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EDITORIAL.

OUR second number following so close upon the first leaves but little news for us to chronicle now. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating H. B. Stallard, of Caius, who left less than a year ago, upon winning the mile in the recent 'Varsity sports. By a very curious coincidence Oxford's first string for the same race was W. R. Milligan, who was head of Mr. Carey's house in 1917.

The Three-Cock was a very close game, the score being 3-0. We congratulate Mr. Carey's house in their victory both in this and in the Glee Competition which was held on Monday, March 29th, Mr. Risdon, of Yeovil, acting as judge. The 'Sainsbury' Cup for the 'Shout' deservedly went to Mr. Dunkin's.

The Steeplechases were run on Saturday, March 27th, and the Point-to-Point on Wednesday the 31st. The House Gym. Competition takes place on Saturday. One more House competition and we will turn over the editorial page: the Shooting Competition has this year been revived under slightly new regulations.

‘FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.’

From *The Observer*.

Though earth be now from her true orbit driven,
 Though lust and rapine desecrate her sod,
 Though hell defiantly seem threatening heaven,
 And Mammon in man’s soul outfacing GOD;
 Yea, though despair life’s very dome should darken,
 No rift to rend it, and no star to shine,
 Yet—for e’en now the world’s great heart may hearken
 To that which breathes within it of divine—
 Come, quenchless Hope, come, Faith that moveth
 mountains,
 Come, Love longsuffering, eager to forgive,
 Let flow your threefold everlasting fountains,
 And bid the dying nations drink and live!

JAMES RHOADES.

A RURAL SAGE.

From *The Observer*, February 15th.

He said, I have learned life’s secret—
 When dazed by the loud world’s din
 And buffeting of things outward,
 To brood on the great Within;
 To be lord of the thoughts that fill me,
 And bridle the words that flow,
 Bring hope to a friend in trouble,
 Win over a would-be foe;
 For honours of earth to fret not,
 Though still upon Honour bent,
 And—master of all man’s wisdom
 Writ small in the word ‘content’—
 Nor palace nor park to envy,
 While here, in my cottage-bower,
 God looks in at the window
 Through the eyes of a jasmine-flower.

JAMES RHOADES.

In Memoriam.

THE REV. W. J. KENDLE.

The Rev. William James Kendle, Rector of Woodsford and Tincton, between Dorchester and Moreton, who died on January 30th, aged 73, was in the School House from 1859 to 1864 and in the Eleven in 1863 and 1864. He was well known as a cricketer, playing for Hampshire from 1869 to 1878, and was Hon. Secretary of the O.S. Cricket Club in 1880. He graduated from Caius College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1871, holding several cures before he finally settled at Woodsford in 1887. A writer in the Salisbury Diocesan Gazette writes that he 'endeared himself to all by his charm of manner, old world courtesy, kindness and sympathy in times of sorrow and trouble.'

MR. STEWART WILSON'S RECITAL (From a correspondent).

'Music hath charms' for Sherborne of to-day; this was more than apparent from the way in which the School applauded Mr. Stewart Wilson. It is curious how much schools have changed in that way. Forty years ago no one gave us treats

of that kind and I doubt if we should have appreciated them. I am sure we should not have dared to own up to it, if we did; for music, like work, was despised. Fortunately we are getting more human.

The first part of the concert was an intellectual as well as an highly artistic feast. The explanations that were given us, were very helpful and we were glad to hear Mr. Wilson put one more nail in the coffin of the idea that good music was made in Germany. His singing of the Elizabethan lyrics carried the point home.

The Amsterdam Carol was glorious and sung with the enthusiasm it deserved and evoked. The School rose like a man to it.

But the latter part of the programme in which we had modern, more emotional music, was what we liked best, for then we were able to hear what a splendid voice the singer had. He really let go. The songs were on a high level and ended fittingly with Martin's fine setting of Henley's England.

An account of this recital would be incomplete without some recognition of Mr. Tester's accompanying, which throughout did ample justice to the fine music.

How strange that we don't end up with the National Anthem. Perhaps it would come better before a feast of fine music, but for my part I fail to see why we should not troop out to 'God save the King,' immediately after the magic word '6th form.' Au revoir, Stewart-Wilson et à bientôt. Cette journée vous sera comptée dans nos coeurs.

FIELD DAY.

SALISBURY PLAIN, MARCH 9TH.

We must become resigned to the fact that the old-fashioned exercises have become a dream of the past. This may be an advantage for military science: but it has removed one item that made for the gaiety of life. The climax of all Field Days used to be the accumulation of as many units as possible into one firing line as thick as a Theban phalanx, and then the

delivery of an assault upon an equally solid foe. It was difficult for the imagination to allow for the casualties which such tactics asked for: after the war it was a still greater call upon faith to suppose any body would have survived at all. But it was exhilarating to charge three deep: and that was always the question whether one's friend, who had not room to squeeze into the front rank would not blow one's ear off in an excess of zeal to get rid of blank ammunition. To prevent this was the chief task of officers who frequently might be seen seizing inexperienced cadets by the seats of their trousers and rushing them forward. And afterwards there was the joy of getting sorted out. But in these days the process of attack is neither so simple nor so straightforward. This was emphasized by the volumes of instructions that were sent down, and covered the notice boards; though they were not a tithe of what a real battle demands. But they gave a better idea of the intentions of the fight than the pre-war conferences, which suggested that preparing for a battle was as easy as arranging a country walk.

After a minor engagement on Salisbury station, the real operations began at Ludgershall. The assembly was a fiasco, and its history should be forgotten, except in so far as it taught that unless you start from the right place, it is extraordinarily hard to get to the right place. The final objective was Sidbury Hill. The enemy, represented by cavalry and a battalion in steel helmets, were conveniently fighting a rear-guard action: and the duty of the Schools was to press forward, finding out weak spots, moving the flanks and following on hard. The first objective was the line of Windmill Hill—Andover Clump. Half of this was taken from inadequate cavalry by Winchester, behind whom came one Company of Sherborne. The remaining half Company was kept in reserve: and having started last, ended up by emerging from an exciting charge upon an argumentative enemy in the remote parts of Sidbury, far ahead of all others, and long after Cease Fire had sounded. 'A' Company moved off in artillery formation, and closed up under Windmill Hill. The advance from here stuck at the start owing to no zero hour being given, and then became precipitate, so that supporting units went on too fast and it was very difficult to divert them to where they were needed. After troops had crossed the brook, which was dry, there was confused fighting in some old trenches; but No. 1 platoon thrust valiantly on and made a gap. No one likes doubling in a tin hat over

ploughland, and a large party of the enemy had been out-flanked. Continual moving in towards this attractive target caused the whole of the right wing to change direction, and it came out of the Pennings Wood at right angles to Sidbury Hill; an ideal target to any machine guns posted up there. Fortunately cease fire was then believed to have sounded, and further confusion was saved.

It is difficult to estimate whether the lessons learnt were worth the time and cost. The difficulties of travel discourage these field days, even at a moderate distance. Great trouble was taken by the Staff in making preparations: but unless the operations are severely controlled they degenerate into a scramble, and umpires were not always present when wanted, nor, apparently, always successful where present. But at any rate, apart from the value of a day off, everybody should have an idea of what artillery formation looks like, and if section commanders realize the difficulty of leading six men properly, and learn something of what can reasonably be expected of them, and that it is better to get round a solid obstacle than to ram the head against it, all this is probably worth six shillings and eight pence.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

'An Hour's Music' was arranged by Mrs. Hodgson on March 6th.

Programme—

- 1 Madrigals (a) 'Brightly dawns our Wedding Day' (Mikado) } *Sullivan*
 (b) 'Strange Adventure' (Yeoman of the Guard) }

MR. A. KING
 MR. E. DAVIS

MISS B. DUNKIN
 MR. P. E. H. PARRY-JONES

- 2 Duets—'Cello and Violin (a) 'Tambourin' }
 (b) 'La Joyeuse' } ... *Rameau*
 (c) 'Musette' }
 (d) 'Rigaudon' }

MR. AND MRS. CAPEL-CURE

- 3 Songs (a) 'Wayfarer's Night Song' ... *Easthope Martin*
 (b) 'Irish Love Song' *Alicia Needham*
 MR. P. E. H. PARRY-JONES
- 4 Recitations (a) 'A Witch' } *Barnes*
 (b) 'The Girt Woak Tree that's in the Dell' }
- MR. ARTHUR SCOTT
- 5 Duets—'Cello and Piano (a) Serenade } ... *Victor Hubert*
 (b) Tarantella }
- MADAME HUDSON AND MR. CAPEL-CURE
- 6 Flute Solo 'Romanze' *W. Popp*
 SERGEANT DRUMMER ROBBINS
- 7 Duets—'Cello and Violin (a) Gavotte } *Capel-Cure*
 (b) Andante }
 (c) Rondo }
- MR. AND MRS. CAPEL-CURE
- 8 Toy Symphony *Haydn*
 CONDUCTED BY MR. C. H. HODGSON

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 God save the King.
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BOXING TOURNAMENT.

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SHERBORNE v. DOWNSIDE.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, a boxing contest was held at Downside, in which six fights were won by Downside and three by Sherborne. Both schools also gave an exhibition of Physical Training and Gymnastics.

1.—R. L. Martin (D.) beat G. Peddie (S.). 7st.

Peddie was much the smaller of the two, and it was soon evident that Martin's superior height and age would tell and a

good straight left would make him an easy winner. For all that Peddie boxed well against these disadvantages and with more experience and a stronger punch should do well.

2.—M. C. Walter (D.) beat C. B. Sharpe (S.). 8st.

This was a fairly even contest. Sharpe preferred hooking to leading straight. A good many blows were wasted in this fashion, and his opponent soon had an effective guard to this form of attack.

3.—H. C. Partridge (S.) beat T. P. Geoghegan (D.). 9st. 7lb.

Partridge started by attacking, only to find Geoghegan a wily defender. In the second round Partridge got his man on the run and, with rapid lefts and rights, drove him to the ropes. Geoghegan shewed a clever smother but lacked in attacking. Partridge hits quickly and is a good boxer. He should punch the body more.

4.—G. J. Geoghegan (D.) beat E. L. Spencer (S.) 10st.

A contest well worth watching for boxing, skill and game-ness. Geoghegan is a smart boxer and shewed the best form of the day. He attacked in decisive manner and with heavy rights to the jaw made Spencer look slow and weak. The second round shewed Spencer apparently none the worse for his gruelling and a left and right from Geoghegan only made him more determined to follow his man. A well-timed heavy right shook Geoghegan and a fine rally ensued. Again Spencer hit hard and Geoghegan seemed to weaken considerably, but his footwork saved him. Both started the third round fresh, Geoghegan stepping in and out quickly; Spencer hooked to the body and the jaw, but a series of heavy rights from Geoghegan told their tale. The round finished with both visibly tired after a gruelling fight.

5.—L. C. Lewis (S) beat L. V. Parker (D.). 10st. 7lb.

Lewis is a grim fighter and he shewed it in this fight. Going straight to his man he attacked the body effectively. Parker shewed no less aggressiveness, but he had to pay for his temerity. Lewis hit hard and often and plainly had his man at his mercy. A hard left and right staggered Parker and the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

6.—B. R. Turnbull (D.) beat F. C. Bryant (S.). 9st.

Bryant attacked, and was successful with a few lefts and rights. Turnbull waited for his opportunity and steadied Bryant with a well-timed right. Again Bryant attacked, but forgot his guard and another right-hand punch sent him to the ground dazed and weak. He rose pluckily, but only to be knocked down again, and had to be assisted to his corner.

7.—H. C. Halliman (D.) beat G. E. R. Bastin (S.). 11st. 4lb.

Halliman towered above Bastin and was easily the superior boxer. Bastin appeared slow and weak, and seemed unable to get into his stride. The fight was an uninteresting one and the decision easily went to Downside.

8.—F. D. MacCarthy (S.) beat J. H. Broomhead (D.). 7st. 7lb.

This was a good contest, both boxers shewing good form. MacCarthy forced the fighting, and at the end of the third round the judges had difficulty in choosing the winner. An extra round won the verdict for Sherborne.

9.—C. F. Moulton (D.) beat J. E. Pitts-Tucker (S.). 8st.

Moulton shewed a fondness for ducking which proved successful in the first round. In the second round Pitts-Tucker, on the advice of his seconds, used a left upper-cut and hook to the jaw with good effect, being continually on the attack. A fine set-to occurred in the third round, both contestants punching quick and hard with both hands. Pitts-Tucker lost the decision. This much, however, must be said for him: he boxed well and his footwork was good and fast, and he acted moreover on the advice of his seconds. We wish him better luck next time.

	<i>Downside.</i>	v.	<i>Sherborne.</i>
11st. 4lb.	H. C. Halliman (w)	v.	G. E. Bastin
10st. 7lb.	L. V. Parker	v.	L. C. Lewis (w)
10st. 0lb.	G. J. Geoghegan (w)	v.	E. L. Spencer
9st. 7lb.	T. P. Geoghegan	v.	H. C. Partridge (w)
9st. 0lb.	B. R. Turnbull (w)	v.	F. C. Bryant
8st. 7lb.	M. C. Walter (w)	v.	C. B. Sharpe
8st. 0lb.	C. F. Moulton (w)	v.	J. E. Pitts-Tucker
7st. 7lb.	J. H. Bromhead	v.	F. D. MacCarthy(w)
7st. 0lb.	R. L. Martin (w)	v.	G. Peddie

Downside Gym. Squad.

G. J. Geoghegan
 M. H. Duncan
 H. O. Evennett
 P. C. Maw
 A. P. Ward
 T. P. Geoghegan
 A. G. Finn
 B. R. Turnbull
 A. G. Bellew
 N. C. Walter
 G. V. Straten
 A. L. Philip

Sherborne Gym. Squad.

J. W. Lewis
 C. H. Stevens
 P. F. Luxton
 D. Fraser
 T. G. Devitt
 J. E. Tew
 J. S. Haines
 E. E. Macpherson
 S. G. Woolmer
 R. L. Daubeny
 W. D. Brooks
 P. J. Chellew

 FOOTBALL SEASON, 1919-20.

The XV of 1919-20, if not ranking with the great XV's. of 1906 and 1908, at least equalled them in spirit and grit, and the success with which it met was only what it deserved. The chief feature of a fairly well balanced side, which on one or two occasions played really fine football, was the pace. Although generally out-weighted, and in consequence very tired at the end of a match, they nearly always dominated the scrums in the 'tight,' and in the 'loose,' notably against Tonbridge and Dulwich they were very good indeed, coming away together in relentless rushes and then opening up the game for the outsides to penetrate a spread-eagled defence. The chief criticisms which can be levelled against them are

- (a) a tendency to lose control in the open, and
- (b) a pronounced weakness at the line-out.

These two failings are noticeable in every pack in the School and both can be overcome by practice.

If at the beginning of the season the forwards bore the burden and heat of the day the outsides, after the first few matches, showed what can be achieved by determination and will. Against Dulwich and even more noticeably against the

O.S.S. they played excellent football. Though there was rarely a flash of genius, yet once more it was proved that sound combination and the constant pressing home of attacks will score tries. The kicking improved out of all recognition as the season grew older.

Criticism is always useless unless some lesson can be derived from it. If House Captains would instil into their outsiders the absolute necessity of learning to kick with both feet, to draw their man, and occasionally *to do the unexpected*, and into their forwards the need of learning to dribble neatly and to use their hands, there should be no reason to fear for the success of future XV's, for the essential grit and spirit are always with us.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV, 1919-1920.

C. T. J. ADAMSON (1917-18-19). An excellent captain both of the XV and of the School, and the success of the season was largely due to his influence and example. A strong and vigorous forward, who uses his feet well in the open, but needs to become neater and faster.

H. B. MOORHEAD (1918-19). Pace and determination made him an aggressive fly-half, yet he was still more useful in defence owing to his tackling and kicking, although somewhat inclined to overdo the latter.

D. C. D. RYDER (1918-19-20). An untiring forward, invaluable both in the tight and loose. A good tackler and with greater weight and pace should be first class.

R. F. H. ALLENBY (1918-19-20). A vigorous and hard-working forward. Too slow to be often conspicuous.

S. G. WOOLMER (1918-19-20). Heavy and powerful he has not yet learned to make the most of his weight and pace, nor to realise the possibilities of the game.

H. W. DAVIES (1919-20). A very useful in-half, who showed up conspicuously in defence through plucky saving and tackling. Should learn to feint and kick.

G. E. R. BASTIN (1919-20). Possessing strength and grit has all the makings of a fine forward. He must learn to dribble faster and more neatly.

G. C. BERNARD-SMITH (1919). A light but dashing forward. Often seen in the forefront of a rush.

F. M. DRAKE (1919-20). A fast three-quarter with a really good swerve. Weak tackling and occasional inability to hold passes alternated with flashes of brilliancy.

C. H. A. STEVENS (1919-20). Improved as a full-back out of all recognition. A fearless tackler and a good kick with hands safe enough to compensate for occasional lack of judgment.

T. G. DEVITT (1919-20). The fastest runner and the best kick in the XV. Has great possibilities, if he will improve his defensive play.

J. W. LEWIS (1919-20). A greatly improved wing three-quarter. Has pace and strength, but is handicapped by short sight.

J. L. P. PAINE (1919). A very keen and dashing, yet somewhat clumsy forward. Should develop into a good player.

L. C. LEWIS (1919-20). A strong and very hard-working forward. Felt more than seen.

D. E. GRIFFIN (1919-20). A determined runner with a powerful hand-off. Kicks well.

FOOTBALL.

OLD SHIRBURNIAN MATCH.

[The Editor wishes to make full apologies for his gross negligence in omitting to publish an account of this match before.]

Nothing could have been a fitter finish to a highly successful season than the defeat by the XV of the Old Shirburnians by 3 goals and 8 tries to nil. The form shewn against Dulwich a fortnight before had been good, but that against the O.S.S.

was better, the outsides especially being at the top of their form. The start of the match saw the O.S.S. pressing, but Devitt's kicking not only saved the situation, but enabled the XV to score. The School scored again through Lewis and Devitt, before the interval.

During the second half the School had things all their own way, with the result that the final score stood at 39—0. To pick out especially prominent members of a hard-working scrum is always difficult, but it would shame us not to mention Adamson's play, not only in this match, but throughout the season of his captaincy.

O.S.S.—R. F. W. Leonard; E. E. F. Baker, R. J. L. Kingsford, E. A. Langdon, G. S. Dixon; J. C. Gurney, A. P. Wayte; P. E. H. Parry-Jones (capt.), G. K. Thornton, P. G. Homfray, H. R. Paterson, M. J. Renton, D. C. R. Evans, M. E. K. Westlake, A. M. C. Baker.

School—C. H. A. Stevens; J. W. Lewis, T. G. Devitt, F. M. Drake, D. E. Griffin; H. W. Davies, H. B. Moorhead; C. T. J. Adamson (capt.), D. C. D. Ryder, S. G. Woolmer, G. E. R. Bastin, G. C. Bernard-Smith, J. L. P. Paine, L. C. Lewis, I. W. Bennett.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1ST ROUND, SENIOR.

CAREY'S *v.* ROSS'S.

Played on Thursday, February 26th. Ross's won the toss, and elected to play towards Sherborne.

Following the kick, Ross's pressed for a few moments, but the game quickly returned to mid-field; at this point Drake, in combination with Gaye, made an excellent run, and scored far out; Woolmer converted (5-0). Griffin failed to find touch from the kick-off, and the play was once more carried into Ross's twenty-five; pressure was relieved, however, by a useful forward rush. Gaye got possession and, with a short kick and follow up, brought play back to Ross's twenty-five, to be

collared by Hooper; Whitehead, however, backing up, scored a try; Woolmer failed in his kick. After the kick-off Ross's forwards, headed by Oldnall, carried the game into their opponents' half; they were driven back, but Griffin found touch well in Carey's half. Just before half-time Partridge scored close in for Carey's; the kick failed (11-0). A free-kick was given against Ross's just outside their twenty-five; Woolmer tried placing a goal, but the strong wind carried the ball away.

A few minutes after half-time Drake scored after a good run; Shaw failed to convert (14-0). Soon after Gaye scored a neat try; Bastin converted (19-0). For a few minutes after the kick Ross's again pressed, but Woolmer broke away, and after a short run found touch well down the field. From the line-out Griffin neatly intercepted, and made an excellent run, scoring far out; Halliday failed to convert (19-3). Soon after Ross's were awarded a free-kick and gained some ground, but Drake, breaking away, scored close in; Bastin converted (24-3). From the kick-off play remained in Carey's half, but Lean made a good dribble, being stopped by Hooper in midfield. At this point Gaye unfortunately fractured his collar-bone, and had to retire to back, his place being taken by MacDonald. Just before time Whitehead cut through and scored between the posts; Shaw converted (29-3). In a few seconds the whistle blew for 'no side,' leaving Carey's winners by 29 points to 3.

The game was not so one-sided as the score indicates, Ross's, with half their team just over 'flu,' putting up a good fight, and Griffin's try was a model of determination and strong running. Of the forwards, Woolmer, Bastin, and Tucker were prominent for the winners, and Favell ma., who throughout played a good hard game, for Ross's. Outside, Gaye, till his accident, was the most dangerous player on the field, and the two tries he scored by the short punt over the back's head were both good. Drake and Partridge were good in attack, and Hooper very plucky at back for the losers.

Carey's—D. MacDonald; Jenkins, F. M. Drake, H. C. Partridge, Bryant; D. B. Gaye, Whitehead; S. G. Woolmer, G. E. R. Bastin, P. D. Lean, W. A. D. Adamson, H. R. Honnywill, Tucker, Shaw, Daunt.

Ross's—E. D. Hooper; T. R. Stock, D. E. Griffin, R. J. R.

Halliday, Watts, Favell mi.; G. L. Read, C. R. Favell, D. N. Brakspear, J. R. Dearden, Kellock, Woodthorpe, Oldnall.

TINDALL'S v. ELDERTON'S.

Played on No. 5 on Thursday, February 26th, this match resulted in a win for Elderton's by 11-8.

Tindall's won the toss, and Elderton's kicked off towards Sherborne. For the first few minutes play centred round the half-way line; then Tindall's broke away and nearly scored, but, mainly owing to a brilliant piece of play by Stevens, Elderton's got the ball into Tindall's twenty-five, and Carey scored a try, which was not converted. Tindall's then pressed for a time, and Rule scored: Daubeny failed to convert. Tindall's still pressed, but Stevens, by a long kick into touch, brought play again into Tindall's twenty-five; Luxton scored, and Stevens converted. At half-time the score was 8-3.

When play was resumed, Tindall's pressed almost immediately, but Stevens from a free-kick again prevented them from scoring; a few minutes later, however, Rule again scored, and Daubeny by converting equalised. Elderton's then again assumed the offensive, and Tew scored from the line-out, but this try was not converted. There was no further score.

Elderton's—Eason; Bramall, W. D. Carey, C. H. A. Stevens, Olivier; P. F. Luxton, H. W. Davies; J. E. H. Tew, J. A. Gould, Horne, Day, Tripp, Bailey ma., McMinn, Wheeley.

Tindall's—Grayson; R. L. Daubeny, Howse, Armstrong, Rule; W. D. Brooks, Barry; L. P. S. Ellis, O. A. Dawnay, T. P. Davis, J. E. A. Wreford, Chellew, Harris, Schneider, Colmer.

2ND ROUND.

ELDERTON'S v. DUNKIN'S.

Played on the Lower on Tuesday, March 2nd. Elderton's won the toss, and elected to play towards the National Schools.

Early in the first half Stevens scored between the posts; this try was not converted. Immediately afterwards Dunkin's

scored after a rush down the field; they failed to convert. Play then centred round Elderton's twenty-five for some time, when the ball having come out from a loose heel, Stevens by a fine run scored again between the posts; Luxton converted. Rybot then scored for Dunkin's; the try was unconverted. At half-time the score stood 8-6.

On play being resumed the game was evenly contested for a long time, when Stevens again scored between the posts a try which he converted (13-6). Then Dunkin's scored again through Lewis, Haines failing to convert (13-9). Elderton's then pressed for some time, and play was carried into Dunkin's twenty-five, when the ball coming out from a loose heel, Luxton cut through and scored far out; Stevens failed to convert (16-9). Play was evenly contested till the whistle blew for 'no side.'

Elderton's gained their well-deserved victory mainly owing to their outsides. Dunkin's had a superior pack.

Elderton's—Bramall; Olivier, Carey, C. H. A. Stevens, Hayman; P. F. Luxton, H. W. Davies; J. E. H. Tew, J. H. Gould, Horne, Day, Tripp, Greenwood ma., McMinn, Wheeley.

Dunkin's—Peck; J. W. Lewis, Wenborn, Haines, Newell; Rybot, Betts; C. A. Street, O.N.T. Bax, Baker-Beall, Egerton, Annesley, Jerram, Targett, Morgan.

THREE-COCK.

CAREY'S AND ELDERTON'S *v.* SCHOOL HOUSE.

Play started with the School, Carey's and Elderton's, facing a strongish wind from the S.W. The House immediately gave promise of doing well, the forwards settling down more quickly than their opponents and Pitts-Tucker showing plenty of coolness and judgment in his kicking at fly-half. The House from the start were getting the ball in the scrum, but the School forwards were clearly better in loose heeling and they maintained this superiority to the end.

A serious attack by the House was frustrated by 2-40 Luxton, play returning to midfield immediately after and showing the House half-backs to be quicker than their opponents. Unfortunately for them their three-quarters did

not really get going, though Devitt, ubiquitous as ever in defence, opened an attack and was for a moment very dangerous.

2-50 An attempt by Pitts-Tucker to drop a goal failed, but the House kept the School on the defensive for some time, their lack of attack behind the scrum, who gave them many chances, being alone responsible for their failure to score. The School then attacked in turn and Drake looked dangerous, but a score was averted. The House resumed the offensive and Stevens saved his side more than once, but did far more running than a back should do, when he could have gained ground by kicking. Good work by the House outsiders sent Bond away, but his reverse pass, though well attempted, came to grief and a certain try was lost to the House. Half-time arrived with no score.

3-10 The wind had now veered round to the N.W., but made little difference. The School three-quarters were inclined to stand off-side during the scrums, but were not long on the defensive, for very soon after the start the School scored one of those surprise tries which, pretty in themselves, are often enough the result of momentary disorganisation in the defending side at the start or recommencement of a game. Immediately after this Wallinger intercepted a pass and broke away, but no score resulted. This was almost the last dominant effort of the House. Their forwards who had played a great game in the first half, and who still were showing heaps of pluck, were now obviously tiring. Ryder's leadership, quiet and well sustained, was a great asset, while his tackling and that of Allenby did much to stem the increasingly serious attacks of the School. Not only were the House now packing more loosely as a result of their weakening, but the School forwards repeatedly gave their outsiders chances by loose heeling. Tucker was several times prominent and very nearly scored a try on his own. A final effort by the House gained a temporary respite from attack, but again their outsiders failed to get going. The pressure dropped and a fine cut through by MacDonald led to a very dangerous moment for the House. A score was averted and Devitt was conspicuous in stemming the further attacks that the School made. Play ended in mid-field with the School as victors by 1 try (3 points) to nil.

It was a good old-fashioned Three-Cock; and though the School deserved their victory owing to their superiority at three-

quarter, the House might have won and no one would have felt that they had not earned success. The day was a shocking one for outsiders and the way the passes were held was in itself highly creditable. As has been stated, the House, while good in defence, just lacked that indescribable something that makes an attack dangerous. Perhaps they should have stood further back, for no gate bangs hard when only half-open to begin with. Pitts-Tucker, whose kicking was excellent, failed in this respect and so affected the rest. Harper was good all through. For the School, Drake was far the most dangerous, though Partridge played well.

The House forwards were superior while they lasted, though a trifle slow in breaking compared with the School, and not so quick at heeling in the loose. Ryder and Allenby were most prominent, though Lewis and the rest did a lot of fine work in the tight scrums. Ryder's leadership was well calculated to help his men both in attack and in adversity. The School forwards improved greatly towards the end in close work. Tucker was the most conspicuous, though Woolmer and Bastin were always hard at work. Stevens played a successful, if risky, game at back for the School, and Kestell-Cornish, who does not lack pluck, has nothing to regret in this game, though he must cure a tendency to stand too far back when the wind is behind him.

So good a game has revived interest in the Three-Cock. If the School just deserved to win, the House hardly deserved to lose, and all who played for the latter can at any rate feel that they have given fresh hope that the great odds of to-day are not so hopeless as we have come to think.

A.H.T.-R.

School House—Kestell-Cornish; Bond, T. G. Devitt, G. A. Gordon, Wallinger; H. D. Harper, J. E. Pitts-Tucker; D.C.D. Ryder (captain), R. F. H. Allenby, L. C. Lewis, E. L. Spencer, D. O. H. Holland, de Villiers, Macpherson, Kennedy.

School—C. H. A. Stevens; Bryant, F. M. Drake, H. C. Partridge, P. F. Luxton; Whitehead, MacDonald; S. G. Woolmer, G. E. R. Bastin, P. D. Lean, W. A. D. Adamson, H. R. Honnywill, J. E. Tew, Shaw, Tucker.

 CRICKET FIXTURES FOR 1920.

The following cricket fixtures have been arranged up to the present for the summer of 1920:—

DATE.	OPPONENTS	WHERE PLAYED
<i>1st XI.</i>		
Thur., May 27	Dorset Rangers ...	... School Ground ...
Sat., „ 29	Downside ...	... School Ground ...
Thur., June 3	South Wilts C.C. ...	... School Ground ...
Thur., „ 10	Tanks ...	... School Ground ...
Sat., „ 12	Blundell's ...	... School Ground ...
Fri., Sat., „ 18, 19	Radley ...	... Radley ...
Th., Fri., „ 24, 25	O.S.S. ...	... School Ground ...
Mon., „ 28	M.C.C. ...	... School Ground ...
Fri., Sat., July 2, 3	Dulwich ...	... School Ground ...
Tues. „ 6	Downside ...	... Downside ...
<i>2nd XI.</i>		
Thur., May 27	Bruton ...	... Bruton ...
Sat., „ 29	Downside ...	... Downside ...
Thur., June 10	Monkton Combe ...	.. School Ground ...
Sat., „ 12	Blundell's ...	... Blundell's ...
Sat., „ 19	Gillingham C.C. ...	... School Ground ...
Tues., July 6	Downside ...	... School Ground ...
<i>Colts.</i>		
Sat., June 5	Downside ...	... Downside ...
Tues., „ 8	Monkton Combe ...	... Monkton Combe...
Tues., „ 15	Bruton ...	... School Ground ...
Sat., „ 19	Downside ..	... School Ground ..

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of *The Shirburnian*.

Dear Sir,

May I so far trespass upon valuable space as to make a suggestion with regard to School Concerts at the end of term?

The usual excuse given for the shuffling of feet and general air of boredom, which pervades the whole room towards the middle of a School Concert, is that the majority of the School cannot appreciate classical music. Yet in a concert of classical songs given by Mr. Stewart Wilson, the School was kept in absolute silence by the splendour of the whole thing, and to judge by the vociferous applause which followed each song, it was keenly appreciated from beginning to end.

May I suggest that, if songs cannot be chosen which will be appreciated by the School, we go in for something a little less above our heads, and try Gilbert and Sullivan?

Yours, etc.,

LORD HIGH AGITATOR.

THAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RAG!

Sir,

Having attended to pressing matters I hastened to the Big School where the Archaeological Society were honouring the School with an interesting lecture. So as not to interrupt the lecturer I climbed into the gallery, but found to my annoyance that nothing could be heard through the buzz of small talk that was being wafted up to me. There below me was a disgraceful scene. To take the case of ten rag-a-muffins in half as many rows: three were reading and munching quite hard sweets; two were indulging in a friendly 'scrap' under the seats; three were playing a glorified form of musical chairs in the dim light; one Bolshevik was attempting stealthily to squirm like a puffing serpent to the benches on the other side; the tenth ruffian was sitting on the back of a bench, with his back to the lecturer, laughing at the scene before him. Meanwhile the three playing musical chairs had come near the door and, at about a

couple of minutes interval, each in turn clattered out, and then proceeded to clank the handle of the door from without.

One fact more, patient Editor, there were visitors. Conduct quite natural and to be encouraged in these delightful young gentlemen!

With apologies for worrying you, Yours,
CYNIC.

OPEN AIR SERVICES.

Sir,

A gentleman has been teaching his form this term something about the Psalms. We now know that in olden days the hill-tops were associated with something a good deal more spiritual than was the country beneath them, which makes me think that a great chance was missed on Sunday, March 21st. A wonderful day, glorious sunshine, dry ground, a well-known preacher to address us under special circumstances. What could have made the morning service more memorable than to have had it on the 'Mount of Olives' in the open air with a sermon then instead of in the evening? Could not this sort of thing be done sometimes next term?

Yours faithfully,
HILLTOP.

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HOUSES.

The School House (*a*).

James' Curteis', Wood's, Whitehead's, Wildman's, Carey's (*b*).

Tancock's, Wilson's, Dunkin's (*c*).

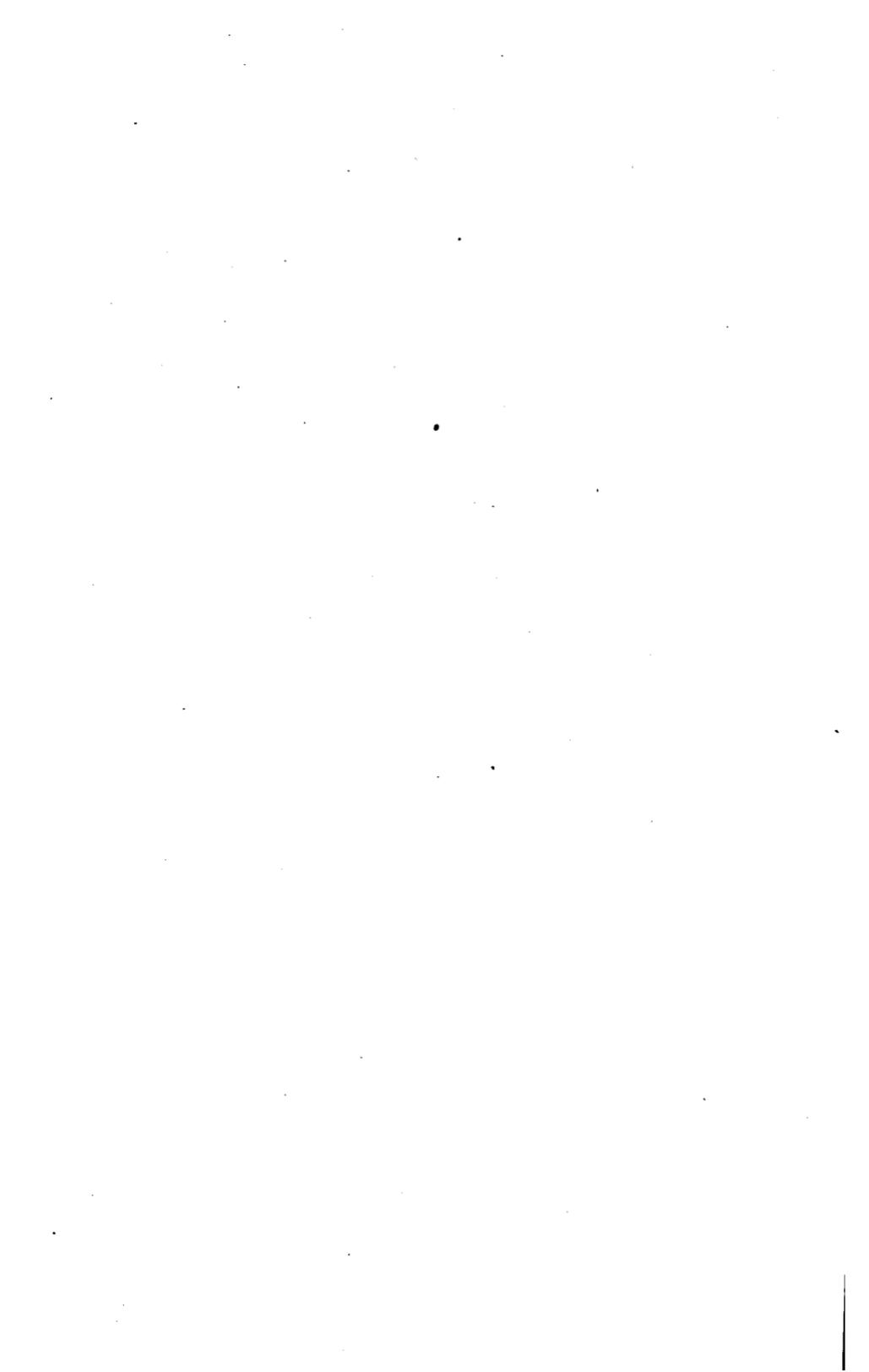
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