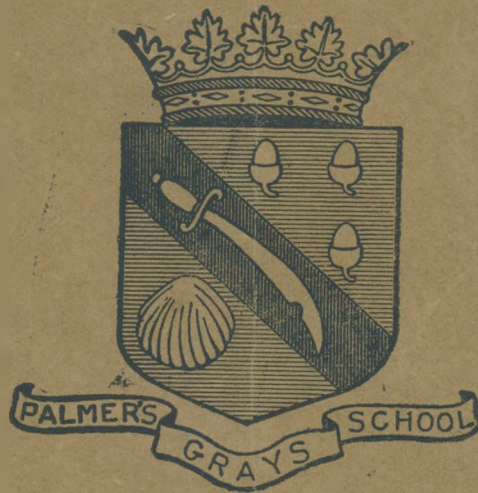


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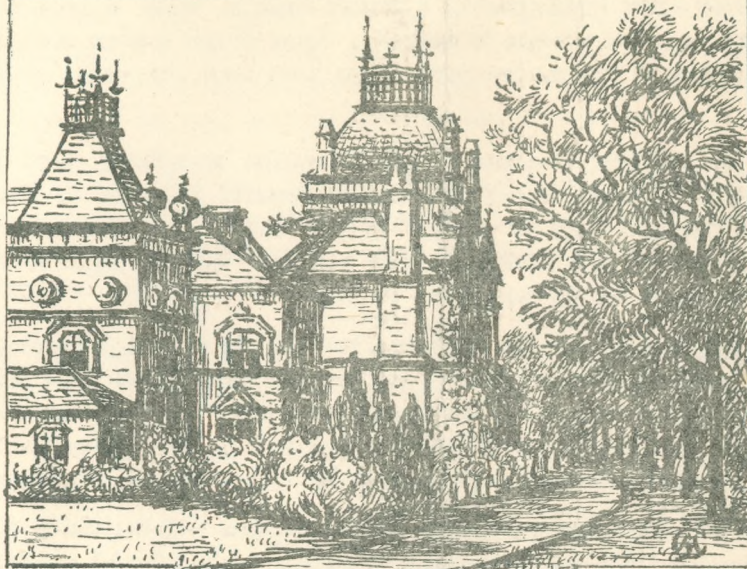
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THE PALMERIAN



EDITORIAL



E believe we are acting quite in accordance with the spirit of the Palmerian tradition in dividing the Magazine roughly into two sections representative

of the two sides of the School. We rather regret the appearance of duality, but we really cannot let slip this golden opportunity to foster that spirit of friendly rivalry so conspicuous in our midst. As to which section is the more attractive, displays a livelier and more active intelligence or a keener sense of what is good and worthy of appreciation we dare not venture to suggest. Some of our readers may be relieved to learn that no tables of comparative percentages have been compiled. *Hortamur, judicare non audemus.*

We shall do our best to make of this Magazine something more than a mere school chronicle. We are trying to stimulate creative impulses in literature and in art, not only amongst those at present in the School but also amongst the ever-widening circle of our old students. Our columns will be open to all; we shall not appeal, we trust we do not invite in vain.

With regard to this, our first number, we have to express our appreciation of the generous and ready assistance afforded by the Old Boys' Club. To Mr Connabeer, our art master, we are deeply indebted for the excellent plate that forms our frontispiece, We thank, too, our sub-editors Edith Mayhew and B. G. Turner for the zeal they have shown in the performance of what is by no means an easy task.

To many Old Boys the appearance of this number will inevitably recall the story of our predecessors. We have managed to obtain a considerable number of copies of two of the more illustrious and we hope in our next issue to publish extracts from their columns. We shall do our best to present a graphic account of a comparatively recent page in the history of our School.



AVE, PALMERIANE!



ALMERIAN, salut! tes ailes déployées,
Tel le hardi pétrel, sous les cieux éclatants,
Heureux et fier vainqueur des flots et des autans,
Prends ton essor vers les plages ensoleillées!

Aux âmes veules par l'indolence ennuyées,
Montre l'exemple des succès réconfortants,
L'ardente lutte auprès de rudes combattants,
Et ton chant triomphal les tienne émerveillées!

Montre à tous la splendeur des longs pèlerinages;
Par l'Effort et la Volonté, leurs apanages,
Comment garder un nom dont ils sont ouvriers;

Puis, lorsque tes enfants, affermis par l'épreuve,
Aux champs d'honneur auront donné plus d'une preuve,
Toi, tu recueilleras leur palme et leurs lauriers!

MAURICE A. DECOTTIGNIES

SCHOOL NOTES

DON'T you think that that scheme brought forward by M. Decottignies for opening up communications with a French school is good? We should see some amusing English, but stay—a thought has flashed upon us—we are to write back in French! And suppose they too have a magazine! Perhaps we had better write and propose an International Agreement for the Suppression of Solecisms or something equally high-sounding and absurd. Seriously though, we wish the scheme every success, and shall be very interested in watching its development.

There are rumours in the air, Perhaps if we just breathe "School Library" we shall not have ventured too far. Still shunning all appearance of indiscretion, we might divulge—well, if you do hear of a fund-raising entertainment you may expect our "we told you so." If you don't.....

Geometry is such an entertaining subject. What more charming tableau than that of "two triangles, obviously equal in all respects!" But tell it not in the Fifth—boys, of course.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. Westbrook and Mr. Thomas, of whom more anon.

In response to numerous inquiries, we do intend to send the latter a copy of this number. We are safe now in any case.

A bright little periodical—most so—has fallen into our hands. We insert an extract, gratis.

The Gazette, O third Form,
Is a flourishing paper,
It is now in its form
Like a daily newspaper.

(See "Rhyme without Tears" by the Third Form Press.)

The Gazette, O third Form,
Is the paper to read;
It is like the ripe corn,
For it brings forth good seed.

The Gazette, O third Form,
Provides you with news
Of the school and third Form,
Illustrated by views.

The Gazette, O third Form,
Of topics in common,
Since the day it was born
Was ne'er boxed on 'em.

("To box"—to cause to be at a loss for an answer).

Now all my young brethren
We want to succeed,
Your pennies, don't spend 'em
'Less you buy one of these.

This is poetry. But what a descent to that mere doggerel which we find on another page! Its very commencement:

".....is a silly fool,
By far the biggest in the school."

stamps it at once. By the way, how very magnanimous must be the Editor but we are divulging.

We live in an enterprising age—and we are worthy of our generation.

"This is the last number of the Gazette, for at the end of this Term it will cease to exist. Next Term I hope to form a company, called the..... Gazette Company Limited. Shares 3d. and 6d.: 10% of profits guaranteed. If the form readily subscribe I shall pay boys fixed salaries to print them (sic), so much per three copies."

And all this advertisement is gratis. How the heart of the Editor of our entertaining contemporary must rejoice!

We are sorry to lose "Jack" (baptismal initials C.L.) Porter. As Captain of his house he has led his side to victory in three cup finals. He figures twice on the Roll of Honour as Champion Athlete (a distinction previously gained only by his brother and by Percy Fletcher). As a prefect, his work has been quiet and thorough, and as a boy his influence on the tone of the upper part of the School has been good. We wish him success in his coming examination.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. F. W. Payne, who has returned to us, and to Mr. C. March, who has taken up the work laid down by Mr. Thomas.

From Form I.—boys again.

"Daniel was the goodest man who ever lived. He was such a good man that they put him in the lions' den."

Again in response to numerous anxious enquiries, lion-taming is not included in the curriculum.

Who is "Snarkey"? and who "Maggot," "Mad Hatter," "Cupid," "Cow," and "Skinny"? This is not a competition and you don't get five marks even if you give satisfactory answers to all six. It's just a natural query suggested by a walk through the boys' playground any morning at about eleven o'clock. We have asked the sub. but he fails at "three right two."

Congratulations to R. T. Moore who has obtained a County Major Scholarship of £60 per annum, tenable at University College, London; to C. G. Mitcham who has gained an Entrance Scholarship to the Central Technical College, Kensington;

and to Winifred Jordan who came second on the list of successful candidates for the recent Christ's Hospital Scholarship.

We are pleased to announce the results obtained in the Cambridge Local Examination held in July, 1912.

(Candidates marked * satisfied the Examiners in Spoken French, those marked † in Spoken German).

SENIORS:—

First Class Honours—C. H. Flinn* and B. G. Turner.*

Second Class Honours—F. L. Barnett,* J. S. Kean* (distinguished in drawing), F. Phillips,* W. W. Robinson.*

Third Class Honours—R. Busch*† (distinguished in French and German), C. I. Gunary.*

Satisfied the Examiners—A. A. Mather, R. E. Obee, A. T. Partridge, M. Beyon,* R. Clark,* A. M. Drury,* A. L. Gregory,* M. H. Hunter, M. Jackson,* W. B. C. Lovell, M. E. Swann, D. M. Walsham, A. G. Winsor.*

JUNIORS:—

First Class Honours—E. J. Cooke* (distinguished in French and Mathematics), H. Garside* (distinguished in French and Mathematics).

Second Class Honours—R. C. Ramsey.

Third Class Honours—W. D. Bailey* (distinguished in French), J. R. Hall, E. B. Taylor* (distinguished in French), E. M. Andrews, E. T. Brown, K. H. M. Capron* (distinguished in French), E. M. Horsman* (distinguished in English and French).

Satisfied the Examiners—W. A. Isabel, J. S. Reeve (distinguished in Book-keeping), V. T. Taylor,* W. E. Thomas, P. L. Umfreville, E. J. Waterman,* W. J. Widgery, C. G. Clayton, M. Goodyear,* L. R. Nunn, L. Walker, L. E. Walsham,* A. F. Behrens,* J. N. Cartwright,* H. H. Coppen, G. S. King, A. B. Rankine,* T. L. F. Johnson, I. Van W. Keers, H. J. A. Markham, E. M. Mayhew, A. Shufflebotham.

R. T. Moore and W. A. Cooper were successful at the London University Matriculation Examination, held in June last. We also note that H. Garside, E. J. Cooke, E. J. Waterman, W. D. Bailey and W. J. Widgery, have obtained Boy Clerkships in the Civil Service.

As we write a dull crash assails our ears. It does not much disturb the steady and persistent scratching of the official nib, for we are getting used to the sound. The builders are at work again—this time engaged on an extension of the Girls' School. Those trenches, that now mar the plot where last year some grass did grow in spite of all, are to hold the foundations of another wing to this rambling edifice. There are to be three additional classrooms, a new botanical laboratory, and increased accommodation for the resident mistresses. It is suggested that a new facade some three hundred feet long, facing the Chadwell Road, is all that is required to restore harmony to the building.

The present botanical laboratory will probably be fitted up as music practising rooms. A youthful acquaintance, well known for his assiduous devotion to the art, suggests that this last should be written "cells."

Our best wishes to Miss Isaac, now at the Girls' High School Macclesfield; and to Miss Dixon, who has accepted an appointment at a new Boarding School in British Columbia. To their successors, Miss Walker and Miss Shepherd, a hearty welcome.

Scripture test: "Who were the first people created on this earth?"

Ans.: "Adam and *Evil*."

And this is from the Girls' side!

After this it is pleasing to note that "The Picture" for the highest conduct average is now held by the Fifth Form. The form monitresses are W. Lovell, M. Blows, M. Reid, P. McIsaac, P. Parker, and N. Capron.

B. G. Turner, J. N. Cartwright, and T. W. Roberts, are the House Prefects on the Boys' side for the present term. Theodora Johnson, Norah Davis, Nora Wright, and Daisy Fletcher, have been elected by the Girls.

We wish every success to Miss K. Swann, who has started on the B.A. course at East London College.

Why are the student teachers unrepresented in our columns?

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GRAIES THURROCK IN THE DAYS OF WILLIAM PALMER

DOWN amidst the dreary and desolate marshlands that occupied the southern border of the Chafford Hundred, along the banks of a small creek 'fit to receive hoys and other vessels of small burthen,' lay the one irregular street of poorly built houses that formed the township of Graies (or Grey's) Thurrock. Once part of the royal demesne of Harold, it had passed after the Conquest into the hands of the Earl of Eu. Richard the First had granted it to John de Grey, the ancestor of a long line of Greys, amongst them that Richard who, as sheriff of Hertfordshire and Essex had revolted with the malcontent barons in the reign of the third Henry, had been captured at Kenilworth and come perilously near losing the family estates. It had passed in early Stuart days to the Kighley family from whom it had been purchased by William Palmer, the father of our Founder. Now, in the time of the good Queen Anne, it still maintained its weekly market and its annual fair. The great industrial age, in which its name spells cement, was yet to come and William Palmer built himself a house on the outskirts of a hamlet of fewer than six hundred souls.

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The proximity of Essex to the capital had affected the county in two ways: it had secured its early development but it had prevented the growth of large towns.

From descriptions by early writers we gather that Essex was regarded as peculiarly favoured for agriculture. Norden speaks of it as 'the englische Goschen, most fatt, frutefull and full of profitable things' such as the huge cheeses of the marshes 'wondered at for their massiueness and thicknes.' Fuller describes it as 'a fair county, plentifully affording all things necessary to a man's subsistence.' But two obstacles were there, that had hindered its development: lack of pure water and the unhealthiness of the marshes.

"Manie places are verie ill-watered and have few or no springes, especiallie in Denge and Rochford hundreds, and in divers other places which have only standing water for their use, which is bad in winter and in sumer worse."

The marshes are described as very deadly, exhaling unwholesome and noxious vapours and causing, adds one writer, 'a cruell quarterne fever.'



The drainage of the marshes, entrusted to Dutch immigrants was much resented by the Essex 'calves' of the time. An old ballad of 1661, lamented,

"Our smaller rivers are now dry land,
And the eels are turned to serpents there;
And if old Father Thames play not the man,
Then farewell to all good English beer."

"Why should we stay then and perish withthirst?
To the New World in the moon then away let us goe,
For if the Dutch Colony gets thither first,
'Tis a thousand to one they'll drain that too."



Whilst engaged in digging the foundations for the London and Tilbury Railway Station at Tilbury, workmen came across all that remained of an enterprise of a well-known figure in English history, Daniel Defoe. He was the originator of a Company for the manufacture of Dutch pantiles, and but for his arrest in 1703, and its unfortunate consequences, would probably have made of it a successful business venture. He gives an interesting description of the staple industry, at the time, of our little waterside town.

"From these (*i.e.* the Kentish) chalky cliffs on the riverside the rubbish of the chalk which crumbles away when they dig the larger chalk for lime, is fetched away by lighters and hoys, and carried to all the ports and creeks in the opposite County of Essex and sold there for Farmers to lay upon their land, and that in prodigious quantities; and it is so valued by the farmers that they not only give from two shillings and sixpence to four shillings a load for it according to the distance the place is from the said chalk cliffs, but they fetch it by land-carriage ten miles, nay, even fifteen miles up into the country."

"This is the practice in all the creeks and rivers in Essex, even to Malden, Colchester, and the Naze, and into Harwich Harbour up to Manningtree and to Ipswich. Thus the barren soil of Kent (for thus the chalky grounds are esteem'd) make the Essex lands rich and fruitful and the mixture of earth forms a composition which, out of two barren extremes, makes one prolific medium."

The practice of chalking lands which had been carried on from time immemorial in Essex, was discontinued towards the close of the eighteenth century. The

Kentish chalk was preferred 'as it dissolves and mellows the land better than the chalk from these parts.'

We may form an idea of the countryside around Grays from the graphic descriptions of Arthur Young. His impressions of our roads were not favourable.

"Of all the roads that ever disgraced the Kingdom in the wry ages of barbarism, none ever equalled that from Billericay to the King's Head, at Tilbury. It is for twelve miles so narrow that a mouse cannot pass by any wagon.The ruts are of an incredible depth.....the trees everywhere overgrow the road so that it is totally impervious to the sun except at a few places, and to add to all the infamous circumstances which occur to plague a traveller, I must not forget eternally meeting with chalk wagons, themselves frequently stuck fast until a collection of them are in the same situation, that twenty or thirty horses may be tacked to each to draw them out one by one."

I cannot conclude without quoting a rather piquant extract from James Brome's "Travels over England." He appears to have visited Grays in 1700, and would seem to have suffered in some way during his brief sojourn in the district. He thus describes our worthy predecessors.

"People of so abject and sordid a temper, that they seemed almost to have undergone poor Nebuchadnezzar's fate, and by conversing continually with the beasts to have learned their manners."

But if he were to renew his acquaintance with us to-day, how differently——

A. M. P.

ON DIVISIONAL MANŒUVRES

MANŒUVRES are not a bit humorous. Given health and good weather, however, they may be interesting.

It was the evening of Sunday, August 25th, when I arrived at the Rushmore Camp, Aldershot. It was a huge camp, and the cabby managed to lose himself—and me—in a range of tents. The weather was watery. How the cab wheels sank into the ruts—they were good two-foot ruts and none of your puny six-inchers. The wind howled miserably and the rain tried hard to find an inlet into the vehicle. What a peculiar vocabulary cabmen have! Splosh! posh! bump! jump! we went on our mad career.

But all good things have an end, and finally we reached our lines. I jumped out of the hansom and into what felt like a ditch, but was really only a magnified pool. Pools grew fast in those days. They were the days of the great flood (of Norwich—not the other). I was tired and slept fairly well that night, in spite of the water which would persist in coming through the canvas. Have you ever noticed how peculiarly irritating the elements of climate can be? I swear that those little rain-drops conspired against me that night. When I lay on my left side I should get a drop, followed by others in monotonous succession, in the cavity of my right ear.

I should then turn over and try the right side with exactly similar results. On a third attempt to get comfort, I should lie on my back and promptly get an exasperating drop in my right eye to be closely followed by one in the left—just to balance. My satirically sonorous laughter must have awakened the inmates of neighbouring tents. I was never more nearly convinced that inanimate objects had consciousness and a merry sense of humour; in my state of nervous tension I could almost hear those rain-fiends gurgling with wicked pleasure. The little imps! Finally to sleep and dreams of water vapour and cabmen.

Of course when reveillé sounded I felt in the best of good humours!

The height of pleasure is to wake up in camp on a dull, dark and dreary morning; raining hard outside; one's tent, here and there, letting in a gentle drip of water which reaches one's uniform case with a monotonously regular ping, ping, ping; the ground a sploshy pulp which goes "wheeze" as one walks, sinking up to the top of the boots, and that bugle beating on one's brain.

Our operations that day were interesting and consisted in striking the camp and pitching it amid more congenial surroundings—at any rate we moved out of the bog, which seemed to be the nature of our first camping ground. Illustrations of this shift of quarters appeared in the illustrated weeklies—but not as "manœuvres."

The weather during nearly the whole of my stay was like the above—though it did stop raining once or twice. One afternoon, after a hard morning's work, I was lying on my bed nearly asleep, when a great "hurrah" took me out to see what was the matter. I thought that at least one of the aeronauts, who were always hovering about, had made a daring evolution, but it was not so. But the *sun had come out!* We looked up at it in rapture for a long five minutes when, alas! it deserted us once more.

Training under such conditions must be good preparation for the hardships of "the real thing," and that was the feeling that prevailed. We could not pick our climatic conditions in wartime. Often were we wet through, to the very bone, but the wind would dry us ere we got back—if it happened to cease raining. No great-coats were worn on march though they were carried; they are for warmth at night and in winter rather than for protection from rain.

I was attached to the Royal Irish Rifles and we worked chiefly with the Welsh Fusiliers, Berkshires, King's Own, and Gordon Highlanders. To the attack we should march some ten or twelve miles before commencing operations. We skirmished through flat country and over undulating; through moor and through fen; downhill and uphill; in dense wood and through foot-deep marsh. Heavy work but healthy, and it's interesting to be healthy. Every fourth night our Brigade were out on night operations.

How I slept! The wiles of those little drops of H₂O had no effect after that first night. They could plan as much as they pleased but—I slept. Nothing (but reveillé) could awake me in those strenuous times. If my very bed had floated I should still have slept, and as a 'floating,' sleeping beauty outdone the poet.

The Gamma airship and a number of aeroplanes were always buzzing over us on our operations and all our movements must have been known to the enemy. This was one of the striking features of this year's manœuvres. Another feature was the continual and successful use of motor scouts and messengers.

The operation which I remember most vividly was an attack by our Division on a hill known as Cæsar's Camp.

We marched and skirmished towards this elevation during the night—it was a beautifully clear and moonlight night, for a change—and by dawn we were in position near the base of the hill well under cover by a fold in the ground. Our Battalion formed the Advance Guard on that side of the hill and we were extended to about three paces. On our flanks were other troops and behind us, acting as supports, were the King's Own and the Gordon Highlanders.

We advanced from right to left by short rushes by companies. Rapid fire from the rest covered each advance. I was with the foremost storming party and the sight I got from the hill when I arrived was very fine. Line after line of men were struggling up the slopes.

There was very little sickness in the camp in spite of the "humidity" which prevailed. Towards the end I began to feel like a fish out of water when it was fine, and I learned the meaning of the old Dutch motto: "We strive and keep our heads above water."

E.A.L.

SPORTS DAY

A MONOLOGUE.

Scene: The front lawn at 5.30 p.m.

Dramatis Personæ: Small boy, slightly flushed, recognised by cap and exceptionally careful coiffure as a boarder.

Father, mother, and diminutive brother of same.

PRESTISSIMO

.....And Jack Porter's got the Championship and we lost the Invitation Race, and I nearly came second in the Consolation Race under thirteen. Of course all the fellows said Porter was a cert. for the cup, but old Tadpole thought Warren might get it because you know he's such a ripping runner, on short distances of course. Did you see his rotten jump? You know the other day he jumped seventeen feet six, in boots, too, and to-day he couldn't do sixteen feet. Old Taddy was aw'fly sick, because you see he hadn't a chance left then. Did you see us walk over the other Houses in the relay. Taddy says he shouldn't think they'll run against us again or try to play us at cricket or at footer, and—well that swimming was rotten hard luck. Taddy thinks we ought to have it again 'cos we ought to have won it really; still some of those country chaps can swim. Did you see the Invitation Race? That fellow from Dartford ran well, though he did beat Turner. Wasn't it rotten hard luck last year when Mitcham slipped down? We ought—hullo, there's old Taddy.....

(Demi-semi-quaver rest for breath).



We shan't have to stay here long because we've got to be on the Girls' lawn at six for the prizes. Taddy nearly got third prize in his form—he's an awful swot really. Did you see him in the Obstacle? He was aw'fly sick because he couldn't get out that sum. Did you see the masters in that race? Oh! did you see old..... (Curtain).

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

(We are indebted to the *Grays and Tilbury Gazette* for the following report of the proceedings).

Mr. Silverwood, who had a cordial reception, expressed pleasure, on behalf of himself and his staff, to see such a large gathering as they had that afternoon. Their Chairman had said that there had been no sensational thing in connection with the year's work, but he thought he might claim that they had had a year of steady work and steady progress. It was extremely gratifying to him to say that he had never known the conduct so good as it had been during the past twelve months. After giving particulars of the examination successes obtained during the year, Mr. Silverwood went on to say that at the last gathering he had mentioned that a Cadet Corps had been formed. This now numbered a Captain, two Lieutenants, and 49 rank and file, and was in a high state of efficiency. Mr. Loftus had devoted a good deal of time and characteristic energy to the Corps, and at a recent parade Major Whitmore had stated that there was not a finer Cadet Corps than that of Palmer's School in the County of Essex. The interest of both boys and girls in the school sports had been well maintained, and the inter-House competitions for the trophies presented by the Old Students' Association had been keenly contested. The number of boys during the three terms had been 234, 224 and 224, and the number of girls 138, 133 and 131. He might say that 355 was the highest number they had ever had at the end of the School year. It was proposed to establish a Magazine called the "*Palmerian*," and he hoped they would make it a success and a publication worthy of the School. He believed it would be a valuable help to the School. They wanted to keep in touch with the boys when they had gone into the world, they delighted to hear of their success in life, to sympathise with their troubles and give them a helping hand. The older he got the more he thought that boys should be honest and manly, straight-forward, persevering and reliable, helpful and sympathetic toward their fellows in the School.

The Rev. A. H. W. Seally then presented the prizes, the school prize list being as follows:

BOYS.—Form VI.—C. H. Flinn and F. Phillips; Form V.—J. N. Cartwright, E. J. Cooke, and F. T. Taylor; Form IVa.—H. J. McCarthy, H. E. Millman; Form IVb.—G. L. Butcher, A. E. Halls; Form IIIa.—H. V. Ballard, E. G. Blaker, H. H. Hollingsbee; Form IIIb.—S. E. Coppen, L. Sampson, C. W. Sowter; Form IIr.—G. Turnbridge, S. Rutland; Form II.—J. Robertson, D. Strang, S. F. Milton; Form I.—R. Strang, L. J. Bentley, R. Hall; preparatory class—S. L. Bentley; and drawing prize, J. S. Kean.

GIRLS.—Form VI.—A. Drury, R. Busch; Form V.—N. Brown, L. Horseman, K. Howard; Form IV.—M. Blows, E. Clark, G. Nash; Form III.—L. Spiers, A. Redington, and M. Reid; Form II.—D. Taylor, M. Moore, D. Drury; Form I.—P. J. Parker, D. E. King; preparatory class—E. G. Wall; music prizes—Margaret Johnson, Norah Davis, Pamela McIsack, and Audrey Shiner; and drawing prize, Annie Gregory.

SPORTS PRIZE LIST

Best batting average—B. G. Turner.

Bowling average—H. Smith.

Tennis tournament—C. L. Porter; boys under 14—E. Dixon; ditto, girls, M. Swann; ditto, junior girls, M. A. Swann.

Swimming (open)—boys—1, T. W. Roberts ; 2, C. L. Porter ; ditto, under 14, 1, L. Golding ; under 12, S. H. Bentley ; house relay race, won by the country ; open, girls : 1, K. Capron ; girls (under 14), Phyllis Parker ; girls (under 12) 1, M. Reeve ; 100 yards race, girls, 1, Amy Autorac ; diving, 1, C. L. Porter, 2, Haylock.

Best rifle shot.—1, Cadet Lee ; Corpl. Griffiths.

Best Signaller.—1, Cadet Kemp ; 2, Cadet Hancock.

100 yards flat race.—1, Warren ; 2, Mather ; ditto, under 15.—1, Kemp ; 2, Brumfitt ; 3, Bristow ; ditto, under 14—1, Phillips ; 2, Wisdom ; 3, North ; ditto, under 13—1, Bishop ; 2, U'Ren ; ditto, under 12—1, Brittain ; 2, L. W. Walker ; ditto, under 11—1, Roberts ; 2, Barrett ; ditto, under 10—1, S. H. Bentley ; 2, Keen ; ditto, under 8—1, Capron.

220 yards handicap (open)—1, Robinson ; 2, Brumfitt.

High Jump, under 13—1, L. Barrett ; open—1, Warren ; 2, Retzbach.

Quarter-mile Handicap—1, Wallace ; 2, Dixon.

Egg and spoon bicycle race—1, Strang ; 2, Stone ; ditto, under 14—1 Watson ; 2, Townsend.

Invitation race, half-mile—One candidate from each of the following schools:—Palmer's School, Grays, Dartford Grammar School, Southend Technical School, Gravesend Technical School, East Ham Technical School, and Leyton County School. Cup to be held by school and silver medal for winner. Won by Simpson, of Dartford. Time, 2 min. 26 3-5 secs.

Long Jump, under 13—1, Barrett ; 2, Bishop ; ditto, open—1, C. L. Porter.

Egg and spoon race—1, Flinn ; 2, Raven.

Hurdle race—1, C. L. Porter ; 2, Day.

Egg and spoon race, under 14—1, Baron ; 2, Strang.

Obstacle race—1, Davis ; 2, U'Ren ; 3, Barrett.

Inter-house relay race—Won by house team.

220 yards handicap, under 14—1, North ; 2, Phillips.

Quarter-mile handicap, open—1, Robinson ; 2, Bilham ; 3, Innocent.

Sack race—1, Barrett ; 2, Davies.

Inter-House tug-of-war—Won by House team.

Old boys race—1, H. F. Silverwood.

One mile handicap—1, Turner ; 2, Day ; 3, Partridge.

Egg and spoon race, officials and visitors—1, Mr. E. J. Heap.

Consolation race, under 13—1, Sinclair ; 2, McMillan ; ditto, open—1, Smith ; 2, Golding.

Championship Cup (presented by Mr. A. W. Boatman, J.P.), awarded to boy who scores most points in open events.—Won by C. L. Porter.

Old Scholar's Cup for girls at Hockey—Won by Country House ; captain, M. Swann.

Old boys' Cups for football and cricket, both won by the house team ; captain, C. L. Porter.

FROM THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

"AN EARLY KNOCK"

In the morning very early,
There comes a tapping low
On Grandpa's door, and then a voice:
"It's me! It's me you know."
Then Grandpa smiles and calls "Hello!"
"Its you, is it my dear?"
"I've been waiting since the sunrise
"Your little voice to hear."

So she runs in like a sunbeam
And clambers on the bed
While she tells him she's been watching
The little chickies fed.

The flowers she brought him,
Are sparkling still with dew;
"See Grandpa!" Oh, her voice is sweet,
"I've picked them all for you."

AMY AUTERAC.

THE TENNIS SEASON

 HIS year for the first time, the Girls' School joined the Essex Secondary Schools Tennis League. After successfully negotiating the first round we were beaten by a small margin by Loughton High School. As this was our only loss against which we can record four victories we have not been disgraced. With careful practice at the beginning of the season and a more steady style of play, we hope to hold the shield next year.

LEAGUE MATCHES

First Round *v.* East Ham Technical School. Played at Ilford on June 12th. Won by thirty-two points.

SINGLES: M. E. Swann won by 30 points to 12.

DOUBLES: First pair, K. Capron and M. A. Swann, won by 40 points to 36.

Second pair, T. LeLubez and M. Johnson, won by 35 points to 25.

Second Round *v.* Loughton High School. Played at Ilford on July 19th. Lost by five points.

SINGLES: M. E. Swann lost by 27 points to 30.

DOUBLES: K. Capron and M. A. Swann won by 40 points to 36.

M. Johnson and T. LeLubez lost by 29 points to 35.

OTHER MATCHES

v. Southend Technical School. Played at Grays on July 6th. Won by six sets to love.

K. Capron and M. A. Swann won 6-2, 6-0.

M. Johnson and T. LeLubez won 6-5, 6-3.

M. E. Swann won 6-0, 6-1.

v. East Ham Technical School. Played on July 13th. Won by six sets to love.

K. Capron and M. A. Swann won 6-1, 6-3.

M. Johnson and T. LeIubez won 6-4, 6-2.

M. E. Swann 6-1, 6-0.

v. the Boys' School. On Friday, July 26th, we played our annual match against the winners of the open and junior Championships on the Boys' side. Our representatives were Marjorie and Millicent Swann who were opposed by C. L. Porter and E. Dixon. The game began in a slight drizzling rain with the singles match between the senior players. Our hopes ran high when M. E. Swann who was driving well and whose service was difficult to take, quickly established the useful lead of four games to one. Here, however, she broke down and Porter, steadying himself, found his service and ran out at 7-5. Her younger sister made short work of Dixon. She played an excellent game, driving a good low ball while her service was surer and quite as fast as that of her opponent. The game depended on the result of the doubles. Porter, handicapped by his weaker partner, was unable to make use of his superiority at the net. Millicent Swann played an exceptionally steady game, and after a long struggle we won the game, and with it, the match, at 10-8. The result should afford useful encouragement in view of next year's struggle for the Shield of the Essex Schools League.



SWIMMING

LTHOUGH the only form to gain the half-holiday was the First, the progress made in swimming during the summer term was exceedingly good and great interest was taken in the water sports on July 23rd.

There are only three races for which prizes are given, viz.: the 'breadth' for learners, the 'length' for girls of under fourteen, and the three-lengths open. These were won by M. Reid, P. Parker, and K. Capron respectively. Besides these we had an inter-house relay race, in which the House came first, Country second, and the Town third. In the Candle Race, won by M. E. Swann, the competitor has to swim from the shallow to the deep end, light a candle and then return with it alight to the other end. The Costume Race, two lengths in ordinary dress, was won by V. Rosenway. Perhaps the most difficult race to judge is the Reading Race, won by W. Capron. In this event the competitor swims up to the deep end where she is handed a sheet out of a magazine. She immediately swims on her back and commences to read as clearly as possible whilst returning to the shallow end of the bath. On one occasion during practice a page of "Punch" fell to the lot of one ill-fated girl who is the possessor of a well-developed sense of humour. She began well, but suddenly, reading a joke, was tempted to laugh, forgetful of her surroundings. The result was distinctly unfortunate.

After the sports a display of life-saving was given by the members of the Senior Swimming Class.

NORAH DAVIS.

OUR VISIT TO "TWELFTH NIGHT"

T was Whitsuntide. Only half-a-dozen girls had remained to spend the short holiday at school. Of these, four enjoyed the pleasant experience which I am going to relate.

On Friday evening Miss Packer asked us what we considered the happiest way to pass the holiday. She had not to wait long. There was soon a chorus of "The Theatre, please"! We were given the choice of either "Buntz pulls the strings" or "Twelfth Night." We wished to improve our minds so we all chose the Shakesperian Comedy.

We revised the characters of the play on the way up to London. We had all the afternoon to ourselves, so we went to find the new statue of Peter Pan. We came to the conclusion that Peter was very tiresome before we saw him, for we did not know in what part of Kensington Gardens his statue had been erected, but our search was amply repaid when we did come upon him in a delightful nook overlooking a large sheet of water. He was quite dainty and charming and we spent some time admiring him and his surroundings. We then went to the museum in the Gardens and saw many relics of old London.

We had an exciting time getting into His Majesty's Theatre, for we had not previously booked seats. Eventually we managed to obtain very good places where we could see and hear perfectly.

And then the play. Viola was the first character to meet our eyes, and very lovely she was. She made a lovely page to her lord Orsino. Sir Anthony did not win our sympathy, for he displayed such an extremely cowardly spirit that it was only fitting that he should be looked on with contempt. Still the part was well played. A reckless, rollicking gentleman was Sir Toby Belch, full of jokes and good humour, but unfortunately addicted to drink. Nevertheless, we preferred his antics to the chicken-heartedness of Sir Anthony. Sebastian won our hearts through the striking resemblance to his sister Viola. The grand Duke Orsino, with his luxurious surroundings and his flowery speeches, was full of sentiment. We all had a hearty laugh at Malvolio's stupidity and at his ridiculously stately movements. We appreciated the wit displayed by Feste and Maria at his expense. Our interest throughout was so great that at the end we were very loth to leave the theatre,

DAISY FLETCHER.

THE GIRLS' GARDENS

THE girls have taken a far keener interest in the gardens this year than previously. The younger girls especially deserve praise, as most of them have worked really hard. The majority seem to prefer flower gardens, nevertheless there are a few who think vegetables more profitable. One girl has converted her small piece of land into something resembling a cabbage patch, but she calls it an old-fashioned garden, while another enterprising person managed to grow some strawberries. Scarlet geraniums and violas appear to be the favourite flowers, and flourish very well in spite of ants, earwigs and tennis balls. One girl—evidently of a botanical

turn of mind—has devoted her garden to weeds of cultivated soil. Every year prizes are awarded to the senior and junior girls, who own the best garden. Most of the girls work in pairs, and this year the prizes were awarded to Gladys James and Daisy Fletcher, Doris Hird and Linda Turner.

The seniors' garden showed a pretty display of marguerites, scarlet geraniums, French marigolds, asters, and pansies. The best juniors' garden had sweet peas for a back ground, with violas, geraniums, and calceolarias daintily arranged in front.

The gardens are very creditable to the girls, and many visitors on Sports' Day agreed that they had never seen them look so pretty and so well tended. Will any kind reader, who knows of a good remedy for killing ants, kindly forward it to the amateur gardeners of Palmer's School? But girls, beware of soot when once your flowers have been planted!

KATHLEEN SWANN.

THE WINTER GAMES

HE racquet has been laid aside. No longer do our attempts to "wield the willow"—I believe that is the correct phrase—afford contemptuous amusement to the boys. The winter has come, the hockey stick has emerged once more to do battle for the house and for the school. Hostilities have not yet commenced—we've seen that sentence in the papers every day for the past week—but the captains have been appointed to their posts and are drilling us for the fray. We have proposed, seconded and elected Margaret Johnson to lead the first eleven with Millicent Swann as vice-captain. The second team is captained by N. Brown, V. Rosenway "vice"

We are running two teams at Netball. L. Walker and P. Parker have been elected captains. We are eagerly looking forward to the School matches, and hope we shall be able in the next number to record many a well-fought fight.

OUR VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

HE poster, at least, was a tremendous success. Whether its promise that the Prodigious Palmerian Players would display their skill in the vocal histrionic and terpsichorean arts proved specially attractive we do not know. It served its purpose and we had a record audience. There was no great rush on the boxes, which was surprising, considering we were only asking five shillings for them, but the stalls were full and the pit overflowing. And those present were satisfied too, if the applause could be taken as any guide, for from beginning to end were encouraged—and bothered by repeated and sustained demands for encores. But the programme was long and the evenings are short—at Palmer's.

Two of the most attractive features of the entertainment were the Foresters' Dance by Margaret and Theodora Johnson and the rendering by Daisy Fletcher, Doris McIsaac and Gladys James of a song "Three modest Quakeresses." I. V. Kears was very successful in the role of "Mrs. Varden" in the "Scenes from

Dolly Varden" and V. Rosenway really deserved the applause she was accorded for her acting as "Miggs, the faithful attendant."

The programme concluded with a presentation of "Mrs. Jeremiah Jarley's original and up-to-date waxworks." Under Miss Fletcher's careful training the "waxworks" had acquired the difficult art of consciously appearing automatic. It is difficult to discriminate in awarding praise to this performance though it is only fair to record that the "Policeman" completely brought down the house.

And now we are waiting for the return performance by the boys.

Y.

NOTES FROM THE HOUSES

"COUNTRY"

The Country has done good work in school and at games. In the Fourth Form, a "Country" girl, M. Blows, took the first prize. C. Gunary has obtained Third Class Honours in the Cambridge Senior, and Cissie Gregory gained for us the Drawing Prize.

We were very sorry to lose Kathleen Swann, who has been in the school for eight years. During the last year she has acted as a student teacher to the younger girls who only know her as "Miss" Swann. We heartily wish her success at the East London College, and hope she will uphold the credit of the "Country" Palmerians there.

We were glad to get the Hockey Cup, for we were looked on by the whole school as the weakest house. This year L. Parrish and E. Mayhew have succeeded M. E. Swann and M. A. Swann as Captain and Vice-Captain of the team.

Marjorie and Millicent Swann, who represented the School throughout the season, secured both the prizes in the tennis tournaments at the end of last term.

E.M.

"HOUSE"

We had a good House team at hockey last year. We defeated the Town but were unfortunately beaten by the Country. This year, however, under the leadership of W. Galloway and D. Allen we mean to put up a good fight for the cup.

Reine Busch, who has left, gained distinction in the examinations. She passed the "Senior" with Third Class Honours and was distinguished in French and German.

N.M.W.

"TOWN"

During the past year the "Town" girls showed great interest in the affairs of the school. Despite the many outside attractions, they succeeded in gaining four first prizes and five seconds for form work. A. Drury, N. Brown, L. Spiers, and N. Moore were at the tops of their forms and L. Horsman, E. Clark, A. Redington, D. Drury, and D. King obtained second places. We also had four girls in Third Class Honours in the Cambridge Junior Examination.

The contest for the cup presented by the O.G.A. aroused much enthusiasm on the hockey field. We had as Captain D. Walsham. She did her work well but we were unsuccessful in the matches. This year we have elected A. Drury (Captain), and L. Walsham (Vice-Captain) to lead the team.

M.J.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



HIS Society aims at keeping up the interest of old scholars in their school and should, if well supported, become a lasting link between the past and the present and should combine the best traditions of both.

Old scholars should note that the subscription is small (2/-), and the benefits many, opportunities of social intercourse are provided, two in the winter and one in the summer.

The latter has taken the form of a garden party and tennis tournament, kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. Silverwood, and the others may be anything from a Dance to a Soirée according to the wishes of the members.

The membership is increasing rapidly. Since February, 1910, when the association was formed, it has risen from 80 to 117 and this is no reason why it should not double during the present year.

Hon. Sec., M. P. B.

GLEANINGS



HE sun set; but set not his hope:
Stars rose; his faith was earlier up:
Fixed on the enormous galaxy,
Deeper and older seemed his eye:
And matched his sufferance sublime
The taciturnity of time.

He spoke, and words more soft than rain
Brought the Age of Gold again,
His action won such reverence sweet
As hid all measure of the feat.

Work of his hand
He nor commends nor grieves;
Pleads for itself the fact;
As unrelenting Nature leaves
Her every act.

Can any reader furnish me with information as to the source of the above? (Ed.)

Therefore the Masterfolk must be strong alike in all the freedoms—for in each is the foundation of the other and in the failure of each is the obliteration of the other. Strong and alert in body, and in thinking, and in will, and in conduct, and in conscience.

That man cannot be wholly free who shall ignore any of these freedoms.

The Masterfolk—*Haldane Macfall.*

There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conclusion that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better or for worse as his portion.

Emerson.

Yea this in him was the peculiar grace
 (Hearten our chorus)
 That before living he'd learn how to live--
 (No end to learning)
 Earn the means first—God surely will contrive
 Use for our earning.
 Others mistrust and say, "But time escapes:
 Live now or never!"
 He said, "What's Time? Leave now for dogs and apes!
 Man has for ever."

The Grammarian's Funeral—*Robert Browning.*

Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to that iron string.

"Self-Reliance"—*Emerson.*

Contributions to this column are invited. (Ed.)

FROM THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IS MODERN EDUCATION TOO CONSERVATIVE?

IN these stirring times, when old institutions are being shaken to their foundations, and the democracy has developed the uncomfortable habit of inquiring into the why and wherefore of things which, in the past, the "lower orders" were wont to accept without question from their "pastors and masters," it may be surmised that the system of modern education will not escape their scrutiny. That patient beast of burden, the British taxpayer, will naturally want to know whether the vast and increasing sums of money which are being spent on education are being laid out to the best advantage. In fact, as a business man, he will want to know if he is getting value for his money. In taking into account the amount of money expended by the nation on education we must not only include the sum raised by taxation but also the fees contributed by those who are sufficiently wealthy to send their sons to private and public schools.

Judging by articles which have appeared from time to time in the Press the question that seems to be agitating the minds of progressive persons is whether the present system of education is not too general and diffuse to be of much practical value to the student in his business career. The general consensus of opinion appears to indicate that the knowledge imported to senior students—at least at secondary schools—should be of a special character, that is to say, should bear some relation to the profession which the student intended to adopt. For it may be assumed that such students would be old enough to have arrived at a decision with respect to their subsequent career. This demand appears to be quite a fair one; for immediately the pupil leaves school and enters upon the study of his profession or business his

education is at once specialised. Until he attains proficiency his faculties are concentrated on the one subject by which he hopes to obtain a livelihood. Therefore it is only reasonable to suppose that if this specialisation began earlier, it would be to his advantage.

It is hardly possible within the limits of a short article to bring forward particular cases in support of the foregoing assertion. It must be borne in mind that the every-day work of the world has to be done by someone: all cannot be university professors, members of Parliament, or captains of industry.

The pursuits which bring honour, wealth, or fame, are few, while those occupations which are generally described as common, which nevertheless are important and necessary, are very numerous. Seeing then that the vocations and activities of life are so various, does it not seem consistent with the dictates of common sense that the youth of the country should be trained in such a manner as would best fit them to fill the particular positions they are about to occupy. Under the present system the pupils are all moulded to one pattern. They are turned out in their thousands all with the same general training. I am of the opinion that if education is to progress, it must be towards that which is individual and special, and away from that which is uniform and general.

No one can deny that this is the age of specialists and one who does not specialise is not likely to succeed. For such a man as is described in Dryden's well known lines there is in the world of work, little use:

"A man so various, that he seemed to be
Not one, but all mankind's epitome;
Stiff in his opinions, always in the wrong,
Everything by turns, and nothing long."

C. H. FLINN.

We hope to print in our next issue a reply to the above. (Ed.)

THE INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION FOR THE CRICKET CUP

HE first season in which we competed for the Cricket Trophy saw the day-boys monopolising the final match; this year, however, the House managed to secure the Old Boys' Cup by defeating the Country on July 20th. The Riverside never did justice to their undoubted talents, and it came as a surprise to most of us that they did not get through to the final. The strength of the Riverside Teams made the work of the other two houses no easy task, and it was cricket of no mean order which took the Country to the honourable position of "Runners-up."

HOUSE MATCHES

COUNTRY v. RIVERSIDE

The Country played the Riverside in three elevens on June 5th. In the first eleven match the Country beat the Riverside by 13 runs (Country 45, Riverside 32). For the Country, Mather made 22 runs, Todd took 4 wickets for 7 runs, and Strang 4 wickets for 21 runs. In the 2nd XI. the Riverside were victorious. The Riverside made 64 runs, to which Ockendon contributed 26, and Partridge 15. The Country obtained 25 runs. In the 3rd XI. the Country defeated the Riverside.



HOUSE v. RIVERSIDE

The House played the Riverside on June 26th. In the 1st XI. the House won by 19 runs (House 84, Riverside 65). For the House, Roberts made 31 runs, and Porter 20; Porter also took 3 wickets for 3 runs. For the Riverside, Smith made 30 runs and took 5 wickets for 24. In the 2nd XI. the House won by 5 runs (House 37, Riverside 32). For the House Behrens made 16, and Cavell took 8 wickets for 13. There was no great score made by any of the Riverside, but Parkes took 6 wickets for 26 runs, and Holbeche 3 wickets for 9. In the 3rd XI. the Riverside won.

HOUSE v. COUNTRY.

The House played the Country on July 11th. In the 1st XI. the House won. For the House, Turner made 38 runs (not out), Roberts 32, and Porter 17 (not out). For the Country, Dawson made 10. In the 2nd XI. the House won; the House making 63 runs, and the Country 25. For the House, Williams, R., made 23, and Williams, L., 15; Williams, R., also took 6 wickets for 10. For the Country, Porritt contributed 13 runs. In the 3rd XI. the Country defeated the House.

THE FINAL

The inter-house cricket final was played off on July 20th by the House and Country teams. The girls as usual came to watch the match, but were unfortunately taken back to school to finish their needlework before the end of the match. The weather was very bad and the wicket was very slow. The game had not been in progress long when it began to rain. The play, however, continued, and the game resulted in a victory for the House. The Country played well but they lacked good bowlers. The House bowlers, however, were very successful and kept the Country score very low, Mather only reaching double figures. The House batted well from the beginning, and passed the score of their opponents before two wickets had fallen. Robinson and Turner gave a good display, and brought the score up steadily. When the House declared, Turner had made forty runs and Day six. Turner's innings contained

four 4's and six 2's. For the House Turner took seven wickets for fourteen runs, and Day three wickets for eleven.

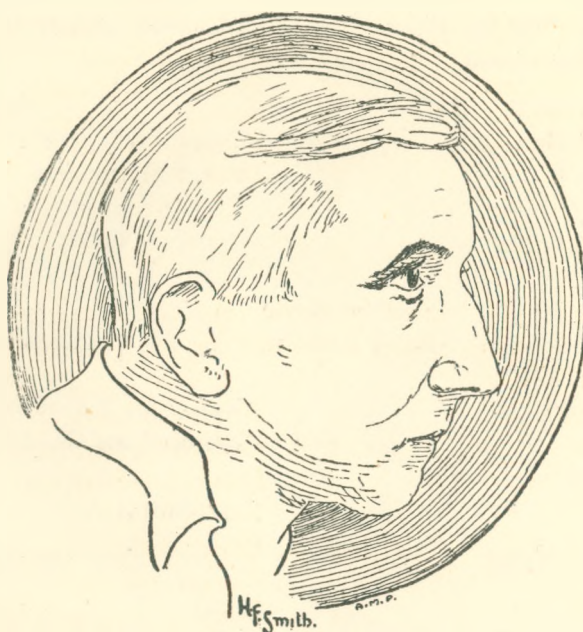
COUNTRY.				HOUSE.			
Phillips, c Turner b Day	..	0		Roberts, b Strang	..	..	4
Dawson, c Robinson b Turner	..	4		Robinson, run out	..	..	21
Mather, played on, b Turner	..	13		Turner, not out	..	..	40
Barnett, c Robinson, b Turner	..	4		Porter, b Todd	..	..	7
Strang, b Turner	..	..	4	Day, not out	..	..	6
Moore, b Day	..	..	2	Innings declared closed.			
Davey, b Turner	..	..	0				
Garside, b Day	..	..	2	Valentine, Retzbach, Innocent, Behrens,	Brumfitt and Cavell, W., did not bat.		
Todd, played on, b Turner	.	3					
Adams, not out	..	..	1				
Taylor, E., b Turner	..	.	0				
Extras	..	..	7	Extras	..	..	7
Total	..	40		Total (for 3 wickets)	..	85	

On July 27th the House, as cup-holders, played the rest of the School at cricket. The Day-boys were badly represented owing to the defection of a number of "Country" players. In this match the boarders were again successful. The House made 67 runs against 55 by their opponents. For the latter, Halls made 13 runs, and Widgery 8. For the House, Turner made 37 runs, carrying his bat through the innings. For the Day Boys, Smith took 6 wickets for 26, and Strang 3 for 19. For the House, Robinson obtained 5 wickets for 10 runs, and Turner 4 wickets for 25.



SCHOOL MATCHES

THE 1st XI. had a very successful season this year. They played nine matches, winning five of them, and gaining great glory by the crushing defeat given to Owen's. The more experienced teams by which they were defeated were superior by far; and the school eleven did well to make these matches as even as they were. This year the bowling of Biggs and Smith was of a distinctly high level for school cricket, and it was seldom that they failed to perplex their opponents. They both ended up with excellent averages. As regards the batting, it was much better than last year, because every member made a good score at least once. The team would do better if each member had more confidence in his own batting; but this will doubtless come with experience, as youth is a failing which we understand we outgrow. Turner obtained over two hundred runs during the season, while Porter, Smith, and Mather each topped the hundred. The fielding was better than usual. Mather did excellently as wicket keeper, while Dawson and Retzbach in the 'country' managed to work occasional miracles. At the end of the season six boys received their colours, namely: Turner, Porter, Biggs, Smith, Robinson and Roberts. Altogether we may hope that we have maintained the reputation of the school in our summer game, having each taken our corner in the great game with the loyalty which our captain never failed to inspire.



The 1st XI. played their first match against Gravesend County School on May 11th, and managed to beat their opponents on a very hard pitch.

SCHOOL.				GRAVESEND.			
Smith, H., b Pressly	..	..	26	Hart, c Cooper b Biggs	..	..	10
Mather, b Hart	..	..	13	Woodward, b Biggs	..	..	1
Turner, G., b Pressly	..	..	5	Foster, b Biggs	..	..	0
Porter, b Pressly	..	..	2	Russell, b Biggs	..	..	7
Biggs, b Pressly	..	..	0	DeWardt, run out	..	..	5
Dawson, b Pressly	..	..	3	Clegg, b Biggs	..	..	6
Strang, b Livingstone	..	..	1	Capon, b Smith	..	..	3
Griffiths, b Pressly	..	..	5	Livingstone, b Biggs	..	..	0
Phillips, not out	..	..	4	Wilkins, b Smith	..	..	0
Roberts, b Pressly	..	..	0	Pressly, not out	..	..	1
Cooper, b Pressly	..	..	0	Edwards, b Biggs	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	6	Extras	..	..	11
Total	..	..	65	Total	..	..	44

On May 18th the 1st XI. played Dartford Grammar School, and won the match by Smith's excellent bowling.

SCHOOL.				DARTFORD.			
Mather, c Bowyer b Needham	..	..	10	Church, c & b Smith	..	..	4
Smith, b Needham	..	..	2	Needham, b Smith	..	..	1
Porter, b Needham	..	..	10	Simpson, c Mather b Biggs	..	..	0
Biggs, b Simpson	..	..	3	Bowyer, b Smith	..	..	0
Phillips, b Simpson	..	..	0	Parker, c & b Smith	..	..	6
Turner, b Needham	..	..	5	Phillips, b Smith	..	..	7

SCHOOL—Continued.

Griffiths, b Needham ..	0
Cooper, st Bowyer. b Simpson ..	6
Strang, c Palmer b Simpson ..	1
Dawson, st Bowyer b Simpson ..	0
Robinson, not out ..	10
Extras ..	6
Total ..	53

DARTFORD - Continued.

Emery, b Smith ..	0
Hoare, c & b Smith ..	2
Blackaby. b Biggs ..	0
Palmer, not out ..	1
Luck, b Smith ..	0
Extras ..	11
Total ..	32

On June 1st, the 1st XI. visited Southend, but unused to the pitch, they failed to hit the Southend bowling. Biggs alone sent the ball out of the ground.

SOUTHEND.

Lay, hit wicket, b Smith ..	0
Leeds, 1 b w, b Biggs ..	8
Penstone, run out ..	1
Patent, b Smith ..	8
Leaney, not out ..	29
Nancarrow, b Biggs ..	1
Gregory, b Biggs ..	8
Sorrell, not out ..	2
Law	Stumps drawn
White	
Crane	
Extras ..	7
Total ..	64

PALMER'S

Roberts, b Leeds ..	9
Griffiths, b Penstone ..	0
Dawson, b Penstone ..	0
Smith, b Leeds ..	0
Porter, b Penstone ..	0
Turner, not out ..	17
Biggs, played on, b Leeds ..	20
Day, run out ..	4
Barnett, b Penstone ..	0
Brumfritt, run out, b Lay ..	5
Valentine, hit wicket, b Lay ..	0
Extras ..	2
Total ..	57

On June 28th, Owen's 1st XI. visited Grays. Last year Palmer's lost by one run against them. This year the School eleven won by an innings and eighteen runs. Turner and Dawson batted very successfully, while Biggs and Smith took their opponents' wickets very easily.

OWEN'S—first innings.

Burrows, 1 b w, b Smith ..	0
Darwall, b Biggs ..	0
Knott, run out ..	1
Houlding, b Smith ..	2
Mathews, b Biggs ..	0
Harris, b Biggs ..	1
Barnes, b Smith ..	0
Edwards, run out ..	3
Mills, c Retzbach b Biggs ..	3
Brewster, b Biggs ..	3
Sandell, not out ..	0
Extras ..	3
Total ..	16

OWEN'S—second innings.

c Porter b Biggs ..	12
b Smith ..	0
b Smith ..	5
b Biggs ..	0
played on, b Biggs ..	0
run out ..	11
b Biggs ..	0
c Retzbach b Smith ..	5
not out ..	12
b Biggs ..	0
c Retzbach b Smith ..	2
Extras ..	4
Total ..	51

PALMER'S.

Mather, b Houlding	4
Biggs, b Houlding	0
Turner, G., not out	34
Smith, b Knott	6
Porter, b Houlding	0
Roberts, b Houlding	1
Dawson, not out	26

Barnett, Strang, Robinson, and
Retzbach did not bat.

Extras	14
Total ..	85

On July 6th the 1st XI. played their return match against Southend, on their own ground. This time the School was more successful and managed to beat their opponents.

PALMER'S.

Mather, c Patient b Leeds	7
Robinson, b Leeds	5
Turner, b Leeds	0
Smith, b Penstone	9
Porter, not out	7
Biggs, l b w, b Penstone	0
Roberts, c Sorrell b Penstone	0
Barnett, b Penstone	1
Dawson, c White b Penstone	2
Cooper, b Leeds	0
Strang, c white b Penstone	0
Extras	1
Total ..	32

SOUTHEND.

Leeds, c Strang, b Smith	1
Patient, run out	0
Penstone, c Dawson b Smith	2
Leaney, c Biggs b Smith	0
Nancarrow, c Biggs b Smith	1
Sorrell, b Smith	0
Gregory, c Barnett b Biggs	0
White, run out	1
Walker, not out	2
Jones, c & b Smith	0
Law, b Smith	0
Extras	6
Total ..	13

On July 10th the 1st XI. played H.M.S. Worcester, at Greenhithe. The School might have done better in their batting if they had had more confidence.

PALMER'S.

Mather, l b w, b Atkinson	0
Dawson, c Davis b Atkinson	5
Robinson, played on, b Knight	3
Smith, c Howitt b Atkinson	0
Porter, b Atkinson	3
Turner, c Gilbert b Atkinson	23
Roberts, b Atkinson	4
Barnett, c Knight b Atkinson	6
Day, c Stephens b Atkinson	2
Griffiths, not out	1
Strang, b Atkinson	0
Extras	7
Total ..	54

H.M.S. WORCESTER.

Kitchen, b Strang	20
Davis, st Mather, b Turner	16
Shields, l b w, b Smith	4
Knight, st Mather, b Turner	5
Atkinson, c Roberts, b Smith	5
Gilbert, b Smith	14
Stevens, not out	14
Oats, b Smith	8
Canfield, b Smith	0
Houghting, b Smith	0
Howitt, st Mather, b Turner	17
Extras	9
Total ..	112

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Number of Innings	Total Runs	Times not out	Highest Score	Average
Turner, G.	14	205	5	40*	22.77
Porter, J.	14	113	4	20	11.30
Roberts, T.	9	81	0	32	9.00
Smith	15	118	0	30	7.86
Robinson	10	71	2	21	7.76
Mather	13	119	0	27	7.15
Griffiths	9	38	3	19*	6.33
Biggs	6	35	0	20	5.83
Dawson	11	58	1	26*	5.80
Barnett	9	52	0	14	5.77
Cooper	9	25	0	6	2.77

* Signifies not out.

FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Biggs	53	10	109	35	3.11
Smith	119	34	267	59	4.52
Robinson	35	8	82	11	7.47
Strang	53	4	123	16	7.68
Turner	47	10	139	17	8.17

SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET

The 2nd XI. had a successful season this year, winning four matches and losing two.

2nd XI. v. Dartford 2nd XI. (Away). School won by 54 runs.

Palmer's 76 runs (Barnett 23, Brumfritt 17).

Dartford 22 runs. (Innocent 8 wickets for 8 runs).

2nd XI. v. Southend 2nd XI. (Away). Palmer's won.

Palmer's 67 runs (Hall 16, Gunary 15).

2nd XI. v. Ilford County School. (Home). Palmer's lost.

Ilford 63 runs. (Hancock 6 wickets for 11 runs).

Palmer's 47 runs (Retzbach 17).

2nd XI. v. Southend 2nd XI. (Home). Palmer's won.

Palmer's 100 for 6 wickets (Hall 31, Innocent 29).

Southend 25 runs. (Innocent 5 wickets for 10 runs).

2nd XI. v. H.M.S. Worcester. (Away). Worcester won.

Worcester 45 and 30 runs.

Palmer's 26 runs. Hall 6 wickets for 22 runs, and 6 wickets for 15 runs.

2nd XI. v. Gravesend Grammar School 1st XI. (Home),

Palmer's 50 runs. (Griffiths 6 wickets for 10 runs).

Gravesend 34 runs.

SECOND ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Number of Innings	Total Runs	Times not out	Highest Score	Average
Hall	7	67	0	31	9·6
Valentine	6	28	3	7*	9·3
Retzbach	7	50	0	17	7·1
Innocent	7	47	0	29	6·7
Gunary	4	26	0	15	6·5
Brumfitt	7	36	0	17	5·1
Warren	5	19	1	11*	4·7

SECOND ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES

Name.	Number of overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Innocent	32	4	51	23	2·2
Hall	16	2	37	11	3·5

The 3rd XI. this season won three matches out of five. In their two games against Southend each team won on their own ground. As regards Ilford County School it was just the opposite. Leigh Hall College were defeated by the 3rd XI. on June 22nd.

The 4th XI. won their only match against Dartford by 10 runs, on May 18th.

A PLEASANT DAY

[We deeply regret we are unable to publish the original version of this delightful contribution. Our philological expert has submitted the following translation. (Ed.)]



IF one really wants a pleasant day out, one should go fishing—shouldn't one?
We were wandering aimlessly—

To mooch: to wander around without definite aim or purpose. (*Phil. Ex.*)

One fine morning about the streets of Leigh, so well known for its charming scenery and extensive alluvial deposits, when we were vigorously greeted by an acquaintance.

A decidedly weak rendering of the original which runs: "When all of a sudden one of the nuts came up and dug us in the ribs." (Ed.)

We turned round quite good-humouredly and made inquiries as to his wishes. He informed us that he had an old tarred dinghy and suggested a fishing expedition. After some hesitation we agreed to his proposal and, laden with sundry forks and sardine tins wherewith to dig for bait, we made our way, past the mellifluous odour of the cockle sheds, down to the Old Town. Having succeeded in extracting from the bed of the Thames a considerable number of rather diminutive worms, we retired to cleanse ourselves before returning home for a hard-earned meal.

Slightly ambiguous. (Ed.)

Yes, but so is the original. (*Phil. Ex.*)

Dinner over, we went out and noised the news abroad. At last we reached the boat, still in possession of the necessary fishing implements including our teas.

'Implements'? Possibly 'utensils.'

Some delay was caused when one of us discovered that he was without a line. We made him happy with some string and some pins bent to look like hooks and were at length ready.

A slight accident—

The narrative is here somewhat involved and after considerable thought I have deemed it well to omit description. (*Phil. Ex.*)

—involving a swim to the boat by one of the party and the consequent unavoidable loss of a necessary portion of his attire, again caused delay. Only the owner of the boat was at all competent in the art of rowing and as he considered it was far too much trouble, we had an interesting journey.

Here follows a graphic account of catching crabs, collisions with other vessels, falling backwards and squashing the "grub" etc., which, through lack of space we are unfortunately unable to insert. (Ed.)

Arrived at our destination, we commenced to feed the fish. We all three threw in our lines and waited anxiously. We waited anxiously—for three hours.

As so often happens the expedition succeeded in capturing the dilapidated remains of an ancient article of footwear. As we consider the relation of this incident would render suspect an otherwise apparently veracious narrative, we have decided to omit all allusion to it. The author also mentions two crabs. We are uncertain whether this has some subtle reference to the outward journey, so have decided not to specify the exact amount of the piscatorial results of the expedition. (Ed.)

We got rather cold sitting quite still so we decided to bathe. Thereupon objected the owner, who pointed out with some force that we had come to fish. Considerable excitement ensued during which we lost the remainder of the bait and, in mistake, the provisions too. Even then our well-known natural good-humour reasserted itself. We calmed down and started to row vigorously towards home.

Of how the adventurous trio once more reached Leigh, of how they had to wade ashore and of their surprise when they found they had stepped into three feet of water, speaks the Chronicle at some length. Again we regret our limited space. We can only quote the author's final and ever optimistic note.—

I'm sure you all will agree that we had a ripping time and a good night's rest.
SNARKE.

There is an accent over the "e" of the signature. Whether acute or grave it is difficult to decide. This betokens considerable experience. (*Phil. Ex.*)

We should be delighted to receive some more work from this promising contributor—we speak not for ourselves alone. His prose is vivid and exact where it is intelligible. (Ed.)



THE CADET CORPS

OTTO—Nulli Secundus.

This term we are stronger than ever, numbering three [officers and fifty two N.C.O's and Cadets.

Col.-Sgt. Mitcham and Sgt. Porter remain with us though they have left the school, and the former, at any rate, will not be able to attend the ordinary parades, being in London during the day. We are sorry to lose Lce.-Cpls. Phillips, Day and H. Smith, who left the Corps last term, and they have the Corps' best wishes for success in the future.

Last year the Shooting Cup was won by Cadet Lee who just managed to beat Cpl. Partridge. The Recruit prize went to Cadet Griffiths with McCarthy a good second. Signalling prizes were won by Cadet Signallers Kemp and Hancock with Clark third. It is hoped this year to get more shooting on the Purfleet Ranges than was possible last year.

L. Criswick, Esq., has very kindly presented the Corps with six engraved spoons for competition on the school miniature ranges, on a handicap system.

The following promotions were announced early in term: Cpls. Turner and Partridge to be Sergeants; Cadets Reeve, Hancock and Roberts to be Lance-Corporals; Lce.-Cpl. Hancock to be Acting Signalling Corporal. The Corps is practically at full strength.

The O.C. has received orders to give each cadet on leaving the Corps a certificate stating the period he has served. Should Conscription ever be introduced there would be more than a possibility of cadet service excusing men part of the period of training.

The programme for the term includes, besides the drills on Mondays and Thursdays, lectures by military officers (towards the end of the term,) signalling, scouting, ambulance classes and musketry.

Attention of cadets is drawn to the existence of the Old Boys' Signalling Section (6th Battalion Essex Regiment T.F.) Those who have served in the Cadet Corps are excused recruit drills. The minimum age is seventeen.

[We regret that through lack of space we are compelled to hold over until our next issue an account by Corporal Mitcham of camping experiences of the above-mentioned Section.]

CAMP

Twelve cadets represented the school corps at the Danbury Park Camp. Our party marched to the camp from Southend, a distance of twenty-three miles, passing the night in a barn. The camp cooks had a very welcome dinner of 'skilly' (stew) in readiness for the cadets' arrival at Danbury.

Each day passed, more or less, in the following way: 6.30 a.m., reveillé; 7 a.m., coffee; 7.15 a.m., drill; 8 a.m., breakfast; 9.15 a.m., kit inspection; 10 a.m., manoeuvres; 1 p.m., dinner; 5 p.m., tea; 9 p.m., last post; 9.30 p.m., lights out. In the afternoons and evenings the cadets were at leisure.

The camp comprised members of the Grays, Southend, and Colchester Companies; the O.C. was Lieut. Connington, of the Durham Light Infantry.

The cadets were instructed in route marching, and for the first few mornings in the attack.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 9th, the camp played a Chelmsford club at cricket; Sergeant Porter and Corporal Turner represented the corps. The match

resulted in a win for the camp; Corporal Turner making the top score of twenty-seven runs, and taking four wickets for thirteen.

The last two mornings at camp were taken up in field operations. On Wednesday morning (9th August), the Southend and Grays cadets defended Danbury from the attacks of the Colchesters. The latter were absolutely beaten in their attack. On Thursday morning the Grays and Southend party attacked Danbury, which was defended by the Colchesters. This time the attackers were successful. Sergeant Porter was especially commended for capturing a party of the enemy numbering three times as many men as his own.

On Friday morning, after much delay caused by the rain, the cadets struck their tents and departed en route for home. All the cadets benefited by the camp and at the same time thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is to be hoped that for the next camp many more cadets will forward their names.

SERGEANT.

FOOTBALL



THE first few weeks of a new Football Season are always a period of experiment with a School Club, owing to the number of positions left vacant by the leaving of members of the former season's elevens. This season no fewer than eight of last year's First Eleven have gone, and a corresponding difficulty have been experienced in forming the new team.

Turner, who has been elected Captain, Roberts the Vice-Captain, and Cooper, are the sole survivors of last year's successful side.

For the vacant positions, both Sampson and Retzbach appear to be good enough to fill the onerous post of goal-keeper. and Roberts and Warren should make a good pair of backs, but there seems to be a scarcity of good half-backs in the school, and the forward line is rather on the light side, so much will depend on Turner. So far results have been satisfactory. The First Eleven has won against Gravesend County School (4-2) and East Ham Technical School (2-1), and the Second Eleven has

beaten East Ham Technical School (6-0). In the Cup competition the House will probably be the most successful, as both Riverside and Country have much lighter sides. The Captains and Vice-Captains are Turner and Roberts of House, Rankine and Bristow of Riverside, and Adams and Halls of Country.

FIRST ELEVEN.

The first match of the season was played at home against Gravesend County School. Winning the toss, Turner chose to kick with the wind, and with this advantage for a considerable period Palmer's had the best of the play. Gravesend, however, were the first to score after good work by their left

wing, but Palmer's equalised through Cooper almost immediately, and keeping up the pressure, scored three more goals before half-time, Cooper, Turner and Golding being the successful marksmen.

The play in the second half was very tame, Gravesend being slightly the better team, and eventually they scored once more. Neither side managed to score again, Retzbach being in good form in the School goal, and Palmer's won a pleasant game by 4 goals to 2.

SCHOOL TEAM: Retzbach; Roberts and Warren; Adams, G. Turner and Hancock; Rankine, Bristow, Cooper. S. Golding, and Butcher.

On October 12th the 1st XI. played East Ham Technical School, away, and won by 2 goals to 1. Further experiments were tried with the team, but the extreme wing forwards and the half-backs were too slow, necessitating a re-arrangement in the second half.

Turner soon scored for Palmer's, who, except for a few break-aways by East Ham, continued to have the greater share of the game, and at half-time the score was 1 goal to nil in their favour.

In the second half Williams scored again for the School, and before the end the home side succeeded in putting the ball past Sampson.

SCHOOL TEAM: Sampson: Roberts and Warren; Butcher, Bishop and Innocent; S. Golding, G. Turner, Porritt and Rankine.

SECOND ELEVEN

While the 1st XI. were winning against East Ham Technical School 1st XI., the seconds were equally successful in their match which they won by 6 goals to nil.

Throughout the game the visitors held the upper hand, and the teams changed over with the score 2 goals to nil in favour of Palmer's, Bristow and Cavell having put through.

The second half was a repetition of the first, and Bristow scored two more goals whilst Cavell followed his example by also scoring two.

SCHOOL TEAM: Retzbach; Hancock and Ballard; McCarthy, Griffiths and Halls; Haylock, Bristow, Valentine, Carell and Brumfitt.

NOTES FROM THE HOUSES

THE "COUNTRY" AT WORK AND AT PLAY

INCE the contests for the Old Boys' Cups started in 1910 we have not yet had the honour to figure in a football final. We have been in both cricket finals and have lost both. Yet we have had excellent players among our number; L. J. Barnett, a "champion athlete;" T. Key, Mather, Barnett, "Jimmy" Strang and Todd were good enough. We came off "top-dog" in the swimming. Let our new team see to it that no longer may it be said: "Oh! the Country can't play footer."

We held our own in school work last year. F. I. Barnett and F. Phillips obtained Second Class Honours in the Senior and in the Junior, H. Garside was in the First Class of the Honours List with distinctions in Mathematics and French, and E. B. Taylor with a French distinction in the Third.

W. Adams has been elected captain of our football team. Let us hope our third eleven will wipe out the memory of that 24-0 game of last season.

E.B.T.

THE "RIVERSIDE"

Our former Captain, W. Cooper, left us at the end of last term. He is now a student-teacher, and though still eligible to play for the School he can no longer lead us.

H. Smith was another big loss. With the best bowler in the School we ought to have kept that cup.

Rankine has been elected captain of the house for the coming season. Bristow is vice-captain.

We hope to put up another good fight for the football trophy.

Partridge, McCarthy and Griffiths obtained badges for shooting.

C. H. Flinn, a member of the "Riverside," was at the top of the Sixth Form. He obtained First Class Honours in the Cambridge Senior Examination.

H. Mc.

HOUSE REFLECTIONS

The house during the past year has proved itself excellent in the sports' field, while at school work the boarders have made a decided improvement. Cartwright came top of the fifth form, while Hancock and Sampson were second in the fourth form (A) and third form (B) respectively. In the Cambridge Senior and Junior the boarders obtained very satisfactory results. In the Senior, Turner obtained first class honours, while Kean and Robinson reached the second class. In the Juniors, a number of boarders managed to satisfy the examiners. Turton, an old boarder, has obtained his entrance to Edinburgh University by doing sufficiently well in his Cambridge Senior. Ellis and Turner A. are doing excellently on the Worcester, both managing to pull off two prizes on their speech day.

As regards to sports, the House have come out with flying colours in both football and cricket. In the running sports the boarders carried off nearly all the prizes. This success, we attribute to our captain Porter, who has worked wonderfully for us, and by his keenness, has caused the House to reach such a high pitch in all sports. We regret to announce his departure from the school, as his absence from the playing-fields will be keenly felt by every boy. However, we shall still try to observe the spirit of the chorus of our old School song:—

"Then strive with a will Palmerians,
Success attend your play;
Never let your ardour cool
For the honour of the School;
On Palmer's, to the fray."

B.G.T.

THE PALMERS' OLD BOYS' CLUB

Its Objects and Endeavours, with a short Description of its Formation and History to date.

MANY were the discussions that must have arisen whenever a number of O.P.'s were met together, concerning the ways and means and probabilities of forming an Old Boys' Club, to bring about the meeting of old school friends, and to bridge the ever-increasing gulf between the School and those who had passed beyond its precincts and were engaged in the strenuous battle of life. At length, some four years ago, an Old Boys' Club was formed. The prime mover in its formation was Dr. E. A. Attenborough. Twenty-four Old Boys joined him and we had the nucleus of the present association.

In the Annual Report for the year ended June 30th, 1911, its objects were concisely stated.—

"To facilitate the continuance of old schoolday friendships, and to draw all Old Palmerians together with a common bond connecting them with the School."

The Committee constantly bears in mind these aims and endeavours to the best of its ability to secure their furtherance. Consequently an Annual Dinner of an informal character is held in London, usually in January or February, and Mr. G. H. Silverwood kindly provides another each year, on the Fifth of November, to honour the memory of William Palmer, the founder of the School.

As before-mentioned the Club was started on the resolution of Dr. E. A. Attenborough, whose proposal was seconded by Mr. W. A. Miall, at a meeting held on the 19th of June, 1908, and at that meeting twenty-five old boys signified their willingness to become members. Thanks to the work of Dr. Attenborough, its first Secretary, and of the Committee who guided it through the troublous times of its first year, the Club has, from its formation, never looked back. The increase in membership each year is very gratifying. From 25 members in 1908 the association has grown until at the moment of writing we number 198. On the 30th of June last year the membership was 157, so that we are able to record an increase of 41 since that date.

The Committee invite all boys leaving the School to join the Club. A postcard to the Secretary, addressed to the School, is all that is required, as nominations are unnecessary. The subscription is hardly prohibitive being only one shilling per annum.

The rules of the Club are appended. A printed list of the members with their addresses, together with the accounts of the Club, will be sent to any Old Boy on application to the Secretary.

C. W. SILVERWOOD.

RULES

1. The name of the Club shall be "THE PALMER'S OLD BOYS' CLUB.
2. Any gentleman above the age of 16 who has been a pupil at Palmer's Endowed School, or a master, past or present, at the School, shall be eligible to become a member of the Club on the approval of the Committee at their next meeting after the intimation of his desire to the Secretary.
3. The membership of subsidiary clubs shall be strictly confined to members of the parent club.
4. The subscription shall be one shilling per annum, which shall become due and payable to the Secretary on July 1st of each year, and no member shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Club until his subscription has been paid.
5. Members wishing to resign shall send a written notice to the Secretary before July 1st, after which date his subscription for the coming year will become due.
6. The officers of the Club shall consist of an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Assistant Secretary, with a Committee of seven members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled at a Special General Meeting. Four members at a Committee Meeting to form a quorum.
7. A President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in the month of July, the date of which shall be settled by the Committee, and every member shall be notified thereof in writing.
9. In the event of a Special General Meeting being required by any members, notice, stating the objects for which the meeting is required, signed by not less than five members, shall be forwarded to the Secretary, who shall thereupon call such Special General Meeting for a date within 14 days of the receipt of such notice.
10. A Committee Meeting may be called at any time at the request of two of its members.
11. All members shall be furnished with a copy of these rules, which shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

It is requested that all members forward any change of address immediately to the Secretary.



PERSONALIA

Vernon King, B.A. (Ontario). has been appointed by the U.S.A. Government as Assistant Entomologist.

E. L. Porter has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Surveyors.

Congratulations to Messrs. E. A. Attenborough, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; S. W. J. Twigg, M.B., B.Sc., etc.; C. Lee, H. Lee, G. V. Hatch, and F. Jackson, M.A., on the occasion of their recent weddings.

THE OLD PALMERIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

 HIS season promises to provide good football with the Old Boys, as the fixture list includes many really good teams. We were unfortunate to lose so soon the services of our latest school recruit, Jack Porter, who injured his knee in the first league match. The team gave its best display to date in the Junior Cup match against Upminster, on Saturday, October 12th. We are hoping to strengthen the weak points by the inclusion of Mr. Heap and Mr. Loftus. The Secretary will be pleased to hear as soon as possible from any wishing to join the Club, and would be glad if any Old Boy who should have been inadvertently overlooked would kindly communicate with C. Waghorn, Burghclere, Lodge Estate, Grays.

C. WAGHORN.

OLD PALMERIANS' v. MILTON CHURCH.

The Old Boys opened the season on Saturday, 21st September, with Milton Church from Gravesend as visitors, and after a very pleasant game retired beaten 2-1. Milton won the toss and kicked down against the wind, and had most of the play, scoring two goals in the first half. After change of ends Palmer's played much better, the team putting more life into their efforts and were rewarded with a penalty goal by E. J. Heap. This ended the scoring although Palmer's deserved to draw as many fine centres from E. J. Heap were unaccepted and should certainly have been turned to better account. The Old Boys' seem to have a useful team together this season. The weakest part seems to be the right wing, but with a few more players ready to play after holiday and cricket this fault should be remedied. Team: H. W. Nye, Jack Porter, E. Porter, F. Scarborough, H. W. Parrish, W. Umfreville, E. J. Heap, C. Marsh, H. F. Silverwood, Spooner, Waghorn. Referee, A. H. Morgan.

OLD PALMERIANS' v. OLD GRAYSONIANS

On Saturday, September 28th, the Old Boys' entertained Old Graysonians on the home ground and after an exciting game proved victorious by the odd goal in five. Palmer's won the toss and kicked up towards the School and with the assistance of a strong wind had most of the play in the first half although the forwards again were rather weak, the likelihood of any scoring coming only from the left wing. Parrish opened the scoring for Palmer's from a good centre from Heap, and we led by the goal at half time. After crossing over, Grays penned the Old Boys in their own half and set up a severe bombardment of the home goal, but from a break-away, Heap got away on the left wing and Parrish again scored. Then Grays took up the attack and gave our defence a very warm time ending in one of our backs handling the ball in the penalty area. Thwaites easily scored from the kick. Grays scored again through a fine centre from Bilsby which served to put more life in the game, and Heap scored a good goal following a run down, and gave the Old Boys their first victory of the season. Team: H. W. Nye, E. Porter, F. Scarborough, E. Spooner, J. Porter, L. Bruty, C. Banks, C. Waghorn, H. W. Parrish, C. Marsh, E. J. Heap.

BRENTWOOD OLD BOYS

On October 5th we journeyed to Brentwood to oppose the Old Boys in the First Division of the Ilford League, and we had to admit defeat by the substantial margin of five goals to nil. Palmers won the toss

and elected to kick with the sun at their backs, but Brentwood were soon attacking and E. Porter and Nye had a very warm time. We managed to keep level at half-time but we had to play only ten men in the second half, J. Porter having damaged his knee very badly. He is unlikely to turn out again this season. The second half was all in favour of Brentwood who scored five times without response. Palmers went all to pieces in this half and after resorting to the one back game they were unable to hold the fast Brentwood forwards.

ESSEX JUNIOR CUP. v. UPMINSTER. (Away).

We were drawn away in the first round of the above cup, and, as luck would have it, against our near neighbours, Upminster. The games against them in the past have always been fought out at a very fast pace, and Saturday proved no exception as a good deal of feeling was shown, before a crowd of about 150. Palmer's won the toss and elected to kick with the sun behind their backs and soon got together with a good run on the left which ended in a fine effort from our inside left, and also a great save from the Upminster goalie, who was in fine form. We opened the scoring, our left wing again getting in excellent piece of work. This reverse stirred up our opponents and they made several good attempts to get through our defence. They succeeded just before the interval from a movement started from their right wing. This goal should not have been scored, as Porter took the man and Nye hesitated before leaving his goal with the result that another man scored a gift goal. Half-time arrived with the score 1-1. Soon after the interval Upminster scored again but from here onward Grays held the upper hand. Mr. Marsh ably fed the forwards with splendid passes which enabled Allen to take a first-time shot and beat the goal-keeper with a fast grounder thus equalizing the scores.

Very soon afterwards from a centre from the right Allen again scored following up his success by obliging with a couple more. From now to the end a very keen struggle was witnessed Palmer's being very hard pressed and eventually Upminster got through again Nye misjudging a dropping shot from the left wing. Time came with Palmer's leading by five goals to three.

The Old Boys gave a greatly improved display and were strengthened by the inclusion of C. Macrow and C. Marsh, the latter greatly aiding the forwards by his fine placing of the ball and also assisting the backs when hard pressed. Allen gave a very good display, scoring four goals and opening out the game very well indeed.

Team : Nye ; E. Porter, C. Macrow ; Harris, C. Marsh, L. Bruty ; C. Waghorn, H. W. Parrish, W. Allen, F. Ashby, S. Smith.

NOTICES

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