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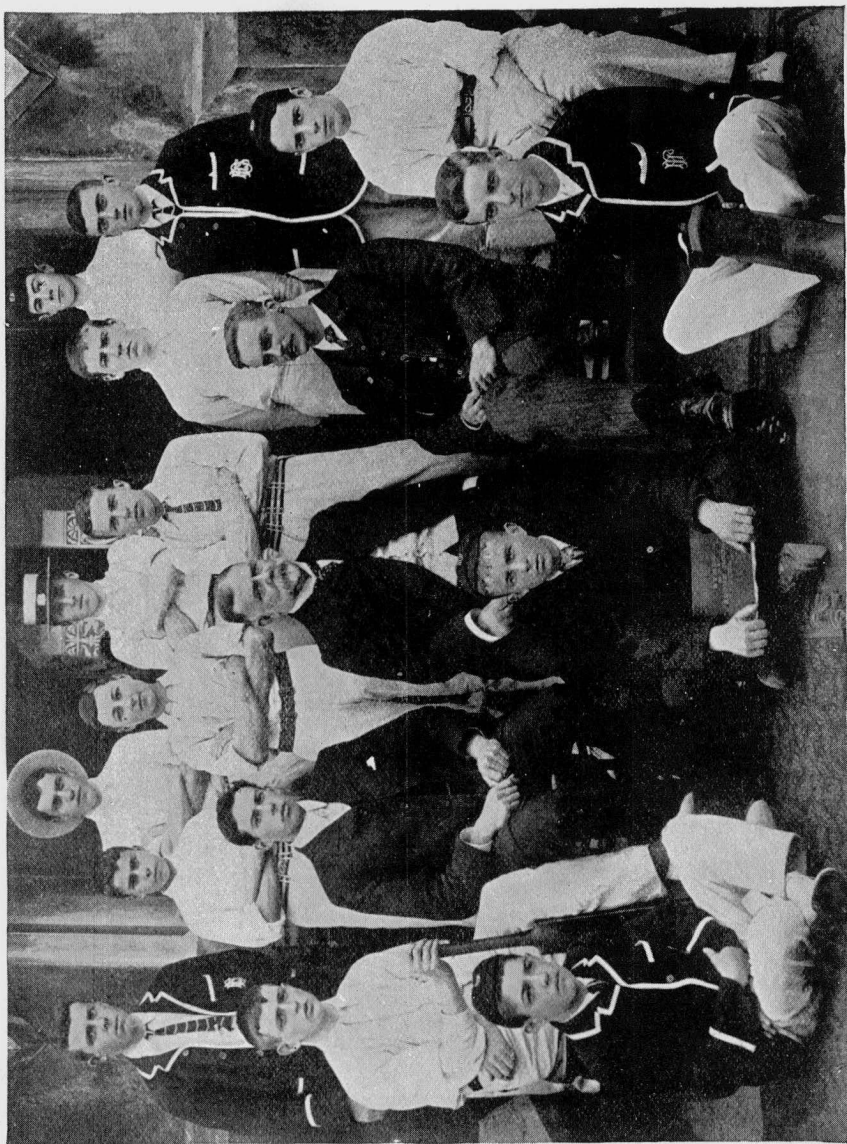
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NOTES.

**D** H. S-ians must have felt a glow of pride at the reception of the first number of their School Magazine. The kindly notices of the Press, as well as the letters and support of past and present members were most gratifying, and it is most sincerely hoped that the enthusiasm shown will continue, and bring about the object for which a school magazine exists.

It has been proposed to hold an O. D. H. S-ian Re-union during the early part of next term, and it is hoped that this will be the first of a series of meetings of O. D. H. S-ians.

The O. D. H. S-ian cricket match passed off most pleasantly, but it was unfortunate that, on the day fixed at end of term, the match could not be arranged and so had to be postponed till August 10th in the holidays, when so many were away.

Mr. Barnett has left us to take up work at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, near Liverpool. We wish him every success in his new surroundings. The Photographic Society, Swimming Club and Gymnasium will miss him.

Our heartiest welcome to Dr. O. D. Parker, who so well fills Mr. Barnett's seat.

Congratulations to C. Coombes on obtaining a 1st Class at the Inter Science Examination of the University of London.

Jack Egan, who recently left school to take a post in Lloyd's Bank at St. Austell, died on Sunday, August 20th, after a short illness.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of our contemporary, *The Plymouthian*.

## SPEECH DAY.

At the Public Hall, on Thursday, July 28th, 1904, the distribution of prizes to students of Devonport High School and Naval and Civil Service College took place. The Mayor of Devonport (Mr. E. Blackhall) presided over a large attendance which included many of the relatives and friends of the scholars. Supporting his Worship were Rear-Admiral W. H. Henderson (Superintendent of Devonport Dockyard), the head master (Mr. Alonzo J. Rider, F.C.S.), Mr. J. Cumming, Mr. R. Stephenson, Mr. J. A. Pearce, Staff-Commander Way, Messrs. A. F. Treseder, M.A., T.C.D., W. J. Andrews, L.C.P., A. J. Barnett, M.A., M. Briais, (University of Paris), and Rev. J. H. Beecroft, assistant masters, Miss G. Mantle (Preparatory School), Miss L. Richardson, and Mr. C. Jeffery (music master). Before the commencement of the proceedings, Admiral Henderson was handed a handsome bouquet by Master C. Rider for Mrs. Henderson, and Master Roome presented one to Mrs. Rider.

The Mayor remarked that the teachers must realise that their labours for the past twelve months had not been in vain. The successes won by the school proved that the work had been real. (Hear, hear.) The parents were delighted that their sons had made such progress. To the successful pupils that was a red-letter day. He congratulated them, and knew that in years to come they would look upon the prizes they had secured with a great deal of pride and pleasure. In Mr. Rider they had a kind and firm master, and this was one of the chief elements of success. (Hear, hear.) The lads had the world in front of them, and they might depend upon it that they would find a great deal of keen competition. If they were to be successful in the business or profession upon which they would enter they must apply themselves with diligence to their studies. At that school they had physical as well as mental training, and the two combined should make them bright sharp lads. (Hear, hear.) He asked those who had not won prizes this term not to be disheartened, they had English blood and brains, and should endeavour to do their best to secure prizes next time. (Hear, hear.)

The Head Master, in his annual report, stated that he could not but feel gratified at the results for the year. The boys generally had taken an interest both in work and play, they had been highly successful in each, and the tone of the school and its numbers were satisfactory. They had again to record successes in the open competitive examination for Engineer Cadetships, the 2nd and 4th places had been secured at the March examination by Deacon and Burt respectively. They scored the highest in Algebra, Geometry, English, Natural Science, and Geometrical Drawing. Other candidates held good positions, 25th and 26th. By a recent Admiralty Order the number of entries would be doubled and a final selection made to fill vacancies at the end of the fourth year at Keyham. An opportunity would thus be offered for a much larger number to obtain the advantage of the training at Keyham, and the navy would secure the best. In the examination for Assistants of Excise, Kelly took the 47th place out of 1,100 candidates. Following the usual practice, practically the whole of the boys eligible were presented at the Cambridge Local Examination, and 80 per cent. were successful in obtaining certificates, viz : Senior, 2 ; Junior, 15 ; and Preliminary, 15. Of the honours obtained by local candidates Devonport High School, although sending in only 30 per cent. of the candidates, secured 50 per cent. of the distinctions. (Applause.) In the College of Preceptors' examination held at Christmas, 3 candidates entered for the First Class, and all passed, 2 in Honours. The coveted Pinches Prize, awarded to the 1st Boy in England, was secured by Coombes (applause); who also took the highest position in England in the following subjects:—Arithmetic, Euclid & Trigonometry. (Applause.) This pupil, who matriculated at the London University in June last year, had just entered at the lowest possible age for the intermediate examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University, and they wished him success. (Hear, hear.) The results of the examination held by the Society of Arts were the best they had ever secured, certificates having been gained, including 5 of the First Class, to obtain which required a high degree of proficiency. Old boys continued to gain distinction, and almost the latest of those was J. P. Johnson, who, besides winning a Scholarship of £35 at the London Hospital, had also secured the Letheby Prize of £20 for Chemistry. Excellent work was done in the gymnasium under the direction of Mr. E. J. Blunt, Instructor. The boys were very proud of their performances in the cricket and football fields, in the former they they had during the past season won 11 matches out of the 15 they had played. The school sports were again a very great success. The success of the new school magazine had been very marked. Glancing at education generally, they must, he thought, be hopeful for the future. (Hear, hear.) The Government's new Education Board had commenced to grapple in earnest the important question of secondary schools, which had recently been issued, and it was clear they knew what was wanted and how to set about their work. (Hear, hear.) Secondary education was provided for, by which, in the near future,

this country would be amply supplied with schools of a really satisfactory character. And very wisely, he thought, the Government were not looking to the newly-established education authorities to provide, often at an enormous cost, the necessary accommodation, but were cordially asking the co-operation of existing efficient secondary schools, helping them financially and giving them a proper position in the educational system of the country. The suggestions made as to the control and management of these schools, and their relationship with the local education authority and the Board of Education, were excellent, and were just those which would tend to set up in this country a thoroughly practical scheme which would not only take away the reproach which long neglect had left, but place them in one of the foremost positions as an educated people. (Hear, hear.) It would be the object of that school to continue in the steps they had already taken, and to fall in line with the new requirements. He could not conclude without referring to the death of one of their oldest friends educationally in Devonport, the late Alderman May, who took a deep interest in that school, and who in his 95th year filled the position which the Mayor was occupying that day in presiding.

Rear-Admiral Henderson said he was interested in every subject connected with education. He believed it was one of the vital points we had to make for if this empire was to hold its own. (Hear, hear.) We had got behind in the race. He had been about the world a great deal, he had met many peoples, and he was naturally very much interested in education. In America, in Germany, in Switzerland, in France, and even in Holland they would see that there was a greater realisation among parents of the value and of the necessity of education than was to be observed in this country. This anxiety and realisation filtered down to the boys themselves. Other nations realised, and more than we did, what it meant to have a real and thorough education. He could wish that we possessed the very highest ideals of education. Mr. Rider had referred to the waking up of the nation with regard to what had been done so far under the recent Education Act. There was no doubt whatever that we were moving on. (Hear, hear.) Did the boys themselves realise that not only in the competition between individuals, but also between nations, success in life directly depended upon the way in which they were able to hold their own in an educational sense? They did not go to school just to take what they could get. They should go there determined to store their minds with knowledge which would stand by them all through their lives in whatever occupations they took up. He had said before in Devonport, and he repeated it, that he thought education in the main must take the line of natural aptitude; it would all depend upon their ordinary intellectual gifts and mental abilities. When they got an all-round man they were apt to look upon him as a genius. But the boy who got to the top of the tree and won the largest number of prizes was superior only because he possessed all-round qualifications and took up many subjects, did



well in some, and out-distanced the other scholars. If they did not win prizes in actual subjects at their examinations at school it did not follow that they had not got abilities. As they got along in life they would find out their purpose, when they did let them stick to it and cultivate it for all it was worth. (Hear, hear.) If they did not win the highest prizes they could show the splendid characteristics of pluck, energy and perseverance. (Hear, hear.) Many a boy with pluck and perseverance had passed others who were mentally his superiors. It was necessary for them to give attention to study, to get to know what mankind had done in the past and how they had arrived at the present level of intelligence. We were in a somewhat low position yet, and discoveries were being made which were bringing us daily to a higher state of intelligence. They could cultivate themselves as to what had been done in the past, the gradual evolution of history, and how things were tending at the present time. If they did this they would be better men, no matter what occupation or profession they followed. In our country we had the very finest of literature; they should study it, and also think of man in the highest sense and with the highest aspirations. People in Devonport and neighbourhood were very lucky to have such an institution as the High School in their midst. (Hear, hear.) Long before he came to Devonport he had heard of its excellent reputation. As one interested in education, he had, since he came to Devonport, been impressed with the excellence of the schools in the district. They had got to march on. There was no finality in running a dockyard, neither was there in running a school. They must go on accepting new methods and new ideas, and push forward with the one idea that each succeeding generation should be better than the previous one. (Hear, hear.)

Admiral Henderson then distributed the prizes:—

#### PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.—VI.—Wm. Bennett. V.—Upper, Section 1 (navy), G. Burt; Section 2, J. R. Sims. IV.—Section 1 (navy), J. Pym; Section 2, S. Rawlings; Section 3, C. Dally. III.—C. Holman. II.—C. Stanbury, A. S. Adams. I.—J. Mitchell, Alonzo Rider.

PRIZES OTHER THAN FORM PRIZES.—FORM VI.—CAMBRIDGE LOCAL (SENIOR)—Honours 1st Class 1st Division, F. Ferraro; 2nd Class, J. Deacon; 3rd Class, G. Burt. Chemistry.—S. Hocken. English.—H. Tuckett. Literature.—E. Ridge. History.—A. Bennett.

CAMBRIDGE PRELIMINARY, Honours.—2nd Class, J. Budge; 3rd Class, R. Love, H. Martin, E. Pentreath. General Improvement.—D. Row, A. Dubbin. Chemistry.—C. Lowden. FORM IV.—Latin and French.—F. Norgate. Mathematics.—W. Phillips.

On the motion of Mr. R. Stephenson, seconded by Mr. J. A. Pearce, the Mayor was thanked for presiding, and on the proposition of Mr. J. Cumming, seconded by Mr. Alonzo Rider, Admiral Henderson was also thanked. Admiral Henderson added that in the navy, and also in the army, were those who had the greatest amount of individuality. He did not think a man should be shut out of the service if he failed in one subject, it might not be the most important subject of his education. Such men might have a sound general English education, and perhaps a most special aptitude for languages and mathematics. These were the men who were wanted. What was required was the highest kind of culture, but it must be as diversified as it could possibly be. In his opinion the entrance door to the navy and army was somewhat too narrow, and in this opinion he believed many well-known school masters would agree with him. (Hear, hear.)

During the proceedings, Mr. C. Jeffery played several charming selections on the organ, and Miss Katherine Smith delightfully rendered three songs.

### 1st XI. BOWLING AVERAGES.

Players.	No. of Runs.	No. of Wickets.	Average.
J. H. E. Dawe ...	168	62	2.71
J. H. Kelly ...	241	60	3.65
A. J. Marshall ...	186	42	4.42
S. Harris ...	27	9	3.00
L. J. Soady ...	45	7	6.42
C. W. Tresise ...	43	6	7.16
R. G. Haggarty ...	10	2	5.00
R. Cumming ...	7	1	7.00

### 1st XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

Players.	Number of Innings.	Times not out.	Number of runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
A. J. Marshall ...	18	3	183	55A	12.20
J. H. Kelly ...	12	2	88	25	8.80
J. H. E. Dawe ...	13	1	97	32	8.08
L. J. Soady ...	19	0	134	18	7.05
S. Harris ...	19	4	83	21A	5.46
R. G. Haggarty ...	14	0	74	21	5.28
W. O'Neill ...	17	1	68	9	4.25
R. Cumming ...	12	2	18	5A	1.66
C. W. Tresise ...	6	0	10	4	1.80
H. Wade ...	12	1	14	4	1.16
H. M. Rashbrook ...	13	2	8	5	.72
H. Ascott ...	10	2	3	2	.37

The following played less than six complete innings :—

K. Tucker (3)	...	...	with an average of	9.66
W. E. Batt (4)	...	...	" "	4.75
Mr. Barnett (2)	...	...	" "	2.50
G. Clarke (3)	...	...	" "	2.25
W. Nurton (3)	...	...	" "	1.33
A. C. Earwaker	...	...	" "	1.00
Hood (5)	...	...	" "	.60
M. B. Owen (3)	...	...	" "	.33

## CRICKET.

### 1st TEAM MATCHES

DUNHEVED COLLEGE, away. Scores—School, 116; Dunheved, 110. For School, Tucker scored 25 not out, Kelly 23, Haggarty 21, Soady 18. The most exciting game of the season. Our opponents going in second, had 4 wickets down for 97. Two more quickly fell to the bowling of Dawe and Kelly, while a few minutes later, Haggarty caught two more off successive balls from Kelly. The remaining men were run out, the game ending in a narrow win for School by six runs.

OLD BOYS MATCH, at Greatlands, on August 10th. The Old Boys were captained by Mr. Lord, of Devonport, but they were not a very representative team. School batted first, Kelly and Dawe going in first carried the score to 58 before being separated, Dawe contributing 32. Kelly stayed some time longer and scored 25. Other scores were Soady 12, and O'Neill 9. School declared with 8 wickets down for 83. The Old Boys were soon disposed of, being all out for 20, of which, 10 were extras, Kelly capturing 6 wickets for 6 runs, and Dawe 4 for 4.

### RECORD FOR SEASON 1904.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Runs for.	Runs Against.
16	12	4	960	724

## FOOTBALL, 1st XI.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

September 17th, v. STOKE DAMEREL. General satisfaction was felt at the result of this, our first match, which ended in a win for the School by three goals to one. Marshall (2) and Earwaker being the scorers.

September 21st, *v.* PLYMOUTH POST OFFICE. Although our opponents were much heavier, they failed to penetrate our defence. The game ended in a pointless draw.

September 28th, *v.* ALBERT HOUSE. Ended in a win for School by five goals to nil. Played on a greasy ground.

October 1st *v.* HOE GRAMMAR SCHOOL. A runaway match ending in a win for School by seven goals to nil. Marshall (2), Soady, Earwaker and Dawe being the chief scorers.

October 5th, *v.* AVENUE. Played in rain, and ended in a draw of two goals each. For the School, Soady and Earwaker being the scorers.

October 15th *v.* PARK HOUSE. Ended in a win for School by six goals to one.

October 19th, *v.* DEVONPORT POST OFFICE. School were weakly represented and lost by a single goal to three.

October 22nd, *v.* PLYMOUTH PUPIL TEACHERS. The School played far better football than their opponents and won by six goals to two.

October 26th, *v.* DUNHEVED COLLEGE, at Launceston. In this match, School, with a disorganised team, lost by four goals to nil.

November 2nd, *v.* HOE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at Oresion. This return fixture was won by our 1st XI by seven goals to two.

November 5th, *v.* EDGEUMBE UNITED. A runaway match resulting in a win for School by eleven goals to one.

November 12th, *v.* ST. JOHN'S RAMBLERS. Won by School by three goals to nil.

November 16th, *v.* AVENUE, at Vinstone Park. A good game won by the School by three goals to nil.

November 19th, *v.* YEALMPTON. This match was lost through a mistake by the referee. School played better football, but lost by two goals to one.

December 3rd, *v.* OLD BOYS. An interesting match which was won by the School by three goals to two. Deacon played finely in goal for the visitors, whilst Marshall (2) and Rawling scored for the School.

## 2ND XI.

*Captain* S. Blight.

*Vice-Captain* C. Hood.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES.

Oct. 8th. MELBOURNE. A keen game ending in a draw of 2 goals each

Oct. 15th. CARFRAE. This team proved to be too good for us, and in consequence we lost by 6 goals to 1.

Oct. 19th. PORTLAND G. SCHOOL. Resulted in a win for School by 6 goals to 2.

Oct. 22nd. STOKE UNITED. A run-away game, ending in a win for us by 10 goals to 1.

Oct. 26th. LIPSON SCHOOL. Our opponents were totally outclassed, we being victors by 12 goals to 1.

Nov. 5th. PORTLAND G. S. OLD BOYS. Here we met our second defeat, the opposing team were far too heavy for us. Lost by 4 goals to 1.

Nov. 12th. WESTLEY. Resulted in a win for School by 5 goals to 1.

Nov. 16th. LIPSON SCHOOL. An interesting game ending in a win for us by 4 goals to 2.

Nov. 19th. ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR. A one sided game. School winning by 9 goals to 3.

#### RECORD TO DATE.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Goals. Against.
9	6	2	1	50	22

#### SWIMMING CLUB.

Last term a swimming competition was got up amongst the boarders, and under the supervision of Mr. Barnett it came off successfully. There were two events—one for seniors and the other for juniors. In the senior event four started—Wade, Haggarty, Ridge, and Ascott (i). The course of 150 yards was covered in fine style; Ridge obtained the lead from the start and kept it throughout, arriving in 20 yards ahead of Haggarty, who came in second. Wade from the beginning went out of his course but obtained third place. Ascott (i) fourth.

For the junior event three started—Tucker, Ascott (ii), and Hocken. Hocken kept the lead until about six yards from the winning post when Ascott (ii) put on speed and won by inches. Tucker obtained third place.—H.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The first annual photographic competition was held at the end of last term. Two prizes for senior and one for juniors. The result is as follows:—

SENIOR.—Snapshots. 1st, Hood; 2nd, Hood; 3rd, Haggarty.

Exposures. 1st, Hood; 2nd, Haggarty; 3rd, Ascott (ii).

JUNIOR —1st, Ascott (ii); 2nd, Stivala.

## THE STAMPS OF FRANCE.

When beginning to study the stamps of any particular country, it frequently happens that some collectors do not trouble enough about bona-fide varieties. They content themselves with gathering together those stamps across which they come and sticking them in their albums in a beautiful disorder, whilst a careful scrutiny might enable them to increase at a very trifling cost the number of their varieties. Such is especially the case in two of the most important issues of French stamps, to which I will now refer.

In the year 1876, a set of stamps, bearing the picture of an allegorical group, representing Peace and Commerce, was issued. On looking carefully with a magnifying glass, under the words "République Française" you will notice the words "J. A. Sage, I.N.V." and see that the "N" of "I.N.V." occurs just under the "B" of "République." Now, two years after, a new set of dies was introduced, in which the only change was that the letter "N" occurs just under the "U."

In the same way, in 1900, a new set came out, representing the figure of Liberty seated. In the first issue, the monogram bearing the figures of value was printed after the stamp was engraved, and these figures do not fall in the centre of the monogram, besides being of a darker colour than the rest of the stamp.

In 1901, there appeared another set of the same design, in which the whole stamp was printed in one process; the figures are in the centre of the monogram, and the colour is uniform. This may seem trifling, but by taking these differences into account a collector would increase, at very little cost, his varieties by about 25 or 30.

I shall mention, among other issues, that of 1870-71 (Liberté, face à gauche), printed at Bordeaux during the Franco-Prussian War, as being of a great historical interest. They are a reproduction of those of 1849, are unperforated and lithographed. Their value is greater than that of other emissions of the same effigy.

As to new stamps of French Colonies, many dealers have been speculating on them and dumping them on the market in tens of thousands, so I would advise collectors to avoid new copies and only collect those postally used.

A good collection of French stamps is interesting and homogeneous. It would comprise some 300 varieties. There are practically no forgeries sold, and it would form a splendid adjunct to any collection of other countries.

A. B.

## THE ROLL.

### INTER-SCIENCE EXAMINATION (LONDON).

June, 1904.

1st Class, S. C. Coombes.

### OXFORD LOCAL (SENIOR).

3rd Class Honours.—A. J. Marshall, Distinction in Bookkeeping.

Pass Division 1st Class.—J. H. Ferraro, Distinction in Bookkeeping.

### SOCIETY OF ARTS, GRADE II.

1904.

#### ARITHMETIC.

1st Class.—W. R. Bennett; C. S. Coombes; J. H. Ferraro; J. H. Kelly; A. J. Marshall.

2nd Class.—R. McCallum; W. Pascoe; W. Price; C. W. Tresise  
L. J. Soady.

3rd Class.—F. Ferraro; H. Vosper.

#### BOOKKEEPING.

2nd Class.—W. R. Bennett; J. H. Ferraro; R. McCallum; J. H. Kelly.

3rd Class.—A. J. Marshall.

#### SHORTHAND.

2nd Class.—J. H. Kelly; A. J. Marshall.

#### ENGLISH.

3rd Class.—C. S. Coombes.

### COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

3rd Class.—W. H. Luxton.

### SOCIETY OF ARTS, GRADE I.

1904.

#### ARITHMETIC.

S. V. Clarke; J. H. E. Dawe.

#### BOOK-KEEPING.

S. V. Clarke; J. H. E. Dawe; P. L. Perry.

#### COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY.

S. V. Clarke; J. H. E. Dawe; M. B. Owen.

## VALETE.

W. Tresise  
P. Rashbrook  
J. H. Rowe  
S. Harris  
G. Marriott  
T. Taylor  
J. C. Palmer  
W. Gale  
G. P. Clarke  
H. V. Alford

P. Palmer (ii)  
E. Sheriff  
S. Dingle  
H. Chubb  
O. Parkhouse  
D. Pledge  
R. Pledge (ii)  
S. Gale  
T. Morris

## SALVETE.

A. C. Ball  
A. Stephens  
R. W. G. Goodwin  
J. Rawlings  
M. Spear  
O. Edward  
W. Grundy  
A. Harris  
A. Taylor

R. Collop  
P. Collop  
W. Bell  
R. Allen  
Chas. Matthew  
B. Waddington  
A. Waddington  
L. Bonny

## OUR MATCH AGAINST THE VILLAGE.

Who arranged the match for us? I'm sure I cannot tell,  
But in committee room I said, and afterwards as well,  
That playing village amateurs would surely spoil our game,  
For they were rough and boisterous and we are always tame—  
At least I know Bert Marshall is, and I am much the same.

These words of mine made others laugh, and Haggarty, I think,  
With unbecoming gravity to Cawley cast a wink;  
For he thought I was joking, but from that I always shrink.  
Our team was duly chosen, and with hearts exceeding stout,  
By train and tram and otherwise we merrily set out.

Our spirits soon were damped a bit, for it began to rain,  
And Mantle, booking last of all, just failed to miss the train.  
Next door were all the rowdy lot, and they began to sing—  
At least that's what they said it was, but quite another thing  
Appeared to us to be what they all called "God save the King."

We reached the place all safe and sound and soon began to play,  
And as the pace was very fast, whatever I've to say  
Will be in verse more suitable, so here I change my lay.



Lowden, what are you trying to do ?

Put your flag up, high ;

If the ball goes far from you,

Up the line you fly.

Go it, Doctor, make your track !

Then the Doctor "bunked"

Past the half and then the back—

I mean the one that finked.

Pass to Marshall ! Well played, Bert !

Truly martial you,

You've upset him in the dirt

And nearly banged it through.

Blue shirt has it, off he flies,

But our clerkly Clarke

Clears the goal in wondrous wise,

O, isn't this a lark !

Outside left's a bulky man,

O kneel to him, O'Neil,

Who's worth a dozen of his clan—

As hard as tempered steel.

Cuming, who's this coming large ?

You've brought him to his knee ;

I knew you'd stay his fearful charge,

And Soady—so did he.

On, Leslie, on ! Well cleared, I cry,

Those two to earth are laid ;

And through the scrum right merrily

Here wades the mighty Wade.

Now Rawling sprawling sends it through,

While Tucker gets a hack ;

No fleeting storm will hurt you two

With a Mantle at your back.

Now here's to the captain, the team, and us all,

To the shop that we found in the town ;

May we rise in the world like a well-behaved ball,

And never with failure come down.

O. D. P.

## CHARIVARI.

The Editor asked me to write the "charivari," and I, in a weak moment, consented. What a "charivari" was, I, of course, did not know, but supposed it to be some kind of water insect. Moss, our natural historian, was of opinion that it belonged to the order *Cheloniacaja Japonica*, and was a species of water-melon; my friend Classicus—you all know Illibuscum—advised me to consult a dictionary, and together we explored *Smith's Antiquities*. We discovered its meaning at last—a medley, assortment, hot-pot or Irish stew. The one Irish stewdent—I mean student—in the school was busy with rules for the subjunctive, but almost willingly gave up his task to talk to me. "Sure, an' its the right place ye've come to; and I'll tell you how I took a master for a burglar," said he. But I was off; I had heard it before.

Outside I found our secretary on an improvised toboggan; but he was far too deeply concerned in the state of his patent cushions to assist me in my undertaking. Watching him was young Jaburt, surrounded by orange peel and other débris. He had just eaten—so I am informed on good authority—three pomegranates, one pound of apples, two lemons, half a tin of Devonshire cream, some biscuits, some raw sugar, and three sticks of chocolate. You can well understand that he was looking uncomfortable. "Hello! you young Jew," said I to him. "Why do you call me a Jew?" he questioned. "Well, it is because you are sad you see (Sadducee)." I shot out this answer and ran beyond the reach of his orange peel. In doing this, however, I knocked over young Philanthropicus, the same who, moved with compassion at the sight of a band of convicts, presented a handsome sum to one of them and was chased by the warder.

It was at this time that the Poacher rounded the corner by the greenhouse. His pockets were suspiciously bulky, and it is thus that the mystery of the feast in the Senior Dorm. was revealed in all its atrocity.

Sliding down the banisters, as usual, I found the Keeper of the Corridor. Do you know his unofficial title? Like the Comte de B——, of similar name, he kept repeating to the accompaniment of Burt's penny mouth-organ:—

Hei didulum atque iterum didulum fideis felisque  
Vacca super lunae cornua transiluit.

On the first floor a committee meeting of both elevens was being held. I heard that one boy was thrown off the committee for general slackness as a result of the enquiry.

Still, this did not help me in my search for a "charivari," and as time was getting short, I straightway asked Simpson where my "charivari" was. "I think," said he, "that you will find it on the table with your football knickers." After this I thought it was about time to give up the search, and as I also thought it about time for tea, I told a boy and he—toll'd the bell.

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