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Editorial.

Our last issue went to Press a few days too soon to allow us to record the success of R. F. Hurdwell, F. E. Pool, and C. T. Stroud, who all passed the Higher Schools Examination in July last. Moreover Stroud and Pool obtained Major Scholarships ; and Pool got distinction in Pure Mathematics, while Stroud qualified for the Intermediate B.Sc. of London University. Our (belated) congratulations to them.

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We beg leave to offer our sincere sympathy to the family of W. H. Pearce, who lost his life on August 14th last, in a bicycle accident due to skidding on an oil patch. The School was represented at his funeral by Mr. Ridout, Mr. Bacon, and C. T. Stroud. W. H. Pearce was a member of the Middle Vth, and was liked by boys and masters.

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At Midsummer last year the following boys left the School : R. Boalch, A. H. V. Chandler (P.T.), E. H. Conduit, H. Elphick, J. Feehally, L. A. Gibson (P.T.), A. C. Hardman, H. S. Hardy, N. H. Hillyer, D. S. Hunt, A. E. Janes, H. M. Kemp, A. E. King, T. E. King, J. P. Lee, H. P. N. Mann, J. Miller, V. Rance, E. S. Reed, E. J. Smith, S. T. Smith, H. W. Stoodley, R. W. Stroud, H. F. Swann, A. L. Usher, E. N. Webb, H. N. Woodroffe, and L. G. White. And at Christmas we lost W. R. E. Austin, E. Heath, E. B. Linger, E. H. Penrose, J. N. Roe, D. N. Searle, F. L. Seymour, K. W. Slater, D. W. Steel, H. T. J. Smith, F. O. M. Taylor, J. N. Young, E. H. Wetton, and H. Wilkinson.

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Sunday, October 19th, 1924, by the way, was, we believe, the first day for 77 years that this School found itself without a member of Mr. William Stroud's family, either as one of the boys, or as one of the Staff. R. W. Stroud's grandfather came to the School in 1847, and R. W. Stroud left school on October 18th last.

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A large number of Old Boys returned welcome replies to the circular note sent out by the Editor, and they gave him enough news of themselves to cover several pages of the Magazine. We have decided, however, not to include this news this time, in view of the meeting of Old Boys on the 28th of this month, by which an active O.B. Association will, we hope, be formed. One of the jobs of the Secretary of this Association will surely be to make use of a few pages of the School Magazine, which, with great pleasure, we shall place at his disposal for news of Old Boys and "official" records and announcements.

We also hope to have the support of the members of the Old Boys' Association, not merely as subscribers, but also as contributors in each issue—beginning next term!

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On November 18th last the Ben Greet Players came to Farnham to give a performance of "Twelfth Night." The visit was arranged and organised by the Headmaster, and Mr. W. E. Loc kindly lent the Brewery Hall. It was an excellent performance, thoroughly enjoyed by all those children from the various Farnham Schools, who were present.

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The Miniature Rifle Range—(no, not another "explanation" and promise!) is built, and will soon be in use. It stretches alongside the north hedge of the kitchen garden, adjoining the playground, with the butts at the east end.

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The strength of the Cadet Corps at the moment is 165—Officers, 8; N.C.O.'s, 26; and Cadets, 131. The C.S.M. is J. W. F. Gwillim; the Sergeants are L. Bengé, H. E. Blake, C. Bloxham, L. S. Doman, R. Ellicock, A. G. Mackay, W. J. Pink, E. A. Purcell, J. Strachan, J. M. Taylor, and D. H. Weedon; the Corporals are R. S. Bowie, F. C. Chappell, G. S. Chennells, A. P. Godwin, F. W. Grinstead, N. T. Lock, L. E. Lord, and R. R. Weller; and the Lance-Corporals are F. W. Andrews, P. C. Chorley, W. F. LeClercq, J. E. Martin, E. C. Patrick, and A. Phillips.

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The Table of House Points is not completed in time for inclusion in this issue. It will be published in next term's magazine.

Speech Day and Prize Distribution.

Our Speech Day was held on the last day of last term in the Corn Exchange Hall. The Chairman of the Governors having made his opening remarks, and the Headmaster having read his Report, Dr. Woods, the Lord Bishop of Winchester, presented the prizes and delivered an address.

The Boys' contributions, which were very much appreciated, consisted of a Latin recitation by P. A. Lintern, a French recitation by D. J. Carter, an English dialogue from "Huckleberry Finn" by L. S. Doman and R. S. Jefferies, a French song by C. A. R. Gilbert, a French song and an English song by Mr. Dean's Singing Class, and two English songs by Miss Brown's Singing Class.

Finally, the Boys sang the School Song, the music of which was written by Mr. Dean, and the words by the Headmaster.

The Prize-winners were :—

Special Prizes: "Higher Certificate" Mathematics, C. T. Stroud; Prox. Acc., F. E. Pool; "Higher Certificate" Science, C. T. Stroud; School Certificates (Boys left), C. T. Bloxham, J. T. Feehally, H. W. Stoodley, H. F. Swann, E. N. Webb, H. N. Woodroffe; Mathematics (Senior), J. Tay-

lor; Mathematics (Junior), C. G. Newman; Science (Senior), J. Peters; Science (Junior), C. J. L. Dixon; Latin (Senior), E. H. Wetton; Latin (Junior), D. H. M. Graham; French (Senior), H. N. Woodroffe; French (Junior), P. A. Lintern; French (First Year), C. J. King; English (Senior), C. J. Bloxham; English (Junior), 1, C. G. Newman; 2, E. A. Stroud; Geography (Senior), H. N. Woodroffe; Geography (Junior), 1, C. G. Newman; 2, J. Kingcome; 3, C. J. Newman; History (Senior), R. H. Parker; History (Junior), 1, C. G. Newman; 2, J. Kingcome; Drawing (Senior), J. Taylor; Drawing (Junior), A. L. Usher; Reading (Senior), J. W. F. Gwillim; Reading (Junior), H. J. Lyons; Divinity (Senior), J. E. Martin; Divinity (Junior), C. J. L. Dixon.

Form Prizes: Upper V, 1, J. Taylor; 2, J. H. Cooke. Middle V (C.L.), 1, J. E. Martin; 2, J. R. Collyer. Middle V (M), 1, A. E. Gillman; 2, D. W. Steel; Lower V (C.L.), 1, D. J. Carter; 2, R. S. Jefferies. Lower V (M), 1, D. B. Ryall; 2, E. C. King. IV, 1, C. G. Newman; 2, J. Kingcome. IIIa, 1, G. C. Malin; 2, S. G. Nash. IIIb, 1, J. H. W. Kneller; 2, J. E. Murley. II, 1, L. J. Stroud; 2, T. G. Lyons. I, 1, K. C. J. Dutton; 2, N. F. Lowry.

The Football.

Once again the time has come to review the work of the various elevens on the football field. In looking back over the season one can feel fairly satisfied that the standard of play has been well maintained. We have had quite a good 1st XI, which, although not successful in winning the Cup, has nevertheless given a good account of itself. Comparing the XI with that of previous years, we can say that, but for one weakness, it has been as good as any. The weakness to which reference is made was the lack of a good leader for our forwards. Early in the season it was found necessary to transfer Searle to centre-half, thereby considerably strengthening the defence, but at the same time weakening the attack. Pink and Young were both tried at centre, but neither proved himself really successful as a pivot. Pink certainly worked very hard, but failed to keep his wings together. Young tried individual tactics, which did not succeed; he was occasionally a cause of breakdown in the attack. Our wing forwards, Wetton and Purcell, particularly the former, were very good. The defence was sound, with Searle, Lord and Benge the outstanding players. Mackay, in goal, was decidedly good, and improved with every game. As regards the Cup Competition, although we had to retire in Guildford's favour, we had the satisfaction of knowing that, as far as actual play went, we were as good as they. Where they beat us was "in finding the net."

Now, coming to the "Under 15" XI, one is first of all struck by their size. They were a very small and light team, but in spite of that gave quite a good account of themselves. The forwards were exceedingly clever, and their general play splendid; but, lacking weight, they were unable to drive home their attacks. Another thing against them was the "flu" epidemic, which kept one or two good players out of the team during the first two or three games. There was one noticeable fault among the forwards, though, and that was a tendency to keep the ball too long. They tried to make sure of a goal by dribbling right on the goal line instead of shooting from farther out—and the frequent result was they were charged off. The Junior defence

was good, with Baker, Grinstead and Parker, and, of course, Mackay, in goal, was very safe. One can honestly say that as a team, the "Under 15" deserved more success in the Competition than they actually achieved. Still, we are very hopeful for another year, especially as one of our difficulties this year was to pick an eleven from so many promising and eligible candidates, and also as, next year, there will be no Broach to "make" the Guildford Junior Eleven.

The Inter-House Competition still arouses enthusiasm, and the various games have been played with the usual keenness. Last term these games were very much interfered with by the wet and stormy weather, but, in spite of that, the first half of the programme was completed. Harding, with a strong forward line (including three 1st XI. players and a runner-up) carried all before them, but this term Childe have put up an excellent fight, and succeeded in lowering Harding's colours by 3—1. The Childe team has proved to be a good all-round eleven, and will probably finish well as second. Although not up to the standard of the two mentioned above, the other Houses have put up a good fight in their matches. In the 2nd XI contests the games were interfered with by sickness.

As far as the general football of the School is concerned, one cannot but be sorry to see such a large number of boys, who apparently take little or no interest in the game—they neither play themselves (even preferring to stay in on a games' afternoon), nor do they turn up to encourage those who do play.

H. C. K.

THE MATCHES.

Surrey Secondary Schools Senior League.

October 18th v. Woking County School, at Home.

Result : 4—0 for F.G.S.

Farnham took some little time to get into their stride, and so Woking pressed at the outset. But not for long ; for, as soon as our forwards got together, they transferred play to the Woking goal, and Weedon scored from a centre by Purcell. This goal was soon followed by two others by the same player, who converted centres by Young and Purcell. Farnham continued to play splendidly, Searle at centre-half being responsible for the good work of the forwards, for, by judicious passing, he sent his wings away again and again. Woking, however, fought hard, and made some good attacks on our goal. Following some even play, Farnham again attacked strongly, and the forwards should have scored on more than one occasion, had they been more careful in shooting.

In the second half the game deteriorated, and became rather "ding-dong." Corners were forced on both sides, but nothing came of them. On one occasion our goal-keeper had a few anxious moments, none of our defence being able to kick clear. Towards the end of the game Farnham pressed, and from a

corner Searle scored a fourth goal. Poor shooting was once more in evidence, and many good opportunities were wasted.

Team : A. G. Mackay ; L. B. Bengé and A. P. Godwin ; L. E. Lord, J. N. Young and K. W. Slater ; E. H. Wetton, D. H. Weedon, D. N. Searle, W. J. Pink, and E. A. Purcell.

October 25th v. Guildford Grammar School, at Guildford.

Result : 3—1 for Guildford G. S.

During the first half we kicked "down." The play was even ; several good openings to score presented themselves to our forwards, but, unfortunately, they were not turned to good account. On the other hand, the G.G.S. team shot for goal whenever there was a chance. In the second half, playing up the slope, our boys combined better, and became more dangerous. They were now playing a really good game, and deserved to score more than one goal.

Although we lost this match by three goals to one, a draw would certainly have represented more fairly the play of the two sides.

Team : A. G. Mackay ; L. B. Bengé and A. P. Godwin ; L. E. Lord, D. N. Searle, and K. W. Slater ; E. H. Wetton, D. H. Weedon, J. N. Young, W. J. Pink, and E. A. Purcell.

November 1st v. Woking County School, at Woking.

Result : 4—0 for F.G.S.

A rather stiff breeze was blowing from end to end of the ground, and this we faced during the first half. The play was even and fast, each goal area being visited in turn. Our forwards were playing well, but the Woking defence, by good long-distance kicking, constantly drove them back. At half-time there was no score. In the second half, aided by the wind behind them, our boys attacked much oftener than their opponents, and had considerably more of the game. They proceeded to score four goals : Young scored two, and Purcell and Lord one each. The last two goals were particularly good shots, Lord's being scored from mid-field.

Team : A. G. Mackay ; L. B. Bengé and A. P. Godwin ; L. E. Lord, D. N. Searle, and F. W. Grinstead ; E. H. Wetton, D. H. Weedon, J. N. Young, W. J. Pink, and E. A. Purcell.

November 22nd v. Guildford Grammar School, at Home.

Result : Drawn, 1—1.

Our boys ought to have won this game by several goals to Guildford's one. For one thing, Young (inside-right) was mysteriously off form, and more than once, though obviously trying hard, he was responsible for a failure in attack. And, curiously enough, more chances to score came to him than to any other forward.

During the last ten minutes, realising that a last effort to score was now necessary if they were to win, our boys went "all out" for the Guildford goal, and overwhelmed their opponents. Again and again they were within a yard of scoring. But the

luck was against them ; some accident or slip robbed them each time of the coveted goal.

Team : A. G. Mackay; L. B. Bengé and A. P. Godwin; L. E. Lord, D. N. Searle, and F. W. Grinstead; E. H. Wetton, D. H. Weedon, W. J. Pink, J. N. Young, and E. A. Purcell.

Surrey Secondary Schools Junior League.

January 24th v. Guildford Grammar School, at Guildford.

Result : 6—0 for Guildford.

Not such a one-sided game as the score seems to indicate. All six goals were scored by Broach, the outstanding player of the Guildford team.

February 7th v. Woking County School, at Home.

Result : Drawn, 1—1.

Our boys, who played very well indeed, would have won this match, had they been able to drive home the attacks which they developed.

February 14th v. Guildford Grammar School, at Home.

Result : Drawn, 2—2.

A good game in which the defence on each side showed up well. The result represents the play. Parker at centre-half, and Baker at back played particularly well. They did not give Broach much chance ; and with this player held, the Guildford forwards were not so dangerous. Again our boys would have won, but for the chronic inability to finish an attack by a good shot.

February 17th v. Guildford Technical School, at Guildford.

Result : 1—0 for Guildford.

This game, too, we ought to have won, for we had most of the play.

February 21st v. Woking County School, at Woking.

Result : 3—0 for Woking.

Though our team was weakened by the influenza sickness, and we found the Woking team too heavy for us, we ought not to have been so decisively beaten.

March 17th v. Guildford Technical School, at Home.

Result : 5—0 for F.G.S.

This game, about the only one for which we had a complete representative team, we won comfortably. Although our forwards were continuously attacking, they scored only one goal in the first half, missing many opportunities. In the second half, however, they changed their tactics and, playing with more determination, added four more goals.

THE "UNDER 15" XI. TEAM.

The following have played for the team : R. A. Mackay (goal); R. F. Baker and L. J. Sargeant (backs); D. J. Carter,

F. W. Grinstead, and D. R. Parker, with L. F. Wright as reserve (half-backs); J. D. Gray, A. R. Hardy, F. H. Jennings, C. J. King, W. G. King, A. L. Plumridge, and E. J. Warner (forwards).

OTHER GAMES.

October 11th v. Aldershot County High School, at Home.

Result : Drawn 3—3.

This match marked the resumption of fixtures between the two Schools after several years. It was a splendid game, played in excellent spirit ; and the result represents the play.

The play was at first in Aldershot's favour ; they were certainly unlucky not to be leading at half-time. They kept our goal-keeper, A. G. Mackay, busy ; but he saved brilliantly every time. Our forwards attacked in their turn, and got one goal before half-time. After play began again Aldershot very soon equalised the score, and then added a second goal. Then J. H. Cooke most unfortunately broke his arm in a collision. Most unfortunately for him ! But our boys seemed stimulated to greater efforts by this loss of their right half-back, for, in spite of a third goal scored by Aldershot, they kept up a continuous attack. First Young forced his way through and scored, and then Godwin, playing back, followed up with an attack and scored with a great shot.

March 7th v. Aldershot County School, at Aldershot.

Result : 4—2 for Aldershot.

Just as good a game as the first match, but our opponents' familiarity with their ground made a difference, and we lost to them.

November 13th v. Old Boys' XI, at Farnham.

Result : 3—1 for F.G.S.

The Camberley Old Boys got together a team and gave us a thoroughly enjoyable game. Many of them were members of our previous 1st XI's and their feet had not by any means lost their cunning ! The Old Boys playing were : W. F. Larn, A. Harding, R. F. Hurdwell, R. E. Hurdwell, W. H. Barnard, W. I. C. Shipley, T. J. Stemp, and J.W. Cull. Mr. Ashton J. H. Cooke, and H. E. Blake played for them to make up their team.

November 15th v. The Salesian School, at Home.

Result : 6—2 for F.G.S.

December 13th v. Odiham Grammar School, at Odiham.

Result : 7—0 for F.G.S.

This game was a "try-out" for our "Under 15" team (with the exception of A. Phillips, centre-forward).

The Steeplechase.

The Cross-Country Race was run on March 24th over the usual $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles course, 138 boys starting. It was a particularly good race, there being a stiff struggle between half-a-dozen runners for the leading position until within a mile from home, and then a shoulder-to-shoulder race to within one yard of the School gates between E. A. Purcell and D. H. Weedon. D. H. Weedon won the race in 27 mins. 28 4-5th secs., thus beating J. Miller's record of last year by 3-5th sec. The first "Under 14" was J. C. Kingcome, and the first "Under 11" was P. C. Dainty.

The House positions (the first 15 in each House counting) were : 1, Massingberd (377); 2, Harding (461); 3, Morley (498); 4, Childe (730); 5, School House (928). No fewer than 131 boys finished, and the order of arrival was as follows :—

1, D. H. Weedon; 2, E. A. Purcell; 3, A. Phillips; 4, W. J. Pink; 5, J. Clark; 6, F. W. Grinstead; 7, E. F. Ackerman; 8, W. G. King; 9, A. L. Plumridge; 10, L. E. Lord; 11, J. C. Kingcome; 12, F. C. Chappell; 13, R. M. Barling; 14, J. H. Cooke; 15, J. D. Gray; 16, W. Bartlett; 17, R. G. Warren; 18, J. C. Jones; 19, A. C. Alexander; 20, G. J. Malin; 21, N. B. Usher; 22, C. Mould; 23, C. W. Deadman; 24, E. H. Farrant; 25, N. Hyde; 26, J. E. Foskett; 27, L. C. Andrews; 28, F. W. Andrews; 29, J. Wing; 30, J. W. Eastes; 31, A. P. Godwin; 32, E. G. Glynn; 33, R. J. Pittwood; 34, R. F. Baker; 35, F. H. Jennings; 36, E. C. Patrick; 37, F. C. Gale; 38, P. C. Dainty; 39, R. L. Moore; 40, K. B. Sherrington; 41, R. H. Taylor; 42, C. Masterman; 43, D. W. Turner; 44, A. A. Shephard; 45, P. W. Chorley; 46, C. J. Newman; 47, K. G. Crowhurst; 48, D. H. Graham; 49, F. W. German; 50, H. J. Lyons; 51, R. S. Bowie; 52, L. S. Smith; 53, J. C. Casken; 54, J. H. Kneller; 55, A. W. Lindsay; 56, E. S. Weller; 57, W. B. Stoneman; 58, E. A. Stroud; 59, A. J. Baker; 60, G. D. Jones; 61, C. H. Reed; 62, L. F. Wright; 63, K. W. Baigent; 64, H. E. Blake; 65, G. H. Thompson; 66, B. C. Stewart; 67, F. E. Pool; 68, K. C. Dutton; 69, C. J. Manfield; 70, L. J. Sargeant; 71, G. H. Stratton; 72, A. W. Denyer; 73, B. A. Bushell; 74, T. H. Goss; 75, B. K. Ground; 76, A. H. Brindley; 77, H. Wilkinson; 78, N. H. Patrick; 79, W. E. Bolton; 80, C. K. Warren; 81, P. Chuter; 82, N. J. Phillips; 83, J. C. Ground; 84, W. A. Gardiner; 85, L. Simmons; 86, J. W. Mack; 87, J. Berg; 88, G. G. Boyes; 89, C. S. Pope; 90, C. Elson; 91, C. J. King; 92, F. W. Wise; 93, R. S. Nicoll; 94, D. Goddard; 95, I. C. Dignasse; 96, V. Dyson; 97, A. E. Gillman; 98, A. W. Macdonald; 99, R. G. Harvey; 100, F. P. Stoodley; 101, P. A. Lintern; 102, G. J. Upshall; 103, P. G. Eggett; 104, C. J. Maret; 105, H. M. Vere Hodge; 106, C. J. Dixon; 107, E. G. Marsh; 108, J. W. Butcher; 109, S. G. Nash; 110, M. J. Wilson; 111, T. S. Dyson; 112, W. J. Purchase; 113, A. D. Hill; 114, A. G. Kite; 115, J. C. Ghost; 116, R. W. Horne; 117, C. E. Jones; 118, G. N. Allsop; 119, V. C. Jones; 120, P. de Neuville; 121, B. L. Rugg; 122, R. A. Mackay; 123, F. I. Bigg; 124, E. M. Loughlin; 125, A. G. Purchase; 126, J. W. Brooker; 127, L. Harries; 128, R. A. L. Ghost; 129, A. N. Parsons; 130, R. C. Lusty; 131, H. S. North. The other seven boys did not finish.

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The Debating Society.

This was formed at the beginning of last term. Last term we held five meetings, and this term, up to the time of going to Press, 4.

WINTER TERM MEETINGS.

1.—“That this House will welcome the return to power of a Labour Government.” Proposed by H. W. Herne and seconded by H. S. Jefferies; Opposed by J. N. Young and seconded by J. M. Taylor. Defeated by 25 votes to 9.

2.—“That this House considers that life in a boarding-school is more endurable than life in a day school.” Proposed by R. W. Cash, seconded by F. W. Grinstead; opposed by R. S. Jefferies, seconded by E. B. Linger. 16 votes to 16, casting vote of Chairman against the motion.

3.—“That this House believes in the Nationalisation of Mines and Railways.” Proposed by G. S. Chennells, seconded by H. S. Jefferies; opposed by J. M. Taylor, seconded by E. Wetton. Defeated by 22 votes to 5.

4.—“That in the opinion of this House, Capital Punishment should be abolished.” Proposed by J. H. Cooke, seconded by R. A. Mackay; opposed by R. J. Gale, seconded by J. Peters. Defeated by 11 votes to 9.

5.—“That in the opinion of this House the time is not yet ripe for the withdrawal of British protection in Egypt.” Proposed by R. A. Mackay, second by R. S. Jefferies; opposed by H. W. Herne, seconded by R. W. Cash. Carried by 20 votes to 7.

SPRING TERM MEETINGS.

1.—“That this Society considers that Civilisation is a greatly over-rated blessing.” Proposed by H. S. Jefferies, seconded by H. Blake; opposed by R. J. Gale, seconded by J. Peters. Defeated by 11 votes to 10.

2.—“That this House considers that the growth of professionalism in sport is deplorable.” Proposed by J. Peters, seconded by J. H. Cooke; opposed by G. S. Chennells, seconded by H. W. Hearne. Defeated by 11 votes to 6.

3.—“That the presence of train boys in a School is inimical to progress.” Proposed by C. T. Stroud; opposed by R. Ellicock. Defeated by 12 votes to 9.

4.—“That in the opinion of this House the time has now come for an Entente Cordiale with Russia.” Proposed by R. W. Cash, seconded by H. S. Jefferies; opposed by J. Peters, seconded by J. M. Taylor. Defeated by 16 votes to 11.

The Society meets as a rule once a fortnight. Membership is open to all boys in Forms IV and above, and to the Masters. In addition to the regular debates, a Mock Trial was held at the end of last term, when W. J. Pink and L. S. Doman appeared, charged with “Committing a nuisance likely to cause serious injury to life and limb, by making a noxious and evil-smelling gas in the Chemistry Laboratory on December 5th.” J. M. Taylor was the prosecuting, and H. S. Jefferies the defending, counsel. The trial was most amusing, and the jury brought in a verdict for the defendants.

C. T. STROUD, *Hon. Secretary.*

Inter-House Boxing Competition.

The Competition was held on Saturday, February 28th. Sergt.-Major Coates, of the 2nd Royal Fusiliers, ex-Lightweight Army Champion very kindly came over to referee the boxing. The points gained for the Houses were as follows : School, 26½; Childe, 27; Massingberd, 44; Harding, 44; Morley, 48.

The detailed results :—

P. C. Dainty (Childe) beat J. H. Lindley (Morley).
 B. L. Rugg (Harding) w.o. F. W. Wise (Childe) (absent).
 E. G. Glynn (Harding) beat E. B. Boulton (Massingberd).
 J. Elson (Morley) beat A. E. Clifton (Massingberd).
 J. Clark (Massingberd) beat J. Berg (Childe).
 N. J. Phillips (Harding) beat B. K. Ground (Childe).
 G. D. Jones (School) beat A. A. Wade (Harding).
 C. Masterman (School) beat A. G. Styles (Morley).
 A. H. Brindley (Massingberd) beat N. F. Lowry (Morley).
 B. C. Stewart (School) beat R. F. Dignasse (Massingberd).
 K. G. Crowhurst (School) beat K. C. Dutton (Morley).
 N. J. Butcher (School) beat L. S. Smith (Childe).
 J. W. Brooker (Harding) w.o. S. Kimber (Childe) (absent).
 L. C. Andrews (Morley) beat J. Wing (Massingberd).
 W. Bartlett (Morley) beat L. R. Bannon (Harding).
 D. W. Caesar (Massingberd) beat J. R. Lawson (Harding).
 J. E. Foskett (Morley) beat C. F. Wimbledon (Harding).
 A. R. Hardy (Morley) beat W. E. Bolton (Massingberd).
 A. J. Baker (Harding) w.o. F. W. German (Morley) (absent).
 C. J. King (Massingberd) beat A. H. Parratt (Morley).
 J. W. Eastes (Morley) beat F. I. Bigg (Harding).
 H. H. Steel (Morley) beat E. M. Loughlin (Harding).
 T. G. Lyons (Morley) beat N. H. Patrick (Massingberd).
 E. S. Weller (Childe) beat T. S. Dyson (School).
 J. W. Mack (School) beat P. A. Lintern (Morley).
 L. N. Poole (Massingberd) beat C. Elson (Morley).
 C. Mould (Massingberd) beat G. H. Thompson (Harding).
 D. R. Parker (Harding) beat R. H. Taylor (Childe).
 A. D. Hill (Morley) beat R. W. Horne (Harding).
 R. J. Pittwood (Harding) beat J. C. Kingcome (Morley).
 A. W. Macdonald (School) beat H. J. Lyons (Morley).
 F. W. Andrews (Morley) beat C. E. Jones (Massingberd).
 P. G. Eggett (Massingberd) beat W. A. Rowden (Harding).
 F. H. Jennings (Morley) beat V. C. Jones (Massingberd).
 R. J. Brindley (Massingberd) beat V. Dyson (School).
 W. D. Viney (Massingberd) drew with H. W. Hern (Harding).
 J. H. Cooke (Harding) beat L. J. Sargeant (Childe).
 L. F. Wright (Morley) beat G. Newman (Childe).
 G. A. Shrubbs (Massingberd) beat E. J. Warner (Childe).
 J. C. Ghost (Massingberd) beat C. J. Dixon (Morley).
 H. S. Jefferies (Harding) beat D. J. Carter (Childe).
 F. C. Chappell (Harding) beat A. J. Chennells (Childe).
 A. Phillips (Harding) beat E. G. Marsh (Morley).
 W. F. LeClercq (Morley) beat R. S. Jefferies (Harding).
 S. N. Wiltshire (Harding) beat R. S. Bowie (Massingberd).
 R. D. Hill (Morley) beat A. E. Gilman (Harding).
 A. P. Godwin (Massingberd) beat R. F. Baker (Harding).
 F. E. Pool (School) beat C. S. Pope (Morley).
 P. W. Chorley (School) beat R. Bridger (Childe).
 E. C. Patrick (Massingberd) beat E. A. Purcell (Childe).
 R. R. Weller (Childe) w.o. Farrant (Morley) (absent).
 J. E. Martin (Childe) beat D. O. Seymour (School).
 F. C. Gale (School) beat C. W. Deadman (Massingberd).
 J. W. Gwillim (Harding) beat K. B. Sherrington (Massingberd).
 G. S. Chennells (Childe) beat F. C. Haigh (Morley).
 L. Benge (School) beat D. H. Weedon (Harding).
 N. B. Usher (Massingberd) beat E. F. Chuter (Childe).
 G. C. Lass (Morley) beat C. G. Bessant (Massingberd).
 W. J. Pink (Harding) beat J. Peters (Morley).
 L. E. Lord (Childe) beat A. G. Mackay (Morley).

L. E. Permain (Harding) drew with C. W. Marshall (Childe).
 R. A. Mackay (Morley) beat A. J. Windeler (Massingberd).
 H. E. Blake (Massingberd) beat J. Strachan (Morley).
 J. M. Taylor (Childe) a bye; Harries (Massingberd) a bye;
 J. C. Jones (School) a bye.

School Championship Boxing, 1925.

The Competition was held this year on March 14th. Though the competitors were fewer than last year, the boxing was good and the bouts well fought out. Sergt.-Major Coates was good enough to come again and referee.

The winners were as follows :—

5-st. and under.—(1) J. Berg beat A. H. Brindley after two rounds of good hard boxing by both. (2) E. G. Glynn, after scoring well in the first round, and although fighting cleverly in both, lost to F. P. Stoodley, whose reach enabled him to score heavily in the second round. (3) J. Clark beat J. Berg—a good fight, with very hard hitting for this weight on both sides. (4) K. C. Dutton fought sturdily against F. P. Stoodley, but lost to him on points. (5) In the final J. Clark won in the first round against F. P. Stoodley.

5-st. 7-lbs. and under.—(1) W. J. Butcher v. L. S. Smith. Even scoring in two rounds, but not enough fighting. In an extra one-minute round L. S. Smith attacked and won. (2) J. Wing v. C. Masterman. In spite of Wing's longer reach, Masterman attacked vigorously and won. (3) L. C. Andrews v. L. S. Smith. After a "gentle" first round, Andrews won by a series of left and right blows to the face. (4) C. Masterman lost to W. Bartlett, though he attacked pluckily and fought well. (5) In the final between L. C. Andrews and W. Bartlett, both rounds were well fought, with good boxing for this weight. Andrews was the winner.

6-st. and under.—(1) T. G. Lyons v. E. S. Weller. In spite of Weller's height and harder hitting, Lyons won; a very good fight on both sides. (2) In the final T. G. Lyons lost to C. K. Warren, who boxed skilfully and scored oftener.

6-st. 7-lbs. and under.—(1) A. W. Macdonald v. R. Pittwood. Pittwood boxed coolly and scored most points in two rounds, but Macdonald won on an extra one-minute round. (2) In a bout of good, fierce boxing on both sides, D. R. Parker beat H. J. Lyons. (3) A. W. Macdonald v. C. Mould. The latter, too good for Macdonald, won. (4) In the final, after a poor first round, Parker attacked hotly, but did not have it all his own way owing to Mould's better ringcraft. In an extra one-minute round Mould won.

7-st. 7-lbs. and under.—(1) L. F. G. Wright v. H. S. Jefferies. Wright won after two well fought rounds. (2) In the final S. N. Wiltshire beat L. F. Wright in the first round.

8-st. 7-lbs. and under.—J. E. Martin, taking considerable punishment, lost to E. C. Patrick.

9-st. and under.—(1) L. Bengé v. Weller. Weller took a damaging blow on the ribs in the first round, and a win was given to Bengé. (2) L. Bengé v. J. W. F. Gwillim. After two rounds of good, hard fighting, in which Gwillim made good use of a telling uppercut, an extra one-minute round was ordered. Gwillim did not take this seriously enough, and Bengé won it.

Open.—W. J. Pink v. H. E. Blake. A good fight. Blake boxed hard and coolly, but Pink worried in persistently and scored frequently. In an extra one-minute round of hard in-fighting Blake won.

A XIVth Century Hymn of Hate.

In the latter part of the XIV Century it was we English who, from the point of view of the French, were the Huns of Europe. We held part of Normandy (which we called our "French Kingdom"), and were constantly invading France and exacting payments from, and plundering, the towns and villages which we managed to subdue. The victories over the English, won by du Guesclin and the Duc d'Anjou between 1370 and 1380, roused a patriotic feeling throughout N. and W. France. Hatred of the English began to make itself heard in patriotic songs, such as one by Olivier Basselin, of which the following is a more or less faithful version.

Think ye I would in England dwell?

O what a sorry joke!

That island den

Of Englishmen,

A stupid, pig-tailed folk!

If King and Country ye love well,

Townsmen and Villagers,

Be brave and strong

And come along

To fight these pillagers.

Let each man bring his stoutest hoe

To root these English out;

Nor e'er forget,

If one is met,

To mock him and to flout.

Eaters of peas! Vile swearers! foh!

All they can say is "damn."

One Frenchman free

Is well worth three

Or even four of them!

By heaven! I make a solemn vow:

Let me but catch one and

Right easily

I'll let him see

The weight of my right hand!

No goose, nor hen, nor chick, nor sow

Where they have passed remains:

The devil take 'em!

May Satan rake 'em

With everlasting pains!

Round the World.

Extracts from Letters of MIDSHIPMAN H. P. JOYCE
(F.G.S. 1913-1920)

during a 9 months' voyage round the world on
ss. "Tydeus" and "Titan."

Left Liverpool on Sunday, August 6th, 1922 ; reached Liverpool
again May 7th, 1923.

August 9th.—All yesterday we were going through the Bay of Biscay. It was not really rough ; but there was a big swell, which made "yours truly" feel quite funny. It is surprising, though, how calm it becomes as soon as you are out of the Bay.

This first week I am on wireless. My watches are 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., 10 p.m. to midnight.

The 10 p.m. to midnight watch is most boring ; it is a struggle to keep one's eyes open. I am there simply in case an S.O.S. comes through. If messages come through I call the Chief Operator to deal with them.

The food is fine. The first sitting consists of the Captain, the 1st and 2nd Officers, the Chief Engineer, the Doctor, the Purser, and the Chief Wireless Operator. We four lads go in with the second sitting, with the 2nd Wireless Operator and the 3rd Officer. There are three meals a day, and we dress for them all.

When we are not on wireless there is, of course, any amount of work on deck : chipping rust, painting, scrubbing, holystoning, polishing and re-polishing, *ad. infinitum*.

Saturday afternoon is our "washing day."

Thursday, August 10th.—This evening we entered the Straits of Gib. Gibraltar looks impressive in the dusk, dominating everything around it. It is beginning to be hot, so we shall take to "ducks," no doubt, in a few days.

The Captain takes a great interest in us four middies. He had me on the bridge this afternoon to work out the longitude of the ship by observation of the sun. I did it alright, and was thankful I had been on the "Conway."

The Junior Wireless Operator turns out to be a F.G.S. boy of three or four years ago ! We recognised each other at once.

Saturday, August 12th.—Washing Day ! I have done a suit of pyjamas, a white shirt, a pair of socks and some collars, and they have come out All !

We are getting near Malta now ; it is already very hot. I go on the bridge every afternoon at 4 p.m. to work out the ship's longitude.

Monday, August 14th.—Nearly 90 deg. in the shade ! To-day we took to "ducks." The work is jolly hard, and I am in the thick of it. The sweat simply pours off you. Three baths a day are the minimum to keep yourself clean—one before breakfast, another before lunch, and a third at 4 p.m. We get a cup of tea at 6 a.m., then two hours' work till breakfast time.

We each do an ordinary man's work with the crew.

August 16th to 20th.—We are now near Port Said. We have been hard at work to-day getting the ship ready for the Pilgrims, whom we pick up at Jidda, which is on the coast in the Red Sea, about 70 miles from Mecca. Great huts, for wash-houses, have to be hoisted from the hold and erected; as well as several tons of firewood—for they do their own cooking. As you may imagine, these Pilgrims are well and truly cursed by the crew! I will tell you more about them later on.

At Port Said we were immediately surrounded by a swarm of Egyptians in small boats, worrying us to buy things of all kinds. Newspaper men and barbers came aboard. I had a cut by a weird-looking Arab barber, who did it quite well, and charged 6d. From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. about 200 coolies were coaling. They went at it hard all the time, yelling, singing and screaming like devils as they worked. I should not have thought men could have kept going like that: it would do some of our folk good to see them! But they are awful creatures. They are covered with a mixture of coal-dust and sweat, and they never wash. When one boat is coaled they just sleep on top of the coal lighter until another boat needs coaling. For this they get 1/6 a day.

We had no time to go ashore at Port Said, but it seemed an attractive, modern resort. You go through the Canal under your own steam. I did not see the first part of the Canal as we did it during the night; but I saw the second half: on each side a desolate stretch of sand and stone as far as you can see. The Port Said-Suez Railway runs alongside the Canal, and about every ten miles there is a pretty palm-sheltered station.

We midshipmen are sleeping in the open, as the temperature in our room is too awful for words.

At Suez we anchored to get about a dozen boats hoisted up for the use of the Pilgrims we shall take aboard at Jidda. There is no end to the hard work caused by preparing for these Pilgrims. We have even been at it all Sunday, which is really a free day. And the heat! It is 104 deg. in our room! However, the crew hope there will be a large number of them, as they get 3d. a head for them. Sometimes you only get 200 or so, sometimes 1,000, which is a good haul.

Flying fish are plentiful. They leave the water in dozens and "fly" for about 30 yards, when their "wings" are dry, and they fall into the water again. I haven't seen any sharks yet.

Tuesday, August 22nd.—We arrived at Jidda yesterday and took aboard the Pilgrims—1,024 of them. They are all Malays, so we shall drop them at Singapore. They are a shocking degraded-looking lot, and they smell "something awful"—worse than cattle. Except for some under an awning on deck, they are hoarded in the hold, and will stay there until we reach Singapore. It must be hell for them, with the temperature well above 100 deg. The "luggage" they bring is indescribable—awful rubbish. They bring trunks full of food, and some bring their own chickens in cages. All this stuff litters up the ship.

They make squares of it, and sit in the middle of them. Every piece of it has to be examined by us four, and it is a pretty unpleasant job, I can assure you, owing to the "live stock" it swarms with. We have to search for, and throw overboard, the "holy" water they bring. They take very little at a time and keep it so long that it becomes foul, and would cause an outbreak of fever if we let them keep it. I found several bottles of it, and it was pitiful to see their distress when it was thrown away. The misery they endure on these pilgrimages must be terrible. Some of them have to be carried aboard, they are so exhausted. Three have already died, and others will follow before the trip is over. However, they are more like animals than men. Even those who are well off prefer to live in dirt. One of them on board is a rajah or something, with three wives and several servants. He offered £100 for a room to put his wives in ; but of course he didn't get it. At sunset they kneel, facing Mecca, and make a great noise for about an hour.

Thursday, August 24th.—This morning we entered "Hell's Gates," the sailors' name, on account of the heat, of the passage from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.

Monday, August 28th.—Yesterday I was sick for the first time. We are now well into the Indian Ocean. It has been quite rough, with a strong wind which rolled the boat badly.

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The Pilgrims had a bad time. Most of them covered themselves in blankets and lay as if dead.

Tuesday, August 29th.—I have been hard at it to-day, cleaning and painting the life-boats.

There was another death this morning, which makes seven so far.

Wednesday, August 30th.—Another pilgrim died to-day—through eating too much rice.

To-morrow we should be off Ceylon, but we do not call there.

Thursday, August 31st.—Another death this morning.

This morning we were accompanied for a mile or more by a large school of porpoises, all jumping and diving as they kept pace with us.

Friday, September 1st.—This morning we searched the ship for opium, which the Chinese stokers sometimes hide aboard and smoke. Then we cleaned out the bunkers.

Monday, September 4th.—Eleven deaths up to date. We call at Penang to-morrow to put ashore 126 of the Pilgrims, who go home from there ; and to discharge cargo.

Tuesday, September 5th.—We reached Penang this morning soon after 7 a.m. We really got there in the night, but owing to a storm we had to put out to sea again and wait for daylight.

Here was my first experience of cargo work, and the rush of it fairly took my breath away. About 100 tons of cargo came out of each hatch. I had one to watch. You have to see that the coolies steal nothing, and that only Penang cargo comes out.

At Penang there are hundreds of Chinese junks, which come all the way from China under one sail. These Chinamen have no lights, no compass, no charts—nothing except instinct and experience to sail by. They live and die in these junks, the same family carrying on for hundreds of years—with luck.

After a medical inspection the 126 Pilgrims were put ashore. What a bedlam !

Behind Penang, magnificent cloud-capped hills. The jungle comes right down to the shore. On the wharf they sell gorgeous fruit : bananas, cocoanuts, pineapples, etc. I got a couple of pineapples at 3d. each, which would have fetched 2/6 each at home.

September 7th. — We arrived at Port Swettenham yesterday about 2 p.m. It lies several miles up a river, which is from 100 to 50 yards wide. A pilot takes you up. The "town" consists of some two dozen tin huts and a few brick buildings. Dense jungle comes right down to the river on each side.

September 8th.—*The Ocean Steamship Coy.'s Recreation House, Singapore.*—We got here yesterday and were allowed ashore this evening. To-morrow the "*Tydeus*" goes out again, but not with me aboard, for I have been transferred to the "*Titan*," which is bound for New York, and is coming now from Shanghai and Hong Kong. She won't be here until the 15th, so I shall have an eight-days' holiday. I am to feed and sleep on the "*Charon*," a Blue Funnel boat ; otherwise I am free all

day. It is a passenger boat, and I shall have a first-class cabin. I am very sorry to leave the "*Tydeus*," but it means that I shall circumnavigate the globe on my first trip! The "*Titan*" will go over the same ground (or, rather, water) that I have already covered, back to Gibraltar. From Gib. she will cross to New York, then go down the American coast through the Panama Canal and across to Japan and China, touching at Honolulu. Thence she will return to Gib. and there turn north for home.

September 18th.—The "*Titan*" is not due until the 20th, so I was transferred to the "*Medusa*," while waiting. The "*Medusa*" is the smallest of the Holt boats, and runs between Singapore and Belawan Deli, in Sumatra, so I have had a pleasant trip as a first-class passenger. Deli is up a river, and jungle comes right down to the water's edge. The Chief Engineer and I had a couple of walks well into the jungle, during which we saw lots of big monkeys and one or two iguanas.

September 22nd.—Am doing another trip to Deli on the "*Medusa*," as the "*Titan*" has not yet come in. "Man overboard!" startled us all to-day. I ran up to the poop and helped to get a boat off. We could only just see a head bobbing about in the distance, and it was a quarter of an hour before we got him. It was one of the Chinese crew, whose good swimming alone saved him; but even then he was lucky to escape the propeller and the sharks. It is very seldom a man overboard is saved. An old ship's officer on board said this was the only one he had ever seen saved.

Penang, September 30th.—Aboard the "*Titan*" at last! I joined her on the 25th, and started work at once—painting. She is a huge ship of some 9,000 tons, and is about as dirty as she can be. The other three chaps are real nice fellows, and they all gave a hand when I came aboard with my confounded luggage. Better still, one of them is a "*Conway*" boy, who was a pal of mine on the "*Conway*" for five terms.

This ship is known as a "goal-poster," because of its peculiar pair of masts, joined by a horizontal girder. It is customary to sympathise with fellows on a "goal-poster" or "football ship,"

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because these ships usually mean a terrible lot of hard work. This boat is faster than the "*Tydeus*." It is the boat which brought home the Prince of Wales' zoo collection from his tour to India and Japan.

On the way here we called at Port Swettenham, and at Singapore, where we took on 10,000 tons of tin and rubber for New York.

Colombo, October 7th.—We stayed two dreadful days at Penang, taking in cargo and working at it from 7 a.m. to 11.30 p.m., only stopping for meals.

Port Said, October 21st.—I have crossed the Indian Ocean again ; it was calm and fine all the way, and not too hot. When we reached the Gulf of Aden, however, it was beginning to get hot. We had rigged up a huge canvas swimming bath on the upper deck, deep enough for a comfortable dive and long enough for five or six big strokes. It is a fine idea. We remained at Colombo only one night, and did not go ashore.

Algiers, October 27th.—We stayed only four hours at Port Said, but we took on 400 tons of coal in the time—some work ! One day, when coming through the Suez Canal, I noticed on the deck what looked like a small eagle. It was a full-grown African hawk. I approached it, expecting it to fly off, but it did not budge ; so I caught it, getting its talons into my hand for my trouble. I kept it in a box for a few hours and then let it go. The next day, seeing feathers falling from the mast, I looked up, and there was my hawk feeding on a smaller bird ! Four days later one of the boys caught a swallow in a similar way.

Boston, November 11th.—We stayed only 12 hours at Algiers and were coaling all the time, so there was no shore leave. We coaled "up to the teeth" to take us across the Atlantic. All the bunkers were filled, and more tons of it put on deck. Coal dust was everywhere ; the mess was awful ; it took us four days to clean up afterwards.

We were a fortnight crossing the Atlantic. A week ago I had my first go at the wheel, and jolly fine it was. I did an hour at the wheel every morning. We also did signalling, after knocking off, and at night finding the ship's position astronomically. We were warned by wireless that we should run into heavy rain off the coast of America, and we did. This wireless service is a marvellous thing. The Captain often has a chat with another Blue Funnel man hundreds of miles away. We got the Press report that "Marie Lloyd had died penniless !" This tit-bit caused a good deal of discussion, especially the pennilessness.

A few days ago I was 18 years of age ! How the time has gone by ! It seems a very short time since I left Farnham.

November 22nd, British Apprentice Club, New York.—We got into New York on Sunday morning, the 19th. On Monday we all went to the British Apprentice Club, which is a suite of lovely rooms in the Hotel Chelsea, a very "posh" hotel in the best part of the city. It is run by two charming American ladies

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as a token of gratitude for kindness shown in England during the War to the men of the American forces. Last night we came here again to a dance. There were ten "Conway" boys here, all of whom I knew well.

Thursday, November 23rd.—I am at the Club again, spending a quiet evening in the Reading Room.

Cheers! The "*Mauretania*" came in yesterday, bringing me a pile of letters. We are having a fine time, ashore every evening.

Monday, November 27th.—I have been seeing a few of "the largest things in the world." On Saturday afternoon I met an American friend by arrangement, and he took me sight-seeing round the city. We went up the Woolworth Building, which, in spite of its immense size, is quite an artistic building. The Cunard and the Sugar Buildings tower straight up. They are ugly, but wonderful. We visited the biggest railway station in the world, the Pennsylvania Station; and then the biggest hotel in the world, the Pennsylvania Hotel. Then we went to the biggest Stores in the world and thence to the Grand Central Station, the second largest station in the world. In Broadway we met an Irish procession—elderly women carrying banners bearing legends like "There will be no peace for the world until English militarism is done away with"; "England murdered Mr. McSwiney—now they are torturing Mrs. McSwiney," and so on! Broadway at night is known as the Great White Way. It is a wonderful blaze of light and electric advertisements. Here I saw the biggest advertisement sign in the world: "Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum!"

Then I went into the biggest Picture Palace in the world, with a great organ and an orchestra of 120 men.

Next Thursday I am to spend the day with my American friend, and have the "Thanksgiving dinner" with him. "Thanksgiving Day" is a national holiday, and celebrates the thanksgiving of the Pilgrim Fathers after their first harvest in America. Turkey is eaten on this occasion, and all the shops here are full of turkeys, as they are at home for Christmas.

Yesterday, another boy and I went to spend the day with a gentleman at Montclair. He takes two boys from the Club every Sunday. We had a very good time: a walk in the morning, then a top-hole dinner, then a long car ride in the afternoon.

I am having a most enjoyable time here and shall be sorry to leave. But it is a bit of a job to make the dollars hold out, for things are very dear over here, and, I daresay, we get "rooked" right and left. A hair-cut costs 50 cents (2/-).

Tuesday, December 5th.—Sunday I spent on board washing white shirts! Yesterday the ship was fumigated, so we had the whole day free. Another boy and I made tracks for Woolworth's and went up to the top. The fare is 2/3 by lift. There are dozens of lifts, some marked, "Local, stopping at all floors," others, "Express, first stop 36th floor," or "59th floor, change

for observation," etc. Some building—what? From the top you see a panorama—the whole of New York, and a good deal of New Jersey and Brooklyn too. It is a magnificent building and deserves its name of "The Cathedral of Commerce," with its marble floors and elaborate furnishings. It is a pile of offices : Woolworth's have not a single shop in it!

We had afternoon tea with Mrs. Spaulding, who manages the Club. She is a delightful lady. In the evening she took six of us to a box at Carnegie Hall, where we heard some fine classical orchestral music.

The British Apprentice Club is a real fine idea, for which we ought to be grateful. To fellows like me it means a jolly good time, and the chance to meet the best sort of Americans, who are worth meeting, I can tell you.

Brooklyn, December 12th. — We dry-docked here for the ship's bottom to be painted. Some fellows go for years without seeing their ship in dry dock, so this is another rare experience for my first trip.

Boston, December 22nd.—Very cold! Coming up from New York we four boys were on watch, each with one officer. Watches are arranged in this way : noon to 4 p.m., 4 to 8 p.m., 8 p.m. to midnight; then again midnight to 4 a.m., and so on. One of us, therefore, is left for wireless.

When we left New York we all went up to the Club to say good-bye to the ladies, who gave us each a woolly sweater to wear during the cold spell while crossing the Pacific to Japan. Wasn't this good of them?

Norfolk (Virginia), December 30th.—It is warmer again. We are here shipping some 500 tons of tobacco for Shanghai.

I have not told you how I spent Christmas. Well, one of the boys has an uncle living in a village about 30 miles inland from Boston; and he took me with him to his uncle's place. There are five boys in the family, so we had a rare good time. I stayed Christmas night with them. They make a great thing of Christmas over here. There was a big Christmas Tree, from which I

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had a topping pencil. Later this uncle handed to me an envelope on which was written, "A bit from home"; inside was a £1 note! And a Christmas Card, with a present, arrived for each of us from the Club ladies!

January 4th, 1923.—Some description of the cargo we carry would interest you perhaps? Coming from the Far East to New York we had what is known as a "constant" cargo. We had a great amount of China tea, and even more rubber from the Malay States; also tin in the pig form—40,000 slabs of it, each worth about £10. Also some hemp, feathers, 670 tons of wood, oil, hides, bamboo canes, etc.

From New York we took what is known as a "general" cargo, i.e., lots of smaller amounts of different goods for different ports in China and Japan. But one cargo is really "constant," namely, thousands of railway lines and water pipes for Japan, and also cotton machinery for Shanghai. We have a number of Ford cars, sheet iron, cigars and cigarettes, piles of cases of playing cards for Shanghai, some six dozen Singer sewing machines, boxes of carborundum, telegraph wire, Carter's writing ink, chemicals, glass ware, hundreds of cases of Libby's and of Armour's products, and of Heinz's spaghetti and baked beans.

January 6th.—A week ago we were freezing, now we are in white suits and can't keep cool. We are somewhere in the Caribbean Sea in the locality of the Bahama Islands and Cuba. We shall pass between Cuba and Haiti.

January 10th.—We are entering the Panama Canal, and this letter will go off at Panama. My next will be from Yokohama, after a 30 days' non-stop run.

The Panama Canal is a wonderful construction. You enter at Colon and, about three miles further in, you come to three huge locks which lift you 87 feet above sea-level to fresh-water lakes. From lock to lock the ship is hauled by electric "mules" on each side. Then you steam for 20 miles through scenery of marvellous beauty, and through the Culebra Cut, noted for its landslides. The canal winds about all the way between steep banks rich with tropical vegetation, and dotted with wild cattle. At the Panama end there are three more locks to bring you down to sea-level again.

January 27th.—For a week, after leaving the Panama, we worked with the crew, shifting 400 tons of coal from one hatch to another. Since then we have been painting the ship. I don't know which made the most mess of us; both were simply awful.

We have been at sea 17 days and have sighted land for the first time—one of the Haiwai Islands. This long passage affords a good chance to study, and I do a couple of hours or so from 7 to 9 p.m. on seamanship and navigation. It reminds me of homework days at school.

February 1st.—We crossed the 180th meridian to-day, which means that we are exactly on the opposite side of the earth to

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you. Going west, you gain (*i.e.*, you skip) one day on crossing the 180th meridian. Poor Mr. Ridout used to explain this at school, but I'm afraid I didn't try very successfully to grasp it!

*February 9th.*—We are only 24 hours from Yokohama. It has been a terribly long run and, to finish with, we have had the worst weather I have experienced since I left home: half a gale blowing, very high seas, and the ship rolling and pitching "something awful."

*February 12th.*—We reached Yokohama on the 10th and got busy with the cargo. The 11th was a Japanese holiday, so we went ashore for a look at the city. I was not much impressed. Perhaps it was the weather, for the place was snow-covered, and in a general mess. But Fujiyama, which we saw as we approached Yokohama, looked lovely, with its snow-covered crater clearly visible.

*February 18th.*—Great news! We are homeward bound at last! We took on to-day, at Kobe, a cargo for Liverpool; so that settles it. We should be home in not more than three months' time. We are to go first to North China, then to Shanghai and Hong Kong, then Singapore, and then the usual route home via the Suez Canal, and calling at Marseilles and at Havre.

The Japs are very up-to-date folk. One thing that interested me was that they all seem to know English; even the dock labourers could speak it and read the marks on the cargo—they seemed very proud of this, too!

Kobe is streets ahead of Yokohama as a port and as a town. Well lit, cleaner, finer shops, and much more lively and interesting. Directions and names are mostly put up in English as well as in Japanese.

*Moji, February 22nd.* — We called here yesterday to coal. Here women coal with the men, and pretty tough customers they are. They worked for 14 hours on end, with only two short stops for a scanty meal.

*February 25th.* — Yesterday we got to Dalny, a port of Southern Manchuria, where we are taking on 670 tons of oil for Liverpool and 1,300 bags of monkey-nuts for Marseilles. The oil is carried in a specially constructed tank.

This morning the temperature was 20 deg. (Far.) below freezing point. Even the sea in parts is getting ice-covered around us.

*February 26th.*—All four of us went ashore to-day. In the native quarter we came upon a Chinese temple. It looked very forbidding, but we ventured up a lot of steps until we stood before the door of the temple. Presently an old chink priest came towards us and beckoned. We followed him, and he unbarred the doors. There was the temple, with all its idols, gongs, and other paraphernalia before our eyes. We stayed about ten minutes having a good look round, and I tried a snapshot, but the light was too poor, and, moreover, the jolly old priest wasn't keen. I tried one of him outside, but he



"wasn't having any," and went off into his house. I think he was frightened. I got a photo of the exterior, though. There were thousands of used firework squibs about ; they let them off to frighten away evil spirits.

*February 27th.*—We reached Ta-ku-bar (15 miles out from Tientsin) this morning. We are taking thousands of bags of monkey-nuts to Shanghai for trans-shipment to London and Hamburg.

*Hong Kong, March 11th.*—We left Shanghai on the 8th. At Shanghai there were three other Blue Funnel ships with us. Three midshipmen from one of them came across for an evening with us. One of the three was a "*Conway*" boy. We got ashore, too, and had a game of football. By jove, I found I was out of training!

One evening MacGregor and I were invited out by the "Mission to Seamen" parson, who turned out to be a young fellow who had come aboard the "*Conway*" one night to take prayers. We both remembered him. After a half-hour service we went to his house and spent the evening there, talking and playing games. There were 15 of us, and one of them was a fellow we had met in the club at New York. A launch fetched us and took us back.

*March 13th.*—We leave Hong Kong to-day for Saigon, a French port in Indo-China. Hong Kong is a fine place, situated on a hilly island about two miles from Kowloon on the mainland. Holt's have a beautifully fitted club for their officers and midshipmen, and there we spent an afternoon.

*Saigon, March 18th.*—We got here two days ago and are taking aboard a lot of rice for Havre. Saigon lies about 47 miles up a very winding river (the Me Kong), though it is only about 20 miles from the sea. It is a lovely place, with fine boulevards and shops, a grand opera, a fine cathedral and botanical gardens that are said to be the best in the East. In these gardens we saw an elephant which peels bananas. You throw a couple of cents into his enclosure ; he picks them up and tosses them over to a native stall about 25 yards away. The native throws back four bananas, which the animal picks up and peels. It's a fact!

*March 21st.*—We got into Singapore to-day. It was hot enough at Saigon, but here the heat is dreadful. Not long ago we were frozen stiff. We are taking on about 600 Pilgrims for Jidda.

*March 28th.*—We left Singapore yesterday and are getting in to Penang to-morrow.

*April 2nd.*—We sighted Ceylon this morning. We have 675 Pilgrims aboard. They are in much better condition than the other lot, as they are starting the pilgrimage instead of finishing it. We were only a day out, however, when we found a lunatic amongst them. He started knocking his fellows over the head with a sugar cane, so he had to be locked up.

*April 10th.*—We reached Perim this morning, took on 750 tons of coal and left again in the evening, for Kamaran.

*April 13th.*—We are just arriving at Jidda. At Kamaran the Pilgrims were put ashore for 24 hours in quarantine.

*April 14th.*—We disembarked the Pilgrims to-day. Only one of them, an old man of 80, had died.

*April 17th.*—We reached Suez yesterday evening and unloaded some oil, leaving again in the early morning. We shall be at Port Said by 5 p.m. to-day.

*April 25th.*—We left Marseilles to-day.

*May 1st.*—We are in the Channel now and should be in Havre to-morrow morning. Everyone has but one thought now : that is that we are nearly home, and that England is the best old place in the world after all.

When I get to Liverpool I shall have been 275 days out and have touched at 28 different ports in circumnavigating the globe. A jolly good trip !



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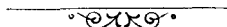
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