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EDITORIAL.

IT is with pleasure that we see the good wishes expressed by our new Head Master on his first meeting with us everywhere in the course of fulfilment. There are signs of unabated, we may perhaps say, increasing prosperity on every side, and we feel no doubt that under the new rule we shall not only maintain but increase our fame. So many various institutions call for our mention that our only difficulty is to know where to begin. The Athletics, however, seem worthy of the first place, and we are glad to be able to express our conviction that we have not only come quite up to the average of former years, but also won ourselves a very creditable place among our contemporaries. The entries for most of the races were numerous, and the competition fairly good. Luff, by a magnificent throw of 108 yards, accomplished a feat of which we may be proud, while Hughes, who was second, also threw over 100 yards. In the high jump, Watkins, who jumped in very good form, cleared 5ft. 3in., and was closely followed by Lester. Cockeram also jumped exceedingly well considering his size, and we may expect to hear more of him. Mayo's broad jump was a decided improvement on last year. Among the juniors Buchanan and Woodward were especially noticeable, and the former ought to do well, especially in long races. We cannot forbear to mention the kindness of Mr. Wilson in presenting a challenge cup for a steeplechase, and hope that that event will tend to increase the interest taken in the paper.

chases, which has been decidedly on the wane of late. In Football, though our Fifteen was not, perhaps, quite up to the mark of the last two years, we have no reason to complain, and may well hope for a very good team next season. Looking forward, our Eleven seems likely to be good, but only four of our last year's team remain, and the unpropitious weather has prevented practice, the want of which throws us back considerably. Turning to our other institutions, we see the Debating and Scientific Societies in the full flow of prosperity, both as regards the number of members and the interest taken in their proceedings. The usual Concert at the end of the term was a complete success, and Ainslie's solos elicited well merited applause. The instrumental music was in the hands of the Orchestral Society, aided by some professional musicians. Many small improvements have been introduced by our new Head Master; the Sixth have been provided with a larger and more airy classroom, and a new and far more expeditious system of taking roll has been adopted. We cannot conclude this cursory review of our institutions without expressing our thanks to Professor Buckman for presenting two prizes for the workshop, one for carpentering and the other for turning, and we fully expect to see some good work produced in the competition. Our new buildings are rising steadily, and we hear that the chapel is to be re-opened at the end of this term. In the examination at Midsummer we hope to do creditably; four only of those who obtained certificates last year are still at the School, but on the whole there is good reason for believing that we shall not fall behind the standard of former years. Turning to our Magazine itself, we need only mention that, following the example of various other schools, we recently determined to send the *Shirburnian* only to those who have prepayed an annual subscription of 3s. We must, however, remind our readers that we are to some extent dependent on them for contributions to enable us successfully to bring out our two numbers each term. We are assured by the flourishing state of the Debating Society that there is ability enough, if only the fortunate possessors would use it; and we must beg of them to afford us some support by articles, or, at all events, by correspondence.

MODERN EDUCATION.

IT is not until quite recently that the Government has taken upon itself the responsibility of educating the children of the poorer classes without consulting the wishes of the parents on the subject. Since, however, measures have lately been taken for compulsory education, it is not to be wondered at that the question has been raised as to whether this is not too great an exercise of authority on the part of the rulers of our land. Many have from time to time been the complaints of parents that when they want their children to work for them at home they are dragged off to school and made to learn what will probably after all be of no practical value to them in after life. And beyond doubt the power of the parent over his or her child ought to be duly considered. In ancient times among the Romans the father's power towards his child was absolute, and he could even kill it with impunity. The contrast now is extremely great; he has not even the choice as to whether his child shall go to school or no. Such being the case, we are at first sight led to suppose that this system of compulsory education is radically wrong; but a little closer examination into the subject will show us that this is not the case. If the children of the poor classes are not sent to school they grow up foolish, idle, and a burden both to themselves and the state; it is in power of intellect that man most of all differs from the brute creation; but the gross ignorance which cannot pass unnoticed in the ordinary rustic is certainly a disgrace to the class of animals to which he belongs. This woeful condition of humanity is obviously rectified in a great measure by compulsory education; a chance is offered them of bettering their condition, and any innate talent which they may possess is thus brought to light which would otherwise have remained in obscurity. Since then this is the case, it seems beyond all doubt to be the duty of the Government to give all children education, and so prevent their parents, either from mercenary motives or carelessness, allowing their children to grow up in total ignorance of the most elementary

accomplishments. But allowing for a moment the theory that it is not a national duty to force education on the poor classes, it is at all events a good investment of public money, for by this means the moral tone of the public is bettered and gross stupidity is in a great measure diminished, nay more, setting aside the benefits which are conferred on the recipients of the education, and looking at it purely from a mercenary and selfish point of view, it is a good investment, since much trouble and annoyance is saved by the decrease of vagabonds and "loafers." Allowing, then, that compulsory education is at the same time a duty and also beneficial, a great danger stares us in the face, viz, that of carrying the system farther than it ought to go; just as the gross stupidity on the part of the rustic to which we alluded above is objectionable, so also would any attempt at profound knowledge on his part be objectionable; Latin and Greek are of little or no use to him, and if every child is taught to read and write, and also the most elementary rules of arithmetic, the education scheme might reasonably be bounded at this point.

The means by which the poor are educated is obtained from the rich and more influential classes, and this fact has given rise to an objection that the result of the labour of the industrious is used in educating the children of the lazy, and this objection at first sight seems plausible enough; but it should be borne in mind that it is not on the lazy men themselves that the money is spent, but on their children, who scarcely know right from wrong, and who, unless proper precaution be taken, will in all probability grow up like their parents, idle and good-for-nothing; moreover a great national benefit is gained at what is in reality only a small expense when shared equally by so many.

FIVES MATCHES.

These were played during February and March. Unfavourable weather, however, obliged many matches to be postponed, which accordingly could not be finished until very near the close of the term.

The competition was larger, and the play better than it has been for some time, especially amongst the "Juniors," many of whom promise to become very good players. Those who deserve especial mention were Bewes, mi., Bastard, mi., and Milford. C. G. Barton and L. V. Lester were by far the best "Senior Pair," winning the first place with considerable ease. E. Gerrish and F. Bewes also deserve mention. In the Junior Doubles Milford and Bastard shewed to the greatest advantage, playing pluckily and well together throughout. Bewes, mi. and Flindt also proved a formidable couple. It is greatly to be hoped that the popularity for this game will be kept up, and that as much interest will be shewn next year as there was this. The following were the results of the several matches:—

SENIOR DOUBLE-HANDED.

First Round.

E. Gerrish	beat	J. A. Mayo
F. Bewes		P. P. Phelps
W. P. Cockeram	beat	J. Longe
H. Gosling		W. Woodward
F. E. Lacey	beat	G. M. Lester
J. Harries		J. T. Jackson
C. G. Barton	beat	H. S. Crosby
L. V. Lester		L. Watkins
W. Lowndes	a bye	
E. Bastard		

None of these games afforded particular interest, as the scores were not at all close.

Second Round.

E. Gerrish	beat	W. Cockeram
F. Bewes		H. Gosling
C. G. Barton	beat	W. Lowndes
L. V. Lester		E. Bastard
F. E. Lacey	a bye	
J. T. Harries		

Third Round.

C. G. Barton	beat	F. E. Lacey
L. V. Lester		J. Harries

Fives Matches.

E. Gerrish	beat	H. S. Crosby
F. Bewes		L. Watkins

Both these matches were very interesting, as the games were close, and in both cases the conquered pair won one game out of the three.

E. Gerrish	beat	F. E. Lacey
F. Bewes		J. Harries

Final Round.

C. G. Barton	beat	E. Gerrish
L. V. Lester		F. Bewes

This match left C. G. Barton and L. V. Lester winners of the first place ; E. Gerrish and F. Bewes of the second.

SENIOR SINGLE-HANDED.

First Round.

C. G. Barton	beat	L. V. Lester	F. E. Lacey	beat	H. Gosling
H. S. Crosby	beat	W. Cockeram	W. Lowndes	beat	E. Bastard

Second Round.

L. V. Lester	beat	W. Lowndes	F. E. Lacey	beat	L. V. Lester
					H. S. Crosby
					beat
					L. V. Lester

C. G. Barton, who was generally supposed to have the best chance for the cup, was unfortunately obliged to retire owing to a bad hand, which left the final match between F. E. Lacey and H. S. Crosby.

Final Round.

F. E. Lacey beat H. S. Crosby.

JUNIOR DOUBLES.

First Round.

Milford	beat	Harper, mi.
Bastard, mi.		Buchanan

In this match Milford and Bastard, mi. won as they liked.

Whitehead, tert.	beat	Harper, ma.
Dixon, mi.		Dowell
Bewes, mi.	beat	Ellis
Flindt		Cookson

Second Round.

Milford	beat	Whitehead, tert.
Bastard, mi.		Dixon, mi.

This was a very interesting match, the conquered pair getting game ball each game.

Bewes, mi.	beat	Whitehead, tert.
Flindt		Dixon, mi.

Final Round.

Bastard, mi.	beat	Bewes, mi.
Milford		Flindt

Bewes, mi. did his best to avert defeat, but Bastard, mi. and Milford played too well together to give him any chance of victory. This match left Bastard and Milford winners of first place, Bewes and Flindt of second.

JUNIOR SINGLES.

First Round.

Bastard, mi beat Hobbs	Milford beat Harper, ma.
Whitehead, tert. beat Dowell	Dixon, mi. beat Cookson
Harper, mi beat Buchanan	Flindt beat Chilcott
Bewes, mi. beat Ellis	

Second Round.

Bastard, mi. beat Whitehead, tert.	Harper, ma. beat Flindt
Dixon, mi. beat Milford	Bewes, mi. a bye

Third Round.

Bastard, mi. beat Dixon	Bewes, mi. beat Harper
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Final Round.

Bewes, mi. beat Bastard, mi.

THE SCHOOL STEEPLECHASE.

This is the first year any such sport as a steeplechase has taken place. Our thanks are entirely due to Mr Wilson for originating and carrying through such a pleasant race; he has also kindly presented a challenge cup for the winner. It took place on Saturday, March 23rd, in the meadows of Black Marsh Farm, kindly lent by Mr. Miller. The distance was about two miles, commencing

some way up Pinford-lane. It was fine in the early morning, but a short time before the race a blinding snowstorm fell, which continued the whole of the time. Notwithstanding this, there was a very large number of spectators, and great interest was shown. The number of entries was large, but, from various reasons, only about twenty were able to start. The first three fences were cleared well together. The fourth placed the runners a long distance from each other, being a large ditch with palings before it. Here English took the lead, followed by Watkins, Harries, and Comerford. Then came the formidable water jump across a gravel pit, between 18ft. and 20ft. wide, which no one succeeded in clearing. English continued to keep the lead, and held his position for about a quarter of a mile further, when he unfortunately lost it by missing a flag, on account of the snow, and had to double back some distance to get into the course. His followers pulled up, and Comerford, Oakeley, Harries, and Watkins were now in the front. Several smaller jumps followed for about five hundred yards, when a rather nasty leap was successfully taken by Comerford, but Oakeley, coming to grief, had his place as second taken by Watkins. English missed this jump, and soon fell out. Now the order was Comerford, Watkins, and Harries. The last jump but one Watkins failed to clear, and Harries, here catching him up, took the second place. There was now only one fence before the *finale*. Comerford continued to run well, and was easily the first to pass the winning flag; next came Harries, closely followed by Watkins. Of the other competitors Banks, Galpin, and Oakeley were the next to come in at the finish.

THE RACES.

These were held on April 8th and 9th. A strong wind, blowing across the field, prevented the long races being run in quite as good time as was expected; with this exception, however, the weather was all that could be desired. The number of entries was larger than

usual ; but most of the events were won without much difficulty, close races being few and far between. The competition for the Challenge Cup was by no means close ; since L. Watkins, who was generally considered the favorite, obtained three more 1st prizes than any other competitor. The distance of the senior "throwing the Cricket Ball" surpassed the average of former years with 108 yards, one foot, four inches. As far as the arrangements were concerned everything went off in the most satisfactory manner ; owing to the active efforts of the Stewards the course was always cleared in good time and kept in an orderly state. The different events followed one another in quick succession. The Rev. E. M. Young, our new head master, kindly acted as president, and gave away the prizes at the end of the second day. We subjoin a full account of the events.

FIRST DAY.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (under 15)

The number of competitors for this opening event was large. The winner threw in very good style and ought to improve considerably in coming years.

1st, Pedler mi. 2nd, Russell.

Distance, 73 yards.

Broad Jump (open).

The winner of last year, as was generally expected, was easily first.

1st, J. A. Mayo. 2nd, L. Watkins.

Distance, 18ft. 2in.

Flat Race, Half-a-mile (under 15).

Jacob took the lead at the commencement, but fell back beaten before half the distance was accomplished. Buchanan then took his place and retained it till the end. Chilcott easily gained the 2nd place.

1st, J. Buchanan. 2nd, A. Chilcott.

Time 2 min. 32 secs.

Flat Race, 100 yards : Preparatory School.

This race was very evenly contested, but had the competitors trained and put on racing costumes, the time might have been better.

1st, Davies. 2nd, Evered.

Time 13½ secs.

After this the heats for the 100 yards Races, open and under 15, were run.

High Jump (under 16).

The height jumped easily surpassed the average of former years. The competitors seemed to have taken considerable trouble in practice beforehand, and their pains were in no way spent in vain. The winner jumped in easy style, and we hope to see him doing well among the "seniors" next year. The second, Fowler, jumped higher than could be expected for his height; the next two, also, Foster and Banks, jumped very creditably.

1st, W. Woodward. 2nd, W. Fowler.

Height, 4ft. 8in.

Hurdle Race, 300 yards (over 12 flights).

L. Watkins, as was expected, proved the winner; Mayo unfortunately fell after the last hurdle, which gave Watts the second place.

1st, L. Watkins. 2nd, J. Watts.

Time, 45 secs.

Flat Race, 200 yards (under 13).

1st, J. Bradish 2nd, E. Harris.

Flat Race of 300 yards (under 14).

The number of entries for this race was very great, and almost all the competitors started.

1st, J. Kyd. 2nd, C. Gaskell.

Time, 38½ secs.

Hurdle Race 200 yards (under 16).

The finish of the race, unfortunately, as in the 300 yards senior hurdles, happened to be on some rough ground, on which Woodward, who was 2nd, fell, and yielded his place to Squarey.

1st, W. Fowler. 2nd, C. Squarey.

Time, 33 secs.

Three-legged Race, 100 yards.

This race was an innovation this year, and though it afforded great amusement, we cannot think it was quite a success.

1st Pair, A. Whiting. 2nd Pair, W. Woodward.

F. Banks.

T. Studley.

Half Mile Handicap.

For this race there were 140 competitors, amongst whom the winners (both juniors) ran very pluckily. Had the race been 50 yards longer the contest for 1st place would have rested between Comerford, Woodward, and English.

1st, Drake, (140 yards) 2nd, Kyd mi., (140 yards.)

Time, 2 min. 17 secs.

SECOND DAY.

High Jump (Open).

The winner of this has gained a place in either Senior or Junior jump since 1873, and is undoubtedly the best jumper for his age the school has hitherto produced. Lester ma. and Cockeram jumped in very good form, the former clearing 5ft. 2½ inches.

1st, L. Watkins. 2nd, L. V. Lester.

Height. 5ft. 3 inches.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (open).

In this, perhaps, we have the most creditable performance of the day. Of the 10 competitors almost all threw extremely well, many of them exceeding 90 yards. Luff, however, easily surpassed the rest, and we have no doubt that with increasing strength his throw next year will only be second in our School to Game's in 1872. We are very glad to see that the distance of the 2nd was over 100 yards.

1st, J. M. Luff. 2nd E. A. Hughes.

Distance, 108 yards, 1 foot, 4in.

Flat Race, 100 yards (open).

The heats of this race were run on the previous day, in which Gosling, Lester, and Watkins were respectively first, and Hughes, Watts and Mayo, second. The time was good, but we must remember that a strong wind was blowing at their backs.

1st, L. Watkins. 2nd, J. A. Mayo.

Time, 10 2-5 secs.

Flat race, 100 yards, (Under 15).

In the heats, which, as in the last race, were run on the first day, Ellis, Foster, and Buchanan were respectively first, Whitehead tert.,

Dowell and Chilcott mi. second. Buchanan seemed to have this race altogether his own way, finally winning by some 5 yards.

1st, J. Buchanan. 2nd, Foster.

Time 11 2-5 secs.

Flat Race of Quarter Mile (Open).

From the very beginning Watts took the lead and maintained it till the end. Galpin ran second till about 10 yards from the finish, but here his wind seemed to fail entirely, as he gave up his place to Watkins, without a struggle.

1st, J. Watts. 2nd L. Watkins.

Time, 55 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

Flat Race, Quarter Mile (under 16).

In this race 16 started, and a somewhat unexpected result ensued, for Buchanan, although running against fellows a year older than himself, was the first by some yards to touch the tape.

1st. J. Buchanan. 2nd, W. Woodward.

Time 59 3-5 secs.

Hurdle Race, 120 yards (open).

1st L. Watkins. 2nd, F. E. Lacey.

Time 19 secs.

Drop Kick.

This performance, as usual, took a great deal of time, and we are afraid, must have afforded but little amusement.

1st, C. G. Barton. 2nd, P. P. Phelps.

Distance 57 yards.

Flat Race, One Mile (open)

In this race only 6 out of 18 started. At the start Gosling led off at a tremendous pace, which made the running very good until the end of the 1st round, where he gave in; here English took the lead at a fair pace, which he maintained until very near the finish, when Comerford by a very good spurt passed him, and won by about five yards. Besides these two Woodhouse alone kept up till the end, coming in a good third.

1st, A. Comerford. 2nd, C. E. English.

Time, 5 min. 10 secs.

Consolation Stakes, 200 yards (under 15).

1st, Ellis. 2nd, Dowell.

Consolation Stakes, 200 yards (open).

1st, C. R. M. Clapp. 2nd H. Gosling.

Medal and Challenge Cup for the greatest number of First Prizes, presented by J. F. Falwasser, Esq., and Rev. H. D. Harper—won by L. Watkins.

Challenge Cup for Steeple Chase, presented by T. W. Wilson, Esq.—won by A. C. Comerford.

Challenge Cup for best average of runs in Cricket, presented by J. Parsons, Esq.—won by A. B. Crosby.

Challenge Cup for Fives, presented by the Masters—won by F. E. Lacey.

Challenge Belt for the best Bowling Average, presented by Major Hammond—won by A. Whitehead.

House Challenge Cup for Cricket, presented by the Rev. H. D. Harper—won by Wood's.

House Challenge Cup for Football, presented by J. Kennedy, Esq.—won by School House.

Prize for best Average of Runs in Cricket—won by A. B. Crosby.

Prize for second best ditto—won by F. E. Lacey.

Prize for best Fielding—won by A. B. Crosby.

Number of Prizes won by the respective Houses :—

	FIRSTS.	SECONDS.	TOTAL.
School House.....	5	7	12
Tancock's.....	2	3	5
Wood's.....	7	4	11
Price's	6	5	11
Hetherington's.....	2	3	5

We must not omit to thank Mr. Young for so kindly and ably performing the function of President, and hope we shall see him at the same post in years to come ; to the masters also who filled the remaining offices our best thanks are due.

President—Rev. E. M. Young.

Judges—Rev. M. T. Park, Rev. H. P. Price.

Starter—T. Wilson, Esq.

Time Keepers—W. L. Hetherington, Esq., T. E. Raven, Esq.

Referee—C. S. Whitehead, Esq.

Stewards.

F. S. Lacey,	L. Watkins,	H. Lloyd,
C. G. Barton,	H. Harries,	L. V. Lester,
E. Gerrish,	P. P. Phelps,	A. J. Galpin,
H. S. Crosby,	C. E. English,	W. Lowndes.

Captain of the Games—F. E. Lacey.

CRICKET.

MATCHES ALREADY ARRANGED.

June 1st The School *v.* Axminster Club.
 June 7th and 8th .. The School *v.* Pembroke Coll., Cambridge.
 June 13th The School *v.* Kingston Park.
 June 15th The School *v.* Sidmouth Club.
 June 20th The School *v.* Mr. Mayo's Eleven.
 June 24th and 25th.. The School *v.* Trinity College, Oxford.
 June 28th and 29th.. The School *v.* M.C.C.
 July 5th and 6th .. The School *v.* Clifton College.
 July 12th and 13th .. The School *v.* Wellington College.

(At Wellington.)

July 25th The School *v.* Kingston Park (Return).
 July 26th and 27th .. The School *v.* Old Shirburnians.
 July 29th and 30th .. Past and Present *v.* The County of Dorset.

May, 1878, has, unfortunately for our cricket, brought with it incessant rain, which not only prevents our practice, but also causes the ground to be in such a bad condition that hitherto we have been unable to discover any promising performers for the season. The Eleven, which contains four of last year's members, has not yet had an opportunity of trying its powers against a foreign team, if we except the match got up by Mr. Wilson, by which we cannot fairly judge, as the ground was too soft to allow some of our best bats to show to advantage. In the fielding there

seems to be a slight improvement; Gerrish appears likely, with practice, to make a good wicket-keep, and, if so, we shall have gained what we have been sadly in want of for some time.

FIRST ELEVEN *V.* NEXT TWENTY-TWO.

The first match played was, as usual, the XI. against the XXII., on Thursday, May 2nd. Subjoined is the score:—

FIRST ELEVEN.			
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
F. E. Lacey, b Marriner	3	b Bastard	28
H. S. Crosby, c Bastard, b Bristow ..	14	b Bastard	19
E. Gerrish, b Bristow	0	b Bastard	1
C. G. Barton, b Bristow	4		
E. A. Hughes, b Bastard	11		
J. A. Mayo, b Marriner	22		
L. V. Lester, c Buckle, b Cockeram	2		
J. M. Luff, c Bastard, b Bristow ..	2		
L. Watkins, b Marriner	14		
G. Lester, not out	3		
F. Bewes, run out	0		
Extras	8	Extras	2
	83		50

TWENTY-TWO.			
<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
Whitehead, st Lacey, b Barton	0	c G. Lester, b Barton	5
Penney, not out	11	c L. Lester, b Lacey	2
Bristow, c Gerrish, b Barton	5	b Barton	0
Longe, c Hughes, b Barton	4	b Lacey	5
Oakeley, c Hughes, b Barton	1	c Lacey, b Barton	0
Pulling, b Barton	4	b Barton	1
Cockeram, b Gerrish	1	c Hughes, b Barton	2
Phelps, c Gerrish, b Barton	0	c Barton, b Lacey	7
Marriner, b Barton	6	c Gerrish, b Lacey	0
Broadmead, b Barton	7	c Crosby, b Barton	16
Bastard, b Barton	0	c Barton, b Lacey	0
Gosling, b Barton	2	b Barton	1
Clapp, b Barton	4	c Lacey, b Barton	2
Haslope, b Barton	3	b Barton	8
English, b Barton	0	c Hughes, b Barton	0
Jackson, c Watkins, b Lacey	13	c and b Gerrish	5
Ainslie, b Barton	0	c Luff, b Gerrish	0
Northey, c Crosby, b Lacey	1	c G. Lester, b Barton	0
Buckle, b Barton	0	not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	2
	71		56

THE SCHOOL *V.* MR. WILSON'S ELEVEN.

This match was played on Saturday, May 18th, between the School and an eleven kindly got up by Mr. Wilson, for the purpose

of enabling the Eleven to play together before an out-match against a team composed of strangers. The principal scorers for our opponents were Mr. Wilson and Green in the first innings; in the second innings Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wildman, and Mr. Price made double figures. For the School F. E. Lacey and E. Hughes reached 22 and 12 respectively. The result of the match in the first innings was a victory for our opponents by 12 runs. A full score is subjoined:—

MR. WILSON'S ELEVEN.

<i>First Innings.</i>		<i>Second Innings.</i>	
T. W. Wilson, Esq., b Lacey ..	30	c G. Lester, b Barton ..	14
P. V. Turner, Esq., c L. Lester, b Barton ..	2	J. E. Raven, Esq., c and b Lacey ..	0
J. E. Raven, Esq., c and b Lacey ..	0	not out	10
Rev. H. P. Price, c Watkins, b Barton ..	9	b Barton	13
T. E. Raven, Esq., c Gerrish, b Barton ..	0	c Crosby, b Watkins ..	7
W. B. Wildman, Esq., c Longe, b Barton ..	4	c Lacey, b Watkins ..	14
C. S. Whitehead, Esq., not out ..	6	st Gerrish, b Barton ..	15
Green, c Watkins, b Lacey ..	21		
W. Seymour, Esq., b Lacey ..	2		
E. Tuffin, Esq., b Barton ..	1		
F. Bewes, c Longe, b Barton ..	0		
Extras	4	Extras	9
	<hr/> 79		<hr/> 82

THE SCHOOL.

F. E. Lacey, b J. E. Raven ..	22
H. S. Crosby, c Price, b Wilson ..	7
E. Gerrish, c and b Wilson ..	0
C. G. Barton, run out ..	1
E. A. Hughes, c and b T. Raven ..	12
J. A. Mayo, b T. Raven ..	6
L. Watkins, b T. Raven ..	0
G. M. Lester, b J. Raven ..	8
L. V. Lester, b J. Raven ..	0
E. Bristow, c Whitehead, b T. Raven ..	8
J. C. Longe, not out ..	1
Extras	2

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The forty-second concert of this Society was given in the Music Hall on Monday evening, April 8th. As is usual at the end of the Easter term, the Orchestral Society was reinforced by one or two old Shirburnians and some professionals, so as to render the accompaniments still more effective. The programme opened with Haydn's symphony in B flat—(*Adagio—vivace. Allegretto. Menuetto e Trio. Finale.*)—which was played by the band with great spirit, the beautiful slow movement followed by the lively menuet and vigorous finale, eliciting much applause from the audience. The rest of the evening was occupied by a selection from the oratorio "Samson," composed in 1742 by G. F. Handel; this celebrated work was found too long for an entire programme, but the 32 movements given afforded an excellent abridgement of the plot. The solos assigned to Micah, Manoah, and Harapha were sung respectively by Bastard, ma., Weekes, and Ainslie, the latter meeting with a well-deserved encore in the air "Honour and arms;" the Dead March, originally written for "Saul," but inserted in "Samson" by Handel himself, was also loudly redemanded. As a whole the performance was highly successful, and rivalled the former musical achievements of the School when the "Elijah," "St. Paul," or "Messiah" were brought before the audience; but we would remind the members that they must not rest at laurels previously won, but keep up the good fame of choir and band in their own generation. Subjoined is a list of the orchestra:—

Violin : Mr. Regan, Gee, Mr. Frye Parker, Harper, ma., Harper, mi., Hobbs, Moresby. *Viola* : Herr Silberberg, Lester, mi. *Violoncello* : Mr. Gough, Galpin. *Double Bass* : Mr. Carrodus, Lester, ma. *Flute* : Herr Jensen, Watkins. *Oboe* : Herr Peisel, Mr. L. Pembroke, Dorling. *Clarinet* : Mr. F. W. Galpin, Phelps. *Trumpet* : Mons. Paque, Ainslie. *Horn* : Herr Wendtland. *Trombone* : Aldous. *Drums* : Sparkes. *Harmonium* : Marriner. *Conductor* : Mr. Parker.

SCHOOL NEWS.

We are glad to see that W. Hodder and R. Tremaine have lately passed into Woolwich; and that W. Battiscombe and G. Chichester have passed into Sandhurst. Also we are pleased to notice that H. G. Lacey (Caius College) and H. Henn (Trinity Hall) have been rowing in their first and second college eights respectively.

Since our last magazine L. O. Shanks, J. C. Longe, J. Studley, and W. M. Woodhouse have received their Second Fifteen Football Colours. We are sorry to say that the Football character of G. Chichester was accidentally omitted in our last number. It runs as follows:—"An excellent forward, always using his strength and weight to great advantage."

The following have recently been presented with their Second Eleven colours:—G. M. Lester, E. Bristow, T. Marriner, and J. C. Longe.

In accordance with the wish of an old Shirburnian we give a list of the members of the Sixth Form:—Lloyd, Lester, ma., Galpin, Lowndes, English, Whitehead, ma., Mayo, ma., Sloman, ma., Ainslie, Petherick, Tregarthen, ma., Bastard, ma., Hensley, ma., Laing, Buckman, Harries, ma., Broadmead, Cockeram, Penney, ma., Clapp, Crosby, Whitehead, mi., Pulling, Lacey, Lester, mi., Jackson, Gerrish, Watkins, Barton, Rigden, Stephens, ma., May, Rawlings, ma.

The following left the School last term:—Hurry, Garland, Fox, Stephens, mi., Freeman, Sparkes, Hext, Widdicombe, Porter, Birch, mi.

The following came:—Holme, Iremonger, Bennett, mi., Paull, ma., Balme, Martin, Chalk, Edwards, mi., Sykes, Cooper, Eastment, ma., Elers, Porter, Dickenson, ma., Dickenson, mi., Johnstone, ma., Johnstone, mi., Baldock, Eastment, mi., Evered, tert., Welsford, thus making an increase of seven in the School and four in the Preparatory School.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notes on the rainfall during the first four weeks of this term may interest our readers. From the subjoined statistics for this period in the last four years it will be seen that we have had more than usually wet weather, accompanied by a low barometer.

	Total Rainfall in inches.	Rain fell on	Greatest fall in 24 hours.	Barometer highest reading.
1874.—*May 14 to June 10	0.37	3 days	.22	30.33
1875.—May 6 to June 2 ..	2.45	12 days	.89	30.312
1876.—May 11 to June 7 ..	0.63	8 days	.21	30.17
1877.—May 10 to June 6 ..	3.6	19 days	.48	30.098
1878.—May 2 to May 29 ..	4.4	20 days	1.03	29.978

*Both days being included.

If we may judge at all from the weather charts for the rest of this term in 1877, which this year seems most to resemble, June will probably be fine on the whole, with rain towards the middle of July.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

April 2nd.—At a meeting of the officers A. N. Whitehead, L. V. Lester, and Wyley were elected senior members, and Austin a junior member. In the evening a general meeting was held, at which several interesting exhibitions were made, including a fine adder caught between Folke and Holwell, and a solid ball of hair from a goat's stomach—the result of over-affectionate licking—shewn by Benthall, and some bats by Cambridge. Galpin then

commented on the meteorological report, comparing the weather charts of the term with the corresponding period in 1875, 1876, and 1877.

April 5th.—Mr. Cleminshaw concluded his course of lectures on the Telephone. Several members brought their telephones, of which about twenty pairs were made during the term, which were connected together and with a distant part of the buildings.

May 14th.—At this, the first meeting of the summer term, Mr. Cleminshaw exhibited the "Phoneidoscope," and plans for the season were put forward.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Shirburnian.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Two terms ago an album was presented to the library intended to contain the photographs of the various members of the Sixth, the Eleven, and the Fifteen, to be presented on the occasion of their leaving. But although started so lately the album has already fallen into disuse; I therefore bring this before your notice, hoping to rescue such an excellent institution from complete decay.

Believe me, yours truly,

NON ADEO INFORMIS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I wish through your magazine to call attention to the fact that we have not in our library a complete copy of "Macaulay's

History of England." Some terms ago I discovered this, and called the Librarian's attention to the fact; he then told me that it should be seen to. Last Saturday, when in the library, I looked to see if the deficiency had been remedied, but, to my surprise, discovered that all the latter part, from the interregnum to the end, was still missing. Surely it is desirable that all the volumes of so famous a book should be in our school library. Now that I am once on the subject I should like to suggest that some measures should, if possible, be taken to preserve the books, and supply new copies where the old ones have become almost useless. Almost every popular book has lost several pages, and the best novels are so dilapidated as to make it almost impossible to follow the thread of the story. Hoping this may meet with the notice which I am sure it deserves,

I remain, yours, &c.,

LECTOR.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

February 16th.—Government motion, "That this House would view with satisfaction the introduction of Cremation into England."

Proposition.

A. J. Galpin
H. J. Lloyd
C. E. English
R. S. Ainslie
H. Broadmead
F. E. Lacey

Opposition.

A. N. Whitehead
H. P. Tregarthen
E. W. Bastard
G. Petherick
C. Dixon
T. Sloman

The proposition was lost by a majority of 2 votes (8-10).

February 23rd.—Government motion, "That friendships between

Seniors and Juniors in Public Schools are not conducive to the welfare of either."

Proposition.

E. Gerrish (2)
H. J. Lloyd (2)
A. J. Galpin
G. M. Lester
W. Penney

Opposition.

C. E. English (2)
H. P. Tregarthen (2)
L. Haslope
J. M. Luff

The proposition was carried by a majority of 1 vote.

E. A. Hughes was then elected a member of the Society.

The Cabinet (H. J. Lloyd, A. J. Galpin, E. Gerrish), then resigned, though defeated only once in four meetings. C. E. English was then elected President, and chose as his colleagues A. N. Whitehead (Vice-President), and E. W. Bastard (Secretary).

March 2nd.—Government motion, "That the ancient mode of warfare is superior to the modern."

Proposition.

C. E. English (2)
E. W. Bastard
A. N. Whitehead
W. Penney
H. Broadmead

Opposition.

H. J. Lloyd (2)
H. P. Tregarthen
F. Rigden
J. T. Jackson
R. S. Ainslie

The proposition was carried by a majority of 5 votes (11-6).

W. B. Wildman, Esq. and T. E. Raven, Esq. also spoke in favour of the proposition. L. V. Lester was elected Vice-President in place of A. N. Whitehead who had resigned.

The following were then elected members:—W. P. Cockeram, H. Gosling, H. Fox, H. H. House, F. J. Lys, J. Chadwick.

On March 5th, after some business at a private meeting of the Society had been transacted, two short debates were held on the spur of the moment, the one "That Classics are more calculated to enlarge the mind than Mathematics," which was won by the proposition by a majority of 2 votes (12-10), the other "That corporal punishment in Public Schools is not desirable," which was won by the opposition by a majority of 12 votes (4-16).

March 9th.—Government motion, “That the suffrage ought not to be extended to women.”

Proposition.

L. V. Lester
C. E. English
E. W. Bastard
H. J. Lloyd
H. P. Tregarthen

Opposition.

E. Gerrish
P. Phelps
A. J. Galpin
E. A. Hughes

After a very spirited debate, the proposition won by two votes (13-11.)

At this meeting A. C. Comerford was elected a member of the Society.

March 12th.—Government motion, “That the character of William III. is worthy of our admiration.”

Proposition.

C. E. English
E. W. Bastard
R. S. Ainslie
W. H. House
W. Penney
J. Chadwick
G. Petherick
J. Lys
H. Broadmead
C. Dixon

Opposition.

A. J. Galpin
P. P. Phelps
W. Lowndes
H. Gosling
H. Sloman
E. Gerrish
A. N. Whitehead

The Proposition won by three votes (13-10).

March 30th.—Government motion, “That compulsory service would be beneficial to the country.”

Proposition.

C. E. English (2)
L. V. Lester
W. Penney (2)
A. N. Whitehead

Opposition.

G. M. Lester (2)
A. J. Galpin (2)
A. Comerford
H. Broadmead
E. Gerrish
R. Ainslie
E. A. Hughes

The Opposition won by a majority of five votes (6-11).

All old fellows who wish to play in the "Old Fellows' Match" at the end of the term are requested to send in their names to the Rev. H. P. Price, Greenhill, Sherborne, as soon as possible.

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