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Editorial.

First of all a welcome is due to our new Headmaster, Mr. F. A. Morgan, M.A., from the Whitgift Grammar School, whom the Governors elected from over 200 candidates for the Headmastership on Mr. Stickland's resignation last term.

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Also to Mr. H. J. Vallins, B.A., whom the Headmaster has appointed to take the place left vacant on the Staff by Mr. Hunt's resignation.

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We were very disappointed on Sports Day not to see Mr. and Mrs. Stickland. They would have come had Mr. Stickland known the date in time to arrange to be away on that day.

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All good wishes to the boys who have left us this term : H. E. Blake, E. H. Conduit, H. Elphick, A. C. Hardman, N. H. Hillyer, R. F. Hurdwell, A. E. Janes, H. M. Kemp, A. E. King, J. P. Lee, J. Miller, V. Rance, E. S. Reed, E. J. Smith, S. T. Smith, H. F. Swan, E. N. Webb, L. G. White, and H. N. Woodroffe.

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Our thanks to A. L. Fisher for doing the pen-and-ink caricature sketch of E. N. Webb, whom we shall all miss next term.

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We are all glad to know that Mr. Stroud, who fell ill with blood-poisoning, and whom on Sports Day and on Cadet Corps parades we have missed, is out and about again and is rapidly recovering his strength.

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The Examination Results show six "Matriculation" passes and eight (new) "Generals," with eleven Distinctions. We congratulate J. H. Cooke, J. Peters, H. F. Swan, J. M. Taylor, E. H. Wetton and H. N. Woodroffe on matriculating, and C. J. Bloxham, G. S. Chennells, J. Feehally, H. S. Jefferies, K. W. Slater, H. W. Stoodley, F. O. M. Taylor and E. N. Webb on passing the General. Of the Distinctions J. M. Taylor took four (English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Drawing), Woodroffe three

(French written, French oral, and Chemistry), Peters two (Mathematics & Chemistry), Bloxham one (English), and Cooke one (Chemistry).

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Our congratulations to the 1923-24 Cock House — Childe. Childe accumulated 74 points, so gaining a lead of 13 points over the second House. An examination of the Table of Points won (which will be found below) is interesting, for it shows that School work is, after all, the most important thing with us. Without the points gained for School work, Childe would have dropped to fourth place.

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Prefects this term are C. T. Stroud, R. F. Hurdwell, A. E. Janes, W. J. Pink and R. H. Parker of the VIth, and E. N. Webb, A. G. Mackay and D. N. Searle of the Upper Vth.

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Congratulations to E. N. Webb who has received the bat this year as the best all-round cricketer, and to E. A. Purcell who got the ball as the best bowler.

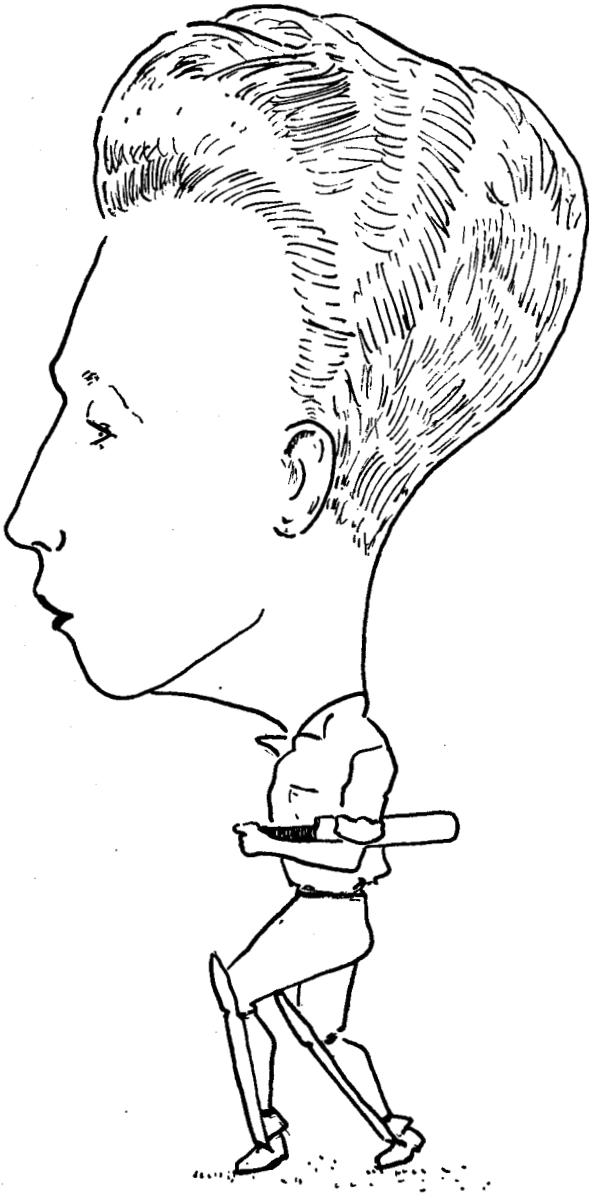
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The very successful visit of 180 of the Boys to the Empire Exhibition is briefly described on another page by "G. N. UOYROLYAT" (who is two of the members of the party). A smaller expedition was that of 30 boys whom Mr. Varey took to Winchester on July 24th. In the morning they were shown over the Cathedral by a Guide who earned their admiration as well as their gratitude by his thoroughness and the pains he took to make the visit interesting. In the afternoon the Headmaster of Winchester College kindly conducted them over the School.

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Mr. Bacon wishes to acknowledge with thanks books presented to the Library by J. R. Collyer, A.L. Fisher, R. G. Harvey, N. Hyde, E. H. Penrose, H. F. Swan and J. N. Young.





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Sports Day, July 16th.

Last year the Clerk of the Weather rather overdid his effort to arrange a fine day for our Sports, for it was exceedingly hot. This year he gave us a perfect day. All the events were, as usual, keenly contested, though only one record was broken—the 220 yards under 11, won by D. W. Turner in 32 4-5th secs. A particularly good race was the Inter-House Relay, won by School. A. F. Elmslie, who came from Sandhurst in the pink of physical fitness, decisively won the Old Boys' Race. The best contested event of the day was the final Inter-House Tug-of-War between Morley and Childe; it was one of the longest and hardest pulls of recent years. The Open Victor Ludorum was won by W. J. Pink, and the "Under 14" by F. H. Jennings.

The results were as follows :—

100 Yards Open (semi-finals).—Heat 1: 1st, A. E. Janes; 2nd, K. W. Slater; 3rd, W. J. Pink. Heat 2: 1st, E. N. Webb; 2nd, N. H. Hillyer; 3rd, J. N. Young.

100 Yards Open (final).—1st, A. E. Janes; 2nd, E. N. Webb; 3rd, W. J. Pink. Time, 11 4-5 secs.

100 Yards "Under 14" (semi-finals).—Heat 1: 1st, F. H. Jennings; 2nd, O. K. Warren; 3rd, G. H. Stratton. Heat 2: 1st, G. G. Boyes; 2nd R. J. Brindley; 3rd, A. L. Plumridge.

100 Yards "Under 14" (final).—1st, F. H. Jennings; 2nd, O. K. Warren; 3rd, G. G. Boyes. Time, 14 2-5 secs.

100 Yards "Under 11" (final).—1st, D. W. Turner; 2nd, K. C. Dutton; 3rd, J. W. Mack. Time, 15 2-5 secs.

220 Yards "Under 14" (final).—1st, F. H. Jennings; 2nd, R. J. Brindley; 3rd, C. Mould. Time, 30 2-5 secs.

220 Yards "Under 11" (final).—1st, D. W. Turner; 2nd, K. C. Dutton; 3rd, A. H. Brindley. Time, 32 4-5 secs. (Record).

220 Yards Open (final).—1st E. N. Webb; 2nd, A. E. Janes; 3rd, J. Miller. Time, 26 3-5 secs.

440 Yards "Under 11" (final).—1st D. W. Turner; 2nd, D. W. Caesar; 3rd, A. H. Brindley. Time, 77 secs.

440 Yards "Under 14" (final).—1st, C. Mould; 2nd, L. N. Poole; 3rd J. C. Kingcome. Time, 73 1-5 secs.

440 Yards Open (final).—1st, W. J. Pink; 2nd, J. Miller; 3rd, D. H. Weedon. Time, 59 secs.

Half-mile "Under 14" (final).—1st, N. Hyde; 2nd, L. N. Poole; 3rd, C. Mould. Time, 2 mins. 44 secs.

Half-mile Open (final).—1st, J. Miller; 2nd, W. J. Pink; 3rd, A. C. Hardman. Time, 2 mins. 25 2-5 secs.

High Jump Open.—1st, W. J. Pink; 2nd, A. G. Mackay; 3rd, D. H. Weedon. Height, 4 ft. 7 ins.

Tug-of-war Final (Morley v. Childe).—Morley.

Relay Race, Inter-Houses (120 yards, 240 yards, 120 yards, and 240 yards).—1st, School; 2nd, Harding. Time, 1 min. 32 3-5 secs.

Three-legged Race.—1st A. R. Hardy and H. H. Steel; 2nd, J. P. Lee and J. Miller; 3rd, K. B. Sherrington and N. B. Usher.

Sack Race.—1st E. H. Penrose; 2nd, W. J. Butcher; 3rd, A. R. Hardy.

Consolation Race, Seniors.—1st, A. Phillips; 2nd N. H. Hillyer; 3rd R. W. Stroud.

Consolation Race, Juniors.—1st, E. S. Reed; 2nd, E. C. Franklin; 3rd G. H. Stratton.

Old Boys' Race.—1st A. F. Elmslie; 2nd, J. Wells; 3rd, L. A. Gibson.

Little Sisters' Race.—1st, Miss Bengé; 2nd, Miss Patrick; 3rd Miss Slater.

Results of previously completed events were:—

One Mile.—1st, J. Miller; 2nd, W. J. Pink; 3rd, A. C. Hardman; 4th J. P. Lee. Time, 5 mins. 38 1-5 secs.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, Open.—1st, W. J. Pink; 2nd, J. N. Young. Distance, 74 yds. 1 ft.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, "Under 14".—1st, R. F. Baker; 2nd, C. Mould. Distance, 61 yds.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, "Under 11".—1st, D. W. Caesar; 2nd, S. C. Stewart. Distance, 43 yds.

Long Jump Open.—1st D. N. Searle; 2nd, K. W. Slater; 3rd, W. J. Pink. Distance, 16 ft. 10½ ins.

Long Jump "Under 14".—1st, A. L. Plumridge; 2nd, R. G. Warren; 3rd, J. C. Casben. Distance, 13 ft. 3¼ ins.

Long Jump "Under 11".—1st, K. G. Crowhurst; 2nd, N. H. Patrick. Distance, 10 ft. 3½ ins.

High Jump "Under 14".—1st, J. D. Gray; 2nd L. C. Andrews; 3rd, A. L. Plumridge. Height, 3 ft. 7 ins.

High Jump "Under 11".—1st, B. C. Stewart; 2nd, J. W. Mack. Height, 3 ft. 4 ins.

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The Cricket.

In spite of the inclement weather which interfered seriously with net practice during the early part of the term, we can look back on the cricket this term as very successful compared with that of previous seasons. There has been a distinct improvement all round, but particularly in the matter of fielding. Keeness in the field is a healthy sign, and it has favourably impressed our visitors. The batting, though not perhaps as successful as it seemed to deserve to be, has been sound; many of the boys, and particularly the younger players, have shown a really good knowledge of the art. The bowling, too, has been good; we were fortunate in having changes, being able, if necessary, to call on half a dozen bowlers. The most successful of them was E. A. G. Purcell, who bowled consistently and successfully all through the season. Latterly, E. N. Webb, the Captain, came in as a fast bowler with success. A. G. Mackay deserves honourable mention, too, for it was Half-Term before he gained a place in the eleven. He thoroughly justified his inclusion by good bowling and fielding. Nevertheless I think that better use might have been made of the bowling talent; in this the Captain will probably agree with me! J. N. Young was quite a "find" as a wicket-keeper, showing great keeness to catch the batsman out of his crease, and missing very few chances of doing so.

Mr. Boyes deserves our thanks for his coaching of the boys in the nets. He has devoted two evenings a week to this, and the improved batting is largely due to the work he has done.

I should also like to mention that the interest shown by the Headmaster, who has been present at most practices, has contributed largely to the enthusiasm for the game.

Our Fixture List was smaller than usual, partly owing to the withdrawal of Eggar's Grammar School and Odiham Grammar School. An additional match, however, was one with Guildford (Junior) Technical School, who gave us a couple of very keen games. The whole-day match with Colfe Grammar School (Lewisham) proved a great success, and was very enjoyable. Although we were beaten by them we were not disgraced. Our opponents, who had had a most successful season in London, were of the opinion that our eleven was one of the strongest they had met, and were particularly impressed by our fielding. Our eleven played a good all-round game that day, with very good bowling and sound batting.

The Guildford match did not produce the standard of play of previous years. For one thing the Guildford Grammar School eleven was not so good this year; for another, our boys were rather out of practice and tired after the Sports. Had we played earlier in the term, or had the game gone into two innings even, I think we should have won.

Owing to the bad weather nearly five weeks of the term had passed before we could start the games in the Inter-House Competition. School House, who hold the honours in cricket, were lucky in having no less than six members of the 1st eleven in their team. In the Senior Competition they easily won all the matches they played. In the Junior Competition, Morley came out on top, for they won all their matches. Some of the Morley second eleven players are very promising cricketers, and the other Houses will have to look to their laurels in the near future.

H. C. K.

1st XI. RECORD, 1924.

Played 8, Won 5, Lost 2, No Result, 1.

BATTING AVERAGES.

E. N. Webb, 10.8 (65 runs); E. B. Linger, 6.4 (45 runs);
E. A. G. Purcell, 5.6 (40 runs); J. N. Young, 5.5 (44 runs);
H. P. N. Mann, 5 (15 runs).

BOWLING AVERAGES.

E. N. Webb 4.8 (25 wickets); E. A. G. Purcell 5.08 (36 wickets);
A. G. Mackay, 5.8 (11 wickets).

THE MATCHES.

May 17th, v. Salesian School, at Farnborough. Result : Won.
F.G.S., 50; S.S., 28. F.G.S. Scorers : L. Benge, 4; N. H. Hillyer, 7; E. A. G. Purcell, 10; E. B. Linger, 2; E. N. Webb, 2; H. P. N. Mann, 3; R. H. Parker, 17 not out; Lass, 2; Extras, 3. Bowling : E. A. G. Purcell, five for 3; E. B. Linger, three for 2.

May 21st, v. Toc H. (Farnham), at Farnham. Result : None,
Rain stopped play.

May 29th, v. Salesian School, at Farnham. Result : Won by
three wickets. F.G.S., 65 for 7; Salesian, 64. F.G.S. Scorers : F. Grinstead, 3; N. H. Hillyer, 1; L. B. Benge, 16; J. N. Young, 15; E. B. Linger, 4; E. A. G. Purcell, 5 not out; A. G. Mackay, 3; D. N. Searle, 3; R. H. Parker, 10 not out; Extras, 5; H. P. N. Mann and E. N. Webb did not bat. Bowling : E. N. Webb, four for 12; A. G. Mackay, three for 11.

May 31st, v. Guildford J. T. School, at Farnham. Result : Won
by four runs. F.G.S., 49; G.J.T., 45. F.G.S. Scorers : L. B. Benge, 1; J. N. Young, 4; N. H. Hillyer, 1; E. A. G. Purcell, 1; E. B. Linger, 17 not out; E. N. Webb, 13; R. H. Parker, 7; A. G. Mackay, 4; D. N. Searle, 1. Bowling : E. A. G. Purcell, seven for 18; L. B. Benge, two for 6.

June 14th, v. Woking County School, at Farnham. Result :
Won by 28 runs. F.G.S., 53; Woking C.S., 25. F.G.S. Scorers : E. B. Linger, 1; F. W. Grinstead, 3; E. A. G. Purcell, 5; N. H. Hillyer, 6; J. N. Young, 3; K. W. Slater, 5; R. H. Parker, 2; E. N. Webb, 9; A. G. Mackay, 2; D. N. Searle, 7; H. P. N. Mann, 7 not out. Bowling : E. A. G. Purcell, six for 11; A. G. Mackay, three for 8.

June 21st, v. Colfe Grammar School, at Farnham. All Day
Match. Result : Lost by 55 runs. Colfe G.S. 103; F.G.S., 48. F.G.S. Scorers : First Innings : L. B. Benge, 1; F. W. Grinstead, 1; N. H. Hillyer, 6; E. B. Linger, 1; E. A. G. Purcell, 3; E. N. Webb, 22; D. N. Searle, 2; K. W. Slater, 5; Extras, 7. Bowling : L. B. Benge, three for 12; E. N. Webb, four for 45.—Second Innings : Colfe Grammar School, 99 (innings declared closed); F.G.S., 36 for eight. F.G.S.

Scorers : 2nd Innings : L. B. Bengé, 6; F. W. Grinstead, 1; J. N. Young, 4; E. B. Linger, 8; E. A. G. Purcell, 4; E. N. Webb, 8; D. N. Searle, 1 not out; Extras, 4. Bowling : E. N. Webb, three for 11.

June 28th, v Staff XI. Result : Won by four wickets. F.G.S. 45 for six; Staff XI., 39. F.G.S. Scorers : E. B. Linger, 4; F. W. Grinstead, 7; E. A. G. Purcell, 4; J. N. Young, 9; E. N. Webb, 10 not out; A. G. Mackay, 8 not out; Extras, 4; D. N. Searle, K. W. Slater, and R. H. Parker did not bat. Bowling : E. A. G. Purcell, six for 16; E. N. Webb, two for 11.

July 19th, v. Guildford Grammar School, at Farnham. Result : Lost by 40 runs. Guildford G.S., 86; F.G.S., 46. F.G.S. Scorers : H. P. N. Mann, 5; F. W. Grinstead, 9; J. N. Young, 9; E. A. G. Purcell, 8; E. N. Webb, 1; E. B. Linger, 8; J. Lee, 1; H. Blake, 4 not out. Bowling : E. A. G. Purcell, five for 38; E. N. Webb, three for 25; A. G. Mackay, two for 7.

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A Visit to Wembley.

The inhabitants of Alfred Road were probably surprised to see most of the School, in a rather excited state of mind, gathered there about half-past seven on Friday morning, July 4th. It was the rendezvous for the Farnham and District Boys to meet the charabancs which were to take them to the Exhibition. Another charabanc started from Aldershot, and a third from Camberley. Our journey passed off, in spite of the congested conditions in the charabancs, with no incident more disagreeable than a shower of rain and a song about an old-fashioned house inflicted on us by —; let him not be named! We reached Wembley at eleven o'clock. The Party, of about 180 boys, was divided into smaller ones, each under the charge of a master, who, in consultation with his own party, had previously prepared a programme of visits. These visits were carried out according to plan, though it was said that one master was found sitting alone and disconsolate, having lost the whole of his flock, save one faithful boy. This, however, was probably a malicious rumour.

Which of the exhibits proved most interesting? It is impossible to say—unless, perhaps, it was the Palace of Engineering. Probably there would be most votes for this, but some would prefer H.M. Government Building or the Palace of Industry, or one of the larger Colonies. The best, seen from outside, was, perhaps, Burma; the best inside was surely the splendid Canada. At any rate it was quite impossible not to feel pride that such were our Colonies, and that this was the great Empire of which we were sons.

To see the Exhibition with any sort of thoroughness, one would have to spend a week visiting it. We rushed about, trying to see as much as possible in our few hours. It was all very tiring, but we did not mind that. We were continually meeting with boys of other parties, dusty and dirty looking fellows, but all supremely happy.

At Roll-Call at half-past six, no-one was missing. We climbed into our respective charabancs, delighted with the day; and by nine o'clock the last charabanc was in Farnham again.

We all felt greatly indebted to the Head and the Assistant Masters, who had been put to so much trouble to arrange and conduct the expedition.

G. N. UOYROLYAT.

When Greek Meets Greek.

The man with the gun quietly drew near the prostrate school-boy and, grasping him by the collar of his jacket, jerked him to his feet.

"So I've caught you at last, prowling after the game, my young poacher!"

The pale and startled boy stammered, "No, no, Mr. Game-keeper, I'm no' poachin', I'm just ill and sick with learning Greek."

"Are you trying to make fun of me, you young ne'er-do-well?"

"No; I'm neither ne'er-do-well or poacher; I'm a scholar at the Muckleton Grammar School. Look at my cap!"

"I see your cap all right; but boys' bonnets can be stolen like game or partridges' eggs. If you are a Muckleton boy, what are you doing here, away from the road, instead of being in the School?"

"I told you already that it was learning Greek made me ill, and I had to come in here on the advice of Archie Ramsey, and lie down till I got better."

"I'm afraid you're rather clever at lying."

"Maybe when I tell you about the Greek lesson, you'll believe me."

"Imphm! Maybe. Well, let's sit down, and tell away, and I'll believe you if it's possible. By the way, what's your name?"

"Willie Semple, and my father is Thomas Semple, of Bunkerton. Well, as I was going to school this morning, I was overtaken by Archie Ramsey, the Dux of Muckleton School. He was reciting something that sounded like tip-toe, and I asked him what it was. 'A Greek Verb, you young ass,' he said. Now I was keen to learn Greek, and I begged him to help me to begin. You see, I hoped to be head of the School some day, like him. He smiled to himself, and after a wee while, he said, 'Ay, I'll help you with the alphabet now, if you'll do something for me—something quite easy.' Only too readily did I promise. 'Now,'

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said he, 'the first Greek letter of the alphabet is Alpha, and the second Beta. Now say these over three times !' I did. Then he pulled a tin box from his pocket and drew out a thick green leaf. I wondered what it was for. 'It's not a leaf from the tree of knowledge,' said Archie, but it will help me when I'm a Doctor, if you will chew and swallow it bit by bit. You will eat a morsel for every two letters that I teach you.' I was only too eager. What was a mere leaf to a healthy boy? I took a bit from him, and chewed it up quickly. It was queer, the taste of it, but I didn't mind. With the third and fourth letters, Gamma and Delta, I got another bit to swallow, but before I had finished half the alphabet I felt very sick like. We got as far as Iota—and an Iota finished me. I noticed that Archie was very interested and pleased with the effect, and all the sympathy I got from him was 'There's no pleasure without pain.' He then advised me to go and lie down in the heather, but to look out for the gamekeeper. He took my bag of books to Muckleton for me, and, but for you dropping on me, I should now be following him to School."

"It's a funny story, and you must have been as simple as your name to swallow what might have been poisonous. Now let me hear you repeat all the Greek alphabet you remember."

"Why, you're only a gamekeeper, you wouldn't know whether I said them right or wrong."

"I may be a gamekeeper in the summer, but every winter I attend the classes of the University in Glasgow, and, to prove that I believe your story I will now go over the whole Greek alphabet with you, and let you go on your way to School."

And that is how I got my first and second lessons in Greek!

JAY HEM.



The Swimming Sports.

Swimming, re-instituted as a School Sport by the Head-master, has been taken up by the boys with great enthusiasm. Regular weekly visits to the South Street Swimming Bath have been made, and many of the boys have learnt to swim this term.

The Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday morning, July 23rd. The large number of entries and the keenness with which the events were contested made the Sports a most encouraging success. The best performances were the Inter-House Relay Race, won by School (thanks largely to the effort of "Captain" Webb), the Four Lengths Open Race, won by E. F. Chuter (a strong, stylish swimmer), and the Diving of R. W. Stroud and S. N. Wiltshire.

The results were :—

Beginners, one length.—1, R. J. Gale; 2, C. Mould; 3, V. Dyson.

Beginners, Diving.—1, B. C. Stewart; 2, F. E. Pool; 3, W. J. Butcher.

Diving, under 14.—1, R. H. Taylor; 2, C. Mould; 3, C. A. Chuter.

Two Lengths, under 14.—1, D. B. Ryall; 2, R. H. Taylor; 3, C. A. Chuter.

Four Lengths, under 14.—1, D. B. Ryall; 2, C. A. Chuter.

Diving, Open.—1, R. W. Stroud; 2, S. N. Wiltshire.

Two Lengths, Open.—1, E. F. Chuter; 2, J. M. Taylor; 3, C. H. Stevens.

Four Lengths, Open.—1, E. F. Chuter; 2, R. A. Mackay; 3, J. M. Taylor.

Bobbing for Corks.—1, J. W. Gwillim; 2, L. E. Permain.

Inter-House Relay Race (Four representatives doing two lengths each).—1, School (A. E. Janes, L. Benge, E. N. Webb and J. N. Young); 2, Massingberd (K. T. Mitchell, P. G. Eggett, C. J. Bloxham and H. E. Blake); 3, Childe (H. N. Woodroffe, R. Weller, E. F. Chuter and J. M. Taylor); 4, Morley (V. Rance, G. C. Lass, R. W. Stroud and R. A. Mackay); 5, Harding (R. H. Parker, L. E. Permain, S. N. Wiltshire and E. H. Wetton).

School Championship Boxing, 1924.

This Competition, held on March 31st last, came too late in the term to be reported in Vol. XII, No. 1. The winners were as follows :—

5 st. and under.—J. Clark beat J. Wing in the final by more frequent scoring. A good fight, with hard hitting for this weight.

5 st. 7 lbs. and under.—H. W. Stoodley beat W. H. Hern in the final. Hern scored most in the first round, but in the second Stoodley steadied and scored over Hern sufficiently to win.

6 st. and under.—D. R. Parker beat C. Mould. Mould's clever footwork prevented Parker from scoring in the first round, but in the second, Parker would not be held off. A good bout.

7 st. and under.—S. N. Wiltshire beat E. J. Smith in the final. Both boxed well, and fought hard.

7 st. 7 lbs. and under.—R. J. Gale beat E. H. Penrose in the final. Some of the best boxing was done in this weight. Penrose fought his way to the final by hard hitting, but found his match in Gale, who is a cool and stylish boxer.

8 st. and under.—L. Bengé beat E. C. Patrick in the final. After a far too quiet first round, Patrick attacked, but Bengé's longer reach enabled him to score oftener than his opponent. Not a good bout for this weight, however.

9 st. and under.—R. H. Parker beat E. H. Conduit in the final. A bout of hard boxing. Conduit put up a very good fight against the more fiery Parker, from whom he took heavy punishment very well.

10 st. and under.—J. Miller beat R. W. Stroud in the final. Only fair boxing for this weight.

Open.—J. M. Taylor beat N. H. Hillyer in the final. Taylor, fighting cleverly and in his peculiar style, punished Hillyer, and won before the end of the second round.

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	1st XI.	2nd XI.			1st XI.	2nd XI.					
Childe... ..	2	5	—	—	2	—	—	15	50	74	1
Harding	10	3	9	9	6	—	15	9	—	61	2
Massingberd ..	—	1	3	15	—	1	—	—	10	30	4
Morley	—	—	15	3	—	5	3	1½	30	57½	3
School	6	—	—	—	10	3	9	1½	—	29½	5

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The Cadet Corps.

The General Elles' Cup Inter-Platoons Competition was won on July 18th by No. 4 Platoon, with No. 2 Platoon only one point (out of 60) behind.

From term to term, for the past year or so, we have been expecting to see work begun on the projected miniature rifle range. So far the difficulties encountered have prevented the scheme from materialising. However, we are assured by the Headmaster that tenders for the work are now being received, and that we can more or less count on the range becoming an accomplished fact in the near future.

Two Field Days have been held. On the second occasion, July 21st, the Corps was detained at School by rain until about 11 o'clock. The weather then improved, however, and though it was too late to carry out the scheme planned (a Convoy scheme), the Corps marched out via Tilford to Frensham Little Pond, doing an Advance Guard practice en route.

On June 14th, the first Field Day this year, the weather was hot and dry, and soon reduced the Corps to the same state. The general idea was that a Brown Army (Platoons 2 and 4, under Mr. Ashton), having landed in Kent, had marched into Surrey, had captured Guildford and Aldershot, and were marching on

Farnham. A White Army (Platoons 1 and 3, under Mr. Bacon) had marched out to Frensham, there to dig in and repel the enemy. The Signallers, under Sergt. J. M. Taylor, were attached to the White Army. By two o'clock everything was over, and the two Forces foregathered in perfect amity on the shore of the Little Pond, there to feed and enjoy a welcome bathe. After this a pow-wow was held. The Officers and N.C.O. were invited to explain what they really did and why they did it. By them it was made more or less clear that the attack of the Brown Army was an unqualified success, save that the White Army had either captured or killed them all; and that the Farnhamians would have slept peacefully in their beds, securely defended by the invincible White Army, had not this force been swept away and annihilated by the fury of the attack.

The Signallers had a useful practice, and rendered a not unappreciated service to the combatants, in that the entire personnel of one of their stations allowed itself to be clean captured by a party of the attacking forces.



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Life at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Most people arrive at the R.M.C. knowing full well that they have a stiff time in front of them, but—they are mistaken. They have by far under-rated the "stiff time," and this they very soon find out, too. Throughout the eighteen months one spends here, one leads a really energetic life, the first term being the most strenuous, closely followed by the third term, the second term the easiest.

A typical programme for summer would be as follows : Reveille, 6 a.m.; Private Study, 7 a.m.; Breakfast, 8 a.m.; Company Drill, 9 a.m.; Tactics, 10 a.m.; Topography, 11 a.m.; History (European) 12 noon; Luncheon, 1 p.m.; Physical Training, 2 p.m.; Weapon Training, 3 p.m.; Tea, 4.30 p.m.; Games, till 7.30 p.m.; Mess, 8 p.m.; Private Study, 9.15 p.m. till all lights out, 10.15 p.m.

In winter Reveille is at 6.30 a.m., and there is an Inspection at 7.20 a.m., followed by Breakfast at 7.30 a.m. Work after Breakfast starts at 8.30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. In the afternoon work continues from 2 to 3 p.m., and again from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and there is Private Study after Mess. Games are played from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.

As I suppose many of you have seen the outside of the buildings, I shall only describe the inside. Each G.C. has a room to himself in which he keeps all his kit, books, weapons—everything. He is, however, hardly ever in his room, except at night, and during two or three minutes several times a day, in order to change. These rooms open off large corridors, which are very useful for Puttee Parades.

There are five Companies in the College, each being about 115 strong. There are the usual four Platoons to the Company, each commanded by a regular officer from an Infantry or Cavalry Regiment. Each Platoon has also an Under-Officer (4th term Cadet), while there is a senior Under-Officer in charge of the Company. The Company Commander is generally a Lieutenant-Colonel, and there are several A.E.C. Officers, an Indian Army Officer, a French Officer, and, perhaps, an Artillery Officer attached. The Officers of the Company lecture to the Cadets on their subjects, but the various experts take all terms in their subjects. Each term in a Company is a Platoon which works as a whole.

Now for the actual life. The day the Junior enters the R.M.C. he is interviewed by his Company Commander, who talks very nicely to him, and enquires whether he has had his Marbles Blue at School. This kindness may be taken to be a pose, as I can well say from experience. The second day the Junior is introduced to the other three Platoons, who may or may not

deign to look at him. He also visits the Quartermaster's Stores and draws : Belts, leather, G.S., 1; a suit of canvas, gloves, and a Burbury (a very useful article, but more later).

The Monday morning of the first week sees him nicely started with drill. He does two hours' drill every day for the first ten weeks, when the Junior Drill Competition is held, and he passes off the Square. During the first week the Junior is painfully obvious, even in mufti. He walks along as if the slightest puff of wind would shiver him to splinters, for in that first week he has done nothing else but come to attention and stand at ease on a gravel square in the correct style, wearing greased boots weighing about 3 lbs. All movements here are not Guards' style, but Super-Guards' style! and Juniors find it rather trying. However, one only feels stiff for the first ten days—after that one's hands begin to need attention. When Rifle Exercises are performed, if there is a tremendous crash as the gloved hand meets the rifle, much can be forgiven—but woe betide the poor fellow who makes a noiseless “slope” when the Adjutant comes along—“Two marks off Mr. Jones! Playing with his rifle!”

I remember that some of our first efforts at Rifle Exercises, as viewed by the standard here, were, well, beyond words. The first time we fixed bayonets the Cadet on my right drew his bayonet with a fierce flourish, almost sticking it into me, but happily only knocking my rifle out of my hand, and then went on to cut himself under the chin with the thing. However, that is long past, and we now marvel to think how No. 5 should have such a poor lot of Juniors—nothing like we were.

Throughout one's sojourn here the Adjutant and the Battalion Sergeant-Major are the terrors of one's life. They seem to walk round the College with a drummer and a metronome up their sleeves, ready to produce at any time. That is the reason why the Arm Drill here is so excellent—nearly every Company Drill we perform to the time of a Metronome, until one

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is sick of the sight of one's rifle, and only the vigilance of the Under-Officers prevents one throwing it away. There is, however, a certain amount of satisfaction when we find we have a Battalion from Aldershot as spectators at the Saturday morning parade.

Another thing that is irksome to the Junior is the Physical Training. Twice a week he visits the Gymnasium and makes the acquaintance of the most brutal Staff - Sergeants, or so they appear to be, he ever met. He finds himself performing evolutions which he would never have dreamed possible till now, goaded on when he has a tumble by a request "not to make the floor untidy." P.T. is the most strenuous work we have to do, for in 50 minutes' hard slogging perhaps four minutes are allowed for breathers. It is surprising, though, how the chest measurements increase at the fortnightly inspections.

As part of the P.T. exam, which comes at the end of the Second Term, one has to pass in the following field tests, in P.T. kit (which excludes running shoes) : 100 Yards, standard 13 secs., special 11 2-5th secs.; Three Miles Cross-Country, standard 25 mins., special 16 mins. 30 secs.; Throwing 16 lb. Shot, standard 18 ft., special 32 ft.; High Jump, standard 3 ft. 8 in., special 5 ft. 2 ins.; Broad Jump (feet together, no run), standard 6 ft., special 9 ft.; Stride (with run), standard 11ft., special 16 ft.

It is of interest, perhaps, to note that only four men in my Platoon (42) obtained a Special in the 100 Yards, while there were none in the weight and jumps, and only one in the Three Miles (16 mins. 28 secs.), the best time in the Battalion—and we are the holders of the P.T. Cup.

One of the most interesting subjects taught here is Horsemanship. For the first five weeks the Junior practises on a wooden horse which can do anything but talk. Then, having learnt how many ribs a horse possesses, he starts on a real "live" one. It is a most peculiar circumstance that one generally finds a rather "fresh" horse put to his lot the first time he is due to ride.

Imagine the scene in the Riding School—it is really just like a circus. The Staff-Sergeant stands in the centre, and the poor Juniors perform in the track round the side. Those who have had experience enjoy themselves immensely, but the rest of the Platoon, well—before they have trotted half way round the School, some have their arms round the horses' necks, still, however, on their backs; others, less fortunate, have lost their stirrups, and, after bumping precariously along for a few yards, subside with a thud on to the floor; others still, with a sickly grin on their faces, hang on to the reins and straps as hard as they can, so that they

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may (perhaps) be spared an ignominious toss. As one progresses, however, fearsome hedges and stiles are jumped with an assumed nonchalance, which is very temporary, I fear. We are still, at the end of our Second Term, treated to a spectacle of some luckless individual galloping up to a jump and his horse baulking suddenly and depositing him on the other side in a very undignified manner.

Another type of riding, which occurs more frequently than that on horses, is that on bikes—called so by courtesy, for most of the machines here are not in their best condition. Whenever there is any distance between a half and ten miles to cover, our bikes transport us. It is really very exhilarating to dash down some of the hills on the London Road in pairs, trying to cover off and keep dressing, and with a plane-table slung round one's neck and a tripod tied to the "bike," knowing full well that at least half the people behind you have no brakes. Still, one manages to survive, but the damage to the bikes is terrible. We were coming down a hill not long ago when one rider ran into someone else's back wheel. *Eighteen people and their bikes crashed.* Marvellous to relate the only casualties were a few scratches and bruises, but some of the bikes had to be struck off the active list.

For at least two nights per week, for most of the term, we have been entertained after Mess by people tramping up and down the corridors in their G.S. kit. The unfortunate individuals have been awarded "Puttee Parades." These are punishments awarded by Under-Officers for minor offences, and consist of doubling along the corridors, and then up and down the stairs, rifle at the "high port," and yelling at the top of one's voice. This exercise is performed with only a belt and bayonet on, and is frequently varied with a little "on the hands down," "arms bend," etc. A favourite variation is to make one hold the rifle above one's head and double with "knees up." It sometimes occurs that someone is awarded a Pack Parade. This means that he performs all the aforesaid exercises in full marching order, which includes a filled pack and a tin hat. The unpleasant thing about these punishment parades is that they take place after Mess, just after one has finished a hard day's work.

When a case is beyond the jurisdiction of a Company Commander, who can only award extra drills and stoppage of leave, it goes to the Battalion Orderly Room, where the Commandant hears it. In such a case the punishment is generally so many days restrictions, which means that the Cadet must stay in uniform all day all the time he is under restrictions, and that he is forbidden to leave the College grounds. In addition he attends Extra Drill on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and must report at the B.O.R. when the Defaulters' Call is sounded. An unpleasant variation of Extra Drill nowadays is to make the unfortunate

defaulters help to level the new running track which is being made.

An institution which almost appears to be as much a part of the College as the entrance hall is "Ma Hart's." This is the place where most of the mufti and the Burbury's of G.C.'s find a good home in return for a little ready money. As a matter of fact a casual glance at the window of the place is sufficient to tell anyone who are the customers. It is between the 1st and 7th of each month that Ma Hart does a roaring trade, for G.C.'s must be out of debt by the 7th of the month, and so a wondrous assortment of articles changes hands.

In conjunction with ordinary work various inter-Company competitions are run to decide the champion Company for the ensuing term. The Champion Company carries King George V.'s banner on parade, and marches on while the Battalion presents arms—an honour which has been ours (No. 5) during this term. The Competitions are held in the following: Riding, Shooting (rifle and revolver), Tennis, Hockey, Football (Soccer and Rugger), Swimming, Sports, Drill (Juniors and whole Company), Physical Training, Lewis and Hotchkiss Guns, Fencing, Boxing, Racquets, Fives, and Cross-country running.

Everyone is expected to take up something and make himself proficient at it; and as there is plenty of choice nearly the whole 115 Cadets represent the Company in some way or another.

Though the work is hard, most of it is outdoors and is really very enjoyable. One travels all over the surrounding country by bike, and in the Senior Term visits the chief Army Depôts for Wireless, Tanks, Chemical Warfare, Machine Guns, etc. Finally, the Drill at Sandhurst is the *smartest in the World*, and one is not allowed to forget it!

A. F. ELMSLIE.

