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Editorial.

It is to be regretted that there is so little news of old boys to record in the present number of the Magazine. One of the chief reasons for the existence of a school magazine is surely that former members of the school may keep in touch with their *alma mater*. An Old Boys' "Column" was started in the last number, and we shall hope to be able to continue it next term.

Last term saw the formation of a Chess Club. There was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the School House, and staff, and some very interesting games were played. May we hope that this is merely the forerunner of other societies? Next term perhaps we shall have the pleasure of recording the existence of a Literary, or Debating Society.

A detailed account of the past Football Season will be found on another page. A Junior House Cup, the giver of which wishes to remain anonymous, has been presented to the School. The successful House last term was Masingberd, to whom we offer our congratulations.

There are to be no new buildings at present, but in consequence of the overcrowded state of the School, Army huts are to be used, as a temporary measure only, we understand.

We look forward to the coming Cricket Season with hope, if not with confidence. The new nets should help to improve our batting, and with four old colours in the team, a successful season may be predicted.

School Notes.

The Lord Bishop of Winchester held a Confirmation Service in the Parish Church on Sunday, March 28th, when 28 candidates from the School, prepared by the Rev. H. Durrant, were confirmed.

On February 24th the Rev. A. R. Runnels Moss, of Birmingham, gave a Dickens Recital to a crowded "house" in the School Hall. The recital lasted two hours, and the book selected was "David Copperfield." Mr. Runnels Moss performed the apparently impossible feat of giving the whole of the story, omitting none of the essentials, in Dickens' own words. There was no doubt that the audience, from the lowest Form to the Sixth, thoroughly enjoyed the recital. In a letter to the Headmaster afterwards, Mr. Runnels Moss said he, too, thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the School. The audience, he said, was most responsive and helpful.

Valete.—B. Brooks, S. Cook, S. H. Deathe, W. Dutton, G. Elford, L. Harding, R. C. Loveless, E. McGrath, E. V. Metcalfe, B. Myers, F. R. Smith, Thomson, S. J. Thorp.

Salvete. C. H. Caulfield, W. J. How, F. A. Jameson, H. Mann, S. J. Mark, J. Molay, H. R. Nix-James, R. M. Phillips, M. Seyde, J. Tebbutt, G. C. Watts.

Football Colours were awarded last term to F. Simmonds, H. F. Stacey, S. D. Whetman, P. A. Vanner, A. Harding.

We extend a welcome to Mr. H. S. Shelton, who has succeeded Dr. Brown as Science Master.

The Athletic Sports will be held in July, as usual.

Cross Country Run.

The annual cross-country race was run on Monday, March 29th. A new course was chosen this year, and proved itself to be a most satisfactory one. Starting from the School, it ran across the allotments to Waverley Road, past "Stella's Cottage," and back through Moor Park, up Culverlands, across the allotments again, and back to the School—in all $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

A good deal of rain fell on Sunday and Monday, making the course a little heavy.

About 150 boys lined up at 3 p.m., and a start was made soon after. One hundred and forty-six boys finished the course, the winner being C. H. Falkner, who ran round in the good time of 28 mins. 45 secs., while Pink (b) finished second, about two yards behind.

Pink deserve the highest praise for his performance, which was exceedingly promising for a boy of his age—13 years.

Others of the younger boys who ran well were: Sydenham (twelfth place), Norris (b) (fifteenth), Taylor (c) (sixteenth).

Two prizes were given, the first by the Headmaster, and the second by the staff. The points for the inter-house challenge shield were given in the usual way—1 for first place, 2 for second, and so on, the House getting the lowest number of points winning. The first twenty boys in each House counted for the competition, which was won by Childe's House by the narrow margin of 7 points, Harding being second. The scores were: Childe, 833; Harding, 840; School House 1,054; Massingberd, 1,188; Morley, 1,230.

The order was as follows:—1, Falkner; 2, Pink (b); 3, Cull; 4, Turk; 5, Smith, F. (e); 6, Husted; 7, Jarvis (a); 8, Phillips (a); 9, Sherrington (a); 10, Harding (a); 11, Evemy; 12, Sydenham; 13, Brooks (b); 14, Leeming (a); 15, Norris (b); 16, Taylor (c); 17, Thompson (a); 18, Whetman; 19, Fisher (a); 20, Bradley; 21, Deathe; 22, Brown; 23, Scales; 24, Hyde (a); 25, Phillips (c); 26, Rushton; 27, Joyce; 28, Norris (a); 29, Viggers; 30, Follett (c); 31, Conduit (a); 32, Hurdwell (a); 33, Watts; 34, Taylor (a); 35, Cook (a); 36, Jenkins; 37, Palmer; 38, Smith (b); 39, Sherrington (b); 40, Tebbutt; 41, Seyde; 42, Simmonds; 43, Kemp; 44, Smith (g); 45, Thompson (b); 46, Stemp; 47, Molay; 48, Wells; 49, Sims; 50, Chandler; 51, Searle (b); 52, Hall; 53, Dalziell; 54, Cleeve; 55, Arnall (b); 56, Stoyle; 57, Munfield; 58, Evison; 59, Swann; 60, Howe; 61, Follett (a); 62, Wilcox; 63, Mansbridge; 64, Young; 65, Eggett (a); 66, Mitchell; 67, Curtis; 68, Dashwood; 69, Mounce; 70, Nix-James; 71, Warry; 72, Spreadbridge; 73, Boobier; 74, Davis; 75, Elphick; 76, Dutton; 77, Fleming; 78, Snelgrove; 79, Harding (b); 80, Knight; 81, Pink (a); 82, Conduit (b); 83, Abbott; 84, Thomson; 85, Bethell; 86, Hurdwell (b); 87, Burchett;

88. Couch; 89, Russell (b); 90, Tracy; 91, Green; 92, Jameson; 93, Stovold (b); 94, Taylor (b); 95, White (a); 96, Wetton; 97, Mark and Woodruff; 99, Phillips (d); 100, Brooks (a); 101, Chorley; 102, Hyde (b); 103, Keyworth (a); 104, Case; 105, Hillyer; 106, Bushell; 107, Leeming (b); 108, Reeve; 109, Wilkinson; 110, Boulton; 111, Robins; 112, Barnard; 113, Wright; 114, Boots; 115, Webb; 116, Caulfield; 117, Usher; 118, Pearce; 119, Allen; 120, Parsons; 121, Dadson; 122, Fisher (b); 123, Strachan; 124, Stroud (b); 125, Marshall; 126, Jarvis (c); 127, Elkington; 128, Doman; 129, Hunt; 130, Holloway; 131, Whitmore; 132, Gidney; 133, Chennels; 134, Smith (d); 135, Smith (c); 136, Stroud (a); 137, Poole; 138, Eggett; 139, Stroud (c); 140, Peters; 141, Mackay; 142, Mann; 143, Duffey; 144, Brodie; 145, Spencer; 146, Røe.

Leigh Hunt.

We hear much of the Essays of Charles Lamb and Addison, but few people nowadays trouble to read the Essays of Leigh Hunt.

Leigh Hunt is best known as the friend of greater men than himself, notably John Keats; but there is much in his own works which is well worth reading, and his essays are free from those obscurities which sometimes mar the work of Lamb. His style is one of the most attractive things about him. He was a poet of some distinction—one of his poems (*Abou ben Adhem*) being almost as well known as any in the language.

His essays are divided into groups. His "Characters," the essays on "Books and Bookmen," "Kings and Princes," "Tales Old and New," have all attained to some celebrity.

It will be remembered that Hunt is rather cruelly caricatured as Harold Skimpole, in Dickens' "Bleak House." Dickens represents him as a heartless, selfish trifler, but we have it on the best authority (namely, his works), that he was generous, sympathetic, and courageous. Some of his essays were written in prison, where he spent two years for publishing a so-called libel on the Prince Regent. As an illustration of his style, the following essay (a fable from "Tales Old and New") may be given :

"A traveller came into an unknown country, where the people were more like birds than men, and twice as tall as the largest ostriches. They had beaks and wings, and lived in gigantic nests, upon trees of a proportionate size. The traveller, who was unfortunately a capital singer, happened to be indulging in one of his favourite songs, when he was over-

heard by a party of this monstrous people, who caught him and carried him home. Here he led such a life as made him a thousand times wish for death. The bird family did not seem to be cruel to one another, or even intentionally so to him; for they soon found out what he liked to eat, and gave him plenty of it. They also flattened him a corner of the nest for a bed; and were very particular in keeping out of his way a pet tiger, which threw him into most dreadful agitations. But in all other respects, whether out of cruelty or fondness or want of thought, they teased him to death. His habitation at best was totally unfit for him. His health depended upon exercise, particularly as he was a traveller; but he could not take any in the nest, because it was hollow, like a basin; and had he attempted to step out of it he would have broken his neck. Sometimes they would handle him in their great claws, till his heart beat as if it would come through his ribs. Sometimes they kissed and fondled him with their horried beaks. Sometimes they pulled his nose this way and that, till he gaped and cried out for anguish; upon which they would grin from ear to ear, and stroke back his head, till the hairs came out by the roots. If he did not sing they would pull his arms about, and cruelly spread out his fingers, as if to discover what was the matter with him; and when he did sing to beguile his sorrows, he had the mortification of finding that they looked upon it as a mark of contentment and happiness. They would sing themselves (for some of them were pretty good singing birds for so coarse a species), to challenge him, as it were, to new efforts. At length, our poor traveller fell sick of a mortal distemper, the termination of which was luckily hastened by the modes they took to cure it. "Wretch that I am!" cried he in his last moments, "I used to think it unmanly to care about keeping a goldfinch or even a lark; but all my manliness, in a like situation, cannot prevent me from dying of torture!"



Football Retrospect.

The season just ended has been successful in many ways, and has witnessed a revival of this branch of sport in the school. The enthusiasm shown by the greater number of the boys has been very gratifying and this keenness has resulted in a great improvement in the class of football played. We have had an experience this term that must be new to the School, that of having more boys wishing to take part in games on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, and not sufficient playing area to gratify this desire. It has been no uncommon sight to see both pitches occupied, and another game in progress between the pavilion and top hedge. It will be necessary in future to run a regular second eleven.

The class of football played by our 1st eleven has been of a very high order, more especially so when one considers the age of many of the members of that eleven. Many very favourable comments have been made by people interested in, though not connected with, the school. The feature, and also new departure of the season was the game with Charterhouse 3rd eleven, which was arranged by the Headmaster. This experiment proved a very great success, for although we were comfortably beaten, the boys won for themselves much warm commendation, on account of their pluck, perseverance, and good play, and gave the impression of developing into quite a formidable team (see account of game). It is to be hoped that this may become an annual fixture. We have once again demonstrated our superiority over our old rivals round about, and we hope next season to take part in the S.S.S. Senior Cup Competition.

We were rather unfortunate in the Junior Cup Competition, for we should have won our game with Guildford on our own ground, and were beaten more by the ground than by the play of our opponents when we visited Guildford to re-play.

In the House Competitions, interest and enthusiasm have still been very great, the difference between the Houses has not been so marked as last term, and from the present appearance of things, the Competition next season promises to be the closest and best since the formation of the Houses. Childe and Harding have improved very greatly, School House have taken their revenge on Morley, while Massingberd, who were badly hit through boys leaving at Christmas, have to occupy the lowest place. The result for the season

is that Morley and School tie for the top place, and will hold the cup jointly.

This term to stimulate interest in House 2nd eleven games, a knock-out competition was arranged, and a very fine cup has been presented by a certain person who prefers to remain unknown. However, we should like, in these columns, to express our thanks to "x" for his kindness and generosity. Massingberd, though occupying a lowly position in the Senior Competition, have the gratification of being the first proud possessors of the Junior Cup.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

STACEY.—He has proved a really first class player. His display in several games has been of a very high order.

TURK.—A very sound player; most consistent and reliable; a resolute tackler, and kicks a good length.

RUSSELL A.—Has developed tremendously, and can now be regarded as a thoroughly safe back.

HUSTED.—A centre-half whose play is far above the average for a school eleven. He will evidently make a name for himself.

WHETMAN.—Perhaps no boy has "come on" as much as this boy. He came to us with very little idea of football, but is now a splendid half, either as wing or centre, and in his play is only inferior to Husted.

WEBB.—A young player who will do well as his experience widens. Is rather slow at present; but is a good tackler, and this often helps to cover his slowness.

NORRIS A.—Occupied the outside right position at first, and was a great success. Since moved to centre, which position he fills splendidly, especially after his experience at outside right. He is a good shot.

SIMMONDS.—Not an individualist, but as a part of a forward line a great success. Shows very good judgment, and passes well.

VANNER.—Makes excellent use of his head, and shoots well, but is too inclined to hang back instead of following up the ball.

HARDING A.—Has done good work as an outside right, and plays a very hard game, but is rather erratic, and loses control of ball. He would make a splendid back.

JARVIS.—A hard worker, and keen trier, but has very little control of the ball. Too frequently finishes a good run by over-stepping the ball and falling. His centring has been weak. He has not been so good this term as last.

H. C. KINGCOME.

FOOTBALL.

Results of House Games.

SENIORS.

School	10	—	Massingberd	0
Morley	5	—	Childe	0
Harding	6	—	Massingberd	0
School	3	—	Childe	0
Morley	4	—	Harding	1
School	2	—	Harding	0
Childe	2	—	Massingberd	0
Harding	1	—	Childe	1
Morley	5	—	Massingberd	0
School	1	—	Morley	0

Table.

	Pl'y'd	Won	Lost	Dr'n	Goals		Pts.
					for	ag'nst	
{ Morley ..	8	7	1	—	29	6	14
{ School ..	8	7	1	—	34	9	14
Harding ..	8	2	4	2	14	19	6
Childe ..	8	1	4	3	7	22	5
Massingberd	8	0	7	1	4	33	1

JUNIOR HOUSE COMPETITION.

1st Round: Massingberd (3) v. School (1).

2nd Round: Harding (2) v. Morley (0).

Massingberd (2) v. Childe (0).

Final: Massingberd (3) v. Harding (0).

January 14th. v. FARNHAM WEDNESDAY (0—3) Home.

We opened the second half of the season with a return game against Farnham Wednesday. In view of our previous victory, they came with a much stronger team, including in their number some Saturday League players. They proved too weighty for us, and though we were able to hold our own in the first half, they proved too strong for us after the interval, and kept us on the defensive most of the time. We were ultimately beaten by 3—0.

January 28th. v. EGGAR'S G.S. (1—3) Home.

The afternoon turned out to be very wet and stormy, and both sides found it difficult to control a wet and slippery ball. The School were decidedly unfortunate in losing, for they had the better of the game all through, but failed to make use of their opportunities. In the first half Husted scored for us, but Alton equalised. In the second half Alton had more of the play for a time, and scored twice from two rushes, and although our forwards made great efforts, they were unable to score, and so the game ended 3—1 against us.

Simmonds and Turk were decidedly the outstanding players on our side.

February 7th. v. WOKING SECONDARY SCHOOL (4—2) Home.

This proved to be one of the best games played on the School ground for some time. The spirit shown was of the best, and the football on both sides of a high order. Our forwards in particular

gave a splendid display, their passing and understanding being quite equal to that shown in many bigger games. Had their shooting been equal to their midfield play, the score in our favour would have been much greater. Woking scored their two goals from forward rushes, in which the speed of the centreforward played a great part.

It would be difficult to discriminate between the players on our side, all of whom rose to the occasion, but perhaps Simmonds, Vanner, Whetman and Turk stood out a little above the others.

Scorers for F.G.S.: Norris (2, one penalty), Simmonds and Vanner.

February 11th. v. ODIHAM (4-3) Home.

Played in very poor weather, a high wind spoiling the game. In the first half, with wind at their backs, our boys monopolised the attack, and pressed continuously, but only managed to score twice, through Norris and Jarvis. The old failing was again very evident—hesitation in front of goal and lack of power in shooting.

In the second half, Odiham had the greater share, and making use of their opportunities, scored three times, and looked like winning the game. But during the last quarter of an hour the wind dropped, and our forwards got a better control of the ball, and attacked strongly, with the result that Norris scored twice, enabling us to win by 4 goals to 3.

S.S.S.F.A. (JUNIOR CUP).

February 14th. v. GUILDFORD G.S. (1-1) Home.

The weather was very favourable for this game, which proved a very fast and interesting one. Guildford settled down first, and scored early on from a breakaway. After this our boys had most of the game, and attacked persistently, and were unfortunate in not scoring at least twice. Keyworth played a good game and centred splendidly, but our inside boys hung back, and opportunities were allowed to pass without being utilised.

In the second half we held the balance of play, but our helplessness in front of goal was even more marked than before. Guildford were always dangerous when they got going, but our defence just managed to keep them from scoring. Towards the end of the game Simmonds scored after a scramble in front of Guildford's goal. This goal infused a different spirit into the play of our forwards, who pressed heavily until the end, but without success, and the game ended in a draw, 1-1.

The defence on both sides was superior to the attack.

February 18th. v. CAMBERLEY CADETS (10-0) Home.

A very poor game, due to the fact that the visitors, although heavier than we, had a very poor knowledge of the game, and depended on individual efforts rather than on combined play. The result was that our boys had no difficulty in frustrating their attacks and in breaking through their defence, and a very one-sided game ended in a win for us by 10 goals to 0.

Scorers: Norris (8), Harding (1), and Husted (1).

February 25th. v. ODIHAM G.S. (8-1) Away.

The game opened fairly evenly, with Odiham attacking perhaps a little more frequently than we. Harding opened the scoring by rushing the ball through after a good run. Then followed exciting play in front of our goal, and Stacey made some sensational saves. Before half-time Odiham drew level, but were prevented from taking the lead by the good defensive play of halves and backs, and also by the excellent work of Stacey in goal.

In the second half a great change came over the game; our forwards completely mastered the Odiham defence, and goals came quickly. The first five minutes were sensational; following a good

run and centre by Harding, Simmonds scored. Almost from the kick-off, Vanner scored, followed by another through Norris shortly after. Not long after Husted scored No. 5 with a powerful long shot. Odiham endeavoured to rally, and made an attack on our goal, but Husted gaining possession, broke away, and passing forward to Norris, enabled him to add a sixth. The same player added a seventh from a good centre by Jarvis, and later he put on the eighth.

Scorers: Norris (4), Simmonds, Vanner, Harding, and Husted.

S.S.S.F.A. (JUNIOR CUP), REPLAY.

February 28th. v. GUILDFORD G.S. (1-4) Away.

The replay for this cup took place at Guildford, and ended in a win for the home team by 4-1. The football, although quite good, did not reach the standard shown at Farnham, and this was due, in no small measure, to the awkwardness of the ground. Our boys seemed unable to adapt themselves to the peculiar slope, but at the same time they did not show the same understanding with one another as before. In the first half we were distinctly unfortunate in not scoring at least twice, and in this half we certainly more than held our own. But in the second half Guildford certainly had the better of the play until the end, when we managed to score, for after this we pressed heavily, but it was too late. On the general run of the game, Guildford deserved their win, but were somewhat flattered by the score.

March 3rd. v. CHARTERHOUSE 3rd XI. (1-9). Away.

When the teams took the field it could be seen easily that Charterhouse was much the heavier team. They pressed immediately, and worked hard to break through, but try as they would, our defence held them. When our forwards did break away it was to find their backs take the ball and send it back to our quarter. Some time elapsed before Charterhouse opened the scoring, but a second followed immediately. The School then made a great effort to break through, and kept up their attempts for some little time. During this time perhaps the neatest piece of work of the game was witnessed. Helped by the halves, the ball was taken up the field, being passed from forward to forward, and to complete it, Norris scored with a very fine shot. Half-time came with the score 2-1 for Charterhouse.

The second half opened in much the same way as the first, and Stacey was called upon and severely tested on several occasions. His fine display was much appreciated by the spectators. It was in the last quarter of an hour that the difference between the two sides became evident. Charterhouse scored goal after goal, and ultimately won by 9 goals to 1.

Our team played one of the best games of the season. Where their opponents excelled was in the accuracy of their passing and placing the ball. They hardly ever made a mistake. They were older and very much faster, and once they beat our half-back line they were away; the score would have been even heavier but for the fine tackling of the backs and the excellent play of Stacey in goal. Our eleven made a good impression, and it was remarked that with a little more experience and better passing and placing of the ball, they would become quite a dangerous eleven.

March 10th. v. WOKING SECONDARY SCHOOL (1-3) Away.

Another excellent game was witnessed in this return match at Woking. On the whole the game was most even, but we were handicapped in our play by the small and very narrow ground.

The first half was evenly contested, and resulted in no score. Even play followed the change over, but ultimately Woking scored. A quarter of an hour from the end Norris equalised. From then on-

ward play ruled even, but in the last five minutes Woking forced a corner, which was beautifully placed, and Woking added a second. A third followed soon after, being due to a weak clearance by Stacey, who had been playing a splendid game and had given a very excellent exhibition of goalkeeping. The game ended in a win for Woking by 3—1.

We did not deserve to lose, for we were every bit as good as our opponents; if anything, our attacks were much more dangerous in character, but the old weakness in front of goal was again in evidence. At least two excellent openings were missed, and Jarvis had hard luck with more than one shot.

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Cadet Corps.

It is generally difficult to "carry on" during this term, owing to the weather, and though we were fortunate in having fine days for our field operations, yet on many occasions the state of the parade ground was far from being pleasant. But keen Cadets make light of such hindrances.

Another circumstance that hampered us was the difficulty experienced by our outfitter in obtaining uniforms. Some Cadets have had to wait several weeks before getting their kit. The work of Captain Norris in the gymnasium has shown itself in the improved physique of the Cadets, and particularly of the members of the Boxing Class. We were all very sorry when he left us.

The Company has entered for the Shooting Competition for the Surrey Schools. Six new rifles have been procured for the team. This was absolutely necessary, as the rifling of the old ones was quite worn out.

A musketry tripod has also been obtained.

A cup has been offered for competition between the Houses. This should make an exciting contest.

The War Office has decided that 30 shall be the minimum number for a platoon. There ought to be no difficulty in a school of 240 boys to keep the Company up to strength.

The following have joined this term: N. Seyde, J. Strachan, R. Mark, H. Swann, W. How, R. Hurdwell, J. Tebbutt, C. Caulfield, H. Woodroffe, R. Phillips, A. Mackay, S. Dadson, N. Hillyer, W. Abbott, W. Larn, R. Wells, H. Whetman, D. Searle, H. Conduit; all keen recruits.

Brigadier-Gen. Scudamore, C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed Colonel of the Battalion. It is hoped that he will be present when Gen. Sir Charles Woollcomb, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., inspects us in June

The Morse Class, under Lieut Withinshaw, is very popular, and there are far more applicants than there are places for.

No. III. Platoon, under its new commander, Norris, seems determined to keep up its reputation as the best platoon in the Company.

Naturally, each term we lose some good fellows, owing to their leaving school, and this time Sergeant Thorp and Corporal Deathe—both Lucas-Tooth winners—Corporals Fred Smith and Metcalfe, Lance-Corporal Dutton, Cadets Elford and Myers have had their last parade with C. Company.

We must congratulate Platoon Commander Falkner on his splendid win in the Steeplechase.

The O.C. desires to thank Company-Sergt.-Major Fisher and the Sergeants for the great help they have given.

WM. STROUD, Capt., O.C.

FIELD DAYS.

Monday, March 22nd, 1920.

General Idea :

A Blue Convoy, passing along the road from Farnham to Tilford, has thrown out four machine gun posts to protect its right flank. These are placed at about equal distances apart, along the first ridge west of the road, between the path leading to point A. and Sheephatch Lane—a distance of 500 yards.

These machine gun posts, having been spotted by the scouts of a Red Force, advancing from the Old Frensham Road, 1,500 yards away, are marked plainly by flags.

Special Idea :

The four Platoons of the Red Force are directed :

- (1) To keep in line and in touch with one another ;
- (2) To carry the machine gun posts simultaneously ;
- (3) To cut the road.

Compy.-Sergt.-Major Fisher to command the Reds, Sergt. Searle, with seven cyclists, to represent the Machine Gun Posts.

Two signallers to be attached to each platoon.

One runner from each platoon to be at headquarters.

Watches of Platoon Commanders to agree with that of the Compy-Sergt.-Major.

The Company will fall in at 13.45, and should be back at the School by 16.10.

Machine gun section to wear white bands.

No haversacks to be worn during operations.

The ground over which the Red Force will advance is too rough for cyclists.

Advance noiselessly, but carry the guns cheering.

Unsteadiness in falling-in delayed the Company 15 minutes at the start. Another waste of time occurred when taking up position for the advance. This made the attack on the guns nearly 30 minutes behind the scheduled time, and caused great inconvenience to the Train Boys afterwards.

The way that Platoons I., II., III. found their objectives was very good, though No. I. made a great deal of noise when first starting, No. III. rushed its gun best. Nos. I. and II. should have shown more dash at the end.

The left half of No IV. looked for a machine gun post in the valley, though their scouts had told them that it was on the northern crest of the ridge. This was the only very bad mistake.

Considering the heat and the heavy rifles, the march-out was good, but the return home slack.

Some of the 1st Farnham Scouts went with the Company, and kept up well.

The machine gun commander found that he had posted one of his guns so that it masked the fire of another, but he altered this in time.

Most of the recruits showed good soldierly qualities on their first Field Day.

Compy.-Sergt.-Major Fisher was in command.

WM. STROUD, Capt., O.C.

ATTACK ON THE SCHOOL.

Friday, February 6th, 1920.

A big improvement in the conduct of the attack was noticeable this time; the lessons of the failure last time had been learnt. The movements of the attacking parties into which Sergt.-Major Fisher's Force was split up showed evidence of co-ordination; their approach was better (though not very well) protected by scouts, and much more care was taken to use cover from view, and their final attacking movements were carried through with more energy.

Sergt. Follett saw an opportunity, and seized it promptly, and I consider his dash into the school was quite successful.

Sergt. Norris's attack from the rear could not have succeeded in itself, but it was useful, and, had it been done more slowly, or a little later, would have done much to make another attack from the front successful. It should have been carried out purely as a feint, meant to cause the enemy to upset his frontal dispositions—which it did.

Sergt. Jarvis, with a Lewis gun, got close in to the School unmolested, and captured a machine gun post, holding Bide's field. This machine gun had spotted Sergt. Falkner's force, advancing down the hedge on the east side of the field, and would, in reality, have held him up until it was taken by Sergt. Jarvis.

The defence of the School was not done so well this time. The machine gun teams took no trouble whatever to conceal their positions. No arrangements seemed to have been made to deal with the unexpected; this is why Sergt. Follett's dash-in succeeded, and why one machine gun post was wiped out by a single rush from its rear. It was a mistake to take two machine guns from vital positions in the front to deal with Sergt. Norris's attack. A few riflemen could have held the two field gates for hours.

Sergt. Every was not well served by his scouts. He should have had good scouts out to get him early and constant information of the enemy's movements, so that he could foresee where and when to expect attacks, instead of counting on being able to deal with them when they had been allowed to happen as planned by the attackers.

The worst thing you can do to an enemy in war—and the only way to defeat him—is to upset his plans.

J. W. WITHINSHAW.



News of Old Boys.

Norman Saville has sent the following letter to Mr. Stroud :

c/o Ceara Gas Co., Ltd.,
Ceara,
N. Brazil,
November 11th, 1919.

Dear Mr. Stroud,—

Just a line to say that I have arrived safely over to this side of the Globe.

The voyage itself was fine, and I got on shore at Oporto, Lisbon, and Madeira.

We then had to wait at Para (Brazil) for another boat to go south again.

Altogether we remained in Para seven days, and so got a good chance of seeing the district.

It is situated on the banks of one of the outlets of the Amazon. . . There is a very funny thing about Para—it rains every afternoon of the year from about 2 to 4; it is so regular that you can practically set your clocks by it.

As you may know, too much leisure time makes one tired, and I was glad to get to work once more. I am living on the works, which are situated practically on the seashore, so that we get a lovely sea breeze all day. It is this sea breeze that makes Ceara habitable, otherwise it would be very hot.

Please remember me to the other Masters at School.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN SAVILLE.



Library Notes.

Nine new books were added to the Library last term, bringing the total of new books since last summer term to 89.

The system of fines introduced at the beginning of last term has been a success from a financial point of view. With the money thus obtained we have purchased new books—"Eric Bright Eyes," "Micah Clarke," and "The Lost World."

Next term some other arrangement will have to be made with regard to the time of opening the Library. Taking into consideration the large number of borrowers, once a week is quite inadequate, yet it is difficult to see how we can do more than this. A suggestion has been made that the Library should be opened three times a week, for a few minutes only, after morning school. The Librarian would be glad of any other suggestions from those interested in the library.