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## Editorial.

Someone will propose soon that the name of our Magazine be changed to "The Hibernator," since it passes the winter months in sleep or seclusion, as do certain of the wiser animals. However, in its seclusion, it has kept an eye upon the activities of the School, and now appears, to comment and report upon all of importance that has happened since its last appearance.

When we went to press in July the Examination results were not available. In spite of our optimistic expectations, they proved to be quite as good as we anticipated. Out of eighteen candidates (three of whom had previously passed the "General School") ten took the "General" Certificate and nine reached Matriculation standard; and they took eight Distinctions between them-not including Arithmetic, in which six candidates passed the "Special Credit" minimum.

Since midsummer the following boys have left the School, and all have our best wishes for success and good luck elsewhere: W. Attfield, J. V. Brindley, A. H. Burchett, E. M. Bushell, A. A. Disney, E. C. Fripp, W. D. Fripp, A. H. Hancox, E. C. Humphries, C. D. Layton, C. D. Rawley, B. C. Russell, I. J. Tebbutt, O. H. Warry, D. L. Wolstenholme, and J. N. Young.

In September the Staff welcomed Mr. G. H. Ashton, B.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, who came to teach Mathematics, and who has also thrown himself with zest into the School sports.

It is likely that an annual Inter-Schools Athletic Meeting will be started this year for Surrey Schools.

What do readers think of a proposal to play Rugby in the Spring Term? It would be a change from Soccer, and need not interfere with Inter-School Association matches. Inter-House Rugby matches could, however, be played. The Editor has been asked to ascertain the feeling of the boys on the project. I shall be glad, therefore, if every one of them will express his opinion on paper, and let me have it next term.

However keen one may be on a particular form of work or play, a change after a spell of it is good and pleasant ; and the most ardent lovers of football find themselves, towards the end of the second "winter" term, looking forward with some pleasure to cricket and the "sunny sward" of the summer term. As for the keen cricketers, they come back in May, singing, with E. V. Lucas:
" Oh, footer has fled and hockey is dead,
They've gone with the snow and the holly;
But Summer is here, so, Cricketers, cheer, For who can be now melancholy?
The grass glistens green with emerald sheen, And birds sing in every thicket;
Send care to the dogs and put on your togs, And never say die while there's Cricket."
Mr . Bacon asks me to thank the following friends and boys for books presented to the library. Dr. W. S. Colman, Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Cash, Caulfield, Chennells (a), Collyer, Cull, Dyson (a), Ellicock, Hancox, Harvey, Hunt (a), Hurdwell (a) and (b), Janes, Johnson (a), Mackay (a), Mann, Milburn, Munfield, Parker (a), Poole, Reed (b), Robins, Rushton, Russell, Stemp, Stroud (c), Warren (a), Webb, Wetton and Young.

Competitions. The Editor is able to offer prizes for the following competitions, and hopes that every reader (whether present boy or not) will enter for one or more. Any number of entries may be submitted in each case. The fee for each entry is 3 d., and all entry fees will be added to the County Hospital Fund. All entries must be handed in before the end of the first period next term-i.e, on May rst.
A. A pen-and-ink sketch from memory of one of the Masters, made in a rectangle not greater than 5 in . by 3 in . The name of the Master elected to suffer this martyrdom will be posted on the notice-board just before breaking-up.
B. Guess the amount taken in the School Tuck-Shop on May 2nd.
C. Guess the number of runs made by Surrey in their first county cricket match this year.
D. Guess the average age of all boys of the School on May 2nd.
E. Pick out the names of well-known Farnham people, "hidden" in the following piece:
It was Christmas on the farm of Mr. Hickory and, on excitement bent, all determined on a rat hunt in the rick-yard across the moor. Early in the morning, after a somewhat dark night, Mrs. Hickory and her maids were all engaged, packing hampers of food for the pionic, rum and sloe gin, and sandwiches of meat and egg. Around about bustled a man urging none to stay. Lorries and a car, terrifying hens and ducks, started their engines at the door. All was now right, and raoing up a gentle slope, the cars in a short time reached the yard. Not without some small internal qualms the sport began at once. A landgirl stared at a tin of rat poison. "How' strange, rotten and evilsmelling that stuff is!" Her remark ended in a piteous sob. "I detest even slaughtering, with that mixture, the worst rat. For despite damage by teeth or peril from disease, rats should have humane treatment."

A rat has beem espied! Smart in spotting it, one man ran some distance. His face flushed with heat, hs quickly ended his frantic run, dwelling for a few moments in amazement and then shouting for help. Hickory, all purple with emotion and swearing both in Swiss and Erse,
was in a panic. As soon as he ran up, he struck, even in his great anger managing to use his stick, landing dn the rat's back a terrible blow. Hit extremely hard, it died!

Until you try, you will, I am sure, not understand the optimism I think one needs in such a work as the above to take up one's pen. Certainly blame the Editor for its perpetration! Now I've placated him I'h sleep in peace!

From Captain Frank Hendrey there came in the autumn a long and entertaining letter, from which $I$ must quote at length. He wrote, we feel sure, chiefly to apologise for having become engaged without our editorial sanction, and to promise not to marry at any rate without it. We magnanimously pardon the oversight, congratulate him on his engagement, and wish him many happy years of married life! He writes:--
"Dear Mr. Editor,--I warn you-so your blood be on your own headthat this screed is going to be rambling and exasperatingly incoherent.
"But the last Magazine and your letter stirred up a lot of memories, and now I open this with ar guilty feeling-Gracious! I've never sent him anything yet!' And this feeling is aggravated by the glimpse of a kind, well-remembered face looking out from this number. 'Billy' left? The last master who had the bad luck to have to try to drive some learning into my thick head! And is not this a soout Badge he is wearing? I am sure it is. I feel like misquoting Shelley and saying:
"Hail to thee, blithe spirit!
"Boy thou ever wert!
"Well, I believe the last you heard of me was that I was likely to go to Moroco? I finally flipped out here in 1921, and am earning a salary so fabulous that you must not think of publishing it. However feeble an ocoupation this is in an English small town, it has its compensations abroad. I'm not meaning the fact that you get double the pay, because you alsoi get three times the expenses a subjeat so painful that we will drop it at once.
"The first thing you notice out here is that everybody, except you, can speak at least three languages, and some bright lads more. All our staff are foreigners, except the manager and one or two others, and a tame anditor we keep as a pet. All the rest are 'local subjects.' What does this mean? It means their qenealogy is so mixed up, you don't know what they are! For example, the son of a Syrian father and a Greek mother marries the daughter of a French mother and a Turkish father. Their son eventually marries a maiden. whose father was a Russo-Swede and whose mother was a Persian Jew. The son of this couple becomes a clerk with us, and is constantly lisping at you: 'I vos an Briddish subjeck-zo!' That is what is meant by a 'local' subject.
"The European and cross-bred element of 'dago' predominates here. Consequently we don't get murdered at the rate they do in Cairo. Some months ago there was a bit of a breeze, and all Englishmen were advised to move in pairs, walk in the middle of the road, not go out after dark, and to carry guns. I danced for several weeks with an automatic pistol in the pocket of my dress trousers-which pulled them horribly out of shape. I felt quite the film hero, as I walked home with Mrs. Hendrey-to-be on one arm and the paw of the other arm firmly grasping a Webley 45 ! How some of your present VIth, wouid like that!
"In the way of amusement, life out here is not at all bad-cricket in summer, footer in winter, and tennis all the year round; and you can swim in summer aud dance in winter; and, if you tire of these, you talk scandal. For scandal the British population here beats Farnhameven Farnham!-hollow.
"The swimming would turn the Farnham Baths enthusiasts green with envy. I used to begin to go numb about the fingers after ten minutes in the water; here I can stay in for two hours on end and enjoy it. The water is very buoyant too, owing to an excess of saltwhich you realise when someone behind you catches you with open mouth and treads on you!
"I am running the 1st (British) Troop of Scouts here, and have 20
lusty terrors, who take plaster casts of tracks, produce fire by means of an Indian firebow and all that sort of thing.

> "My letter is getting out of hand my pen seems to have got the leins between its teeth, doesn't it? so. I will end it. You'll probably have heavy excess postage to pay, as it is."

Captain Stickland had a letter before Christmas from 1. Waters, now living at Kingston. The coaching and practice he had on the field here are evidently telling; for, when he wrote, he not only had the best bowling average of the team he plays for, but also was the top goal scorer in the Wimbledon and District League foctball team.
"Boy Burchett" is not (yet!) a new rival for Mr. McCormick, but the official designation of A. H. Burchett. He sends a cheery letter from "Dorm. ir" of the R.A.F. School, near Winchester. He hopes to be home for Easter in time to see us before we disperse.

Another interesting letter was one from C. B. Griss. He is farming at an unpronounceable place in the O.F.S. It is evidently a good job, with plenty of hard, slogging work, such as he likes. He has married and made a home out there.
S. F. Follett, who was with the British ThomsonHouston Company at Rugby, is now half-way through the B.Sc. Course at the Battersea Polytechnic. In a letter received in the autumn, he mentions two other Old Boys, who had just taken the degree from the Polytechnic-C. Mackay and A. W. Putnam. The latter took ist Class Honours, and also topped the list, which was a fine achievement.

Three other Old Boys who have recently taken their degree in Honours are E. J. Neave, W. Warren, and W. Judd.

Where is H. P. Joyce? He obtained an extra "Pass-ing-out" Certificate, with two rst, and a $2 n d$, prizes from the "Conway," and sailed as a midshipman for Yokohama. That article he promised ought by this time to be forthcoming !

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Several other Old Boys have written to us since midsummer, particularly those who wished to subscribe to the Presentation Fund. But, on the whole, they are a modest company, and do not give the Editor much news to pass on to their old friends, his readers !

## Presentation to Mr. William Stroud.

On Speech Day the Chairman was able to present Mr. Stroud with a cheque for ninety guineas, asking him to accept it as a gift from those who were fond of him, and who wished on the occasion of his retirement to testify their affection and their appreciation of his long service at Farnham Grammar School.

Mr. Stroud, in a brief reply, said: I wish to thank Mr. Mason for the very kind words he has spoken of my father, If I have been able to do any good to the School it can be traced to him. It is quite impossible for me to tell you how much I feel the kindness which is at the bottom of this gift. I have had very many kindnesses-innumerable kindnesses-since I have been at the School, kindnesses which I can never repay, and which I trust I shall never forget. (Applause).

Subscriptions to the presentation were received from the following ladies and gentlemen and present boys :-

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## Speech Day and Prize Distribution.

Our Speech Day, which had to be postponed last term, was held on February 7th. Again the Corn Exchange Hall was quite filled. The Chairman of the Governors took the chair, supported by his friend and fellow Old Boy, the Mayor of Aldershot; and the Chairman of the Surrey County Council came to present the prizes and deliver an address.

The Headmaster, in his report, gave a detailed account of the progress of the year, and of the very satisfactory effects of changes in organisation-increased keenness in work and in sport, the good results of the General School Examination last year, and considerable promise for the future.

The boys contributed four items of the programme, all of which met with unmistakable appreciation. W. I. C. Shipley and J. W. F. Gwillim gave a scene from "Julius Cæsar"; C. H. Caulfield, with H. N. Woodroffe and R. C. Johnson, most effectively recited a passage from "Gringoire," including "La Ballade des Pendus"; H. Green delivered a long extract from Cicero's ist Oration against Cataline ; and some of Mr. Dean's Singing Class, with C. R. Gilbert as soloist, rendered very pleasingly a couple of songs.

## THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

Mathematics: (Senior) C. T. Stroud, (Junior) F. E. Pool ; Science: (Senior) R. F. Hurdwell, (Junior), L. S. Doman ; Latin: (Senior) H. Green, (Junior) J. H. Cooke; French: (Senior) C. T. Stroud, (Junior) H. N. Woodroffe; Reading: (Senior) C. H. Caulfield, (Junior) J. W. Gwillim; Geography: (Senior) F. J. Elmslie, (Junior) W. J. Pink; History : (Senior) B. A. Thompson, (Junior) F. Milner; Drawing : (Senior) W. I. C. Shipley, (Junior) K. B. Sherrington ; English : (Senior) B. A. Thompson and L. A. Gibson; Scriptures : (Senior) F. J. Thompson; Declamation: I. C. Shipley.

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## The Football.

The past season wiil rank as one of the most successful the School has known, for the ist XI. has won the S.S. Senior Cup, and the "Under I5" XI. has reached the Final as the Magazine goes to Press.

As for "friendly" games, our colours have been lowered only once, and in that instance not by a school team, but by St. James' F.C.-one of the best elevens in the local Junior League. Odiham certainly drew with us at Odiham, but they were fortunate to do se. Cdiham's goal-posts always remind me of the "needle's eye"; it is practicaliy impossible to put the ball through should anyone be standing between them.

On reviewing the past twelve years, I cannot remember our having a better team than the one which has represented the School this season. We have had more brilliant individual players perhaps, but not a better XI. There has been no marked weakness; and a remarkable degree of understanding was reached between the halves and the forwards, which brought success even when opposed to much heavier teams.

At Christmas we lost Brindley, Tebbutt and Young, but the new members of the team, Carter, Searle and Stemp, have not at all weakened the XI. If anything, the team was the stronger for the inclusion of these clever footballers.

The XI. is to be congratulated on its esprit de corps, which contributed in no small measure to its success.

It is worth noticing that we won the Cup without a single check, winning all our games outright.

The "Under $\mathrm{I}_{5}$ " team has done very much better than was anticipated. The erouble was to pick the best XI. out of a large amount of available talent. However, I believe we chose the best possible XI. Tribe has been the mainspring of it, but all the others have done their best, and thoroughly deserved their success. Mr. Ashton has had them under his own special care, and thev have responded splendidly to his coaching, and done him credit.

The House contests provided some good games last
term．This term they have been much delayed by bad weather．But by eliminating School House（who，owing to their having less than half the numbers of the other Houses，had no chance to win），we have been able to com－ plete the matches．Harding and Massingberd have tied， and will hold the Cup jointly．

H．C．K．

## INTER－HOUSE RESULTS．

## 1st XI．

Morley v．Massingberd：（a）2－4；（b）2－1．Childe v．Harding：（a）：0－4；
（b）1－1．Morley v．School：（a）5－0；（b）－－．Massingberd v．School： （a）4－1；（b）－；Morley v．Harding：（a）3－3；（b）1－0．Childe v．Mas－ singberd：（a）0－4；（b）1－4．Harding v．Massingberd：（a）5－0；（b）6－0． Childe v．School：（a）3－0；（b）－－．Morley v．Childe：（a）3－3；（b）0－2． Harding $\nabla$ ．School：（a）4－1；（b）－－．

## 2nd XI．

Morley v．Massingberd：（a）0－4；（b）1－0．Morley y．School：（a）2－0； （b）——．Childe v．Harding：（a）2－2；（b）1－3．Massingberd v．School： （a）8－0；（b）－．Morley v．Harding：（a）2－2；（b）2－3．Childe v．Mas－ singberd：（a）2－1；（b）1－2．Harding v．Massingberd：（a）0－3；（b）2－1． Childe v．School：（a）9－0；（b）－．Morley v．Childe；（a）2－2；（b）1－0． Harding v．Sohool：（a）3－0；（b）－．

## TABLE OF POINTS．

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## THE MATCHES.

October 7th.
v. ST. JAMES' F.C.

At Home. Result: 4-2 for St. James' F.O.
St. James' proved too much for us, and, lasting better, won by 4 goalm to 2.

October 14th.
v. WOKING GOUNTY SOHOOL.

At Home. S.S.S. CUP.

Result: 9-0 for F.G.S.
From the very beginning our superiority over our opponents was most marked, and the Woking goal was subjected to an almost continuous lombardment. We ought to have scored three times in the first ten minutes, but Brindley and Young missed excellent openings. The Woking half-line was weak, and this threw the bulls of the defence on the backs. They were unable to cope with our forwards, who were well led by Brindley. Shipley played a great game, and went right through the defence time after time. Several of the goals were due to this good work.

October 21st.
v. SALESIAN SOHOOL.

At Home.
Result: 5-1 for F.G.S.
Our old opponents did not give quite as much trouble this year, being weaker than for some time past. The game was a good one throughout, and was played in an excellent spirit.

October 28th.

> v. GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
> S.S.S. CUP.
> Result: $2-0$ for F.G.S.

This game was played on the School Ground at Guildford, a ground which does not lend itself to good football. This may account for the fact that the game never reached a very high order, the display of our eleven being much poorer than that against Woking.

Both goals were scored in the first half, the first by Tribe, and the second by Young, who from a difficult angle headed in a good centre by Tribe. Brindley put in some powerful shots, which were well saved by the Guildford goalkeeper. In the second half the game deteriorated, most of the play being in midfield and rather tame. Towards the end, however, Farnham woke up and pressed heavily, but Guildford's method of packing their goal, added to our weak shooting, prevented our score being increased. On other counts we deserved a heavier score in our favour.

November 18th.
A poor game!
November 25th.
v. GUILDFORD G.S.

At Home.
S.S.S. CUP.

Result: 1-0 for F.G.S.
This return game resulted in a win for us by $1-0$. The outstanding feature of the game was the inability of our forwards to make use of the numerous opportunities of scoring which were presented to them; for no fewer than four absolutely open goals were missed. The class of football played was not as good as that shewn on previous occasions and mis-kicking on our part was frequent; but this may be accounted for by the greasy state of the ground, following sharp frost. Guildford adopted the first-time kick method, and by this means were able to hold their own in the first half. But after the changer over our boys took the game into their own hands, and with the exception of a few breaks away the play was all in the Guildford half. Again and again did we endeavour to get through, but the Guildford defence was sound, and this, added to poor shooting, prevented any score until seven minutes from the end, whom Tribe got through and scored with a good low shot.

This victory made our position secure as leaders in this section.
December 2nd.

## v. WOKING GOUNTY SOHOOL. <br> S.S.S. CUP.

Result: 2-1 for F.G.S.
The school arrived at Woking for this return game with only ten men, Webb having missed the train. This meant playing four forwards
instead of five, and for some time the forwards were unable to combine effectively. However, the defence remained safe, and so half-time arrived with no score. Just before the interval Elmslie made a few changes in the arrangement of the team, which proved very successful during the second half. The forwards settled down to their game, and gave the Woking defence some anxious moments. Following a mis-kick by one of their backs, Brindley obtained possession of the ball and made no mistake with a good hard drive. From the kick-off Woking came right away, and their centre scored with a shot which Larn mis-timed. This mishap woke our boys up, and they began to play as if determined to win with their 10 men. Play was quickly transferred to the Woking half, and Case sent Young away with a beautiful pass. Young fed Shipley, who ran through and scored with a fine oblique drive. Play now became very keen, but neither side scored again.
S.S.S. CUP SEMI-FINAL.

December 13th.
v. PURLEY COUNTY SCHOOL. At Malen.

Result: 4-1 for F.G.S.
I cannot do better than quote the "Herald" report of this game.
"The opening exchanges were fairly even, and both goals were visited, but the Farnham attacks were rather more dangerous, and their shooting had more power, and after about six minutes Tribe scored for Farnham with a shot that entered the top corner of the goal. Very soon after Brindley put in a great shot, which was intercepted by a Purley back, but from the rebound Young obtained and scored, the goalkeeper having no chance. It was now nearly all Farnham's game, for Purley were only able to make spasmodio attacks, being well held by Farnham's defence. It was not long before Farnham scored again, Oase putting the ball into the net through a crowd of players. Although Farnham held the upper hand on the whole, Purley made determined attempts to reduce the balance against them, their wingers being both speedy and clever, but weakness in the centre was the cause of their non-success. Before half-time Tribe met a centre from the right, and with a first-time volley made Farnham's total up to 4 . This same player was very unfortunate in not scoring on two other occasions, after working his way right through the defence.
"The second half did not produce so many goals, but the standard of football on both sides remained high. As a matter of fact, this was the remarkable feature of the game, for the class of football played by both teams would not have disgraced teams of much greater experience atnd fame. On the whole, the game was much more even, with the advantage still on Farnham's side, but Purley made some dangerous attacks on the Farnham goal, and had the defence in difficulties on more than one occasion. During one of these attacks, and following a misunderstanding on the part of the goalkeeper and right back, Purley were given an opportunity which they did not fail to turn to account. This success seemed to put more encrgy and heart into them, for they gave Farnham a busy time for about ten minutes, after which the game swung round again in Farnham's favour, and remained so to the end. Although. Farnham failed to score in the second half, there were many occasions on which the Purley goal was in great danger, but it happened that their goalkeeper was always well placed, and so able to deal with all that came along. One shot from Thompson, however, deserved to score, the wind deflecting it just as it was about to enter the net. An excellent game ended with Farnham deservedly winners by 4 goals to 1. ."

## S.S.S. OUP FINAL.

December 15th.
At Woking
Result: 2-1 for F.G.S.
We met Richmond County Sahool to play the final on the new Sports Ground at Woking, and, although Richmond were the heavier team, we managed to win.

The start was a sensational one; for, from the kick-off, Shipley went away on the right and put across a beautiful centre to Tribe, who neatly headed the ball into goal. This gave Farnham a lead of one in kess than half a minute of play, and, for the next few minutes, Richmond seemed a little shaken by it. Had our defence sent the ball to their right wing instead of puttivg it contirually on the left, there is little doubt that Farnham would soon have scored again. Gradually Richmond pulled themselves together and, aided by the sun behind them, began to control the game more, and gave our defence an anxious time. Their forwards, thanks to the excellent kicking of their backs, were able
to press continuously, forcing many corners, which were well taken. However, they failed to score, partly owing to their weakness in front of goal and partly to fine work by Larn, the Farnham goalkeeperparticularly on one occasion when he saved our lead by a brilliant pounce on to the ball, just as it was about to enter the net after an excellently placed cortaer. Our backs were not kicking well during this half, and Richmond had most of the game. Even when our backs succeeded in clearing and our forwards transferred the game to the Richmond half, it was to our left wing that the ball was given again and again. As our left wing was heavily outweighed by the Richmond defence, these raids were repelled. However, towards half-time, Brindley, our centre-forward, realised this and began feeding his right wing more. At the same time the kicking of our defence improved, and so the game became an even tussle. On one occasion Shipley was almost through, Richmond saving at the expense of a corner. Soon after, Young was well-placed for a shot, but hesitated, and Richmond cleared. Both sides were attacking alternately.

After half-time play remained even, until Richmond forced one or two corners, from one of which they equalised the score. This, imstead of discouraging Farnham, stimulated them, so that very soon afterwards Tribe was able to get through and pass to Brindley, who gave us back our lead with a second goal. Farnham now played splendidly, and gave the Richmond defence a very busy time. Shipley particularly was playing an excellent game; but had he centred rather than shot, Farnham might have increased their lead. As it was, the Richmond goalkeeper was kept fully occupied, having to throw out again and again with the Farnham forwards close upon him. Towards the end of the game Richmond again made a few dangerous raids, but their forwards were too ready to part with the ball, and shot over or from too long a range. With the exception of one nasty cross-shot, Larn had little difficulty in clearing each time. Thus the match ended with a victory of 2 goals to 1 for Farnham, and the cup was won.

Our boys certainly deserved to win; it is not unfair to say that they worked together as a team better than Richmond, who seemed rather to rely on weight and individual efforts. It must be admitted that Richmond were unfortunate not to score during the first half, when they had the better of the game; but in the second half Farnham might, with a little quicker shootins, have won by al bigger margin.

The match was refereed by Mr B. M. Jones, of Woking County School.

Oapt. J. R. Stickland, who was asked to present the cup, commented on the cleanness of the game and the excellent spirit in which it had been played by both sides.

February 10th.
v. Y.O.B.A.

Result: 50 for F.G.S.
A wretched day, and a very wet and muddy pitch. The game was played in continuous rain, but we won!

February 17th.
v. SALESIANS.

At Farnboro'.
Result: $6-1$ for F.G.S.
The ground was very wet and slippery, but in spite of that the game was a good one. Our forwards played a great game, especially Shipley, who was irresistible at outside right. On four occasions he went through on his own and made no mistake each time. Stemp and Searle, too, were very effective, both having hard luck in not scoring more than once. The game ended in an easy win for us by 6 goals to 1 . Stemp and Case were the other scorers.

March 3rd.
v. ODIHAM G.S.

At Home.

## Result: 6-1 for F.G.S.

The school made no mistake with Odiham in the return game, winning comfortably, in spite of the strenuous efforts of our opponents.

March 10th.
v. ST. JAMES' F.O.

At Home.

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\text { Result: Drawn, } 3-3 .
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A great game, concerning which it is not unfair to our opponents to say that only their goalkeeper saved them from a heavy defeat. Searle and Stemp played splendidly and shot with an acouracy and force that would have meant many goals against an inferior custodian. It is curious that all three of St. James' goals were scored by our players by bad luck, not bad play.

March 17th
จ. Y.O.B.A.
At Home.
Result: 4-0 for F.G.S.
Not a good game! It was not until the second half that our team settled down. The balance of play in the first half was in favour of our opponents, whose weak finish alone prevented them scoring. In the second half, however, our forwards dominated the game, which ended as above.

1st ELEVEN RECORD, 1922-23.
Played, 12; won, 10; lost, 1; drawn, 1; goals "for," 48; goals "against," 13.

## 2nd ELEVEN MATCHES

October 28th. v. GUILDPFORD G.S. 2nd XI. At Home.
Result: Drawn, 5-5.
A game remarkable for the number of goals scored.
November 18th.
v. ST. CROSS F.C.

At Home. Result: $2-0$ for F.G.S.
A very good game, in which combined players proved superior to weight.

November 25th. v. GUILDFORD G.S. 2nd XI. At Guildford.
Resuit: Drawn, 1-1.
Another keenly contested game.
December 9th. $\quad$ v. ST. CROSS F.C. At Home.
Result: 6-2 for St. Cross F.C.
In this return game St . Cross had greatly strengthened their team, including three of our old first eleven members. This time therefore they gave us a beating.

## S.S.S. OUP MATCHES "UNDER 15."

January 20th.
v. GUILDFORD G.S.

At Guildford Result: Drawn, 4-4.
This game did not reach a very high standard. We ought to have won it; for, not only were chances missed, but more than one of our opponents' goals were due to mis-kicks on the part of our defence.

February 3rd.
v. GUILDFORD G.S.

At Home.
Result: 7-4 for F.G.S.
We started excellently, and by half-time were three goals up. After the interval, after sooring another goal, our play deteriorated, and Guildford drew level. This woke up our boys, and going all out, they quite outplayed their opponents and made the game safe by the addition of three more goals.

February 9th. v. GUILDFORD TECHNICAL SOHOOL. At Guildford. Result:3-2 for G.T.S.
This game was very uneven. Although having the better of the game for the first half and getting a lead of two goals, we fell away badly, allowing Guildford to score three times and so to win the match.

February 17th. v. WOKING OOUNTY SOHOOL. Away.
Result: 5-1 for F.G.S.
After an even first half, during which nothing was scored, we outplayed Woking and won comfortably.

March 3rd. v. GUILDFORD TECHNICAL SCHOOL. At Home.
Result: 4-0 for F.G.S.
Not a nice game, Guildford adopting "stop-at-any-cost" tactics, especially towards Tribe. This not only spoiled the game, but also cost them two goals. In the second half, our boys quite overran them for some time alnd fully deserved their win.

March 10th.
v. WOKING COUNTY SOHOOL. Result: $3-1$ for F.G.S.
A game that was much more in our favour than the score shows. We did everything but score, although we had hard luck in not doing so on more than one occasion. The visiting goalkeeper played a very fine game, however.

NOTE.-We have received a bye in the semi-final, and shall meet the winners of Tiffin's School v. Purley County School in the final. This match, however, will be played too late for inclusion in this Term's Magazine. It will be reported in next Term's number.

## The Cross-Country Steeplechase.

The Steeplechase was run on Thursday afternoon, March $x^{5}$ th, over the same $4 \frac{1}{2}$ miles course as last year. I 32 boys finished. Time : 27 mins. 50 secs. The winners were :-Open : ist, J. W. Cull ; 2nd, W. J. Pink. Under I4: J. Clark (6th). Under II : D. H. Graham ( $55^{\text {th }}$ ).

In each House the first fifteen of its boys to arrive scored for the House points. The House positions were as follows: ist, Harding (383) ; 2nd, Massingberd (483) ; $3^{\text {rd }}$, Childe (539) ; 4th, Morley (767) ; 5th, School House (891).

The following was the order of arrival :-
(1) Cull, (2) Pink, (3) Miller, (4) Sherrington a, (5) Elmslie, (6) Clark, (7) Searle, (8) Harris, (9) Grinstead, (10) Gibson, (11) Janes, (12) Andrews, (13) Parker a, (14) Hurdwell b, (15) Bloxham, (16) Rushton, (17) Phillips a, (18) Weedon, (19) Stemp, (20) Lord, (21) Taylor a, (22) Plumridge, (23) Taylor b, (24) Hern, (25) Thompson a, (26) Viney, (27) Tribe, (28) Farrant, (29) Ackerman, (30) Fitzwalter, (31) Usher b, (32) Parsons, (33) Cooke, (34) Patrick a, (35) Hyde, (36) Sydenham, (37) Stroud b, (38) Steel a, (39) Allen, (40) Gale b, (41) Webb, (42) Barrow a, (43) Chappell, (44) Jennings, (45) Robins, (46) Stoodley a, (47) Penrose, (48) Case, (49) Jones a, (50) Lelliott, (51) Smith b, (52) Mitchell, (53) Hardy a, (54) Ohorley, (55) Graham, (56) Fisher, (57) Thompson b, (58) Boyes, (59) Pool, (60) Abbott, (61) Watkins, (62) Clash, (63) Chennells a, (64) Strachan, (65) Weller, (66) Benge, (67) Godwin a, (68) Jones b, (69) Bowie, (70) Wing, (71) Dyson a, (72) Wells' b, (73) Gray, (74) Mann, (75) Shipley, (76) Gwillim, (77) Hardy b, (78) Barrow b, (79) Nightingale, (80) Reed a, (81) Sherrington b, (82) Spencer, (83) Smith d, (84) White a, (85) Lyster, (86) Poole, (87) Chennells b, (88) Foskett, (89) Hunt a, (90) Dysom b, (91) Conduit, (92) Larn, (93) Hardman, (94) Carter a, (95) Patrick b, (96) Mackay b, (97) Thompson e, (98) Lintern, (99) Dutton, (100) Stoodley b, (101) MacDonald, (102) White b, (103) Stratton, (104) Horton, (105) Blake b, (106) Stonor, (107) Chuter, (108) Pope, (109) Wilkinson a, (110) Shrubb, (111) Hatt, (112) Johnson b, (113) Dignasse, (114) Bushell, (115) Styles, (116) Loughlin, (117) Upshall, (118) Stroud e, (119) Harvey, (120) Slater, (121) Mackay a, (122) Franklin, (123) Butcher, (124) King e, (125) Brindley, (126) De Neuville, (127) Marsh, (128) Godwin b, (129) Lindley a, (130) Lock, (131) Bigg, (132) Stroud d.

## Inter-House Boxing Competition.

This Competition was held on Saturday morning, the 24th of February.

The ring was set up in the School Gynasium. Captain Norris, the Instructor, refereed, and the Headmaster and Mr. Kingcome acted as judges. The draw was arranged according to weight. One round of two minutes was allowed, in which each boxer endeavoured to show his boxing powers and skill.

All the contests were fought cleanly and well, every boy setting out to fight and do his best to gain premier position for his "House." In one or two instances the fight was immediately stopped, in favour of the evidently abler and cleverer opponent.

The boxing on the whole was of a very high standard. There were many bouts last year, especially amongst the Juniors, that were really comical, but we were denied these this year, as each boy stood up to his opponent in a stylish and orthodox manner. There was much improvement evident both in attack and defence, more so perhaps in the latter. The boys seemed to have looked forward to this year's competition with more keenness and enthusiasm, and even every loser seemed to have enjoyed his round.

Boxing as an art is evidently beginning to appeal to most of them, though there remain still a few boys who are taking a long time to understand and appreciate the game of boxing, and to see in it its man-making qualities.

There were two bouts that were outstanding, and deserve special mention : that of Russell v. Shipley amongst the Seniors, and that of Mundy v. Tribe amongst the Juniors. The loudest applause of all was given to F. E. Pool, of School House, who surprised us all by a wellearned victory.

The points were awarded in the following manner. Each boy gained for his "House" one point for entering the Competition, and an additional point for winning his round, half a point being given to each in case of a draw. A competitor who failed to make an appearance forfeited his point, and his opponent was given a walk-over.
${ }^{151}$ boys entered. Childe entered 32, winning 19, losing 9, and drawing 4; Harding entered 37 , winning 13 , losing 20, and drawing 4; Massingberd entered 30, winning 14, losing 14, and drawing 2; Morley entered $3^{2}$, winning 16 , losing 14, and drawing 2 ; School House entered 20 , winning 9 , losing 7 , and drawing 4 .

The "House"" points gained were therefore: Childe 53, Harding 52, Massingberd 45, Morley 49, and Schoot House 31.

## School Championship Boxing Competitions.

These annual Competitions took place this year on Saturday, March 24 th. Capt. Brindley kindly came to judge.
4.7 and under: Winner, Stoodley a.
(1) Clarke v. Smith d: Smith fought pluckily, but could not prevent Clark sooring. (2) Stoodley a v. Stoodley b: Stoodley b did the attacking, but could not often score against the longer reach of his bigger brother. (3) Clark v. Stoodley a: Clark fought gamely, but proved too small of stature to deal with Stoodley a.
5.7. and under: Winner, Parker b.
(1) Johnson v. Poole (w.o.). (2) Butcher v. Parker b: The latter easily won. (3) Hyde v. Wells b: Throughout this "fight" both boys seemed obsessed with the idea of "reculer pour mieux sauter!" Wells won. (4) Abbott v. Rowden b: Abbott won, easily stopping Rowden's plucky rushes. (5) Lyster v. Thompson a: Very good fight, both boxing well. Thompson won by a narrow margin. (6) Parker b v. Wells b: Parker scored freely. Wells lacks reach and height, but fights pluckily. (7) Abbott v. Hern: A poor bout, with little real boxing. Abbott was given the decision. (8) Parker v. Poole: Fight stopped in Parker's favour. (9) Abbott v. Thompson e: A vigorous fight, won by Abbott. (10) Abbott v. Parker b: Flirst round disappointing; second round more vigorous, and Parker taking the offensive, won.
6.7 and under : Winner, Taylor b.
(1) Bowie v. Weller: Very even, well-fought bouts; Weller was given a win. (2) Andrews v. Taylor b: Taylor woth easily. (3) Chorley w.o. v. Gale. (4) Brindley v. Caesar: Caesar took his punishment gamely, but could not stop Brindley winning. (5) Taylor b v. Weller: One of the best fights. Taylor scoring at in-fighting, Weller at long range. Taylor won. (6) Brindley v. Chorley: Chorley hit out savagely, but Bindley

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'wasn't there.' Few blows exchanged. Brindley won. (7) Brindley v.
Taylor b: A good hard fight, in which Taylor's reach secured him the victory.
7.7 and under: Winner, Conduit.

Mann v. Simpson: Good bouts, with blows freely exchanged. Simp-son-too strong for Mann-won. (2) Mundy v. Weedon: Weedon attacked freely, but Mundy was too good for him. (3) Conduit v. Simpson: Oonduit was too quick for Simpson, and won. (4) Mundy w.o, v. Lloyd. (5) Conduit v. Mundy. Conduit was declared the winner.
8.7 and under: Winner, Parker a.
(1) Mackay a v. Sherrington a: After a poor first round, Mackay took the offensive, scored freely, and won. (2) Farrant v. Swann: Swann won fairly easily, Farrant taking the punishment gamely. (3) Fitzwalter v. Mackay: A well-fought second round, in which Mackay was k.o. (4) Parker a v. Swann: Parker gave Swann no opportunity, knocking him out in the first half-minute. (5) Fitzwalter v. Parker a: Both fought hard, but Parker landed two blows to Fitzwalter's one.
9.7 and under: Winner, Robins.
(1) Barnard v. Taylor a: A good fight, in which Taylor was given the decision. (2) Peters V. Robins: Stopped in favour of Robins. (3) Blake b v. Taylor a: Not an interesting fight. Taylor won. (4) Robins v. Stroud b: Robins won, being the better boxer. Stroud fought pluckily. (5) Robins v. Taylor a: Robins easily out-boxed Taylor, for whom the ring did not seem by any means large enough.

## The Cadets.

In spite of the withdrawal of the Government grant to Cadet Corps, our Corps continues strong and flourishing. The O.C. hopes, too, to put in hand the building of a Rifle Range, which, it was feared, might have to be abandoned.

The weather this term has interfered a good deal with outdoor work, and we have not yet managed to get a day's march out. When we do, it seems likely that the Band, whose regular practice has resulted in creditable progress, will be ready to lead the Company with éclat.

The following are the N.C.O.'s of the Corps at present: C.S. Major, F. Elmslie; Sergeants: A. Chandler, L. Fisher, H. Green, H. Robins, R. Salmon, I. Shipley, R. Stroud, F. Wright; Corporals : L. Gibson, N. Hillyer, Ray Hurdwell, R. Johnson, B. Thompson, F. Thompson; Lance-Corporals: S. Case, W. Cull, J. Gwillim, Reg. Hurdwell, W. Larn, J. Miller, D. Parker, W. Pink, H. Swann, J. Taylor, O. Taylor, E. Webb.

The present strength of the Corps is: Officers 6, N.C.O.'s 27, Cadets 152.

## A Debate.

In the Spring the young man's fancy turns rather out-of-doors than to such indoor pastimes as a debate; and perhaps that is why a Debating Society has not yet materialised out of the successful meeting of December last.

The proposal was. "That Town-life is preferable to

Country-life." Mr. Horner was in the chair. F. J. Elmslie (VI.), opening on the Affirmative, with a good speech, stressed the social and intellectual advantages of town-life. A. E. Janes (Upper V.), opening on the Negative, with a speech of considerable debating power, defended country-life as being in various ways healthier and more agreeable. The seconders made equally good debating speeches: W. I. C. Shipley (Mod. V.) pointing out the advantages of town-life in the matter of "modern con-veniences"-lighting, water supply, sanitary arrangements, etc.-and also as regards facilities for education, communication, and entertainment ; C. J. Bloxham (Upper V.), arguing that country-life was wholesomer for body and for mind, breeding a calmer, stronger type of man than "the excitable townsman."

In the open debate there was a keen demand for the Chairman's eye, and some of the speakers-quite "unaccustomed as they were . . . ."-made a most promising show of debating power. The speeches of Milner, Gwillim, Jefferies (a), Hern, Salmon, Wright, Munfield and Young wefe particularly good, and effectively delivered.

Spoke for the Affirmative: Milner (IV. Cl.), Gwillim (IV. Cl.), Clark (IV. Cl.), Caulfield (Upp. V.), Salmon (Upp. V.), Rowley (Mid. V.), Wright (Upp. V.), Wetton (Upp. V.), Barnard (L. V. Cl.), Taylor (b), (L. V. Cl.), Patrick (L. V. Cl.), Kemp (L. V. Mod.)

Spoke for the Negative: Jefferies (b) (IV. Cl.), Permain (IV. Cl.), Jefferies (a) (Mid. V.), Carter (L. V. Cl.), Hern (IV. Cl.), Purcell (L. V. Cl.), Munfield (Mid. V.), Conduit (L. V. Mod.), Rance (L. V.. Cl.), Cook (L. V. Cl.), Hillyer (L. V. Cl.), Slater (L. V. Cl.), Sherrington (L. V. Cl.), Collyer (L. V. Cl.), Steel (IV. Mod.), Martin (L. V. Cl.), Chappell (IV. Cl.), Stoodley (L. V. Mod.), Spencer (L. V. Cl.).

The two openers having replied, a vote was taken, with the result that the proposal was lost by 23 votes to 14 .

## Ambition.

(Part of the Prize Declamation made by I. C. Shipley). The motive of all really worthy living is love. Love of God is the essence of true religion; love of Fatherland constitutes true patriotism; love of one's Fellowman is ideal. It is this passion, and not ambition, that has given the world its noblest characters: Lincoln, Wycliffe, Wesley, Livingstone, and the rest. Greatness without goodness is the product of Ambition. Such greatness is a hollow sham, for neither does it satisfy its possessors, nor is it beneficial to others.

But Ambition has exercised a tremendous influence on the world's history, driving men upward to the highest rung of fame-only to cheat them of its promised prize. Alexander achieved his ambition to conquer "the world," only to weep pettish tears for that there were not more worlds to conquer. Cæsar's ambition obtained for him the world's premier place, till a patriot's dagger laid him low.

Ambition has left a trail of destruction, tyranny and bloodshed. Oppression and slavery are its children. It is the great Moloch of History, upon whose altars millions of human lives have been sacrificed. It is the Juggernaut whose ruthless wheels have crushed the lives of men, women and children in its relentless progress.

Under its influence Napoleon set Europe ablaze; then died a miserable exile, having witnessed all his hopes reduced to ashes. By it the Kaiser was swept onward till his unbalanced mind launched upon the world the most bloody war of history, only to break his empire in his mad attempt to grasp world power.

Like the mirage, it has enticed men to follow its promise of wealth, power and happiness, until, after years of struggle and endurance, it has left them, stripped of hope and friends, to die in a desert of disappointment and sorrow.

Ambition makes relentless claims upon its devotees. Its worshippers must sacrifice time, energy, love, home, goodness, and all those qualities that make for beauty and nobility of character. Thus they grow callous, selfish, overbearing and heartless. The rights of their fellows are nothing to them. Other men are but tools to be used by them to gain their ends. Once fairly in the grip of this demon, they care not who goes under, so that they rise. Even the tender claims of wife and children are often disregarded. What do broken hearts matter, so long as their progress be not impeded!

Ambition is essentially selfish, and the claims of God and Country are disregarded. Well may Wolsey warn Cromwell against it in the famous words of Shakespeare :
"Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition : By that sin fell the angels; how can man, then, The image of his Maker, hope to win by't?
Love thyself last: cherish those hearts that hate thee:
Corruption wins not more than honesty.
Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace, To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not:
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, Thy God's, and truth's; then if thou fall'st, O Cromwell, Thou fall'st a blessed martyr "

## "Distance Lends Enchantment."

Had I not been living here and now, I think I should like to have lived in Japan, and about a century ago.

You ask why?
Well, I have always wanted to live in Japan. I should think it is the most delightful place. The scenery is so beautiful, the climate is mild, and the people are picturesque. One would be so peaceful, too, in a little hiddenaway Japanese village, undisturbed save for the feast of some god, or a marriage, or a funeral.

And I would like to have lived there about a century ago; for, then, none of the results of modern civilisation had come to Japan-to do a great deal of good, perhaps, but also to disfigure. Trains and steamboats, and such like things, are not beautiful. My life, of course, would have been more primitive; but I, who would have known none of the "better" things, would not have wanted more. A little house, one or two servants, a few paddy-fields-and I should have been quite content.

I should have grown old in peace; and when I died there would surely have been someone to put a little boat on the water to carry my soul away!

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If anyone wants to get an idea of the wonderful variety displayed by the many Dominions, Colonies, Protectorates, and Territories which make up the British Overseas Empire, he cannot do better than spend an hour or two in the Exhibition Galleries of the Imperial Institute in London. The Galleries are a few minutes' walk from South Kensington Station, and are open (free of charge) every day but Sunday. As a recent writer put it, "A whole world of adventure and travel" is contained in these Galleries; and in a few minutes the visitor can pass right across our far-flung Em-pire-from Canada, via tropical Africa, to the Far East; southward to Australia and New Zealand; and then back, via St. Helena, the Falkland Islands, Trinidad, Jamaica, and Bermuda, to England again.

It is doubtful whether many readers of these lines have any idea of the number of different countries included in the Empire. Everyone has heard of Australia, Canada, India, and New Zealand; but what do most of us know about Seychelles, Papua, the Bahamas, or British Guiana; not to mention Togoland, and Tanganyika Territory, two of the countries lately belonging to the defunct Colonial Empire of Germany? Geography can be learnt "without tears" at the Imperial Institute, and many other things besides.

Each of the principal parts of the Empire is represented in the Galleries by a "Court," in which the commercial geography of the particular country is illustrated by means of specimens, modeis, picture, maps and diagrams. The products of the country are grouped according to their uses; e.g., fibres, for weaving and cordage; food-stuffs, such as grain, pulses, and fruits; drugs, tanning and dyeing materials, spices; oils and fats, gums and resins, timbers and minerals. The show-cases in which the exhibits are displayed are adorned with labels descriptive of the contents, so that no-one need mistake hemp for jute, cottonseed for soya beans, or indiarubber for leather. There are also interesting illustrations of the way in which raw materials of various kinds are prepared for the market. Some people think that sponges grow on trees, and that loofahs are found in the sea; but a visit to the Imperial Institute will correct mistakes of this sort, and provide a mass of fascinating information about the world we live in which will not easily be forgotten.

The Institute also contains laboratories and workshops, where raw materials from all parts of the Empire are examined, tested, and valued, and afterwards, in many instances, put in the Galleries for exhibition; but the public are not admitted to this part of the building, the work being
mostly of a confidential kind，and the results，unless pub－ lished later in the＂Bulletin，＂issued quarterly by the Institute，being communicated only to the Colonial or other authorities concerned．

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\％＂：＂The Varsity Boat Race is rowed from Oxford to Cambridge．＂
＊＊＊＂A hill is a field with its back up．＂

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＂＂＂An armadillo is a little thing to soften the＇ c ＇in french．＂
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＊＊＊＂Algebraical symbols are used when we don＇t know what we are talking about．＂

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＊＊＊＂To find the North by means of a watch ：leave the watch in an open space and it will go west．＂
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＊＊＊＂If X lines are to be produced，a half will be cancelled． If they are not produced，another half is cancelled．If this is continued indefinitely for N terms，it reaches the limit．＂
＊＊＊＂The $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3 a is so often cancelled that it may be dis－ regarded．＂

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＂＊＂A master equal to a boy is equal to anything．＂

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*": "An officer is a plain figure with a sambrowne round its circumference."
***"A politician of the opposite side lies equally on any point."

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\%** " Physillogigy is to study about your bones, stummick and vertebry."
***" To find the number of square feet in a room you multiply the room by the number of feet. The product is the result."
\%** The Middle Ages came in between antiquity and posterity."

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*** "An interval in music is tire distance on the keyboard from one piano to the next."

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