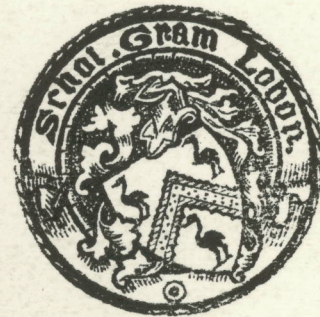


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SCHOOL NOTES.

THE following boys were first and second in their respective Forms at the end of Term :—

Form I.	...	1 P. P. Grey	2 P. A. Proudman
„ II.	...	1 T. M. Corcoran	2 H. W. Beresford
„ III.	...	1 T. S. Fielding	2 G. H. K. Walker
„ IV.	...	1 G. L. Bryan	2 E. Sansome
„ V.	...	1 J. P. Farmer	2 S. Gunn
„ VI. Lower :		1=A. H. Lowther	2 W. L. Holt
		1=C. V. Young	
		Upper : 1 H. Clarke	2=F. L. Hawker

The following boys left the School at the end of the Summer Term :—

Form VI.—H. E. Chapman (1st XI. Cricket and Football), J. P. W. Jamie (1st XI. Cricket and Football), W. F. Jelley (1st XI. Football), T. F. McCarthy (1st XI. Cricket and Football), F. W. Moss, L. B. Woulidge, V. F. Bonnaud, A. E. Richards.

Form V.—J. Allsopp (1st XI. Cricket), G. Copley, B. C. W. Main, J. A. Garvin (2nd XI. Cricket and Football).

Form IV.—W. S. Mawe, K. W. H. Moss, J. C. Watson (2nd XI. Cricket), T. Whyte.

Form II.—L. R. Rigby, J. C. P. Grey.

The following new boys joined the School :—

Form IV.—J. C. Anderson, J. W. Cooper, H. W. Reynolds, E. D. Smith, S. F. Cotton.

Form III.—W. Bentley, E. M. Brown, J. C. Brydson, G. S. Dixon, A. A. Gough, T. King, T. Pritchard.

Form II.—I. Attenborough, B. Barker, J. W. Barker, H. W. Beresford, J. Cuer, R. G. Lowe, R. Moss, E. C. Phillips, A. N. Taylor,

Form I.—L. T. Clemerson, R. N. G. Griffin, R. W. Highton, E. C. Oliver, J. Pilsbury.

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WE congratulate R. B. Turner, the son of the Headmaster and a former member of the School, on his success in gaining an open scholarship of £60 a year at Jesus College, Cambridge. The School was granted a half holiday in honour of the event.

Congratulations are also due to W. A. Savage, who has taken his B.A. degree at London University with Second Class Honours in Modern Languages.

S. Corah, who left at the end of 1908, has just passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

We were all interested to see P. B. Maltby's portrait in all the papers. He was first wireless operator on board the Carmania, and it was through him that the message was received which resulted in the preservation of so many lives on board the burning *Volturno*.

J. A. S. Castlehow was ordained deacon at Exeter Cathedral in September, and now holds a curacy at St. Mary Major in Exeter.

J. F. Bailey is teaching at Newquay, and T. W. Hall is at the Secondary School at Weymouth.

Mr. E. Barton has been appointed senior mathematical master at the Church Institute School at Bolton.

OUR BARNARDO EMIGRANT.

THE name of the boy from Dr. Barnardo's Homes sent out by the School with the £10 collected last year, is William George Haynes, aged 13. He sailed with a brother in the Allan Liner, "*Corinthian*," on Sept. 25th, and has arrived safely in Canada, where he has been placed in a good home and has every chance of doing well which he would not have had if he had remained in his home surroundings. His address is c/o Mr. W. W. Webster, Little Britain, Ontario; and he would be very glad to have any information about the School, photographs of the buildings, &c.

Before sailing he wrote the following letter to me:—

Boys' Garden City, Christine House,
Woodford Bridge,
Essex,

Sept. 23rd, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for the money you have sent for me to go to Canada. I will try and do my best to get

on and get a farm of my own. I am 13 years of age and my brother, Teddie, is coming with me and we shall be together. We start to-morrow, Wednesday; our Farewell Service is this afternoon. There are 9 boys out of this cottage home going to Canada.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Yours gratefully,

GEO. HAYNES.

N.B.—The above boy's photograph has been put up in the corridor.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

THIS, as all the members of the School should know, is probably one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in Loughborough. It contains books presented in the year 1724; two at all events bearing the date of publication 1699. Presumably the Library has flourished, more or less, for all these years; and has afforded much amusement and instruction to many hundreds of boys in succession. It now contains volumes covering subjects as wide apart as the New Testament (in Greek) and modern fiction. Originally the Library must have been housed in the buildings in Church Gate, which formerly constituted the Grammar School; when the present buildings were erected, about 60 years ago, it was placed in the class room in the Tower, still known as the Library, which is now used by the Headmaster. When the Reading Room was built in 1904 the funds were not sufficient to provide bookcases, but a few years later, thanks to a theatrical effort organized by Mr. James, bookcases were obtained, and the Library moved to its present position.

This term the following books have been added to the Library:—"War and Peace" (2 vols.), Count Tolstoy, presented by D. C. Daly; "In Palace and Faubourg." It is to be hoped that boys who are leaving this term will not forget the time-honoured custom of presenting a book to the Library.

END OF TERM CONCERT.

December 19th, 1913.

It was perhaps rather unfortunate that this year's Concert could not have been held slightly nearer Christmas, for if

this had been arranged the spirit of breaking-up and of Christmas-time might have added, if that were possible, to the enjoyment. However, this was found to be quite impossible, and it in no way detracted from the excellence of the items.

The Big School was filled with the parents, relatives, and friends of the boys, and there was also a goodly gathering of old boys, many of whom were on vacation at the time.

The proceedings commenced with a slightly simplified version of Schutt's "Kinder Suite," excellently rendered by the newly-formed School Band, which certainly justified its members', especially Mr. Watson's, expenditure of time and energy by this its first appearance. This was followed by the well-known "Land of I dunno where," sung well, even for them, by Mr. James' chirpers. (Ought we not by now to spell them with a capital?) The popular Gimson then sang a humorous song entitled "Stone-cracker John." This was, of course, cheered to the echo, and he had to come back with another. Mr. Plumb ought certainly to be satisfied with his reception, his humorous military song being applauded for some time, even after his inability to give an encore had been announced. Oldershaw almost eclipsed his ancient "exaggerated artificiality" in his monologue on "Etiquette," the hilarity produced thereby being calmed down for a time by Wallis' "dulcet and harmonious breath." Only for a time, however, for Mr. Smith's life-like representation of a German's first encounter with a telephone caused it to be redoubled. Mr. Watson charmed us all with the mellow tones of his 'cello, which was heard at its best in Warlamoff's plaintive "Russian Folk Song." Then came the always popular "Reading" by Mr. Turner. This time it was not an old favourite, but it certainly became a new one on the spot. It was quite as funny as usual, and that is saying a good deal, and, of course, perfectly read. Gimson then returned, amid cheers, to treat us to a very dainty melody, Löhr's "Little Grey Home in the West." After Mr. Watson had been loudly applauded for his extremely funny topical song and monologue "Funny Phrases," the great (in several senses) G.R.H. gave us some very advanced Rag-Time; first "The Ghost of the Violin," and as an encore, "You made me love you," both magnificently sung. These gripped the audience after the most approved Rag-Time fashion, though the choruses were rather too intricate for it to join in with any success. The House, which had tottered dangerously throughout the programme, was finally and most decisively "brought down" by Mr. Smith's irresistible "My Wife's Cake." Mr. Smith's wife ought to be in the War Office.

The second half of the programme was composed of a sketch entitled "The Sevres Tea-Cups." This was rendered most successfully, and the actors, and Mr. Imrie, who took great pains in preparing it, deserve to be heartily congratulated. The acting was particularly good, though we were not very surprised to learn that the cups were after all not Sevres, as the genuine article would not, we imagine, need such a smashing blow to break it effectually. E. A. Walker gave a spirited and lively rendering of the part of Reggie, which was the most exacting part. Jelley was excellent, especially in the closing scene and the "charming Mrs. Heatherstone" and her maid were well played by J. Grudgings and Galloway.

The Concert concluded with "God Save the King," and with cheers for nearly everybody. Mr. Watson, Mr. Imrie, and the performers certainly deserved theirs, and too much praise cannot be given them for the wonderfully complete and effective way in which everything was arranged. They were ably assisted in their task by Stage-Carpenter Cresswell and his assistants, with whose work no possible fault could be found. The one and only fault we leave till last, and it was quite unavoidable, We refer to the unfortunate absence of Jamie and McCarthy, both of whom promised to come, but both of whom were unexpectedly prevented from doing so. Their absence was lamented alike by audience and "management."

The complete programme was as follows:—

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|---|-------------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Orchestra | ... "Kinder Suite" ... | ... Schutt |
| | | 1st Violin, G. Allcock Piano, J. Thompson | |
| | | 2nd " P. Cook 'Cello, Mr. H. H. Watson. | |
| 2 | Song | ... "The Land of I Dunno Where" | T. Sindon |
| | | School Choir. | |
| 3 | Song | ... "Stone Cracker John" ... | Coates |
| | | W. H. Gimson. | |
| 4 | Humorous Song | "It's Going to be a Serious Thing for England" | Mevson |
| | | Mr. Plumb. | |
| 5 | Musical Monologue | "Etiquette" | |
| | | J. J. F. Oldershaw. | |
| 6 | Song | ... "Sing me to Sleep" ... | Greene |
| | | C. A. Wallis. | |
| 7 | Recitation | "A Telephone Call" | Clare |
| | | Mr. A. J. Smith. | |
| 8 | 'Cello Solo | "Russian Folk Song" | Warlamoff |
| | | Mr. H. H. Watson. | |
| 9 | Reading | ... Mr. Turner. | |

- 10 Song ... "Little Grey Home in the West" *Löhr*
W. H. Gimson.
- 11 Humorous Song "Funny Phrases"
Mr. H. H. Watson.
- 12 Song ... G. R. H. Lowe,
- 13 Humorous Song "My Wife's Cake"
Mr. A. J. Smith.
- 14 Playlet ... "The Sevres Tea Cups"
Dick Heatherstone W. F. Jelly
Cynthia Heatherstone J. Grudgings
Reggie Manners E. A. Walker
A Servant W. J. Galloway

Accompanists: Mrs. James, W. H. Gimson, Mr. H. H. Watson.

Stage Manager: Mr. Imrie. Stage Carpenter: F. Cresswell.
Assisted by O. S. Gibbs.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I suppose it falls to my lot to write the "Cambridge Letter," although I must confess that I have nothing very interesting to relate.

[This is the way in which all such letters as this begin, but, after repeated efforts to invent a new opening sentence I have failed and have had to "descend to the above."]

However . . . "En avant!"

There was the usual "rag" on November 5th, which was—as always—scathingly described by the Cambridge papers as a "Further example of undergraduate folly." It is difficult to please some people. Even the extinguishing of the street lamps by the undergraduates failed to appeal to the authorities as a money saving device!

The Officers' Training Corps has been busy this term, having succeeded in fixing the dates of the outdoor manœuvres on days when the mud in the fields was plentiful and very sticky.

The Jesus College contingent won the Recruits' Night-marching Competition, with Emmanuel College as a good second.

"Rugger" and "Soccer" have been in full swing, while the Varsity Trial Eights have been hard at it on the river.

The winning of the Colquhoun Skulls by a "John's" man resulted in that college having a firework display which was

rudely interrupted by the arrival of the Fire Brigade. This had come, not to put out the fireworks, but in response to a call stating that one of the rooms in the College was on fire!

The Union Society—though not honoured by the presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer—has held its usual debates on Home Rule, Women's Suffrage, etc., etc., most of which meetings have been well attended.

Now it is obvious, Mr. Editor, that having resorted to the subject of debates, I must have reached the bottom of my all too shallow well of news, and, following the usual custom, this letter must now conclude with a few words of advice.

We, who have left, do trust that the Fair was distinctly banned by the present generation of monitors—following the noble example of their predecessors. We would advise all boys who have never been to go again.

Finally, we hope that all the School organisations—the Debating Society, the Shooting, Football, and other teams—are flourishing, and we trust that the numbers of the "Anti-Work" Club (which were at their lowest in our time) have not increased!

Having thus conscientiously delivered all the messages entrusted to me, I can now lay down my pen (vide Camb, letter of 1903 for this last phrase), secure in the knowledge that the credulous readers of this letter cannot relieve their feelings on the writer, who, in order to make himself doubly safe, hides behind the name

"OLD LOUGHBURIAN."

IN BLUNDERLAND.

Concerning the Examination Candidate; in the style of an article in the Daily Press.

WHEN the Schoolboy, ever fresh and original, announced that "milch kine are male cows," and that a "Papal Bull is a sort of cow, only larger and does not give milk," it seemed that the revealing of these things and such as these to the world was owed to it as a debt. It was not right that gems of this brilliancy and others like—"Hydrostatus is when a mad dog bites you; it is called hydrophobia when the dog is mad, or hydrostatics when the man catches it,"—should waste their

lustre in obscurity. Here, plainly, are the beginnings of a New Learning, and priceless is the privilege of him who acts as its evangelist or interpreter to the world; so now, like Esau, the undersigned would sell his copyright in some specimens of it "for a bottle of American potash." That, at all events, is the consideration Esau received for his birthright, according to one of the New Light professors, own brother probably to another who tells us that "Herod's son was Herodotus," and that "a mausoleum is so called from Moses, the first man buried in a tomb." "Why," asked the questioner, "did the Eunuch go away rejoicing?" (Acts viii. 39). The answer came, "Because Philip had done teaching him," and the answer of anyone who had been so often bored by instruction might quite well have been the same. But many are the rare and refreshing fruits that may be gathered from the history of "what is sometimes called the Sacred Land, or Land of Canine, the people who live there still thinking of the great history connected with it." There dwelt "Noah's wife, whose name was Joan of Arc"; it was there was born "Samuel, whose parents were Elkanah, Hannah and Peninnah." "Samaria is bounded on the east by the Jordan, and on the west by the other side of Jordan"; and off the coast "Jonah abode in the whale's belly three days and forty nights."

Parting from the "land of Canine" to the realms of Literature, we note with joy the following variant on Macaulay:

"Hard by, a flesher on a block had laid his vittles down;
Virgilius caught the vittles up and hid them in his gown."

The examination candidate is very commonly contemptuous of English literature; sometimes he damns it with faint praise, as when he tells us that "Comus is a nice little piece; it would have obtained praise at any large school, but nothing more." This critic plainly has donned part of the mantle of Dr. Johnson, or has another, who is of opinion that "Lycidas is profane, and it is perfectly true that in one place Milton makes Lycidas appear in Heaven with his hair all wet, simply because he had not had time to dry it, since he was drowned." Searchingly severe, too, is an attack on Gray. "Gray had no genius; the subjects of his poems are bad, the stories in them worse, and the moral —." (At this point language broke down under the critic; there are some topics which it is not decent to pursue.) Paraphrase is often a mine which richly repays the miner. "Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased?" might, so thought one aspirant, have just as well been rendered "Can you not wait upon a lunatic?" And when

Fitzjames, in the "Lady of the Lake," observed of his expiring horse that—

"I little thought
That Highland eagles e'er should feed
On thy fleet limbs, my matchless steed"

he would have been equally intelligible had he said, "I had no idea that Scottish birds of prey would ever make a meal off thy quick legs, my dear horse."

The mention of mining in connection with paraphrase may be allowed to recall the translation of "Ma soeur est majeure, et moi je suis mineur," into "My sister is a major and I am a miner." Another translator of French had a fitting idea of what should constitute a lady's dress, for he would have it that "Elle ne s'habille jamais sans se mettre en colère" must evidently mean "She never dresses herself without putting on a collar," and we infer that his consideration was great since "Il ne faut point disputer les goûts" was translated as "One must not quarrel with gouty people."

History furnishes many fair regales. It is a nice domestic thought to know that "Queen Anne was called the good Queen Anne because she had nineteen children," (the student might have added here, had he remembered it, that these were called "Queen Anne's Bounty.") The British love of family life comes out again in an answer to a request for some account of Cromwell's Continental policy: "Cromwell was a kind father and husband, and had nine children."

The origin of the name Star Chamber has long been a puzzle to antiquaries. An answer, which seems as good as any, comes from the fourth form: "It was so called from the number of lights seen through the windows." As to its character, we learn that "the Star Chamber was a penalty to anyone who shot game off his own land. He was to be tortured, his ear cut off, and so on, according to the heaviness of his crime": "This was instead of paying a fine." These were stern times, we know, but—"Custom will teach you to do anything. Boys used to be flogged to death at school without so much as screeching or wincing—from mere custom." The severity of floggings, however, obviously grew lighter as the world grew older, until in our day we find an examination candidate (of a rather more advanced kind than the ordinary schoolboy) laying it down that "frequent corporal punishment tends to corroborate the child's love of ease." But plainly this must be the case only with a trainer who is deficient in his knowledge of psychology, for another (advanced) examinee is of opinion that "A knowledge of psychology is necessary

for a teacher in so far as it deals with the formation of the anatomy, sic, of a human being. That is, so far as it enables him to understand on what portions of the body punishment (corporal) can be usefully inflicted." One is afraid that "the child's love of ease" would have a poor time of it with a psychological expert of this kind.

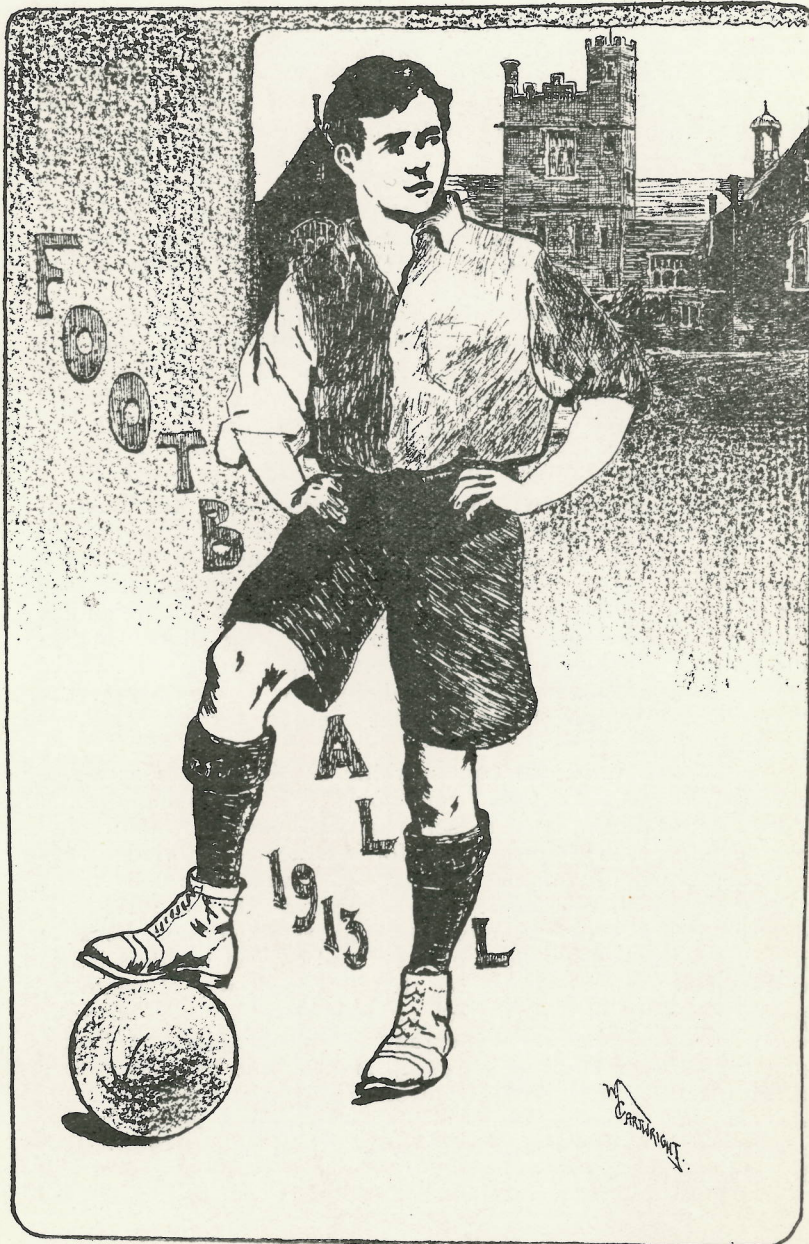
But it is still to geography that we turn for the choicest and rarest flowers. "Rome stands on the Tiger." Though the remains of many wonderful buildings are still there, yet "its glory has departed," save in the tourist season. "The chief of the remains is the Vatican and the Catacombs, the residence of the Pope." "Herds of wild cattle and wild horses drawn up in battle array form the characteristic feature of the Russian Steppes. In the winter, when they are covered with snow, the glare of the sun is so brilliant that the cattle are provided with smoked spectacles." This is to save them from the fate of the "fish in the waters of the Norwegian fiords, who have become so used to the comparative darkness that they are now born b'ind." The following account of Arabia contains some picturesque touches:—"Arabia being so hot a country, nothing will grow, with the exception of the oasis, which are found now and again. The Arabs, living in the desert, where there are no schools or places for them to be taught anything, tells us immediately that they are an uneducated race of people, and having to find their food, that makes them ravenous. Their chief occupation is to convey the sand from the banks of the river Nile further into the country, so as to enable that river to overflow its banks." From another hand we learn that "the Arabs are occupied in guiding strangers over the Arabian deserts, this being the only occupation which their melancholy surroundings allow them." Also the "Pyramids are a range of mountains separating France from Spain." "Cataract is the name of the mountain on which the Ark rested," and "the Mediterranean is joined to the Red Sea by the Sewage Canal."

Not for nothing did we wage war with the Boers, for now we know all about the Cape Town Peninsula; "it is in the south of Africa, the Hindu still resides there, but every nation is represented. The Hindus' chief pleasure is hunting for tigers, and it is their chief ambition to catch them alive, so that they can chain them to a cart, and, drawn by an oxen, they proceed round the town." The tiger-hunters of Cape Town take rank with the people of Queensland, who are "a very strong and warlike race. Their chief occupation is rearing elephants." But why should we trouble about remote portions of the Empire? Let the Queenslanders continue to run their elephant

baby-farms, but let it be enough for us to make exact and intimate our knowledge of our own home-land. Let us remember that "Leeds is where the manufacture of football teams on cards is carried on," that the influence of Roman civilisation must be strong and active to-day in England, for "the people of Winchester still retain the Roman accent"; that "at Chester they make cheese"; that "the North Sea being noted for its fisheries, is called the Herring Pond"; and that the land of Scotland being favourable to the breeding of cattle, has given a name to the "famous breed of Scotch short-breads."

The examination candidate is generally rather hard on Scotland; it's a beggarly country, "so hilly that there is nothing much to live for. Fishing is done all round the coast. That is about all the inhabitants can hunt for as food." "Fishing," we learn from another hand, "is the chief industry of the people of the North and East of Scotland. Although caught in large numbers, they do not seem to decrease." It is possible that the fact that "the population of the East of Scotland chiefly consists of fishermen and women" may explain this last statement. But about Scotland there is not much really worth noting, except to remember that "Finman is the place which gave its name to 'Finny Haddocks.'" Ireland is probably a more desirable place to live in, for there "Ballymaclinton is renowned for the sweet soap bearing its name," and Belfast (which a candidate doubtfully locates as on the "west coast of the Hebrides") is "noted for its whiskey-growing."

Excursions into contemporary life or politics are as a rule carefully eschewed by the schoolboy. But occasionally some low-down examiner tries to screw a little everyday knowledge out of him (in an English essay, for instance),—knowledge that he can't "mug up" in the ordinary way out of the convenient pages of a school manual. So he believes that the Italians, devout Catholics, are bent on the conquest of Tripoli, because it was "so called in honour of the Trinity"; he wonders if the Government could be got to see that "the best way of removing political discontents is to let someone else succeed to your office"; and he defines democracy as "government by Dukes and Deacons." The boy grows up and in time becomes father to the man; so it is perhaps not surprising that a schoolmaster received the following note to excuse a pupil's absence from school:—"John — was kept away from school yesterday, because I kneaded him at home."



A FEW "DONT'S" FOR FOOTBALLERS.

- Don't talk on the football field, it is bad form. Concentrate your mind upon the game, it will need your whole attention.
- Don't think you are the only player on your side. Football is a game of combination, so Don't be selfish, but pass the ball whenever you see a colleague better placed than yourself.
- Don't kick the ball with the toe, that may be all right for Rugby, but for Football prefer the crown of the instep, it is broader and it drives.
- Don't pass to where your man is but to where he will be.
- Don't hinder the progress of your side by either passing behind your partner or being out of position yourself.
- Don't forget to place yourself for the pass which your half-back is about to make to you. Most boys make the mistake of standing directly between the ball and the opponent, whence the ball is intercepted.
- Don't forget that the backs and half-backs must follow up their forwards when attacking.
- Don't kick the ball across your own goal when defending.
- Don't pass and re-pass in front of your opponents' goal when attacking, but shoot on every possible occasion. Goals count and the fewer the shots the fewer the chances of scoring.
- Don't forget that in shooting placing the ball is more important than force.
- Don't, if you are an inside forward, play too far up the field, but keep in touch with the defence. Your duty is to act as a "Go-between" for the half-backs and forwards. Moreover, fall back for the goal kick.
- Don't, above all, fail to realise that the surest test of a footballer is whether or not he simplifies the work of his colleagues.

FOOTBALL.

As we are only half-way through the football season it would be unwise as well as boring to go into detail about the football team, how it secured marvellous victories (when the other team had ten men and our goals were suspiciously "soft") or how after a gallant (?) struggle we were beaten (but not disgraced, mind you) about 4 or 5—1, our goal being the result of a beautifully engineered movement from about the half-way line (ahem!), while their total was made up of off-sides and surprisingly accidental flukes. As a matter of fact we have been on several occasions soundly beaten, not to say sat on, but every team we have played this year has been heavier than our own. Fortunately on most occasions we have had the benefit of the services of Messrs. Crockett and Plumb. The former is a very good defender, a sound tackler and big kicker. Mr. Plumb is without doubt a great centre-half who passes to the best advantage and makes as much use of his head as some players do of their feet. Since the Ratcliffe match we have lost the services of our clever outside-right, A. E. White, who broke his collar-bone in that match. May he soon be fit and well again. Our best thanks are due to Mr. James for getting us so many fixtures, 16 matches having been played against 10 in the corresponding term last year. The results of the matches are:—

P. 16; W. 7; L. 9; D. 0; Goals for 45, against 43.

The team has been generally:—Jones, Grudgings, Mr. Crockett, Pilsbury, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd, Jelley, Wilkinson, Hall, Bourne, Hawker.

When playing School teams Webster, Clarke and Farmer have appeared. Webster has performed in goal, also on many other occasions, but is not quite so good as Jones in getting the ball away.

The goals have been scored by:—Wilkinson 11, Hall 9, Bornue and Hawker 7 each, Jones 4, Mr. Plumb and Farmer 2 each, Shepherd 1, and 1 off opposing team.

The 2nd XI. have met with disaster each time they turned out, losing 8—0 to Wyggeston 2nd XI., 5—1 to Coalville, 5—1 to Ratcliffe 2nd, 8—2 to Woodthorpe 2nd XI., and 8—0 against the Scouts. The School also sent a team under 15 to play Long Eaton School, which lost 4—0. The 2nd XI. have been handicapped all through the term from lack of a good goalkeeper and good centre-forward. They have managed to stay the first half all right, but not the second. If there is any time left after reading the holiday task books it would be a good idea for the budding members of the 2nd XI. to practice shooting at goal, in the backyard or any other inconvenient spot.

L.G.S. v. Z. ONIONS' XI.

Played on September 27th. This was the first match of the season, and resulted in a very even game. The visitors scored first, and in spite of strenuous efforts by the defence, we were two down at half time. After this School woke up, and Bourne scored, but James soon afterwards eluded our defenders and added a third goal to the visitors' total. School pressed and Bourne again reduced the lead. From this point it was a great struggle to the end, though our forwards did more attacking. James played a fine game for his side and got through again, Farmer replying for us. Another goal was scored by one of their forwards, making the total up to 5, and then Hawker headed through brilliantly for us, leaving us one in arrears. At the end of the game School were attacking continually but were held, and no further score resulted. Score: Z. Onions' XI. 5, L.G.S. 4.

For our team Mr. Plumb was very conspicuous, both in attack and defence; Mr. Crockett played a sound game, while all the forwards combined fairly well.

L.G.S. v. F. KIRKE'S XI.

Played on October 4th. Kirke brought a strong team, including several of the old Arundel players. It was not long before the ball found its way into our goal, and it was there again before half-time, whilst Farmer scored for us from White's centre. After the change of ends Wilkinson put the scores level after a mazy dribble, giving the goalkeeper no chance. The visitors then bucked up and scored almost straight from the kick-off. Again Wilkinson equalised after dancing in and out of their defence. We thought it possible to hold out and make a draw, but their forwards thought otherwise. Making tremendous onslaughts, they found the net four more times before the end. Our vanguard fell to pieces, and a great strain was put on the defence, under which strain it broke. Mr. Plumb made great efforts to stem the tide of disaster, but the opposing forwards played much better at the end than at any other portion of the game. Jones in goal might have stopped one of the shots which scored, but with the rest he had no chance. Score: Kirke's XI. 7, L.G.S. 3.

L.G.S. v. WYGGESTON.

Played at home on October 22nd. At the start Wyggeston attacked strongly and forced several corners, for some time without result. Then the visiting centre received the ball about five yards from our goal and had no difficulty in scoring. Unluckily for us the ball came to him off one of our men so that he was not off-side. Their forwards continued to attack, but slackened off a little before the interval, when Jelley should have scored for us but missed from close range. After half-time we had more of the play, and soon Wilkinson equalised from a centre by White. Many other promising attempts were frustrated by Mason, who was playing a great game at back for Wyggeston. He always seemed in the way of the ball, and was able to head out many centres because of his height. Our

defence was forced to yield once more before the end, and this was the deciding goal of the match. Farmer should have scored for us near the end but shot too high, and we retired beaten 2-1. There is no doubt that we should have equalised, if not won, if our forwards had taken a few more of their chances in the second half. Grudgings and Hall were sound defenders, while the pick of the forwards were White and Wilkinson.

L.G.S. v. Mr. L. ROBERTS' XI.

Played on October 25th. Roberts had a fair team, including Green and Caldwell of last year's XI. The game was a very scrappy one, and not very much good football was displayed by either side. Hall, who was leading our forward line, seemed a bit unaccustomed to his surroundings, but played better after half-time. School did most of the attacking but finished their efforts badly. Our defence kept their forwards out, so that at the interval the score sheet was blank.

Upon changing ends the School team attacked spiritedly, and after about a quarter of an hour had the satisfaction of seeing the ball go in off one of the opposing defence. Several minutes after, our defence was beaten, leaving the state of affairs as before. But we were bent on gaining our first victory and were not disappointed. Bourne rushed the goalkeeper, who made a bad clearance, and the ball went in off Hall, who was following up. From this point a little more life was infused into the game, but taken on the whole it was of a scrambling nature, and no further scoring occurred. Result: L.G.S. 2, Roberts' XI. 1.

L.G.S. v. NOTTS. MAGDALA AMATEURS RESERVES.

This match was played on November 1st in weather which was practically ideal for football. The visitors arrived, as usual, a man or so short, and were thus considerably hampered throughout the game, particularly in goal. From the kick-off School pressed continually, but without success in the shape of goals, until Jones hustled both ball and goalkeeper into the net near the end of the first half.

On resuming the School soon got to work again, Shepherd scoring with a good shot. A penalty was then awarded against the School for an apparently unintentional trip, but Webster was equal to the occasion, and brilliantly saved the hot shot sent in. Shortly after this Hawker scored a good goal under difficulties, while Jones netted with a dropping shot. A little before the end Jones added the fifth in much the same manner as the first. School combined very well throughout, and the game was fast and most sportsmanlike. Final score: L.G.S. 5, Notts. 0.

The team was: Webster; Grudgings, Bourne; Pilsbury, Mr. Plumb, Clarke; White, Wilkinson, Jones, Shepherd, Hawker.

L.G.S. v. LOUGHBOROUGH WEDNESDAY.

Played November 5th. The School were represented by Webster; Grudgings, Mr. Crockett; Hall, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd; White, Wilkinson, Jones, Bourne, Hawker. The School lost the toss and defended the bushes end. School kicked off and brisk play ensued. From a good pass by White, Bourne scored the first goal. White was playing a good game, and although we did much pressing we could not break through the defence. Just before half-time from a foul against Mr. Plumb, Fallon scored for the Wednesday with a good shot from outside the penalty area. At half-time the score was one each.

During the second half School had all the game, and Bourne and Hawker scored a goal each. From a well-conducted breakaway, Wednesday scored the second goal. Following midfield play, White, who was playing very well, scored with a fast shot which kept exceedingly low. Jeered by the spectators, the Wednesday began to play rather roughly, and throw their weight about very much. Following rough play Bourne rushed the ball in after the goalkeeper had fumbled a shot from Hall. Amidst great excitement and semi-darkness School again pressed and Mr. Plumb had hard lines with three or four shots which just missed goal with the goalkeeper beaten. Five minutes from the end Hawker scored the best goal of the match, School thus winning 6-2.

SCHOOL v. Mr. KIRKMAN'S XI.

This match was played at home on Saturday, Nov. 8th, in dull weather. Bourne won the toss and defended the School end goal. The visitors brought a rather heavy team, and we were without the services of A. W. Hall. Jones kicked off, and the School forwards had several breakaways, but were repulsed by their opponents' defence. After a little midfield play, Scattergood (for the visitors) got the ball from a forward pass, ran up and sent a fine shot which our goalkeeper could not save. The referee, however, disallowed the goal owing to Scattergood being off-side. Soon after half-time was called with the result 0-0.

On resuming White ran up the wing, and after a neat bit of dribbling sent in a low shot which the opposing custodian held by going his full length on the ground. The School forwards rushed up and tried to kick the ball through, but the goalkeeper held on to it and threw it outside the touchline. The ball was kicked away after the resulting corner, and the visitors made a run up, but were neatly repulsed by our backs. The School forwards then got away and Wilkinson sent in a low shot from a pass from Hawker, which the goalkeeper failed to save. During the rest of the match the School defence succeeded in keeping out the opposing forwards, and time was called with 1-0 in favour of School. School played well, but would have been better off with Hall.

Team: Webster, T.; Grudgings, J. H., Mr. Crockett; Farmer, J. P., Mr. Plumb, Shepherd, A. E.; White, A. E., Wilkinson, A., Jones, R. P., Bourne, W. E., Hawker, F. L.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. LEAVESLEY & NORTH'S.

This match was played at Loughborough on Nov. 15, the weather being very suitable. For some time after the kick-off the play was fairly even although the opposing team was rather heavy. The School forwards combined well, and Wilkinson was able to get a shot which passed through the goalkeeper's legs. The opponents pressed hard but were often repulsed by our halves and backs. At length they scored, but School soon again took the lead, Bourne putting a well-placed shot in the corner of the goal. All the players played well and Wilkinson scored again.

After half-time School was very unfortunate, Mr. Plumb and Wilkinson had hard luck with several shots. The opponents rushed in three more goals and School had the disappointment of concluding with three goals against four. Score: School 3, Leavesley's 4.

Team:—Webster; Grudgings, Mr. Crockett; Hall, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd; White, Wilkinson, Jones, Bourne, Hawker.

SCHOOL (under 15) v. LONG EATON SCHOOL.

This match was played at Long Eaton on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. The weather was very windy, but the players played well and kept the opponents, who were far the heavier, at bay. We were against the wind in the first half, but Shepherd and Rowbotham, who were well employed, repulsed them many times. Merrick, on the forward line, did his best and dribbled finely, but to no success. The opponents managed to get two goals in before half-time.

After half-time School seemed to play better, but nothing resulted. Although most of the play was on the halves and backs, they kept them out, but before time they scored two more and the score resulted 4—0 against.

Team:—Webster; Rowbotham, Shepherd; Harper, Thompson, Lowther; Lancaster, Purnell, Merrick, Brown, Griffen.

L.G.S. v. Mr. J. W. HOLLAND'S XI.

This match was played at Loughborough on Saturday, 22nd Nov. The weather was fairly good, but players were rather hampered by the leaves on the ground. Holland, as usual, brought a hefty team. Bourne lost the toss and School defended the Bushes end. Midfield play ensued, but soon the visitors made a dash down the field and broke through the defence. Webster failed to gather the ball and the opposing centre-forward hustled the ball into the net. From the kick-off White made one of his smart runs down the line and centred with great judgment. Just as things were getting dangerous for the opposing team, their right back handled the ball in the penalty area. Wilkinson took the kick and managed to score. Half-time arrived with the score even, 1—1.

Soon after the kick-off Hawker ran down the wing and passed to Bourne. Holland tackled him but slipped and fell over the ball, unintentionally handling it in the area. A penalty was awarded and Wilkinson was again entrusted with it, but shot straight at Barker, who easily cleared. Thus School lost the chance of obtaining the

lead. Brisk play ensued and attempts by their forwards were frustrated by the defence. Mr. Plumb used his head to advantage. Afterwards the visitors added their second goal through Mr. Crockett unfortunately mis-kicking. Bourne was playing a good game and made some good attempts to score. Hall had the left outside under full control. The visitors' last goal was added with a brilliant shot. Time came with the score 3—1 against School. White and Bourne were the best of the forwards, and Mr. Plumb and Mr. Crockett were best of defence.

L.G.S. v. ALDERMAN NEWTON'S SCHOOL.

This match was played at Leicester on November 26th. Bourne won the toss and during the first half School had the advantage of a slight wind. Play was of a very even character early on, but after about 20 minutes' play Wilkinson scored with a shot which the goalkeeper misjudged. A little later the Leicester outside-right dashed down. Webster saved his shot, but the ball rebounded from a player and rolled across the goal mouth. Hall, in trying to save, put through his own goal. At half-time the score was one all.

The second half was practically a repetition of the first. School had hard lines with several good shots, White once dribbling through but shooting just over. The Leicester outsides were often dangerous, but the backs and goalkeeper were safe. About two minutes from time Leicester forced a corner. This was partially cleared, but the Leicester outside-left secured and sent in a fine shot which scored. School then attacked strongly, but could not get on equal terms. The final score was: Alderman Newton's School 2, L.G.S. 1.

The game was very even and School were unlucky to lose. The defence played well, although opposed by a fast and clever line of forwards. The team was:—T. Webster; A. Hall, J. Grudgings; H. Pilsbury, W. Jelly, A. Shepherd; A. White, A. Wilkinson, R. Jones, W. Bourne, and L. Hawker.

L.G.S. v. MELTON MOWBRAY INSTITUTE.

Played November 29th. The Institute arrived with only ten men, but secured the services of Z. Onions, who played goal. Phelps played centre-forward for the "Stute" and opened up the game well, with long passes out to the wings. These tactics proved successful for their outside left eluded Jelley and centred well for the inside forward to score. Soon after they repeated this manœuvre and were again successful. Our forwards in the meantime were having their share of the game, but could not produce any result. Onions was brilliant in goal and made several classy saves, whilst their backs gave nothing away.

After the rest at half-time School made a great attack and kept the Melton men in their own half. Wilkinson, Jelley and Mr. Plumb all tried their luck but each time the shot was saved or went astray. Then Wilkinson received when in a favourable position, after Bourne had dribbled the half-back, and reduced the lead. At this point it was anybody's game, but School allowed their grip of affairs to relax and Melton made their position secure by scoring two more goals, both from breakaways. The final score was Melton Institute 4, L.G.S. 1. It was a good sportsmanlike game, with Melton the better team, though the score flatters them a little.

L.G.S. v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Played on December 3rd. L.G.S. were represented by the following:—Webster; Bourne, Grudgings; Pilsbury, Hall, Clarke; Hawker, Shepherd, Wilkinson, Jones and White.

The School lost the toss and were forced to play against a very stiff wind. Ratcliffe soon scored and almost immediately after again scored from a free kick. The School early on in the match had the misfortune to lose White who retired with a broken collar-bone. Ratcliffe scored two more goals in the first half and then had to face the wind. The School at once retaliated and Jones scored off a Ratcliffe player. Ratcliffe made several dangerous incursions into the School half, but they were staved off by the defence. Hawker scored with a magnificent side shot and Wilkinson next scored with a swift ground shot.

Result:—The School 3, Ratcliffe 4.

L.G.S. v. OLD BOYS.

Played on December 6th. For this match we were without the services of White, so that Pilsbury figured at outside-right. Hews captained the Old Boys and had a very good team. His forwards got on the job straight from the kick-off, Walton centring beautifully for Perkins to score. For a short time the exchanges were even till Mr. Plumb scored for us with a grand shot from just outside the penalty area. However, the scores did not remain level long for Hews secured and netted from long range, though it seemed as if Webster might have saved the shot. The teams crossed over with the Old Boys leading 2—1. Early in the second half Grayston outwitted our defence on the left and further increased the lead. The School forwards seemed half asleep and when they did get going Hews or Marsh seemed to be in the way. The later stages of the match were played in semi darkness, two more goals being added to the Old Boys' total, one by Purnell and the other from a mix-up near our goal. Our forwards' efforts to score were feeble, and ill-directed, Wilkinson shooting wide when presented with an empty goal. On the defence Mr. Plumb, Hall and Shepherd played well, but were up against a very good forward line which was ably led by Perkins. The Old Boys' defence was very sound, Green playing a rather quiet game. Hews was everywhere where the ball was and found time to worry our defence as well as holding the School forwards in check. Score: Old Boys 5, L.G.S. 1.

Teams:—Old Boys: Whyman; Green, Marsh; Proudfoot, Hews, Barker, F.; Walton, Purnell, Perkins, Core, Grayston.

L.G.S.: Webster; Grudgings, Mr. Crockett; Hall, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd; Pilsbury, Jones, Wilkinson, Bourne, Hawker.

L.G.S. v. ASHBY G.S.

On Saturday, Dec. 13th. School defended the big school end of the field. The School's account was opened by Hall, who scored from an almost impossible angle on the left wing. The visitors soon equalised with a slow, bouncing shot, which Webster in goal badly mishandled. Soon after the kick-off Hall got in his second goal, half-time arriving with the score 2—1 for L.G.S.

In the second half School had the best of the game. The visitors scored a goal which was really off-side, but which was not given so by the referee. Hawker soon afterwards put the School ahead again with a good shot. On the forward line Jones, in his new position of outside right, played a very good game. Of the halves both Pilsbury and Shepherd played a fine game. The School was, on the whole, a better team than that of the visitors. Final result: 3—2 for School.

School were represented by Webster; Grudgings, Bourne; Pilsbury, Jelley, Shepherd; Jones, Wilkinson, Hall Farmer, Hawker.

L.G.S. v. Mr. F. W. ROBERTS' XI.

Several old boys turned out for Roberts on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, including, Hatton, Caldwell, Peabody, Brickwood, Cross, Proudfoot, and of course William himself, large as life, and as tricky as ever. Grayston kindly acted as referee, and School, for whom Hall was playing centre-forward, attacked the goal nearest the School. Hall drew first blood for us, after neat passing between himself and Bourne. Wilkinson increased the lead, whilst Bourne nearly scored, Cross clearing at the expense of a corner. Then Caldwell and Hatton, by neat combination on the visitors' left wing, outwitted Pilsbury and Grudgings, Caldwell scoring with a hard shot. No further scoring occurred before half time, but our forwards did decidedly more attacking than those of the opposing team.

After half time it would not be very much exaggeration to say that we were all over them. Our inside forwards, aided greatly by Mr. Plumb, penetrated the defence on numerous occasions. Hall did the hat trick, two of his shots being gems. Roberts scored for the visitors, and near the end Bourne netted for the School, making up the half dozen. Mr. Crockett and Grudgings were very safe at back, and Mr. Plumb gave a sparkling display at centre-half, using his head to great effect. Score: L.G.S. 6, Roberts' XI. 2.

L.G.S. v. OLD LOUGHBURIANS.

Played Dec. 20th. School kicked off towards the bushes end, and pressed steadily at the beginning. The visitors had a good forward line but rather a weak defence. When, however, their vanguard got going, Jones had to be smart to save his charge, and Mr. Crockett relieved brilliantly under great pressure. Our first goal was scored by Mr. Plumb after 20 minutes' play. We had several more chances just before half-time, but failed to take advantage of them, crossing over with a lead of one goal.

In the second half Hall made several neat efforts and did the hat trick, while their forwards failed to reply. Near the end the game became a bit rough and trips were rather frequent, but the School finished easy winners. In the defence Mr. Plumb, Grudgings and Mr. Crockett played well. Jones in goal was very safe, and Hull was the best forward. Score: L.G.S. 4, Old Loughburians Res. 0.

CUP TIES.

THE Senior Cup-ties this year were all easily won by the Blues, the scores in their favour being 4—1, 10—2, 7—2. According to the rule agreed upon by the Games Committee a year ago, two points are counted for a win, one for a draw, ties to be decided by goal average. The position of the two sides is now—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Pts.
Blues ...	3	3	0	0	21	5	6
Whites ...	3	0	3	0	5	21	0

As there are only six matches, three in each term, the Blues will have the Cup if they draw or win any one of the remaining three matches.

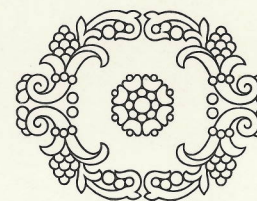
For the Blues Hall has been the outstanding member of the attack. In the last two Cup-ties he scored 9 goals. Jelley has also proved a thorn in the flesh of the Whites—a rather large thorn, too. The Blues have been well served at back by Grudgings and Bourne, whilst Clarke and Pilsbury at half, and Hawker on the forward line, have also done good work. On the Whites' side, White, Farmer, Wilkinson and Jones have played well forward, with Shepherd the mainstay of the defence. However, except for Shepherd at back and perhaps Webster in goal the Whites' defence has been very weak. A good forward line is of no use without a good defence behind it, and this the Whites lack. The teams have generally been as follow :—

Blues.—Reynolds, Grudgings, Bourne, Clarke, Jelley, Pilsbury, Merrick, Hawker, Hall, Cotton, Griffin.

Whites.—Webster, Rowbotham, Shepherd, Bailey, Jackson, Cartwright, White, Wilkinson, Jones, Dawson, Farmer.

Scorers.—Blues : Hall 10, Jelley 4, Hawker 3, Griffin, Bourne, Cotton 1 each, off Shepherd 1. Whites : Wilkinson 2, Jones 2, White 1.

Two matches have been played in the Middles. The first one of these was a runaway victory for the Whites 5—0. The second was more even, and the Blues though playing with a poor team, made the Whites play hard to win, the score being Whites 5, Blues 3.



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