

## Editorial.

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*“Build me straight, O worthy Master!  
Staunch and strong, a goodly vessel,  
That shall laugh at all disaster,  
And with wave and whirlwind wrestle.”*

*The merchant's word  
Delighted the Master heard;  
For his heart was in his work, and the heart  
Giveth grace to every Art.”*

 O we launch the Farnhamian, and wish her many a prosperous voyage into many lands for many years.

We had hoped to publish in the first number of the Magazine a fairly full list of names and addresses of Old Boys; but the task has proved to be so great that we can only try to make the list complete for the second number.

Old Boys who are already out in the world could be in many ways of such great help to those who are leaving, that a Register of Old Boys would be a most useful addition to the Magazine. And on the other hand the Old Boys, themselves scattered all over the Empire, would be grateful to anyone who would put them in touch with the Old School, and bring to their mind “the great days in the distance enchanted,” while they are weighed down by the burdens of the present.

But Christmas is coming and, indeed, will be here before many of our Old Boys get this copy of the Magazine. So we wish a Merry Christmas and a right Happy New Year to all.

The Editorship of the Farnhamian is a matter that has not yet been definitely arranged of course. We intend to put this work as far as possible in the hands of the boys themselves before the next number appears.

Our best thanks to Warner, Form VI, for the excellent design on the cover, that he has drawn up under the direction of Mr. Allen.

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## History.

**I**N the first number of the School Magazine most readers will look for something in the nature of a history of the School. Like all early history, it must be somewhat piece-meal and open to criticism. But it is hoped that those with better stores of information at their disposal than the writer, will fill up the gaps he leaves and frankly criticise the errors he makes. If this attempt at writing the history of the School provokes correspondence, nothing better could befall it.

The School was, as far as we can discover, first set up in a building, which was part of Farnham Church, projecting on the north side of the aisle at the west end. It is pulled down now, but you can see the mark where it was.

Bishop Edynton founded a Chantry in 1351. This was apparently the Chantry Chapel; and there is reason to think that the house, with which the Chantry was endowed, was the same as that in which the Headmaster of the School lived after 1611. Probably, Edynton's Chantry included provision for the Chantry Priest keeping a School, as so often happened. This was of course suppressed by the Act of 1547. But in 1578 Bishop Horne took steps to revive the old Chantry and School in their original place in the Chapel, and to endow them with the same house as before. He proposed to sell the Episcopal Manor of Esher to the Queen in order that she might grant it to Lord Howard of Effingham, who was anxious to sell it cheap to a certain Mr. Drake. It is difficult to trace Drake's personal interest in the matter; but there is a letter from him alluding to a *quid pro quo* for the Bishop who wants to get some School established here, and asking Lord Howard to use his influence with the Queen to obtain a licence in mortmain for endowing the School with a house and land.\*

Dr. Harding of Frensham left money by will in 1611 to an already existing School. Other benefactors about that time are

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\* For the History up to this point we are mainly indebted to Mr. H. E. Malden of Dorking, whose work in connection with the Victoria County History of Surrey is well known.

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George Morley, Bishop of Winchester 1662-84; John Child, a gentleman of Farnham; and Henry Massingberd, who, originally a poor boy of the town, became a rich London merchant.

Recent generations of boys will remember the names of these Founders in the School Prayer.

In 1758 the School seems to have been removed from the building at the north-west end of Farnham Church to the house in West Street, where the Schoolmaster seems to have been living in 1611, and on the site of which is the present Grammar School for Girls.

During the early part of the 19th Century the School fell into decay, but it was re-organised in 1849 under the late Charles Stroud, who was Headmaster for many years. For the first part of his Headmastership we have not as yet been able to obtain any certain information, but for the period 1870-1894, we have been fortunate enough to secure the following reminiscences of an Old Boy.

“Farnham Grammar School boys of to-day, living in the fine new school on the hill, have no conception of the circumstances under which their predecessors worked. The old schoolroom, as I remember it, was a long low room in the Head Master's House in West Street, so low that many of the big boys could easily touch the ceiling.

It was over the kitchens and the Brewhouse, the heat and smoke of which ascended, greatly to our discomfort and annoyance, and it was a common occurrence for boys to faint in school.

But in October, 1870, so many new pupils flocked in, that it was impossible to continue in the old building, and the school moved across West Street to an old hop kiln at the top of Factory Yard. Here we had plenty of space and much appreciated the change, but there was one rather amusing drawback. So strong were the fumes of the hops, that masters and boys, especially on a warm afternoon in summer, would begin to nod, and I have seen both the teacher and his pupils asleep in the middle of a lesson! One of the

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staff on such afternoons endeavoured to keep himself awake by means of a strong cup of coffee.

In September, 1871, the kiln was wanted for the drying and bagging, so we moved into the Working Men's Institute in Castle Street. The boys used to assemble in the school playground at a quarter to nine every morning, and then in single file the whole ninety would march along the edge of the pavement to their temporary quarters—a truly imposing procession!

But our wanderings were not over yet. The Working Men wanted their room—the hop-drying was not finished in Factory Yard—so for more than a week we did our lessons in the Town Hall.

We had many pleasant memories of The Castle Street Institute, for all our Speech Days were held there, and good Bishop Sumner never failed to come down and take the chair, and he frequently brought some friend like Charles Kingsley to speak to us.

The Head Master, after twenty years of agitation, had at last prevailed upon the Charity Commissioners to appoint a new Governing Body (only one Governor was left), and to give permission for the sale of the school lands, in order to find funds for the erection of a new building in West Street.

Mr. Bateman, of Moor Park, gave £100; Mr. Anderson, of Waverley, £50; and the townspeople came forward with liberal donations, and so the work of building was started.

A sad accident marred the early stages of the undertaking, for one of the large beams in the big School fell, breaking the thighs of the foreman of the works. He never really recovered. It was on June 24th, 1872, that the top-knot was placed on the roof-ridge, and I well remember the Head Master drew us up on the opposite side of the street, and we gave three ringing cheers which brought people running out at their doors, wondering what was happening.

On September 13th a Special Service was held when the School first occupied the new buildings.

Further improvements were made in the school buildings in 1894, chiefly on the initiative of the Surrey County Council. All the centre and west end were pulled down and rebuilt. In demolishing the place, a fine old Elizabethan structure, the upper portion projecting over the lower story, was unexpectedly discovered behind the false front of lath and plaster.

One of the pillars of the old doorway of this house stands in the Art Room of the present school.

The workmen, in preparing the new foundations, dug through the skeleton of a horse lying just underneath the threshold of the western door. How it got there is difficult to guess.

During these improvements we worked in an old factory close to the Conservative Club in Downing Street.

It was during the Seventies that the School Sports were started by one of the staff; but the only events at the first meeting were competitions on the Horizontal and Parallel Bars. Gymnastics were very popular in the school at that time, chiefly owing to the keenness of two experts, Mr. Godon and Charles Tharle, the School Captain.

There were no swimming baths in the Town at that time; the boys bathed at various places along the stream, and many bad accidents occurred, owing to broken glass and crockery in the river bed. Our swimming races took place in the Aldershot Canal near Eelmoor Bridge. Old Boys will never forget the hot tiring tramp across the Long Valley to the starting point. The Aldershot boys came quietly up the Canal in boats. Needless to say they always won.

Our cricket field was a meadow lying between Longbridge and South Street, and is now entirely built over. The Police Station and the Church House actually stand on the second eleven pitch.

When building began we applied to the Bishop for permission to play in the Park, but there was some delay in getting an

answer, and we had to trudge to Holt Pound, more than three miles out on the Bordon road, for our games. One boy had a bike, a new thing in those days, and he was envied by all. Then for a time we played in the Park as a junior section of the Farnham Club. Yet in spite of these drawbacks cricket flourished—I suppose boys had fewer counter-attractions then. We were proud to have one of our old boys, George Elliott, playing regularly for the County, and two others took part occasionally.

Surrey's greatest cricketer, the late George Lohman, always asserted that he learnt his cricket at the old school, but his name does not appear anywhere on the form registers.

I think the cricketing feat we were proudest of was when we beat Aldershot Town in a single innings. The victory was chiefly due to the School Captain, John Earwaker, who scored 108, and was out owing to his smashing his bat. Earwaker went to Queensland, and afterwards became Mayor of Brisbane. But the most important event of the school year—to the boys at any rate—was the keeping of the fifth of November. How that day was celebrated here few would imagine; but perhaps on some future occasion the Editor will allow me to give some account of the doings on that day. I must say nothing on the subject now, having already been too long and wearying for the readers of the Magazine."

It seems a long cry (though it is not many years) from these breezy reminiscences to the days of Technical Instruction Acts, Government Inspectors and Grants, Organized Science Schools, Official Curricula and County Council Grants. But though there were many outward changes about this time, notably the retirement of the much-honoured Mr. Charles Stroud, after nearly fifty years of devoted service, the real character of the School remained unaltered.

During his fifty years of office the School had been doing its good work, and some of the results of it are seen in the best men that Farnham boasts of to-day.

Those who remember the Saturday in November, 1897, when Mr. Stroud was buried in Farnham Cemetery, followed to his last resting place by literally hundreds of his Old Boys, will have some idea of the respect which fifty years of Old Boys had for their old Head-master. We have his portrait in the School, and beneath it a motto: *Scholae, Non Sibi*, that well sets forth the spirit in which he did his work. Indeed it is a motto which the present and all generations of boys may well act upon.

Mr. Stroud's last years were the first years of rate-aided and state-aided Secondary Education:—Minor Scholarships, Senior Scholarships and Major Scholarships provided the means of taking promising boys through all their School and University Course.

And so we come to the time when it was plain to all that the School could not do its work in the old buildings in West Street. Many sites for a new building were thought of and many proposals were considered for quite three years by the Governors, under the Chairmanship first of Mr. Potter and then of Mr. Richard Mason; till at last the representatives of the Surrey Education Committee met the Governors on Farnham Field. Here the proposal to purchase a field of some seven acres was practically considered, and in the course of a few months finally decided on.

Great is the debt that the people of Farnham owe to many for the effective carrying through of the new proposal under the then Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Richard Mason. And all who knew the Farnham of 1900-1905 will understand that the scheme would not have been brought to a successful issue without the untiring and unselfish efforts of the then Rector, The Rev. T. G. Gardiner, Mr. A. W. Chapman, then of Crooksbury, and Mr. E. Kempson, the Clerk to the Governors. The foundation stone of the new buildings was laid by Bishop Ryle on May 22nd, 1905, and the new School was opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury on April 29th, 1906.

In 1897 the numbers in the School were 64; in 1906 when we came into the New Buildings they were 128. Since that time they have risen as high as 165, and have generally been about 150.

We have an excellent cricket pitch, and the Old Boys have

built a most useful Pavilion. Quite recently a large out-building has been converted into a well equipped Swedish Gymnasium.

The Old Boys of the days of the Reminiscences may perhaps think that we are too comfortably housed, and may well wonder if we are doing any better work in these days. We cannot say, but we do know that never did England stand more in need of the very best work her Schools can do for her. And we in this generation are seeking to do our "little bit."

The names of Surgeon Major Lloyd, v.c., A. G. LeClercq, H. L. Wright, G. T. Burke, H. Mack, G. F. C. Wallis, J. Kendall, R. R. Tomlinson, G. M. Aylwin and C. Varndell are indeed written on the Honours Board as some record of the past and some inspiration for the future. But we all know that in this School, as in every School, there is often no written record of the best deeds of its best members.

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## School News.

**WE** welcome the following new Masters this term :

Mr. G. H. Ridout, B.A., FitzWilliam Hall, Cambridge, has succeeded Mr. Jones as Geography Master.

Mr. J. W. Withinshaw, B.A., Downing College, Cambridge, Honours in the Modern Languages Tripos, has come as French Master.

Mr. H. Wood, B.A., Worcester College, Oxford, Honours in the Modern History School, has succeeded Mr. Griffen.

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Mr. Jones came down to see us at the beginning of the Term before starting his duties at Leeds University. His work at the University and as Lecturer to the employees over the whole of the North Eastern Railway system promises to be unique in interest.

We were all pleased to see Mr. Madden for a short time at the beginning of the Term. He has just completed an Honours History Course at Dublin and is taking up work at Belfast after Christmas.

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Mr. Ebdon, who came down on Sports' Day, has accepted a post at Pontefract Grammar School.

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The following new boys have joined this Term: Adamson, Aldridge, Barling ii, Briant, Cree, Falkner iv, Gilbert, Greenaway, Harms, Mackay, Mason, Merrington, Mountney, Nugent, Radford, Ross, Saunders i, Saunders ii, Singer, Smither, Somerville, Williams ii, Wills.

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We feel sure they will in time prove worthy successors to those who have just left: Alsford, Baron, Bunt, Cass, Cook i, Dawes i, Derisley, Croxford, Cagnetta i, Cagnetta ii, Griffith, Heaps, Hendrey, Milson i, Milson ii, Peet, Pool, Shaw, Sniall, Tarr, Thorp, Tovey, Wells i, Warren i.

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Baron, T. P., has been appointed to a Junior Clerkship in the Banking Department of Thomas Cook & Sons, Ludgate Circus.

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Cook, F. P., who, but for his name, would have received a similar appointment, is a clerk with Ball & Co., Contractors of this town.

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Croxford is a student in the Horticultural Department at Reading College.

The Cagnettas have returned to Italy.

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Heaps has gone to the London Polytechnic, where many other Old Boys have gone, and where Bizion i and ii are still studying.

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Shaw and Pool have gained Boy Clerkships.

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Wells—that good sportsman—is in the London County and Westminster Bank at Dorking.

His sporting rival, Thorp is on a two years' voyage.

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The Term has not been very eventful, with the exception of the interest attaching to the new division of the School into 'Houses' for Sports' purposes.

It is with very much regret that we record the death of Mr. G. F. Roumieu, who was Chairman of the Governors for the last three years, and a member of the Governing Board for nearly twenty years.

Most of us will remember the encouraging words he spoke to us last Speech Day. We can now understand that he was then feeling far from well; and we can appreciate both the effort he made to be with us, and also the value of what proved to be his last words to us.

The Headmaster, Mr. Stroud, Dr. Brown and the Sixth Form attended the funeral on November 14th, as a mark of respect from the School for which he did so much.

We tender our sincere sympathy with his widow in her great loss.

Unfortunately, we are losing another Governor in the person of our Rector, who is going to a larger sphere of work in Southampton.

We owe him a great debt for all he has done in the best interests of the School, and we offer him our best wishes for health and successful work in his new parish.

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## Old Boys.

A. G. LeClercq (1896—00), is still acting as Chief Engineer on the Doruda Railway, Columbian Republic.

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W. H. Wallis (1898—01), is practising as an Architect at Revelstoke, British Columbia.

His plans for the Revelstoke Hospital were selected out of some fifty submitted for competition.

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G. F. C. Wallis, M.B. (/97—01), has been appointed Senior Resident Physician of the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road E.C.

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G. T. Burke, M.B. (/98—01), is in the Indian Medical Service. We should be glad to know his address, also the addresses of his brothers, who are farming somewhere in Canada!

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Wilfrid Miles (/98—01), is on the staff of the *Times of India*. Those who remember his neat verse translations of the simple German Poems in the old Form V. would like to see some original verses by Miles Sahib in the Magazine now.

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J. H. Kendall (00—06), M.A., B.Sc. Edinboro', has had two Papers read before the Royal Society. He is at present in Stockholm, working under Professor Arrhenius, at the Nobel Institute.

As he was the reputed Editor of a hand-written Magazine which was very popular with the VI Form some years ago, we hope he will contribute some articles to *The Farnhamian*.

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R. R. Tomlinson (/99—03), who has held two Art Scholarships at South Kensington for the last two years, had a Portrait accepted by the Royal Academy last year. He is now a Designer at Minton's, Stoke-on-Trent.

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H. L. Wright (/99—03), is in the North-West Provinces in the Indian Forest Service. He was married some 18 months ago.

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G. Murrell (/01—05), N. C. Rimmer (/03—06), and A. E. Greenwood (09—11), are in the London City and Midland Bank—at Cardiff Head Office and Guildford respectively.

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J. Harding (/03—10), S. Franks (/09—11), A. Tice (/08—12), are in the London County and Westminster Bank at St. Leonard's, Farnham, and Hastings.

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A. B. Dickson (/07—11), and F. Holderness (/06—11) are in the Marconi Office at Madeira.

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J. Wells (/08—11), is at University College; F. Neville (/07—11), is at the Battersea Polytechnic.

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L. Croft (/02—09), has just been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Sussex Regiment. He enlisted soon after he left School and obtained his Commission in about two years—certainly almost a record time. Those of his generation will remember his great efforts for the District Team at Football.

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F. Harrington (/02—05), L. N. W. Foster (04—/07) and C. Varndell (5—11) are at Edinboro' University.

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F. C. Butler (/04—/07) and R. Loveless (/05—/09), and G. Stapleton (/07—/11) are at Goldsmith's College.

V. Baker (/02-06) has gone to New Zealand and got married. We shall be glad to have his address.

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A. B. Cole (/03-07), the dashing centre-forward of /06 and /07, who was largely responsible for our first victory over Guildford in /07 after an interval of 12 years, is teaching at the Bourne School.

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H. Swallow (/02-06), one of those wonderful diminutive forwards that we have produced from time to time, is teaching at Knapp Hill.

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R. M. Chaundler (/99-04) generally known as "Dick," who used to drive his sisters into School only 10 years ago, is slowly recovering from his terrible accident. He was so far improved last July that he was able to come up to the Sports in a Bath-chair, where he received the congratulations (!) of many old friends. He showed us the Victor Ludorum Medal that he had won in his last year. He has promised us the first offer of "His experiences of an invalid" — for three years! His life is a bright lesson in patience.

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H. R. France (/06-09), is teaching in Yorktown School, Camberley.

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Everitt i. and ii (/07-11), are in Barclay's Bank at Woking and Feltham respectively.

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C. Sampson (/97-03), is at Durham University, and hopes to be ordained at Advent.

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Heyward i., who was also at Durham, has disappeared from our correspondence, and we should be very glad to have his address. Many will remember his "Mrs. Malaprop" and other creations on Speech Day.

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Bertie Hine, another School "actor," has gone on the stage in earnest, and has a good position in Forbes Robertson's Repertoire Company.

I last heard of him at Manchester.

Tom Hine is teaching in a Preparatory School at Birchington-on-Sea.

H. Mack (95--06), who was Captain for many years, and finally went to Oxford, is now at the Leeds Clergy School reading for Orders. Owing to some muddle on the part of the Dons there was some delay in his taking his Degree. He played for the University four or five times in his first year.

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C. E. Kessell (04--09), is at Vickers, Son & Maxim's, and promises to send us some contributions to the Magazine.

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Harvey Tice (04—06) is in charge of Motor Works, Townsville, Queensland. It is one of the hottest regions you can be in, and a 'little' off the beaten track. But he writes very cheerfully and is doing well.

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J. Longhurst (03—07), who is 2nd Officer on a British Indian Co.'s boat, calls in at Townsville occasionally. He has visited many ports in his travels, and has many quiet yarns to tell. I am sorry we have none for this number of *The Farnhamian*.

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HOPWOOD-HUDSON. On June 1st, 1912, at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, by the Rev. Thory Gage Gardiner, M.A. (Rector of Lambeth and late Rector of Farnham), Marcus Hopwood to Ellen Hudson.

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MACK-HOBSON. On Sept. 12th, 1912, at the Parish Church, Lydd, by the Rev. W. S. Ruddy, Vicar, John Leonard Mack to Fanny May Hobson.

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WRIGHT—On Michaelmas Day, 1912, at Simla, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Wright—a son.

## Library.

**F**ORTY-TWO books have been added to the Library during the term. Boys were invited to send in lists of books which they thought should be added to the Library and many of their suggestions were carried out. From their lists it was clear that such old established favourites as "Christie's Old Organ" and the "Adventures of a Three Guinea Watch" still retained their charm, while among more modern authors "Baroness Orczy" and "Rider Haggard" seemed to find most favour. The following books have been presented to the Library:—

"The Iron Horse"	...	presented by	Watkins.
"James Braithwaite"	...	„	Ruthven.
"The Young Squire"	...	„	Weeks.
"The World of Ice"	}	„	Saunders ii.
"Stories from the Far West"			
"Stories from Chaucer"	}	„	Young.
"Stories from Don Quixote"			
"Roland"			
"Mistland"	...	„	Godsland.

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## Christmas.

**I**T may be noticed that the majority of people, on hearing the remark "Christmas comes but once a year," will meet it with the words "And a good thing, too!" In this hurrying, bustling, twentieth century anything that upsets or increases the trivial round, the common task, or the regular routine of life, is regarded as more or less of a nuisance. At least a week's work has to be packed into two or three days; an unfortunate necessity that is frequently found trying not only to body, but to temper also. Shops are fuller of business and customers at this time than at any other. Everyone seems in excitement, and yet there is seldom the hurry one would expect to find among such crowds.

To anyone with an hour or two to spend in idleness, it is an unfailling source of amusement to stand in some large shop and take mental notes of a few of the customers. Frequently a whole family is there together. Paterfamilias slyly draws away his wife, and in an undertone discusses the suitability of such and such a thing as a present for Tom, while Tom is in despair with Jack about "Something for the Pater." They have just made their way to a shelf of books on general subjects, when their sire hurriedly comes up and asks if they could not all go shares in a good present for mother. All idea of the book has to be set aside for awhile, and before mother's present is decided on, she herself approaches Jack to inform him in a whisper that she has seen "just the thing for Father." Now that is not at all the way to choose Christmas presents. For a gift to be properly appreciated, it must be something that the receiver really wants. So before giving a present to your brother, go and ask him what he would like; and before giving a present to your wife, sit down and write out a cheque: it is so simple—a few words on a small piece of paper and you have the best present you can give her.

But even though this manner of selecting presents be amusing and rather absurd, it shows clearly that the essence and spirit of Christmas are not altogether lost. Christmas is not played out, let the cynics say what they like. Consider for a moment the eagerness with which young men and women, who have made a start in their walk in life, will look forward to their few days spent at home, the excitement that grows as the great day approaches, the innocent joy and laughter which fills so many homes when roast beef or turkey is supplying a sumptuous dinner, and when later in the evening the assembled family gathers round a blazing fire-side. Look for a moment, I say, on such scenes as these, and you must agree with me that to many, many, in our own land and beyond it, Christmas is still something real, something which we would keep as our very own at all costs. But some may say that they are unable to bring up before their minds the images of such happiness; they have never seen it, and will not believe it; then let them read

some descriptions of Christmas as it should be spent. And who has written such descriptions for us better than Charles Dickens has done? Ah, you who laugh at our festivities, read the account of that truly merry Christmas so heartily enjoyed by Mr. Wardle and his jovial party. Everyone's heart and soul were in it. They were met together for innocent pleasure, and such was what they found. It was what is called a real old-fashioned Christmas, such as is seldom kept now. In those days no one would have stooped to the almost repulsive idea that is so much in vogue to-day. To set out from home, and eat a Christmas dinner at an hotel would have been a custom more horrible to the minds of Mr. Pickwick and his friends than can well be imagined. The very thought of such a thing being possible would have cast a cloud over their own Christmas. We are most of us ready to admit that there is no place like home, but what can the homes be like of those who will leave them on the great day of home-coming, to spend the evening in the midst of such worldly grandeur, such shallow magnificence, as is to be seen in a large London hotel? The spirit of Christmas is absolutely wanting among such people, and we may really wonder whether they have ever heard of the way in which the feast is kept by simpler folk. Has it ever occurred to them that hundreds make Christmas a time of charity, a time when others are to be thought of as much as themselves, a time when some poor neighbour's heartfelt thanks for, may be, a small present, brightens their own Christmas joy? But let us leave such unsatisfactory folk to themselves, and consider Christmas from another aspect.

It would be interesting to know how many millions of Christmas cards are designed, printed, sold, posted and received every year. Some are beautiful works of art, others make no pretence whatever to beauty, but are put on sale solely for the purpose of amusement, while there remains another class, which cannot lay claim to either beauty or wit. How can it add to anyone's Christmas joy to receive a plain rectangle of pasteboard, bearing in golden letters the legend, "With the compliments of the Season from Colonel and Mrs. Bumbo Bluster"? Really, it is ludicrous, and if that be what the

Christmas card is ultimately to come to, well, the sooner the custom of sending any such form of greeting dies out the better. It is commonly understood that the essential function of a Christmas card is to please, and if that be so, it is surely necessary for it to have some small amount of art devoted to it, or, for the sake of variety, some clever but guileless humour. A surfeit of jesting is boring, and so we find that the majority of cards are of the artistic turn. The supply of such goods is, of course, controlled by the demand, and so for the degeneracy of the Christmas card we must blame the purchaser. Modern folk do not spend the same time, trouble or money on their greetings as in times gone by. Few people will pay the slightest heed to the suitability of the design or the motto of the card. They are packed up by dozens in boxes, and we are content to buy them in this form, so long as they be pretty and do not bear too much resemblance to any we bought last year.

Perhaps all this may tend to prove that much of the secular ceremony of Christmas is decayed; but let no one suppose that, because Christmas cards or Christmas dinners have deteriorated, the spirit of the whole feast is utterly lost. It needs but a few happy faces to tell us that is not so, and we can, if we choose, see such anywhere. Every child enjoys Christmas: of all people the children perform their part in this world most consistently: they are ever a blessing to us. Many a child has taught its elders how to enter into some innocent pleasure, which they have before thought foolish or dull. Let them show us how to keep this Feast. There is no reason why we, who have begun, or, it may be, nearly ended, our walk in life, should not enter into such joy in the same spirit in which a child does.

But in spite of our shortcomings—and they are many—we may safely say that Christmas and all its ceremony is not yet played out; and may the time be far distant when it is. There are thousands who know how to keep Christmas, and who will go on keeping it to the end of their lives as they do now, in spite of manifold changes around them; people who will perforce agree

that Christmas comes but once a year, but who will always add,  
that when it comes it brings good cheer.

R. H. KEABLE.

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“Give a Boy . . . . ,”

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Give a boy a book he can read ;  
Tell him a stirring tale  
That lights the eye and lifts the head  
And kills the fear to fail.

Give a boy a chum to be  
The partner of his leisure :  
When comrades gather, trouble flee,  
And sharing doubles pleasure.

Give a boy a game he can play—  
A game of struggle and strife ;  
Hard knocks to meet with smilingly,  
For of such is the way of Life.

And give a boy his “ battle ” to fight—  
His life to live (and lose)  
On the side of Wrong or the side of Right :  
Nor fear which he will choose.

J.W.W.

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## Form Notes.

### FORM VI.

The success of the Farnham Folk Play has led some of this Form to ask whether we could not get up a play dealing with life at the Grammar School in olden days. The suggestion that *all* the parts should be taken by the staff might lead to difficulties.

There is no doubt about the title, *pace* Mr. Welch's remarks on Speech Day:—"The Passing of the Cane!"

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Congratulations to Mack on being elected Captain of the Football Team, and to Maidment on being elected Vice-Captain.

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Other members of the team in the VI are Gillman, Pollard, Chennell i, Warner, and Tomlin who left at Half-Term.

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Condolences with Judd on his absence owing to measles. It is whispered that he has been working all the time he has been away and intends to work half the Christmas Holidays.

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These notes would certainly have been fuller and more fitting if he had been about.

FORM "R."

When bored, walk into No 6. All tastes, "tragical, comical, historical, pastoral" (and commercial) are catered for on the screen.

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And, by the way, what an interest that screen excites, just before the master enters to take a class! But why only at such times? Never mind: we should only spoil it, by trying to explain it.

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To "continental" Advertisers and Possessors of Picture Postcards:—A certain number of spaces are always available. Apply to the Chief Bill-sticker, "Remove."

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"R" hereby unanimously challenge to a football match—Boys or Master-and-Boys—any other Form in the School. The Form Captain will be glad to receive acceptances; and he has reason to believe that a special allowance of time for these matches would be obtainable from the Powers that be.

A "Remove" boy is said to have been observed the other day, bent over the Library copy of "Rab and his Friend" open at page 29, and muttering with some fierceness:

"I cud nut wurk al ways,  
I cud nut ef I wud;  
But he kneed nut fret about it,  
'Caws I wudn't ef I cud!"

Oh! Oh! La méchante nature!

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But there is some excuse for him. "*Le travail, il n'y a que ça*" nowadays,

"binding our free  
And holiday-rejoicing spirits down  
To the dry drudgery at the desk's dead wood."

Indeed, several members of the Form have been showing unmistakable signs of nervous collapse. One or two, who began the Term with a buoyant confidence in the light of nature and in luck, have taken to doing some Prep. occasionally. A number of acute cases of punning have occurred, too. It is sad to hear one boy exclaiming to a bigger boy seated upon his chest: "Oh, dry up! you are a tease," only to get the baffling reply: "Quite at ease, thanks." And was it Redman or Putnam, who was discovered at his desk last week at ten-to-two, his eyes—"in a fine frenzy rolling"—turned upon a sheet of paper covered with weird algebraical signs? He was trying, he said, to determine how much greater was the attraction to the radiators than the radiation from them.

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Worst of all, however, is a reported outbreak of "the melancholy madness of poetry." At least two members of our Form are said to be affected badly.

While we are being funny, we may as well mention the remarkable interest in potato culture throughout the school. Several boys are actually "stocking" them on the premises.

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Best wishes for Christmas and the holidays from "R" to other Forms.

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#### FORM V.

Has its home in the Art Room—a more interesting room than any other in the School.

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It contains the Museum and the only tangible piece of School History in the shape of the Oak Pillar "1607," that held up the doorway of the Old Building in West Street.

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Our screens attract boys from all parts, and we sometimes wish our visitors would remember where they were.

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Chennell ii and Lacey are respectively Captain and Vice-Captain of Form Football, and when the "Houses" are done, we hope to give the Remove and IVA a game.

## The Games 20 Years Ago.

AS I sit with a heap of nearly two dozen school groups before me and with reminiscences of eighteen years in my mind, it seems a well nigh impossible task to attempt to compress into the space of one short article impressions of the Sport of the old School, but the command has gone forth and it is not a matter of choice.

Memories come crowding one upon another in an attempt to conjure up the past, and in a school life, which began in some large and dusty room over a stable in Downing Street, tenanted by day by some sixty youthful and cheerful enthusiasts, and at night by spiders and beetles as enthusiastic, there are many pleasant recollections.

Those appertaining to Sport, began in what we termed the New School in West Street—a most palatial building as it seemed to us then—when, as the youngest boy in the School, I watched with awe the heroes of the Sixth at our greatest of all game, five-a-side football in the play-ground. Those were games. There was keenness personified. All took their parts, from Mr. Stroud with the whistle to those of us who were sufficiently fortunate to secure a seat on the horizontal ladder. And there was a humorous side to it all. One can never forget when a carefully mis-directed kick sent the ball rattling on the roof of the old lab., or brought down a shower of the Rector's walnuts.

These things however were of slight importance in comparison with the sterner games of both cricket and football which drew so many of us to the Park on Saturday afternoons. There was no need then of Inter-School Leagues to establish keenness. It was just the game itself which exerted its charm. The very names of Guildford, Odiham, Alton, Trafalgar House and Petersfield were sufficient, and those were the fields which inspired us all with a desire to do our level best.

Then, later on, as the School increased in numbers, we had the presence of our present Head Master to cheer us on. In the winter playing a sterling game at centre-half, or in summer bowling at our legs with that simple-looking round-arm delivery which so often

was responsible for the downfall of our budding batsmen, and on match days exhorting us from a distance, he gave us no lack of encouragement.

Those were the days in which we were thankful for such personalities as Elsworthy, Loe and Leo Borelli.

Then, as the school increased by leaps and bounds others came to the fore, and the older generation, passing to their various walks of life, left only their influence behind them. Later we found that two elevens could be run with ease, and soon the school became the proud possessor of a football ground at Broomleaf, though in cricket we still trod the turf of the tilting ground in the Park, the field of many a hard-won victory. This too has its memories—the clean drives of our big hitters which took us all into the neighbouring hop-field or to wander in the nettles at the bottom of the moat—our pride in being told that, as a fielding side, we could give points to the town team—our delight when the *then Bishop came to watch us*—these were all little incidents, but they helped to fix the great name of Sport for ever in our minds. We have no great roll of heroes, no internationals or even county players (though Hunt may yet do great things) but many have been thankful for the fact that they took their part on the playing fields of Farnham.

Now we hear—as we are rapidly becoming old boys indeed—of the new school with its own private grounds. We have helped to build a cricket pavilion. We are told of rifle shooting, a miniature range and even a school gymnasium, and the old rivalries still exist, though some of our ancient honoured foes are not as favoured as we are.

The school is three times as large as it was not twenty years ago. May it go on and prosper, and may the spirit, the true sporting spirit which meant so much to us in days of smaller things, be still and ever associated with the names of those who come beneath its influence.

H. MACK.

## Speech Day.

(For full account see "Farnham Herald," of Aug. 3.)

**T**HE annual speech day was held at the School on Monday afternoon, July 29, when the large hall was as usual filled by parents and friends of the boys. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. F. Roumieu, J.P., (chairman of Governors), supported by Mr. W. Welch (vice-chairman of the Higher Education Committee of the County Council) and Mrs. Welch, the Rev. S. Priestley, M.A. (headmaster) and Mrs. Priestley, the Rector (the Rev. Neville Lovett) and Mr. T. Patterson (Governors), Mr. E. Kempson (clerk to the Governors), and the members of the staff.

The headmaster stated that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from the Bishop of Winchester, the Rev R. C. Radcliffe, Mr. G. E. Marindin, and Mr. Courtenay Welch.

The Headmaster's Report dealt with the work and sport of the School during the year, and told us of the very satisfactory progress in all departments of school life. Among other things he mentioned that there had been fewer canings than ever he had known. He emphasised the principle that "Knowledge comes, but Wisdom lingers"; and that although the smart boy might gain much knowledge of many matters, unless he had the wisdom to grow up in the groove of obedience to his parents and with supreme reverence for them, all his learning would avail him little,

MR. WELCH congratulated the Headmaster on his excellent report, and was pleased to hear that it was a year of high average throughout the School rather than of the success of a few picked boys. The question of fewer canings might be a matter of opinion. He certainly had had one caning that he did not deserve, but he had missed many that he did deserve. At the same time he thought that this was an age where too many prizes were given. He did not think we ought to be rewarded for doing our duty, and he was afraid that prizes were sometimes given where they were not deserved. Special prizes might be given for some special work done by the boys, but he was afraid that the regular giving of prizes might lead to the spirit of "pot-hunting." That was his chief objection to prizes.

Bacon had said "Knowledge is power." He was sorry to contradict Bacon; but after all knowledge was not power any more than steam was power. Steam was power only when they knew how to use it—so with knowledge.

What they needed, however, more than knowledge was "backbone," and that, he was afraid, they were losing. We, as a nation, were getting too soft. Tommy had to be taken too much care of; he must not be caned, because it was too brutalizing, and he must have milk in the morning. (Laughter). It was all very well laughing, but it was a very serious matter. He sometimes got very pessimistic, because he thought England was going downhill by reason of this very loss of "backbone."

He had spoken quite plainly to them, as he wished to help them to make the best use of their School days, that they might be trained as well as possible for the struggle of life. Both when at School and after they left, they had to maintain that good name of the School that had been made for them in the past.

In conclusion, he would like to suggest that the boys who had left should form an Old Boys' Society, and that a School Magazine should be started.

Mrs. Welch then distributed the prizes as follows:—

#### PRIZE LIST.

##### Form Prizes :

Form 1 (Preparatory): M. Cagnetta. Form 2: 1, J. Moseley; 2, R. Williams. Form 3: 1, C. R. Clarke; 2, R. I. P. Earle. Form 4b: 1 N. Saville; 2, S. W. Mansell. Form 4a: 1, C. G. Peet; 2, G. H. Hutton. Form 5: 1, \*A. W. Putnam; 2, A. H. Atton; 3, W. Munday. Remove: 1, K. Poole; 2, H. C. Mansell. Lower 6: 1, C. W. Judd; 2, E. Shaw.

##### Prizes for Special Subjects :

Drawing Prizes (presented by Col. FitzRoy, J.P., C.A.)—Upper Division, F. Hendrey; Lower Division, J. Figg.

Reading (presented by Mr. R. W. Mason)—A. W. Putnam.

Elocution (presented by Mr. E. W. Langham)—A. W. Putnam; 2 (presented by the Headmaster)—L. C. Thomas.

Geography (presented by Mr. T. Patterson)—F. P. Cook.

History (presented by Mr. J. R. Nash)—F. P. Cook.

French (presented by Mr. J. W. Wright)—L. P. Baron.

Mathematics (presented by Mr. A. W. Chapman, J.P., C.A.)—F. Tomlin.

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\* Prize resigned.

Science (presented by Mr. W. T. Coleman, J.P.)—A. Heaps.

English Literature (presented by Mr. A. J. Nash, C.C.)—L. P. Baron.

Divinity (presented by the Lord Bishop of Winchester)—C. W. Judd.

Prize for the Head of the School (presented by the Governors)—F. P.

Cook.

Cricket Prizes—Best batting average, H. Mack; best bowling average, C. V. Maidment.

Prizes for Rifle Shooting (spoons for highest aggregate in each class)—Class A., Tomlin; Class B., Chennell i.; Class C., Mansell, Putnam. The General Elles Challenge Cup, F. P. Cook. The Donegal Badge, F. Hendrey.

Mr. G. F. Roumieu proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Welch, and said he entirely supported Mr. Welch's views about the use of the cane. (Laughter). He hoped, however, that it would be a long time before they did away with the prize-giving at that school. He was one of those unfortunate boys who never took a prize, and he envied the boys who did. He tried to do his duty, but the force of circumstances was always against him (laughter) and he felt sure all the boys who had not got prizes that day were like himself. The school was going ahead at the present time, although they had some difficulty to contend with because of the increase of secondary schools throughout the county. But they felt sure that that old foundation, having got a reputation, would continue to flourish, and from what he knew of the boys in the school, and the old boys, he knew they would do all they could to maintain that reputation. (Applause).

Mr. Patterson seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation, three cheers being given, on the call of Mr. Roumieu.

Following the distribution, a selection from Corneille's "Horace" was given by F. P. Cook (Horace) and L. P. Baron (Camille). The passage was given with remarkable vivacity, and the pronunciation spoke well for the French training given.

English recitations from "Henry V" were excellently given by Dutton, Park, Ruthven, Langford, Gravenor, L. C. Thomas, Croxford, Tomlin, Redmond, Chennell and Putnam, the elocution of the last-named being of a high order.

Following the usual cheers, the visitors from a distance were entertained to tea by the Headmaster and Mrs. Priestley, and an exhibition of woodwork by the boys was visited by most of those present, the model aeroplanes coming in for considerable attention.

The following boys passed the London University Examination—*Junior* : Chennell, Cooke ii, Dutton, Hendrey, Judd, Langford, Mansell i, Pool, Warren i. *Honours* ; Shaw. *Matriculation* ; Baron, Cooke i, Croxford, Heaps.

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## Football.

THE new House System has come into force this Term in the competition for the Football Cup presented by the Rev. Thory Gage Gardiner, in 1899.

For some time past the old division of the School into Town, District, Train, and Boarders has been found to be unsatisfactory in many ways.

In the division by "Districts" there were rarely more than two of the Districts "in it," and these were so full of good players that many of them did not get a chance of playing for their District, while the other Districts had to beg and pray all and sundry of their members to play for them, only to be beaten by many goals. The interest in playing for Town, District, Train or Boarders was undeniable, as was indeed the enthusiasm also. But the District games neither brought out nor encouraged all the best or most promising players in the School,

And the unsatisfactory results in the Sports under the old system are too well-known to be commented on here.

The new arbitrary division into Houses must lack much of the sentimental interest attaching to the old plan. That hitherto united and happy family "The Train," for instance, will now probably be scattered into four different Houses. But the gain in closer games, and in bringing out promising boys all over the School, will more than compensate for this.

The four senior members of the Committee, R. Mack (Captain), Maidment (Vice-Captain), Tomlin and Gillman, picked up the new Houses from the whole School: and the Houses have taken their

names from those Founders and Benefactors since 1611, with whose names we of this generation are quite familiar, *i.e.*, John Child, Dr. Harding, Henry Massingberd and George Morley, Bishop of Winchester. Those who have played for the 1st XI of the Houses are as follows:—

MORLEY—Mack (Capt.), Warner, Atton, Robins i, Redman, Langford, Ruthven, Thomas ii, Frampton, Heath and Weekes.

HARDING—Maidment (Capt.), Folkard, Vanner, Dudley, Bessant, Hutton, Marsh, O'Donnell. Harris, Curtis, Ross.

CHILD—Tomlin (Capt.), Pollard, Browning, Field, Saunders, Gravenor, Griss, Steadman i, Ball, Clarke, Alderton, Bodkin.

MASSINGBERD—Gillman (Capt.), Chennell i, Chennell ii, Park, Warren, Faulkner i, Stroud i, Fulton, Briant, Watkins, Smith.

The system of scoring is exactly the same as it used to be with the old division into Districts, *i.e.*, 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw in the half-hour games between 12.30 and 1 this Term, and 4 for a win, 2 for a draw in the one and a half-hour games next term. The scores up to the time of going to press are:—

Morley, 5, Harding 6, Massingberd 9, Child, 4.

It will be interesting here to mention the Winners of the Cup since the time of its presentation:—

1899	Form VI.	1904	Train	1909	Boarders
1900	Form V.	1905	Train	1910	Boarders
1901	Form VI.	1906	District	1911	Train
1902	Train	1907	Boarders	1912	Train
1903	Train	1908	Train		

In the external matches the chief interest has been in the Surrey Secondary School League games: but these games can never be a real encouragement to the School Football as a whole until the age limit is removed. This year, for instance, two of our best were too old to play for the League, and one of these was the Captain. In

a School where many of the boys were over age it might mean that these boys would seek their Football in local and village games instead of with the School, and this would be bad for both them and the School Football.

The season opened in a very promising manner, but owing mainly to lack of age and weight rather than to lack of skill and energy, we have been able to finish only second instead of first in the "Southern Division." All the games have been pluckily fought out, and a thoroughly sporting spirit has been manifested by every one.

The backbone of the team—the three Centres, Maidment, forward, Pollard, half, and Browning in goal, were, in their different ways, quite up to the standards of previous years.

BROWNING in goal was both safe and brilliant; whether his backs were in form or not, he hardly let one through that he could have been reasonably expected to stop.

MACK, the quiet, steady Captain at back, settled into his new position after a game or two, and always tackled fearlessly. Though he was too much given to very high kicking he was sadly missed when he was ill.

GILLMAN, an excellent full-back, one of the best the School has had. Cool, quick tackler, and strong kick.

VANNER, played back in League Games. Tackles pluckily and kicks fairly well. Improved very much lately.

WARREN, played back in League Games. Fair tackler, has improved in kicking lately.

FOLKARD, left half. Always eager for the fray; fine tackler. Equal to any of the halves we have had—when he likes.

POLLARD, centre half. The mainstay of the defence in League Games. A dogged player, "never beaten," never out of form. Weak in kicking.

SAUNDERS i, right half. Slow, but not always sure, good tackler, fair kick. Improved lately.

CHENNELL i, outside left. Works hard, clever dribbler, good shot. Played better at the beginning of the season than in recent matches. Hardly centres enough.

PARK, inside left. Though light he plays a good game. Fairly clever, but weak in front of goal.

MAIDMENT (Vice-Captain) centre. "Led and fed his forwards splendidly." Hard-worker with plenty of dash and skill. Has been shooting too high lately.

ATTON, inside right. A plucky, promising player, who has improved greatly. Combined well both with the centre and the outside.

WARNER, outside right. Played consistently all through. Always in his place, quick on the ball and centres beautifully, but lacks dash.

Gravenor, Faulkner i, Langford and Hutton played once or twice for the team, and will be quite useful in a year's time.

#### F.G.S. v. FARNHAM POST OFFICE.

Played at home. The School opened their season with a good win against the P.O. by 8 goals to 2. Although our opponents were a much heavier team, we had matters very much our own way. For the first game, our team shaped nicely, and promised to do well during the season. The great "find" of the match was the goalkeeper, Browning, who kept his charge in splendid fashion, shaping with confidence at all that came his way. The backs were sound, as were also the halves. Chennell and Maidment did well on the left and Warner made a good impression on the right, some of his centres being excellent.

#### F.G.S. v. GORDON BOYS' HOME.

Played at Chobham. Goals were many in this game, owing on our side to the absence of Browning. The School opened with the wind behind them, and even play ensued for a time; but soon Maidment was given an opening and scored. This was followed by another goal for the School, from a corner. From this point the Home had more of the play, and scored twice in quick succession,

though we managed to get another by half-time, when we led by 8—2. The second half was faster than the first, they scored three and we two. Then 15 minutes from the end the School woke up and made strenuous efforts to obtain the lead and were unlucky not to score on two occasions. At last our efforts were rewarded and we scored a sixth, and thus won by 6—5. The forwards on the whole were good, and the wings centred well. Maidment was good in the centre, but should have passed to his wings a little more. The halves had not yet remedied their old defect in the feeding of their forwards. The backs were good, but made a mistake in dropping back instead of tackling at once. Robins in goal should have used his hands more.

#### F.G.S. v. ALTON WEDNESDAY 2nd XI.

Played at home, and won by the School by 5 goals to 2 after a very keenly contested game. Soon after the commencement Chennell scored from a centre by Warner, and for a time the play was confined to the left wing, which was playing well, and before long Chennell again scored almost from the "touch line." Alton then broke away and scored with a shot which might have been saved had the goal-keeper made a rush for the ball. Before the interval Chennell again turned a beautiful centre from Warner into the net, and we led by 3 to 1. The second half was more even than the first and it was some time before either side scored, but at last Maidment scored with a shot which bounded off one of the opposing backs. Then Alton were unlucky in losing a player who was forced to retire, but in spite of this they scored their second goal. Just before time Chennell scored his fourth and the School's fifth goal by heading through from a centre by Warner. Chennell was good all through and was always in the right place at the right time. The forwards showed better combination and were ably led and fed by Maidment. The halves and backs were good: Gillman, in particular, played a splendid game.

#### F.G.S. v. GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

These two teams met at Guildford in connection with the Surrey Secondary Schools League, and a splendid game ended in a

win for us by three goals to two. The game opened evenly, but as our boys settled down they began to get the upper hand; the left wing was playing beautifully and Chennell almost scored on two occasions. It was not long before Warner broke away on the right and scored with a fine shot. Almost immediately afterwards he again scored, but the point was disallowed, offside being given against Chennell. Not to be denied, the School forwards soon took up the running and after some good passing Maidment scored. With two against them Guildford pulled themselves together and had more of the play and were rewarded by scoring a goal. Half-time arrived with the score 2—1 in our favour.

Shortly after the resumption Tomlin had the misfortune to head through his own goal from a corner, and with honours easy Guildford seemed to monopolise the play for a while and were often dangerous. We, however, soon recovered and transferred the play to the Guildford goal, where Warner was given an excellent opportunity of scoring, but his shot from a few yards out was very weak and the goalkeeper easily saved. Again Maidment forced his way through but hesitating with his shot was charged off the ball. Towards the end Chennell was running through when he was tripped and from the "free" Maidment received and scored. Again Guildford tried to draw level, but found Browning too much for them. During the last 10 minutes we outplayed them and were unlucky not to score on several occasions, and the end came with Farnham winners by 3—2.

Everyone of our eleven did splendidly and all had a share in the victory. Maidment, Chennell and Warner did excellent and unselfish work forward: Pollard was simply a tower of strength at centre half; Tomlin was very good at back, and Browning almost perfect in goal.

#### F.G.S. v. ODIHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The first half of the game was very poor and our boys seemed unable to do anything right against their smaller opponents, whose tackling was very keen and whose spoiling tactics proved very effective. The second half, however, showed a considerable

improvement and goals were soon forthcoming. The forwards, at last, came to a sort of understanding and so began to overplay their opponents, who still continued to defend pluckily. In the end we won a rather one-sided game by 8 goals to none.

#### F.G.S. v. BLACKMOOR.

Played at home in lovely weather. A very pleasant fast game, though the score, 3—2 in our favour, was not what it should have been considering we had most of the attack. In the first half Chennell scored for the School and Blackmoor scored twice. In the second half the play of the School improved and goals were scored by Mr. Ridout and Mr. Kingcome. Towards the end the School were awarded a penalty, but nothing came of it. The defence played a good sound game; but Mack was tempted to manœuvre too much with the ball, instead of clearing. The left wing was splendid, though Maidment's shooting was erratic and Chennell was too apt to get offside.

#### F.G.S. v. ALTON WEDNESDAY 2nd. XI.

The visit of our boys to Alton for the return match ended in yet another victory by 3 goals to 2. The first goal was scored by Chennell, who neatly turned a good pass by Warner into the net. A few minutes afterwards another good centre from Warner should have resulted in another goal, but on this occasion Chennell missed. Heavy rain fell just before half-time and this made the ball heavy and slippery and difficult to control. After some even play Folkard made a good run and passed to Maidment who scored. Then a penalty was awarded to Alton, who scored. A good run by Maidment and a careful pass to Gravenor resulted in a third goal for the School. Just before time another penalty was given against our boys and again resulted in a goal. There was no further scoring, and a pleasant and interesting game ended as above.

Considering the circumstances our boys played well and deserved their win. The defence was again safe; but Faulkner's kicking has not yet reached the standard of a successful back. Mack was good and constantly rescued his side from difficulties.

Saunders at half made a very successful first appearance. He is hard-working and tackles well and is always in his place. The forwards were good; but Folkard did not fit in with them, his place being at half. Maidment again played well.

#### F.G.S. v. CAMBERLEY CHURCH LADS.

Played at home, in very uncertain weather, on a slippery ground, consequently the play on both sides left much to be desired and lacked finish. At times it brightened, but for the most part the game consisted of futile rushes on each goal. In justice to both sets of forwards it must be admitted that the ball, being greasy, was difficult to control: still, taking that into consideration, a better show might have been made had the forwards adapted themselves to the short passing game, which would have been more suited to the circumstances. Many chances on both sides were allowed to pass unimproved, and a poor and even game ended in a win for the School by 2 goals to 1.

#### F.G.S. v. FARNHAM CONGREGATIONAL YOUNG MEN.

The School won this game at home with 10 goals to 3; the big score was due rather to the weakness of our opponents and the excellence of our defence, than to the good play of our forwards. For a time the game was even, but after a quarter of an hour the School began to assert themselves and attacked repeatedly, though bad shooting prevented any score. Ultimately, however, Maidment beating several opponents scored with a good shot, and half-time arrived with this the only goal registered.

On resuming, our opponents looked like forcing the pace for a short time, but soon the play was transferred to their goal, where Warner scored. Even play again reigned for a time until Atton scored from a good centre by Chennell. The F.C.Y.M. next scored with a very high shot which was difficult to judge; and a few minutes later Folkard, receiving the ball from a scrimmage, scored number 4. This was quickly followed by goals from Atton and Maidment. The School's seventh goal was carried through by the visiting goalkeeper. During the last 10 minutes Chennell, Maidment and Warner were each successful in adding to our score.

In the first half the School forwards were exceedingly feeble in front of goal, but the second half saw them improved immensely in this respect. Both Chennell and Warner centred well; they should avoid carrying the ball too near the line. The inside forwards need to come to a better understanding with the centre in order to make the whole line more effective in attack. The halves were untiring, especially Pollard, and it was pleasant to notice the improvement in their "feeding." The backs were sound and proved too good for the visiting forwards, Gillman, in particular, kicking splendidly. Browning was again good and not to blame for any of the goals scored against him.

#### F.G.S. *v.* REIGATE G.S.

Our second league game was played at Reigate and ended in a defeat for us by 5 goals to 1. Play opened in favour of Reigate, who became dangerous on one or two occasions before our boys settled down. The game was not many minutes old before Reigate broke away on the right, their outside man sending a centre which apparently passed "outside," for Browning made practically no attempt to save it, and the ball passing between his legs lodged on the line. Folkard might even then have kicked away, but he hesitated and Reigate put the ball into the net. Not long after this they again broke through on the right, and the centre came to two players standing unmarked in front of the goal, and number 2 was scored. These reverses woke up our boys, who put more dash in their play, and they were rewarded by Maidment's taking advantage of a mis-kick from a Reigate back and scoring. He might have repeated almost immediately after, but he shot just wide. From this point the play was exceedingly even until half-time.

The first half-hour of the second half was merely a repetition of the latter part of the first half; for each side attacked in turn but without scoring, although our boys were distinctly unlucky in not scoring on at least three occasions. Lack of dash and feeble shooting allowed many good chances to go. Then Reigate came away with a rush and took our defence by surprise and scored. From this goal the game changed and our boys appeared to have

lost heart; for Reigate kept up a continual attack upon our goal and succeeded in scoring twice more. Had it not been for Browning's brilliant goalkeeping we should have experienced a very heavy defeat.

Once again our defence played better than the forwards, the backs and halves working untiringly and kicking well; but Saunders found his opponent too heavy and fast for him. Pollard's play during the latter part of the game was seriously crippled by injuries to his eye and knee. At times our forwards were good; but they were seriously hampered by the narrowness of the ground. Atton was certainly the pick of them on the day's play, though he is so weak at shooting.

#### F.G.S. v. FARNHAM CONGREGATIONAL YOUNG MEN.

Played at home in dull but dry weather, and resulted in a victory for the School by 5 goals to none. The School won the toss and kicked against the wind. For some time the game was poor. Several corners were awarded, but they came to nothing. The chief fault of the School lay in the fact that their forwards would not follow up or keep up and thus allowed the visiting defence to clear with comfort. After about 30 minutes play, Warner received a pass from Gillman and broke through. His centre found Chennell waiting and he had no difficulty in scoring. The second portion of the game was a great improvement on the first; for our attack had more sting in it, and soon began to assume the offensive. Maidment, who was now keeping up, received the ball from a kick-off, and scored with a fine 20 yards shot. Soon after he fed Warner whose centre Atton put into the net. Chennell also was playing much more confidently and broke through several times and at last scored with a shot which was helped through by a visiting back. The School now had matters all their own way, and after some neat and accurate play on the left-wing, Atton scored with the best shot of the match. Maidment was almost irresistible toward the end and was most unfortunate not to have scored on many occasions, many of his shots striking the cross-bar or just going

outside. Langford was weak and left his man unmarked at the throw-in. The defence was good and Field made a very good début.

#### F.G.S. v. GUILDFORD G.S.

The return match on our ground was very fast all through. Many boys turned out to watch and they were rewarded by seeing one of the best games of the season. The teams started so vigorously that a boy on the touch line remarked that the first five minutes were like the last five minutes of the usual game. With wind and sun in their favour Guildford began to press at once, giving our backs, halves and goal plenty to do. And their work was increased by the fact that the wing-forwards kept so far away that when the backs cleared they did not secure the ball and take it to the other end. Maidment and the insides got off four or five times but were unable to shoot effectively. Folkard at left-half was absolutely grand all through the first half, and but for him and our mainstay, Pollard, Guildford must have got through repeatedly. As it was we reached half-time with the score 1—0 against us.

In the second half with a little wind to help us we expected to do better. But the strain of the struggle of the first half told its tale, and Guildford did most of the pressing. Pollard certainly did the work of two, though the other halves were frequently beaten by the Guildford wings, and Faulkner was not good, so that had it not been for Browning's brilliant goal-keeping they would have scored many times. Our forwards attacked occasionally and both Maidment and Warner deserved to score, but the end of a very hard and very pleasant game came with 5—0 against us.

#### F.G.S. v. REIGATE G.S.

This, the last of the League matches, was played on Saturday, December 1st, on our ground. The game opened fast. After a few minutes Chennell scored from a fine centre by Warner. We were however immediately robbed of this advantage, for the Reigate inside forwards brought the ball straight through from the kick-off and scored. Directly afterwards they scored a second goal with an

excellent high shot. During the rest of the first half there was no further scoring, though both goal-keepers were kept busy. On resuming after half-time each side attacked in turn, and play was very even until some fifteen minutes before time, when Warner, running down with the ball, scored with a well placed shot. Our side then suddenly became aggressive and a scrimmage among the Reigate defence gave Atton the chance of shooting a winning goal for us, thus making the score 4—3 in our favour. The team on the whole played well. The improvement in the play of Park and Atton was particularly noticeable.

The fact that four Masters have been playing regularly this Term in practices and matches has proved of great value to the School Football.

Mr. Kingcome and Mr. Ridout have kept the forward line awake, and Mr. Withinshaw and Mr. Wood have done good work at half- and full-back.

The scores of the two Divisions of the County in the Surrey Schools' Competition for the Cup presented by Mr A. W. Chapman are as follows :—

NORTHERN : Tiffins 12 points, Richmond 8, Rutlish 4, Sutton 0.  
SOUTHERN : Guildford 6 points, Farnham 4, Reigate 2

In the final, between Tiffins and Guildford, Tiffins were victorious by 4 goals to 0.

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### THE BOARDERS.

The Boarders have had several entertainments during the term to vary their usual round of work and play. On October 4 we went, accompanied by a large number of day-boys, to Sanger's Circus, where we admired the feats of the acrobats, made merry

over the jests and antics of Pimpo the Clown, and were so delighted with the wonderful tricks of the sea-lions that it was difficult to turn home at the end of the performance. Some of the more enterprising members of the community were extremely eager to perform acrobatic feats in the dormitory, but wiser counsels prevailed and they contented themselves with repeating the most popular jokes. On the following Friday our entertainment was of a different kind, when we attended the first of the lectures arranged by the Farnham Field Club and given at the Corn Exchange. The subject was the Wonders of Photography, and it was illustrated by a large number of most interesting slides. On November 8 we attended the second lecture, "Folk Songs and Folk Lore of the Sea," given by Mr. Ferguson and were delighted by the songs given by the lecturer and Miss Spencer to illustrate the subject. The most popular appeared to be "The Crocodile" and "Boney was a Warrior," and for some days afterwards echoes of the songs could be heard on the School premises. On November 15 we attended the Folk Play, "The Passing of the Bailiff," written by the Rector of Farnham, and performed at the Church House. As we arrived somewhat late, we found the room crowded, but, owing to the kindness of the stewards, several boys were perched on the window ledges, from which they gained a better view than many who had patiently waited for a long time. We were much interested in the glimpses of old Farnham, and felt honoured at recognizing some of our acquaintances on the stage.

In the chess and draughts tournaments many games have been stoutly contested. At present, Maidment is the favourite at draughts, and Todd at chess, and the results will be announced in our next number. On the earlier Saturday evenings of the term the boarders' own game of burglars was pursued with much zest, and lately an indoor variation has been very popular.

At the beginning of the term we found that Derisley had not returned, but three new boarders (Adamson, Saunders and Singer) had come in his place.

## Members of the School 1912-13.

A list added, not only to interest Old Boys, but also for the many Present Boys who may like to have, a few years hence, a record

“Which to the sessions of sweet, silent thought,  
Will summon up remembrance of things past.”

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*Second Master*—Mr. WILLIAM STROUD.

*Science Master*—Dr. G. BROWN.

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