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College Notes.

OUR last number, it may be remembered, was an experiment, and, as it seems, a successful one, the increased sale quite justifying the heightened cost of printing. Several letters of appreciation from old Hertford men have spurred on a jaded committee to take up the pen once more. This is the sixth number of the Magazine, which is therefore at the unattractive stage of being neither new nor old—a critical stage, through which we hope it will pass triumphantly. If only our readers would realise that to buy a copy is not their whole duty, but to write as well if it is to be saved from becoming a mere chronicle of the stale news of clubs and societies, our task would be an easy one. The extreme paucity of material sent in must excuse this inauspicious note of pessimism. Magazines, like governments, are exactly proportioned to the deserts of those for whom they are intended.

1912 will ever be a memorable year in the history of the College, which has quite excelled itself, having been better, as the classical idiom has it, 'itself than itself.' Both in Athletics and in Schools we have covered ourselves with glory. Twice we have just missed winning cups—the Hockey Cup and the Victoria Cup—and this Term our Soccer team reached the semi-final for

the Cup. While our Eight lost three places on the river, yet this lamentable result was compensated by success in other spheres, notably by that of the Tennis team. The cricket season was, we understand, quite a successful one. In respect of academic distinctions, the College can hold its head as high as any other in Oxford. Three firsts in Mods., two in Math. Mods., two in Greats, one in History and one in Theology, together with sixteen seconds and five University prizes, make a total of which any college might well be proud. The details are given on another page. To these must be added our four places (1st, 29th, 34th, and 59th) in the I.C.S., which gives us the distinction of having done best of all the Oxford colleges. We hope, however, that these results, though good, will not prove to be a high water mark, and that those of 1913 will come up to, if not surpass, them.

The number of our Freshmen is average, but the number is, in this case, no guide to the quality. We take this opportunity of bidding them welcome and congratulating them on their Term's doings. Their prowess in Athletics, which has even now been abundantly shown, makes us quite optimistic about the College's prospects, while in intellectual attainments there seems nothing to be desired. We hope that by now they have settled down and have become aware of our several idiosyncrasies, have acquired by contact with their scouts those business qualities which well-intentioned but ill-advised advocates of Oxford claim for our system, by adversity have mastered all the intricacies of sconce lore and prandial decorum, and are now arrived at a perfectly Socratic consciousness of total ignorance upon all matters, great and small.

Congratulations to Mr. Whatley on his success in his new office of Dean. Our only regret is that he has such an eagle eye for pyjamas and open-worked socks, and refuses to be reassured that we are only from conviction leading the simple life and crusading against convention. ἀρχὴ ἀνδρα δειξεί but office in his case has only confirmed our opinion. We hope, however, that the malicious rumour that thirty-two reveilles at 5.30 are to be substituted for rollers next Term will receive immediate official contradiction.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Riddell with us on two occasions this Term. We were glad to hear that he liked his work at the Education Office. In such a department his

practical experience must be of inestimable value. We sincerely hope that he will not however, allow the demands made on his time by his official duties to prevent him from paying us many such visits in the future.

At the end of last Term, in addition to the departure of Mr. Riddell, the College lost the services as teachers of Mr. Pickard-Cambridge and Mr. Brewis. The former has undertaken part of the teaching for Classical Mods. ever since the death of Mr. Haigh, and many of our readers owe him a debt of gratitude. Mr. Brewis has been in close touch with Hertford for many years, but the connection has been particularly close during the last three years, during which he has been giving, with the most excellent results, a great part of the instruction in College for Pass Mods. Next to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Campbell, he is now the oldest member of Hertford in Oxford whose connection with the College has been continuous, and we very much hope that his work at St. Edmund Hall will not prevent his connection with Hertford remaining very close.

Mr. Riddell's work is being done by Mr. Cruttwell, of All Souls, who took some of the Hertford men reading Modern History last Term. The work of Mr. Pickard-Cambridge and Mr. Brewis is being done partly by Mr. Burroughs and partly by Mr. J. D. Denniston, who is living in College. Mr. Denniston was at Winchester and a Scholar of New College. He obtained a First in Classical Mods. and a Second in Lit. Hum. and won a Craven Scholarship in 1909. He has been President of the Musical Club, and plays Soccer for Hertford Second Eleven.

Well-wishers of the O.T.C. and Marathon winners in private life will be interested to hear of the creditable performance of the Hertford College team in the recent Victoria Cup competition, of which an account appears elsewhere. Though there are some for whom the word 'Bicester' only suggests the rhyme 'blister,' the march was completed in good time and style, while the shooting at both ranges was only a few points behind that of the winners. The success must be attributed largely to the presence of two skilled mathematicians in the team, who beguiled the length of the march with abstruse calculations in minutes and fractions of seconds, aided by a reliable stop-watch.

This Term Mr. Burroughs preached in the College Chapel on October 27th, Mr. Williams on November 17th, and Mr. Carey (for the chaplain) on December 1st.

The Moderators, whose word seals the fate of men, hold in their hands the destiny of the Hertford Boat Club. All who have ever known him will join in wishing our last year's secretary, K. T. Hamilton, all success in his coming Schools. To his energy and enthusiasm were largely due the comparative success of the Torpid Eight of 1911. His reappearance in Oxford will go far to raise both our boats to a position on the river worthy of the College and its new Barge.

Congratulations to N. F. H. Mather on his elevation to the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant in the newly-formed 'signal service unit' of the O.U.O.T.C. Both he and Sergeant S. L. Marwood are included in the team to represent Oxford in the forthcoming inter-Varsity signalling competition.

Heartiest congratulations to Messrs. Brett and Hodgson for their Firsts in Greats, to Mr. Mackie for his First in History, to Mr. West for his First in Theology and on winning the Aubrey Moore, and to Messrs. Hardie and Willans for their Firsts in Math. Mods. Also to Messrs. Brett, Garratt, Owen and Seaman for their successes in the I.C.S. in gaining the 1st, 29th, 34th and 59th places.

Mr. Brett's performance in gaining the first place deserves special mention, as it is unique, we believe, in the history of the College. Mr. Brett has not, however, as a glance at the list of his academic distinctions would lead one at first to suppose, neglected all other forms of activity, or sacrificed all other interests to 'work.' He has rowed in three Toggers, has been an active member of the O.T.C., and has attended camps assiduously. He is the first man we have ever known who undertook, without compulsion, the arduous work of 'orderly.' (We repudiate the suggestion that this can be explained by the fact that the orderly's duties include the drawing of the luncheon beer.) He has also shown more than a passing interest in the fortunes of the Shakespeare and the Tyndale.

The Freshmen's Wine was held on Thursday, the 24th October. There was an excellent turn-out of members of the College, and the Freshers entered early into the spirit of the evening. Through the efforts of Messrs. Rhydderch and Boyd,

a varied musical programme had been drawn up, but only the first part of it was successfully carried out. Mr. Denniston, accompanied at the piano by Mr. Burroughs, delighted the meeting with a 'cello solo, while Mr. Moon was quite up to his best form.

I. P. F. Campbell is Captain, R. F. Popham Hon. Secretary, and B. J. Scott League Secretary of the O.U.A.F.C., while F. W. H. Nicholas played in the Freshmen's and Trial games, and has played regularly for the Varsity ever since. W. E. Rhydderch and H. J. Clarke played for the Varsity 'A' team against Repton.

H. H. Watkins played in the Seniors' Hockey match, and was played regularly for the Varsity at back until he 'crooked' himself. H. J. Clarke and H. W. Hodges played and F. W. H. Nicholas was selected to play in the Freshmen's Hockey match.

J. F. Sidebotham is Captain and H. M. Bryan a member of the O.U. Lacrosse team, and F. W. H. Nicholas won the 100 Yards and was second in the Long Jump and Hurdles in the Freshmen's Sports. Congratulations to all these.

On November 20th the Annual College Meeting in connection with Oxford House was held in the J.C.R. The speakers were F. J. Symons, Esq., of Pembroke College, and the Rev. F. A. Iremonger, the Head. There was quite a large gathering to meet them, and certainly none who were there were sorry they had come. The speech made by the Head was particularly good, and it is to be hoped that the result will be seen in an increased number of visitors to Oxford House from Hertford.

A successful College Smoker was held on Tuesday evening, November 19th, and was well attended, both by members of the College and their friends, though we should like to see the Smoker, like the College Magazine, supported by every member. An attractive programme was arranged by the secretaries, I. P. F. Campbell, N. Fitzpatrick and B. J. Scott, of which the most original item was the Oriel Quartette, whose American rag-time was in the spirit of the evening and much appreciated. Of the other entertainers, Mr. Lomas, an old friend, had a number of good songs, while Mr. Cooper Mitchell delighted the audience with his stories and songs, all of which found their mark. In the second part of the programme the orchestra, assisted by gifted College amateurs on instruments

of novel design, was more in evidence. Fun became fast and furious, and the evening concluded with the customary to Bacchic revelry peculiar to Smokers.

Our frontispiece (from a photo by S. L. Marwood) represents the oldest part of our College, *viz.*, the old Dining Hall and Buttery. They are Elizabethan. For further particulars we must refer ourselves and our readers to Mr. Hamilton's excellent history of the College.

In addition to our frontispiece, we reproduce some excellent snapshots—the work of Mr. S. Levy, to whom we are indebted for them. They give some idea of the College's activities in Athletics. The first gives our XV scrumming with the 'House,' the second our best and most regular supporter, the Principal, the third the winner of the College Fours.

It remains for us to extend a hearty greeting to all Hertford men at home and abroad. Wherever these pages are read—in farm or forest, city or camp—we hope they will bring with them heartiest wishes for the Christmas season and pleasant memories of Oxford.

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College Library.

The nucleus of our Library is the collection of books brought together by Dr. Henry Wilkinson, then Principal of Magdalen Hall, for the use of the Hall. Dr. Wilkinson himself constructed a library for their reception in the old Hall, which then occupied the site of the St. Swithin's Buildings of Magdalen College. The first books were contributed by the Principal and his family, the Tutors of the Hall, and several of Dr. Wilkinson's friends. Among these was Richard Baxter, who gave several of his own works, most of which, one regrets to find, some person has systematically mutilated by tearing out the author's name. Still, the University treated these works even more drastically, by making a bonfire of them; so that it is just possible that the mutilation was the work of a friend who wished to save the volumes from identification. Even the principal college servants, who at that time were generally matriculated, contributed to the new Library. The butler, cook, porter, barber, and manciple all

gave books. The last, indeed, seems to have been a collector of Incunabula, since the works presented by him were Peter Lombard's *Sentences*, printed at Venice in 1489, which is still on our shelves, and Lyra's *Bible with Commentary* in five volumes, which has disappeared, though fragments of this, also a fifteenth century book, are probably to be recognized among the stray leaves collected from the bindings of other books.

The Library was opened early in 1656, under a rather stringent code of regulations. Only members of the Hall 'of completely three years standing' were to have access to it, with the proviso, however, that 'if any give twenty shillings he may study in the Library presently.' Others, who were content to wait, were required to pay ten shillings on entering the Hall, and the same sum was exacted from all graduates on taking their M.A. degree. No one was to leave a window open, or on any account to introduce lights, wine, ale or tobacco into the Library. These delinquencies, however, could be atoned for by a fine or by exclusion from the Library for a certain time. But the taking out of a book (by any except the Librarian) involved immediate expulsion from the Hall, without prospect, it would seem, of return. It must be added that the books were chained, so that the temptation to attempt to remove any of them must have been slight indeed. These regulations, which are interesting as showing what offences were then thought likely to be committed, were approved by the Vice-Chancellor on April 28th, 1656, and the Library was thenceforward in working order, but the contributions of books continued to flow in until the number of volumes had reached about five hundred, some six years later.

Dr. Wilkinson's own contribution is headed by an English Bible, but as there is now none in the Library bearing his name, this cannot be identified. I formerly supposed that the oldest of our English Bibles, 'Mathewe's,' of 1549, was his gift: but this turns out to have been given by one John Ridge, a liberal donor of books. Perhaps the most valuable book given by Wilkinson is the *Chrysostom* of his uncle, Sir Henry Savile's edition in eight volumes, each of which, by its title written on the fore-edge, and the rents in its binding from which the basses have been torn away, shews clear evidence of having once been chained. But besides books, Dr. Wilkinson also gave a collection of ancient coins—every self-respecting library then had its 'cabinet of coins,' as the Bodleian has to this

day—and the portraits of William Tyndale and Dr. Richard White (the founder of the Exhibitions). These were probably kept in a room adjoining the Library, as we know that the portraits of Bishop Andrewes and John Meeke were, when the room with its contents was destroyed in the fire of 1820. Tyndale fortunately had been then already removed to a place of safety.

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When Wilkinson quitted his Hall in 1662 rather than remain in it under the Act of Uniformity, he left Jo[siah] Pullen Librarian as well as Vice-Principal; and Pullen held both offices till his death in 1715. The Library continued to grow under his care. The greatest accession of books in his time came from the donation of Samuel Thurner, who gave over 200 volumes in 1691. Thurner was a graduate in medicine, and his gift was chiefly, though by no means entirely, of medical and surgical works, and constituted the first serious invasion of the hitherto almost exclusively theological character of the Library. Dr. James Hyde, Wilkinson's successor as Principal, also gave several medical books: besides the fine *Sarum Missal* printed in Paris in 1555; and Hyde's successor, Dr. Levet, made a beginning on a small scale of the collection of books of travel and works on numismatics, which is a feature of our Library at the present time.

After Pullen's death the Library remained intact, but received but few additions: such as it did receive were purchased as a rule, not given, and in 1729 the ten-shilling contributions, from which the funds were derived, were diverted for the building of a chapel for the Hall. Ten years later they were again given to the Library; but from 1740 onwards scarcely any books seem to have been purchased; indeed, it appears that there was no room for any more: and so things remained until the migration of the Hall to the site of the lately dissolved Hertford College in 1822.

The Library of the old Hertford College, which was made over to Magdalen Hall with the site and buildings, was probably the most valuable possession that the College had. The room in which it was housed, over the College gate, had been built, with the gate itself, by William Thornton, Principal of Hart Hall, 1688—1707, who involved his Hall in debt in founding its Library. It is unfortunate that we have no record of the books that were in it at the time of Thornton's death; but it seems likely that some of our best books, such as Purchas's *Pilgrimes*, and the collection known as De Bry's

Voyages, are part of Thornton's Library, since they are not noted as having been given to Magdalen Hall, or by John Cale to Hertford College. It is probably to this last benefactor, who bequeathed his library to the College in 1777, that we owe our principal debt of gratitude. But here again we are without full information. Some of our books have 'Cale' written in them, and these are no doubt part of his bequest; that is all that we can be sure of.

At any rate the Library of Hertford College was incorporated with that of Magdalen Hall, and the books were carefully re-arranged under the care of Dr. Macbride, the Principal. Some duplicates were sold, the best copy being presumably retained. Thus the Walton's Polyglot Bible, given to Hertford College by the Duke of Newcastle, has ousted that given by 'Lord' Lisle, Commissioner of the Great Seal under Cromwell, to Magdalen Hall. One curious circumstance deserves mention. The Public Records Commission, having begun to present their valuable publications to Hertford College, as they presented them to all Colleges, continued to do so long after Hertford College had ceased to exist. So that, as these books were not given to *Halls*, we owe it to Dr. Newton's foundation that we possess copies of books published as late as 1839, with the printed direction that 'This book is to be perpetually preserved in the Library of Hertford College'—which had been dissolved more than ten years before!

Dr. Macbride, who held the Professorship of Arabic, an office which had been shared between Hart Hall and Magdalen Hall almost uninterruptedly since the seventeenth century, gave us a large number of the Oriental books which are to be seen in our Library. But it was with the bequest of Edward Phillips in 1855 that the Library acquired what had long been its greatest need, a really considerable accession of modern books; and a further addition was made to these by the Finch-Hatton donation after the Hall had again become Hertford College.

The rest is recent history. It may be hoped that the Library has at length found its final home in the old chapel of Dr. Newton's foundation.

S. G. H.

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A Visit to the Laccadives.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—We have received from G. M. Robertson, one of our Indian subscribers, an account of a visit to the Laccadives, where he assisted the 'collector' in the discharge of his official duties, accompanied by a Lieut. Courtis, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, an old Reptonian. We pick up his narrative at the point where the party left Calicut:—

'Our first stop was at Kavarati, where we made a short stay of a few hours. As we approached we saw two boats put off from the shore. The first contained the Amin and his pals, while the second, in which the visitors were to land, was labelled 'Steamboat'—why, I never discovered. It appeared as an eight-oared dug-out, having a canopy spread over the stern to shelter us from the scorching sun. The eightsmen (of whom more anon), in addition to the regulation waistcloth, wore grass hats shaped like a bell and culminating in a knob. The oars were of a novel fashion, (the Hertford Eight might adopt them as a last resource), the blades being square and lashed to the shafts with ropes.

We landed about mid-day, and were received by the inspecting officer and the local bloods under a suitably inscribed arch. On this occasion everyone turned out in his best (the ladies staying at home in theory, but in fact trying to get a glimpse of us from behind the trees). The result was a very gay throng clad in bright yellow, green and red silk robes. We had only time to go over the school. The collector presented the prizes. The school children were ranged up in two rows—boys and girls. The little girls were covered with gold ornaments, and received their prizes with fitting embarrassment. The schoolmaster, an ex-non-commissioned officer in a native regiment, would have graced the S.C.R. of any college. He teaches English to the selected few. If you can see what the following means you will gather the proficiency of his best pupils:—'Câțzu vêgzu râtzu.'

From Kavarati we sailed further west, taking the 'steamboat' with us, and the next morning arrived at the two islands of Suheli par. The Collector landed on the nearer island, while I took the Kavarati boat to the Cheriya (small) island, and at once set about counting the freshly-planted cocoa-nut trees, for the renter of this island has to plant so many trees per annum. We soon found that he had 'done the needful' (in the palaver of the native office clerks), and so we came out on to the shore and started collecting. It was a veritable desert island, without so much as Friday's footprints. We gathered corals and quaint shells. We also found turtles.

Refreshed with lunch, I determined to row on the way back. Having supplied the erstwhile stroke with a cigarette, which he lighted and passed round the boat, I took his place. We covered the five miles in excellent time. I commend our method to the notice of the Boat Club authorities. At first we pulled a steady stroke, keeping time when not engaged in re-tying our oars to the rowlocks with rope. As the miles flashed by we lengthened the stroke and rowed six strokes, singing the while, and then rested the space of four strokes. Like this and like that we regained the steamer. I think this alternating musical style would look well up the Barges, and given an Orpheus in the boat ahead, might lead to bumps. The crew were rewarded with loaves of bread, having no use for money, and choosing bread before all else—another suggestion for the Bump suppers.

Dropping the island crew at Kavarati as we passed, we arrived at Andrôth on the afternoon of the next day. This was the largest of the islands at which we called, and having a good anchorage we stayed there three days. The islanders were even more gorgeously attired than those of Kavarati, the twelve elders of the island wearing the most beautiful long flowing robes. On the evening of our arrival we bathed in the lagoon, and made excursions round the island collecting shells and corals. The Collector was entertained by the Amin, who produced a wheezy gramophone for his delectation, and showed him a bottle of the rare ambergris.

The next day was our great day. Landing in the morning, we had a turtle hunt. Certain sturdy men of the island waded out into the sea up to their necks, carrying nets. Here they form a semi-circle, and others rush into the water, splashing and shouting, while those on the shore throw shells or cocoa-nut husks (there are no stones). This drives the turtles into the nets, where they are entangled. Then the net-bearers put the turtles on their heads and bring them to shore. We caught eleven this way, and subsequently enjoyed real turtle soup, *ad. lib.* Sated with turtle hunting, we had an impromptu hockey match, to the amazement of the islanders and the everlasting glory of the British Raj.

After lunch we went on shore again and assembled at the island Government House. A man then summoned the whole island (on a conch-shell, used as a trumpet) to a rat hunt. It is a legal offence to refuse attendance at public rat hunts. The rats living in the tops of the cocoa-nut trees, men were deputed to swarm the trees and shake them down. The pace at which

these fellows literally ran up the trees was astounding. I cannot remember how many rats we killed, but the slaughter was considerable.

The next day, before sunrise, Courtis—who had, by his warlike manœuvres on the hockey field and at the rat hunt, earned the name of the 'Branda' (mad) Sahib—and I set out in a diminutive dug-out on a harpooning expedition. Our bag was one flying fish, which I caught on a line! But we saw some immense fish jumping out of the sea.

This is the sum of our doings at Andrôth, with the exception of sea bathing and voyages of exploration; but of all our trip, the happiest recollection will always be our discovery of the nectar to be made from whisky and the fresh milk of the cocoa-nut.

A twelve hours' sail saw us back in Calicut. '*Non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum.*'

G. M. ROBERTSON.

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College Ball.

The College held a Ball on Monday, June 24th. The last Ball was held in 1907. Another was arranged in 1910, but was postponed owing to the death of King Edward. This year's Ball was generally voted a huge success in every respect except finance. From the financial point of view it was a failure.

As the College itself contains only a comparatively small dancing population of its own, and no gardens to attract other people, there is no hope of making the Ball a success unless the band, the catering, and the floor are absolutely first class. There is also bound to be a deficit unless these expensive attractions succeed in their object. This year it was hoped that 300 tickets would be sold, but only about 220 were sold. This added to the comfort of those of the dancers who were not guarantors, as there was none of the usual crowding, but it meant a heavy loss. Possibly Tuesday would be a better night (the 1907 Ball was on a Tuesday, and paid its way), but the chief cause of trouble was the underbidding. One of the colleges, which had a dance fixed for Tuesday night, made use of the presence of a dancing floor to give a preliminary dance with very cheap tickets on Monday. This certainly affected the attendance at our Ball, and if the practice grows it will make most College Balls impossible.

Dancing took place in the Quad, where a marquee was erected by Minty. Supper (by Gunther) was in Hall, and the band was Moritz Würm's. Dancing continued till 6 a.m., and almost as soon as it stopped—in fact, while a photograph was being taken—rain set in, and continued for most of the next twenty-four hours.

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College Dinner.

In the past the College has held Gaudies at long and rather irregular intervals. To these all M.A.'s with their names on the books of the College were invited. This year a new experiment was tried. A dinner was given on Wednesday, October 9th, to about forty M.A.'s on the books, invitations being sent to three groups belonging to different periods.

The following were present:—The Principal, the Rev. G. H. Gwilliam, the Rev. G. E. Jeans, J. E. Campbell, the Rev. H. H. Williams, the Rev. E. A. Burroughs, C. E. Haselfoot, N. Whatley, S. G. Hamilton, W. A. Pickard-Cambridge, Rev. J. McL. Campbell, Dr. T. S. Lea, Dr. F. W. M. Woodward, F. T. Barrington-Ward, the Rev. M. J. Barrington-Ward, the Rev. E. L. H. Tew, Dr. C. H. Lloyd, the Rev. J. H. Maude, J. F. Acheson, the Rev. Canon Corfe, H. Vassall, C. C. Lynam, the Rev. C. F. Trusted, W. Dawson, the Rev. W. Hobhouse, the Rev. G. H. Ward, H. Puckle, the Rev. H. Guy, the Rev. H. Lowry, H. C. K. Plummer, the Rev. J. G. Cornish, J. L. S. Hutton, R. A. Raven, T. C. Currie, E. J. Harding, E. V. Bacon, the Rev. J. S. Gale.

Dinner was preceded by an Organ Recital and Service in the Chapel, and there was another Service on the morning of the 10th. The dinner was quite informal, and there were no speeches except a statement by the Principal of the successes of the College during the last year.

After dinner the company adjourned to the old Hall, where old times were renewed. Most of the guests occupied rooms in College for the night.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, and most preferred it to a formal Gaudy. It is very much to be hoped that it will be possible to make the dinner an annual institution. If this can be done, every M.A. on the books ought to get an invitation about every fourth year.

The Hop-picking Settlement.

As last year, members of the College were encamped at Crowhurst Farm, near Hadlow, Kent, throughout the hop-picking season. The hops were good, and the weather, but for the exception of one or two excessively cold days, was fine. The pickers, too, were, almost without exception, friendly, and one got the impression that their general state of civilisation was higher than last year. This advance seems to be general throughout Kent. Certainly the surroundings of the College Settlement appeared less sordid than last year, and during the first fortnight of the season, when more than twice as many were present as last year, there was less routine work to be got through and more opportunity of getting to know the pickers. Unfortunately, the bad weather of August delayed the beginning of picking till September 2nd. Consequently some who had arranged to come for the last week of August were unable to come at all, and of those who did come, hardly any could remain till the pickers left on September 26th, with the result that for the last few days the Chaplain was almost alone. It is very desirable that the attendance numbers should be distributed over the whole period, but as the date of the picking season is always uncertain till nearly the last moment, it is hard to see how this is to be done. The first ten days of September always come into the season, and intending visitors tend to select those dates.

The Chaplain was present for the whole season, and the following for shorter periods:—H. C. Joyce, W. W. Ward, R. H. Brinsley-Richards, B. J. Scott, W. E. Price, D. L. Russell, N. Whatley, B. T. Peel, A. K. Boyd, L. Hodgson, J. Grundy, E. W. Carroll, J. Sidebotham, W. R. A. Wareing, T. T. Crooks, H. H. Watkins, E. P. Woolcombe, and visits were received from W. B. Riddell, Rev. W. J. Carey, and W. M. Hughes-Hughes.

Thanks to several donations it was possible this year to add considerably to the plant of the settlement. The greatest addition was a very serviceable shed, which can be locked up and is watertight, two very important qualities which the veteran tents used for sleeping in do not possess. A new barrow was also purchased, and the stock of crockery was supplemented. It is hoped, if any more donations come in this year, to buy a few twentieth century tents.

It was very pleasing to note that every member of the College who stayed in the camp in 1911, revisited it this year.

This encourages us to hope that the number of visitors will go on increasing, but if the settlement is to become a permanency, as we are convinced it ought to, rather less ought to be left to the individual efforts of the chaplain.

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University Distinctions.

Aubrey Moore Studentships.—J. C. West, B.A.

Travelling Scholarship for Modern Languages.—R. T. Jeune.

First Public Examination:

Mathematics.—Class I.: P. W. Willans, A. N. Hardie.

Second Public Examination:

Literae Humaniores.—Class I.: W. B. Brett, L. Hodgson.

Class II.: T. K. E. Batterbury, G. E. Owen, J. S. Yates.

Mathematics.—Class II.: G. C. R. Elsdon, E. S. Wood.

Theology.—Class I.: J. C. West. Class II.: J. D.

Hughes, H. C. Joyce, R. W. Thornhill.

Modern History.—Class I.: N. L. Mackie. Class II.:

J. Grundy, M. A. Hilmy.

Natural Science.—Class II.: E. W. Carroll.

Diplomas in Forestry.—H. M. Bryan, H. C. B. Jollye.

Civil Service Examination.—1st, W. B. Brett; 29th, G. T.

Garratt; 34th, G. E. Owen; 59th, C. K. Seaman.

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Matriculations.

Scholars.—A. S. C. Barnard, Cheltenham; D. H. Beatty, King's College School, Wimbledon; C. E. Bland, Harrow; K. M. Chance, Repton; E. B. Fry, Lewis School, Pengam; G. C. K. Jolley, Bradford Grammar School; J. H. Kealy, Portsmouth Grammar School; J. Nash, King's School, Worcester.

Exhibitioners.—A. C. Cameron, Radley; H. J. Clarke, Repton; H. G. Dixey, Sherborne; H. W. Hodges, Epsom.

Commoners.—C. H. B. Blacker, Radley; F. E. G. Carver, Harrow; B. C. Daniell, Private; C. A. Dawson, Marlborough; E. J. O. Edwards, Monmouth Grammar School; C. G. C. Fighiera, Forest School; R. G. Lurcott, Harrow; N. McNeill, Charterhouse; V. K. Raman Menon, Madras University; F. W. H. Nicholas, Forest School; H. ff. Ozanne, Haileybury; C. F. Peckett, Clifton; M. E. Pelham-Burn, Repton; A. E. B.

Plummer, Durham School; E. A. Pritchard, Charterhouse; P. C. O. Riddell, Radley; L. Lacey Smith, Wellington; F. A. Sykes, Wellington; D. J. Tuck, Radley.

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Degrees Conferred.

JUNE 20TH.—B.A.: E. R. J. Hussey, J. F. Thornhill, E. P. Woolcombe.

JUNE 27TH.—M.A.: R. C. Ozanne, W. H. M. Rogers. B.A.: L. A. Russell.

JULY 6TH.—M.A.: E. J. Sonnenschein (in absence), O. G. R. Williams. B.A.: R. D. Clarke, E. S. Wood, F. C. T. Woodhead.

AUGUST 8TH.—B.A.: T. K. E. Batterbury, J. Grundy, I. B. Maxwell, J. S. Yates.

OCTOBER 10TH.—B.A.: L. Hodgson, G. H. King, G. E. Owen, R. W. Thornhill.

OCTOBER 24TH.—B.A.: W. B. Brett, J. D. Hughes.

NOVEMBER 9TH.—M.A.: B. Hartley.

NOVEMBER 28TH.—B.A.: N. L. Mackie, J. K. Digby.

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General News.

- E. N. Bennett was during the summer selected as Liberal candidate for Mid-Norfolk. He has since resigned his candidature and gone out as a war correspondent with the Turkish main army. He has had some exciting experiences in Thrace, and has been appointed Censor of Press Telegrams by the Turkish Government.
- I. B. Maxwell, Second Lieutenant on the Unattached List, Territorial Force, University Candidate, has been appointed to the South Wales Borderers, and is now stationed at Chatham.
- D. L. Russell is articled with a solicitor in London.
- J. W. Rowlands is reading for the Bar in London.
- C. V. Carlisle has passed the Solicitors' Final Examination.
- R. Bevir obtained a Second Class in the Michaelmas Bar Final Examination.
- R. D. Clarke has entered a brewery and wine merchant's business in Worcester.
- M. A. Hilmy has returned to Egypt.

The following took part in First Class Cricket during the Summer:—I. P. F. Campbell (Oxford University and Surrey), C. K. Langley (Warwick), F. W. H. Nicholas (Essex), M. G. Salter (Gloucester), O. M. Samson (Somerset).

B. L. Peel played for Scotland against the South Africans.

CIVIL SERVICE, &c.

W. B. Brett, G. T. Garratt, G. E. Owen and C. K. Seaman, who passed the Civil Service examination this year, are all going to India; and are spending their probationary year in Oxford.

E. J. Harding, Colonial Office, has been called to the Bar, and has been appointed Assistant Private Secretary by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

R. H. W. Brinsley-Richards, India Office, has been appointed resident clerk.

C. H. Gidney, I.C.S., left England for India at the beginning of November, and will probably go to the United Provinces.

E. G. Morris, Uganda, has been appointed District Commissioner.

C. E. Ward, East Africa Protectorate, has left Machakos, and is now stationed at Kitui.

R. L. Hardy, Rhodesia, is stationed at Buluwayo.

L. A. Russell has accepted a probationary appointment in Northern Rhodesia, under the British South Africa Company.

H. C. B. Jollye, Indian Woods and Forests, has left for India.

E. W. Carroll has been accepted as a probationer for the Indian Woods and Forests Service, and is now studying forestry in Germany.

H. W. Durnford is valuing land in Monmouthshire.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

Ordinations:

Trinity.—Priest: T. R. Walker (Oxford). Deacons: C. H. Payton (Hereford) and W. M. Grogan (Winchester).

Michaelmas.—Priest: G. M. Taylor (Manchester). Deacons: J. A. Kirby (Birmingham) and W. T. Evans (Manchester).

Appointments:

- The Rev. J. McL. Campbell: Examining Chaplain to the Archbishop of York.
- The Rev. W. M. Grogan: Curate of St. John-the-Baptist, Mondown, Bournemouth.
- The Rev. C. H. Payton: Curate of Ross, Hereford.
- The Rev. J. D. Hughes: Curate of St. Mary's, Chepstow.
- The Rev. J. H. N. Taylor: to North Harborne, Smethwick; also to be Surrogate in the Diocese of Birmingham.
- The Rev. J. A. Kirby: to King's Norton, Birmingham.
- The Rev. W. T. Evans: to Christ Church, Blackburn.
- The Rev. J. Morgan: Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Truro.
- The Rev. G. K. S. Marshall: Rector of St. Nicholas', Coleabbey.

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- The Rev. W. G. Boyd is just leaving Alberta, Canada, on a visit to England. During his absence his work will be done by the Rev. W. Muirhead Hope, also of Hertford.
- G. H. King is at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.
- G. T. Gravell is at St. Michael's College, Llandaff.
- E. P. Woolecombe is at Cuddesdon Theological College.
- J. F. and R. W. Thornhill are at the Bishop's Hostel, Liverpool.
- H. C. Joyce has gone out to the Oxford and Cambridge Hostel, Allahabad.
- J. C. West, Aubrey Moore Student, is doing research work at Theology in Oxford.
- The Rev. H. H. Williams contributed an article on 'Christian Socialism: some notes on a recent controversy,' to the *Economic Review* for November.

 EDUCATIONAL.

- H. Hilton has been appointed Professor of Mathematics in London University.
- W. B. Riddell has accepted an appointment for one year at the Board of Education.
- E. H. S. Walde, Assistant Master at Berkhamstead School, has been appointed Headmaster of Chigwell School.
- H. B. Gooding has been appointed Vice-Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

W. H. M. Rogers has obtained the Diploma in Education at Oxford.

E. J. Sonnenschein is at the Khedivieh School, Cairo.

G. D. Day is doing temporary work at Bedford Grammar School.

Of those who went down last Term the following are now teaching:—

T. K. E. Batterbury, at Bedford Grammar School.

L. A. Frye, in Columbia University.

J. Grundy, at Gresham's School, Holt.

F. C. T. Woodhead, at Sutton Valence School.

E. S. Wood, at King's School, Rochester.

J. S. Yates, at St. Bee's School.

MARRIAGES.

BRANSTON—ANDERTON.—On September 25th, at the Brompton Parish Church, George Trevor, son of the late George Henry Branston and Mrs. Branston, of The Friary, Newark-on-Trent, to Ethel May, younger daughter of Dr. T. E. Anderton, of Thornfield, Newmills, near Stockport.

CORBETT—BENNETT.—On August 26th, at All Saints', Knightsbridge, by the Rev. J. E. Hand, Geoffry Latham Corbett, I.C.S., to Gladys Kate Bennett, youngest daughter of the late George Bennett, Esq., Little Rissington Manor, and Mrs. Stringer, Bredon, Worcestershire.

CRAIG—DOBBS.—On August 21st, 1912, at Greystones Parish Church, by the Rev. T. R. Brunskill, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Dobbs, of Coolbawn House, Castlecomer, and Liscarraig, Greystones, Ireland.

TAYLOR—PERRY.—On September 30th, at Christ Church, Westminster, John Horace Newsham Taylor, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham, to Mary Perry.

WARWICK—TURNER.—On September 19th, at St. Mary's, Cuckney, Notts, by the Rev. James Butterwick, Rector of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Smith, Vicar, Philip Huskinson Warwick, of Southwell, Notts, to Dulcie Joan, elder daughter of Mr. T. Warner Turner, of Langwith Lodge, Mansfield, Notts.

OBITUARY.

BROUGHTON.—On the 16th November, at Edstone Vicarage, Kirbymoorside, Reginald Broughton, Rector of Washington, Co. Durham, in his 77th year.

R. B. Broughton was a scholar of Balliol, and took a First in Class. Mods., and Seconds in Math. Mods., Lit. Hum. and Math. Finals, besides winning the Hertford Scholarship, the Gaisford Prize for Greek Verse, and the Latin Essay. After acting as classical lecturer at several colleges, holding a Northumbrian living, and teaching at Newcastle Grammar School, he was, on the foundation of Hertford in 1874, appointed Fellow and Lecturer, and subsequently held the College living of Mottistone-with-Sherwell, Isle of Wight, from 1877 to 1885. In 1876 he published an edition of Aristotle's Politics i, iii, and vii.

COLLEY.—At the beginning of October, at Middlesbrough, after attending a Church Union meeting, the Rev. Thomas Colley, commonly known as Archdeacon Colley.

T. Colley was at Magdalen Hall a short time before his ordination in 1869.

CORBETT.—On the 30th August, at Astbury Rectory, after a long and painful illness, R. A. Corbett, Rector of Astbury and late Chaplain of H.M. Forces.

A correspondent writes as follows:—Richard Alfred Corbett, who died on 30th August last, entered Magdalen Hall, of which his brother was a scholar, in January, 1865, having migrated from Trinity College, Dublin. Though of somewhat delicate health, he succeeded on one occasion in winning the mile race in the Hall Sports. He took his degree in 1870, and was ordained the same year to the Curacy of Charlton-in-Dover, which he left in the following year in order to become Chaplain to the Forces. In this latter capacity he saw service in many parts of the world, and received the Ashantee medal, South African medal and clasp, and Egypt medal with Tel-el-Kebir clasp. He also served in various home stations. In 1888 he was presented by Lord Crewe's trustees to the valuable living of Astbury, which he held till his death, having also been for three years Rural Dean of Congleton. His latter days were accompanied by distressing illness, which rendered several operations necessary. He had taken the Master's office from the College in 1876.

GORTON.—Drowned in the Waye at Hereford on August 20th, the Rev. C. V. Gorton.

C. V. Gorton migrated to Hertford from St. Edmund Hall in January, 1877, on being elected a scholar. He took Seconds in Math. Mods. and in History. He was ordained

in 1882, and after holding several curacies was Vicar of St. Barnabas, Crewe, 1885—1889, and Rector of Poulton-le-Sands, Morecambe, from 1889—1909. There he took a prominent part in founding the Morecambe Musical Festival. He was Canon of Manchester, 1902—1911.

LAW.—In the Acland Home, Oxford, on July 1st, as the result of an accident, Jerrold William Law.

J. W. Law entered Hertford as Harrow Scholar in October, 1906. He took a Second in Class. Mods. and a Third in Lit. Hum., and was for several years a vigorous half-back in the Association Football XI.

RANKING.—At Bexhill, on September 11th, in a motor accident, Dr. J. E. Ranking, of Tunbridge Wells.

John Ebenezer Ranking matriculated at Pembroke in October, 1868, but in the following year migrated with a Scholarship to Magdalen Hall, where he successively took degrees of B.A., B.Med., M.A., and D.Med. Only two days before his death he had visited the College Hop-picking Settlement at Peckham Bush.

SKINNER.—at Purnea, Bengal, Stuart S. Skinner, District Judge in Bengal.

S. S. Skinner matriculated at Hertford in October, 1891. He took Seconds in Class. Mods. and in Lit. Hum. and was a prominent member of the College. He had been out of health for a year at the time of his death and the doctor had insisted on his applying for leave and coming home when he caught a cold which went to his lungs.

SPOONER.—On the 31st of August, as the result of an accident while bathing at Frinton-on-Sea, Sidney Walker Spooner.

S. W. Spooner matriculated at Hertford in January, 1896, and took a Third in Modern History in 1899. He was a member of the firm which made the organ for the new Chapel at Hertford.

TREACHER. In June, at his residence in Norham Gardens, Oxford, the Rev. Joseph Skipper Treacher in his 97th year.

J. S. Treacher took his degree from Magdalen Hall as far back as 1846 and was ordained in 1847. From 1851 to 1861 he was in charge of the Isles of Scilly. He then returned to Oxford and was for nineteen years Chaplain of Merton. He was vicar of St. John the Baptist, Oxford, 1869—1874 and of Sandford-on-Thames, 1874—1878. He was keeper of the Hope collection of engraved portraits and books in the Bodleian, 1863—1896.

The Colonial Civil Service.

So many undergraduates think of entering this service nowadays, and so little is generally known about it, that we have thought it worth while to put together a few particulars about the various colonial appointments in Africa. Quite a large number of members of the College have accepted such appointments during the last few years, but not unnaturally they hesitate to issue public criticisms of their service. Consequently, the following remarks are strung together from various sources and without any official authority.

There are Hertford men at present in Northern and Southern Nigeria, the East Africa Protectorate in Uganda, and under the British South Africa Company in Rhodesia. These districts differ very much from one another, especially in the matter of climate. Consequently, there is a considerable difference in the amount and frequency of leave. In Nigeria leave is usually obtained after a year in the country. In Uganda the minimum of residence is twenty months. There are also marked differences in one and the same district. In the East Africa Protectorate, for instance, climate varies enormously according to station, and though it must be admitted that, on the whole, the climate of the African colonies is not the most suitable for Englishmen, there are everywhere some good stations. In Rhodesia, where the climate on the whole is good, there are districts where malaria is very prevalent. It follows that anyone who enters one of these services will find that his comfort to a certain extent depends on the luck of his station, and probably he will sample both good and bad stations. This is why we hear such various accounts of the attractiveness of these services. The work and the life also vary in different districts and at different stations. Some who go out in the spirit of pioneers and adventurers are disappointed to find many hours of their lives spent on the office stool. Others find compensation for this in excellent shooting and sport. Others find no complaint whatever with the life, saying that it is free and is largely spent in travelling. This, again, is very much a matter of luck.

With regard to other considerations, such as pay, pension, &c., it will be simplest to take a single province as illustration. In Uganda, in addition to the Governor, the Chief Secretary, and the Assistant Chief Secretary, there are four Provincial Commissioners, fifteen District Commissioners, and thirty-four

Assistant District Commissioners. The last-named receive £250 year, rising by £15 to £400. At the end, usually, of five or six years, an A.D.C. becomes a D.C. His annual pay is then £400, rising by £20 to £500. He also gets £40 Duty pay. A Provincial Commissioner gets a considerable further increase. Living is not expensive, especially for the junior officials, who do not have to entertain much, and the pay is quite sufficient to enable anyone to live comfortably and save enough for a good time on leave, which, in the case of Uganda, amounts to six days in England for every month in Uganda, with full pay and passage paid.

The weak point is still probably the pension. This is granted in the proportion of 1-40th for each year's service, but a man must be over fifty or invalided in order to get it. The largest pension yet drawn is one of £390 by a Chief Secretary. Of the nineteen men who were the seniors in one province twelve years ago, five are still out, seven are dead, two are retired owing to ill-health without pensions, and four are invalided with small pensions. There is, however, undoubtedly, a steady progress both in healthiness and prospects. The type of Civil Servant has also improved, and though society, where it exists, is not entirely on the Varsity type, it has a freedom which Oxford lacks, and the service is one which anyone may be proud to belong to.

One, at least, of the Hertford Civil Servants in Africa is married. Anyone who is going out will probably find it useful to have eaten his dinners for the Bar, so that he can be called and have the chance of a transfer. It would also be of great assistance to learn a little of the native language before going out. A man with money to invest would do well to go out as an A.D.C. for a year or two, get to know the country, and then resign and start planting coffee or rubber or something of that sort.

The life is not suitable for anyone who suffers from nerves or has a weak constitution or for one who dislikes being alone. But for one who is fond of shooting and independence it is in most cases quite a pleasant life, interesting on the whole, and without any very hard work. It is much to be hoped that the service will retain its present popularity in Oxford. It is a healthy sign when men are eager for a profession which does undoubtedly involve more risk than some others, and when, if ever, the final verdict on England is passed, this is the sort of work which will be regarded as her greatest contribution to history.

College Clubs.

THE J.C.R.

Steward—G. E. OWEN.

Hon. Secretary—R. C. H. KINGDON.

The Going-down Dinner was held on Saturday, June 15th, and was so largely attended that it had to be held in Hall. The following old members were present:—The Rev. W. J. Carey, G. R. Brewis, R. A. L. Broadley, N. Whatley, K. Gatey, G. B. Orr, J. N. Smith, C. V. Carlisle, C. K. Langley, E. P. Woollcombe, A. F. Bell, G. T. Garratt, R. Bevir, S. Norie-Miller, R. C. Giles and F. R. Doré.

A Dinner was held this Term on Tuesday, October 29th.

SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY.

President—G. E. OWEN.

Hon. Secretary—R. C. H. KINGDON.

Hon. Treasurer—W. B. BRETT.

The Society has met regularly on Sunday evenings and read a number of plays.

TYNDALE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

President—R. H. GREGORY.

Treasurer—E. A. SELKE.

Secretary—F. T. MACKENZIE.

The Society has had a most successful Term in spite of the fact that its ranks had been greatly thinned by the departure at the end of the Summer Term of some of its most prominent members. At a private meeting several new members were elected. The 340th meeting was held in the Old Dining Hall on Friday, November 1st. The meeting was an open one, and the subject for debate was 'Adult Suffrage.' Mr. N. L. Mackie moved that 'This House heartily approves of the Principles of Adult Suffrage.' Mr. Carnegie opposed. There also spoke Messrs. Bryan, Selke, De Blaby, Crow, Karsten, Peel, Quigley, Birkett, Mackenzie, Russell, Raney, Barnard. The vote was even (10—10). At the next open meeting, held on Friday, November 22nd, in the Old Dining Hall. Mr. E. A. Selke moved 'That in the opinion of this House, war is neither morally nor economically justifiable.' Mr. Birkett opposed. The following also spoke:—Messrs. Mankar, Backie, Gaddy, Russell, Carnegie, Tanner, Mackenzie, Gregory, Willans,



Jolley, and Tuck. The motion was carried by eight votes to five.

By the kind permission of the College, the Society has been given the use of the Old Dining Hall for fortnightly meetings. It is hoped that as many members as possible of the College will avail themselves of the splendid opportunity thus afforded of acquiring some degree of proficiency in public speaking, and that the Society may become a nursery for future presidents of the Union.

O. U. S. T. C.

HERTFORD COLLEGE DETACHMENT.

The Victoria Cup competition took place on November 21st and 22nd, and there were thirteen entries. It consisted, as usual, of a march to Bicester, followed by firing at two ranges. At the end of the first day Hertford were leading, but eventually were second to Balliol with 110 points against 117. Corpus were third with 102. This was a good performance, as several of the best shots in the College were unable to compete. The team consisted of Captain Whatley, C. Q.M.-Sgt. Mather, Sergt. Marwood, Lance-Corpls. Kingdon, Gregory and Davis, and Ptes. Tanner, Freeman and Barnard.

The strength of the Detachment at present is:—

Cavalry.—1 trooper.

Infantry.—1 officer, 6 N.C.O.'s, and 33 privates.

Army Signal Service.—2 N.C.O.'s and 1 private.

Medical Corps.—1 private.

Altogether there were twenty-two recruits this Term, which easily constitutes a record. This is fortunate, as there was a considerable loss at the end of last Term. Sergt. D. L. Russell will be especially missed.

Lance-Corporal H. H. Watkins has been promoted to Sergeant, and appointed Detachment Leader.

In the Bourne Cup competition last Term, there was a large field, and Hertford were placed fourth, though only just beaten by the second and third teams. Hertford were not so good as in the previous years, but with so much new material really ought to win in 1913.

In Camp the Detachment took some time to settle down, as owing to the College Ball the majority did not arrive till Camp was several days old. When once they got going they were quite up to the fairly high level of recent years and, as

usual, were at their best during the last few days, when the ranks of many other colleges were becoming thinned. It was an interesting Camp, and there was a pleasing variety about the weather. Hertford were knocked out by Oriel in the Morrell Cup competition.

There have been Field Operations three times this Term—twice by day and once by night—at which the attendance has been rather poor. It is certainly hard to work up enthusiasm for these mid-Term battles, but the O.T.C. can never be called a complete success until it is able to turn out in force once at least in each Term.

C. Q.M.-Sgt. Mather took part in Army manoeuvres this year, and Sergt. Marwood attended a signalling course at Bulford, and obtained a Proficiency Certificate.

The O.T.C. is not an end in itself, but exists to supply officers for the Special Reserve and Territorial Force. This object is not being fulfilled as it should be, but we are glad to see that several of those who went down from Hertford last Term are taking, or thinking of taking, commissions, namely, I. B. Maxwell in the Regular Army, D. L. Russell in the Territorial Force, and J. Grundy and J. S. Yates on the Unattached List, serving with the Junior Division O.T.C.

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Athletic Clubs.

HERTFORD COLLEGE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Captain—B. J. SCOTT.

Hon. Secretary—E. W. TETLEY.

The prospects for the season were very bright, as the Freshers provided several promising players, in addition to F. W. H. Nicholas, who has been playing regularly for the Varsity.

The team started very well in the League, but afterwards gave some varied displays, and were defeated by Keble and Pembroke. If all the remaining games are won, however, the side should just get into the First Division.

The team for 'coppers' was slightly changed, Campbell coming to the left back position from centre-half, while Rhyderch filled the latter place, and Boyd moved to right-half. These changes made the defence much sounder, as Campbell was then playing in his proper position.

The first 'cupper' was against Merton, whom we defeated 7—0 in the preliminary round.

Jesus were our next opponents, and we expected a very hard game. In the first half we managed to score a goal, in spite of a strong wind against us, which enabled our opponents to attack nearly the whole time. After change of ends our forwards showed good form, and we eventually won 8—1.

Magdalen were played next, and after playing till it was too dark to continue, no definite result could be arrived at, the score being 2—2. In the replay, however, we played better, and managed to win, 5—1, Popham showing magnificent form. Perhaps we were slightly assisted by fortune in this game, as the wind was with us in the first half, and dropped completely in the second.

The side had the great misfortune to lose the services of Campbell, who sprained his ankle while playing against Ealing for the Varsity, and will not be able to play again this Term. Watkins has also been unable to play in 'cuppers,' owing to injuries. H. Clarke has played in his place, and showed excellent form against Magdalen. As regards other players, Scott, of course, have been a great source of strength in goal. All three halves get through a lot of work, and have proved a very steady line. Rhydderch especially has been showing consistently good form, and seems to improve in every game. The forwards have risen to the occasion splendidly in 'cuppers.' Nicholas' great pace on the right wing, and Popham's bustling methods and deadly shooting in the centre have always made the line a dangerous one. Kingdon, on the left, has put up some very good games, and both insides, Pritchard and Rid-dell, have proved to be very hard workers, playing very pluckily, especially in 'cuppers.'

Owing to the increase in Soccer players, we have been enabled to start an 'A' team, under the captaincy of H. Schloesser. Unfortunately, we have not been able to arrange very many fixtures for them this Term, but hope to remedy this in the future.

HERTFORD COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The team this Term has not fulfilled its early promise. There were a fair number of old Colours, and reputed talent among the Freshmen. It is undoubtedly a team of possibilities, but somehow they have never been realised. And it must be admitted, without detracting from the merit of our opponents,

that we have not always enjoyed the best of luck: the margin of points against us has not always represented the real difference between the opposing sides. The team, too, has a habit of not finding its true form until after half-time, when our opponents have usually established a winning lead. Whether this is due to lack of training, or a desire to face fearful odds, it is impossible to say, but the result does not mean victory. Individually, the team contains some very fair players, but as a whole it lacks cohesion, and especially the forwards and backs have tended to become isolated divisions, instead of a combined whole. But it must be admitted that the loss of Watkins early in the season made all the difference in this respect, as it has been found impossible to find a player of his ability. So far, only two League matches and two ordinary have been won. In the other games we have for the most part been inferior in weight and pace to our opponents, while the defence of the whole has often left much to be desired. Comment on individual players is superfluous and practically impossible, but great credit is due to our captain for the way in which he has kept the team together, in spite of numerous defeats.

The following have regularly represented the College:—
H. C. Perrott, *back*; H. Hodges, W. E. Rhydderch, E. J. V. Edwards, H. Ozanne, *three-quarters*; H. G. Hawkins, H. H. Watkins, D. H. Beatty, *half-backs*; P. N. G. FitzPatrick (captain), G. T. Garratt, L. Hodgson, R. H. Gregory, W. R. A. Wareing, T. L. Tanner, A. E. B. Plummer, W. Karsten, forwards.

Also played.—C. R. Cruttwell, W. B. Brett, R. C. H. Kingdon, N. F. Mather, J. D. Symes, and others.

HERTFORD COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB.

Captain—H. G. HAWKINS.

Secretary—W. E. PRICE.

Of the fifteen games played up to date, seven have been won (several by substantial margins), five lost and three drawn. Although strengthened by the addition of several useful Freshmen, the team has been handicapped badly by not being able to call upon a full side in any game. Next Term it is hoped, under favourable conditions in this respect, that we may not prove much inferior to last year's side, which was so successful in 'cuppings.'

HERTFORD COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

SEASON 1912.

Captain—E. A. SELKE.*Hon. Secretary*—W. M. GADDY.

TEAM.—E. A. Selke, W. M. Gaddy, H. H. Watkins, H. M. Bryan, W. C. Vogt, A. N. Hardie.

Also played.—H. G. Hawkins, R. D. Jeune, J. W. Rowlands.

We had a very successful season, winning nine matches and losing three. The matches won were with Exeter, Lincoln, Magdalen, Christ Church, University, Merton, Worcester, Queen's, and Jesus College, Cambridge; those lost with University, St. John's, and New College. The match with Jesus College, Cambridge, was very exciting. At one time they led by four matches to two, but after tea we won all three matches. Bryan and Hardie won the deciding match from their first pair after three close and hard-fought sets.

In the 'coppers' we were not so successful; in fact, we were defeated in the first round by Magdalen, a team which on paper was much weaker than ours. The defeat was in the main caused by the illness of Vogt, who had had a touch of sun-stroke. But even then we should have won had Selke, Gaddy and Hardie played anything like their usual game.

Vogt leaves for America at the end of this Term. His loss will lessen our chances for 1913.

HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB.

Captain—J. C. A. WILLIAMS-VAUGHAN.*Secretary*—F. C. DAVIS.

The Eight was composed as follows:—

Bow. W. W. Ward.
 2 R. S. Evans.
 3 F. C. Davis.
 4 D. L. Russell.
 5 R. C. H. Kingdon.
 6 J. C. A. Williams-Vaughan.
 7 O. W. Price.
 Str. C. J. S. Wright.
 Cox. R. P. Pridham.

Owing to a variety of causes, and especially inexperience and inability to keep proper time, it was found impossible to constitute the Eight with due regard to weight and strength. Under the good offices of A. H. Wedderburn the crew made

fair progress, so long as work was restricted to paddling, but seemed unable to sustain any severer strain. On the first night of the races, indeed, when pursued by B.N.C. II., the combination broke down so badly that an eleventh hour change was found to be imperative. Davis, therefore, was brought down to seven, Ward to three, and Price moved up to bow. This new order gained some cohesion when bumped by admittedly superior crews, Balliol II. and St. John's II., and eventually justified itself by escaping from Jesus on the last two nights. The causes of failure in individual races are various and transitory. The cause of failure for a succession of years, as already stated in these pages, is lack of material from which to choose, which in Hertford seems in a fair way to become permanent.

The Torpid Fours were rowed off on November 19th, as follows:—

Bow, C. M. J. Coote; 2, J. S. H. Moore; 3, P. Willans; str., S. L. Marwood; cox., R. Worsley.

Bow, G. C. K. Jolley; 2, N. McNeill; 3, K. M. Chance; str., F. A. Sykes; cox., P. C. A. Carnegie.

Bow, C. E. Bland; 2, H. G. Dixey; 3, J. Nash; str., H. S. Quigley; cox., C. J. S. Wright.

There was, on the whole, little to choose between Marwood's and Quigley's fours. The latter, however, were well together, and were considerably quicker into the water; this, combined with a very fair swing and an unconquerable desire for work, brought them in first. Sykes' four stuck to it well, but were without experience, and unable to quicken up the stroke in time for the race. They were overhauled by Quigley at the Boathouse, but this was due as much to the faulty judgment of the Secretary as to their own failings, which were many.

The Torpid—at present in a protoplasmic condition—will be out for the remainder of Term, with rather brighter prospects ahead of it than this time last year; but prophecy at such an early stage is superfluous and foolish.

HERTFORD COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB.

TEAM.—G. T. Gravell, B. J. Scott, I. P. F. Campbell, R. F. Popham, E. W. Tetley, J. F. Sidebotham, N. Cardwell, H. G. Hawkins, A. K. Boyd, J. D. Symes, J. F. Thornhill, R. T. Peel.

Also played.—R. C. Birkett, D. Freeman, Rev. H. B. Jones, E. A. H. Schloesser, H. C. Joyce, L. A. Russell, H. C. B. Jollye, R. P. Pridham, W. E. Price.

Of the fifteen matches played, seven were won, four were drawn, and four were lost. This record shews a decided improvement on last season, when only three were won.

As regards individual members, Popham, Sidebotham and Scott were the most consistent scorers, Popham making three hundred odd runs in his last three innings. What we lost by Campbell's enforced absence was clearly shown by his run-getting ability on the one or two occasions on which he did play.

As regards the bowling of the team, Gravell and Cardwell stood out by themselves, no one else being able to get wickets at all cheaply.

The offices for next year have been elected, as follows:—

Captain—B. J. SCOTT.

Hon. Secretary—R. F. POPHAM.

Results of matches:—

FIRST XI.

C.C.C.	...	...	Lost.
Abingdon C.C.	...	...	Drawn.
St. John's College	...	...	Won.
Pembroke College	...	...	Won.
Exeter College	...	...	Won.
Oatlands Park C.C.	...	...	Lost.
Leamington C.C.	...	...	Won.
B.N.C.	...	...	Drawn.
Oxford City C.C.	...	...	Drawn.
Leamington C.C.	...	...	Lost.
Keble College	...	...	Lost.
Worcester College	...	...	Won.
C.C.C., Cambridge	...	...	Won.
Cowley St. John C.C.	...	...	Drawn.
Merton College	...	...	Won.

Played 15, won 7, lost 4, drawn 4.

SECOND XI.

College Servants C.C.	...	...	Drawn.
Victoria C.C.	...	...	Lost.
Exeter Busters C.C.	...	...	Won.
Eynsham Park C.C.	...	...	Won.
F. Allaway's XI.	...	...	Drawn.

Played 5, won 2, lost 1, drawn 2.

Who hath Desired?

The rivers and the mountains and the trees
 Are full of sweet familiar delight;
 Most sweet is Autumn, swathed in hazes bright
 With golden sunshine, till the idle breeze
 Bares pinnacles and distance to our sight:
 And when I look on beauties such as these
 I ponder what the charm is of grey seas
 And vacant skylines darkening 'neath the night.

There is some power sways the homing heart
 With longing for the steep Atlantic roll,
 Though, more than death, that holds fond friends apart
 And isolates the lonely roving soul.
 We dread it sore, yet love it in our fear;
 Dear are our homes, but so is the sea dear. H.G.D.

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