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A DOMESTIC SCENE.

JONES, mi. and his friend Robinson had *at last* got a study. It was a consummation which they had long desired but which the tyranny of scholastic discipline had hitherto denied to them. They were now the tenants of a private domain about three yards square, with window and gas complete. As they surveyed the four bare walls, ornamented only by a brass headed nail and a dilapidated photograph frame bequeathed them by the last tenants, their small hearts were completely overcome. "We shall make this place a sight," said Jones, "We shall," echoed Robinson and his words were truly inspired with a prophetic fire.

A week elapsed and Jones, mi., was rapidly acquiring that contempt for his former dayroom friends which he considered owing to his dignity, while Robinson was initiating himself into the mysteries of cooking. The former had bought several works of art, all possessing among their salient features, the greenest of grass, and the most woodeny of cattle, mounted in the most gorgeously gilt frames; which with the aid of a few vases had reduced him to the verge of penury. Robinson was in a like predicament, but had a gas stove, knives, forks, pots, cups, pans, etc., to show for his money.

Justly proud of the results of their vast outlay they were eager to exhibit their glories to a sympathising audience. Luckily Jones, mi., happened to have a protégée in II B to whom he was anxious to pose as a patron and whom two or three cousins and a great aunt had recommended to his fatherly protection, while Robinson was eager to show off his greatness before Smith, who though a good deal bigger than himself was still a member of the day room.

The invitations were soon sent and the hosts began to busy themselves for the reception of their guests. Pots and pans were brought with the greatest expedition from their hiding places, the gas stove was attached to the burner and Jones, mi., with an air of pride struck the first match, and applied it to the appointed orifice. Jones, mi., burnt his finger; that was all. He tried again with the same exasperating result. "What a fool you were to buy a gas stove that won't light," said he to Robinson. The latter looked crestfallen and remarked "there must be something in the pipe." "Blow down it," said he at last; "do it yourself" said the indignant Jones, and Robinson did so till he was purple in the face. "No good wasting time over that arrangement," sneered Jones, "those blokes 'll be here in a minute, and I wonder what they'll think of us when we ask them here and there's nothing to drink." "Oh! it's all serene" said Robinson, "besides we shall save our cocoa." "Pooh," said Jones, affecting to despise but really much struck by his notions of economy. "Hold your row," cried Robinson, "I'll just put these cups away and they'll never think anything about the drink,—you open the sardines." "All right" replied Jones; and Robinson clambered up on a chair, cups in hand to reach his own particular cupboard above the door. He was too late, half-way in the perilous ascent, the guests rushed in and precipitated Robinson and—what was far more important the cups—on to the floor. It was a tragic sight, Robinson stretched amid

the ruins, while Jones, mi., with the sardine knife was hovering 'twixt murder and suicide. What soul could look on such a scene of misery and destruction with undimmed eyes, none but the soul of Smith who roared with laughter at the whole affair. "Come," said he, "though your cups are smashed, you can easily borrow some." "Blowed if we can," said the usually urbane Jones, mi., who had cut his finger over the sardines," do you think anyone will lend us cups when you're in here to smash them all?" "No," said Robinson as he felt the back of his head, "you've smashed enough in here, you'd better clear out. "Shan't!" replied Smith as he planted himself firmly in a corner. "We'll see about that!" cried the indignant hosts and they both rushed vigorously at the new boy, who had been in an awful funk all the time and was longing to get away. He fled, but not before the martial ardour of Jones, mi., and his friend, who were not content with a bloodless victory, had accelerated his progress with sundry well-aimed kicks. His ejection accomplished, Jones, mi., and Robinson turned upon their more formidable foe. A terrific grovel ensued, but when the dust had subsided Jones, mi., and Robinson remained disfigured but triumphant amid the ruins. "One chair's smashed" said the former "and—confound it—the sardine oil's all over our new carpet." "Every ornament's gone" said Robinson with a grim smile. And sighed Jones, "I've lost the tip I expected from my great aunt next holidays for having that young fool up here. He's sure to tell her how I kicked him—and it's all your infernal gas stove," roared he as he rushed at Robinson. Then like the Kilkenny cats these two would have fought on to the end, if they had not been stopped by some fellows next door but one, who wanted to mug.

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

What shall we do with our boys is a question very frequently asked in this nineteenth century, and very seldom answered. Every market seems overstocked with the genus Puer. A general massacre is becoming imminently necessary. Fortunately we claim to have discovered an entirely new opening for our species, in which brains are no object, and character of no account. That great wave of socialism which so recently shattered the windows of our metropolis, will presently recede, and cause a great revulsion in favour of those time-honoured institutions, now regarded with such dislike. Consequently there will be a great demand for sovereigns of every description; even of the despotic order; to meet this inevitable demand, let us qualify our boys to fill these important posts. The "Times" of 1910 A.D. will probably teem with such advertisements as the following:—WANTED. A despotic monarch of commanding personal appearance, thoroughly understanding the use of the sceptre. Wages good. a suitable heir apparent may also apply, must be of the Church of England, with satisfactory references. Apply to—President. U.S.A.; or again "A limited" monarch out of work, is ready to accept a situation, in which one Prime Minister is kept under him; plain with a good presence, a wife who will take in washing, and a numerous family, must be found in clothing and board, left his last place owing to nihilists; references satisfactory, etc. Now we have an army class which is a success; so let us have a "Monarch's Form" which will be a greater success, then we shall get a start of those "crammers for the throne," who will assuredly spring up, for we fear that even royalty will soon be selected by competitive examination; therefore by all means let us cut out the early bird, that invariably drags the worm through his army

examinations. Those qualifying for an absolute monarchy will learn Latin, the language of Emperors; while the limited monarchs, will only take up Greek; the language of a democracy, that they may be able accurately to gauge the power of the people. The less successful competitors could become Princes of the Blood Royal, with beautiful wives, and handsome salaries. Those of only moderate abilities would be eligible for premierships; (we want one in England at this moment) and grand vizierships; the very dunces could be members of Parliament. Their parents after paying their first election expenses, would have no further trouble; for we understand an M.P. will soon receive a salary, though what for, passes our feeble comprehension. On the Royal side, spelling, that bane of the army class, could safely be dispensed with. We shall have no more grumbling at ministers; if they do not give satisfaction; they will receive a month's warning, and a notice of vacancy will be posted in the windows in Downing Street: working men are accounted a success as Members of Parliament, no doubt a working man will soon be Czar of all the Russias. Certificates will be granted to candidates, according to their proficiency; in kingcraft and politics. An honest, sober well-conducted despot would always be sure of constant employment. The services of a deposed monarch should be immediately secured as a master. Of course leave from home would have to be procured before boys could go on the Royal Side. Humbly requesting the Governors at their next meeting to debate the formation of a "Royal Side" or "Monarch's Form," we subscribe ourselves,

REX SACRIFICULUS.



THE FAY MORGANA.

Far through the moorland is heard the rush
 Of the loud mountain stream,
 The heather-flowers and bracken flush
 Fair in the fresh sunbeam ;
 Echoing softly all along
 Rises a low melodious song,
 Winding the lonely hills among,
 Heard as a voice in a dream.

All day long by the river-side
 Sits she singing alone,
 All day the wind o'er the rippled tide
 Breathes with a slumbrous moan ;
 Recks she not of the scent it brings
 Born of the heather blossomings,
 Thinks of the faery song she sings,
 Dreaming of hours that are flown.

Slowly the broad sun dips him down
 Over the brow of the hill,
 Slowly the shadows purple and brown
 Gather on meadow and rill ;
 Heeds she not that the wild bird's nest
 Holds the bird on the mountain's breast,
 Deep is the spirit of her unrest
 Sitting and singing still.

No living mortal hath seen her there,
 Only at times, men say,
 Her song, not faintly, but full and fair,
 Peals up at the dawn of day,
 And he who follows the music's swell
 Over hill-top and folding dell
 Sees, as never a tongue can tell,
 The form of the mystic Fay.

Lovely her face as the purest cloud
 Seen in the sky above,
 White is her forehead and queenly-proud
 And her voice as the voice of a dove,
 And the fire of her starry eyes
 Fills him with sweet wild agonies,
 Piercing his soul till he reels and dies
 Slain with the excess of love.

Then she maketh a quiet grave
Sighing and weeping sore,
Hard by the river's murmuring wave
Which the winds wander o'er ;
Under the oak-boughs old and bare
Still at the even she sitteth there
Singing softly a plaintive air,
Singing for evermore.

Y.E.S.

A STORY.

(That might very well be true : by a small boy.)

I heard a little boy declare ; supercilious was his air
How bad the time was for the mile,
And how he thought the prizes vile,
And how superior was the style,

At his last School.

Nor long contented was the swell in generalities to dwell ;
Full soon he boastingly began,
To say how well of old he ran
And how he was a rare good man,

At his last School.

While other fellows like him too, a sallow-faced and feeble crew
Bragged of the deeds that they had done,
And of the pots that they had won,
And told how fellows used to run,

At their last School.

I heard in grief and thought in fear, there's something in the breezes her ;
Which makes these chaps fall off so when
They ought to be becoming men,
Although they were so splendid then,

At their last School.

I thought how feeble they all were. Their present with their past compare
I thought what will become of me,
What kind of creature shall I be ?
Who was'nt very strong you see,

At my last School.

But in the holidays I saw, a boy who'd known these boys before,
 And he declared to my surprise,
 He thought my credence was unwise
 For they had told me rather lies,

Of their last School.

Now if you think all this a myth, a thing unheard of in real life,
 Though I'll not say that it occurred,
 As I have written word for word :
 Still something like it I have heard,

AT SHERBORNE SCHOOL.

THE RACES.

President, H. H. Huddleston, Esq., *Judges*, Rev. H. P. Price, T. W. Wilson, Esq.; *Time Keepers*, C. H. Hodgson, Esq., E. H. Donkin, Esq.; *Starter*, C. S. Whitehead, Esq.; *Referee*, Rev. H. C. Clifton. *Stewards*, A. C. Broadbent, A. G. Aldous, E. J. Stroud W. ff. Fendall, E. A. Morres, W. G. Boyd, E. de. B. Thurston, R. H. Garrett, C. A. Cochrane, A. B. Church, A. S. Littlewood, J. Benson, F. C. Bree, R. C. Maunsell, J. K. Gregory,; *Captain of the Games*, A. C. Broadbent.

The races were held on Friday and Saturday, April 9th and 10th, in sunny, although rather cold, weather. Rain fell upon the morning of each day, and this, though it cleared off on each occasion, caused the ground to be very slippery and did much to spoil the times, which were certainly not good. It is rather sad to think that Sherborne, only four years ago capable of showing athletic prowess superior to that of most other Schools, should have fallen off in this respect. Those who were Shirburnians at that time, will remember the table published in this paper showing the times of our races in comparison with those of other Schools, and how well we bore that comparison. This, we fear, would scarcely be so now. To some extent, no doubt, this falling off is due to laziness among ourselves. Fellows will not train regularly; but there is great excuse for this laziness. The establishment of Field Days, a suggestion which has been before now made in our pages, would probably be productive of much good, but even short

of this there is ample scope for reform. Satisfactory practice upon the field was almost impossible this year. There was no measured quarter, we believe no measured 100 yards, and thus fellows who wished to time themselves for these distances were unable to do so. The febleness of the broad jump can easily be accounted for, by the fact that practice was practically out of the question, while the less said of the hurdles put up to train over, the better. The absence of Dickenson, who was unwell and who stood a very good chance for the Challenge Cup, was also most unfortunate, both for himself and for the School. In spite of the rather poor times however, the two days passed off most successfully, and there is only one suggestion we should like to make to the authorities, namely that some means should be devised to prevent the delay that always occurs while preparing for the short hurdle race.

Mrs. Huddleston kindly gave away the prizes.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 9th, 1886.

Throwing the Cricket Ball ; under 15. 1st. V. Lewis, 2nd. S. D. Greig, Distance, 67 yds. 2 ft. Not a good throw ; some yards behind last year's, which was scarcely up to the average.

Flat Race, half-a-mile under 15 ; 1st. S. W. Henslowe, 2nd. G. M. Carey, Time, 2 mins. 58 secs. Henslowe led most of the way. Carey was a fair second.

High Jump, under 16 ; 1st. J. G. Saunders, 2nd, H. R. Bond and W. H. P. Price, Height 4 ft. 7 in. The victory of Saunders, who jumps in a style peculiar to himself was somewhat of a surprise. H. R. Bond who jumped so well last year tied with Price for second place.

Hurdle Race, 300 yards, 12 Flights, ; 1st. A. E. Baker, 2nd. A. C. Broadbent, Time, 49 secs. Baker won with consummate ease.

Flat Race, 200 yards, under 13 ; 1st. W. H. Randolph, 2nd. H. D. Puckle. A bad second ; three ran, Time, 29½ secs.

Broad Jump, (open); 1st. W. ff. Fendall, 2nd. A. Devitt, Distance, 17 ft. 1 in. Rather a poor jump but the competitors were none of them in practice.

Flat Race, 300 yards, under 14; 1st. E. Dixon, 2nd. G. M. Carey, Time, 43 secs.

Flat Race, 100 yards; Preparatory School (Final); 1st. Boucher, mi, 2nd. Metcalfe, mi, Time, 13½ secs. A very good race, Boucher winning on the post.

Half-Mile Handicap; 1st. Carey, tert, (150 yards); 2nd. E. J. Stroud, (scratch), 3rd. Cornick, (90 yards). Time, 2 mins. 24 secs. This race reflects great credit upon the handicappers. The limit man only just snatched the victory from Stroud's grasp, and he in his turn was only just ahead of Cornick who ran very well.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1886.

Flat Race, Quarter-mile (open) Time, 61 secs; 1st, E. J. Stroud, 2nd, (equal) A. Devitt, G. H. Prevost. Prevost went away with the lead, and kept it for half the distance, when Stroud easily passed him, and won by about five yards. Devitt and Prevost had a splendid race for second place, which resulted in a dead heat.

Flat Race, Quarter-mile (under 16); 1st, J. A. Stephens, 2nd, T. H. L. Fenwick, Time, 64 secs. Stephens won by about 6 yards from Fenwick.

High Jump, (open); 1st, E. E. Adamson, 2nd, W. ff. Fendall, Height, 4ft. 10½in. Adamson jumped very neatly. Fendall who had jumped over 5ft. in practice, was suffering from the effects of a bad cold, and could hardly do himself justice.

Flat Race, 100 yards, under 15 (Final); 1st, L. W. S. Henslowe, 2nd, H. R. Bond, Time, 11¼ secs. Henslowe won by about a yard, Bond was just ahead of the others who came in all together.

Flat Race, 100 yards; open, (Final); 1st, E. J. Stroud, 2nd, F. C. Bree, Time, 11 secs. The time was slightly better than that of last year, in spite of the slippery state of the ground. Stroud was expected to win, but Bree's running was something of a surprise.

Hurdle Race, 120 yards; 10 Flights, (open); 1st, W. ff. Fendall, 2nd, A. C. Broadbent, Time, 21 secs. About half-way Fendall was three yards ahead; the others being all together. Broadbent was first over the last hurdle, but was passed by Fendall in the run-in. Baker and Jenkins were close up.

Hurdle Race, 200 yards; 8 Flights, under 16, (Final); 1st, T. H. L. Fenwick, 2nd, W. H. P. Price, Time, $33\frac{1}{3}$ secs. Won rather easily.

Throwing the Cricket Ball, (open); 1st, G. A. Ellis, 2nd, W. C. Clapin, Distance, 86 yds, 3in. Two yards shorter than last year's throw, which was not nearly up to those of former times.

Flat Race, One Mile; (open); 1st, E. J. Stroud, 2nd, J. Benson, 3rd, R. C. Maunsell, Time, 5 mins, 30 secs. Devitt started off fairly fast, and made the pace for three-quarters of the way. Stroud then took up the running, and although resolutely pursued by Benson, won for the third year in succession. Maunsell was third. The time might have been faster if Stroud had been extended.

Consolation Race, 150 yards, (under 15); 1st, W. E. Lloyd, 2nd, H. L. Lemprière, Time, 17 secs.

Consolation Race, 150 yards (under 15); 1st, F. E. Wilkinson, 2nd, F. W. LeBrocq, Time, 20 secs.

Our President, H. H. Huddleston, Esq. then made a short but kindly speech, and Mrs. Huddleston kindly gave away the prizes.

Challenge Cup for the greatest number of First Prizes, won by E. J. Stroud. Challenge Cup for the Steeplechase, also won by E. J. Stroud. Challenge Cup for the Junior Steeplechase, (under 15) won by G. Parry. Challenge Cup for the best average of runs in

Cricket, won by A. C. Broadbent. Challenge Cup for Fives, won by A. C. Broadbent. Challenge Belt for the best Bowling Average, won by A. C. Broadbent. House Challenge Cup for Football, won by Rhoades'. Junior House Challenge Cup for Football, won by Rhoades'. House Challenge Cup for Gymnasium Competition, won by Rhoades'. House Challenge Cup for Cricket, won by Price's. Junior House Challenge Cup for Cricket, won by Rhoades' House. Challenge Cup for Paperchases, won by Blanch's. Prize for best average of runs in Cricket, won by A. C. Broadbent. Prize for best Fielding, won by A. C. Broadbent.

SENIOR DOUBLE-HANDED FIVES.

First, A. C. Broadbent, and A. Devitt.

Second, W. G. Boyd, and E. W. Pickering.

SENIOR SINGLE-HANDED FIVES.

First, A. C. Broadbent.

Second, W. G. Boyd.

JUNIOR DOUBLE-HANDED FIVES.

First, R. G. B. Plumer and T. Elrington.

Second, W. Taylor, and F. Romer.

JUNIOR SINGLE-HANDED FIVES.

First, R. G. B. Plumer.

Second, W. Taylor.

Subjoined is a table of the number of prizes gained by the Champions of the respective Houses.

	First	Second	Third	Total
Price's.....	9	5	0	14
Wilson's.....	5	4	0	9
Rhoades'	1	4	0	5
School House....	3	5	1	9
Blanch's.....	2	1	1	4
Wood's	1	3	0	4
Wildman's, and Day Boys	1	1	0	2

N.B.—The School House were most severely handicapped by the loss of Dickinson, ma.

JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE (UNDER 15).

The first race for the cup so kindly given by H. R. King, Esq., took place in Mr. Miller's fields on Wednesday, April 7th, and produced a very fair race. Considering that the competition was confined to boys under 15 the entry was a very good one, and over 20 fellows faced the starter. The course was a little more than a mile in length. Lewis led over the first jump and as far as we could see for some time afterwards, until he was passed by Parry, mi., who then maintained his lead to the end. Foote came in second, and Salmon third. The race caused considerable excitement, and G. Parry who ran very well is to be congratulated on his victory.

HOUSE GYMNASIUM COMPETITION.

It was only last year that we saw the completion of our long desired gymnasium, and already thanks to the generosity of J. Moore, Esq., and H. V. Weisse, Esq., we have had our first inter House Gymnasium Competition for the handsome challenge cup which they presented. An additional interest was given to the proceedings by the uncertainty that was felt as to who would be the ultimate winners. The exercises set were varied, and afforded a good test of the capabilities of the various champions. The marking was undertaken by Mr. King who deserves the greatest thanks for his trouble in performing so arduous a duty. Each House, except the School House (who sent 12, their marks being halved), sent six champions to the contest, and the cup finally rested with Rhoades, who were good all through and had a splendid leader in the person of Gregory. Price's who were second did surprisingly well, the performances of Baker, ma., Lloyd and Fowler being specially noteworthy. Blanch's were third, but hardly came up to expectation. Gerrard and Lowis showed good form throughout, but some of their team were scarcely up to the

mark. Wilson's, the School House, and Wildman's, did fairly, but Wood's were disappointing. The following were the first three teams:—

<i>Rhoades'.</i>	<i>Price's</i>	<i>Blanch's.</i>
J. K. Gregory (capt.)	Baker, ma. (capt.)	A. E. Lewis (capt.)
W. C. Pettey	Stroud	P. N. Gerrard
R. W. Taylor	Lloyd	Martin
Galpin	Ellis, ma.	Thompson, ma.
Edwards	Fowler	Parry, ma.
Everington	Daniel	Parry, mi.

GYMNASIUM COMPETITIONS.

OPEN.—The Competition produced a splendid fight between Boyd, Lewis, and Gregory. In the exercises on the Horse, Gregory seemed slightly the better, but at the bar, Boyd's superior skill and neatness stood him in good stead, and he finally won rather easily. Gregory had hard luck in missing his voluntary. Lewis did very well throughout.

The following are the School six: W. G. Boyd. J. K. Gregory, and A. E. Lewis (equal.) W. C. Pettey. R. W. Taylor. P. N. Gerrard.

UNDER 16 AND UNDER 15.—These two Competitions were merged into one, and produced 7 Competitors. Of these Gerrard and Thompson, ma. were considerably the best, and in the former who was specially good, there are the makings of a splendid gymnast. Subjoined are the marks.

Gerrard 108, (winner under 16.) Thompson, ma. 97, (winner under 15.) Edwards 85, (2nd under 15.) Wyatt-Smith 81, (under 15.) Galpin 80, (2nd under 16.) Bond, mi. 71, (under 16.) Rix 68, (under 15.)

N.B.—We regret that we cannot publish the marks of the House and Open Competitions, but we are in no way responsible for their absence. For the marks of the Junior Competition, we are indebted to the courtesy of a private individual.—[ED. SHIR.]

CRICKET.

SCHOOL V T. W. WILSON'S XI.

This, the first out match of the Season was played on Saturday, May 22nd, and resulted in a victory for Mr. Wilson's team by 5 runs. This narrow victory was no disgrace to the School XI, as his team was a fairly strong one, and our bowling and fielding were both as good as we have ever seen them. It was in our batting that we showed to disadvantage. Our failure in this respect was no doubt partially due to the nervousness incidental to fellows, who are playing for the first time in an out match but this excuse will not avail in every case. Several members of last years XI, led away by too great an anxiety to score, endeavoured to take liberties with the first few balls they received and paid the usual penalty. We trust that with this match we have seen the last of such a suicidal policy. Broadbent played well in each innings and took 4 wickets for 27 runs, and Nelson, who had the misfortune to be run out in each of his attempts also did fairly.

The School won the toss, and Broadbent and Boyd opened proceedings at 12 o'Clock. After Broadbent had driven Wilson for 4 Boyd was yorked by Smith, and the same bowler immediately afterwards disposed of Morres, who was wildly endeavouring to smite. Fendall came in and got Wilson to leg for 4 but soon lost his wicket to that bowler who dismissed him with a very good ball. Carver was sent back first ball, and 2 runs later Broadbent also fell to Wilson. His 25 was made without a chance and was invaluable to his side. Chaldecott, who adopted slogging tactics succumbed next ball. Nelson joined Spurway but the latter was soon bowled by Smith. The same fate overtook Ellis and Bathurst, and Clapin came to Nelson's assistance. Both batsmen gave a chance but in neither instance was it taken, and the innings did not close till Nelson was run out for a very useful 16. He and Broadbent were the only members of the team who reached double figures.

Adal and Crosby opened the batting for Mr Wilson's XI. The latter was quickly dismissed, as also were Parke and Wilson, and three good wickets were down for 10. Adal and Hodgson carried the score to 32, when the former was caught by Ellis off Broadbent. Griffith joined Hodgson, and at 44 Chaldecott went on *vice* Broadbent and dismissed Hodgson with his third ball. Carver took the ball from Fendall at the same total and Griffith gave an easy chance off him to Chaldecott which was not accepted. Hughes was soon bowled and at 55 Griffith was caught by Spurway. Smith joined Ffooks but was stumped by Broadbent after making 4. Littlewood came in, and Ellis went on instead of Chaldecott. The same batsman cut Carver for 3 and with the score at 73 Fendall again took the ball. Ffooks sent Ellis for 4 and Broadbent came on. With the score at 80 Littlewood was dismissed by him for a useful 6, and Whitehead joined Ffooks who was however shortly bowled by Fendall for 17. With the last batsman rest the honours of the match and he deserves high praise for the coolness he displayed at a very critical period of the game.

In their second innings the School lost 6 wickets for 82 runs.

The Score and Analysis are subjoined :—

THE SCHOOL.

<i>First Innings.</i>				<i>Second Innings.</i>			
A. C. Broadbent, b Wilson	..	25	c Littlewood, b Hughes	..	38		
W. G. Boyd, b Allis-Smith..		1	b Wilson		10		
E. A. Morres, b Allis-Smith	..	0	b Hughes		10		
W. ff. Fendall, b Wilson ..		4	l.b.w. b Hughes		4		
H. B. Carver, c and b Wilson	..	0	not out.. .. .		3		
B. P. Spurway, b Allis-Smith		4	c and b Hughes		1		
E. J. Nelson, run out		16	run out.. .. .		12		
C. L. H. Chaldecott, b Wilson		0					
Ellis, b Allis-Smith		7					
Bathurst, b Allis-Smith ..		5					
Clapin, not out		3					
Extras		12					
						Extras.. .. .	4
Total		77				Total	82

T. W. WILSON'S XI.	
J. S. Adal, Esq., c Ellis, b Broadbent	16
H. S. Crosby, Esq., b Fendall	7
L. Parke, Esq., b Broadbent	1
T. W. Wilson, Esq., b Broadbent	0
C. H. Hodgson, Esq., b Chaldecott	16
M. C. Ll. Griffith, Esq., c Spurway, b Carver ..	9
J. Hughes, Esq., b Carver	4
J. A. Ffooks, Esq., b Fendall	17
Allis-Smith, Esq., st Broadbent, b Carver ..	4
A. S. Littlewood, Esq., b Broadbent	6
C. S. Whitehead, Esq., not out	0
Extras.. ..	2
Total	82

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE SCHOOL.

First Innings.

	Balls,	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets	Wides.	No Balls.
W Allis-Smith, Esq. ...	85	39	4	5	0	0
T. W. Wilson, Esq. ..	84	28	5	4	0	0

Second Innings.

J. S. Adal, Esq. ...	24	24	0	0	0	0
H. S. Crosby, Esq.	40	22	0	0	0	0
T. W. Wilson, Esq. ..	20	5	2	1	0	0
J. Hughes, Esq.	20	13	0	4	0	0
C. H. Hodgson, Esq. ...	17	14	1	0	0	0

T. W. WILSON'S XI.

A. C. Broadbent	55	27	2	4	0	0
W. ff. Fendall.....	62	22	3	2	0	0
C. L. H. Chaldecott ..	30	12	3	1	0	0
H. B. Carver.....	35	10	1	3	0	0

THE SCHOOL V W. S. MAYO'S XI.

This game was played on May 29th. The School won the toss, and Broadbent and Boyd opened their innings. After making 24 in good style, Broadbent was caught at deep square leg, and the adjournment was made for luncheon. Upon resuming, Boyd and Morres were soon dismissed, and Fendall joined Carver. These batsmen put on 56, before the latter was bowled by Trask. Nelson came in after Spurway's dismissal, and a great stand ensued. Fendall hit merrily, and although he had considerable luck, the score was up to 170 before he was l.b.w. to Marsh for 71 runs. Nelson who had been playing carefully and well, soon lost the company of Chaldecott, Ellis and Bathurst, but in conjunction with Clapin gave the bowlers some little trouble. He was last man out for a creditable 41.

H. H. Mayo and P. W. Mayo commenced the visitors' innings, and runs came freely, both from Broadbent and Fendall. At 35 Carver came on for the latter, and bowled H. Mayo in his fourth over. With the score at 71, Chaldecott got rid of P. W. Mayo, and Clarke joined Trask. The former was bowled at 80, and two runs later Trask, J. A. and W. S. Mayo were all sent back. Thurston and Marsh were quickly yorked by Carver, and at 3 minutes to time the last man joined Burt, when Broadbent went on down, and dismissed the latter with his first ball, thus winning the game for the School by 103 runs. Carver's bowling was very effective, and he took 5 wickets for 24. Full Score:—

THE SCHOOL.

A. C. Broadbent, c subs, b H. H. Mayo	24
W. G. Boyd, b Trask	9
E. A. Morres, b Trask	6
W. ff. Fendall, l.b.w, b Marsh	71
H. B. Carver, b Trask	31
B. P. Spurway, b Marsh	0
E. J. Nelson, c and b Marsh	41
C. L. H. Chaldecott, c and b Marsh	3
G. Ellis, b Trask	2
Bathurst, b Trask	0
Clapin, not out	6
Extras	12
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W. S. MAYO'S XI.

P. W. Mayo, l.b.w. b Chaldecott	34
H. H. W. Mayo, b Carver	23
G. K. Brutton, b Chaldecott	0
W. Trask, b Ellis	8
W. R. Clarke, b Carver	5
J. A. Mayo, b Carver	2
W. S. Mayo, st Broadbent, b Ellis	0
E. de. B. Thurston, b Carver	0
Burt, b Broadbent	5
C. J. Marsh, b Carver	5
W. H. Mayo, not out	0
Extras	20
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

SCHOOL.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls.
W. Trask....	195	77	17	5	0	0
H. H. Mayo..	80	37	3	1	0	0
G. K. Brutton	15	14	0	0	0	0
C. J. Marsh ..	143	54	9	4	0	0

W. S. MAYO'S XI.

A. C. Broadbent	46	..	16	..	3	..	1	..	0	..	0
W. ff. Fendall	35	..	19	..	1	..	0	..	0	..	0
H. B. Carver	80	..	24	..	7	..	5	..	0	..	1
C.L.H. Chaldecott	35	..	14	..	3	..	2	..	0	..	0
G. Ellis	35	..	9	..	3	..	2	..	0	..	0

CONCERT.

The 90th Concert of the School Musical Society was given on Monday, April 12th. Hassler's Chorale "Ah, wounded Head" was the opening piece, and was followed by the Andante and Menuetto e Trio from Haydn's Symphony in G, which was on the whole well played, though there was considerable scraping among the violins in the fortissimo parts. Turner, mi., sang "My heart ever faithful" by Bach most charmingly, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Parker and on the violin by Mr. Donkin. Haydn's rather uninteresting Quartet in C was carefully rendered by Messrs. Donkin, Regan, Lloyd and Alcock, but the great feature of the Concert was Haydn's Passion, performed, it is said, for the first time in England, and some of whose individual movements, to quote from Hullah, have perhaps never been surpassed, in sweetness or energy. The choruses and solos of this Oratorio were exceedingly well sung and showed what great care and trouble must have been taken over them by Mr. Parker. The Intermezzo was artistically played on the organ by Wybergh. The solos were sung by Taylor, mi., Martyn, Cardale, Broadbent, Devitt, ma., and Aldous.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,

Now that the Cricket Season is coming on, might I suggest that practice at the nets should be made compulsory; by this means we might hope to compete on more equal terms with Clifton, (which in this respect possesses a great advantage over us,) as we should get from year to year a continuous relay of fair cricketers to take the place of those who leave.

Hoping that the authorities will give their attention to this matter,

I remain,

Yours &c.,

COMME IL FAUT.

DEAR SIR,

Why should not the games be made compulsory in this School? It is not the members which constitute the strength of a School in cricket, but the way in which it is worked. Take for instance Loretto, far below us in numbers, and yet in two years they turn out as many first class cricketers as we do in ten. Why is this? simply because there the games have as much attention paid to them as the School work. It is surely desirable that the games should be as regularly managed as is the School routine.

I am,

Yours truly,

A HOUSE CAPTAIN.

We do not in the least agree with either of our correspondents who advocate compulsory games, but we publish their letters in the hope of eliciting a spirited rejoinder.

[ED. SHIR.]

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Could not the Prize giving on Commemoration Day be shortened a little, so that the luncheon could take place a little earlier, at present it is so late before it concludes that there is hardly any afternoon left, and I am sure that some abridgement would be a great boon both to visitors and boys.

Hoping that this will receive due consideration,

I remain,

Yours etc.,

X.Y.Z.

We cordially echo the sentiments of our correspondent, but we fear that he will ask in vain.

[ED. SHIR.]

DEAR SIR,

How is it that during the last two years all account of the Senior House Matches in Cricket has been omitted in the Shirburnian? Truly last year a bare outline of the contests

was inserted as a kind of after-thought among "School News." Has the interest in these matches so degenerated that a full account is now thought superfluous? I think that (among Old Shirburnians at any rate) the details of the House Matches are quite as interesting,—if not more so—than "out matches," as they like to see how their Old House is getting on. Hoping that this omission will be remedied this season, and that the individual scores at least will be printed.

I remain,

Yours truly,

A 1st XI OF THE PAST.

The insertion of the results of the Senior House Cricket Matches in the October number was by no means the result of a kind of after-thought. Every endeavour was made to get the full scores; but the score book had been unfortunately lost.

[ED. SHIR.]

DEAR SIR,

I wish to enquire whether there is any valid reason, why fellows in their House Gymnasium Teams should not be distinguished by some badge upon their belts. Surely fellows, to whom the impressive title of "Champion" has been given, have a right to some mark of distinction.

Yours, etc.,

NOT A CHAMPION.

DEAR SIR,

Now that bathing has begun again, the want of a high dive, forces itself once more upon our notice. If a high diving board cannot exist along with the present running and spring boards: why not do away with the latter, before it does away with itself, as it probably will at no distant date. It would be no great loss, for I venture to assert that if a canvass of bathers were made, quite $\frac{7}{8}$ of the votes would be in favour of a change. The erection of a diving board, of whatever shape or height, could not be expensive, and I hope that the

authorities will busy themselves, to supply a want, which has long been felt by the large number of fellows who are fond of a header. Three platforms of varying height, say of 15, 12 and 9ft. respectively, would, I think, meet with general approbation.

Yours, etc.,

ALTIORA PETENS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I write to ask if the authorities—whoever they may be, in this case—could not erect a few partitions in the bath for the fellows who enjoy that place of summer resort. At present, on a rainy day the coolness of the breeze often seems excessive to—

Yours truly,

NESCIO QUIS.

There is always a sense of dampness, we think, about the partitions of a bath ; but though we do not agree with you we publish your letter.—[ED. SHIR.]

NOTES.

The following scores worthy of notice have been made on the upper Ground this term ; 100 by C. H. Hodgson, Esq., and 61 and 68 not out, by A. C. Broadbent. 71 by W. ff. Fendall. 65 and 50 by H. B. Carver.

E. A. Nepean and L. B. G. Lester were both playing in the Oxford Seniors Match. Lester took 2 wickets and made 12 runs. Nepean also played for the next Sixteen v. the XI. making 17 not out.

We are glad to notice that L. V. Lester has been elected to a fellowship at St John's College, Oxford.

The Games Committee for this term is constituted as follows : A. C. Broadbent (*f*) Capt. of Cricket ; A. G. Aldous (*b*) Capt. of Football ; E. A. Morres (*a*) ; W. ff. Fendall (*e*) ; W. G. Boyd (*a*) ; A. E. Baker (*c*) ; E. de B. Thurston (*d*) ; R. H. Garrett (*g*) ; A. B. Church (*b*).

We take this opportunity of congratulating A. G. Aldous most heartily upon his success in obtaining the Exhibition at the end of last term, not forgetting however to felicitate A. S. Littlewood who was again first in the Examination but who was ineligible as having already obtained it.

The following have recently passed their Matriculation Examination; J. Benson; W. D. Oliver (Trin. Camb); C. H. Bardswell; W. G. Boyd (New Coll., Oxford); E. de B. Thurston (Trin., Oxford); C. Bathurst (Univ., Oxford).

Commemoration Day is fixed for June 25th. The Preacher is the Very Rev. The Dean of Gloucester, (late Head Master of Harrow.

The following Cricket Matches have been already arranged: June 23rd and 24th v. The Old Shirburnians; June 28th and 29th v. Corpus Christi College; July 3rd v. South Wilts; July 6th v. The Town; July 9th and 10th v. Clifton College; July 13th v. Kingston Park.

We were surprised and gladdened at the beginning of this term to see that steps had been taken with regard to the Fives Courts, and that one of them had been paved with cement. The repairs have unfortunately proved unsuccessful, but even an unsuccessful attempt is better than nothing at all, and we await further improvements with new confidence. By the bye, talking of the Fives Courts, we fancy that their present condition has been in some degree caused by fellows playing upon them in their boots: if they will persist in doing this, all efforts at improvement will be failures.

Special interest will attach to the House Cricket Matches this year as two School House elevens, captained respectively by Morres and Boyd, will compete for the first time since the institution of the Cup. Although it is early days, we predict an easy victory for Rhoades' in the senior matches. There should be a good fight for second place.

The Field Society is itself again. Under the energetic auspices of Mr. Weisse a new code of rules has been drawn up and a goodly number of associates have joined.

The first meeting of the Society was held on May 27th in the Science Lecture Room when a paper upon "Coal" was read by C. A. Cochrane. The Head Master presided, and opened the proceedings in a few congratulatory words. The paper was decidedly good and the diagrams in illustration of it effective. Boyd and Hicks, ma., joined in the subsequence discussion and Lloyd and Bardswell, mi., made communications to the Society.

We congratulate J. Adamson upon his having passed his Examination for admittance as a student at the Royal Academy.

W. R. Biddle, J. B. G. Lester and E. Hill are rowing in their respective College boats.

The Editors regret their utter lack of literary contributors and the fewness of their correspondents. With the exception of one noble worker there has not been a single literary contributor to this paper since last July, outside the Editorial ranks. Surely this need not be. Let not modesty keep back the literary aspirant, but let him remember "Nothing venture—nothing win."

G. Ellis has been presented with his 2nd XI colours.

The Editors beg to acknowledge subscriptions from the following:—Hatfield Green, Esq., A. A. Coutanche, Esq., C. A. Hankey, Esq., H. J. Collins, Esq.

The Editors beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following periodicals:—*Raven, Youth, City of London School Magazine, St. Mark's School Magazine, Blundellian, Tonbridgian, Barrovian, Eastbournian, Wellingtonian, St. Edward's School Magazine, Bradfield School Chronicle, Uppingham School Magazine, Lily, Haileyburian, Carthusian, Cliftonian, Malvernian, Durham University Journal, Blackheathen, Rossalian, Malburnian, Laxtonian, Fettesian, Sydneian, Reptonian, Nelsonian.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A Suffering Fires-Bull. Something has already been done to remedy your grievance.

Spero Meliora. We thank you very much for your letter, but, as you see, its publication is now needless.

H.C. Not of sufficient general interest.

Melioris Temporis Amator. Owing to the lateness of our issue, the publication of your protest would have been for practical purposes useless. We deeply sympathise with you.