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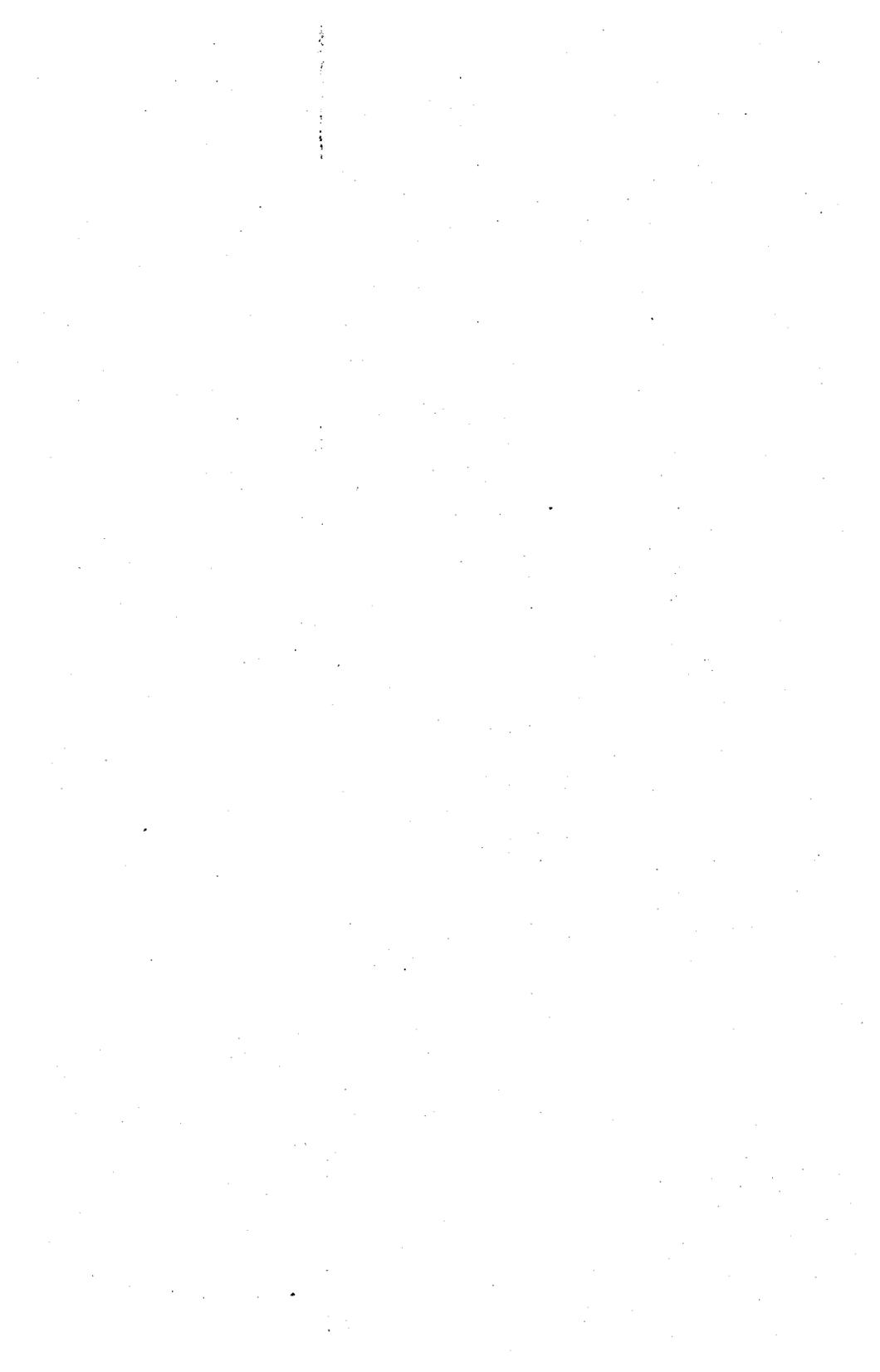
“A trivial Grammar School text, but worthy a wise man's consideration.”—*Bacon's Essay on Boldness.*



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SCHOOL ACCOUNT ROLLS.

IN the Library are all the Account Rolls of the refounded School from 1553 to 1871, at which date the New Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act came into force, with the following exceptions:—The account for 1559-1560 is lost; no account was ever rendered for 1659-1660, when the quarrel between the Headmaster, Dr. Birstall, and the Governors, relative to their management of the finances, broke out; no accounts for 1661-1662, 1662-1663, 1663-1664 were ever rendered. The Old Minute of the Governors states that an account was made for 1664-1665; if so, it is lost. No accounts for 1665-1666, 1666-1667, 1667-1668, 1668-1669 were ever made. The Minute Book states that an account was made for 1669-1670; if so, it is lost. With the exception then of eleven accounts, eight of which appear never to have been made, all are here.

The disturbing influence of the civil war, [during part of which the School and Abbey were a barrack, and the Schoolroom was the "Court of Guard,"] is evident in this, that the accounts for 1641-1642, 1642-1643 are presented by the same warden, Henry Durnford, and were not taken till the 20th December, 1647; on the same date were taken the accounts for 1643-1644, 1644-1645, 1645-1646, 1646-1647,

and these too were all presented by one warden, William Sansome; and further the accounts for 1647-1648, 1648-1649, were presented by one warden, John Chetmill.

One would have thought from the terms of the Charter that the School Lands were exempt from all feudal aids; but, nevertheless, James I. extracted money for it under this head. In the account for 1608-1609 we find "pro auxilio ad faciendum principem Henricum militem XXs," and in that for 1611-1612, "pro auxilio in marietando Domine Elizabethæ Senioris filie Domini Regis Xs"; in this way "the young Marcellus" of the House of Stuart and "the queen of hearts" flit across our scene.

From 1553 to 1583 the accounts were kept in English, and it may be interesting to give here the heading of an account during the reign of Philip and Mary.

Sherborne Schole. The Accompte of John Sowthey, Warden and recevor of all the rents and revenues of the saide schole from the feste of Saynete Michell tharchangell in the III^o & IV^o yeres of the reigne of our Sov'eigne lord & lady Philippe & Marie by the grace of god of Englande Spayne ffrance both Sicills Jer'lem and Irelande Kynge and Queene defendors of the ffaythe, Archdukes of Austeriche Dukes of Millayne Burgunde & Brabante Countyes of Haspurge fflanders and Tirolle untill the feste of Sauncte Michell tharchangell in the IV^o & V^o yeres of the reigne of our saide Sov'eigne lord & lady Philippe and Marie, that is to saye for one hole yere.

The following is the heading of an account kept in Latin :
 Sherborne Schola Compotus Eduardi Ponde gardiani possess-

Grañmaticalis. ion^m reuenco^m et bonor^m lib'e Schole gram-
 maticalis Eduardi nuper Regis Anglor in
 Sherborne. A festo Sti Mich'is Arch'i
 Anno regni Elizabethe dei gra Angl ffranc
 et hibern regine fidei defens' &c. uicesimo
 septimo usque idem festum Anno regni
 die' dne regine uicesimo octauo.

From 1553 to 1583 the accounts were kept in English; from 1584 to 1619 they were kept in Latin, even the rough drafts (many of which still exist) being in Latin till 1614; after 1619 all are in English. Roman figures are always used till 1643 in the accounts, and till 1629 in the drafts. The accounts are always dated by the regnal years of the King or Queen till 1641; after this the regnal years are not used till 1709; from that date they are again used till 1728, but never afterwards.

These accounts throw vivid light on the growth and history of the School, more light than the Old Minute Book; but a comparison of the two is often very helpful e.g., in 1635 £390 is missing from the accounts, and we find from the Minute Book that it formed the lion's share of a sum of £560 which the parishioners of Sherborne were supposed to have subscribed towards purchasing an annuity of £40 per annum for the Vicar of Sherborne off the Digby Estate. In return for this the Vicar covenanted to take part in the Divinity teaching of the School. Of course the Governors were guilty of a breach of trust, and it was one of the matters brought against them by the Headmaster, Dr. Birstall, in 1660.

The Governors had great doings when they went to keep Manorial Courts on the School Estates. The following dinner was eaten by 7 of them at Shaftesbury in 1697, as appears

by the bill, which they hand in as voucher for their expenses there :—

Cheese ... ..	...	...	6
Bread and beire ...	...	10	6
Wine ... ..	...	14	0
Romp of bife cabig	...	6	0
Loyn Veal ... ..	...	4	0
2 rabit ... ..	...	2	0
2 ducks... ..	...	2	6
Tarts pears costard	...	1	0
Fiere ... ..	...		6
			£2 1 0

A hundred years later, when Mr. Peter Batson was steward, the Governors, who kept courts, had fine revels. After a famous dinner at Gillingham, the bill for breakfast next morning consists chiefly of charges for soda-water; this was in the year 1810.

The Conduit, which belongs to the School and has cost a mint of money in repairs, has been devoted to various uses. In 1834 the Governors spent on it £140 in glazing windows and putting a door to it, and furnishing it as a Reading-room for the town; the scheme came to an end in 1847. It was then used rent free as a police-station; next it was converted into a Penny Bank, and let for that purpose at a yearly rent of £1. After a year or two the rent ceased to be paid, a circumstance which leads one to think, that the inhabitants of Sherborne, possessed of superfluous pennies, had little faith in the burglar-proof qualities of this venerable relic of antiquity.

Obituary

JAMES JOHN HOOPER

BORN 1823, DIED DECEMBER 9, 1895, AGED 73.

He entered the School in 1834, and left 1840. In 1848 he was elected to a Fellowship at Oriel College, Oxford. In 1852 he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple, and in 1883 was appointed County Court Judge of Leicester; he left this post in January 1893, preferring the court that includes Dorset and part of Somerset, Hants and Wilts, which was near his old home in Yeovil, where he died.

REV. C. R. TATE

BORN APRIL 18, 1814, DIED AUGUST 1, 1895, AGED 81.

The Rev. Charles Richmond Tate, who died at Trent, in Somerset, on August 1st, 1895, was one of the oldest of "Old Shirburnians." He was the third son of the Rev. William Tate for many years Head Master of the Royal Naval College at Southsea. He was sent to be educated at the Sherborne School, whence he proceeded to C.C.C. Oxford, and took his B.A. degree in 1835, being in the 2nd Class in Lit. Hum., and in the 3rd. Class in Mathematics. He subsequently was made Fellow of his College, took his M.A. degree in 1842, and his B.D. in 1846. His first Curacy was that of Witley in Surrey, 1838, and his next was that of West Clevedon in 1839. He was appointed Vicar of Send and Ripley in 1852, and Rector of Trent in 1875. It was at the Rectory of this last parish that he died, after one week's illness of double pneumonia, on August 1, 1895. He will be long remembered as a loyal son of Sherborne School, and one who always showed a deep interest in its welfare, and attended all its public festivals.

JAMES LLOYD MORRIS

BORN 1839, DIED 1895, AGED 66.

He was the son of the Rev. J. W. Morris of Ystrad Meurig, in Cardiganshire, and came to the school 1853, leaving in 1857. He became articled to a Brecon firm of solicitors, and in 1867 became Registrar of the County Court at Llanelly. He was in ill health for the last year before he died.

THE REV. HORACE YOUNG NUTT

DIED AT SHERBORNE ON THE 2ND. OF AUGUST LAST
IN HIS 32ND. YEAR.

He was a son of Dr. Nutt of Sherborne, and born in 1864. He entered the School in Easter Term, 1876, and rose to the VIth Form. He played for the XV. in 1882-3. On leaving the School he was intended for Medicine, but eventually became an Assistant-master in Liverpool College and took orders. His health however began to fail—probably as the result of some football accident and he was confined to his bed with severe illness for twelve months. Upon his partial recovery he took temporary clerical duty near Sherborne and also at a distance, but at the end of July was attacked with acute meningitis to which he succumbed in a few days. He was deservedly a favourite with all who knew him for the cheerfulness and unselfishness of his character.

JOHN CUNDALL WILLIAMS

BORN 1870, DIED NOVEMBER 11, 1895.

His death was caused by Typhoid fever at Swansea.

In Memoriam.

H. J. BORROW,

Killed in Matabeleland, 5th December, 1893.

H. J. Borrow came to Sherborne in March 1881 when sixteen years of age. He was placed in Mr. Wood's house and remained at School something under two years, leaving behind him a certain reputation for daring which was a foretaste of his eventful life up to the time of his heroic death with Major Wilson's patrol in South Africa at the age of twenty-nine. Perhaps no late event in the innumerable small wars which are almost incessantly going on on the borders of our empire caused more of a thrill of pride and regret than the incident in the

pursuit of Lobengula which ended in the loss of the Wilson patrol.

The war itself was a small affair of which the object was the capture of an inhuman barbarian and the breaking up of his power,—a barbarian who had defiantly asserted his right to plunder and kill where and when he chose the unfortunate natives of Mashonaland who were under the protection of the British flag.

It was successfully carried out by the troops of the Chartered Company without any help from the Imperial troops, and the result was that the *pax Britannica* was established and the Mashonas relieved from intolerable persecution. It will be beyond the scope of this notice to describe the defeat of Lobengula at the battle of Imbebesi and the occupation of Buluwayo his capital: our purpose is to tell the story of the final dash for the king and the part played therein by Capt. H. J. Borrow.

When the British flag had been hoisted at Buluwayo a number of chiefs began to give themselves up, but many still waited to see what the king was going to do. It was finally decided to send on to secure the king a force of 300 men, at the head of one division of which namely, the Salisbury Column, was Captain Borrow with twenty-two mounted men. After some days marching through heavy country it was found that if the king was to be captured the waggons would have to be left behind and the numbers were then further reduced to 160 men with two Maxims. The pursuit was thus continued at an increased speed along the spoor of the king's waggons, and it was learned from a captured Matabeli that the king himself with only a few men was not far ahead at the Shangani river. Upon arriving at the Shangani Major Forbes and Major Wilson determined that it was not advisable for the column to proceed further because of the want of supplies, and therefore that a final dash to capture Lobengula should be made before retreating. The King had from 2000-3000 Matabeli with him, a much larger number than had been expected, but this force was demoralized and in any case could not stand up to the Maxims. Major Wilson therefore was to cross the river, then quite low, with men to reconnoitre and return while the main body remained. He however never returned. At 11 o'clock on the night of 3rd December, a Captain Napier rode back with a message from Major Wilson asking that the whole force should advance at once. Major Forbes had then to come to a very difficult decision whether he ought to recall Major Wilson, which would have made the whole march a failure, or to support him as best he could. Eventually Capt. Borrow with

his twenty-two men was sent, Major Forbes sending also a letter to say that he was surrounded himself and expected to be attacked but would come on in the morning; meanwhile he sent Capt. Borrow to make him 'safe.' The next morning after an anxious but quiet night Major Forbes advanced and was presently attacked vigorously in the bush very soon after the start. Towards the end of the skirmish Capt. Burnham with one of Capt. Borrow's men and another rode up and said 'I think we are the only survivors of that party.' Firing was heard meanwhile from the direction of Major Wilson's party which seemed to get farther away.

When the fight was over there was a consultation held. To advance was impossible as the Shangani was now in high flood, and unless some of Major Wilson's party returned soon it would be clear that they had been cut off. Burnham's account was that Capt. Borrow and his men had arrived safely and he and Major Wilson had agreed to rush for the king's scherm to secure him. Upon riding up and calling for the king they were answered by a heavy fire in front and on flank. They had to retreat and went to a large ant-heap 600 yards or so down the valley. Here they were attacked again and Burnham and the two men were despatched to Major Forbes for help. They were pursued but managed to escape with difficulty after being chased and forced to swim across the Shangani. Heavy firing was soon afterwards heard and Burnham was sure not a man had escaped. Major Forbes then sent a letter to Dr. Jameson at Buluwayo asking for reinforcements to be sent to meet the patrol on its retreat, and after a terrible struggle of many days with rations very short and horses worn out and many skirmishes the patrol fought its way back to Buluwayo, being received before arriving there with open arms by a most welcome relief column.

The story of the final end of Major Wilson's and Capt. Borrow's force, as no man survived to tell the tale, was learned from natives afterwards and confirmed by actual inspection of the spot. After Burnham and the two men had been sent for help the patrol of about 30 men was entirely surrounded, and finding escape impossible Major Wilson made a ring of his horses and prepared for his last stand. He and his party fought for several hours, getting some cover behind the dead horses as they fell, and but for failing ammunition might have beaten off the enemy. But the reinforcements came on in a continuous stream. One man was especially mentioned. When the rest were shot down and more or less wounded he though wounded himself collected some rifles and revolvers and

kept the enemy at bay from a small ant-heap. Eventually he too was killed, and on coming up the enemy found six or eight wounds upon him. Nearly every man had four or five wounds and the natives were astonished at the coolness with which a man would take his shirt off under fire and tear it into strips and bind up the wounds of a comrade. So great however was the terror caused by the desperate bravery of these men who even when lying wounded still used their rifles with effect that the Matabeli did not venture to approach close to them till all was quiet and death had released the wounded men. An American named Ingram, one of the men sent for help to Major Forbes, said that "two of the patrol were unmounted and many of the horses exhausted. Those who were well mounted might have got away, but they weren't the sort of men to leave their chums." This remark must have referred particularly to Capt. Borrow and his twenty men who were all picked men and well mounted. The rapid submission of the chiefs which followed was largely ascribed to the admiration felt by the natives for this desperate stand, made be it remembered by civilians not by soldiers.

Captain Borrow is described as a straightforward and manly character, which gained him many friends in S. Africa. He was a splendid horseman and keen sportsman, and good all round athlete. He stood over six feet, and was finely built and very handsome, modest, unconscious of his gifts and thoroughly kind-hearted. It is such men as he who have been in the past and will, we may hope, again be in the future pioneers of the British Empire and the ways of civilization.

One of the memorials to the memory of these men is to take the shape of a hospital at Buluwayo, formerly 'the Place of Slaughter,' while their bones have been removed to consecrated ground and a granite monolith is to be placed above their resting place as a last honour to the men whose noble deaths marked the downfall of a fierce and blood-stained barbarism.



 TURKEY.

They came from out the central Asian land
 And back to whence they came they shall return,
 If only Europe will her lesson learn
 And rescue those beneath the tyrant's hand ;
 And lead them forth to freedom from the power
 Of Turkish Islam's dark intolerant rule,
 The weak caprice of that crown-gilded fool,
 Their perjured 'sovereign'—Hark! this very hour
 There comes far off a wailing cry for aid.
 From Macedonia comes the bitter cry—
 Help, Christian peoples, help us or we die,
 Away with doubt, unsheath the avenging blade.

N.P.E.

 THE OUTLAW'S PRAYER.

Oh ! lay me not in vaulted gloom,
 Where knights and nobles rest,
 Let roses blossom on my tomb,
 And flowers above my breast.

 Let neither tomb of mossy mould,
 Nor cross above me lie,
 No weighty stone, nor marble cold
 Rear o'er me when I die.

 But lay me under the daisied grass,
 Beneath the greenwood tree,
 Where nought but the red deer's feet may pass,
 And weep no more for me !

R.H.M.

FOOTBALL.SHERBORNE *v.* St. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

This match was played on the St. Paul's ground. The slippery state of the ground and the full gale which was raging throughout the afternoon in a great measure spoiled the game. St. Paul's kicked off against the wind and their forwards at once rushed the ball into our '25,' but it was soon brought back almost to their own goal line. Time after time there seemed every chance of a good combined rush on the part of the backs, but the wind invariably upset the passing. It was perfectly useless to attempt anything besides the shortest passes. Dyke on one occasion looked very like scoring; he got clear of the three-quarters but was well stopped by the full back. We were awarded two free kicks for off-side play; Temperley took both, and from the second he landed a very good goal—this proved to be the only point scored in the game. For the rest of the first half we pinned our opponents down on their goal line, but were never able to break through their defence.

In the second half we had, of course, to bring all our defensive powers into play, and surprisingly well did our forwards rise to the occasion. The backs also did admirably. Dyke, Honnywill and Partridge never made a single mistake. Twice were we driven back over our own line; three times, at least, their backs got fairly started with a high wind behind them, but were brought down with only five yards to go. Luck was certainly not against us, but luck alone would never have won that match!

Honnywill captained his side admirably and never lost his head at the most trying moments and played a fine game himself. Partridge saved the match and Temperley won it.

Dyke was the most conspicuous player on either side.

The forwards did very well, Chichester being perhaps the best. Teams:—

Sherborne—L. Partridge, back; G. W. Honnywill, A. C.

Temperley, I. G. Winch and Parsons, three-quarters; O. M. Dyke and A. Lee-Warner, halves; R. G. Legge, C. Ransford, O. S. Wigan, E. S. Webb, A. R. Chichester, Radcliffe, Bratby, Hay, forwards.

St. Paul's—W. J. Dobson, back; J. Sands, G. F. Gretton, R. C. Roberts, H. J. Cundall, three-quarters; J. Campbell and T. W. Sabben, halves; C. E. Barry (captain), A. M. Amsler, W. J. Peat, S. Tippets, C. H. Fagan, O. Moray-Brown, T. Drysdale and T. C. Simpson, forwards.

SHERBORNE *v.* TONBRIDGE SCHOOL.

This match was played on our ground. Clark kicked off for Tonbridge; the kick was a short one and was stopped by Wigan. From the grovels that followed it soon became apparent that our visitors would do more than hold their own in this department. Dyke brought some relief by a long punt, but the ball was soon brought back again by the Tonbridge forwards, headed by Williams. From some loose grovels in front of our goal Scott got possession of the ball and dribbling over the line scored the first point for our opponents. The try was converted by Langhorne. Dyke and Lee-Warner improved matters a little by punting and short dribbles, but the opposing forwards in each case succeeded in neutralising these efforts. A good combined rush of forwards and backs almost let Piase in, he was collared just in time by Partridge. Honnywill and Winch succeeded in transferring the game to the half-way flag, but the play soon settled down once more in front of our goal. A free kick was awarded in front of our goal for some off-side play; Langhorne made the best of the opportunity and kicked a goal.

In the second half Honnywill kicked off and Chichester charged down Furlong's kick. The former kicked over and Furlong touched down. Beeching, Scott and Williams led a

strong rush, which carried the ball into our territory. At this point a free kick brought us some relief.

Honnywill and Temperley both put in some good runs, but we never looked really like scoring. On one occasion Roddis very nearly crossed our line, but was well stopped by Parsons.

Nothing further was scored, so that our visitors were victorious by 1 goal and 1 penalty goal (8 points) to nil.

Honnywill put in a great many useful kicks and Dyke saved on numberless occasions. Clark, Scott, Williams and Langhorne were the best of the visitors.

Teams :—

Sherborne—L. Partridge, back ; G. W. Honnywill, A. C. Temperley, I. G. Winch and Parsons, three-quarters ; O. M. Dyke and A. Lee-Warner, halves ; R. G. Legge, A. R. Chichester, C. Ransford, O. S. Wigan, E. S. Webb, J. C. Radcliffe, S. H. Bratby, G. W. Hay, forwards.

Tonbridge—F. H. Furlong, back ; G. H. Harvey, F. Roddis, S. Piasse and E. Bucking, three-quarters ; P. D. Kendall and A. C. Knocker, halves ; W. L. Clark (capt.), H. D. Bucking, J. H. Treacher, C. T. Scott, H. N. Glenn, H. S. Williams, C. Holt and A. D. Langhorne, forwards.

SCHOOL *v.* YEOVIL.

Yeovil arrived late and not fully represented, but efficient substitutes were supplied by the School. Honnywill kicked off against the wind from Little Field end, Cross returned into touch at half-way. Yeovil rushed the ball into our '25' but a free kick and a run by Lee-Warner afforded considerable relief. Shortly after Matta lost a good opportunity by kicking too hard, the ball going outside behind. Some exciting play in front of our goal followed. Matta again kicked over, the ball going

outside. Dyke ran right through his opponent's grovel and punted to half-way. Some good passing followed on both sides but owing to determined tackling no ground was gained. Lee-Warner and Dyke made some good dribbles, but Manfield rushed back to our '25' and Partridge saved. Temperley made a good punt to half-way, Yeovil got the ball out and one of their three quarters should have scored, but when collared by Partridge he passed forward. Yeovil got a free kick in front of goal but Matta's kick failed. Half-time was then called.

Matta kicked off, Temperley returned into touch. Honnywill made a big drop up to their line and Matta who tried to run round was collared at half-way. Dyke, who was playing grandly, got the ball from a grovel and passed to Honnywill who made a splendid run well into their '25,' before passing to Temperley, who in turn passed back to Honnywill, and he having dodged the back scored behind the posts, Winch easily converting. Temperley and Winch were conspicuous for good punting into touch, and Manfield for several dribbles. Partridge made his mark and transferred play to half-way. Dyke and Honnywill by some good passing reached their opponents' '25.' Winch almost got clear but unfortunately slipped into touch. Dyke made a good run but McEnery equalised with a dribble into our '25.' Yeovil again kicked too hard and lost a good opportunity, Lee-Warner touching down. Soon after the whistle blew for time. The latter part of the game was played in a state of semi-darkness, and it was almost impossible to distinguish the players. The School therefore retired victors by 1 goal (5 points) to nil, though the forwards did not play anything like up to form.

Teams:—*School*—L. Partridge, back; G. W. Honnywill, A. C. Temperley, I. G. Winch and Parsons, three-quarters; O. M. Dyke and A. Lee-Warner, halves; A. H. Moberly, R. G. Legge, A. R. Chichester, C. Ransford, O. S. Wigan, E. S. Webb, J. C. Radcliffe, G. W. Hay.

THE SCHOOL *v.* CLIFTON CLUB.

Played on the School ground on November 30th, and resulted in a pointless draw. Honnywill kicked off from the National School end against the wind. Baker returned but Dyke punted up to their line and Moberly following up well prevented the return. The School were quickly put on the defensive, Winch relieved with a punt and Lee-Warner from a mistake by Henderson dribbled back to our opponents' half. Honnywill gained still more from a free kick. Greenwood made a good dribble and the Clifton three-quarters got the ball, but were too well marked to do much. At length Thomas became dangerous on the right wing but was well collared by Martin, and Baker failing to take his pass, a high one, our forwards rushed back. Dyke with a punt and Honnywill with a dodgy run invaded our opponents' territory, but the Clifton outsides transferred play to half way. Honnywill and Winch were conspicuous for some good runs but were not backed up. Dyke and Partridge made several good punts. The former also repeatedly collared Baker finely. Metcalfe and Lee-Warner brought off some good dribbling for their respective sides, Ransford dribbled to half way and at this period of the game half time was called.

Mills kicked off Martin returning. Partridge and Metcalfe each made their marks in succession, but neither side gained any ground. Dyke made a short run but Sinnott replied with a good dribble into our half, Partridge saving. Clifton now began to press and Ransford and Temperley distinguished themselves. Honnywill however got the ball from some loose play in front of the goal and after a fine dribble kicked into touch almost on their goal line. Temperley made his mark from a punt by Thomas but was unfortunately hurt, Legge's attempt at goal, rather a feeble one failed. Honnywill made another good run into their '25' before passing to Winch who was upset by Board a few yards from the line. Uninteresting play followed in their half, each side making strenuous efforts

to score until Honnywill picked up from a dribble by Mills and passed to Martin who got clear away but passed wildly, which nearly resulted in Thomas scoring, luckily his pass went forward. Time was then called.

The teams are as follows:—

Clifton Club—G. W. Board, back; H. Shingleton Smith, T. W. Baker, E. L. Thomas, D. J. Price, three-quarter backs; A. Collins, W. Henderson, half-backs; J. H. D. Wills, A. B. Cridland, G. M. Greenwood, S. E. M. Metcalfe, H. C. Sinnott, A. Medlycott, H. Beswick, F. Herapath, forwards.

The School—L. Partridge, back; I. G. Winch, G. W. Honnywill, A. C. Temperley, and C. Martin, three-quarter backs; O. M. Dyke, A. Lee-Warner, half-backs; A. H. Moberly, R. G. Legge, A. R. Chichester, O. S. Wigan, C. Ransford, E. S. Webb, J. C. Radcliffe, G. W. Hay, forwards.

THE SCHOOL *v.* DOWNTON.

Played on the School Ground, Dec. 7th, and resulted in a win for the School by 3 goals (1 penalty) and 2 tries to nil.

Honnywill kicked off from the National School end and punting followed between Jefferson and Winch, play eventually settling down in the Downton half. Dyke gained a lot of ground by a good punt, as did Honnywill from a "free kick." Lloyd made a good dribble to half way and grovels ensued in our half. Dyke again brought relief with a fine punt, followed by a run into their '25.' Chichester following up a good kick of Honnywill's collared the full back before he could return; exciting play followed in front of the Downton goal, in which Honnywill, Dyke and Temperley distinguished themselves, but the Downton defence was equal to the occasion, and a combined rush of their forwards, headed by Courage and Benson, brought play back to half-way. Honnywill and Winch now

brought off some grand passing, and the latter seemed certain to score, but Jefferson overhauled him on the goal line. Downton cleared their lines well and transferred play to our 25; where Jefferson brought off a fine piece of play and a score seemed inevitable, but Parsons upset him a few yards from the line. Dyke, Ford and Moberly relieved and Honnywill made a good run to half-way. The game was in this state when half-time was called.

Temperley returned Benson's kicked off to half-way play and immediately settled down in the Downton '25.' Honnywill made a good, but ineffectual, attempt to drop a goal, Wrightson touching down. Benson's drop out was well returned and from a grovel in the Downton half Dyke, Temperley and Honnywill brought off some grand passing, which resulted in the latter scoring between the posts. Winch converted. The Downton captain made a good attempt to drop a goal from half-way, Partridge touching down. Winch soon after received a pass from Honnywill and spurting brilliantly down the wingscored in the corner. Temperley's kick failed from a difficult angle. Partridge returned Benson's drop out. At this period one of the Downton three-quarters (Blore) was hurt and had to retire. The School continued to attack, and from a "free kick" Winch kicked a goal. Immediately afterwards Dyke scored a magnificent try by a grand run, Winch converting. Just before time Parsons rushed over and scored, Temperley failed at a difficult kick. The whistle then blew for time, leaving the School victorious as above stated. Teams :

School :—L. Partridge, back; G. W. Honnywill, A. C. Temperley, I. G. Winch and Parsons three-quarters; O. M. Dyke and A. Lee Warner, halves; A. H. Moberly, R. G. Legge, A. R. Chichester, O. S. Wigan, C. Ransford, E. S. Webb, J. C. Radcliffe and G. W. Hay, forwards.

Downton :—J. F. H. Wrightson, back; C. G. Blore, R. C. Bell, R. E. Jefferson, R. Waterer, three-quarters; G. Lee-

Warner, H. B. Speke, halves; F. R. Benson, C. Saunderson, H. D. Lynes, H. Courage, A. H. Murray, D. Lloyd, G. W. C. Garnier, A. Havelock, forwards.

ORGAN RECITALS IN BIG SCHOOL.

The Schoolroom Organ has been utilized every Saturday afternoon during the past month for the purpose of filling the rather blank hour after lock up with Organ Recitals. They have been a great success and very popular under the skilful hands of Mr. Lyle, and will be tried again without doubt in the future. Mr. Lyle has on five successive Saturdays been able to choose a programme which was good and sound, without being severe, and the result has been an average attendance of perhaps eighty of the School besides a number of other visitors, and moreover an audience which with few exceptions came not to converse or crack nuts but to listen to the music. The recitals began at 5.15 and lasted till nearly 6 o'clock. The organ itself was fortunately on its best behaviour throughout, and never cyphered. On the whole the instrument produced a pleasant impression, but parts of it are undoubtedly screamy and noisy merely.

The Treasurer of the Games Fund wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions.

S. W. Cooper, Esq. ...	...	£2	0	0
F. Henning, Esq. ...	...		10	6
A. F. Ranking, Esq. ...	...		10	0
W. H. Dalton, Esq.	1	1	0
Col. Chadwick, Esq....	...		10	0
G. Gordon, Esq.	1	1	0
Dr. J. F. L. Whittingdale	...	1	1	0
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F. A. Ensor, Esq.	1	1	0
Julian Gwyther, Esq.	...	1	1	0
E. A. Ffooks, Esq.		10	6
W. Elton Esq.	1	1	0
A. S. Campbell, Esq....	...	1	1	0

OXFORD LETTER.

Dear Sir,

To compose an Oxford Letter on the shortest notice is for many reasons no light task, but above all, I think, because the number of O.SS. up here is so very small. that such a letter must necessarily receive the danger of becoming something rather like the diary of a few individuals. However, quality does not depend on quantity.

The Freshmen this year were by no means numerous, and those all congregated at Exeter, where, indeed, there is quite an Old Shirburnian colony; but, nevertheless, the School was well represented in the Freshmen's batch, it is some time since we had three representatives therein, and even if none of these subsequently appeared in 'Varsity football, the reputation of the School has been more than maintained by G. M. Carey, who pays us a visit now and then, greatly to the advantage of the O.U.R.U.F.C., who are ever in need of his presence. About a third of the Exeter XV. consists of past members of the School, but in other colleges we do not show like energy. Before leaving the subject of football in the name of at least all the Oxford O.SS. I should like to heartily congratulate the School on their victory over S. Paul's; it was quite time that we did win one of our School Matches, and now that the ice has been broken, may it be the forerunner of many another such splendid achievement.

On the River we do not figure largely, but Wakefield, at any rate, has every intention of proving himself capable in this line, and occupying Carey's place in the Exeter Boat.

In the Schools we have not lately achieved any very remarkable successes; Rogerson, Barry and Buckmaster have donned the B.A. gown within the last month or two, but what can be expected when the number of O.SS. up here barely amounts to twelve. If the School would do her duty by us,

and send up a good number of recruits every year, there are no heights to which we could not climb, no delights to which we might not attain, an Oxford O.S. Club, with regular terminal meetings, the inevitable 'Smoker,' perhaps even a XV. and XI., to oppose the like at Cambridge. But perhaps the fact that we have now begun to get Balliol exhibitions, will encourage other Shirburnians to do the like, and Scholars or Commoners they can be assured of a hearty welcome from us all at Oxford, and none more so than from

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The following have been presented with their colours since our last issue:—First XV.—L. Partridge (*c*), O. S. Wigan (*c*), I. G. Winch (*f*), E. S. Webb (*a*), A. Lee-Warner (*a*), C. Ransford (*a*). Second XV.—M. D. Parsons (*a*).

On Tuesday Nov. 19th, a lecture was given by Professor on "the British flag," in Big School.

We take this opportunity for thanking Mr. Lyle for his Organ Recitals, which, as the large audience testifies, were highly appreciated.

The Captain of the Games wishes to express his thanks for the kindness masters have shown in connection with the Football, in refereeing, touch-judging, and in putting up visiting teams.

The Longmuir Exhibition of £20 for English was awarded this year to H.W.V. Temperley (*d*).

The sum of about £415 has been collected from O.S.S. and other friends of the school for the purpose of putting stained glass in the West window in the chapel to the memory of the late Rev. H. D. Harper.

The surplus of the Harper Memorial fund has been devoted to the repairing of two of the Fives' courts, which is being excellently carried out by Messrs. Bickley and Co., London.

An inscription has been put up in the bath, under the auspices of the Headmaster, to commemorate the late Dr. Harper's first header into it.

A. E. Ward (*a*) has been elected Exhibitioner of Balliol Coll. Oxford in Modern History. He has also gained a Scholarship for History at King's Coll., Cambridge.

C. de St. C. Ransford has been elected to an open Classical Scholarship at Worcester Coll., Oxford.

O.S. CHRONICLE.

The following have been playing football :—

For Oxford University, G. M. Carey (*f*).

In the Oxford Freshmen's Match, J. E. Stevens (*c*), A. Wyatt-Smith (*c*),
E. M. Wakefield (*f*).

For Blackheath, G. M. Carey (*f*), C. Dixon (*a*)

„ *the Harlequins*, T. C. Rogerson (*d*).

„ *Roslyn Park*, W. R. Draper (*d*).

„ *Middlesex Hospital*, W. A. McEnery.

„ *Guy's Hospital*, M. D. Wood, P. D. Hunter (*c*), W. H. Randolph (*c*).

„ *S. Bartholomew's Hospital*, C. A. S. Ridout.

„ *Exeter Coll. Oxford*, T. C. Rogerson (*d*), J. E. Stevens (*c*), C. A. Finzel (*c*),
E. M. Wakefield (*f*), A. Wyatt-Smith (*c*), G. Partridge (*c*).

„ *Trinity Hall Camb.*, J. D. Gould (capt.), (*f*), H. P. Forshaw (*a*).

„ *Trinity Coll. Camb.*, S. Boucher (*a*).

„ *King's Coll. Camb.*, E. W. P. Temperley (*a*).

„ *Emmanuel Coll. Camb.*, W. J. Bensly (*a*), H. G. K. Young (*a*).

A. D. Radford (*a*), has played Golf for Oxford University.

K. R. Hay (*a*), rowed in the Caius 1st May boat, which went up 3 places.

W. E. Lutyens represented the Cambridge University Athletic Club in America against Yale in the Mile, also the L.A.C. against the New York A.C.

A. E. Cowley has been appointed sub-librarian of the Bodleian library, Oxford.

W. E. Lutyens was ordained on Sunday Dec. 1st.

The Editor takes this opportunity to thank all O.S.S. for their subscriptions; at the same time he could wish that more O.S.S. took in their School Magazine.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir,

As Mr. H. H. House resigned the Treasurership of the O.S. Scholarship Fund because it was deemed advisable that that office should be held by an O.S. who had left the School more recently than a dozen years ago, and therefore more in touch with the junior members of the O.S. ranks, I feel that no excuse is necessary for my bringing the question of the Fund before the readers of the *Shirburnian*. The Fund is at present supported almost entirely by the subscriptions of old boys who were at the School 10, 20 or 30 years ago, and hardly any new Subscribers have been enrolled of late; the result is, that such sentences as the following are justified "I do not wish after this year to continue my subscription as I think that the fund is by no means sufficiently supported by later generations of O.S.," or this "I am sorry to see that the subscriptions are falling off; I wish there could be some recruits from the younger section of old boys." What I ask is that a fair measure of support be given to the old subscribers of the Fund by the younger O.S., and then an effort be made to show that the resignation of so energetic a treasurer as Mr. House, due solely to the reason mentioned above, has had the desired result of furthering the interests of the Fund.

I am, yours, &c.

T. C. ROGERSON.

Dear Mr. Editor,

do not know whether you admit advertisements in your columns, but perhaps *pro bono publico* you will stretch a point and insert the following:

WANTED

A Double Bass, 'Cello, Oboe, Cornet and two Clarionets.

(Boys with patriotic feelings and musical tastes are earnestly entreated to obtain these instruments during the holidays and to join the School Orchestra next term.)

Our School band has really been admired, in fact it has received distinct praise in your critical notices of its recent performances; but it must be confessed with shame that those who manipulate the wind instruments in it are *not* members of the School. In ancient days, as we see from the boards in the music house, the School band was sufficient in itself and its members could provide a full orchestra. Why not now? There is Mr. Regan ready to teach any instrument at a moment's notice from an ophicleide to a contra-fagotto. Hoping therefore that some of your readers may be induced to offer themselves for instruction.

I remain, yours faithfully,

AN EXPECTANT CONDUCTOR.

Dear Mr. Editor,

In reply to your correspondent P.R.O., allow me to tell him that, when he talks of getting match cards at the same price as it costs the School to print them, he is greatly to be pitied as being a little wrong in his head. He ought to remember that everyone who has a card, does not pay for it, as considerably over 100 cards are given away to various people living in and near Sherborne. If the cards were not sold at the price they are, it would be a dead loss to the School.

Yours truly,

AMATEUR.

Dear Sir,

Now that the cricket match with Tonbridge is "off," could not a match be arranged with some other Public School? If this could be managed, it would be a great improvement to our next year's fixture card.

Yours truly,

REGIMENTAL MAN.

Dear Sir,

Would it not be possible to remove the ropes, at either end of the "Upper" ground, which mark the "dead ball" lines, farther back, and substitute for them a chalk line? This would be a great improvement, as one is apt not to notice the ropes, when rushing after the ball, until brought a "copper" by them. Could not also the posts which mark the "25" and half-way lines be removed? They get considerably in the way, and are also very unsightly, as they, for the most part have colourless rags for flags.

Yours truly,

SHORT-SIGHTED ONE.

Dear Sir,

Would it not be possible to bring out in the Midsummer and Christmas number of the *Shirburnian* a photograph of the XI. and XV. for the year.

Yours truly,

FAST THREE-QUARTERS.

Dear Sir,

Don't you think it would be a good thing if football shirts were worn throughout the whole School instead of the old-fashioned house-jerseys? It could easily be managed, and I am sure would find favour in the eyes of everybody who takes any interest at all in "footer."

I remain, yours, etc.,

TWO YARDS.

Dear Sir,

Couldn't more form matches be played? With the help of masters no doubt some very good games could be arranged, and it would make the 'footer' next term a good deal more interesting. I know for certain, there are two or three forms who would like to try conclusions with others of their kind. Not the least of whom is

Yours truly,

THE ARMY CLASS.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Might I be allowed to suggest one small matter which would greatly improve the look of our Big Schoolroom. Great efforts have been made by one, whose name I will not mention but to whom we are mostly indebted for, the splendid adornment of our present Big Schoolroom, to have all such things as music stools and music stands made of oak. Now sitting beneath the feet of "Orpheus" I can see some horrid, ugly, benches right at the back where the VI form sit in Roll. These are of such a colour as to at once catch the eye and the contrast with the oak is hideous. So trivial a matter might surely be remedied by the removal of these obnoxious benches before the Concert, and more chairs, of which there are some now, put there to supply their places. Hoping to see this altered.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

GOSH.



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