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NOTICE.

THE Editors have introduced an innovation with this number of the *Shirburnian*, which they hope will meet with their subscribers' approval. As no more than two full numbers a term can at present be managed, they now issue a half number (price 3d.), to be followed by a similar one in December. By this means they think the numbers will be more evenly distributed over the term.

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A MONTH IN THE KHATCOTE JUNGLES.

 ON the 24th March, 1873, Billy A—— and I arrived at Khatcote for a month's shooting. Next day we moved to Andorabagh, on the banks of the Kunnar River, trying the old iron mines on the way, as I had on two previous occasions turned panthers out of them. However, this time nothing but hyenas came out, at which we did not fire. Caught some fish in the rivers in the evening, and next day moved to Seetabund. I missed a deer. From Seetabund we sent the kit to a pool of water in the jungle called Lendia, while we went with the Shikarrees to see if any bison had been drinking at a river some miles away. But there were no fresh tracks, so we went with Mbadoo to try a cave

where we had once before seen a tiger. We walked up very quietly, and Mhadoo threw a stone in, when out came a fine tiger; so we blazed into him at about ten yards and dropped him dead. Skinned the beggar, and marched on to our camp at Lendia. Next day we went to look for bison, and sent our kit to the banks of the Karanuddee. Came on fresh tracks of a single bull, and followed until dark, but never came up to him; so had a long walk back to camp. Next day we were out early and had a long day's work, but came on no fresh tracks of bison; so determined to move to a place in the jungle, where I had camped three years before. Next day being Sunday we did not shoot, but went with our kit. I had a bad foot, and was riding my horse, Mickey. A—— in front with Mhadoo. When we were close to the place I saw him stop and aim at something with his rifle, so slipped off my horse and cocked mine. He fired, and a deer fell dead. I gave my rifle to one of the niggers, and cut the deer's throat, and was walking across to the tree where our camp had been the last time, and wiping the knife on the long grass, when I saw a tiger crouched just in front of me. Of course I did not dare to bolt, but put up my hand for the niggers to bring my rifle, when the tiger jumped up with a roar and rushed across the ravine, passing right among our horses and baggage camels. One of the latter ran under a tree and smashed a lot of bottles of beer. On Monday we got on tracks of a single bull bison, and came up to him in pretty open jungle. A—— put a bullet well behind his shoulder, and we followed and killed him before he had gone more than a mile. Next day was blank, but we went further into the jungles and camped by a pool of water. It looked very bad, so I sent Mhadoo in one direction and I went in the other to see if we could find any better. Soon a man came running and said that Mhadoo had seen a panther asleep in a cave. We went to the cave, but the panther had left; so we walked up the river bed in hopes of coming across him. Up he jumped and hooked it through the long grass, and we fired snap shots, and one of us hit him, as there was a good blood track. Followed this up carefully until dark, when we had to give it up. The rest of this

week we had bad luck. One day we tracked a herd of bison from seven in the morning till two, when we came up to them and wounded the big bull, but did not recover him, although we went on as long as we could see. Never went home till all hours; all hands very much done up for want of water. On the Saturday we sent the kit to Karoode, on another river, while we took a round in the jungle. One of the Bheels saw a bear asleep in the shade of a clump of bamboos. We got as close as we could and blazed into him, but he went off very lame, and after a piece of beautiful tracking on the part of the Bheels, came up to him and polished him off. Sunday we rested and fished. On Monday we took some cold meat and chupatties and started for a place seven miles off, where some wood cutters had seen bison the day before. Found their fresh tracks and got up to them about 11 a.m. in the jungle, very like an orchard in England, but the ground covered with stones, which made quiet walking very difficult. I had the first shot this time, and got to about fifty yards from a goodish bull and sent a 3oz. steel-tipped conical bullet through his shoulders, settling his hash at once. A—— also fired and knocked over another, which we ran after across the hills till we were completely done up. Came back and cut off the head and some of the meat of the first one, and went down to the river for breakfast. About three o'clock we were on our road homewards, when we saw three bison feeding some little distance off. A—— had the shot, and we stalked up pretty close. One was a very large bull, and got it hot right and left from A——'s rifle. The other two were cows, so we ran in straight and polished off the old fellow. Got back to camp in good time, and went in at bison steaks. Tuesday was a blank day, although we had a shot at a sambar and let him off. Wednesday we went out early, but no fresh tracks until about ten, when we got up to a single bull standing under a big tree. Gave it him hot and strong, but he rushed off. However, we came up to him about half-a-mile on, when he made an attempt to charge, but was too far gone to do any mischief. We had a pipe and sent the bull's head to camp, and then went down to the river about two miles away, and Mhadoo

said he thought he could see a bear some way off; so we looked with the telescope, and sure enough it was. So we got as near as we could and fired into him, and up he got, roaring and howling, and ran along the path on the side of the hill, and would have given us a long chase, and perhaps got away altogether, when A—— made a stunning shot and hit him through the head. So he came rolling and tumbling down the hill till he fell into the ravine. By the time we had skinned him it was getting late, and we started home. Thursday we had been out all day till about three, when a bull was spotted by one of the Bheels, and we killed him with two shots. Friday we were out all day until about five in the evening, when we came on a herd of bison, but they had twigged us, and were moving off. We ran to cut them off, but were so blown we could not hold straight. I missed like a man with both barrels; but Billy, with his second gun, knocked over one and wounded another, which got away in the dark. Saturday we were trying to mark bison from the lower ridges, when a man said he saw a bear. We waited till it was hot, so that he should not be easily disturbed, and went round to get down wind (a bear's sense of smelling is very acute), and then went up quietly. We then found that he was in such an awkward position that we could not get close, so sent some men round to roll down stones and tap the trees. This succeeded, and the bear came to us and was murdered. On Sunday we went back to where I had nearly walked on top of the tiger in the grass; and on Monday followed a herd all day until the evening, when we got long shots and bagged none. On Tuesday we killed one bull, but ought to have killed two if we had shot straighter. Wednesday we were again unsuccessful. On Thursday we came up to a herd and wounded one, which we had a long chase after. After running about a mile, we got up to the bison standing in a nullah, evidently very sick. I was so awfully blown that I felt myself too unsteady to shoot for a few seconds, so stopped to take breath. He twigged me, and came forward a few paces with his head held straight out, so I gave it him right and left in the centre of the chest with the old rifle, which turned him; and two more

shots in the shoulder with my second gun brought him down, when A—— ran up and killed him with a shot in the back of the head. After this we had no luck in killing till we got to Dhaydree, although we wounded two more bison. Near Dhaydree we saw a bison on a hill, and after a long stalk got up to him and killed him. We shot some samber and chutal on our return march, and our leave being up, had to go home.

P. U. T.

#### ATHLETICS.

**B**OLL education may be divided into two classes—first, mental, second, physical education. It is to this division that our attention should be turned when considering the present subject.

To take the use of athletics first,—Mental education and development is undoubtedly one of the highest and best aims of our existence; and the mental faculties are deserving of cultivation before all others. But it is neither desirable nor possible that they should be cultivated to the exclusion of the physical; and here we have one great advantage arising from athletics. They cultivate the physical faculties as well as the mental, and thus keep the education of a man properly balanced, so to speak. So far from preventing the development of the mind, they assist it in a great degree by keeping the body in a state of health and vigour, without which mental development would soon become impossible.

Such we may take to be the general principle. It is obvious that it is not only advantageous, but necessary that every boy should be taught to swim, ride, &c.; to teach these accomplishments is a practical use to which athletics may be put.

There is a particular case in which more physical training than is now practised might be of great advantage. The examination for the Indian Civil Service, as now carried on, makes its standard mental proficiency, with the sole exception of the medical inspection undergone by the successful candidates. It is, of course, desirable

that those chosen for responsible posts in India should be men of intellectual ability, but it is no less desirable that they should be physically well educated. To command the respect of the natives is of course a great object of our Indian Government, and athletic feats and prowess are more likely to produce this result than a considerable amount of intellectual ability.

In such cases as these, athletics are decidedly useful and desirable. We have now to consider the abuses to which they are subject. And bearing in mind the twofold division of education given above, most of these may be said to arise from undue prominence being given to physical development. It has been already stated that it must accompany mental development, but nevertheless it ought to be kept subordinate to it, not to encroach upon it. Several of our public schools furnish instances of abuses of athletics. The captain of the eleven is usually a far greater person than the boy who has just won a scholarship at college; and occasionally it is difficult for a boy to be in the sixth form and to work hard, if he is in the eleven, and *vice versa*. Athletics carried to excess in this way are undesirable; the boys who work hardest are just those who are particularly in want of physical training, in order to assist their mental training, and it seems hard to debar them from it by public opinion or custom.

To take another particular case—the great expense incurred in following out certain branches of athletics seems a decided abuse. For instance, the large sum of money annually spent at public schools, colleges, and elsewhere in paying cricket professionals is for several reasons to be regretted. This is a question which has been much agitated lately, and there seems to be a prospect of some reform being introduced before long. It is not necessary, while admitting the advisability of reform, to condemn altogether the practice of employing professionals; all that is meant is that the present system of employing them involves a large waste of money which would be better avoided. And this is only a particular instance; there are other cases in which great expense is incurred by undue prominence given to athletics.

To recapitulate briefly, it may be said that both mental and physical training are necessary for perfect education, and that if kept subordinate, although necessary to, the former, athletics are put to their proper use; while if the latter is allowed to supersede and encroach upon the former, they are abused.

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#### CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

W. M. BARNES.—Captain during past season, in which capacity he has given universal satisfaction. Good bat, but his average is not so good as his play deserves. A brilliant field at cover point.\*

H. M. MERRIMAN.—A straight and at times effective bowler. A very hard hitter, always punishing loose bowling; would do well to improve his defence.\*

F. F. SCHACHT.—Has unfortunately been prevented from playing the greater part of the season. Not a showy bat, but at times made runs. A sure field, and useful change bowler.\*

R. T. FINCH.—Has rendered the Eleven very great service during the season; has shown a very stubborn defence, his cutting and hitting to the off being also very fine. A good long-stop. Bowls slow at times.

E. S. EADE.—A fine, free hitter, with a good eye, his hitting to leg being very clean. Useful field at long leg. A fast and at times destructive bowler.\*

W. F. EVANS.—A careful bat, possessed of considerable hitting powers, especially to leg. A good field, and careful wicket keep.

E. E. HEATHCOTE.—A fair though not pretty bat, but often making runs. A fair field. Kept wicket at the end of the season.

A. B. CROSBY.—Promises to become a good bat; improved greatly during the season. A fair bowler and safe field.

J. A. DARRELL.—A fair bat, making runs at times, but rather inclined to pull. A straight and effective bowler.\*

E. A. TRAVERS.—A careful and steady bat, though seldom scoring. A good field at point.\*

R. TANNER.—A steady bat; takes a long time in getting his runs. Slow in the field.

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#### BATTING AVERAGES IN FOREIGN MATCHES.

	Total No. of Inn.	Times not out.	Average.
W. M. Barnes .....	8	...	1 ... 7 2-7
H. M. Merriman .....	8	...	1 ... 7 2-7
F. F. Schacht .....	2	...	0 ... 4½
R. T. Finch .....	8	...	0 ... 16
E. S. Eade .....	8	...	1 ... 13 6-7
W. F. Evans .....	7	...	1 ... 7 1-3
E. E. Heathcote .....	7	...	0 ... 7 4-7
A. B. Crosby .....	7	...	0 ... 13 5-7
J. A. Darrell .....	6	...	3 ... 2 2-3
E. A. Travers .....	5	...	1 ... 1½
R. Tanner .....	3	...	0 ... 6 1-3

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#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	No Balls.	Wides.	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Inn.
H. M. Merriman ...	0	...	13	...	917	...	77 ... 370 ... 24 ... 8
J. A. Darrell .....	1	...	1	...	668	...	55 ... 288 ... 20 ... 6
F. F. Schacht .....	0	...	1	...	271	...	16 ... 113 ... 8 ... 3
A. B. Crosby .....	6	...	5	...	616	...	46 ... 291 ... 6 ... 8
R. T. Finch .....	0	...	0	...	211	...	5 ... 146 ... 6 ... 5
E. S. Eade .....	0	...	21	...	205	...	16 ... 69 ... 7 ... 4
W. M. Barnes .....	0	...	2	...	116	...	11 ... 52 ... 1 ... 2

\* Have left.

#### FOOTBALL.

##### THE SCHOOL V. EVERSNOT CLUB.

This, the first out-match for the season, was played on the School ground on Wednesday, October 20th, and resulted in a victory for the School. The Evershot team came five men short, whose places were supplied from the School. The School captain kicked off, and the ball was at once carried into the enemy's quarters, who were forced to touch down four times in self-defence. The first touch was obtained by Twynam, in the corner of the ground, and the try, entrusted to Finch, was converted into a very good goal, which, though at first disputed, was finally decided in our favour. After this nothing of note occurred until after half time was called, when Finch, by a splendid run the whole length of the ground, secured a second touch for the School; but the place by Evans was unsuccessful. The game was now more even, though Finch, by another good run, secured another try, which he himself converted into a goal. Just before time was called Mr. Kennedy, by a very good run, obtained a touch for Evershot, which Mr. Wilson (sub.) kicked into a good goal.

Besides those already mentioned, E. G. Farquharson, Trevelyan, A. Farquharson, and Mr. Price (sub.) for Evershot, and for the School Tyacke, Heathcote, May, and Vail played well.

*Evershot*.—S. R. Baskett (captain), A. Farquharson (backs), Lagden and R. Farquharson (half-backs), E. G. Farquharson and J. Kennedy (quarters), G. Y. Lagden, G. Palmer, Trevelyan, B. Woodeforde, Rev. H. P. Price, T. P. Wilson, B. W. Smith, G. Cuming, and Bere (forwards).

*School*.—G. Vail (back), H. D. Tyacke and R. T. Finch (half-backs), W. F. Evans (captain) and H. M. Twynam (quarter-backs), R. Tanner, T. A. Rees, F. G. May, E. E. Heathcote, F. Sanctuary, F. Clarke, C. Pink, G. Aplin, A. Glasgow, and G. Grueber (forwards).

## FIRST ELEVEN V. NEXT FIFTEEN, WITH MASTERS.

This match was played on Thursday and Tuesday, the 7th and 12th of October. The Eleven won the toss, and chose to play against the wind until half time. On the first day nothing of note occurred, as the Eleven played up pluckily against the superior weight of their adversaries; at last a touch-down was obtained by Busby in the very corner of the ground, but the try, a punt, was a failure. On the second day both sides seemed in better training, and soon after play commenced, J. Kennedy, Esq., by a good run, succeeded in obtaining a touch for the Fifteen, but the try entrusted to Mr. Wilson was unsuccessful. Shortly afterwards the last-named player kicked a neat goal for the Fifteen as the ball was rolling out of the scrimmage. After this nothing further was obtained, the game thus resulting in a victory for the Fifteen by a goal and two tries to nothing. For the Fifteen, the Rev. H. P. Price, Mr. Kennedy, Vail, Aplin, and Tremlett played best; and for the Eleven, Evans, Finch, Grueber, Rees, and Tyacke.

## COLTS V. VETERANS.

This match was played on October 14th and 16th, and resulted in a victory for the Veterans by four goals and two tries to one goal and two tries. On the first day the Colts had decidedly the worst of it, chiefly owing to the superior back play of their opponents. Touches were obtained by Mr. Kennedy, Finch, Bere, and Twynam for the Veterans, and a good goal was also dropped by Vail. On the second day the Veterans were deprived of the services of Twynam and Glasgow, and reinforced by Busby, while the Colts lost Mr. B. Woodforde. On this day the game was more evenly contested, and Tyacke was the first to run in for the Colts, the goal being well kicked by Evans. After half time a fair catch was obtained in front of goal, but the try by Mr. Price was unsuccessful. Evans soon afterwards obtained a touch right between the posts, but the place by Rees was a failure. For the Veterans, Finch, by a splendid drop, secured a goal. Touches were also obtained by Mr. Kennedy and Finch, the former being converted

into a goal by Finch. For the Veterans, besides those already mentioned, Heathcote, Aplin, and Tremlett, for the Colts, Mr. Bennett, May, Watkins, and Clarke played well.

## A TO L V. REST OF THE ALPHABET.

This match was played on Saturday and Monday, October 23rd and 25th, and proved a most even contest, both sides obtaining a touch each. The ball was set in motion by Mr. Wilson, and owing to the good forward play of Mr. Price the Rest were rather the stronger in the grovel. Nothing striking, however, occurred until half time was called, when Twynam obtained a touch, but the try by Vail was unfortunately missed. Now chiefly owing to the hard work of Mr. Kennedy, the ball was kept for some time in the Rest's quarters, when Evans, by a good run, obtained a try behind the posts; the place, however, by Finch was a failure. The ball was now again carried into the opponents' goal, Sanctuary playing especially well, and Vail secured a touch in front of goal, which Mr. Wilson, however, failed to convert into a goal.

On the second day the Rest were deprived of the services of Mr. Price and B. Woodforde, Esq., and, though they played up well throughout, failed to avert defeat. Heathcote, by a good run, obtained a try; but the place by Evans was unsuccessful. Another touch was also obtained by Evans, which Finch converted into a goal.

Besides those already mentioned, Glasgow, Clarke, Aldous, and Grueber, for the Rest B. Woodforde, Esq., Tanner, Tyacke, May, and Tremlett played well.

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 OLD SHIRBURNIAN SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

We are requested by the Secretary to state that the annual subscription of one guinea for 1875-6 became due on November 1st. Subscriptions should be addressed to the Treasurer, E. F. Henley, Esq., 35, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

Since our last number E. E. E. Heathcote and H. D. Tyacke have been presented with their first fifteen colours, and Aldous, Busby, Grueber, Watkins, Phillips, and Tremlett with their second twenty colours.

We are glad to state that A. W. Upcott has gained a Stapledon Scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford.

It is our painful duty to have to record the death of the Rev. Edgar Morton Acock, M.A., Vicar of Market Lavington, Wiltshire, who was formerly a Master of the School.

The Old Fellows' Match is fixed for the 21st of December. All Old Shirburnians who wish to play are requested to send their names to the Rev. H. P. Price, Sherborne, as early as possible.

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We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following School Magazines :

September.—*Felstedian*, *Epsomian*.

October.—*Blue*, *Hurst Johnian*, *Tonbridgian*, *Rathmines and St. Edward's School Magazines*, *Marlburian* (2), *Rossallian*, *Malvernian*, *Radleian*, *Cholmelian*.