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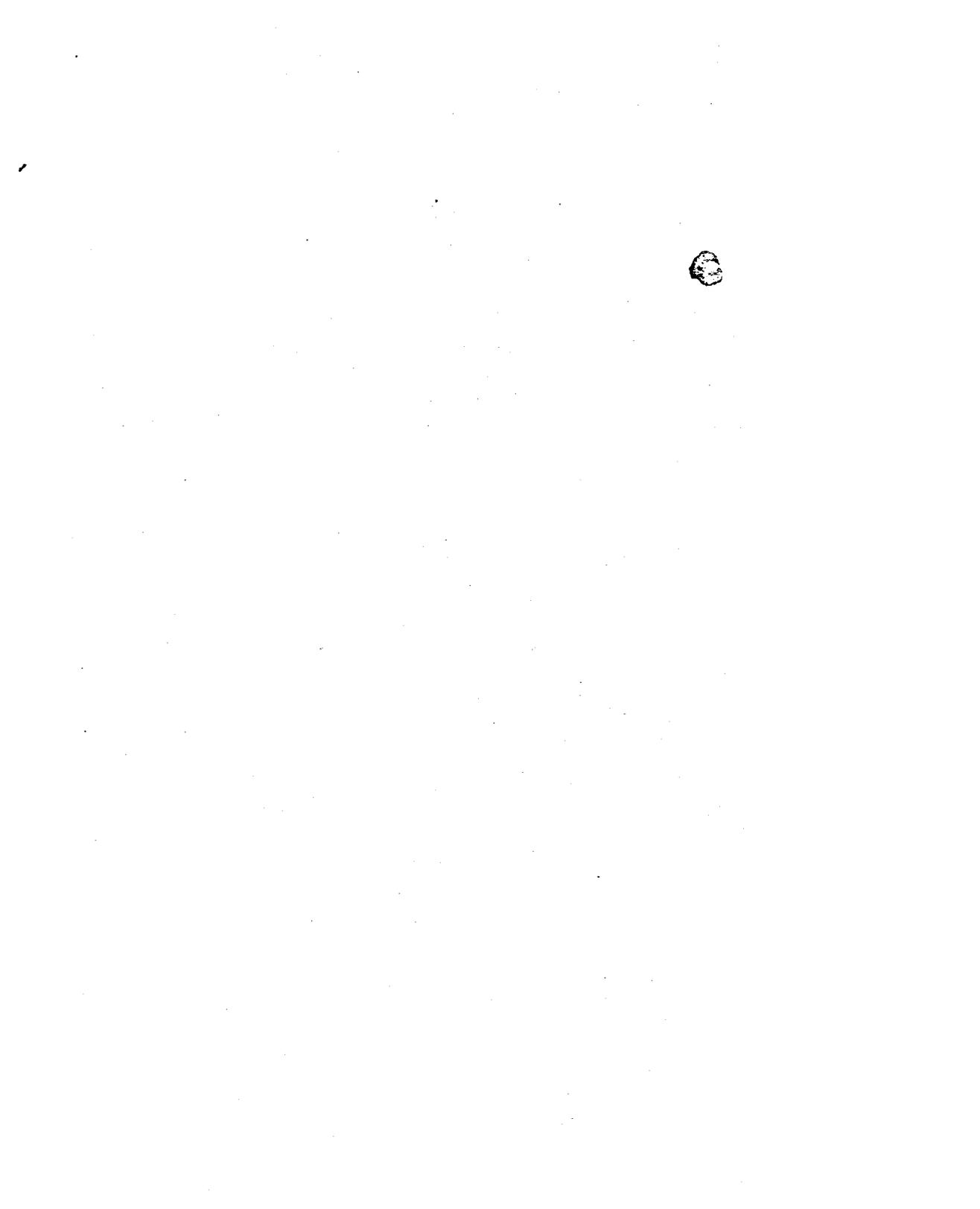


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EDITORIAL.

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§ SINCE we last sat down to write an Editorial, perhaps the most notable event has been the Three-cock, which was easily won by the Schoolhouse by 25 points to 3. The Schoolhouse thus won both the Two and Three-cock, the first time we believe that any house has done so. This result was no doubt largely brought about by the excellent captaincy of Hawley-Edwards, who fully deserved his success.

After Football was over, our interests as usual were turned in different ways, to Fives and Gymnastics and the Running Path, while for people who were not attracted by any of these, Hockey was introduced for the first time. Some very good games were played, and if nothing else can be said for it, it at least prevented the general slacking which usually takes place in the second half of this term. But it does not seem likely that Hockey will gain any great hold, so long as Football holds sway for more than half the term. Towards the end Athletics and Fives occupy too many people for an "Upper" at Hockey to be representative.

The Sports were held this year on April 4th and 5th. We were very fortunate in getting fine weather, as it was very wet both the day before and the day after. The ground was heavy, and the times, for the most part, were poor. The most noteworthy event was the Broad Jump, in which S. F. Hawley-Edwards (*a*) cleared 20ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., beating the Sherborne record by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. He had very hard luck in hurting himself in his last jump, which prevented him from winning the Hurdles. He should stand a good chance for both these events at Stamford Bridge. The Prizes were kindly given away by Mrs. McAdam, when it was announced that the Schoolhouse and Wilson's had tied for the Sports Cup. This is the third year the Schoolhouse have carried it off. The Cup for the greatest number of first prizes was easily won by P. Eglington (*c*) who was first in the Steeplechase, Mile, Half-mile, and Cricket Ball.

It seems probable that Eglington will win the Fives' Challenge Cup again this year, and H. M. Greenhill (*d*) will most likely be his opponent in the final. For the House Fives' Cup Wilson's and Wildman's are the most formidable competitors, though Wilson's will probably carry it off.

The Shooting Eight are again in trouble. The new range which was opened last year, and was an excellent one, has been practically closed as being unsafe. Let us hope that something will turn up before next term.

Last, though not least, we must make some mention of G. R. Garnier's good performance at Oxford in winning the 'Varsity Hurdles. It is satisfactory to note that he beat the man who defeated him last year at Stamford Bridge. In the Inter-'Varsity Sports he obtained second place in the Hurdles.

Finally, we feel it incumbent upon us to repeat once more the time-honoured complaint as to the lack of contributions to *The Shirburnian* by present members of the School. Once again we should like to point out that a School Magazine is not intended exclusively for Masters and Old Boys. The majority of the School seem to think it their bounden duty to point out to the Editor the shortcomings and feebleness of the Magazine for which they desire to make him responsible. They do not seem to reflect that it is not, or should not be, the duty of an Editor to write the Magazine; this is to a large extent the duty of the School. We are convinced that there are many fellows in the School quite capable of writing articles, etc., if only they were not too lazy to try.

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#### FIELD NOTES AND ORNITHOLOGICAL RAMBLES IN NORTH DEVON.

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Having lived in North Devon for some years I have had the opportunity of watching the habits of some of our grandest sea birds and other species, who either come over from Lundy Island or are blown inland during storms in the Atlantic.

Foremost among the larger hawks is the common buzzard, who some years back used to nest on Abbotsham Cliffs, but of late has been becoming scarcer, until, after the year 1897, I never heard of any building there. The kestrel and sparrowhawk are to be found in the woods, often taking up their abode in the deserted nest of a crow or a magpie. The peregrine falcon, although rare, is seen at times. Rare and occasional visitors of the Raptors Hobby, are the merlin, white-tailed eagle (one captured at Holsworthy, January, 1856), kite (one caught near Barnstable, 1861). Most of the smaller British birds are to be met with, the woods and marshlands affording excellent

nesting places. The red-backed shrike may be sometimes seen but I have never seen many; the chaffinch, greenfinch, goldfinch, and bullfinch are all native residents: the blue tit, great tit, and very rarely the bearded tit are common all over the surrounding country, the long-tailed tit frequenting the trees of the pheasant preserves. The bunting tribe is represented by the common bunting, circe bunting, black-headed bunting, yellow 'ammer, all of whose nests with the exception of the circe bunting's, I have found in the neighbourhood of Bideford, Abbotsham, and Westward 'Ho. The jay and magpie are both common, the latter seeming to prefer the low thick bramble hedges to nest in rather than high trees. The green woodpecker with its laughing call note is the commonest of all the woodpeckers in the county. The tree-creeper is very frequently met with during the winter months, and I have seen as many as three or four in a very small area. Rooks, woodpigeons, and jackdaws are innumerable, of the latter thousands nesting on the cliffs from Bull-point to Hartland. The moorhen and coot are both common.

But the pride of West Devon is its sea-birds and other species of wild fowl, the sand flats at the mouth of the Taw and Torridge affording abundant feeding ground for all species of the *Natatores* and *Grallae*. Imagine a long stretch of sand and sandhills extending for miles, with the dark hills of Westward 'Ho at the back, the wind whistling through the grass tussocks, the never ceasing roar of the Atlantic, a solitary white lighthouse close to the river, Bull-point standing far out to sea enveloped in haze, and perhaps, if it is evening, a flight of duck overhead, a curlew or two out on the mud, and you will have the picture of Braunton and Northam Burrows, the home and feeding ground of some of our best known British wild fowl. Here also it is that some specimens of our rarest water-birds have either been shot or picked up after storms.

First among the larger sea-birds comes the gannet or solan goose, who, although not nesting on the coast, is one of the native residents, Lundy Island being its breeding place. It lays one bluish-white egg, which soon becomes soiled and coated with a chalky substance. The cormorant is often found far up the rivers Taw and Torridge, and I have often watched them fishing below Torrington, swimming with the water just awash their shoulders. The guillemot and razorbill share the cliffs round Hartland, waging constant war with each other. The puffin or Lundy parrot, as its name implies,

is common on that Island. The common and herring gulls nest all along the coast line.

Among the regular winter visitors is the black-headed gull, red-breasted merganser, white-fronted goose, brent goose, the two latter having been seen out past the lighthouse on Braunton Sands. The curlew, sandpiper, redshank, turnstone, common, arctic, and black tern are some of the passing visitors. Some rare and occasional visitors are the chough (has been seen at Langley Clury near Ilfracombe), black woodpecker (one killed near Crediton), cream coloured courser (has been seen three times on Braunton Burrows, one shot in 1856, two seen 1860), great plover (Braunton, January, 1858), bittern (rare, specimens have been shot; I remember one exposed for sale in Bideford), ruff (one, 1856, one, September, 1885), great northern diver (specimens have occurred on the Taw), avocet (rare), eider-duck, surf, and black scoter (have occurred on the coast), leach's and stormy petrel (specimens picked up after storms).

The foregoing list must not be taken as being complete, but as a short practical survey of a few of the many birds that are to be met with inland and on the coast of North Devon.

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### THE BISHOP OF MADRAS, O.S.

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The following is communicated to us by an Indian correspondent:—

*To the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry, by Divine  
Permission, Lord Bishop of Madras.*

MY LORD,

We, the Clergy and Lay Trustees, serving the Church in the Hyderabad district of the Diocese of Madras, desire, with all dutiful affection and submission, to offer to your Lordship an address of welcome on the occasion of your first visit to this portion of your Diocese. And we would first express our thankfulness to Almighty God the Holy Ghost, to whom many prayers were offered during the voidance of

the See, that He has been pleased to call you to rule over us as our Father in God, and as the Head of the Church in this vast Diocese. In your appointment we have had our heart's desire, and the answer to our prayers; we pray that you may long be spared to rule over us, and that, in all things, Almighty God may be pleased to bless your Episcopate to His Honour, to the salvation of souls, to the conversion of many to the Faith of Christ, and to the increase of the spiritual influence of our own Mother, the Church of England. You have already been fortified by the strength of many prayers, and by the power of many intercessions offered at our altars and in our homes. These prayers, lovingly offered for you, will be continued day by day.

The work in this part of your Lordship's Diocese is varied and many-sided. There is a great work to be done among the soldiers in this large garrison, in which there are of British troops a regiment of cavalry, two regiments of infantry, and four batteries of artillery, one of them being at present engaged in the war in South Africa. Of native regiments of the Madras army there are a regiment of cavalry, four regiments of infantry, and a company of sappers and miners. In the Hyderabad contingent at Bolarum there are a cavalry regiment, a battery of artillery, and an infantry regiment. There are also at Hyderabad the troops of His Highness the Nizam.

In the native regiments there are a certain number of members of the Church of England, and in the British regiments there is a wonderful field for the ministry of the Church. Work among the soldiers is full of delight and encouragement; there are, it is true, many difficulties in this part of our work. Some of them will be laid before your Lordship, in the course of your visitation, and we shall receive with thankfulness your Fatherly counsel and advice.

There are in the four stations which are comprised in this district, a large number of European members of the Church; in Bolarum and Secunderabad, and especially in Chudderghaut, there is a large population of Church people of European descent, and how best to attract those for whom we are responsible, to the Faith and discipline of the Church, and how best to deepen their spiritual life is the daily anxiety and endeavour of those of us who are privileged to work among them.

A considerable work is being done among the Indian Christians and among the heathens; there is much to encourage us, but we are conscious that in this work, as in our

work among the Europeans, we have, as yet, but touched the fringe of our labour, and we await with confidence the guiding hand of your Lordship. It has been the desire of all the Clergy who have served in this district during the last twenty years, to secure the appointment of a European Missionary to superintend the work of the S.P.G. Mission in Chudderghaut, Secunderabad, Trimulgherry, and Bolarum. In this wish all your Clergy, European and Indian alike, are united, and we trust that, under your Lordship's rule, our hearts' desire may be realised.

The future of the Hyderabad Mission and the foundation of a strong Mission at Yellandu are subjects which we much hope may receive your Lordship's careful and sympathetic attention during your Visitation.

Your Lordship's appointment has been gratefully welcomed, not only by the Clergy but also by the laity of the Diocese. We are glad to be able to assure you that you will receive from the lay people of this district, as a body, a generous assistance in the carrying out of such work as may be recommended by you to their support.

Bidding you welcome in the Name of God, and praying for God's Blessing on your Visitation, and assuring you of our prompt and loyal obedience to yourself, and of our devotion to the faith of the Church,

We remain, My Lord,

YOUR DUTIFUL SONS AND OBEDIENT SERVANTS IN CHRIST.

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### GIFT TO THE LIBRARY.

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#### SECTION D.

*Norton-sub-Hamdon; C. Trask, Taunton, 1898.*

Given by E. W. H. Marsh, O.S. This book is the work of the father of two O.S.S.; it is much to be wished that other Somerset men would do a similar work for the parishes in which they live. When we compare Collinson's *Somerset* with Hutchings' *Dorset*, we feel keenly the difference between the two books of reference, and works like this of Mr. Trask do something to make up for Collinson's shortcomings.

## FOOTBALL.

## SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

*First Round.*HODGSON'S *v.* WILDMAN'S.

This match was played on the Upper on February 21st in fine weather, and resulted in a well-deserved win for Hodgson's, who all played with great dash and vigour, the forwards being particularly good. Wildman's, who had been rather expected to win, seemed to go to sleep periodically. Hodgson's kicked off and at once rushed the ball into Wildman's twenty-five. After a few scrambling grovels, Chapman got the ball and, running over the line, scored the first try, which was converted. On resuming, play remained chiefly in Wildman's half, and after about a quarter of an hour Colmore scored Hodgson's second try. The kick was unsuccessful. Wildman's now woke up and took the ball down to Hodgson's line. Hodgson's for some time prevented any scoring, but just before half-time Laurie dribbled over and scored; Waterall kicked a good goal. After the interval Wildman's at once began to press, and McDonald getting the ball, ran through their backs and gained a try. Lush's kick failed. Having thus equalised, Wildman's went to sleep again, and in the next quarter of an hour Hodgson's scored no less than five tries, three of which were converted. Wildman's then woke up, and Low, after a neat dribble, scored a try which was not converted. The rest of the game was fairly even, but just before time Goodwin scored a try for Wildman's. The goal was kicked. The winners all played very well, and showed much more dash and go than their opponents. Their grovel was much stronger than Wildman's, while the outsides were fairly evenly matched. Buckmaster, Smith, and LeCocq were perhaps the best of the forwards, and Rickman was easily the best of the outsides. For Wildman's Lush played an excellent game and was well backed up by Gotto and Low. Waterall and McDonald played well outside, and Kidner at back saved his side on several occasions.

*Hodgson's.*

Venning, mi. (back); Hodgson, Winch, R. B. Rickman, Davies (three-quarters); Colmore, Chapman (halves); H. J. Buckmaster (capt.), J. M. LeCocq, P. Smith, Leckie, Bellairs, Venning, ma., Harris, and Foster (forwards).

*Wildman's.*

W. E. Kidner (back), H. J. Waterall (capt.), Greenhill, McWhirter, Goodwin (three-quarters); McDonald, Laurie (halves); Lush, Gotto, Low, Robinson, Brewster, Bolton, Brown, and Clatworthy (forwards).

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WILSON'S *v.* BLANCH'S.

Blanch's kicked off, and grovels at once ensued in Wilson's twenty-five. Blanch's forwards, led by Radford and Pullman, made a series of rushes, which were well stopped by Leigh-Clare and Blyth. Wilson's then worked the ball back to the middle of the field, and Woodforde getting possession ran round and scored between the posts. Eglington failed to convert. Immediately after the kick off, Eglington ran through Blanch's three-quarters and scored. Leigh-Clare's kick failed. A series of grovels and line outs then took place in mid-field, and half-time was called without further score. Soon after the kick off Eglington scored twice in succession, picking up in the loose and running through. Shortly after a good run by Woodforde ended in Eglington scoring again. Blanch's now started a series of rushes on Wilson's line, and as Wilson's forwards began to tire, grovels took place in Wilson's twenty-five, in which Radford, Pullman and Woodhams were conspicuous for Blanch's and Custance for Wilson's. From a grovel on Wilson's line, Loughnan picked up and scored between the posts, and soon after a fine rush by Blanch's forwards ended in Woodham's scoring. Blanch's continued to press until time was called, leaving Wilson's victorious by two goals and three tries to one goal and one try. Wilson's outsides were greatly superior. Eglington, Leigh-Clare, and Woodforde being especially prominent, and Blyth at half stopped rushes very pluckily. Of the forwards Custance was very good, and did a lot of hard work. For Blanch's Radford, Pullman, and Woodhams were very conspicuous for the forwards, but the rest of their grovel lacked dash, and time after time their wheels were spoilt by the ball being left behind. Of the outsides Loughnan at half was very good, and Battersby at three-quarters did a lot of hard work. Mr. Poole-Hughes kindly refereed.

*Wilson's.*

Moritz (back); W. B. Woodforde, P. Eglington (capt.), Barry, ma., Hodges (three-quarters); G. L. Leigh-Clare,

Blyth (halves); G. W. Custance, Edwards, Brückmann, Mylrea, Powys, Thompson, mi., and Dixon (forwards).

*Blanch's.*

Blatch (back); Battersby, Cameron, ma., Pinkney, de Ridder (three-quarters); C. P. Loughnan, Cameron, mi. (halves); C. A. Radford, R. E. Pullman, J. P. Woodhams, Crapper, Lewis, Pieters, Woodhams, mi., and Turner (forwards).

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*Second Round.*

WILSON'S *v* HODGSON'S

This match was played in the worst of weather on the Lower on February 28th. It was mainly a forwards' day, of which Hodgson's took full advantage. In the very beginning of the game, Woodforde made a splendid run down the touch-line, but was well brought down near the goal-line by Venning, mi. A series of grovels then ensued, in which Hodgson's, by their superior weight and the free use of their feet, got slightly the better, though they found Clare and Blyth very hard nuts to crack. Eglinton, through the mis-kick of one of the opposing side, easily scored a try, which he himself just failed to convert with a good kick. Hodgson's after this broke away several times, but Moritz at back succeeded in stopping them. Hodgson's perseverance now received its reward. Moritz, unable to hold on to a ball owing to an unfortunate kick on the head, fumbled it and allowed Hodgson's grovel to get it, and they rushed it over the line. Falconer converted it with a good kick. After this Hodgson's had the game in their own hands, their grovel being especially conspicuous, showing at times first-rate form; Buckmaster, Smith, and Le Cocq were very brilliant, and the first mentioned by quickly following up a good kick scored an excellent try, which was converted. When the whistle blew for time the score stood, Hodgson's 13 points, Wilson's 3 points. For the losers Eglinton, Custance, Leigh-Clare, Edwards, Barry, and Blyth played splendidly; the grovel was ably led by Custance, who played excellently throughout, only just failing to score several times. For Hodgson's, Buckmaster, LeCocq, and Smith played a great game, and Rickman was very good at three-quarters.

*Hodgson's.*

Venning, mi. (back); Hodgson, Winch, R. B. Rickman, Davies (three-quarters); Chapman, Falconer, (halves); H. J. Buckmaster (capt.), J. M. LeCocq, P. Smith, Leckie, Bellairs, Venning, ma., Harris, ma., and Foster (forwards).

*Wilson's.*

Moritz (back); W. B. Woodforde, P. Eglinton (capt.), Barry, ma., Hodges (three-quarters); G. L. Leigh-Clare, Blyth (halves); G. W. Custance, Edwards, Brückmann, Mylrea, Powys, Thompson, mi., and Dixon (forwards).

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BLANCH'S *v.* WILDMAN'S.

This match was played in wretched weather on February 28th. Rain fell during most of the game rendering the ground almost impossible for anything but forward play. Wildman's outsides at times in spite of the stickiness of the ground showed very good combination. In the first half both sides held their own, though Wildman's very nearly succeeded once or twice in getting the ball over the line. However towards the end of the first half Wildman's outsides by a pretty piece of combination in which Waterall showed to great advantage, succeeded in scoring the first try, which was converted by the same player. After this Wildman's played up hard, and it was not long before Low by a neat dribble succeeding in scoring a second try which was converted by Lush. The whistle for half-time then blew with the score : Wildman's 10 points, Blanch's nil. The second half proved a very hard fight. Radford, Pullman and Woodhams showed to great advantage in the grovel, time upon time making rushes, and compelling Wildman's to touch down two or three times. MacWhirter for Wildman's showed a great deal of pluck in stopping rushes. Both sides tried their hardest to score, Blanch's forwards got away several times, only to be pulled up by Kidner at back. Wildman's grovel now showed to great advantage, Low and Gotto leading several determined rushes, well backed up by the rest. Again Wildman's outsides got the ball, and Waterall by a brilliant run and a pretty feint succeeded in passing the opposing backs and scoring between the posts; the try was not converted. Shortly after MacWhirter making good use of an opening scored on the touch line, Waterall with a magnificent kick from the corner of the twenty-five nearly succeeded in registering the major point. Shortly after this

the whistle blew for time, leaving Wildman's victors by an easy margin of 16 points to nil. For the winners Lush, Gotto and Low were conspicuous in the grovel, while Waterall showed grand form at three-quarters, ably backed by MacDonald at half and Kidner at back. For the losers Radford, Woodhams and Pullman played a losing game with great determination.

*Wildman's.*

W. E. Kidner (back); Laurie, H. J. Waterall (capt.), Greenhill, Goodwin (three-quarters); MacDonald, McWhirter (halves); Lush, Gotto, Low, Robinson, Brown, Clatworthy, Lang, Little, mi. (forwards).

*Blanch's.*

Blatch (back); Battersby, Cameron, ma., Pinkney, de Ridder (three-quarters); C. P. Loughnan, Cameron, mi. (halves); C. A. Radford, R. E. Pullman, J. P. Woodhams, Crapper, Lewis, Pieters, Woodhams, mi., Turner (forwards).

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*Final Round.*

SCHOOLHOUSE *v.* THREE COCK HOUSES (HODGSON'S,  
WILSON'S AND WILDMAN'S).

This annual match was played in fine weather on the Upper on March 10th, and resulted in an easy win for the Schoolhouse by two goals and five tries (25 points) to one try (three points). Buckmaster kicked off for the School towards the Little Field with the wind. After the usual returns, a series of grovels took place in which the Schoolhouse got slightly the advantage, and gradually worked the ball into the School twenty-five. Rickman relieved with a good punt into touch beyond half-way, but Hawley-Edwards with a run and dribble again transferred it to the School territory. A free kick was now awarded to the House, and Nicholls made a poor attempt at placing a goal. Soon after, Eglington got away and, running through their outsides, looked like scoring. but was well brought down by Holman. The School now pressed hard and Holman was forced to touch down. The House forwards got away and rushed to half-way. Then Moser got the ball and, reaching the back, passed to Wilson, who however was overtaken by Eglington and brought down on the line. Soon after the ball was passed out from a grovel to Horsfall, who ran round and scored. Nicholls failed to convert. Eglington dropped out, and Holman in the return

found touch close to the School line. Shortly after Moore obtained the ball and raced over, scoring far out. Nicholls made a good attempt at goal. The School forwards, headed by LeCocq, rushed the ball into the House twenty-five, and then some even play followed about half-way. The School three-quarters made several attempts to get away, but their combination usually broke down. At length Horsfall got away and passed to Moore, who ran round Kidner and scored between the posts. Bond converted. On resuming Woodforde got away and, after a good run, kicked over the back's head. Holman, however, managed to kick it outside behind. Buckmaster and Smith were then conspicuous in a forward rush, and soon after the whistle blew for half-time, the score standing Schoolhouse 14 points, Three Cock nil.

Bond kicked off and Lush, failing to gather the ball, allowed Wilson to dribble up and then pass to Hawley-Edwards, who scored. Bond made a poor shot at goal. After this the ball remained for some time about half-way, until the House forwards made a splendid combined rush up the line, and Wilson, picking up, scored again. The charge out was disallowed and Bond kicked an excellent goal. Adamson then made a good dribble and run, but was not well backed up; soon after the ball was passed to Birks, who, making good use of his pace, gained another try. Bond's kick though a good one failed. The School three-quarters then got away, but missed their chance by poor passing. Some more even play ensued, until at last the House forwards rushed it over the line altogether, Nicholls scoring. Bond failed to convert. The School now made great efforts to score, Eglington, Buckmaster, and Smith being very prominent, but the House defence was too strong for them. At length their efforts were rewarded, and Eglington after a splendid run, passed to Waterall on reaching the back. The latter scored a try. Falconer made an excellent attempt at goal. Soon after time was called with the ball in neutral territory.

The Schoolhouse XV. was well balanced and well trained—possibly one of the best sides that has represented the House for many years—and out-played the Cock Houses at all points. Their grovel though possessing few colours, possessed those qualities which are far more useful for winning a match—dash, hard work and stamina. Getting the first push, they generally got the ball, and their backs were not slow in following up that advantage. Hawley-Edwards, after the first few minutes, during which by running across the

ground he repeatedly drove his three-quarters into touch, played a great game—together with Moser smothering the opposing halves completely—and captained his side with judgement. The three-quarters were a neat and speedy—if somewhat unoriginal—quartette. Horsfall was the best. Of the forwards who all worked hard, Wilson, Bond and Adamson were the pick, while Radclyffe and Cooper were often prominent in the open. After the first quarter of an hour the Out-houses played like a beaten side—as indeed they were. Collectively, the forwards were inert and clumsy, and, on the few occasions when they got the ball, did nothing with it. Buckmaster with *Le Cocq* who played very hard—made great efforts to stiffen them up, but mostly without avail. The three-quarters had a difficult game to play, and played it on the whole well. Eglinton and Rickman were good in defence, but the former was selfish and passed erratically. Woodforde showed that he is a promising player with a great turn of speed. At full back, Kidner, with one exception, did everything that was possible behind a beaten side.

*Schoolhouse.*

A. J. Holman (back) ; G. R. Birks, L. G. Horsfall, H. B. Elton, T. Moore (three-quarters) ; S. F. Hawley-Edwards (capt.), H. B. Moser (halves) ; C. G. Bond, P. H. Wilson, A. Cooper, R. R. Adamson, Carey, Radclyffe, Willis, Nicholls (forwards).

*Three-cock.*

W. E. Kidner (back) ; H. J. Waterall, R. B. Rickman, P. Eglinton, W. B. Woodforde (three-quarters) ; McDonald Chapman (halves) ; H. J. Buckmaster (capt.), J. M. *Le Cocq*, P. Smith, G. W. Custance, Lush, Gotto, Edwards, Falconer (forwards).

*Referee* : F. A. Leslie-Jones, Esq.

*Touch Judges* : Rev. W. W. Poole-Hughes, G. M. Carey, Esq.

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JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

*First Round.*

HODGSON'S *v.* WILDMAN'S

As had been expected Hodgson's outsides proved much too strong for Wildman's, though the grovels were fairly evenly matched. Hodgson's began to score in the first ten

minutes, and got in with monotonous regularity, finally winning by 32 points to nil. For the winners Colmore, Chapman, and Winch were perhaps the most dangerous of the outsides, while Leckie and Falconer played well in the grovels. For Wildman's Gotto and Low were the best of the forwards, while Laurie, McWhirter, and Goodwin, though outmatched, defended pluckily.

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BLANCH'S *v.* WILSON'S

This match was very much like the former one, Blanch's being considerably the stronger. Wilson's played up well at first, but their opponent's superior weight told, and Blanch's won by 32 points to 3, Loughnan, Cameron, ma., and Battersby being the chief scorers. For Blanch's, Loughnan and Cameron were the best of the outsides, Crapper and Lewis were conspicuous in the grovel. For Wilson's, the best were Edwards, Barry, Blyth, and Moritz.

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*Second Round.*

HODGSON'S *v.* BLANCH'S.

This was a very even and exciting match. Hodgson's had considerably the best of the first half, and Colmore and Chapman scored for them, one of the tries being converted. After crossing over Blanch's began to press, and after about a quarter of an hour's play Cameron, ma. scored for them, the try being converted. Very soon after the same player scored again, but the kick failed. Both sides now played up hard, and one minute before time Chapman, getting the ball from a grovel near the line, just managed to fall over. Falconer converted. Hodgson's thus won by two goals and one try to one goal and one try. For the winners Leckie, Falconer, and Bellairs played well in the grovel and Colmore and Chapman were the best of the outsides. For Blanch's Crapper, Pieters, and Lewis were the most conspicuous of the forwards, while Loughnan, Cameron, ma., and Battersby outside all played well.

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*Final Round.*

SCHOOLHOUSE *v.* TWO COCK HOUSES (HODGSON'S AND BLANCH'S).

This annual match was played on Saturday, March 3rd, and resulted in an easy win for the Schoolhouse by three goals

two tries to nil. The Two Cock kicked off towards the National Schools, and play settled down at half-way. At length the ball was passed to Wrightson, who after a good run transferred to Ross, who was brought down on the line. The House now began to press hard, and a free-kick to the School only brought temporary relief. Wrightson especially was conspicuous with some good runs, but Winch saved well. At length Winch with a kick and Crapper with a dribble transferred to half-way, but the House forwards, headed by Cooper, rushed it back, and from another rush Willis picked up the ball and, passing the back, scored. Wrightson converted. The House continued to press, and shortly after Lee-Warner got the ball from a grovel and ran in between the posts. Wrightson's kick was again successful. On resuming the School played up hard, and, for almost the first time, got within their opponent's twenty-five. However, the House gradually worked it back, and just before half-time Wrightson ran through their outsides and, evading Winch, scored a third try. The same player converted. The School played up hard on resuming, and for some time kept the ball in their opponents' half. At length a dribble by Adamson, mi., and a forward rush transferred play into the School twenty-five. The School forwards, headed by Crapper, brought it back to half-way, and soon after to the House line, where they looked like scoring. Wrightson and Adamson relieved with a combined run, and then the ball was passed out to Adamson, who after a long run kicked over Winch's head and scored an excellent try. Wrightson failed to convert. On resuming Loughnan was conspicuous with a run, and the School forwards then made some good rushes, in which Crapper, Leckie, and Falconer were conspicuous. The whistle sounded for time with the ball in the House twenty-five.

For the winners all played excellently. Wrightson was the best of the three-quarters and Wordsworth and Lee-Warner were both very good at half. Of the grovel Cooper, Radclyffe, and Carey were perhaps the best. For the Two-Cock Crapper was the most conspicuous of the forwards, while Loughnan and Cameron were the best of the outsides. Winch saved well at back, though he made one or two bad mistakes.

*Schoolhouse.*

Marsh (back); Ross, ma., Ross, mi., Wrightson, Adamson, mi. (three-quarters); Wordsworth (capt.), Lee-Warner (halves); A. Cooper, Carey, Willis, Nicholls, Radclyffe, Dixon, Johnston, and Fletcher (forwards).



battery of Artillery had their khaki-painted guns drawn up to our right rear, and the small body of Cavalry, a troop of the 8th Hussars, who were detailed to our force, were scouting our right front.

The advance was over rough ground and through fir plantations, which tried the accuracy of our line formation rather severely. On coming into touch with the enemy we found them posted in a strong position, almost invisible behind the crest of rising ground, from which our inevitable frontal attack would hardly have availed to drive them out, but the Umpires came to the rescue, and the heights were carried. We heard subsequently that on our right the enemy's guns were captured or put out of action by Eton, which may have influenced those on our front in a desire "to carry out a strategic movement to the rear," but our advance in skirmishing order, company close behind, and sometimes mixed up with, company over open ground with little or no cover would have cost an attacking force in the real thing very heavily.

After the "Cease Fire" we marched to the ground near the North Camp Station, where luncheon awaited us, and then came a long and chilly wait of an hour until our special arrived at 3.40, when we entrained and reached Sherborne at about six o'clock.

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### SCHOOL NEWS.

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The following have been presented with their Colours :—

1st XV.—P. H. Wilson (*a*).

2nd XV.—J. M. LeCocq (*f*), H. B. Elton (*a*), G. W. M. Custance (*c*), P. Smith (*f*), A. Cooper (*a*), T. Moore (*a*), R. R. Adamson (*a*), C. P. Loughnan (*b*), R. B. Rickman (*f*), W. B. Woodforde (*c*), A. J. Holman (*a*).

The House Matches resulted as follows :—

#### SENIORS.

*First Round.*      Hodgson's beat Wildman's.  
                              Wilson's beat Blanch's.

- Second Round.* Hodgson's beat Wilson's.  
Wildman's beat Blanch's.
- Final.* Schoolhouse beat Three Cock Houses  
(Hodgson's, Wilson's, Wildman's).

## JUNIORS.

- First Round.* Hodgson's beat Wildman's.  
Blanch's beat Wilson's.
- Second Round.* Hodgson's beat Blanch's.
- Final.* Schoolhouse beat Two Cock Houses.  
(Hodgson's and Blanch's.)

The Steeplechases were run on Saturday, March 17th, and the results were as follows:—

## SENIOR.

1st (10) P. Eglington (*c*), 2nd (5) E. B. Dickson (*a*),  
3rd (2) R. Bamford.

## JUNIOR.

1st (6) H. L. Bodilly (*a*), 2nd (3) N. Williams, 3rd (1) C.  
Little (*d*).

The Point-to-Point was run on Wednesday, March 21st, and resulted in a win for Hodgson's. This is the fourth year in succession that the Cup has gone to Hodgson's, and we congratulate them on their excellent performance. The places were as follows:—

Hodgson's.		Wilson's.		Schoolhouse.	
Falconer ..	3	Eglington ..	1	Dickson ..	2
Rickman ..	4	Custance ..	10	McCullagh ..	5
Buckmaster ..	15	Mylrea ..	13	Wordsworth ..	6
				Moser ..	11½
				Rawes ..	11½
				Ross, mi. ..	16.
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	22		24		52
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Average	7½	Average	8	Average	8½

Blanch's.			Wildman's.		
Woodhams	..	7	Low	.. ..	8
Loughnan	..	9	Robinson	.. ..	14
Pullman	.. ..	17½	Lush	.. ..	17½
		<u>33½</u>			<u>39½</u>
Average	..	11½	Average	..	13½

The Kicking Competition took place on Monday, March 12th, and was won by Wilson's. The marks were as follows:—

<i>Wilson's</i> —P. Eglington and G. L. Leigh-Clare	14 marks.
<i>Schoolhouse</i> —S. F. Hawley-Edwards, L. G. Horsfall, C. G. Bond, and Nicholls	13½ „
<i>Hodgson's</i> —R. B. Rickman and Falconer	12 „
<i>Wildman's</i> —H. G. Waterall and Lush	12 „
<i>Blanch's</i> —C. P. Loughnan and Battersby	12 „
<i>Dayboys</i> —MacDonald, mi., and Williams	9 „

The Mile was run on Saturday, March 31st, and was easily won by Eglington. The time was poor.

1st (10) P. Eglington (*c*), 2nd (5) C. P. Loughnan (*b*),  
3rd (2) E. B. Dickson (*a*).

Time, 5 mins., 9 secs.

The Open Gymnasium Competition was held on Saturday, March 31, and resulted as follows:

- 1st—W. W. Falconer (*f*).
- 2nd—G. L. Leigh-Clare (*c*).
- 3rd—F. A. M. Rawes (*a*).
- 4th—W. P. Hammond (*a*).

The Junior Competition took place on the following Saturday and was won by R. V. Hitchcock (*f*); J. Q. Loxdale (*f*) was second.

G. L. Leigh-Clare (*c*) and W. W. Falconer (*f*) represented the School in the Gymnasium Competition at Aldershot and obtained 28th place,

The annual Confirmation was held in Chapel on Sunday, April 1st, by the Bishop of Salisbury, when about 40 members of the School were confirmed.

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#### O.S. NEWS.

Since the last Shirburnian was issued, we have heard of the following O.S. at the front :—

H. D. P. Close	...	Paget's Horse.
H. B. Mockett	...	4th Hussars.
R. G. M. Prichard	...	Glamorganshire Regiment.

G. Peddie (*c*) of the East Indian Railway Volunteers has sailed for South Africa with Lumsden's Horse, the Indian Volunteer Contingent.

A correspondent has called our attention to the fact that in the last Shirburnian no mention was made of Sir Godfrey Lagden, K.C.M.G., O.S., who though perhaps hardly at the front, nevertheless holds the responsible position of Commissioner of Basutoland.

In the Oxford University Sports G. R. Garnier won the Hurdles in 17½ secs. He also represented Oxford in the Inter-Varsity Sports where he ran second to Paget-Tomlinson of Cambridge.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of *The Shirburnian*.

Sir,

My attention was called the other day to the fact that in the list of O.S.S. in South Africa there is no mention of Sir Godfrey Lagden, the Administrator of Basutoland.

On turning to the *Register* I find that he has been omitted there also. One O.S. living in the town well remembers him as a boy here.

Yours faithfully,

W.B.W.

Dear Sir,

I think that in common fairness to our enemies in South Africa, it should be stated on the best authority that the report of brutal conduct to H. W. de Rougemont after he was wounded is altogether false. His last hours were made as easy to him as they could be under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

FAIRPLAY.

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(a) Schoolhouse, (b) Blanch's, (c) Wilson's, (d) Wildman's,  
(f) Hodgson's,





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