as a career, Lord Cavan said that officers to-day required the gift of divers tongues, and those with an inclination to travel, having mastered a foreign language at the University, could indulge that inclination quite easily in the Army, and, holding the rank of lieutenant, would receive from £400 to £640 a year in different parts of the Empire. Many people had the idea that since the Armistice was signed we had been living in an era of peace. This was emphatically not the case. Could anyone say that the time was ripe for disarmament? The situation in Egypt and the East surely behoved us to be vigilant. He contended that the British Army on the Rhine was not there for French or Belgian security, but for British security.

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Scout Notes.

A good deal has happened since our last Scout Notes were written. There is little of it that we regret.

In the first place we have held our second Camp; it proved even more successful than our first—which is saying a good deal. Nearly two dozen of us spent a very happy and useful time from July 28th till August 4th in that delightful camping ground, Ickworth Park, where, once again, we were privileged to pitch our tents. Again, we were remarkably immune from accidents—even though we chopped our own firewood and cooked our own food. One or two of us suffered from animal bites—elephant bites they seemed to some. The only thing to be regretted about Camp is that all the Troop was not there. While it is realised that parents' holidays must sometimes fall at awkward times, it is felt that parents should do all in their power to send boys to Camp. The cost is not great—and it decreases as numbers increase—and the experience is one which will profit any boy and to which any healthy boy looks forward with zest. In order to assist parents in this matter, we may as well say now, in good time, that next year's Camp will begin on Tuesday, July 27th, and will last for seven or eight days.

On returning to School a dozen of the older Scouts were drafted to the O.T.C. At risk of being misunderstood, we will put this down as one of the things not to be regretted. It has been understood from the beginning, that the Scout Troop was organised primarily for the younger boys and was designed to run concurrently with the O.T.C. When boys reach the age of, approximately, fourteen, they should wish to join the O.T.C., and should, we venture to think, be encouraged by parents to do so. Naturally, they regret leaving the Scouts; but the O.T.C. training is a valuable one, and the O.T.C. contingent is a flourishing branch of School activity which can only continue to flourish if it is fed with keen, efficient Scouts.

Naturally—not, of course—the Scoutmaster is sorry in many ways to lose boys at fourteen. But, great as is his belief in the Scout Movement, he can see that it is in the best interests of the boys, and which is more important, of the School generally, that the change should take place, cheerfully and voluntarily. Those who don the khaki do not cease to be Scouts, one of the watchwords of the Chief Scout is, "Once a Scout, always a Scout." Ways in which Scouts in the Corps can keep in touch with the Troop are indicated in full on the Scout Notice Board.

In place of the dozen Scouts who left the Troop we have seventeen recruits, so that the present strength of the Troop is 41. We have also welcomed our first Assistant Scoutmaster in Mr. Bluett, and have already learnt to appreciate his work for the Troop. As a result of the changes, there have been a number of promotions. They are:—

Promoted to P.L.: Bell, Cooper, Mathew, Tilbrook.

Promoted to Second: Caie, Fulcher, King ii., Land, Pike ii.

The majority of the recruits were sworn in on November 17th, by the Commissioner, who was kind enough to pay us a visit specially for the purpose.

The training of this large batch of recruits took up a good deal of time; but it is the time of year for indoor work more than anything else. A large number of Second-Class Tests have been passed and some badges earned. We congratulate the recipients.

Still, we have got some outdoor work done. Not the least enjoyable was a combined operation with the O.T.C., for whom we acted as an enemy. One of the lessons of that afternoon's

work, which we believe the military people are still pondering, is that, judging from the haste and agility with which a squad executed a retiring movement, a batch of howling Scouts armed with poles is a more formidable body than a squad armed with rifles and "blank."

Decidedly, we are still enjoying life and carrying on the good work. The Woodpigeons won the Shield again last Term; are they going to keep it? We shall soon know. The Commissioner has very generously offered to present the Troop with another trophy which we have decided to award annually for the smartest Tent in Camp.

THE SCOUTER.

School Notes.

VALETE—G. V. Richdale, Head of the School, Vth Form Royalist and Yorkist Prefect, Hockey Colour, Captain 2nd XI. Football, Ex-Librarian, Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate A., President Debating Society, Organist. G. G. Carter, Senior Royalist and Lancastrian Prefect, Vth Form, Football Colour, Hockey $\frac{1}{2}$ Colour, Captain 2nd XI. Cricket, Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate A. E. T. W. Whiting, Foreigner and Tudor Prefect, Librarian, Joint Editor Vth Form Mag., 1st XI. Cricket, 2nd XI. Hockey Captain, School Leaving Certificate. Lance-Corporal O.T.C. W. Fletcher, Tudor Prefect, Captain Hockey, Football Colour. H. W. Jones ii., Tudor Prefect, Vth Form, Cricket XI., Lance-Corporal O.T.C. E. N. Plumridge, Lancastrian Prefect, Vth Form, Football XI. F. E. Turner i., Lancastrian Prefect, Scout Troop Leader, School Leaving Certificate. H. Thurlow, 1st XI. Cricket and Football. L. T. Fulcher, 1st XI. Hockey and Cricket. O. F. Lovelock, School Leaving Certificate, Lance-Corporal O.T.C. J. E. Clarke, H. S. Gawley, B. C. Wood.

SALVETE—W. E. R. Bond, 5th Form, C. N. M. Osborn and J. A. C. Kiddy, 3rd Form. E. F. Baskett ii., B. C. King iv., L. Lomax, R. M. Parmenter, A. R. Sandford, 2nd Form. T. W. V. Grantham, 1st Form.

SCHOOL OFFICERS—Head of the School; D. Alston. Football Captain, A. G. Shearing. Royalist Prefects, G. G. Carter, C. F. Lacey, A. G. Shearing. Foreigner Prefects, D. Alston, W. E. R. Bond. Librarian, G. W. Gowen. Fiction Library, W. S. Marshall. 2nd XI. Captain, W. A. Allen i.

HOUSE OFFICERS.

	LANCASTER.	TUDOR.	YORK.
House Captain	Carter	Alston	Shearing
House Prefects	Lacey i.	Bond	Johnson i.
	Pike i.		Wright i.
Games Captain	Lacey i.	Bond	Wright i.
Vice-Captain	Pike i.	Robinson	Gould
Secretary	Lacey i.	Gowen	Johnson i.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Lancastrians have won the House Shield this term.
The results of the Football matches are:—

	1st XI.	2nd XI.	Points.
Lancaster v. Tudor	L won 3—2	T won 5—3	L 80
Tudor v. York	Draw 2—2	T „ 10—0	T 18
York v. Lancaster	L won 3—1	L „ 10—3	Y 6

This term we welcome Mr. Bluett as French and Geography Master. Mr. Bluett is a Westcountryman. He was head-boy at the Cathedral School, Truro, which is a King Edward VI. Foundation. On leaving school he obtained a Commission in the R.G.A., and afterwards proceeding to St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, he took an Honours Degree in English and then a post graduate French course at Grenoble University. Besides being interested in work, Mr. Bluett is an excellent football player and is keen on games. He has also joined the Scouts as Assistant Scout Master. He comes to us from Eversley School, Southwold.

We have been pleased to see the following Old Boys at the School recently: Parry, Hinnell i., Lipscomb, Dowse, D. and E. Hall, Abbott, Thurlow, Wood, J. Ashton, Lummes, Birmingham, Phillips, Fulcher i., Cook, Coates, and Clarke.

The following Hockey Fixtures have been arranged for the Easter Term:—

East Anglian School, Saturday, February 6th, home; Ely, Thursday, February 11th, home; Depôt, Saturday, February 20th, home; Clare, Saturday, February 27th, home; Ely, Thursday, March 11th, away; East Anglian School, Thursday, March 18th, away; Depôt, Saturday, March 20th, home; Old Boys, Thursday, March 25th, away; Clare, Saturday, March 27th, away.

The School attended a very interesting Cinema Lecture on "Poise," on November 27th. The lecturer, Major Wakefield, brother of the English Rugby Captain, dwelt on the necessity of keeping the body physically fit and perfectly tuned up for continued success not only in athletics but also for the other activities of life.

An attentively followed Lecture on the Mission Field was given in the Big School on December 2nd, by Mr. Sheldon. The lecturer showed, in a convincing way the duties we owe to the Empire and some of the opportunities of the present age for enlightening the dark places of the world.

We congratulate the following on having been awarded their 1st XI. Football Colours by the School Captain, A. G. Shearing:—W. E. R. Bond, D. Alston, E. H. Wright, H. J. Pike; and C. F. Gould, G. G. Carter, and C. F. Lacey on obtaining their half-colours.

The Second XI. Captain, W. Allen, has awarded 2nd XI. Colours to Henshall, Lacey ii., and Morley.

The Lancastrian Captain, C. F. Lacey, has awarded House Colours to: Pike i., Carter, Fulcher, Lacey ii., Henshall, Nunn, Randell and Lee.

The Tudor House Captain, W. E. R. Bond, has awarded House Colours to: Robinson, Alston and Gowen.

The Yorkist House Captain, E. H. Wright, has awarded House Colours to: Gould, Shearing, Allen i., Johnson ii., and Ely.

The School witnessed a charity match between teams representing Tottenham Hotspur and Norwich City, at the Victory Ground, on October 22nd. Some good football was seen and the result, a win for the latter team by 2—1, was generally popular.

The following boys passed the School Certificate Examination in July: C. F. Lacey, E. N. Plumridge, H. W. Jones, F. E. Turner, E. T. Whiting, O. F. Lovelock, G. G. Carter. Lacey and Jones obtained distinction in Latin, and Lacey, Jones and Plumridge obtained exemption from the Matriculation Examination.

Four new and artistic photos of the School, in its Summer setting, have been taken, three from the front and one from

the field. These may be obtained from Mr. Jarman, either in whole plate or post-card size.

Mr. E. L. D. Lake, our Deputy Comptroller, who is himself a great cricketer, again presented a bat for the best average for the season. This was won by Shearing. On Speech Day, Mr. Lake mentioned that 15 Old Boys had won their Cricket Blue at Cambridge.

We are indebted to W. J. Thompson for our Cambridge Letter, and Richdale for our Foreign Letter.

An end-of-term Concert is being arranged for the last Tuesday of term. A hearty welcome is extended to all parents and friends of the School. N.B.—The Household Jazz Band *will* perform.

We congratulate Pike i. on being appointed a Lancastrian House Prefect.

The Sixth Form Library.

A number of new books have been placed in the library this term, including:—

J. R. Green's "History of the English People," and seven books of the "English Statesmen" series. It is hoped that these will prove both interesting and beneficial.

The Librarian wishes to take this opportunity of acknowledging, with gratitude, the excellent work of his predecessor.
G.W.G.

Fiction Library.

A consignment of nineteen new books has been purchased with Library funds, and the following books have been presented by H. Henniker Wright:—"The Pool of Flame," "Greenmantle," "Lin McLean," "Lantern Lane."

The Librarian extends his thanks to the donors.

More Dayboys are heartily invited to join the Library.

W.S.M.

Old Boys' Notes and Queries.

Congratulations to the Headmaster on his excellent report on Speech Day. Most things seem to be going well. The account of the O.T.C. was somewhat disappointing from an Old Boy's point of view. It used to be compulsory for boys to join the O.T.C., I wonder if it still is so?

I was surprised at the poor attendance of the Governors on Speech Day. The only ones present were Dr. Caie, Dr. Hinnell, Major Lake, and Col. Long. There are about twenty Governors altogether, and with the exception of one or two who were ill, I just wondered where they all were, that's all!

Best wishes to G. V. Richdale who is in France learning the language thoroughly. I am looking forward to a speech from him in French at the next O.B.'s dinner. There is a rumour that he hopes to tackle Spanish next. An excellent idea.

E. W. Hammond has returned to Jerusalem; we wish him luck, and hope to see him back in England before long. I hope one of our late allies will not find it necessary to Damascusise Jerusalem.

Old Boys will be interested to hear that the School beat the East Anglians at soccer for, I believe, the first time on record.

G. Lacy Scott has returned to Calcutta after a very short stay in England.

S. W. Yelloly has also gone East again. He came home about two years ago, but apparently likes the East better than this country. Sam has all best wishes from the O.B.A.

E. F. Wise, C.B., has been very active lately. Old Boys will be interested to hear that he recently took part in a Court of Enquiry into the Wool Textile Wages. Wise and Mr. Philip Snowden represented the Operatives and were nominated by the National Association of the Unions in the Textile Trade. Congratulations are also due to Wise on being appointed by the Archbishops as a representative of the Church of England at the Universal Conference of Churches held at Stockholm in August of this year. Besides this very important appointment Wise has also been selected as Labour

Candidate in the East Leicester Division. But this is not all, as, I believe, Wise is shortly going to America on business. Wise has our best wishes in his very busy life.

G. J. Hinnell is now down from Cambridge and has gone to St. Thomas's Hospital.

Certain Old Boys have recently taken to fishing in a very serious manner. One is known to have caught a large pike using a worm as bait. The papers of November 5th state that the water at Hickling Broad has been poisoned, as large numbers of dead fish are to be seen. I don't believe the poison theory, I think the dead fish are those thrown back by certain Old Boys who were fishing in that district not long ago.

Congratulations to W. J. Thompson who obtained a Second in the Maths. "Mays" at Cambridge last June.

All Old Boys please note the following dates :—

Thursday, March 25th, Old Boy's Hockey Match.

Saturday, July 17th, Old Boy's Cricket Match and Dinner.

The second fixture is very important. Further details will be issued later.

I don't like making a fuss about things but I wish people would remember that the correct title of the School is "King Edward VI. School" and not "the Grammar School." I like to hear the name of our Royal Founder kept going. Of course speaking one to another about "the Grammar School" is all right, but I mention this because I noticed in speeches on Speech Day certain people talked about the Grammar School instead of the correct title.

Phillips, who came up to say good-bye, early in November, has sailed for India, where he is rejoining his father, and H. King is set out for Australia about the same time. We wish them *bon voyage* and all success.

Whiting is going through the departments of Lever House, Blackfriars, in his endeavour to learn from A to Z the secrets of success of the great Captains of Industry. Being a glutton for work and not content with the daily round, he spends much of his surplus energy and many of his evening hours studying for the London Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

We believe the Bells of Bow do not ring in vain but still prophesy the advent of a Lord Mayor whose name begins with W.

We are informed that Vigors has transferred his attention from the motor industry to the more varied interests of the universal provider, and is resident at Kingston-on-Thames.

The question of an Old Boys' Tie has been mentioned to me by several Old Boys lately. I agree that we want one, and I hope Old Boys will let me have their views on the matter as soon as possible. I think the next O.B. Dinner would be a good time to discuss it.

Talking of dinners, I hope to be able to organise one in London early in the New Year. There are quite a number of Old Boys in London just now, so I feel sure it should go well. Of course Old Boys from outside London will be welcome also. All suggestions will be gratefully received by me, the O.B. Secretary.

We tender our congratulations to Thomas Ashton on becoming a Governor of the School.

We also congratulate John Greenland who has passed the Solicitors' Intermediate Examination, having become articled to his father at Attleborough, after spending four years at sea during which he passed the 2nd mates' examination.

All Burians will be interested to know that Carter has obtained a post in Barclays Bank and is at Chelmsford. H. W. Jones is at the Agricultural College in the same town, reading for an honours' degree in Agricultural Science. Parks is taking up an appointment in the new year in Dennis's Motor Works at Guildford; and Plumridge is also qualifying in engineering and is beginning work in town with Messrs. W. & C. Pantin of Upper Thames Street, who are leather machinery manufacturers. Thurlow has a post at the new Sugar Beet Factory in Bury; and Turner is learning the law in Messrs. Greene's office.

We are very pleased to hear that Baker has passed the Government Examination for Post Office and Telegraph Clerks and is now a Civil Servant.

Old Boys, especially those who live in or near town, will like to know that G. J. Hinnell's (the O.B.'s Secretary) London

address is: 25, Albert Square, Clapham Road, S.W. 8. We hear that he has been playing for St. Thomas's and the United Hospitals at hockey.

Lipscomb is to be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral on the 20th, and will begin his ministry at Rushden in Northants.

Calendar.

SEPTEMBER.

Thursday, 17th	..	First Session.
Thursday, 24th	..	Speech Day.
Tuesday, 29th	..	Michaelmas.

OCTOBER.

Saturday, 3rd	..	East Anglian School Match (away). W. 3—0.
Thursday, 8th	..	Mr. McGlone's XI. Match. W. 2—0.
Saturday, 10th	..	Theftford School Match (home). W. 3—1.
Thursday, 15th	..	Ely Match (home). L. 6—0.
Saturday, 17th	..	County School Match (away). D. 1—1.
Thursday, 22nd	..	Charity Match.
Saturday, 24th	..	Lancaster v. Tudor Matches. 1st, L. 3—2; 2nd, T. 5—2.
Thursday, 29th	..	York v. Tudor Matches. 1st, Dr. 2—2; 2nd, T. 10—0.
Saturday, 31st	..	Half-term Exeat.

NOVEMBER.

Sunday, 1st	..	All Saints' Day.
Tuesday, 3rd	..	"Rose of Persia" Performance.
Wednesday, 4th	..	Feoffment School Match.
Saturday, 7th	..	East Anglian School Match (home). D. 1—1.
Sunday, 8th	..	Service at St. Mary's.
Wednesday, 11th	..	Armistice Day.
Saturday, 14th	..	Theftford Match (away). W. 2—1.
Thursday, 19th	..	Lancaster v. York Match.
Friday, 20th	..	St. Edmund's Day.
Saturday, 21st	..	County School Match (home). L. 2—1.
Thursday, 26th	..	Ely Match (away).
Friday, 27th	..	Cinema Lecture on "Poise" by Major Cartwright.
Saturday, 28th	..	Royalists v. Foreigners' Match. (To Dec. 14th).
Sunday, 29th	..	1st Sunday in Advent.

DECEMBER.

Thursday, 3rd	..	Barracks Match.
Saturday, 5th	..	Old Boys' Match.
Saturday, 12th	..	Barracks Match.
Wednesday, 16th	..	Last Session.

CALENDAR (continued).

1925. AUTUMN TERM.			
Last Session	..	..	Wednesday, 16th December.
1926. EASTER TERM.			
First Session	..	..	Thursday, 14th January.
Old Boys' Hockey Match	..	..	Saturday, 25th March.
Last Session	..	..	Monday, 29th March.
Good Friday	..	..	2nd April.
1926. SUMMER TERM.			
First Session	..	..	Thursday, 22nd April.
Sports	..	..	Thursday, 6th May.
Whitsun Exeat	..	..	Saturday, 22nd May, to Wednesday, 26th May.
C. L. Exam. begins	..	..	Tuesday, 13th July.
Old Boys' Cricket Match	..	..	Saturday, 17th July.
Last Session	..	..	Monday, 26th July.
Camps	..	..	Tuesday, 27th July.
1926. AUTUMN TERM.			
First Session	..	..	Thursday, 16th September.
Last Session	..	..	Wednesday, 15th December.

Notices.

The "Burian" Subscription for 1925 is 6/6. It is now due. The Subscription for 1926 will be 4/6. Subscriptions are payable to "The Editor," at the School Hall.

The Subscription to the Old Boys' Association for 1925 is 10/6, for 1926 it will be 8/6, of which 4/6 goes to the "Burian," and 4/- to the O.B.A.

Old Burians may become Life Members by having paid the annual subscription to the O.B.A. for 10 years, or alternatively, by paying £1 11s. 6d. down. This will not include the "Burian," which can be obtained for 4/6 a year.

Our Contemporaries.

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