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“A trivial Grammar School text, but worthy a wise man's consideration.”—*Bacon's Essay on Boldness.*



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THE MONITORIAL SYSTEM AT SHERBORNE
IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES.

This system of discipline is at least as old, in Sherborne, as the year 1592, as it is laid down in the Statutes of that date that "the Scholemaster Ussher muste wekely appoint twoe or more Impositors to marke and present the faults and wekely take a reckonyng of the Impositors." Here apparently we have a system of orderly officers serving for a week and then relapsing into a private condition. But in the Statutes of 1679 the system is laid down in much more detail as follows: "FOR the better Keepeinge up of Discipline and good Order. The master is to appoint foure prepositors, One for discipline in the Schoole to see all Schollars demeane themselves regularly there. The Second for manners both in the Schoole and abroad any where. The Third for the church and Fields. The Fourth to bee OSTIARIUS to sitt by the Doore to give answe to strangers and keepe the rest from runninge out. All these are to observe in their several places order peace and decency in all the Schollars A mannerly behaviour towards all both in the streets and att home And every morninge att the masters first comeinge into the Schoole

they are to present him in writeinge in Latine the Sevall faults wth the names of the boys offendinge committed the day before wch papers so left wth the Master shall be a sufficient testimony agt them to the Master." And in another place in the same Statutes we find: "To the end the Schollars may learne good manners civill Behaviour and continue therein It is further ordeined That noe Schollar shall be found alone discourseinge or playinge in the Streets alone wth the rude boys of the Towne, without a companion one of the Schollars that may be a witsesse of his convsaçon and behavior Under penalty of correçon wch upon the suggestion of the prepositors or others shall bee inflicted by the Master."

As to the "fourre prepositors," the duties of the third and fourth are plain enough; but it is not easy to distinguish those of the first from those of the second. The distinction evidently lies in the difference between *Discipline* and *Manners*; in our cruder age we do not feel this distinction so keenly as our predecessors did. But we feel sure that, if the duties of Ostiarius were heavy, in keeping "the rest from runninge out," he at least would have a low opinion of the success achieved by the prepositors of *Discipline* and *Manners*.



 A SUMMER'S POEMS.*

As the fruit of a vacation spent among the mountains of Upper Austria, Mr. F. J. Lys, O.S., has recently brought out a neat little volume bearing the title above. It is now some little time since Mr. Lys last toyed with the poet's pen, as indeed he mentions in the Invocation to the Muse, with which volumes of this class seem not infrequently fated to begin. However, despite this lack of practice, even a cursory glance shows us that Mr. Lys has not spent his vacation to no purpose. According to the short preface, the poems are printed practically without revision, and we cannot help thinking that Mr. Lys would have acted more wisely if he had delayed their production until he could find time to go over them again and make them of more equal merit. At least, such is the impression conveyed by the glimpses of real genius which one catches from time to time. Especially is this the case in the poem entitled "Life's Voyage," in which a fine though scarcely original conception is well followed up, and which a careful revision would render really beautiful. The metre of this piece is at times slightly harsh, but occasionally the rhythm is almost perfect.

Where lies the haven, or if there be in sooth
 Some haven of peace for them that wrestle and fight—
 Who shall be bold to take his trust for truth,
 The gleams he follows for the world's one light,
 When to his fellows' eyes as naught they seem,
 Or but false phantoms of a failing dream?

"On Re-Reading Ruth" is perhaps the best of the longer pieces and contains some passages of real merit. The poet compares a man that reads the Book of Ruth carefully to one

.....looking backward through the misty years,
 Beyond the harvest and the summer glow
 Into the awakening life's fresh spring-tide,'

* "A Summer's Poems." By F. J. Lys. London, Seeley and Co., 1894.

and points out how

.....as we look on that mysterious story,
 Scarce feeling kinship with that primal race,
 We that with sin have marred and dimmed the glory
 Of God's own presence.....
 Find something in our deadened hearts that rings
 Responsive to those far-off echoings.

The poem entitled "*Ἐποὺς σμικροῦ Χάρου*" is pleasant, but it is marred by numerous weak lines, and here again a careful revision would do a great deal of good.

There are several sonnets bearing upon mountain scenery and drawing morals therefrom, and in these the moral portion is always of greater merit than the descriptive portion, and indeed this lack of originality in descriptive passages is perhaps Mr. Lys's worst fault. There is, however, a very pretty passage describing how the mountain torrent

Fresh from the pure and everlasting snows
 hurries to greet
 Hearts grown a'weary of the wasting strife
 Of low ambition,—brother trampling down
 The soul of brother for some tinsel crown.

Of the other pieces, there is a good deal to be said for "The Ways of Life," but perhaps the best lines in the book are those at the end of "Hidam," where, after a rather weak description of a mountain torrent, the poet moralizes:—

Ah! but ye little wot,
 Waters so strong and free,
 That the fuller life that ye seek is not
 Like to the dreams that your young hopes see;
 Liberty soon, too soon, may be got,
 But strained and troubled your course shall be,—
 Tis Life's common lot.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Lys may often find leisure to devote himself to poetry, and that he will include in his next volume some of "A Summer's Poems" perfected by revision.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM HERBERT SKELTON,

Who lost his life in Jamaica in a gallant attempt to save the life of a lady from drowning. He was born on the 14th January, 1871, and came to Sherborne in 1885, being in the VIth Form when he left in 1889. He then went to the London University, and after being a short time Assistant Master at Shepton Mallet, he went out to Jamaica, where he was so sadly drowned on 6th March, to the deep grief of all who knew him.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the premature death of an old boy, well known to a recent generation.

CECIL JOHN HARVEY (*b*),

a boy of great promise, was a member of the School from January, 1888, to July, 1890.

On the Modern Side he rose rapidly from IIIB to V A., and was *persona grata* to all who had to do with him.

After leaving Sherborne he spent a short time on the Continent, and then proceeded to Cambridge, where his untimely death will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

He was spending the Easter Vacation with a friend at Tours, where after a short and sudden illness he died on the 3rd instant. Perhaps the words of the narrator of his illness will form a fitting close:—

“I am sure the above account will affect you very much, as it does me.....I had looked forward to improving my acquaintance with him next term, as I found him such a very nice fellow, and I feel certain that his loss will be greatly felt.”

—Communicated.

FOOTBALL.

In looking back on the past Football Season, one cannot but feel thankful that at the commencement of the season we had no conception of what was in store for us.

The season opened with the prospect of a better series of matches than we had had for several years. One by one, from some unavoidable cause, almost all the matches have fallen through. The greatest blow of all fell upon us this term when the Haileybury Match had to be given up within a very few days of the appointed time. However, the interest in the game has never flagged, and the enthusiasm with which the house matches were contested was at least as great as in former years.

In consequence of the small number of matches it is peculiarly difficult to give an accurate estimate of the strength of the XV. The Cheltenham match furnishes perhaps the best test. The following may give some impression of the general play of the XV.

When the two School XV.'s appeared on the field at Cheltenham, it became at once evident that, unless we possessed remarkable activity and smartness, we should sustain a crushing defeat, so greatly were we outweighed by our opponents.

For the first few minutes it seemed as if we should be run off the field. Suddenly the nature of the game changed: the lighter forwards, by getting the work on first, gained possession of the ball time after time, and had it out before the heavier forwards could run them off their legs.

By means of sharp heeling-out and breaking-up quickly, the ball was carried about the field at a great pace—and in the right direction. For several long periods, grovels were formed on our opponents' goal line; but we never once looked like scoring.

The backs, though they never made a mistake, seemed unable to recover from the shock of the first few minutes: they lacked dash, and hardly attempted combined play. Individually they did their work splendidly, and won loud applause from time to time.

Towards the end of the game we were slowly driven back on to our own goal line, which was once more crossed just before the call of time. We think we may fairly infer from this match that our forwards knew the right game to play—and how to play it. The form displayed by the backs in this match is misleading, as in several other matches their combination was the chief feature of the game.

The Senior "three-cock" produced the usual hard-fought and exciting struggle—the superiority of the out-houses being in

some degree counteracted by the better combination of the Schoolhouse.

Mr. Conway Rees kindly came down for this match and acted as referee.

A new departure in the house matches has been the introduction of a junior "three-cock."

The play in the house matches was a little disappointing in the matter of combination, although in many cases the individual efforts showed promise.

The outlook for next season is very encouraging—we shall miss the services of some sterling players of this year's XV., but still the members of the 2nd XV. are a good lot, and several of the "lower ground" players ought to be very good by the time they are wanted.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM (*d*) 1892-93-94, Weight 10st. 8lbs.—A deservedly popular captain. Always sets his forwards a good example in all departments of the game. Uncertain drop kick, but good punt. Uses his feet well in the grovel and is generally foremost in the open. Has fair pace and any amount of endurance.

J. E. STEVENS (*c*) 1892-93-94, Weight 11st.—A most valuable centre three-quarter. Is rather slow in getting off, but when once started is hard to stop. Makes very good use of his arms and shoulders, and has a dangerous swerve. Kicks well at times. Tackles with great judgment and always plays a hard game. Is leaving.

H. LAURIE (*a*) 1892-93-94, Weight 10st. 10lbs.—A very smart half-back. More brilliant in attack than defence. Seldom misses an opening and feeds his threequarters well. A fairly good kick into touch. Collaring not quite up to his other form. Has left.

A. WYATT-SMITH (*c*), 1893-94, Weight 10st. 7lbs.—A very steady and reliable half. Passes with an easy and rapid swing. Not a safe drop, but a very good long punt and place kick. Is clever at making openings for his threequarters. Plays most unselfishly and always backs up well.

H. G. K. YOUNG (*a*) 1893-94, Weight 10st. 5lbs.—A thoroughly honest hard working forward. Always on the ball. A fair drop and place kick. Can give and take a pass neatly, and often put in an useful kick. A good emergency halfback. Is leaving.

W. H. ATKINSON (*c*) 1893-94, Weight 10st. 6lbs.—Occasionally plays a brilliant game. Works well in the grovel and is not

behindhand in the open. Tackles and dribbles well. Useful out of touch.

A. W. H. REID-TAYLOR (*a*) 1893-94, Weight 10st. 5lbs.—An energetic and dashing forward. Collars well. Is not given to passing. A fine kick. Has left.

R. G. M. PRICHARD (*c*) 1893-94, Weight 10st. 9lbs.—Has a good record as a try-getter. Plays a hard and sound game, backing up splendidly and always ready to take a pass. A most useful player.

C. A. S. RIDOUT, 1893-94, Weight 10st. 8lbs.—Rather disappointing as a wing-threequarter. Plays a safe game, but lacks dash. At times punts beautifully. Plucky in defence. Is leaving.

E. M. WAKEFIELD (*d*) 1893-94, Weight 13st.—A heavy and hard-working forward. Hardly knows the game sufficiently well to make the best use of his strength. Will probably improve greatly as he gains experience. Very good out of touch.

G. W. HONNYWILL (*a*) 1893-94, Weight 9st. 7lbs.—Plays a very neat game at centre-threequarter. When at his best he fields and gives passes with great accuracy. A safe and pretty kick with either foot. Collars fairly.

W. H. DALTON (*c*) 1893-94, Weight 10st. 4lbs.—Plays a fast and clever game in the open, making most of his opportunities and tackling well. Hardly does his full share of work in the grovel.

A. DIXON (*a*) 1893-94, Weight 9st 10lbs.—Perhaps the best dribbler in the XV. Backs up well, but is not over-fond of tackling. Seldom does much scrummage work. Is leaving.

D. A. L. DAY (*c*), Weight 8st. 6lbs.—A very light threequarter. Played well occasionally in practice games, but did not shine in matches. Has left.

G. PARTRIDGE (*c*), Weight 9st. 7lbs.—Full back. Has had very little experience of the post. Tackles fairly well; must learn to take his man lower, and find touch when he kicks. Is leaving.

Average Weight, 10st. 5lbs.

THE GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium competitions were held on the 21st, 24th, and 29th March, and created a good deal of interest, though the standard was lower generally than it should have been. Nineteen entered for the Junior competition, Crawford coming out first in the first division of these, with Emery proxime accessit, and McEney, tert., first in the lower division. These three should make good gymnasts in the future.

In the open competition eight contended, and a good standard was reached by three of these, whose names will in consequence be placed on the gymnasium boards. These were Comber, Rintoul, and Stevens. Comber and Rintoul would not have disgraced the name of Sherborne if they had represented the school at Aldershot, but Comber's illness prevented their going this year, and Stevens would have made an excellent gymnast if his talents had not been successfully turned to another art. The remaining five made a respectable show, and were able to interest the visitors, who witnessed this competition in gratifying numbers. The following are the marks of the first three in each exercise :

	Horse.	Rings.	Par. Bars.	Hor. Bars.	Rope.	Bg. Ld.	Total.
	4 4 4	4..8	8..6	8 6 ..8	8 8 8 8	..6 8 ..6	6..120
H. C. Comber (Hod.)	4 4 3½	4..7½	8..6	7½ 6½ ..7	8 4 8 7	..6 6½ ..6	5..108½
A. V. Rintoul (S.H.)	4 4 4	3..6½	8..6	7½ 3½ ..7½	5 4 8 7	..5½ 6 ..6	6..101½
J. E. Stevens (Wil.)	4 4 4	4..4½	3..5	7 5 ..5	5 2½ 6½ 3½	..4 3 ..5½	4.. 79½

The House Cup competition had been postponed to allow Leslie to form a part of Wilson's House team, but eventually this House had to enter without his help. The other houses were Hodgson's, the holders, and the School House, for the first time. It seems rather a pity that Blanch's had not sufficient energy to compete, for their trio might have done fairly well in the event. After a good competition, in the presence of numerous visitors, the Cup went once again to the holders, Wilson's being a good second and the School House third. For their respective Houses, Comber, Rintoul, and Stevens did well, and Eglington very creditably. Marks :

1. *Hodgson's.*

Comber 100½, Emery 64½, Crawford 74. Total
239 = 79⅔.

2. *Wilson's.*

Stevens 86½, Eglington 76, Wyatt-Smith 49½. Total
212 = 70⅔.

3. *School House.*

Rintoul 92½, Young 58, Lee Warner 56, Dyke 61½,
Forshaw 57. Total 325 = 65.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOXING COMPETITION.

This annual competition was held on Friday, March 16th. We were represented by J. E. Stevens (*c*) in the Middle Weights, and by O. M. Dyke (*a*) in the Light Weights.

Stevens was drawn against Hawes of Haileybury, whom he knocked out at the end of the second round. In the second series Stevens had to meet Field of Tonbridge, and a most remarkable bout followed. Stevens knocked his man off his feet in the first ten seconds, but Field recovering quickly, fought most pluckily. In the next round Field was again knocked down, and this time counted out. In the third series Stevens drew a bye. In the final round he was drawn against Vanrennen of Clifton; at the end of the first round neither could claim much advantage, but in the second Stevens landed his antagonist in the wind, who, falling on the boards, failed to rise in 10 seconds. Stevens thus secured the Silver Medal for Middle Weight boxing.

Dyke, although not so successful, was only beaten after a very even round with Meyer of Clifton.

The School, and especially Sergt. Taylor, to whom our success is due, must be congratulated on the splendid form shown by Sherborne in this competition.

The following was the result of the Ties :—

MIDDLE WEIGHT.

<i>First Ties.</i>	<i>Second Ties.</i>	<i>Third Ties.</i>	<i>Final.</i>
R. W. Talbot (Cheltenham)			
<i>beat</i>			
C. E. Hollins (Wellington).	Matthews		
	<i>beat</i>		
L. H. S. Matthews (St. Paul's)	Talbot.		
<i>beat</i>			
W. J. Carey (Bedford).		Vanrennen	Stevens.
		<i>beat</i>	<i>beat</i>
J. E. Stevens (Sherborne)		Matthews.	Vanrennen.
<i>beat</i>			
C. S. Hawes (Haileybury).	Stevens		
	<i>beat</i>		
G. B. Field (Tonbridge)	Field	Stevens a bye.	
<i>beat</i>			
G. P. G. Hoare (Harrow).			
J. F. Vanrennen (Clifton)	Vanrennen a bye		
<i>beat</i>			
C. A. Werner (Dulwich).			

 LIGHT WEIGHTS.

G. H. Moorhead (Bedford)		
<i>beat</i>		
H. W. Ricketts (St. Paul's).	Druce	
	<i>beat</i>	
S. P. Druce (Harrow)	Moorhead.	Druce
<i>beat</i>		<i>beat</i>
E. H. Finch (Haileybury).		Meyer.
A. P. Meyer (Clifton)	Meyer	
<i>beat</i>	<i>beat</i>	
A. H. P. Austin (Reading).	Dyke.	
O. M. Dyke (Sherborne) a bye.		

 CADET COMPANY NOTES.

On March 14th the Cadet Corps took part in the Public Schools' Field Day at Aldershot; the Corps fell in at the Armoury at 5.50 a.m., and left Sherborne Station at 6.30, reaching North Camp Station at about 11 o'clock. After detraining, they marched to their position in No. 3 Battalion under Major James, of the Eton College V.B., forming part of the Southern force under Gen. Gregorie; here they were joined by a detachment of the D.C.S. Cadets, under Capt. Watson; this raised the strength of the Company to 63. The battle began at 11.45 and lasted until 1.15, when the "cease fire" sounded. Then came the march past, at which critical point the Company certainly did not suffer by comparison with the rest, the whole line marching past very steadily, which is especially praiseworthy, as they had had no opportunity of practising a march past with the County School beforehand. After the Public Schools came the Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry of the Aldershot garrison, and then the Cadets were marched back to North Camp Station, where refreshments were provided, and a long time spent in waiting for the train. Sherborne was the last to leave at 6 o'clock; the Armoury was reached at about 8.30, and the Company was dismissed after a very enjoyable day's operations.

On March 30th, the S.S.C.Co. were engaged in an affair of outposts in the Park, the right half company being opposed to the left half company. The right half, under Col. Sergt. Cunningham, marched to Pinford Bridge; the left half, under Sergt. Temperley, which contained the two School House sections and slightly outnumbered Cunningham's two sections, marched towards the

Cricket Ground, and at 4.15 a simultaneous advance was made in the direction of Jerusalem Hill by the opposing forces. Cunningham's fighting line consisted of No. 1 section, his supports being under the command of Sergt. Carey. The scouts of the two sides came into touch with one another on the western slope of Jerusalem Hill, and then the battle began. The right half company had in some way failed to keep up its connection between its three parts, and as the enemy drove back the scouts they retired not on to the fighting line but on to the reserves. Meanwhile Cunningham's fighting line had moved down further to the lower ground and a gap was left in their formation, the reserves were doubled up and driven from cover to cover by the No. 4 section, who outnumbered them by nearly 3 to 1, until when the "cease fire" sounded the whole of the right half company were in one cove between the fires of the two sections of Temperley's troops; so that the victory was adjudged to the left half company. The bugle band, under Band Sergt. Wigan, which played the company to and from the Castle, must not be left without a word of praise. The improvement, which this term has brought about, has been very marked, and both Wigan and the rest of the band deserve decided congratulations as the result of their energy and regularity at practice. At no time perhaps has the band been more efficient than it now is.

On the 12th February Lieut. A. le G. Jacob, Adjt. 3rd Baluch Battalion, presented the company with a Challenge Cup for Musketry. The Cup is for competition between the sections each under its own commander; the judge is to be the Adjutant of the 1st V.B. Dorset Regt. and the cup is not to be awarded unless the winning section reaches a fair level of efficiency. Lieut. Jacob is an enthusiast in musketry, and is anxious to improve our shooting; but he is opposed to the so called "pot-hunting" method of Prize Shooting, and would like to see throughout the company as a whole, a good style and a fair average of efficiency. We take this opportunity of thanking him for his handsome gift.

On the 6th February Lieut. the Rev. H. Dunkin presented the company with a Leopard Skin for the adornment of the Big Drummer. Luckily, at the present time we are fortunate enough to own a very big Drummer, upon whom the skin shows to great advantage. We are very thankful indeed to Mr. Dunkin for this handsome present.

On Tuesday, 10th April, the terminal competition for the Challenge Cup, presented by two friends of the School for Company Drill, took place on the cricket ground; Major Campbell, Adjt. 1st V.B. Dorset Regt, acted as judge. The successful section was No. 3, belonging to the School House, and was commanded by Sergt. Temperley.

The Competition for this Cup at the end of the last term was a very close one, the winning section being No. 1 of Mr Hodgson's House, under the command of Col.-Serg. Cunningham. No. 3 section, of the Schoolhouse, under Sergt. Temperley, being only *two* marks behind. The Judge on this occasion was Major Marsh. We regret that this was not reported in the last number of the *Shirburnian*.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

A Section of the Field Society has been formed for the encouragement of photography in the School; the numbers are at present limited to ten. Meetings are held once a fortnight for the exhibition of work done by the members and the discussion of subjects connected with photography. Rougemont has been elected secretary, and Wigan curator of the dark room.

WEATHER REPORT FOR LAST QUARTER OF 1893.

TEMPERATURES.

During week beginning Oct. 2nd }	Max. in Sun. Degrees.	Max. in Shade. Degrees.	Min. in Shade. Degrees	Min. on Grass. Degrees.	No. of times below 32°.
beginning Oct. 2nd }	115	64.5	34.5	30.5	3
" " 9th	108	65	30	28	3
" " 16th	108	63.5	33.5	29.5	1
" " 23rd	96	59.5	30	25	4
" " 30th	102	57.5	20	16	3
" Nov. 6th	81	46.5	27.5	21.5	5
" " 13th	80.5	56.5	29	25	2
" " 20th	75	51.5	23	18	4
" " 27th	79	50	20.5	11	4
" Dec. 4th	80	48	17	16	5
" " 11th	82	55	26	20	5
" " 18th	78	51	30	22.5	5
" " 23rd	72	42	18	15.5	6

FIRST QUARTER OF 1894.

" Jan. 1st	64.5	36.5	14	10	7
" " 8th	81	56	13	11	1
" " 15th	84	50	32.5	27	5
" " 22nd	91.5	50	22	16.5	4
" " 29th			Record deficient.		
" Feb. 5th	93.5	52	32.5	24	1
" " 12th	90	49.5	27	21	3
" " 19th	94	46.5	17.5	12	7
" " 26th	102	52	27	22	4
" Mar. 5th	98	54.5	27	19	3
" " 12th	105	55.5	25	19.5	6
" " 19th	107	59	29.5	27	6
" " 26th	107.5	66	29.5	22.5	6

RAINFALL.

LAST QUARTER, 1893.

TOTAL RAIN IN INCHES EACH WEEK.

October 2nd	1.57	November 6th	0.0	December 4th	.24
" 9th	1.47	" 13th	1.49	" 11th	1.86
" 16th	.52	" 20th	.19	" 18th	1.77
" 23rd	.66	" 27th	.20	" 25th	.45
" 30th	.92				

Total for Quarter, 10.84. Average per week, .82.

Longest period without rain, 9 days. Number of days without rain, 47.

FIRST QUARTER, 1894.

January 1st	0	February 5th	.65	March 5th	2.54
" 8th	1.75	" 12th	3.0	" 12th	2.3
" 15th	.53	" 19th	.26	" 17th	.0
" 22nd	1.14	" 26th	2.54	" 26th	.5
" 29th	Record deficient.				

Total for Quarter, 12.67. Average per week, 1.15.

Longest period without rain, 15 days. No. of days without rain, 47.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,

The School Prayer which is read in Morning Chapel is exceedingly awkward to read and not pleasant to listen to. Could not the authorities either substitute another one or make suitable alterations in the present one?

The prayer is of course an old one, but the claim to antiquity has not preserved many other School institutions, so a change in this one would be no violation of general principle, and as it is particularly desirable, I think it might be brought about.

Yours truly,
J.A.N.U.S.

DEAR SIR,

Could not more order be kept at the Steeplechases and Point to Point Races. Under present circumstances it is quite impossible to tell where the winning post is; the difficulty could easily be obviated by putting up a few ropes to keep the "common people" off the course.

T. L. W.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I would like to inquire, through the medium of your columns, whether the badges which now adorn our XV. shirts are of any traditional importance. If none of the O.S. raise any objection, could we not have some neater and more gainly decoration. I believe the wishes of many are expressed by

Your truly,
XV.

DEAR SIR,

As a constant reader and frequent admirer of the *Shirburnian* I should like to protest in the name of the dignity of the School against the report of the Cheltenham match which appeared in your last number. The account seems to have been transcribed word for word from some sporting paper into our School Magazine, without any attempt to adapt it to its new quarters, or even to offer it as a copy of a newspaper report, with an apology for the necessity of so doing. The result is of course a report which—considering in what pages it appears—is written in a richly absurd and even incongruous

style. Nor was it thought worth while in re-editing the account to add the initials of the First XV. among the names of the Sherborne team, although that is the invariable custom here, nor to add for the benefit of your readers a single word to those plain statements in which the impartial Cheltonian has recorded his impressions of the game.

In the present controversy as to the best colour and shape for the *Shirburnian* my own feeling is that no change is needed, but I think that, as the priggish and rather pretentious motto from Bacon on the cover of the *Shirburnian*, suggests modestly an intellectual level which is often by no means reached when we turn from the cover to the inside, it would perhaps be as well to drop it altogether.

Yours truly,
MOMUS.

DEAR SIR,

Why is it that only one Debate has been held this term? Surely, nothing but lack of energy on the part of the authorities. If only members would take a little trouble in getting up the subject for debate, I am sure that this way of spending a Saturday evening once a fortnight could not fail to be attractive to the majority of the School. Hoping to see some energy displayed in this Department,

I remain, Sir,
yours truly,
TITUS OATES.

SCHOOL NEWS.

We most heartily congratulate J. E. Stevens (*c*) on winning the Silver Medal for Middle Weight Boxing at the Public School Competition at Aldershot. A full account has been given elsewhere.

A. V. D. Rintoul (*a*) has been presented with his School Gymnasium Colours.

A Confirmation was held by the Bishop of Salisbury in the School Chapel on Saturday, March 17th.

The Kicking Competition has been won by the School House.

The following will remain available for the ensuing Cricket Season:—1st XI., J. E. Stevens (*c*), C. A. S. Ridout, A. Dixon (*a*), A. D. Radford (*a*); 2nd XI., A. Wyatt-Smith (*c*), T. C. Mason (*c*), L. Stanger-Leathes (*b*).

The Steeplechases run on Wednesday, March 28th, were decided as follows:—Seniors—1st, J. F. Cunningham (*d*); 2nd, O. M. Dyke (*a*); 3rd, H. W. Warren (*d*). Juniors—1st, McEney tert.; 2nd, Chichester (*b*); 3rd, Pinckney (*d*).

We take this opportunity for thanking Mr. Wildman for the interest he has taken in the Debating Society,

The following are the results of Matches played this season :—

Date. 1893.	Club.	Ground.	Result.	For.		Agst.	
				Gls.	Trs.	Gls.	Trs.
Oct. 7,	Clifton Club	Sherborne	Lost	—	—	2	1
.. 18,	A. Backhouse, Esq.'s, XV. ..	..	Won	2	4	—	—
Nov. 1,	Downton Agricultural College ..	..	Won	5	1	—	2
.. 4,	S. R. Baskett, Esq.'s, XV. ..	..	Lost	—	—	—	2
.. 11,	Eastleigh .. ..	..	Lost	—	—	—	2
.. 22,	Rev. W. W. Poole-Hughes' XV. ..	..	Won	4	2	—	1
Dec. 3,	Cheltenham College	Cheltenham	Lost	—	—	1	2
.. 16,	Old Shirburnians	Sherborne	Lost	—	—	3	2

On Monday, March 12th, an interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. Parkyn, on the British Empire, in the Big Schoolroom.

G. M. Carey has been elected Captain of O.U.R.F.C.

The Sports take place on Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D.A.D.—Anonymous contributions cannot be accepted.

A.B.L.—Apply to the Captain of the Games.

T.I.S.—Your suggestion has before been tried and proved a failure.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following:—*Cliftonian*, *Sedberghian*, *Alleynian*, *Pauline* (2), *Felstedian*, *Fettesian*, *Lorettonian*, *Clavinian* (2), *Marburian* (2), *Reptonian*, *C.O.S.*, *Elizabethan* (3), *Ascham School Magazine*, *Carthusian*, *Lancing College Magazine*, *Quevnmoviensian*, *S. Edward's School Magazine*, *Haileyburian*, *Tonbridgian*, *S. Andrew's College Magazine*, *The Ousel*, *Lorettonian*.

(a), School House; (b), Blanch's; (c), Wilson's; (d), Hodgson's; (f), Wildman's.

We would like to call attention to the fact many O.S. have been receiving *Shirburnians* whose subscriptions have been some time overdue. The Editor would be glad to receive the subscription for these back numbers, and also to remind subscribers that it is the rule to pay the subscription for the year in advance.

Owing to the confusion which has arisen from the indisposition of the editors, the accounts of the House Matches will not appear till our next issue.



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