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## College Notes.

BY the time this appears the Michaelmas Term will be nearly past. On coming up—not sorry to be back in Oxford after a prolonged summer vac.—we found Oxford wrapped in the usual pestilential mist, and Hertford standing where it did, but now united by the long-sought bridge, be-scaffolded but triumphant. In place of the departed we found thirty-two stalwart Freshmen; four of these proved on closer investigation to be Rhodes Scholars, whom after the blank of last year we are particularly glad to welcome. But they all seem to have made themselves so much at home that a welcome at this time is superfluous. After a busy Term, the moment has again arrived when an issue of the Magazine is due. We lay it before an expectant world in the hope that its shortcomings may be counterbalanced by the fact that it can be now paid for through Battels. Always bear in mind that a shilling in the hand is worth two in the Battel.

In forty years Hertford has witnessed changes which would have taken an ordinary college a century or two. But it has never changed more than between June and October of this

year, and unfortunately most of the changes have been in the nature of losses. To begin with, Mr. Jackson has decided as the result of ill-health to give up his work as Bursar, and future generations will be unable with their predecessors to exclaim, 'How much we owe to Mr. Jackson!' and be speaking the truth in two senses. But in one sense this will always be true, for it is very doubtful whether the College would ever have lived to follow its present comparatively easy path but for the years of devoted service and stern commonsense which 'Jacky' has given it. The Principal and he will go down to history as the makers of Hertford. Of recent years ill-health has prevented his taking so much part in the common life as formerly. It is, for instance, some years since he coached the Eight. But he has never ceased to spend the greater part of the day in Term time and Vacation at work in his College rooms, and his interest in the University Clubs, especially the O.U.A.C., is as great to-day as ever. Mr. Jackson was the pioneer of organisation in University athletics, and he was the father of amalgamated clubs. The present generation takes it for granted that athletic clubs can be run without financial loss. But to appreciate fully what Oxford owes to Mr. Jackson it is necessary to compare the present situation with the records of the clubs of forty years ago. Mr. Jackson is still Senior Bursar, but the control of the green envelopes has passed to other hands.

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With great regret we learnt during the Vacation that the Rev. H. H. Williams, who was reported to be taking a year's rest, had accepted the post of Principal of St. Edmund Hall, and so was to return to Hertford no more. This came as a great and unexpected blow. It is not a loss which is easy to be repaired. Mr. Williams has been a Fellow of Hertford since 1899. His fame as a philosopher is too general in Oxford (and elsewhere) to need mention. His character as Tutor is less known outside Hertford, but is to some extent shown by the long list of those he has guided along the strait path to a First in Greats. He will be missed even by those who have never fed upon his discourse, and knew him only as a familiar figure shadowed by a familiar dog. Grudgingly we wish him all success in his new position at St. Edmund Hall.

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Another loss, though only a temporary one, is that of Mr. Haselfoot, who is still unwell, and is therefore spending a year

away from Oxford. We offer him our best wishes for a complete recovery before next year.

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In our last number we expressed a hope that the Bridge would be completed before we went to press again, and that we should be able to include its photograph in this number. The strikes in the building trade have affected our bridge-builders much less than most members of their profession, but in spite of this a few finishing strokes have still to be added; the Bridge is still in scaffolding, and a somewhat unlovely tarpaulin conceals the central sculpture. We therefore think it best to postpone the photograph till our next number, when we hope also to give a description of the more interesting architectural features. The Bridge will be formally opened during the Vacation, and will be in full working order next Term. The gossips of Oxford are already busy with the merits and demerits of the bridge. We ask them to follow our example and wait till they can see it.

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On the first Sunday of Term a College meeting was held, the effect of which, it is to be hoped, will be felt for some time to come. The object of the meeting was to discuss the question of the College rowing. It is quite certain that our position on the river is (to put it mildly) not what it ought to be; but something more than a recognition of this is needed if things are to improve. The cause of the present situation is that in the formation of an Eight or a Toggler the choice is so hopelessly limited; and it was agreed that the only way of getting a larger choice was by the co-operation of land games. There are undoubtedly many difficulties to this in these days of many leagues and 'Cuppers,' but still a certain amount can be done; even if football and hockey supply only one or two good men to the river, it is better than nothing. The meeting aroused a considerable amount of enthusiasm, and the Freshmen responded nobly to the appeal. But the Freshmen cannot do everything. It has been the custom for some time to blame rowing men, and in particular the rowing officers, for our position on the river. Whatever justification there may have been for this in the past, there is certainly none now. If success has ever been deserved, it is deserved by the present Captain and Secretary. By the time the next Magazine appears the Torpids will be a thing of the past; let us hope that the College meeting of this Term will have had its effect.

The appointment of Mr. J. E. Campbell, formerly Senior Tutor, to be Bursar in succession to Mr. Jackson must give universal satisfaction. We wish him success and peace of mind in a rather thankless office. The life of a Bursar is full of uncertainty. It was only the other day that Mr. Campbell was ambushed on a staircase by a person displaying a tired piece of toast and full of contentious spirit. Many such incidents as this would ruin the nerve of the hardiest. But Mr. Campbell apparently is not yet affected. If anyone can pacify the plaintive, it is he. We feel confident that he is possessed of all the arts which combine to make a successful Bursar.

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It is rumoured that a visit made by the Bursar to the infernal regions of the New Buildings may result in the provision of more baths. These will be more than ever needed when the opening of the bridge permits the more modest and delicate to avoid the open-air transit. The supply of a wooden lattice on the floor has done much to reduce the acute discomfort of previous years. It is no longer necessary to perch like a canary on a chair or a small packing case in order to dry with any success; nor need socks and trousers, before being put on, be retrieved from the scuppers, at imminent risk of immersion. The present method is less exciting no doubt, but on the whole preferable.

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At another College meeting held this Term it was decided to accept a sporting offer made by the Bursary with regard to the price of Hall. Several other reforms were suggested, which seemed to show that the chief difficulty with regard to Hall is the lack of a standard appetite. It is to be hoped that the meeting helped to clear away an impression that the Bursary is an enterprising institution running things generally in direct opposition to the wishes of the College; or that it is a financial concern engaged in amassing wealth at the expense of penurious undergraduates. Neither of these ideas is correct; and the sooner it is realised that any feasible and reasonable reform desired by the College as a whole (whether voiced by a select 'council of students' or not) will receive attention, the better it will be.

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It must be admitted that at present there is a certain reticence about the Bursary which does not inspire confidence. For

example, it is usual to receive during each term a small piece of paper professing to give in detail 'miscellaneous items charged on Battel's under Repairs, etc.' Now, we think, we shall hear all about it. But far otherwise. After such items as 'chimney sweeping' and 'cleaning material' (and what is this cleaning material? What does it clean?) we find 'Repairs, etc., 4/9' (or whatever the figure may be); which really is not very enlightening. 'Repairs, etc.,' as part of a detailed account of 'Repairs, etc.,' is inclined to be unsatisfying. Of course, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred an indignant embassy to the Bursary is quickly silenced, if not mollified. But it would surely be better if Battels and Bursary accounts generally were more explicit and so less provocative of suspicion.

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Many recent members of the College read with real sorrow of the death of Major Meiklejohn after his heroic accident in Hyde Park. His connection with the College had been a very short one, but for several years he had been a constant visitor to Oxford on matters connected with the Officers' Training Corps and the examinations for Group E, and but for his untimely death Oxford would probably have seen more and more of him. In June he was elected a member of our Senior Common Room, and when he was in the Oxford camp only a few days before his accident he expressed great delight that of ten men who consulted him about taking commissions in the Special Reserve the first three were members of Hertford. More than anyone else he appreciated the big educational ideas behind the Officers' Training Corps, and his loss is every bit as serious to the University as to the Army.

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Mr. Denniston, who was with us all last year, was in July last elected to a Fellowship for Classics. We take this opportunity of wishing him a long and prosperous career at Hertford.

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It was with deep regret that just before going to press we heard of the death of the Rev. G. H. Gwilliam, Fellow of the College since 1875. For two years his health has been bad, but he was in Hertford during the summer and seemed to have recovered. We publish a short obituary notice elsewhere.

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The Hopping Camp this year was a complete success, as all who went down will testify. Further details will be found later.

We publish two photographs taken by the Chaplain—one of the Hertford encampment and the other a typical scene round the tea-barrow; the portraits call for no comment. We also print with great pleasure an article by Mr. C. R. Cruttwell, who came down this year for the first time.

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There is some reason to be satisfied with the athletic achievements of this Term. It is extremely gratifying that Rigger has once more asserted itself in the College after its retirement in the past year or two. The revival is due largely to the advent of several capable Freshmen. A record of six wins in seven league matches is very satisfactory, and should be good enough to secure a rise in the League. Good luck in Cuppers next Term. The Soccer side, owing to a combination of bad luck and bad play, has done very poorly in the League, but has to some extent retrieved its reputation by getting into the semi-final of the Cuppers for the second year in succession. Hockey as usual this Term has suffered from the calls on its exponents to play other games, but we have great hopes for the Cuppers next Term. The devotees of the River have so far been engaged in Junior Fours, and an embryo Togger, we hear, is to be launched before long. We wish them all the luck which they deserve next Term.

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It is inevitable that in a small College the various games' clubs should overlap, and at Hertford this has been the case more than ever this Term. The same man has often been in demand to play two or even three different games on one day. There must be some who resent being transferred from club to club like football professionals, as though they had no say in the matter. The only sound course for the various clubs is that of mutual concession. It must be amicably agreed that the purpose of one club is not to compete with another, but with other colleges; it is only by turning out its best side for the event of most importance at the moment that the College can realise its full possibilities.

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After a lapse of a year we have again indulged in College Sports, which brought to light considerable talent. For the first time we put a team into the field for the Inter-Collegiate Cup, and succeeded in defeating Keble by a comfortable margin. We are to meet B.N.C. in the next round, but it is feared that the unfitness of F. W. H. Nicholas may necessitate scratching.

The annual meeting in connection with the Oxford House was held in the Junior Common Room on Nov. 19th. The Head, the Rev. F. A. Iremonger, brought with him the usual lay speaker, whose account of the work at the House was not very inspiring. The Head was as good as ever, and succeeded in dispelling the effect of the previous speech. The meeting was well attended, and it is to be hoped that Hertford will in future be more strongly represented at the House.

An innovation was made this Term in the character of the Freshmen's entertainment. Instead of the time-honoured Wine, which failed signally to fulfil its purpose, it was decided to have a smoking concert. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of three excellent amateurs, namely, Messrs. R. H. Hughes and P. L. Bell (of St. John's) and E. C. Dunstan (of Magdalen), who provided a really good entertainment. Mr. Hughes is a true humourist, and the singing of Messrs. Dunstan and Bell was delightful. We owe them all our best thanks, and also the four gentlemen who described so pleasantly the charms of 'Quibble's Cocoa.' Refreshments were served in the Junior Common Room and Reading Room in the interval between the two parts. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, which presumably is the true criterion of success.

We publish in this number, in continuation of our series of professions, an article on the Chancery Bar, by an old Hertford man. We commend it especially to the notice of intending barristers; but even the lay mind will not find it lacking in interest.

Hertford has always suffered in a mild way from the fact that so few of its M.A.'s keep their names on the books. This does not apply to those of the last few years, who have kept their names on in much larger proportion. This leads us to suspect that many of the senior M.A.'s would replace their names if they realised that there is no charge for doing so, and that since 1912 the cost of compounding for life for the annual charges has been very much reduced. We therefore publish a summary of these charges:—

For those not over 40, £18 (University £10, College £8).

For those not over 50, £13 10s. (University £7 10s., College, £6).

For those over 50, £9 (University £5, College £4).



The College certainly gains in prestige in the University through having many M.A.'s on its books, and Hertford at present has over fifty less than any other college. The M.A. gets his Parliamentary vote and membership of Convocation. He has the right to dine and battel in College, receives occasional invitations, and knows that he still belongs to an institution which was once the centre of all his activities.

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The College Officers for this Term are are follows: President, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick; Secretary, A. K. Boyd.

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We are indebted to N. McNeill for the delightful sketch of the Octagon House from the New Buildings which forms the frontispiece of this number. It is a view familiar to several generations of Hertford men, and is of particular interest as representing the Octagon House in a setting which will, we hope, before many years be altered.

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## The Chancery Bar.

The last number of this magazine contained an article dealing with the Common Law Bar, considered with reference to the prospects which it offers as a career, and readers of that article were warned that it was not to be regarded as being in all respects applicable to the Chancery Bar, with which, therefore, this article proposes now to deal as a separate subject.

First, a word should be said as to what sort of work it is which is done at the Chancery Bar, or, as it is sometimes called, the Equity Bar. The average man has only vague ideas on the subject, confined, for the most part, to some romantic notions about Wards of Court, and to what he has learnt from the pages of 'Bleak House,' and from that other most entertaining novel, Samuel Warren's 'Ten Thousand a Year.' It may be premised, therefore, that among the principal matters with which the Chancery practitioner has to deal are questions relating to rights of way, water, and light, and other matters incident to the ownership of lands and buildings, questions arising out of settlements, wills, partnership deeds, conveyances and mortgages of all kinds of property, disputes as to the meaning of written documents dealing with any of these subjects,

questions relating to patents, and, last but not least, the administration of the estates of deceased persons and of trusts, including in particular those intended to benefit the three special favourites of Equity—the Infant, the Lunatic, and the Married Woman. The whole of the great subject of Company law, and a considerable part of the law of Bankruptcy also come within the daily routine of Lincoln's Inn, which is the particular home of the Equity barrister. It will thus readily be recognised that the fare which Chancery offers to its patrons is solid rather than piquant, and that the gourmand who aspires to dazzling banquets of *causes célèbres* should be advised to go elsewhere in search of them. Moreover, in the Chancery Division all cases heard in open court are dealt with and decided by the Judge alone, and it is to him, a seasoned and unsentimental expert, and not to a jury of twelve 'honest men and true,' that the observations of the advocate have to be addressed. Obviously, therefore, eloquence, and all imitations of it, are decidedly at a discount at the Chancery Bar, where close reasoning and conciseness of argument count for much more than that facility to go on talking which elsewhere is so valuable a forensic weapon. Another point to be noted is that the Chancery man as a rule does not join a circuit, but confines his practice to the Courts of the six Chancery Judges sitting in London, these being of course appointed from the ranks of the Chancery barristers themselves. Thus there is a constant association of a comparatively small body of men, perhaps not more than 250 in regular practice, all doing the same work within a small area, and this undoubtedly produces a spirit of friendliness and comradeship which is often pleasantly reminiscent of Oxford days. But the test of this close companionship is correspondingly severe, and the same characteristics which can win for a man friends at his college will also go far to ensure success in his profession, for the solicitor is quick to note any sign of a man's unpopularity among his fellow-barristers or with the judges before whom he appears, and dislikes to be known to employ those who do not personally stand well with their contemporaries and with their seniors. Then, too, the Chancery barrister, especially in his early days, and unless the all-important Influence to which the former article referred is sufficient to bring him a considerable amount of Court work at the outset (an unlikely and not altogether desirable contingency), will probably practice also as a conveyancer—that is to say, he will peruse and advise upon abstracts of complicated titles to pro-

perties, and will draft deeds, wills, and documents of various descriptions, which, owing to their great length or their complex or difficult character, the busy solicitor lacks the time or the special knowledge to prepare for himself. Some men ultimately devote themselves entirely to this class of work, and rarely, or never, go into Court; others, again, specialize in 'company drafting,' and become experts in the drawing of prospectuses and the like; while practically all Chancery men do, or have at some time done, a certain amount of this laborious and difficult taskwork of conveyancing, which is perhaps the surest of all foundations for a sound and accurate knowledge of equity principles. Conveyancing, unless it is 'big' work, or unless a man has a great deal of it, is not remunerative when contrasted with the amount of toil which it involves, but on the other hand it calls not only for a sound knowledge of law and a deal of experience in the way such things are done, but also for an aptitude in the use of precise and accurate language—the power 'to say what you mean in such a way that it cannot possibly mean anything else,' which is partly a natural gift, but is also to some extent possible of acquisition, and indeed is, or should be, one of the choicest fruits of a liberal, and more particularly a classical, education. The youthful 'junior' is not unlikely to find that his earliest clients will first try what he makes of a bit of conveyancing before they entrust him with the responsibilities of a brief. Let him read and re-read, write and re-write, his fledgling productions with the most anxious and scrupulous care, for here indeed an omitted word or a slipshod phrase may actually be decisive of his fate!

The formal preliminaries to a call to the Bar were mentioned in the previous article, and need not be recapitulated. A man who is 'called' at the Temple is none the less qualified afterwards to settle down as an Equity barrister in Lincoln's Inn, but it is usual and convenient for the student who aims at Chancery from the start to enter himself at, and be called by, Lincoln's Inn—for about five out of every six equity men are members of that 'Learned and Honourable Society' and have 'eaten their dinners' in its splendid Hall. For the education of the Equity barrister it may be taken as a minimum that he should read for a year as the pupil of a busy, but not too busy, counsel (to whom the regulation fee of 100 guineas must be paid), and if he can afford to have a year with a 'Court man' and a year with a 'Conveyancer' so much the better, while six months or so in a solicitor's office will provide him with much

valuable experience. There, however, the future wearer of the ermine must be prepared to consort on equal terms with the junior clerks, and even with the office boys, who, although they may at first regard him with contempt, will afterwards (if he gives himself no airs) be ready enough to initiate him into many of the smaller mysteries of 'practice' with which some acquaintance will be of considerable use to him later on.

As at the Common Law Bar, so also in Lincoln's Inn, it is extremely desirable, and at the same time exceedingly difficult, for the young barrister setting up in practice to find a room or a share of a room in chambers occupied by men of really good professional standing, and the reader should refer to what was said on this subject in the former article. Here, too, we may repeat and insist upon the prime importance of Influence as a preliminary to a successful career at the Bar, to which may be added two further alliterative qualifications, namely, Industry and Ingenuity. Taking Influence first, it is probably true to say that a solicitor in ordinary practice will be more likely to be able to help a young man at the Chancery bar than in any other branch of a barrister's work, for a certain amount of small conveyancing and Chancery business falls to the lot of nearly all solicitors, including those who may have not one big 'action' either at Common Law or in Chancery for years together. And if the young barrister has connections with an important firm of solicitors, *and can make himself competent to do the work which they send to him*, his fortune is at least half-made. The present Solicitor-General, who is, of course, a distinguished Equity barrister, once told the writer that an able man with 'one good firm' at his back is *certain* of success at the Chancery bar. It is, however, remarkable that, when once a man is started, his work tends to come from unexpected, rather than from expected, sources. Solicitors employing a young counsel like to feel and to tell their friends that they have discovered him by their own perspicuity, and resent very deeply the notion that he has been thrust upon them. Thus a man will often be taken up regularly by a firm who come to hear of him quite by chance (*e.g.*, by meeting him when engaged 'on the other side'), while he may wait for ever for a brief from the firm upon which his aunt, the wife of the senior partner, has promised to exert the pressure of her influence on his behalf!

As to Industry, little need be said here, except that the solicitor who brings papers to a man who has 'left early to-day,' or is 'not up this Saturday,' will probably not come a second

time. As to Ingenuity, there is no disguising the fact that the man who sets up as a specialist in equity law must be possessed of something more than mere commonsense and an average allowance of brains. Not that he need be a genius—except that an infinite capacity for taking pains is not likely to come amiss to him—but he must, we submit, have more than an average clarity of thought, and both an aptitude and a liking for acute and subtle reasoning, combined with the power to apply his talents to the practical requirements of a practical world. He must be able, in other words, to become not only a profound lawyer who studies his law as a science, but also a business man who knows how to apply it as an art for the benefit of his clients. The most melancholy failures at the Bar are undoubtedly those who have mastered the first and not the second of these requirements. Let the academic lawyer take heed, for he not infrequently fails to justify himself in Lincoln's Inn.

To avoid any risk of misapprehension, be it said that not one word of this article must be read as intended to disparage the Common Law Bar, which in comparison with the Chancery Bar is in some respects even more exacting in its requirements, as it certainly in many respects presents greater attractions, particularly to those who have political ambitions. None the less, the claims of the Equity Bar on the attention of the younger generation are, in the opinion of the writer, very great. To the right sort of man it offers a highly respectable and exceedingly interesting profession, and, for those who have some influence, much industry, a legal mind, and a little luck, there are incomes to be made there, and a few, but great, prizes to be won. It is overcrowded, chiefly with men who are not capable of doing the work if they could get it; and by these, and others, it is often described as 'dull.' On the other hand, if a man 'likes the kind of thing' we have been trying to describe, then the Chancery Bar is exactly the kind of thing he will like. There must be added the inevitable warning, that the craft is hard and long to learn, and in every case courage and the means to face the period of waiting which is the fate even of the luckiest must somehow be found.

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## A few First Impressions of Oxford.

BY AN AMERICAN.

'I say, I'm beastly fed up with my Greats lekkers.'

These words, heard by an American who had just 'come up' to Oxford, were no more intelligible to him than is the Greek which he has forgotten since he passed Responsions. The only idea which crossed his mind was that the Englishman who was speaking must have eaten a great deal.

Probably slang is one of the first points of difference that a man from America notices between the Englishman and himself. The American is expecting to hear the broad A, and can understand that, but such words as 'blighter,' 'cupper,' 'k'nut,' 'lekker,' and 'rigger' are beyond his experience; and, on the other hand, his 'cop,' 'cutie,' 'hit the hay,' and 'twenty-three' only cause the Britisher to stare. It is true that I can understand the broad A perfectly well, but when I am talking to an English friend it is a perpetual problem to know whether to use it or not. When I am talking to a man who uses the broad A with perfect naturalness, does he notice when I pronounce the same words with a very different accent, or is he entirely unconscious of it; and if I should use his A, would it sound to him as foolishly affected as it would sound to me? Here is a problem; I suppose that it will be settled before long, but in the meantime 'can't' and 'chance,' 'half' and 'past,' are difficult words for me.

Lack of acquaintance with English etiquette is a source of many blunders, blunders which are recognised only after the bitter experience of committing them. Little points that I never think of are considered quite important, and I suppose that I, barbarian as I am, transgress in blissful ignorance many of the most sacred customs of English politeness. Only one illustration of my ignorance is that I never think of opening the door of a room for a lady. The reason is simple; at home the doors are never shut. And then I consider that my English friends are exceedingly impolite when they, in their turn, do not all stand when a lady enters the room.

One of the most noticeable differences between English and American undergraduates consists in the manner with which they greet one another upon ordinary occasions. After Hall I come to have coffee into a room where there is a number of men. One or two nod, and that is all. At home there would

be a chorus of greetings, both chaffing and serious, and those whom I had not seen before on that day would shake hands with me—but not as an Englishman would shake hands. When I was at the cinema recently, an American naval officer was portrayed as shaking hands enthusiastically every time he met a friend, and whenever he did it the undergraduates around me would shout with laughter; for instead of shaking his friends' hands once, as it should be done according to the British Constitution, the officer would pump up and down five or six times! I didn't see anything very queer in that, but when I remembered that several times upon my shaking hands with strangers, before I had gotten fairly started they had pulled their hands away. 'I wonder if my hand's dirty, or what is the matter,' was my first thought. To shake hands properly, an American must have his wits about him.

Sports are undertaken here very differently from the way in which they are entered into at home. To begin with, all lecture rooms and laboratories here are closed in the early afternoon in order to allow everyone to get some exercise. In America, to stop lectures in order to permit a team to practice or a match game to be played, would be considered a reversion towards savagery, an outrage against education. But here, well of course they stop. Everybody must have his exercise; he needs it. And then everybody really has it. In American universities not nearly as many of the students use the athletic fields as here; those who do not are either bookworms or else too lazy. But when at two-thirty I see the empty bicycle shed, I feel that, critics and Freshmen's Sports notwithstanding, Britain is not a decadent nation.

But here nobody cares much about winning—the aim is to *play* the game; at home it is to *win* the game. The way in which most games are played here seems to me to be almost half-hearted. Could you imagine a team after losing an important 'rigger' match breaking down and weeping? Everyone who knows our game of football will admit that it requires at least as much nerve and ability to stand punishment as Rugby, and yet I have seen American teams, both school and college, after losing the most important game of the season, break down absolutely. Of course, such a thing very seldom happens, but that it can happen shows the difference in intensity between an English and an American game.

One feature of American athletics which is absent here is the professional coach. For every Varsity team at home there is a

paid man who superintends the entire work of the team, from directing practices to selecting the 'first string.' His word is final, and the captain is often a mere figurehead, so far as regards the management of the team. He is not, as here, the real leader and 'boss,' who does the work because he wants to see a good team, not because he is paid. I think that the English system has at least two points of superiority over ours: first, that it prevents the creation of a class of professional Varsity coaches; and second, that it makes the coaching more pleasant to the beginner. Coaches in America are notorious for the amount of swearing that they do. I remember a man who came out to practice on a football field at home, looked round, heard no one 'cussing,' and then said, 'Where's the coach?'

But although the professional coach is almost always present, the American undergraduate athlete is not a professional. The charge is often made on this side that our students make athletics almost a business. But this charge is, I think, very unjust; Americans go into a game with greater enthusiasm and more of a determination to win than the English seem to do, but they are in no sense professionals. Indeed, in the matter of prizes, I think that our system is much superior. In America the winner receives a medal showing the event in which it was won, and engraved with the name of the man himself. Here the prize is more often an object of use, rather than a prize whose only value is in the record which it bears.

In America the University teams never play club teams, as they do here. An American Varsity team would consider it rather *infra dig.* to play clubs, and the games (never called 'matches') are always played against other Varsities. Sometimes a practice game might be played against a club, but it would be considered of trifling importance, and the score would never be included in the team's record for the year. Each University has its 'big game' of the year, which corresponds to the Oxford-Cambridge match for every student and graduate of the institution; and absolutely every man who can pay the railway fare goes to see the game and is ready to encourage the team with the college 'yell,' which I have heard described here as a 'war whoop.' Besides these barbarous noises, every University has its songs which are sung at the games, one of which, the 'Alma Mater,' is almost sacred. Upon the singing of the 'Alma Mater' it is as much the duty of every loyal son



of the college to stand bare-headed, as it is of the loyal Englishman to stand at attention for 'God Save the King.'

Oxford clothes are to an unsophisticated American very weird things (as I believe American clothes are to an average Englishman). When I first arrived in Oxford, and saw the hideous contrasts made by grey trousers and yellow, brown, and reddish tweed coats, I was astonished. But when I saw the yellow and checked and striped waistcoats, the soft collars of every hue, and, worst of all, the enormously thick socks with the most outlandish patterns upon them, I gave up hope, and concluded that I would have to wear such things myself. I certainly do agree with some English critics who say that undergraduates go about Oxford in the most slovenly sort of dress; yet even before my first Term is over I have become thoroughly accustomed to it, and am more comfortable in 'bags' and 'sports jacket' than I could possibly be in anything else. My eyes, too, have become hardened to such sights, and I do not notice as much as I used to the awful mixtures of colours worn by most men.

We are never forced to wear gowns in our universities, and hence we cannot be fined for being out at night without them. Proctors, too, are absolutely unknown. The American arrangements for university discipline are directed to a side of life entirely different from that toward which the English system is turned. In American colleges the roll is called every day in almost all the undergraduate classes, and if a man 'cuts' too many classes in a week he will be 'called up' before the Dean to explain matters. In every other way he is absolutely free. He can go where he likes, and do what he likes, can stay out of the college, the gates of which are never closed, until as late as he pleases; he needn't come in at all if he doesn't want to, and so long as he attends lectures and is prepared for 'recitations,' no evil can befall him. Such an arrangement might seem like paradise to an Oxford man, but the student at an American university cannot go out at night a great deal if he is to be prepared for his lectures and recitations. A man has at least three or four lectures every day, and any men studying science and engineering must be in the laboratory from two until five every afternoon. Then, after about an hour of exercise or team practice, he has dinner and really gets to work, ending any time between ten and one, according to the nature of the 'course' he is taking. So on the whole the result is practically the same, for although there are no proctors to fine him and possibly

have him sent down, if he does not stay in at night and work the Dean will 'suspend' him.

Then, too, we have no college system such as there is in England. A man 'goes to Cornell' or 'Harvard' to study engineering, or to study law, or to 'take a regular B.A.,' and that is all. The student body is not broken up into colleges, and no one cares particularly what his friends are studying. The nearest approach to the function of the college is made by our secret societies, or Greek Letter Fraternities, but these are more social in character than the English college, and they do not affect the whole student body.

In America, it is proverbial that an Englishman cannot see a joke, and many are the stories made up at his expense. But since I have been here, I have heard rather indefinitely that it is a common belief among Englishmen that an American cannot see one either! The real state of the case must be that what appeals to one does not appeal to another; for time and again I have laughed over things at which my English friends do not even smile; and, on the other hand, things at which the English laugh seem to me to be hardly worth saying. Probably the fundamental difference is in temperament, a difference akin to that which prompts us to shake hands enthusiastically, whereas an Englishman does it quietly. I believe that I am able now to understand most English humour, but on account of the dismal failures in which my first attempts resulted, I have entirely ceased trying to tell American jokes.

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### Verse.

'Is the end very far?' 'Not very far,  
O my beloved, one more hill and vale  
And life is over, like a pleasant tale  
Well told, and like the waning of a star  
Under the dawn. And we can lay us down  
And sleep awhile, and wake to hear the sea  
Sounding her passionate symphony  
Beneath our feet: and in a little town  
Find a swift argosy, from so much stress  
Treading the foaming vintage of the deep  
Under her gilded feet, with joyous sweep  
To come to fair isles of more gentleness,  
Where the white domes of fretted palaces  
Flash under crimson skies on the blue seas.'

## University Distinctions.

*Liddon Studentship.*—J. C. West, B.A.

*Theodore Williams Scholarship in Human Anatomy.*—G. Perkins.

*Gaisford Greek Verse.*—Hon. Mention, L. T. S. Charles.

*First Public Examination.*—*Mathematical Moderations:* Class I. C. W. Sanger.

*Second Public Examination.*—

*Literae Humaniores:* Class II, C. H. Perrott, W. E. H. Rhydderch.

*Mathematics:* Class II, R. C. H. Kingdon.

*Theology:* Class I, L. Hodgson.

*History:* Class I, E. W. Sheppard, Class II, W. F. Raney.

*Jurisprudence:* Class I, N. L. Mackie.

*Natural Science:* Class II, H. McL. Bryan.

*Civil Service Examination.*—23rd, C. H. Perrott.

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## Degrees Conferred.

June 12th.—M.A.: R. H. W. Brinsley-Richards, W. M. Grogan, H. Hishmat and E. P. Woollcombe.

June 19th.—B.A.: A. P. V. Pigot.

July 5th.—B.A.: H. McL. Bryan (in absence), T. T. Crooks, W. M. Gaddy, J. H. Oldham, B. J. Scott, J. F. Sidebotham and W. W. Ward.

August 2nd.—B.A.: W. F. Raney.

October 16th.—M.A.: J. D. Denniston, R. L. Gillingham, G. T. Townshend (in absence) and W. R. Whaites, B.A.; H. A. Lowe, N. F. H. Mather, W. E. H. Rhydderch, E. W. Sheppard and P. Whitehead.

October 30th.—B.D. and D.D.: M. L. Smith. B.A.: H. B. Jones.

November 15th.—M.A.: J. D. Day.

November 27th.—Mus. Doc.: S. E. L. Spooner-Lillingston. B.A.: T. G. Inglis and C. H. Perrott.

## Matriculations.

OCTOBER, 1913.

*Scholars.*—W. P. Campbell, Clifton; A. S. Hinshelwood, Berkhamsted; L. W. Fox, Heath Grammar School; H. M. O. Parker, Edinburgh Academy; B. Ashmole, Forest School; F. G. B. Lucas, St. Paul's; S. Hartley, Worcester Royal Grammar School.

*Exhibitioners.*—W. H. G. Chapman, Dulwich; M. D. Thomas, Harrow; J. C. Bourne, Haileybury; A. G. W. Church, Charterhouse; E. R. J. Nicolls, Malvern.

*Rhodes Scholars.*—C. F. Krige, Victoria College, Stellenbosch, South Africa; H. V. A. Bruchholy, University of Minnesota and Harvard Law School, U.S.A.; F. A. Müller, Strassburg University; E. H. Niles, Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A.

*Commoners.*—J. B. Brown, George Watson's College, Edinburgh; H. C. R. Edwards, King Edward VI's School, Stratford-on-Avon; H. W. B. Burkett, Abingdon; E. Wilmot, Hereford School; E. M. Jones, Llandovery; E. M. B. Cambie, Dean Close School, Cheltenham; P. D. Mann, Charterhouse; G. R. Lys, Winchester; C. Waddington, Kelly College; C. C. H. Chavasse, Harrow; H. M. P. West, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-on-Tyne; G. E. Whelpton, Leys School; E. J. Harvey, Bloxham; J. C. Alexander, Charterhouse; P. A. M. MacMahon, Birmingham Central Secondary School; R. A. B. Powell, Liverpool College.

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## News of Past Members.

### UNIVERSITY.

The Rev. H. H. Williams has been appointed Principal of St. Edmund Hall.

The Hebdomadal Council have elected Lord Kilbracken to be an Elector to the Readership in Indian Law and C. Grant Robertson to be an Elector to the Chichele Lectureship in Foreign History.

N. Whatley has been appointed a Delegate of Police.

L. Hodgson has been appointed Vice-Principal of St. Edmund Hall and will go into residence next October.

The Rev. C. L. Burroughs has presented the new Dining Hall at Wycliff Hall.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL.

##### *Trinity Ordinations.*

Winchester: Deacon, H. M. Blackett (to Hale).  
Priest, W. M. Grogan.

Southwark: Deacon, E. P. Woolcombe (to St. John the Divine, Kennington).

Ripon: Deacon, J. G. T. Firth (to Leeds).

##### *Michaelmas Ordinations.*

Liverpool: Deacons, F. S. Cragg (to St. Laurence, Kirkdale), J. F. Thornhill (to St. Chad, Kirkby), and R. W. Thornhill (to St. Mark's, St. Helen's).

Manchester: Priest, W. T. Evans.

Hereford: Priest, C. H. Payton.

##### *Appointments.*

The Rev. W. H. Rigg, Vicar of Christ Church, E. Greenwich.

The Rev. B. Hartley, Curate-in-Charge of Harold Wood, Essex.

The Rev. H. B. Jones, Curate at Abergavenny.

L. Hodgson has gone to St. Michael's College, Llandaff, and B. J. Scott to Ely Theological College.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

Dr. C. H. Lloyd is resigning his post as Precentor of Eton at Easter.

C. W. David has accepted a Fellowship at Harvard University, U.S.A.

P. Whitehead is teaching at Haybridge School, Malden, Essex.

W. W. Ward has accepted a temporary teaching appointment at Lancing College.

I. P. F. Campbell is teaching at West Downs, Winchester.

G. T. de Blaby is assistant master at the school of E. J. Fox, Esq., Cheltonia, Villeneuve, pris Montreux, Switzerland.

W. E. Rhydderch is temporarily teaching at Llandoreny College.

T. B. Deakin is shortly going to Preston House School, Charters Towers, East Grinstead, Sussex.

E. S. Wood has left King's School, Rochester, for Chesterfield Grammar School.

H. M. Bryan is teaching Forestry at Alberquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A.

T. T. Crooks is teaching at the Silliman Institute, Dumorquelle, Negris Island, Philippines.

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#### CIVIL SERVICE, &c.

C. H. Perrott passed 23rd in the Civil Service examination and has accepted an appointment in the War Office.

N. F. H. Mather and R. C. H. Kingdon, as a result of the same examination, were given appointments as Eastern Cadets under the Colonial Office. The former has left for the Straits Settlements and the latter for the Federated Malay States.

The quartette who were successful in last year's Civil Service Examination have sailed for India. W. B. Butt and G. E. Owen go to Behary, A. T. Garratt to Bombay, and C. K. Seaman to the Upper Provinces.

E. G. Morris and J. N. Smith are home on leave.

E. W. Carroll (Indian Forest Service) has just left for India.

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#### PUBLICATIONS.

C. C. Lynam: 'To Norway and the North Cape in Blue Dragon II.' Sidgwick and Jackson, 1913.

J. H. Powell read a paper on 'Hook-Swinging in India,' to the British Association.

C. E. W. Bean: 'Flagships Three.' Alston Rivers. 5/-.

Mrs. H. H. Williams: 'The Sorrow Stones.' Longmans.

H. G. Dixey: 'Rhymes of the Deep Sea.' London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co. 1/-. (on sale at Alden's, Cornmarket Street).

The Rev. L. S. A. Wells contributes an article on 'The Books of Adam and Eve,' to 'The Apocrypha and Psendepigrapha of the Old Testament.' Published by the Clarendon Press.

C. N. Jackson discussed the question of the Rhodes Scholars and Oxford Athletics in the *Daily Mail* for November 21st.

## GENERAL.

The Dean of St. Paul's was admitted a Freeman of the City of London on June 12th.

J. F. Sidebotham has gone into the cotton and shipping business of James Greaves and Co., Manchester.

W. F. Rancy is studying German in the Fatherland.

F. C. T. Woodhead has given up teaching, and accepted an appointment under the Star Insurance Company.

H. Wallis has joined the staff of the Clerical, Medical, and General Assurance Society.

C. K. Seaman has presented Holm's *History of Greece* to the Library.

F. L. Steward (solicitor) has become junior partner in the firm of Freeman and Cooke, 22 Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The following played in first-class cricket matches during the summer:—I. P. F. Campbell (Surrey), C. D. MacIver (Essex), C. K. Langley (Warwickshire), and O. M. Samson (Somerset). R. F. Popham made a lot of runs for Norfolk, and F. W. H. Nicholas for Bedford.

E. G. Morris is again playing Rugby for Rosslyn Park, and R. A. L. Brondley for the Hampstead Wanderers.

Michaelmas Bar Examinations.—Roman Law: Class II, V. K. R. Menon. Criminal Law: Class III, V. K. R. Menon, C. F. Peckett, E. A. Selke. Real Property: Class III, E. A. Selke.

Second-Lieutenant I. B. Maxwell, South Wales Borderers, has been gazetted as Lieutenant.

## MARRIAGES.

BENTLEY—JOHNSON.—September 3rd, at the Parish Church, Knaresborough, by the Rev. Canon Hancock, assisted by the Rev. R. O. Wilson, Wilfred Bentley, M.A., son of the late F. W. Bentley and of Mrs. Bentley, Reinwood, Huddersfield, to Helen Muriel, elder daughter of William Johnson, The Crossways, Knaresborough.

DEAKIN—BIRD.—On July 30th, at St. John's, Dormans, by the Rev. Dr. Purvis, D.D., Thomas Buckley Deakin, son of the late John Buckley Deakin, of Liverpool, to Dorothy Collis,

daughter of the late James Collis Bird, of Dorman's Corner, Lingfield, Surrey.

**GOLDING-BIRD—RAYSON.**—On July 24th, at St. Peter's, Great Windmill Street, Piccadilly, W., by the Lord Bishop of London, assisted by Prebendary Cardwell and the Rev. Dr. Oswestry, the Rev. Golding Golding-Bird, D.D., Vicar of the parish, to Doris Marguerite, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Rayson, of 25 Belsize Avenue, Hampstead.

**RIGG—SCOTT-MONCRIEFF.**—On the 23rd October, at St. James' Church, Kidbrook, Blackheath, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwark, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Rigg, father of the bridegroom, formerly Vicar of Anston, Yorkshire, the Rev. G. H. Marten, Rector of Tatsfield, Surrey, and the Rev. J. W. Morris, Rector of the Parish, the Rev. William Harrison Rigg, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Bermondsey, and Vicar-Designate of Christ Church, East Greenwich, to Margaret Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott-Moncrieff, of 34 Shooter's Hill Road, Blackheath.

**SMITH—RITCHIE.**—In St. David's Cathedral, on the 7th October, by the Rev. M. Linton Smith, Vicar of Blundellsands (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. D. J. Jones, vicar of the parish, Henry Faithful Smith, M.D., Windermere, second son of the Dean of St. David's, to Joanna Margaret (Greta), only child of the late John Ritchie, Arbroath, N.B.

**STEWART—ADLINGTON.**—On July 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, by the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Hough), Frederick Leopold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stewart, of The Fort Royal, Worcester, to Olive Eliza, eldest daughter of Mr. E. L. Adlington, Grove House, Worcester.

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#### OBITUARY.

George Henry Gwilliam, on November 17th, at Guisford House, Reading, at the age of 67.

Many of our readers will have read with sorrow of the death of the Rev. G. H. Gwilliam, Fellow of the College since 1875. It is now many years since he lived and taught in Hertford, but he has paid regular visits to Oxford, and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Governing Body of Hertford till his health began to fail two years ago.



He matriculated at Jesus in January, 1868, and had a brilliant career in Oxford as a theologian. After a Second in Math. Mods. he took a First in Theology, and won the Senior Greek Testament and Houghton Syriac Prizes, and the Denyer and Johnson and Kennicott Hebrew Scholarships. He was ordained in 1872, and became M.A. in 1874 and B.D. in 1890. At first he held curacies in Oxford, and was lecturer in Theology at Hertford from 1875—1879. He was also Librarian. From 1879 to 1887 he held the college living of South Moreton. He was Rector of Remenham from 1904 to 1911, and has since been living at Reading and working at Syriac. He has several times been Public Examiner in Oriental Languages at Oxford, and was the author of many well-known works on Syriac and on Biblical History. For some years he was summoner of University Preachers.

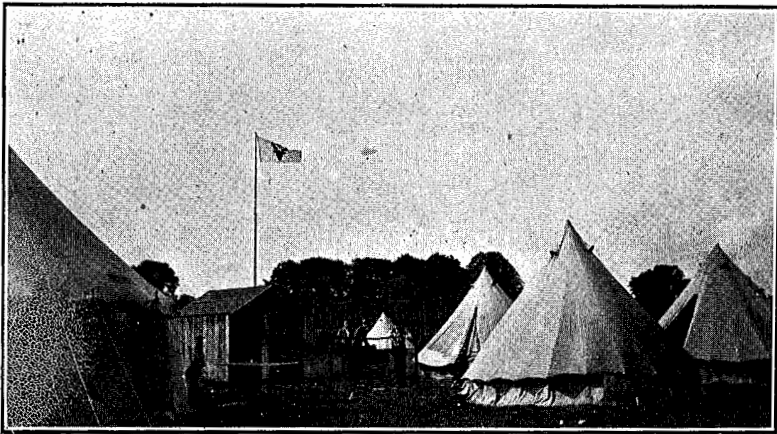
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## The Hop-picking Settlement.

The old position on Crowhurst Farm, Peckham Bush, was occupied by the Settlement this year from September 1st to 27th. The numbers were much the same as in 1912, but as nearly half were of the first year it looks better for the future. The distribution of numbers was more equal, and the Chaplain was never left quite alone. The hops were better than at most places in Kent, and the weather, after a bad start, had only occasional lapses. An entirely new set of tents (including a larger marquee) had been purchased since last year, and proved highly satisfactory. There were the usual harrowing and amusing incidents, but it is no exaggeration to say that the general atmosphere of civilisation and good fellowship improves sensibly from year to year.

Besides the Chaplain, who was present the whole time, the following came down: A. K. Boyd, J. S. Yates, E. J. O. Edwards, R. Gale, M. Pelham-Burn, F. A. Sykes, H. J. Clarke, C. H. B. Blacker, C. R. Cruttwell, C. E. Bland, H. W. Hodges, N. Whatley, W. E. Price, D. J. Tuck, N. Cardwell, W. R. A. Wareing, and B. J. Scott.

Short visits were also paid by the following: The Bishop of Stepney, K. J. Campbell, J. D. B. Fergusson and H. L. Johnson (of Magdalen) and J. Grundy.



THE HOP-PICKING SETTLEMENT.

At a meeting this Term, in order to relieve the Chaplain of some of the burden of the Settlement, it was decided that whenever possible the outgoing secretary should undertake the office of treasurer. The following appointments were made:—  
Treasurer, A. K. Boyd; Hon. Sec., C. E. Bland.

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## First Impressions of Hopping.

To write an article about hopping after a week's experience is perhaps an ill-judged temerity. It reminds one of the Labour leader who finds in a six weeks' tour through India sufficient material for a large and critical volume. I have, however, the advantage of not taking my article too seriously, and of writing it for a public which will have no difficulty in seeking from those better qualified to judge the necessary correctives. Moreover, first impressions are not without their value, for when the whole atmosphere is new and strange the pictures painted by the mind are the more distinct, even if everything is not in the right proportions. And yet, though it is a strange experience, it is also most natural. That is the curious paradox, which finds its practical solution down in the camp. You cannot fail to feel at home almost at once, in spite of the perseverance of wasps and other more sordid disturbers of the peace; until at the end of your story you feel half-ashamed of creeping back by train to an ordinary civilised life. This is not because we really like to be dirty and to go without baths. It is, I suppose, partly because a little cluster of people from one college can scarcely fail to find life pleasant, and partly because one is constantly engaged in helping to do work which is of real practical utility. For although we may add to the amusement of the hoppers, we add also to their comfort and well-being. They like the bad tea and the farthing cakes, which the Chaplain advertises with a far-heard cry, which makes his rival the kipperman appear an unpractised amateur. They like to have their cuts and decayed toes tied up by Clarke's ministering fingers, to write their letters, to lose our draughts and dominoes, and to be cajoled into song in the tent at night.

And in return one cannot help liking the hoppers. It is amazing to find how peaceably and quietly they live, how ready they are to talk, and how interesting their conversation is. It is

easy to simulate an intelligent interest in those whom we flatter ourselves are our inferiors—every Parliamentary candidate must possess or acquire that art—but I defy anyone not himself of impenetrable dullness to quit without regret a bin where he has been helping to pick.

There are of course obvious exceptions. It would be silly to produce an ideal picture of unshaded idyllic charm. No one supposes that all hoppers are either good or interesting. Wherever human beings are met together, you will find some bores and some ruffians. But perhaps the best defence of the hoppers is that they do not jar irreconcilably with their surroundings. They are incongruous no doubt; on Sundays one might well wish them away, for, freed from work, they swarm in the roads and villages, and welcome enormous hordes of vivacious visitors from town. But when they are working in the fields they are picturesque as well as useful, and as we see them dragging down the hops from the long supporting poles, and shredding them off into the bin, we have the satisfaction of knowing that beer could not be made without the help of these 70,000 patient Londoners.

Lastly, the camp in which we live has a singular beauty of its own. It is pitched in a long meadow, with high wooded hills on the left and hop fields to the right. Perhaps in the day-time the tents may look askew, and the hutches which line the sides hardly fit for human habitation; but when at night the moon has risen and the fires are lit, one feels to the full that keen and curious charm which surrounds this motley settlement of Cockneys in the country.

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#### HERTFORD DETACHMENT.

The Hertford Detachment has broken all records this term and now includes over fifty infantry besides two cavalry, two medicals and one members of the Signal Service Unit. The usual recruiting meeting was held at the beginning of this term.

As usual the Detachment failed to win the Bourne Cup last term, in spite of doing extremely well in some parts of the

competition. The same thing happened with the various competitions in camp, which this year, for the first time, was at Mitchett, near Aldershot. The change from the old camping ground on Farnborough Common was generally popular. The work, too, was this year particularly interesting, especially the twenty-four hours' continuous operations against Cambridge, on which the Hertford Detachment was to be formed where the fight was hottest. Camp was preceded by a voluntary marching and billeting scheme in which a very fair proportion of the Detachment took part.

This term Sergt. H. H. Watkins has been appointed Colour Sergeant and Private C. H. B. Blacker has become a Corporal. There have been two Field Days, one at Garsington and the other near Bletchington, and in neither case was the attendance very good. Many are prevented from attending these mid-term operations by the diversity of interests and accumulation of fixtures in Oxford. The fact remains that the attendance could be better.

Owing to the date clashing with several important athletic fixtures it was necessary to scratch for the Victoria Cup. Consequently the Officers Training Corps has not had a very great term in Hertford except in the matter of recruiting and a fairly large entry for certificates A and B. We hope business will be brisker next Term, and in the summer, when the College will have its own competition for a cup which has very kindly been presented by a former member.

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## Freshmen's Smoking Concert.

This event took place in Hall on Thursday, November 6th, and resulted in a very successful evening. The names of the Committee and Stewards, and the programme are appended:—

*Committee.*—The Dean, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick, A. K. Boyd, R. F. Popham, H. H. Watkins, and H. J. Clarke.

Besides the Committee, the following acted as Stewards:—  
J. S. Moore, R. C. Birkett, F. C. Davie and F. W. H. Nicholas.

### PROGRAMME OF PART I.

1. Overture - - - - - Orchestra.
2. Song - - - - - E. C. Dunstan (Magdalen).
3. Sketch - - - - - R. H. Hughes (St. John's).

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| 4. Song      | - - - - - | P. L. Bell (St. John's).                                        |
| 5. Selection | - - - - - | Orchestra.                                                      |
| 6. Song      | - - - - - | E. C. Dunstan.                                                  |
| 7. Sketch    | - - - - - | R. H. Hughes.                                                   |
| 8. Song      | - - - - - | P. L. Bell.                                                     |
| 9. Quartet   | -         | H. G. Hawkins, J. S. Moore, G. G. Heywood,<br>and H. J. Clarke. |

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## Old Members' Dinner.

On October 8th the College gave its second annual dinner to a limited number of the M.A.'s who have kept their names on the books. Most of the guests had rooms in college for the night, and spent a cheerful and informal evening. The following were present:—The Principal, the Dean of St. Paul's, the Rev. E. H. Alington, B. C. Allchin, G. R. Brewis, the Rev. E. A. Burroughs, J. E. Campbell, the Rev. J. McL. Campbell, E. F. Carritt, the Rev. W. J. Carey, C. R. Cruttwell, the Rev. B. R. Davis, J. D. Denniston, J. T. Foxell, the Rev. C. G. Gull, S. G. Hamilton, C. E. Haselfoot, H. J. Haselfoot, C. H. Hodgson, W. M. Hughes-Hughes, the Rev. G. E. Jeans, the Rev. N. E. Marsh, P. Molyneux, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, H. A. Prichard, the Rev. W. A. Renwick, W. R. B. Riddell, A. O. Spafford, the Rev. J. H. N. Taylor, H. B. Vaisey, the Rev. L. S. A. Wells, N. Whatley, the Rev. H. H. Williams and C. Wigan.

There will probably be a third dinner at the same time next year.

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## Athletic Clubs.

### HERTFORD COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB.

*Captain*—B. J. SCOTT.

*Hon. Secretary*—R. F. POPHAM.

The cricket team enjoyed a very successful season last Term, losing only three matches in all, and only one college match, to B.N.C. Unfortunately we did not meet some of the best college teams owing to bad weather.

The batting was quite sound all through, that of B. J. Scott,

R. F. Popham, F. W. Nicholas, and A. K. Boyd being particularly prominent. The bowling was not so good, though fairly carried. E. W. Tetley and N. Cardwell bore the brunt of the attack. The fielding at times was good, and at times distinctly feeble.

Most of the side are still up, and should form the nucleus of a good team for next year. The team was as follows:—B. J. Scott, R. F. Popham, J. F. Sidebotham, R. C. Birkett, N. Cardwell, E. W. Tetley, A. K. Boyd, H. G. Hawkins, F. W. H. Nicholas, P. C. O. Riddell, and H. W. Hodges. Also played: R. T. Peel, J. D. Symes, H. J. Clarke and A. C. Cameron. I. P. F. Campbell naturally could not play often, but was invaluable when he did.

#### HERTFORD COLLEGE LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The teams were as follows:—

W. M. Gaddy (captain), H. H. Watkins (secretary), A. E. Selke, A. N. Hardie, H. F. Boyce, H. J. Clarke.

H. M. Bryan, R. D. Jeune, H. G. Hawkins, and M. E. Pelham-Burne also played.

The Second Team consisted of R. B. Jeune, N. G. Fitzpatrick, B. H. Beatty, M. E. Pelham-Burne, H. G. Hawkins, and R. C. H. Kingdon.

On the whole the tennis season was successful; we won well over half our matches, the team being slightly handicapped by the fact that the Captain was unable to turn out regularly. Our one away match against Jesus, Cambridge, was a very successful function, although we were defeated. The new courts were a marked improvement, and the groundsman is to be congratulated on his efforts. We are having improvements made in the tennis blazer, and it is to be hoped that the team next year will play up to them. The 'A' Team, owing to the energy of R. D. Jeune, played most vigorously. It is interesting to see that a Full-Blue is being awarded for lawn tennis at Cambridge; we hope this will not prejudice the Oxford authorities in any similar change.

#### HERTFORD COLLEGE R.U.F.C.

*Captain*—R. H. GREGORY.

*Hon. Secretary*—E. J. O. EDWARDS.

The Rugby XV. has started in a very auspicious manner. Up to the present six League matches have been won, and

only once have we suffered defeat. The advent of several useful Freshmen has materially strengthened the team, among whom C. F. Krige, H. M. P. West, and W. H. Chapman have been particularly prominent. Congratulations to the first-named on playing in the Freshers' match and occasionally for the Varsity.

The keenness displayed by all members of the team this year forms a pleasing contrast to the apathy which prevailed last year. The play of the forwards has been especially good this Term, and they have the makings of a really good pack.

The following have represented the College this Term:—H. M. P. West; H. W. Hodges, C. Waddington, J. D. Symes, E. M. Jones; D. H. Beatty, H. G. Hawkins; R. H. Gregory, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick, T. L. Tanner, A. E. Plummer, C. F. Krige, W. H. Chapman, W. P. Campbell, A. N. Hardie, and G. E. Whelpton.

In addition to these, H. H. Watkins has occasionally played when hockey has released him from its clutches.

H. Ozanne has unfortunately been crocked for the greater part of the Term, and has only been able to play on one or two occasions.

We had the misfortune to lose the services of our Secretary during the first part of the Term, as he was forbidden to play by his doctor's orders. He has now, however, returned to the team, and should do a great deal towards strengthening the three-quarter line, which has so far been the weakest spot.

#### HERTFORD COLLEGE A.F.C.

*Captain*—A. K. BOYD.

*Hon. Secretary*—P. C. O. RIDDELL.

With seven of last year's team still available (including R. F. Popham and F. W. H. Nicholas) prospects this year seemed fairly good. But the supply of Freshmen was rather below the average, though A. S. Hinshelwood and E. Wilmot have proved useful.

A record of seven losses and only two wins in the League is extremely disappointing. When allowance has been made for the inability of Blues to play in League matches this year, and an unusual number of 'crocks,' which has often necessitated playing quite unrepresentative sides, it must still be admitted that several of these matches should have been won.

In 'Cuppers' the team were much more successful. Christ



Church were first met, and defeated 4—3. The closing stages of the game were all in favour of Christ Church, and the defence had many anxious moments.

In the next round we defeated Wadham by 4—1. Wadham only played ten men; with more accurate shooting the score might easily have reached double figures. On the whole a rather poor display.

In the next round, against B.N.C., five of the side (including Nicholas) were unable to turn out. A very even game resulted, and the whistle went with no score. Extra time was played, and Popham scored two minutes from the finish.

In the semi-final we were beaten by Oriel, 3—0.

Popham, at centre-half, has been the making of the side, the mainspring of attack and defence alike; while Nicholas has added much to the strength of the forwards. The defence, on the whole, is better than the attack, but the forwards have never yet been able to play twice in the same order. Clarke at back and Watkins forward have been invaluable.

Owing to injuries it has been quite impossible to select a side finally. The following have played in Cuppers:—A. K. Boyd, P. C. O. Riddell, R. F. Popham, H. H. Watkins, F. W. H. Nicholas, C. H. B. Blacker, H. J. Clarke, R. C. Birkett, H. Schloesser, D. J. Tuck, C. W. Sanger, A. E. B. Plummer, J. Nash, H. W. Hodges, A. S. Hinshelwood, and E. Wilmot.

#### HERTFORD COLLEGE BOAT CLUB.

*Captain*—F. C. DAVIS.

*Secretary*—K. M. CHANCE.

The doings of the Hertford Eight this summer were recorded briefly in the Notes of our last number. Moreover, the facts, and the causes and the meanings of the facts, and various potential remedies for the state of affairs which produced the facts, were discussed with thoroughness at a representative College meeting held early this Term. In any case, it can be hardly necessary to remind anyone interested in the College Rowing of any of these things: so that it is only for the benefit of those who may care to learn some of the details of the story that we can have anything further at all to say on the subject.

We went down, then, on the first night with 'our eyes'—we quote from the last number of the Magazine—'fixed on the boat above us,' and we saw—those of us who went down to the start—we saw our boat start well, go up on the boat above, and

collapse in or soon after the Gut, falling on the first three nights successively to Jesus, St. Edmund Hall, and Oriel II; after that, accompanied by a somewhat larger company on the tow-path, it regained a place from Oriel II, received St. John's II gladly—both these victories took place along the Green Bank—and made an effort, which came near to success in the Gut, to catch B.N.C. II on the last night.

It is not difficult to see in this performance the effect, on a crew that had promised at any rate to improve its position, of an eleventh hour change in the matter of a stroke. This had been rendered necessary by strained muscles, and the experiment had appeared likely to lead to considerable improvement. Given a week more for practice in the new order, with possibly more rowing, the Eight might have fulfilled the hopes of itself and its supporters. As it was, it took the crew three days of racing to recover from the disturbance before it could do justice to the new arrangement.

For the rest, Freshmen and the other College Clubs have responded to the appeal made at the aforesaid meeting. The Fours were selected from a larger number than last year, and four crews, as against three last year, competed in an excellent race.

The Fours were constituted as follows:—

Bow, H. W. B. Burkett; 2, H. M. D. Parker; 3, E. H. Niles; str., S. Hartley (winners).

Bow, H. F. Boyce; 2, E. R. J. Nicholls; 3, F. G. Lucas; str., H. V. A. Bruchholz.

Bow, A. G. W. Church; 2, G. G. Heywood; 3, C. E. Bland; str., N. McNeill.

Bow, R. A. Powell; 2, G. E. Whelpton; 3, E. Wilmot (O. W. Price subs.); str., F. A. Muller.

The Torpids comes out this week, and there should be real competition for every place in it. It only remains to wish the new officers good luck for the year.

#### HERTFORD COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB.

*Captain*—W. E. PRICE.

*Hon. Secretary*—H. J. CLARKE.

The Hockey Team, as is usually the case this Term, has seldom been at full strength owing to the inevitable call made on members of it to play other games. However, thanks chiefly

to the energy of the Secretary, we have been able to put a team into the field when wanted.

Congratulations to H. H. Watkins on playing for the Varsity this Term up to date, H. G. Hawkins on being made a member of the Occasionals' Committee, and H. J. Clarke on being given his 'Occasionals.' The two latter members of the team have also played for the Varsity this Term. It was a pity that H. W. Hodges was not given a place in the Seniors' match, as he was quite worth it on the excellent form he has shown this Term. With such a backbone the team should do well in next Term's 'Cuppers.'

### HERTFORD COLLEGE ATHLETIC CLUB.

*President*—F. W. H. NICHOLAS.

*Secretary*—J. D. SYMES.

The College sports were held on Friday, October 31st. The following were the results:—

100 Yards.—1st, F. W. H. Nicholas; 2nd, J. Nash. Time, 10 3-5th secs.

Putting the Weight.—1st, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick; 2nd, F. W. H. Nicholas. Distance, 31 ft. 8 in.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1st, F. W. H. Nicholas. Time 19 3-5 secs.

Half Mile.—1st, M. D. Thomas; 2nd, J. C. Bourne. Time, 2 min. 14 2-5 secs.

High Jump.—1st, F. W. H. Nicholas; 2nd, A. S. Hinshelwood. Height, 5 ft. 4 in.

Quarter Mile.—1st, J. C. Bourne; 2nd, J. Nash. Time, 55 2-5 secs.

Broad Jump.—1st, F. W. H. Nicholas; 2nd, A. S. Hinshelwood. Length, 19 ft. 9½ in.

College Servants' Race.—1st, Hunt; 2nd, Lander.

One Mile.—1st, M. D. Thomas; 2nd, D. H. Beatty. Time, 5 min. 4 4-5 secs.

Hammer.—1st, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick; 2nd, F. W. H. Nicholas. Length, 84 ft. 7 in.

In the Inter-College Relay Race, we were defeated by St. John's.

In the First Round of the Inter-Collegiate Sports we beat Keble by 49 points to 31. F. W. H. Nicholas won the 100 Yards, High Jump, Hurdles, and Long Jump. M. D. Thomas won the Half Mile, P. N. G. Fitzpatrick the Weight, and E. R. J. Nicolls the Mile.

## Athletic Distinctions.

R. F. Popham is Captain of the O.U.A.F.C. this term, and F. W. H. Nicholas is one of the three remaining Old Blues.

C. F. Krige played in the Freshmen's Rugby match, and has since played several times for the Varsity. F. C. Davis, K. M. Chance, and J. S. H. Moore have rowed in the Trial Eights.

H. H. Watkins, H. G. Hawkins, and H. J. Clarke played in the Seniors' Hockey Match. They have all since represented the Varsity. H. G. Hawkins is a member of the Occasionals Committee, and H. J. Clarke has been given his Occasionals colours this term.

E. H. Niles has played Lacrosse for the Varsity. A. S. Hinshelwood and M. D. Thomas had the distinction of being the only two Englishmen to gain places in the Freshmen's Sports, the former being equal second in the High Jump, and the latter third in the Mile.

P. W. Willans is Secretary of the O.U. Gymnastic Club.

K. G. Karsten is Captain of the Ice Hockey team which meets Cambridge at Mürren.

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## College Clubs.

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MICHAELMAS TERM, 1913.

*Steward*—P. N. G. FITZPATRICK.

*Hon. Secretary*—R. F. POPHAM.

The Going-down Dinner was held on Saturday, June 7th. This Term dinners were held on October 28th, and November 25th.

### HARTS SAILING CLUB.

It must be admitted that the last annual regatta of this Club was not a success. One would not go so far as to call it a failure, but to do so would be an error in the right direction.

The chief reason was 'slackness' (shall we add 'as usual'?). Everyone was ready enough to take part in a regatta if only someone else would make all arrangements. At the eleventh and a half hour one of the more enterprising members rose up and said, 'Something must be done.' Others agreed with him and said, 'We really must do something.' So it came about that something was done. The discovery was made that there were no officers of the Club (they had all gone down); nor were there any minutes, they also, presumably, having gone down. However, the revivalists went together into one room, and called themselves a 'quorum,' then declared the gathering 'a duly constituted meeting of the Club,' and elected a president, who forthwith resigned, on the ground that he had Schools on. Not in the least set aback, they found someone who declared he would have nothing on, and elected him president. After that all went smoothly; a secretary-treasurer was elected, and a date was fixed for the regatta, which date, incidentally, was three times changed during the next two days. However, the regatta finally took place on the last Thursday of Term, and considering that half the Club were in Schools and the other half forgot to pay their subs., it was 'not so bad.'

#### SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY.

The Society has continued to meet this Term on Sunday evenings after Hall, when the following plays have been read: 'Candida' (Shaw), 'The Fugitive' (Galsworthy), 'The Great Adventure' (Arnold Bennett). The following are members of the Society: Messrs. C. H. Abbot (President), A. K. Boyd (Secretary), J. D. Jeune (Treasurer), P. N. G. Fitzpatrick, H. G. Hawkins, F. C. Davis, R. C. Birkett, K. M. Chance, H. J. Clark, H. W. Hodges, C. E. Bland, J. D. Symes, J. Nash and H. Ozanne.

#### TYNDALE DEBATING SOCIETY.

##### MICHAELMAS TERM.

The officers for the Term are:—

*President*—F. T. MACKENZIE.

*Treasurer*—R. C. BIRKETT.

*Secretary*—G. W. RUSSELL.

The first public business meeting of the Term was held in the Old Library on Saturday, November 1st. The motion was

'that in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ireland Bill is detrimental to the best interests not only of the United Kingdom, but of the Empire as a whole.' It was moved by Mr. Birkett and opposed by Mr. Fitzpatrick. There also spoke for the motion Messrs. Selke, Mackenzie, Russell and Ozanne, and against Messrs. Clarke, Tanner, Quigley and Jolley. The motion was carried by six votes to five.

The second public meeting of the Term was held on Tuesday, November 18th, in the Old Library, and took the form of a joint debate with the Keble College Debating Society. The motion was 'that this House deplores the present tendency to make commercial supremacy our national ideal.' It was moved by Mr. Tanner, and opposed by Mr. Rice-Oxley (Keble). Mr. Swift (Keble) spoke third, and Mr. Crow fourth. An interesting debate then followed, in which the following took part:— Messrs. Selke, Davies (Keble), Peel, Carnegy, Glenday (Keble), Jeune, Birkett, Bennett (Keble), and Mackenzie. The motion was carried by eleven votes to seven.

Such joint debates might well take place more frequently. Next Term we hope to hear Lord Hugh Cecil, who has promised to address the Society if the exigencies of public life render it possible.

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