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CONCERNING THE PROFESSION OF MEDICINE.

IN the present day when competition is so keen in all walks of life it behoves everyone, entering on life's struggle, to see that he is armed for the fray at all points. For this reason I think it well to write for the *Shirburnian* a few words as to the Profession of Medicine, and the preliminary education which is desirable at school.

I cannot better preface my remarks than by quoting what was once said to me by an eminent Surgeon, than whom none had, or has, the welfare of the student more at heart: "We have plenty of Medical *Men*, what we want and what the public appreciate are Medical *Gentlemen*."

Let all who intend to follow medicine ponder over this; for what does it mean? It means that before all things it is necessary that a doctor should be a man of education, a "doctor" in the widest sense of the term, "a learned man," not one who knows his profession and nothing else.

It may safely be said that there is no branch of learning, no science, no technical skill which does not aid a man

in the practice of medicine. To be a good "all-round man" helps us to acquire that clear insight into character and that ready wit which beyond all things is necessary in diagnosing one's patient, which is the first thing necessary. The first thing for a physician to do is to form an opinion of his patient; the second, to form an opinion of the disease from which that patient is suffering. The second cannot be properly done without the first, as no two patients will give the same account of the same symptoms. One will exaggerate while another will minimise, one will tell all, another will deliberately withhold important details, and for these reasons the physician must first make up his mind how much reliance he can place on the tale told him by his patient; to do this it is necessary that he should be a good reader of character, and what does this mean, except that he should be a highly educated man.

Again, what helps more than a good general and classical education in acquiring that ease of manner so necessary in our dealings with the sick, no matter to what class in life they belong? for the humble in life are just as quick in discovering a gentleman as the rich.

Who will deny that the possession of technical skill of all kinds is an advantage to a Surgeon? I know of no more irritating sight than that by no means rare one, an operating Surgeon who does not know how to use a saw. A Surgeon combines in his work, one may almost say, that of an engineer (both mechanical and electrical), a blacksmith, a carpenter and a surgical instrument maker, and unless he knows some of the details of these businesses he may often be at a loss for an expedient in a difficult case. The designing and manufacture of various kinds of metal splints and apparatus come under the heading of engineering and blacksmith's work; the numerous details of operating require the use of saws, chisels and other instruments used by carpenters; and the selection, modification, and invention of instruments

require a knowledge of the details of the instrument maker's craft.

Into the question of sciences such as Chemistry and Physics I do not propose to enter as they form a necessary part of the medical education strictly so called.

From the above it will be seen how desirable it is that a boy who decides to follow Medicine, should in every way make use of his time at school and not think that any part of the education he gets there is useless "*because he is going to be a doctor;*" a doctor cannot know too much.

I have often, while at the operating table, felt grateful to the Sherborne School Workshop, the teaching received in which has proved invaluable. It is useless to particularise where all is necessary; my advice to the Shirburnian embryo doctor is—learn everything you can in School and out of it, games and all included; train your powers of accurate observation, and acquire business-like habits.

When the time comes for leaving School let the would-be student ask himself once more the question (for this question should have presented itself to his mind long before) "Why do I wish to enter the medical profession?" and unless the answer be "Because I believe I am fitted by inclination and character for it," let him pause before it is too late. For the Medical Profession is no easy road to riches, but a self-denying, hard and wearing occupation; an all-absorbing mistress that demands absolute loyalty from her devotees.

"Glorious your aim—to ease the labouring heart,
To war with death, and stop his flying dart,
To trace the source whence the fierce contest grew,
And life's short lease on easier terms renew;
To calm the frenzy of the burning brain,
And heal the tortures of imploring pain;
Or when more powerful ills all efforts brave,
To ease the victim no device can save
And smooth the stormy passage to the grave."

If these words of the poet be not the aim of the student his course will be as dark and miserable as the low and wretched love that dictates it.

The decision being made once and for all to adopt the profession, the next question must unfortunately be decided by pecuniary considerations; it is—"Is it desirable to go straight to a Hospital Medical School or to one of our older Universities?" There is no question which is *best*, namely, to go to Oxford or Cambridge. At either of these Universities the student can gain an accurate knowledge of the sciences bearing on medicine and can take in due course his degree in Arts and later on his degrees in Medicine and Surgery, advantages which he will never regret.

The writer has met many men whose great regret in life was that they did not go to a University before going to the Hospital, but none who regretted having been "to College." During 'Varsity life a man makes life-long friendships and associates with men who are going in for every profession and occupation, and so does not at the outset of his student career get into that one groove which is such a baneful characteristic of London Medical Student-life.

Again, when going from the University to a Hospital, a man begins with an introduction to the best set of men there, truly no mean advantage.

In the choice of a Hospital many considerations will come in and where all are good it would be invidious to discriminate. Each man must choose for himself that one which appears likely to suit him best. But, to whichever hospital a man goes, let it be his constant aim and endeavour, if possible, to serve his hospital as House Physician or House Surgeon; all cannot of course obtain these posts, but all can compete for them. In after life on seeking hospital appoint-

ments the first question asked is " Was he a Resident Officer at his own hospital ? " The moral of this is obvious.

This is no place to enter into the question of the class of practice a man should follow, whether Consulting, General, or Official ; that must be answered by the man himself, at the proper time, in the light of what experience and inclination have combined to teach him.

In conclusion let the student learn all he can of everything, and obtain the highest degrees and qualifications in his power, so that on entering his life's struggle he may feel that he has done all he can to ensure success.

M.D. CANTAB. O.S.



THE POET.

He will come again as oft of old among you,
 With his burden to fulfil ;—
 Did ye hearken ever to the songs they sung you
 Till the song was still ?

He will bear again the scorn, the idle wonder
 And heart-hunger and love's need ;
 You will drown the sound of music in your thunder,
 And he will not heed.

Singing unperplexed above the mocking laughter
 Till his day be overpast ;
 Till the music dies, and silence follows after
 And ye turn at last,—

Then when all the echoes breathe it and ye know it,
 Ye will seek him to revere ;
 Cry aloud and call him, master, lover, poet !
 And he will not hear.

IDEM LATINE.

Sic abeunt : mox alter adest, nec deficit ordo :
 excipiet munus, rursus obibit opus.
 turba canit vatium : mens audiit ecqua canentes ?
 morte silent : mutis additur unus honos.
 Spernitur hic iterum : fit plausus inanis hiantium :
 et desiderium mentis, et orbis amor.
 exercetne lyram ? numeros clamore fragoso
 vincitis : at forti non ea causa morae.
 invidiam, clamorem, iras nil ille moratur :
 securus cantat, dum sua fata sinunt.
 mox cessant cantus, subeuntque silentia : tandem
 vos pudet egregium deseruisse virum.
 tandem vos colere ardetis, cum gloria late
 notescet, volitans viva per ora virum.
 vos quoque clametis : doctorum o maxime vatium :
 surda tamen cineri gratia, serus honos.

J. J. C.

GOD SPEED.

'Tis merry when the world is young,
And life lies all before us,
And hearts are whole, and nerves are strung,
And comrades sing in chorus ;
And here where all the Muses meet,
And mirth and toil are blended,
The days at Sherborne are so sweet,
You think they'll ne'er be ended ;
But, one by one, for each and all,
(Sing sadly and sing low)
The clock that ticks upon the wall,
Beats out the hour to go.

When victory hangs on hit or miss,
Who smites for six to win it
Drinks deep of undiluted bliss
A life-time in a minute ;
To reach at length the topmost form,
And wear a world of collar,
Must seem like sunshine after storm
To many a plodding scholar ;
But him we deem our happiest one,
Or swift of wit, or slow,
Who would not wish a deed undone
When strikes the hour to go.

O Greek's a grief, and Latin naught,
And problems hard and prosy ;
Methinks the picture has been wrought
In colours somewhat rosy ;
But though the parting-day dawn bright,
It dawns not to deliver ;
And there are mists that dim the sight
Yet rise not from the river ;
Then tender be the closing strain,
(Sing softly and sing slow)
That those may give, who here remain,
God speed to those that go.

J.R.

FOOTBALL.

SCHOOL v EASTLEIGH, HANTS.

This was the second match of the season, and was played on Saturday, October 29th. More than usual interest was felt in the encounter from its being a new match, and also from the fact that the Visitors came down with an unbeaten record. Shortly after three o'clock Gould kicked off towards the little Field, and a series of grovels were formed in the centre of the ground. Price then made a good run into the home XXV; Legge and Gould ran back, and play settled down again in neutral territory, until Wigan broke through but was well stopped by Young. Eastleigh again gained ground, but Powys dropped into touch near the half-way flag. Legge and Laurie were conspicuous for stopping rushes, and the School forwards invaded the visitors' territory. Vaughan and Springer relieved by kicks into touch. Wigan and Powys followed with a dribble, and Cunningham and Everington with short runs. But at half-time no point had been scored, though the School had to touch down once.

After the kick-off the School had considerably the best of the game, chiefly owing to the fact that they made use of the wind which was now in their favour. Going off with a rush, and assisted by a free kick, the School were within an ace of scoring in the first few minutes. Price relieved slightly with a dribble, but McEnery punted well into touch. Grovels were formed in front of goal. Legge, Wigan and Gould were conspicuous in their efforts to score. At length however Laurie passed to Stevens, who, breaking through, scored between the posts. Joy placed a neat goal. A good run and kick by Stevens again enabled the School to attack. Powys, Prichard and Cunningham took the ball up to the goal line, and Wigan scored the second try for the School after a good dribble. Joy was again successful with the kick. Although the School forwards now played very hard, they were unable to add anything further to the score, and at the call of time the Visitors retired beaten by 10 points to nil.

The School forwards completely outplayed their opponents,

who did not seem to understand that the first thing to be done in the grovel is to secure the ball; consequently the School did almost as they liked, their heeling being very good. Legge and Laurie both played well, the former, stopping rushes beautifully. They seem to have got into each others ways now, and should be good. Stevens was by far the best three-quarter. Some of his drops into touch with the wind after half-time were excellent. Both McEnergy and Leslie seem unable to take a pass. The latter collared and stopped rushes pluckily.

Of the Visitors, Vaughan, Price and Springer seemed the pick.

School :—H. H. Joy, back ; J. E. Stevens, W. A. McEnergy, Leslie, threequarters ; F. C. Legge, Laurie, halves ; J. D. Gould, capt., C. H. Wigan, E. J. Holberton, W. A. K. Matterson, J. F. Cunningham, L. C. Powys, Everington, Prichard, Rickman, forwards.

Eastleigh :—Smith, back ; T. Young, J. Price, T. Springer, three quarters ; A. Snow, H. Vaughan, halves ; Court, Cowland, H. Young, Niniham, Bishop, Witherston, Spiller, Hewlett, Greenstreet, forwards.

SCHOOL v. SOUTH DORSET.

Played on November 2nd in drizzling rain, the School proving victorious by a goal and two tries (9 points) to a penalty goal (3 points). At 3.30 Gould kicked off from the National School end and the ball was returned to half-way. Give and take play resulted from the first ten minutes ; Holberton then made a good dribble which nearly ended in a try. Manfield relieved with a kick to half-way ; Powys obtained the ball from a line out and passed to Holberton who scored after a good run. Joy failed with a difficult kick. After the drop-out play settled down in mid-field until Powys dribbled to the Visitors' XXV, but their outsides brought the ball back to neutral territory. A fine rush of the School forwards now enabled McEnergy to gain a try

near the corner flag. Joy landed a magnificent goal. The School grovel again rushed the ball into the Visitors' XXV, but they were unable to break through the defence and half-time was called with the game a goal and a try to nil in favour of the School.

After the interval the South Dorset invaded the School territory chiefly owing to a good dribble by Manfield. A free-kick for off-side was granted the Visitors, and Price kicked a goal. The School now played up harder than ever and Wyatt-Smith made a good kick into touch. Holberton by a good run nearly succeeded in crossing the line. Laurie and Legge were conspicuous for smart play in front of goal. Eventually Wigan dribbled over and scored, Joy's kick this time going a bit wide. South Dorset attacked strongly but kicking too hard in front of goal, Legge was enabled to touch down, and soon after the School were again forced to do the same. The home forwards now pulled themselves together and dribbled to half-way, but Price punted back. Powys, Gould and Wigan carried the ball to neutral territory when time was called.

The forwards played a magnificent game up to the last quarter of an hour, when they fell off somewhat. Some of their rushes were very good and the result must be declared satisfactory as the Visitors weighty forwards, who ought to have held their own on such a heavy ground, were driven all over the field. The outsides, who did not have very much to do, acquitted themselves creditably. Legge and Laurie stopped rushes splendidly and Stevens was the best of the three-quarters.

School:—H. H. Joy, back; J. E. Stevens, Wyatt-Smith, Leslie, three-quarters; F. C. Legge, Laurie, halves; J. D. Gould, capt., C. H. Wigan, E. J. Holberton, W. A. K. Matterson, W. A. McEnery, J. F. Cunningham, L. C. Powys, Everington, Prichard, forwards.

South Dorset:—W. H. P. Price, back; F. Gardiner, J. Symons, F. Mitchelmore, three-quarters; F. A. Allen, Pendleton, halves;

W. H. Manfield, capt., W. B. Reid, Rev. J. H. Twining, P. Southcombe. Morton, Fisher, H. D. Pauton. H. J. Seymour, H. Moon, forwards.

SCHOOL v. S. R. BASKETT, Esq's. XV.

On Wednesday, November 9th, Mr. Baskett brought down a strong team to oppose the School and the result was a draw of one goal each after a very exciting game. Gould winning the toss decided to play from the National School end, and at 3.15 Baskett kicked off. Stevens returned into touch and the first grovel was formed half-way. Patten broke away and made a good run, but was well collared by Stevens. Hodgson kicked into touch near the School XXV Flag. A dribble by Laurie and Powsy relieved matters slightly and the School outsiders after some pretty passing took the ball to neutral territory. A rush of the Visitors headed by D'Aeth was well stopped by Joy in the nick of time. Gould dribbled to the XXV Flag, but Manfield obtained the ball and dodging Joy gained a try between the posts which he improved upon. Gould restarted and grovels ensued near the centre. Short dribbles by McEnery and Gould and a good run and kick by Stevens then enabled the School to act on the aggressive. Baskett did his best to relieve, but Wigan after a very fine dribble scored between the posts and kicked a neat goal. On resuming, the School again pressed, Prichard and Wigan being very conspicuous. A splendid pass by Legge enabled Wyatt-Smith to make a good run, but Fudge made a long kick and Joy tried a drop a goal without success. The School were gradually driven back but Laurie made a good run to the Visitors' XXV and half-time was called.

Gould kicked off and D'Aeth returned to half-way. Wigan, Gould and Holberton rushed the ball into the scratch territory; Bradford ran back but the School carried the scrimmages on several occasions and assisted by Laurie and Ridout invaded the Visitors' XXV Legge, Cunningham and Everington were con-

spicuous for good play in front of goal, but the School could not break through the defence of the Visitors and Patten ran to half-way, where Laurie brought him down. Not to be denied the School again attacked. Holberton, Wigan and Powys dribbled right up to the line and Stevens crossed the line but was forced into touch in goal. For a few minutes after the drop out the Visitors pressed. Joy stopped a dribble by Bradford. Gould, Powys and Holberton took the ball to the Visitors' XXV and the School grovel pinned their opponents on their goal line. Cunningham getting the ball dashed over, but lost the ball. A touch down was the result. Wigan and Legge nearly succeeded in scoring soon after the drop-off, but D'Aeth punted to half-way. The scratch outsiders now invaded our territory, but Ridout took the ball back to half-way, where it remained to the call of time. Though the result was a draw there is no doubt but that the School had the best of the game and with a little luck would have won. The forwards played very well and were far superior to their opponents in the open; and in the 'tight they often gained ground by rushes. The halves worked well together and all the three-quarters were good, the passing having considerably improved since the last match. Stevens did a lot of work and Ridout seems to have come on since his rest. Joy's place is evidently not at full-back; he is a far better forward and with him restored to his original position the front rank should be stronger than ever.

School;—H. H. Joy, back; J. E. Stevens, C. A. Ridout, A. Wyatt-Smith, three-quarters; F. C. Legge, H. Laurie, halves; J. D. Gould, capt., C. H. Wigan, E. J. Holberton, J. F. Cunningham, L. C. Powys, W. A. K. Matterson, W. A. McEnery, F. E. Everington, Prichard, forwards.

SCHOOL v. DOWNTON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

This annual match was played on Saturday, November 26th, the School proving victorious by three tries to a goal, after an interesting though very muddy game. Archer won the toss, and

chose to take the kick-off; Gould decided to play towards the Little Field, as has been the case in every match this term. The School led off with a rush and grovels were formed nearly immediately in the Downton XXV. Short runs by Laurie, Stevens, and Ridout took the ball right up to the line. After several attempts on the part of the three-quarters to break through, the ball was dribbled over the line and Everington and Wyatt-Smith touched it down. Joy's kick was not successful. The School by the aid of a good kick from Stevens, again entered the Visitors' territory. Holberton dribbled up to the line and grovels were formed in front of goal; Wigan succeeded in getting over the line, but a touch-down was the result. After a free kick for off-side against the School, Everington and Prichard were conspicuous and Oliver stopped a rush. Joy dribbled to half-way and Stevens made a short run. Birch then got away, but was brought down by Oliver, and Gould and Joy took the ball into the Downton XXV. Legge made a good pass to Stevens, the latter however was collared. The School forwards now rushed the ball up to the goal-line, Everington being conspicuous. Scoring was prevented by good play on the part of the Visitors' outsides. Off-side was next given against Downton, but Joy failed with the place-kick, a long one. A good run by Birch, who was beautifully collared by Oliver, was the only point of further note before the call of half-time.

Gould re-started and a good kick by Wyatt-Smith and a dribble by Powys soon took the ball into the Downton half. Birch relieved with a good punt, but the School forwards were now playing well together and rushed the ball right down the ground. A free kick for off-side afforded the Visitors' some slight relief, but Everington, Wigan and Gould dribbled up to the goal-line. After some grovels, in which the School perhaps would have done better to have heeled more, Wood crossed the line from a line-out but lost the ball and Downton touched down. Again the School pressed, Legge, Stevens, and Laurie being very conspicuous. Wigan now dribbled beautifully and succeeded in obtaining a try, but Joy's kick, though a very good shot, failed.

The School returned to the attack, and, in spite of Archer's and Orr's efforts, succeeded in entering the Visitors' XXV again. Gould and Wigan were very good in front of goal and the latter again crossed the line. Joy's kick went wide. After restarting Orr was seen to advantage, but Wyatt-Smith collared him near the half-way flag. Birch now got clean away and after a fine run scored between the posts, Hayhurst obtaining a goal. The Downton men now played up much better and tried to make more use of their outsides. Birch got the ball again but was quickly mobbed and grovels were formed opposite the Pavilion, the School gradually driving their opponents back. Legge made a short run and Gould and Wigan dribbled into the Downton XXV. In spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the Visitors' outsides the School were right on their goal-line at the call of time.

That the School had by far the best of the game it would be impossible to deny. Only on two or three occasions was our territory invaded at all; this was greatly due to the superiority of our forwards over theirs and it was only the strong defence of the Visitors' backs which saved them from a more crushing defeat. Perhaps the School would have done better to have heeled when on their opponents' line, but that is a matter of opinion as the ball was so slippery that accurate passing was impossible. Of the outsides, the halves and Oliver were best, the latter saving well on several occasions.

School:—J. F. Oliver, back; J. E. Stevens, C. A. Ridout, A. Wyatt-Smith, three-quarters; F. C. Legge, H. Laurie, halves; J. D. Gould, capt., C. H. Wigan, H. H. Joy, E. J. Holberton, L. C. Powys, W. A. K. Matterson, F. E. Everington, Wood, Prichard, forwards.

Downton A. C.:—F. F. Hayhurst, back; Shelley, Orr, Birch, three-quarters; Archer, Lowry, halves; Merryweather, Thompson, Saunderson, Phibb, Byng, Peel, Smith, Bles, Jesson, forwards.

 RIFLE CORPS NOTES.

SHOOTING MATCH.

School v. Staff Sergeants, 39th Regmt. Dist.

STAFF SERGEANTS.

	200 yards.	500 yards.	Total.
Sergt. Major Butler ...	29	32	61
Sergt. Instr. Musketry Watkins	25	27	52
Colour Sergt. Waters ...	22	25	47
„ MacMahon	18	27	45
Sergt. Milner ...	20	21	41
Colour Sergt. Joy ...	16	24	40
„ Clancy ...	17	21	38
Sergt. Seery ...	19	11	30
	<hr/> 166	<hr/> 188	<hr/> 354

SCHOOL.

Lce. Corpl. Clarke-Jervoise	24	27	51
Corpl. Haes ...	23	24	47
Lce. Corpl. Temperley ...	21	25	46
Pte. Oliver ...	23	21	44
Lce. Corpl. Carey ...	25	16	41
Corpl. Everington ...	17	22	39
Sergt. Rickman ...	18	9	27
Sergt. Cooper ...	4	22	26
	<hr/> 155	<hr/> 166	<hr/> 321

The match was shot under Bisley rules for 1892, 7 shots at 200 yards, kneeling, 7 shots at 500 yards, prone, and was thoroughly enjoyed by both teams. It is to be hoped that it will become an annual fixture.

SHAM FIGHT AT LOWER CLATCOMBE.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 27th of September, a Sham fight between the right and left half companies of the Cadet Corps took place at Lower Clatcombe Farm; the left half company defended the farm as a detached post, while the right half company advanced up the Coombe by Blackberry Lane from Sandford Road. Colour Sergt. Gould, in command of the defending force, had posted his sentries with considerable skill—well in front of his position—so as to watch the principal lines of advance, but there were rather too many of them and consequently his main body was weak and his forces too much scattered.

Sergt. Rickman advanced up the defile in proper style, holding the high ground on the left flank in strong force, but rather weakly on the right flank, which seemed to offer a better line of attack; his left flank must have suffered severely, for it was enfiladed for 5 minutes by half a section of the defending force. This party, however, he succeeded in turning, after some delay, and the half section had to retire, losing two of their numbers, who fell into enemy's hands.

In consequence of this retreat on the part of the right flank of the defending force, the left flank also fell back, and the attacking party pressed in on both flanks. The left section of the defending force, instead of retreating to the high ground and Farm House, kept down in the low ground, and might have been entirely cut off from the other half. As a lesson in minor tactics the afternoon was a useful one.

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VOLLEY FIRING COMPETITION.

This competition for Prizes offered by the "G" Company of the 1st V.B. Dorset Regt. took place on the Osborne Range. It was decided that the Prizes should be given for Volley Firing by teams chosen from each of the four sections of the Company.

The weather was very bad, with violent gusts of wind and rain. Each section in turn was drawn up in skirmishing order, at three paces interval, 350 yards distant from a 2nd class target. On the command 'rush' they doubled to 300 yards, where they halted and fired a volley, lying down; then followed another rush up to 250 yards, where a second volley was fired, lying down; then another rush to 200 yards, where a third volley was fired, kneeling. Marks were given for accuracy in drill and judging distance; Maximum 30; the highest possible points for the Shooting were 60. The following was the result :—

No. 2 section (Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Blanch's houses) won the first prize.

Commander, Pte. Mason
 Team, Sergt. Rickman
 L-Corp. Clarke-Jervoise
 „ Carey
 Pte. Oliver

Marks 25, Points 34, Total 59.

No. 1 section (Mr. Rhoades' house) won second prize.

Commander, Col-Sergt Gould
 Team, Sergt Cooper
 Corp. Everington
 „ Cunningham
 Pte. Galpin

Marks 25, Points 27. Total 52.

No. 4 section (Schoolhouse) won extra prize given by Major W. H. Williams.

Commander, Pte. Dixon, mi.
 Team, Corp. Haes
 Pte. Radford
 „ Dixon, ma.
 „ Davey, ma.

Marks 21, Points 27. Total 48.

No. 3 section (Schoolhouse)

Commander, Pte. Temperley, mi.

Team, Corp. Wood

L-Corp. Honnywill, mi.

„ Temperley, ma.

Pte. Plunket

Marks 17, Points 9. Total 26.

After firing ceased, Major W. H. Williams, commanding "G" Company, addressed the cadets and presented the prizes. He gave them great credit for the way in which they had carried out the practice, and their steadiness in drill, and hoped this would be an annual competition. He considered that No. 4 section was deserving of a prize, and he therefore gave an extra one to them. Major Williams and Sergt-Major Folkes superintended the marking in the butt. Capt. Wildman, Lieut. Whitehead and Sergt. Instr. McAvitt judged the drill.

The Captain of the Cadet Company here puts on record the thanks of the Cadets to "G" Company for the prizes, which they have so generously given for this competition.

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On Wednesday Dec. 8, the right-half-Company marched out along the Yeovil road as an advanced guard; just before reaching the second mile-stone they turned to the south by the lane which leads to Silver Lake. Meanwhile the left half-Company had advanced in similar formation along the Bradford Road, and turned northward at the southern end of the same lane. The consequence was that the two advanced guards came into collision in the close country lying between the Yeovil and Bradford roads. Some good practice in hedge-row fighting and trying to get on the flank of one another followed. When cartridges were all expended, the foes were reconciled and marched back to Sherborne, after having tea together at

Silver Lake. The Bugle band made the length of the road appear as nothing to those who marched behind them.

It is with very great regret, that the Company says 'good-bye' to Lieut. Whitehead, who, from its foundation has given it his help in the field, in camp, and in council. We shall always keep a grateful memory of his readiness in all emergencies and his never-failing good temper, and of his ability as a tactician.

W. B. WILDMAN, Capt. Commanding
 Cadet Company,
 1st V.B. Dorset Regt.

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The following promotions have been made for next term:—

Corpl. Cunningham	to be Sergeant.
„ Everington	„ „
„ Haes	„ „
Lance Corpl. Carey	„ Corporal
„ Honnywill	„ „
Private Keir	„ Lance-Corpl.
„ Rougemont	„ „
„ Temperley, mi.	„ „
„ Ward	„ „
„ Warren	„ „
Sergeant Haes	to be Band Sergeant.

December 10th, 1892.



FIELD SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the term was held on Thursday, November 3rd, when Rev. A. C. Clapin gave an interesting lecture on "Coal." Among the audience were Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Wildman, Miss Webber and the Misses Clapin.

The third meeting of the term was held on Thursday, Nov. 17th, when Mr. Hudson combined "amusement with instruction," in a lecture on "The Organs of hearing and the Lower Limbs." Despite the fact that the first subject was rather a medical than an artistic theme, the first half of the lecture was as entertaining as the second, which is saying much. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hudson. Among the audience were Mrs. Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Wildman.

The fourth and last meeting of the term was held on Thursday, Dec. 1st, when Mr. Wildman gave one of the most interesting lectures that has ever been given to the Field Society. His subject was "Sherborne Castle," one of special interest to his hearers, and he added some instructive remarks on arches and windows. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wildman, who called attention to the fact that this was the last time we should have Mr. Whitehead among us as President of the Field Society. Mr. Whitehead was greeted with an ovation that was as over-powering as it was well merited. The Field Society will sustain a great loss in the departure of Mr. Whitehead, who has so ably filled the arduous post of President.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

At the close of a somewhat uneventful term I take up my pen to report to Alma Mater the doings of her children at Cambridge, regretting at the same time that most of the 'news' should be by this time ancient history. We have been favoured since September with typical Cambridge weather, which has caused Father Cam, usually so sluggish to quicken his pace, to overflow his banks, and to trouble the patient oarsman considerably. And now at the close of term the Examination Fiend has spread her dusky pall over all the land—a scourge from which Cambridge O.S.S. have not been exempt.

Early in the term a General Meeting of the C.O.S.R.U.F.C. was held in the Rev. H. Henn's rooms in Trinity Hall, at which the following officers were elected:—Mr. Henn, President; C. S. Baring-Gould, Captain—both re-elected unanimously—C. Dixon, Secretary; Committee: R. L. Leigh-Clare, Pembroke; W. E. Lutyens, Sidney; A. Field, Trinity Hall; and S. Boucher, Trinity.

The Football Match against our Oxford brethren has had to be put off, to the regret of every one, owing to the difficulty in fixing a date. In the Freshers' Match we were represented by S. Boucher, who with H. P-S. Devitt upholds the honour of Sherborne at Trinity. Among the Freshmen at Caius we are represented by K. R. Hay; at Clare by J. C. Bradbury; and at S. John's by G. T. Whiteley. We earnestly appeal for more, though in this respect we are as well off as the Oxford O.S.S.

To turn to Athletics, Sherborne has achieved in the person of one man such distinction as may well make the world envious. W. E. Lutyens, not content to rest on his well-earned laurels, has once more startled even the most apathetic 'grinder' by lowering, after a week's training, the Mile Record at Fenner's. In the Pembroke Sports he ran the Mile in 4 min. 22 sec., and if good

critics are to be trusted, judging from the form there displayed, we ought not to be surprised if he lowers the Amateur Record during the coming season. It is also worth remarking, as a sign of the times, that he has also developed into a sprinter of no mean merit, and has run the Quarter-Mile under unfavourable circumstances in under 52 secs. and so is likely to prove a brilliant exception to the rule that long-distance 'Cracks' cannot sprint.

In conclusion I hope that it will not be considered an act of presumption to congratulate the *Shirburnian* in the person of its Editor on the well-filled pages of the November number and to assure him that its issue is always awaited with eagerness by all good C.O.S.S. and not least by his

CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

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School Library,

December, 1892.

DEAR SIR,

Why does no one entrust me with an exercise of merit.

For two years your sorrowing friend,

THE "LIBER AUREUS."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Might I be allowed, through your columns, to propose a much more satisfactory way of deciding the Kicking Competition, as at present luck has a very great deal to do with the result? Why not turn it into a House Challenge Cup for Kicking, instead of having it an Individual Cup? As matters now stand very little interest is taken in it, and the winner neither has his name engraved on it, nor does he receive a prize with it, as is the case with all other Challenge Cups. The Cup was given to improve the School Drop and Place Kicking, and this would be much more effectually carried out, if it were converted into a House Cup, over which more enthusiasm is always displayed. Surely such a good Cup is worthy of a better Competition, and I feel sure that the kind

donors would be only too pleased at the alteration. Hoping my letter will receive due consideration,

I remain,

Yours truly,

THE HOLDER OF THE CUP.

DEAR SIR,

Why should the luckless School House Junior XV have to play what almost amounts to the Senior XV's of the Out-houses. The latter, minus five or six of their Senior XV, come down to face the School House Junior XV.

Hoping to hear of some improvement in this arrangement,

Yours, etc.,

"ROBINSON."

O.S. CHRONICLE.

W. E. Lutyens (*f*), carried off the first prize for the mile and two mile race at the Athletic Sports at Sidney College, Cambridge. He has also competed and obtained a place in several Quarter-mile Strangers' Races.

At University College, Oxford, Sports E. D. Swanwick, (*d*), though heavily penalised, won both the High and Broad Jump. He was also second in the Hundred Yards, Quarter-mile and Hurdles. A. J. Barry (*e*), was easily first in the Mile at the same College.

Amongst other O.S. who have distinguished themselves in the Athletic line we observe the names of C. Dixon (*a*), Trinity Hall, Cambridge; and E. N. Henning (*f*), Corpus Christi, Oxford.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The following have been presented with their 2nd XV Colours since our last issues:—M. D. Wood, J. H. Prichard (*e*), J. F. Oliver (*b*).

The Old Shirburnian Match will be played on Saturday, December 17th.

The 124th Concert of the Musical Society will be given on the last Monday of the term, December 19.

The Editor would be glad to buy up a copy of the *Shirburnian* of December, 1890.

(a) School House; (b) Blanch's; (c) Wilsons; (d) Rhoades'; (f) Whitehead's.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P.R.A.—Yes, against Scotland in 1880.

LOWER GROUND.—The reason why there are not more matches this season is that the majority of Clubs in the West of England require a return match on their own ground, which we cannot give them.

The Editor begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries:—*Cambridge Review* (3); *Carthusian*; *Blue*; *Lorettonian* (2); *Clavinian*; *Reptonian*; *Melburnian*; *Haileyburian*; *South Eastern College Magazine*; *Pauline*; *Ousel*; *Marlburian* (2); *Wykehamist*; *Elizabethan*; *Tonbridgian*; *Lancing College Magazine*; *Berkhampstedian*; *Aldenharnian*; *Blackheathen*; *Bromsgrovian*; *Felstedian*; *Bradfield College Chronicle*; *Framlinghamian*; *Bathonian*; *S. Edward's School Chronicle*; *Raven*; *Fettesian*.



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