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First XV., 1905-6.

Matches Played, 14; Won, 11; Lost, 2; Drawn, 1.



L. H. Massy, E. L. Routh, A. G. Scott, L. H. Morris, A. F. Spreckley, C. Whitley, J. D. Clarke,
R. I. Hawkins, J. H. Eddison, E. Page, F. J. G. Whittall (Capt.), H. B. Barker, O. S. Elliott,
G. L. Spreckley, G. G. J. T. Page.

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EDITORIAL.

THE term, which, as we write, has almost gone by, is usually the one most to be dreaded of all the year; a dull, prosaic, uninteresting term, in which footer grows gradually slack, and epidemics gradually strong, until, finally, gathering itself together for a last effort, it expires with a faint flicker of excitement over the Sports. This year, however, we have not been subjected to such a sudden fluctuation, and have so far been spared any general illness; while even the number of colds and other petty ailments of that description have been far more strictly limited than of yore.

As a result the football team has not experienced that spell of bad luck which usually accompanies the Easter Term, and does its best to render the whole season unsuccessful. It is true that the School has been beaten once lately, but its defeat on that occasion must not, we think, be attributed entirely either to its play or to its team, but rather to the conditions under which the game was played; and, even so, we are left with the very creditable record of eleven matches won, two lost, and one drawn. The other occasion upon which we were unsuccessful was last term, when, with a weakened side, we played a rather strong team of O.B.s; while the drawn match was also last term with Birmingham University. The team's enthusiasm has been admirably maintained to the last, and the season has given us an aggregate of 213 points in our favour to 63 against us.

The 2nd XV. has been very unfortunate in having a large proportion of its fixtures scratched at the last moment; in fact it has only played a single match this term. Out of the four games which it has had altogether, we are sorry to say that in only one has it been victorious. A Football Retrospect will be found on another page.

Fives has been taken up this year with quite unusual keenness, and many entries were received for the customary competitions; in fact we think we should be right in saying that a record number are participating. The competitions themselves have been in full swing for some weeks past, but, as they still unfinished, we have been obliged to hold over an announcement of the results until our next number.

The usual, or, if possible, more than the usual energy has this term again been displayed in the gymnasium, and the results have been distinctly creditable to all concerned. Both the Competition on March 12th, and the Display on March 31st were wonderfully good, and a great advance on those of previous years. Fuller accounts of them will be found further on in this number. Sergeant Henly must be tired of hearing his praises sung on all sides, but we feel it impossible not to comment on the fact that at the display this term he gave us an exhibition of gymnastics which, four years ago, no one would have deemed the School capable of producing. The Public Schools' competition at Aldershot takes place on Friday, April 6th, but here again we are unable to record the result, and can only wish our representatives, Massy, Routh, and Mackintosh, all success.

Mr. Roxburgh, the School Missioner, has sent us a full report of the work he has been doing this term, which we reproduce further on. We notice that he appeals specially for personal help during the holidays, and trust that many of the O. Bs. and members of the School living in or near Birmingham will find time to assist him.

The approach of the Cricket Season reminds us of the new Pavilion. and we are glad to say that, through the kindness of many friends, the Committee are now able to report a balance on the right side. They have also submitted a further and final statement of accounts, which we include in this issue.

The Debating Society has continued its discussions with customary vigour, and both the quantity and quality of speakers and speeches have shown distinct improvement. In addition its Private Business has been characterised by even more than usual interest.

We should like to take this opportunity of assuring the Cambridge correspondent who suggested in our last number that a letter should be got from the O.B.s at Birmingham University, that we have done our best, and failed. The leading light of the O. B. community there, to whom we applied, informed us that, for the present, the fewness of their numbers, and the fact that they were unable, like their brethren at the older Universities, to look largely upon the light side of things, rendered a "Birmingham Letter" an impossibility.

Finally we come to the Sports, and of them we shall say but little, for, at present, there is but little to say. Training has been going on for some time past with great keenness, and we are expecting to see some close and exciting finishes on April 7th, even if we have no record-breaking.

The programme is as usual, the Mile being run on Wednesday, the Half-Mile A. on Thursday, and the other events on the following Saturday. The only innovation we have to mention is the fact that F. J. F. Edlmann, Esq., O.B., has very kindly presented an Inter-House Cup for the Mile.

Before concluding, we should like to add, on behalf of the School, how very pleased indeed we were to welcome the Headmaster back again after his enforced rest, and to hope that he is now quite restored to his former health and strength.

OBITUARY.



WE regret to announce the deaths of three old and distinguished Bromsgrovians, Dr. Tuckwell, the Rev. T. H. Mynors, and Mr. Tookey.

HENRY MATTHEWS TUCKWELL,

b. 1834; d. 1906.

He was at the School in the Headmastership of Dr. Collis from 1844—1852; and obtained an Exhibition at Lincoln College, Oxford. He was placed in the First Class in Natural Science, and appointed to a travelling fellowship. To the usual M.D. Degree he added the rarer and coveted honour of F.R.C.P. The son of a very distinguished medical man, he rapidly won distinction for himself at Oxford, where he settled in practice, but his career was abruptly closed some twenty years ago owing to the sudden loss of his eyesight.

THOMAS HASSEL MYNORS,

b. 1819; d. 1906.

He was at the School in the Headmastership of Dr. Jacob from 1833—1837, and took his degree from Wadham College, Oxford, in 1842. In 1847 he became Vicar of St. Patrick's, Hockley Heath, retiring from active work in 1886. On succeeding to the family estate in 1895 he came to reside at Weatheroak Hall, in the neighbourhood. His interest in the School was evidenced quite recently at the time of the building of the Millington Laboratory, at the opening of which he was present.

CHARLES TOOKEY,

b. 1828; d. 1906.

He was at the School from 1837—1840, and in 1851 became a student at the Royal College of Chemistry, where he remained till 1854. In that year he became Assistant to Dr. Stenhouse, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, while two years later he was appointed Assistant to Dr. Percy, at the Royal School of Mines. Subsequently he became Assayer in H.M. Mint, Hong Kong (1865—1868), Assayer, Chemist, Superintendent of Refinery, and Temporary Director of the Japanese Imperial Mint, Osaka (1870—1874), and Chemist on the Admiralty Boiler Committee 1874—1878). He held the degrees of F.I.C and F.C.S.

ILIAD I. 53—120.

NINE days passed through the Host grim Death in the wake of his arrows,

But, on the tenth, great Achilles summoned the folk to the council,
For in his heart this thought had Here the goddess implanted—
She of the snow-white arms, for the people she loved were a-dying.
Then, when the chieftains had gathered and all were assembled together,
Rose up among them Achilles, the swift-foot, and gave them his
sentence :—

“Grievous trials, O King, must now, to my thinking, await us,
Ere we win homeward again—if death we escape by good fortune—
Since that conjointly the war and the God-sent Pestilence break us—
But come, now let us question a Seer or a Priest on this matter,
Or e'en, haply, a dreamer of dreams, for from Zeus too the dreams come,
Who, perchance, shall explain to us wherefore the god is thus angered :
Whether we failed in some vow, or some hecatomb promised we paid not :
Whether indeed, by the savour of sheep or of goats without blemish
Pacified, Phœbus be willing to keep off his Pestilence from us.”

Spake thus Achilles, the swift-foot, and sat down. Rose and addressed them

Calchas Thestorides,—of the soothsayers he was the chiefest,
Yea and he knew full well what was, what should and what had been :
Troyward he came as a chieftain and guide in the ships of the Argives,
All for the prophet skill which Phœbus his lord had imparted :

And in good will to the folk that day he uprose in the Council :—
 “Thou, great Achilles, beloved of the gods, art fain that I tell thee
 Why lord Phœbus is wroth, who smiteth his quarry afar off—
 Well, then, I will reveal it, but make thou a covenant, swearing
 Verily thou wilt befriend me, protecting with tongue and with sword arm ;
 For we shall certainly anger the man who mightily ruleth
 Over the Argives all, and the Achæans render him fealty.
 Ever the King, when in wrath with a mean man, getteth the better—
 Even if haply he manage to swallow his wrath for the moment
 Yet, at the back of his heart, still nurses he rancour against him,
 Till it be sated with vengeance—Speak then and swear to protect me.”
 Straight then answer returning, Achilles, the fleet-foot, addressed him :—
 “Take heart, Calchas, and speak aught out that the god may have
 shown thee.

By great Apollo I swear, unto whom thou makest petition,
 When, to the Danaans’ prayer, thou revealest the purpose of Heaven,
 Never a man, while I live here on earth in the glorious sunlight,
 Of all the Danaan host shall lift up a finger against thee
 Here by the hollow ships—no, not if thou namest the King’s self,
 Who now glories to think him mightiest far of Achæans.”
 Then did the guileless seer take courage and spake thus :—

“Apollo,

Not for a vow that ye failed in,—nor hecatomb promised ye paid not,
 Is wroth, but that his priest Agamemnon evil-entreated,
 His dear daughter refusing to free, nor took he the ransom.
 Therefore the Smiter hath sent—aye and will send anguish upon us,
 Nor will he sweep as a cloud this shameful death from the Argives
 Till we restore to her sire, unbought and unransomed, the maiden,
 Whose eyes dance like a flame, and a hecatomb offer at Chrysa.
 Then, perchance, will Apollo be soothed and our prayers will be
 answered.”

Thus, then, Calchas spake him and sat down—sprang up to address them
 Atreus’ warrior son, Agamemnon, ruler of princes,
 Fierce he uprose, and his darkling heart with his wrath was a-brimming,
 While from his eyes like flame leapt lambent the flashes of anger.
 Calchas he first addressed with a glance which boded him evil :—
 “Prophet of ill, not yet hast thou once ever spoken me good things :
 Always indeed is the evil dear to thy heart to foretell it ;
 Never a right man’s word hast thou uttered or deed hast accomplished :
 And, with thy sooth-saying art, mid the Danaans now thou declarest
 That of a truth for my cause dread Phœbus worketh them evil
 In that I would not accept for the maiden Chryseïs a ransom
 Magnific—for I preferred much rather to keep her a captive
 There in my halls, for I deemed her verily more to my liking
 Even than Clytemnestra my lawful wife, for her equal
 Is she in feature and form—and in mind and with needle her equal.
 Yet will I give her back now, if that indeed be the better—
 Rather I would that the people were saved than the people should perish.
 No less—look ye prepare me a guerdon forthwith, that I be not,
 I, of all Argives, alone without guerdon—for that were unseemly.
 Look to it, Danaans all, that I get me a guerdon to balance.”

C.E.W.S.

FOOTBALL.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL V. OLD EDWARDIANS' 2ND XV.

THIS match was played at Bromsgrove on February 17th, and resulted in a win for the School by 10 points to nil. The visitors kicked off, on a ground which had not been at all improved by the recent heavy rains, and, after the ball had been returned into touch, confined play for some time to mid-field. A series of scrums then ensued without much advantage being gained by either side, but eventually Forde, receiving from Page i., was tackled within a few yards of the line. The Old Edwardians' forwards now gained possession, and dribbled the ball to the centre of the field, whence Page i., saving with a good kick, found touch-in-goal. Massy returned the drop-out well; and, shortly afterwards, a bout of passing, originated by Whittall, enabled Forde once more to carry the ball within the visitors' 25; while a forward rush, headed by Elliott and Clarke, culminated in the former dribbling across the line. The opposing back, however, touched down; but, after the drop-out, passing among the Bromsgrove three-quarters returned the ball to the visitors' territory, and, but for a missed pass, would have resulted in a score. As it was the O.E. outsiders brought the game into the home 25, and, for the only time during the match, looked really dangerous, until the defending forwards worked the ball back again and enabled Hawkins to dribble over. However, another touch-down resulted, and the O.E.s beginning to press, Page ii. relieved with a good kick. Subsequently the ball passed through the hands of all the Bromsgrove three-quarters and was carried to within a few yards of the line, but, a knock-on occurring here, a mark was made, and, soon after the kick, half-time was given. Following the interval, Clarke kicked off for Bromsgrove, and the ball having been returned into touch well up, the forwards got possession and dribbled down as far as the visitors' 25. A bout of passing then ensued among the School three-quarters, which resulted in Hawkins being tackled close up to the line, and a short time afterwards a similar attempt at scoring was frustrated by the ball being mis-handled. A dribble, headed by Whittall and Elliott, followed by the kick from a mark made by the former, put Bromsgrove within measurable distance of a try, but the visitors saved with a good kick which transferred play again to the centre. Here another mark by Whittall gained the School considerable ground, and, subsequently, Hawkins made an unsuccessful attempt at placing a goal from a third mark claimed by Elliott. For the remaining ten minutes of the game Bromsgrove was pressing hard continuously, and the O.E.s had all they could do to prevent their defence being broken through more frequently. Repeated efforts by the three-quarters resulted in Forde being tackled just in front of goal, and in Page ii. crossing the line but being then pushed into touch. Within a few minutes of time Routh got away with the ball and passed to Forde, who running through scored a try, which Hawkins subsequently converted (5-0); while soon afterwards a throw-out among the three-quarters enabled the same player to score again. Hawkins once more added the major points (10-0), and immediately after "no side" was

called. Though winning the match, the School team was by no means at its best on this occasion, a result possibly due to the bad state of the ground and to the demoralising effects of playing in a new formation. The handling of the ball was not on the whole good, the outsides did not seem at all accustomed to their new places, and the forwards, though heeling smartly and easily holding their own during the first half, were rather outweighed by their eight opponents towards the end. Individuals played well, Whittall, Page i., Elliott, and Forde being perhaps the best, but the team seemed incapable of combined effort.

Old Edwardians' 2nd XV.—Rayner; Lister, Goodwin, Noake, and Cond; Hooper and Alabaster; Setten, Ellis, Harris, Setten, Baker, Bark, Major, and Butcher (sub).

Bromsgrove School—Back, L. H. Massy; threequarter-backs, R. I. Hawkins, N. Forde, and G. G. J. T. Page; five-eighths, E. Page and A. F. Spreckley; half-back, F. J. G. Whittall; forwards, O. S. Elliott, J. D. Clarke, A. G. Scott, R. Macdonald, L. H. Morris, N. H. Mackintosh, and E. L. Routh; winger, G. I. Spreckley.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL. v. K.E.S. BIRMINGHAM.

Played at Birmingham on Saturday, February 24th. Whittall having won the toss, Crichton kicked off for Birmingham, and Massy returned the ball into touch. From the line-out the home forwards got possession, and a series of scrums ensued which eventually resulted in the ball being transferred right along the Birmingham three-quarter line, and carried into the Bromsgrove 25. Whittall, however, relieved with a good dribble, and gained a considerable amount of ground; but, subsequently, a bout of passing among the opposing three-quarters enabled Breeden to get hold of the ball, kick over Massy's head, and score far out; this try was not converted. (0—3.) After the drop out Birmingham again attacked, and Bromsgrove, though awarded two free-kicks, was unable to do more than keep its defence intact. Later on a forward dribble, initiated by Spreckley, carried the ball some way up the field, but a free-kick for Birmingham neutralised the effects of this, and enabled the home team to transfer play once more to the Bromsgrove 25. Here Birmingham pressed hard for some minutes, but eventually the Bromsgrove forwards took the offensive, and began to drive their opponents down the field. At this point half-time was called, with the score standing at 3 points to nil in favour of Birmingham. After the interval Whittall kicked off, and a poor return into touch put the School almost within the opposing 25; while, from the line out the Bromsgrove forwards carried the ball right up to within a few yards of the line. A dribble by Whittall resulted in a touch-down, but after the drop-out Birmingham relieved, and, by some good kicking, restored play to mid-field, whence the home three quarters endeavoured to break away. This was frustrated, however, by excellent tackling on the part of the Bromsgrove backs, who, getting possession in turn, carried the ball up the

field, and enabled Hawkins to find touch close in. But once more the Birmingham forwards got away, and, though a free-kick temporarily put the School once more on the offensive, managed to work down to the other end of the field. Here a touch-down was secured by Forde, but, in spite of this, the opposing team pressed continuously for the remainder of the game, and, though the Bromsgrove outsiders frequently attempted to break away, the greasy state of the ball rendered their efforts unsuccessful. In fact the last ten minutes of the game degenerated into a forward scrimmage a few yards from the Bromsgrove line, in the middle of which Hallam got across and scored an unconverted try. (0-6) A good drop-out rather relieved the situation, but the Birmingham forwards again asserted themselves, and were once more pressing when "no-side" was called. Both from a spectacular point of view, and also intrinsically, the value of this match was very much diminished by the conditions under which it was played. Three or four days' heavy rain previously, and a shower of snow in the morning, had reduced the ground to such a state that not only was any back play out of the question for either team, but even scientific play forward was rendered almost impossible. Under such circumstances the superior weight of the Birmingham scrum was bound to tell, and it was to this fact, almost entirely, that they owed their success. For Bromsgrove, Whittall, Page, Elliott, Hawkins, and Spreckley were most conspicuous.

K.E.S. Birmingham.—Alabaster; Hildick, Brown, Saunders, and Breeden; Hallam and Vince; Crichton, Harrison, Daniels, Walters, Coleman, Yardley, Cutler, and Crowther.

Bromsgrove School.—L. H. Massy; E. Page, R. I. Hawkins, N. Forde, and G. G. Page; A. F. Spreckley and R. G. Tasker; F. J. G. Whittall, O. S. Elliot, J. D. Clarke, A. G. Scott, R. Macdonald, L. H. Morris, N. H. Mackintosh, and E. L. Routh.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL V. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

This match was played at King's Heath on March 14th. The University kicked off, and their forwards almost immediately began to press. A dangerous rush, however, was well stopped by Page i., and the School forwards took the ball back into mid-field, where play went on for some time, until the University three-quarters took the offensive, and Borlase, following up a kick, scored a try far out. This try was not converted. (0-3.) After this the Bromsgrove forwards, led by Elliott, returned to the attack, and, a free kick being given against the University, Hawkins attempted a place, but was unsuccessful. A little later a good rush by the Birmingham scrum restored play to the other end of the field, and, when the whistle was blown for half-time, the School were busy protecting their line. After the interval Morris kicked off and found touch well up in the University 25, while, immediately after, Hawkins scored a good try from a pass by Whittall, and then added the major points. (5-3.) After this the School again

began to attack, but the University three-quarters got away, and Hawkins saved a certain try by holding up Green on the Bromsgrove line. However, after a struggle the School began to attack, and soon after a free kick was given against the University in their 25; Hawkins, however, failed with a long place. After this, play continued chiefly in the territory of the home team, and Elliott, with a magnificent dribble, scored between the posts. Hawkins again converted, and, as no addition had been made to the score when "no side" was called, Bromsgrove were left victorious by 10 points to 3. The team on the whole played very well. Massy did some good kicking, and the halves played a fine defensive game, but were a trifle slow in opening out the attack, a fact which compelled the three-quarters also to confine themselves almost entirely to defence. The forwards, too, played a good game, and generally managed to secure the ball, while their dribbling rushes were most effective. It would be invidious to mention any names specially, but in this particular connection Elliott cannot be passed over.

Birmingham University—J. O. Holroyd; Assinder, Borlase, Green, and Grew; Dawson and Wareham; Adams, Entwistle, Foster, E. T. Gaunt, J. K. Gaunt, T. Holroyd, and Nelson.

Bromsgrove School—L. H. Massy; E. Page, R. I. Hawkins, N. Forde, and G. G. J. T. Page; A. F. Spreckley and R. G. Tasker; F. J. G. Whittall, O. S. Elliott, C. Whitley, J. D. Clarke, A. G. Scott, R. Macdonald, L. H. Morris, and R. H. Butcher.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL V. KING'S NORTON.

Played on the Red Cross Ground on Saturday, March 17th. Whittall kicked off, and the game was immediately taken to the visitors' twenty-five. After some minutes of good play on the part of the School forwards, Macdonald dribbled over, and Butcher scored far out. Hawkins just failed to convert (3—0.) King's Norton now carried play to the centre but Hawkins received a pass from Forde, and almost crossed the line. Play still continued in midfield until Page ii., smartly intercepting a pass, ran up and kicked over the full back's head, but failed to gather the ball properly, and was pushed into touch. Good play by the School forwards forced King's Norton to touch down, and Forde, getting possession from the next scrum, gave to Hawkins, who ran over at the corner. Scott failed with the kick. (6—0.) From the drop-out play again returned into the visitors' quarter, but Deeley relieved with a good run. However, the School forwards continued the attack, and Clarke scored an unconverted try. (9—0.) Half-time was then called. From the re-start play settled down in the King's Norton 25, and it was not long before Forde ran through and scored a good try, which Page i. had no difficulty in converting. (14—0.) A few minutes later Page i. beat the opposing backs and scored between the posts. Morris converted. (19—0.) After this, King's Norton carried play to mid-field, but the School forwards were not to be denied.

Hawkins again broke away, but was collared from behind. Page i. and Forde were now both seen to advantage in good runs, but the passing continually broke down at the critical moment. However, Forde made an opening for Hawkins, who scored between the posts. (24—0.) A few minutes later a passing movement was started by Tasker, and Spreckley i., receiving from Hawkins, scored an unconverted try. (27—0.) Just on the call of time Whittall added another try, which Page i. converted. (32—0.) Bromsgrove thus won by 4 goals 4 tries (32) to nil. The School forwards worked well throughout the game; of the outsides all did well, Hawkins being especially noticeable. Massy at back had little to do, but was safe when called upon. For King's Norton, Cave was perhaps the best of the forwards, and Deeley undoubtedly the best of the three-quarters.

King's Norton—Baldwin; C. J. Pritchett, H. Woolley, Deeley, and Wenham; F. Woolley and A. B. Pritchett; Gibson, Cave, Gaunt, Sedgewick, Collins, W. B. Pritchett, Stephenson, and Thomas.

Bromsgrove School—L. H. Massy; E. Page, R. I. Hawkins, N. Forde, and G. G. Page; A. F. Spreckley and R. G. Tasker; F. J. G. Whittall, O. S. Elliott, C. Whitley, J. D. Clarke, A. G. Scott, L. H. Morris, R. Macdonald, R. H. Butcher, and N. H. Mackintosh.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL 2ND XV. v. K.E.S. BIRMINGHAM 2ND XV.

Played on February 24th, on the Old Town Ground. Birmingham won the toss, and Butcher kicked off for Bromsgrove, which at once began to press and, by a forward rush, forced Birmingham to touch down. Immediately after, Birmingham carried play into the Bromsgrove 25, but Penny temporarily checked the attack. Birmingham once more pushed up the field, but were gradually forced back, and the home forwards, dribbling down, enabled Butcher to score a try. The same player converted with a fine kick. (5—0.) Birmingham now looked dangerous, though faulty passing on their part allowed Bromsgrove to recover for a time; but a little later Pollock scored a try, which Vaughan converted. (5—5.) Bromsgrove then took play into their opponents' 25, and, after a series of scrums on the Birmingham line, Down scored far out, Butcher just failing with the kick. (8—5.) After this play continued in mid-field until half-time. When the game began again Birmingham at first pressed, but Leyson arrested their progress, and gained much ground by a good dribble. Later on, a rush by the Birmingham forwards was well stopped by Marris, and Leyson again dribbled up the field and forced Birmingham to touch down. The latter retaliated in a similar way, and, soon after, were awarded a free-kick, of which they made good use. But a rush, in which Butcher, Down, and Marris were prominent, saved the situation, and Penny, by stopping a forward dribble, kept the game in midfield. However, within four minutes of time, Saunders scored for Birmingham, and Vaughan was again successful with the kick. (8—10.) For the last minute or two

Bromsgrove made great efforts to score, but "no-side" was called without success attending them, and Birmingham thus won by 10 points to 8. The Bromsgrove outsides were strong in defence but weak in attack, being hampered by the greasy state of the ball. Penny, Leyson, and Spreckley ii. were most prominent. The forwards played well individually, but their combination was weak; both Haynes i. and Holroyd fully justified their inclusion in the team.

K.E.S. Birmingham 2nd XV.—Vaughan; Saunders, Lamb, Breeden, and Pollock; Bache and Pountenay; Gibson, Palethorpe, Ford, Thomson, Renouf, Coley, Dixon, and Singlehurst.

Bromsgrove School 2nd XV.—A. R. Penny; V. P. Leyson (capt.), G. C. Marris, F. L. R. Munn, and A. B. Whittall; G. L. Spreckley and C. N. Down; R. H. Butcher, J. B. Payton, C. B. White, F. S. Miles, B. M. Haynes, J. C. M. Collier, S. Holroyd, and H. P. Haynes.

DEBATING SOCIETY V. THE REST.

On February 21st the Debating Society played the Rest of the School, and were successful by 19 points to 12. The Society pressed at the outset, but Hawkins ran through and scored for the School. The try was not converted. (0—3.) A good run by Forde, followed by a well-taken pass on the part of Page i., gave the Society their first success, and Tasker "successfully negotiated" the kick. (5—3.) During the first half Whittall was noticed outside the scrum, apparently shirking, but we were informed that this was the New Zealand formation; he was, at any rate, successful in more or less paralysing the Society's halves, who were, as someone remarked, "only half there." There were many prominent speakers noticed, who were not members of the Society, and the latter extends a cordial invitation to Scott, amongst others, who was very fluent in the scrum. The first half was noticeable for the meteoric flights of Hawkins, who dribbled, ran and kicked with great energy, except when checked by the efforts of Price i., who adopted "ramming" tactics with pronounced success. Before half-time Forde scored from a pass by Page i., and Tasker again converted. (10—3.) At half-time the School were pressing, and had been allowed several shots at the Society's goal. On the Society adopting similar tactics after the interval, Hawkins kicked a goal. (10—6.) Soon afterwards Page i. picked up and ran in, and Macintosh converted. (15—6.) Whittall now went into the scrum, but, after some strenuous, if ineffective, passing on the part of the Society backs, Forde dropped a brilliant goal from the loose. (19—6.) The School now woke up somewhat, and Hawkins got in, Morris failing to convert. (19—9.) Finally, from the nebulous mass in front of the School goal, Munn shot out. He was pursued unavailingly the whole length of the field by Macdonald and Penny, and by the vociferations of some who implored him to "run like a bird." The try was not converted. (19—12.) Time thus found the Society victors by 4 goals (one dropped), to one

penalty goal and 3 tries. For the School, Hawkins and Munn played well, while Leyson on several occasions gained ground for the Society.

Debating Society—A. R. Penny ; E. Page, N. Forde, G. C. Marris, and H. D. Price ; A. F. Spreckley and R. G. Tasker ; O. S. Elliott, J. D. Clarke, R. Macdonald, N. H. Mackintosh, J. L. Dent, B. M. Haynes, J. C. M. Collier, and T. H. Perry.

Rest—L. H. Massy ; R. I. Hawkins, G. G. Page, V. P. Leyson, and F. L. R. Munn ; G. L. Spreckley and C. N. Down ; F. J. G. Whittall, A. G. Scott, L. H. Morris, E. L. Routh, R. H. Butcher, J. B. Payton, F. S. Miles, and C. B. White.

CLASSICAL V. MODERN.

Played on the old Town Ground on March 21st. Scott kicked off for the Moderns, and, after a little play, a good bout of passing between Forde, Page ii. and Hawkins enabled the latter to score between the posts. He subsequently converted his try. (5—0.) After this the Classical forwards, led by Whittall, brought the ball into the Moderns 25, but their advance was checked by Penny. The Moderns then began to press, and, after a good bout of passing between Forde, Massy and Hawkins, the latter again scored. Scott, however, failed to convert. (8—0.) A few minutes later Forde scored from a line-out, Mackintosh adding the major points (13—0.) The Classics now began to press, and Penny was twice called upon to stop their rushes. Soon, however, play returned to the Classical 25, and Page ii. scored an unconverted try. (16—0.) Within a short time Massy also scored, and Hawkins was successful with the kick. (21—0.) Play now went on in the Classical 25, and, although White broke away and gained ground for the Classics, Massy brought the ball back with a good run, and enabled Leyson to score between the posts. Scott converted. (26—0.) After this a good kick by Whittall gained the Classics a considerable amount of ground, but they soon lost their advantage, and Hawkins a little later scored a good try, which Spreckley i. failed to convert. (29—0.) The whistle then blew for half-time, with the score at 29 points to nil in favour of the Moderns. Elliott re-commenced play by kicking off for the Classics, and immediately after Whittall dribbled into the Modern 25, but was stopped by Spreckley i. Play continued in the Modern 25, but the latter slowly gained ground, and Hawkins nearly scored. A little later Spreckley ii. scored between the posts, and Massy converted (34—0.) For a short time after this play remained in mid-field, but the Modern forwards made a good rush, and Forde scored in the centre, while Spreckley ii. added the major points. (39—0.) The Classics then began to press, but good passing amongst the Modern three-quarters restored play to the Classical 25, and Forde again scored between the posts, Leyson failing to convert. (42—0.) Shortly after, Hawkins ran through from half-way, scored, and himself converted the try. (47—0.) The Classics now began to

press again, but Massy brought the ball back, and soon afterwards succeeded in scoring. Hawkins just failed to convert. (50—0.) Later, White gained ground for the Classics, but play soon returned to the Classical 25, and White had to touch down. Soon after, however, Hawkins scored between the posts. Forde failed with the kick. (53—0.) "No-side" was then called, leaving the Moderns victorious by 53 points to nil.

Classicals—I. H. Morris ; F. J. G. Whittall, J. C. M. Collier, P. M. Kerwood, and H. Huggard ; C. B. White and G. P. Kidd ; O. S. Elliott, R. Macdonald, R. Hartley, R. W. Broatch, F. J. G. Holyoak, J. L. Besant, C. E. N. Logan, and F. N. D. Preston.

Moderns—A. R. Penny ; R. I. Hawkins, L. H. Massy, and G. G. J. T. Page ; N. Forde and V. P. Leyson ; A. F. Spreckley ; A. G. Scott, R. H. Butcher, N. H. Mackintosh, E. L. Routh, J. B. Payton, F. S. Miles, and B. M. Haynes ; G. L. Spreckley.

SCHOOL HOUSE v. GORDON HOUSE.

The return match was played on Saturday, March 24th. The weather was most unfavourable and a high wind with occasional snow prevented any accurate play. Elliott kicked off for the School House, and the opposing team with the assistance of the wind soon began to press. Within the first few minutes a mistake on the part of Penny let Page ii. score, but the try was not converted by Scott. Shortly afterwards Spreckley i. dropped a neat goal from a pass by Tasker. During the remainder of the first half the School House rallied, and good work among the forwards, assisted by Hawkins and Holroyd, carried the game to the other end, till Forde scored by a beautiful drop from a difficult position. It was expected that the superior weight of the School House pack would enable them to clear off the deficit in the second half, but though Elliott led the forwards brilliantly and Hawkins made some valiant efforts, the attack could never be pushed home, though the Gordon House defence, in which Page i. and Massy were very conspicuous, was much strained. On several occasions the defenders broke away, Whittall once nearly scoring by a brilliant single-handed effort, and Page, after once being brought down just in time by Hawkins, at last got through shortly before time, leaving Gordon House victorious by twelve points to four.

Gordon House.—I. H. Massy ; E. Page, G. G. Page, G. L. Spreckley, and F. L. R. Munn ; A. F. Spreckley and R. G. Tasker ; F. J. G. Whittall, A. G. Scott, R. H. Butcher, E. L. Routh, J. B. Payton, W. C. Caldicott, P. M. Kerwood, and A. L. Tangye.

School House.—A. R. Penny ; R. I. Hawkins, N. Forde, V. P. Leyson, and S. Holroyd ; C. B. White and E. H. Sayres ; O. S. Elliott, C. Whitley, J. D. Clarke, R. Macdonald, L. H. Morris, N. H. Mackintosh, F. S. Miles and B. M. Haynes.

FIRST XV.

Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	School. Goals. Trials.	Opponents. Goals. Trials.	Result.
1905.					
Oct. 4—Wednesday	G. G. Thompson, Esq.'s, XV.	Ir ...	3	1	Won
" 7—Saturday	H. S. Gibson, Esq.'s, XV.	In ...	5	2	Won
" 11—Wednesday	Birmingham University	In ...	—	—	Drawn
" 14—Saturday	K.E.S. Birmingham	In ...	2	—	Won
" 21—Saturday	Bath College	Out ...	2	—	Won
" 28—Saturday	Oakham School	Out ...	2	—	Won
Nov. 4—Saturday	Warwick School	In ...	2	—	Won
" 8—Wednesday	Classical v. Modern	In ...	1	1 (*)	Moderns Won
" 22—Wednesday	School House v. Gordon House	In ...	1	1	School House Won
" 29—Wednesday	S.E.S. Oxford	Out ...	3	—	Won
Dec. 2—Saturday	Old Edwardians' 2nd XV.	Out ...	1	—	Won
" 11—Monday	Old Boys	In ...	2 (*)	3	Old Boys Won
1906.					
Feb. 17—Saturday	Old Edwardians' 2nd XV.	In ...	2	—	Won
" 24—Saturday	K.E.S. Birmingham	Out ...	—	—	Lost
Mar. 14—Wednesday	Birmingham University	Out ...	2	1	Won
" 17—Saturday	King's Norton	In ...	4	—	Won
" 21—Wednesday	Classical v. Modern	In ...	7	—	Moderns Won
" 24—Saturday	School House v. Gordon House	In ...	2 (*)	1 (*)	Gordon House Won

SECOND XV.

1905.					
Oct. 14—Saturday	K.E.S. Birmingham 2nd XV.	Out ...	1	1 (*)	Lost
Nov. 11—Saturday	Birmingham University 2nd XV.	Out ...	2	0	Won
Dec. 2—Saturday	Old Edwardians' 3rd XV.	In ...	—	1	Lost
1906.					
Feb. 24—Saturday	K.E.S. Birmingham 2nd XV.	In ...	1	2	Lost
1905.					
Oct. 28—Saturday	Wells House, Malvern	In ...	—	1	Drawn

"A" TEAM (UNDER 14).

FOOTBALL RETROSPECT.

DE mortuis nil nisi bonum. The season is over, and we would fain speak well of it. A retrospect is a much simpler business than a prospect. On looking back one may forgive—perhaps forget the dangers of prophecy are too well known to need explanation.

Football this term has given the lie to the charge that the game is played out before Christmas. Throughout the last ten weeks the teams have played with unflagging zest and vigour. This is a state of things which must meet with general approval.

The matches have been few. We have won three and lost one, and that was played in a quagmire. The most marked improvement has been shown in the three-quarter play. Lack of combination is a time-honoured cry. This time we refuse assent. The three-quarters have combined in a quite unusual and effective manner. It is reasonable to add that the object of passing is to gain ground, not merely to display the prehensile capacity of the hands which manipulate the ball.

There is no need to expatiate on the play of the forwards. They have acquitted themselves like men, and their efforts have been solid, workmanlike, effective. A little more smartness in heeling out would make them all that could be desired.

The weak spot in the team has been the half-back line. But there were signs towards the close of the season that an advance was being made.

Of the full back, suffice to say that at times he has been brilliant, but not always.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

ON Sunday, February 4th, the motion before the House was "That the entry of the Liberal Government into power is fraught with danger to the Empire."

C. E. W. Jones, Esq. (hon. mem.), described the colossal mendacity of the Liberal party, and stated that the Liberal success would drive Mr. Chamberlain to more violent measures. He then proceeded to demolish the Liberal programme, describing their foreign policy as futile, their colonial policy as senseless, and their internal policy as anarchy.

The President declared there were no internal dangers to result from the Liberal entry into power, and stated that our expenditure needed reduction.

J. C. M. Collier said that England thinks economically but not imperially. England has put pro-Boers into power, and will have to see that the army and navy are maintained in an efficient condition.

R. Macdonald confined himself to defending Free Trade, and opposing Chinese Labour.

F. Clarke, Esq. (hon. mem.) defended Tariff Reform on the ground that the number of unemployed and the investment of British capital abroad shewed that Free Trade was not efficient.

R. G. Tasker attacked the various items of the Liberal programme in a manner which the opposition declared was 'throwing mud.'

T. H. Perry stated that the only Free Traders in Germany were the Labour leaders, and therefore Free Trade was to be upheld.

E. Page advised the employment of the unemployed on the vast wheat-lands of Canada, which could be done if Tariff Reform was undertaken.

O. S. Elliott made a spirited attack on the characters of the members of the Liberal ministry.

The House accepted the motion by 17 votes to 4.

On Sunday, February 18th, the House discussed the advisability of nationalising English railways.

H. D. Price said that railways were now perfect, and would be worked more easily by one company. He gave the House a thrilling story of a railway journey in which he apparently travelled across Oxford in a saloon carriage. The poorer railways would have equal advantages with the more flourishing lines, and the profits would admit of a reduction of taxation.

A. F. Spreckley declared that the loss of competition would allow railways to deteriorate, while a lack of investments would result in British capital going abroad. Strikes would become universal, and a government like the Liberal Government would be bound to make a hash of things.

F. N. D. Preston handled overwhelming statistics in a most masterly manner to show that railways would be safer investments and of greater comfort and efficiency if nationalised.

A. R. Penny feared the imposition of more taxes to enable the Government to purchase the railways. The Government would not trouble to improve railways as the individual companies did.

H. E. H. Pratt, Esq. (hon. mem.), bemoaned the destruction of the romance and humour of travelling which would result from nationalisation. He regaled the House with a farcical account of a journey from Leeds to Devonshire, and stated that the newspapers would be ruined if there were no disagreements between companies for them to report. The reading of railway time-tables was also an invaluable exercise for the neck-muscles.

J. C. M. Collier sympathised with the shareholders, who would object to being "thrown off the rails." The French railways, which were nationalised, were far worse than those in England, and the Government would not be likely to remit any taxation.

O. S. Elliott declared that the Government would be obliged to keep the railways in an efficient condition.

N. H. Mackintosh described the difficulties of having tea in a South-Eastern railway carriage. The Paris to Marseilles railway is the best in France, and is also the only private line.

B. M. Haynes contented himself with saying that Mr. Pratt had spoken against, not for the motion.

J. D. Clarke complained that there would be no exciting runs to catch connections if railways were nationalised.

R. G. Tasker stated that the monetary benefits resulting from this reform would not counterbalance the damage from loss of competition.

J. I. Dent accused the opposition of over-rating the value of competition.

The President condemned competition as preventing attention being paid to comfort. Railways must, like roads, eventually pass into the hands of the Government. The Government can run the Post Office with complete success, and could therefore conduct the railways equally well. The Government would pay the dividends just the same, and the security would be better. Railways are a national necessity, and therefore the nation is the best person to control and manipulate them.

C. Whitley said that railway companies waste a great deal of money, and the Government would cut down these expenses as they were going to do those of the army and navy. Luxury, he thought, was unnecessary in travelling, and the Government would take much more care of everybody than did the private companies.

The voting showed 13 for and 7 against the motion, which was therefore carried.

On Sunday, March 4th, the motion before the House was "That Charity is to be condemned in dealing with the Unemployed."

The President stated that charity was all very well in a few isolated cases, but it could not continue for ever. The State ought to provide work, and there were many ways in which this could be done. He mentioned especially the scheme for the afforestation of the Black Country; and then gave an example of a yachtsman who had no occupation during the winter, and had to be helped through it somehow. At the same time he pointed out that it was very hard on rich individuals to have to support such cases.

C. E. N. Logan said that it is our duty to help those workmen who have fallen into misfortune owing to the state of trade and not through their own characters. The country's commerce is not able to supply employment for all the workmen who are willing to work; for at the London docks there is work for 10,000 men, while 15,000 are available. Men, though primarily of a good character will resort to burgling and theft to prevent starvation. It is shameful that we should allow our fellow citizens to starve when we could help them.

E. Page said that charity, instead of lessening the number of the unemployed, increased it, because men would refuse work in order that they might receive money with which to procure drink from such sources as the Alexandra Fund.

J. I. Dent said that although charity of an indiscriminate nature is to be condemned, organised charity is the best and only practicable means of dealing with the unemployed. The State cannot realise the necessary funds to set afloat an organised system of relief without the aid of charity.

F. N. D. Preston declared that it is all right to relieve a starving man's necessity, but you can't keep on doing it for ever. Many men won't work when they have got the chance, and others when they have

got the work frequently strike and throw themselves out of employment ; these do not deserve charity.

O. S. Elliott : "Charity need not necessarily be indiscriminate, but should be reserved for such deserving cases as the yachtsman spoken of by Mr. Nance. A congregation of underpaid workmen who could get no employment elsewhere would become a source of annoyance and danger to neighbouring places. The old soldier could claim charity as his due."

R. G. Tasker said that legislation was impossible, and therefore organised charity was the only other means of solving the question.

J. C. M. Collier advocated emigration as the best and surest method of doing away with charity and the unemployed at the same time.

The voting showed a majority of 9 to 6 in favour of the motion.

On Sunday, March 18th, the House discussed the question, "Is Truth stranger than Fiction."

O. S. Elliott showed that while obvious fiction merely strikes us with disgust, fact astonishes us much more. The world's history furnishes the most extraordinary example of a fact stranger than fiction.

N. H. Mackintosh seemed to think the most extraordinary thing was that he was who he was, where he was and when he was. He then informed the House that it was very strange that apples should not fall upwards, and told a "true" story of a candle flame being frozen solid—in America.

N. Forde, by a most complicated series of deductions, proved that as this proverb was a saying of wise men, who generally don't mean what they say, it means that Fiction is stranger than Truth, which was quite true. As for these "true" stories, very few of them could truly be vouched for.

H. D. Price said that if Fiction could be true it would then be much stranger than Truth, but that as it was, the size of the universe, the formation of the earth, and the processes of life were stranger than any fiction.

T. H. Perry said that railways were not considered half so wonderful now as when they were only just coming into use.

W. G. Beloe Esq. (O.B., hon. mem.) said there were many classes of fiction, and it was extremely difficult to judge where fiction ended and truth began. Both were often equally strange.

The President said that assuming that fiction might be true, it must necessarily be stranger than what is actually true. For fiction is immediately added to every new fact as it is discovered, and therefore becomes stranger.

J. L. Dent said that Truth is not only more astonishing but is also scarcer than Fiction, because the novelists know something is wanted apart from the usual affairs of life, and therefore invent to supply that want.

R. G. Tasker quoted the "Wide World Magazine" and "Truth" to show that truth is stranger than fiction, and produced some "true" American stories in support of the motion. There voted for the motion 19 and against it 4. It was therefore carried by 15 votes.

On Sunday, April 1st, the House met to discuss the danger of the rise of the Labour Party in the House of Commons.

R. G. Tasker described the electioneering methods and programme of the Labour Party, showing that their aims were frankly socialistic. He pointed out the defects of their programme, the chief among which was their absolute disregard for the principles of economics, and the true welfare of the British workman. The Labour Party lied well, but "*magna est veritas et praevalebit.*"

E. H. Furness, Esq. (hon. mem.) said that the somewhat meagre nature of the economic programme of the Labour party was commendable modesty, and that the new members would be educated up to the moderation which distinguished their older colleagues, like Messrs. Burt and Broadhurst. He then showed how the Labour members greatly helped the House of Commons in educating the nation, and also voiced the opinions of the greater part of the population. The chance of a rise to Parliament would increase the self-respect of all labourers, and any improvement in the status of labour was an advance in civilisation.

T. H. Perry said the payment of members would force the Labour party "to play to the gallery," and abandon all individuality.

J. D. Clarke defended payment of members, and stated that it was wrong that the largest class of the community should have the fewest representatives. These men, he said, were the right people to deal with such questions as that of the unemployed.

F. Clarke, Esq. (hon. mem.) showed the extravagance of the Labour party with other people's money. The House of Commons would become an Anti-Imperial coffee-house under extravagant Labour management.

G. C. Marris said that the Labour party would have obtained experience by the time it held a majority. He commended its powers of organisation.

H. D. Price stated that the fact that the Labour party is merely a class party is dangerous. He thought that they would benefit their own class to the detriment of all others, and, moreover, the Trade Unions, whom they represent, only contain one-fifth of the working men of England.

N. H. Mackintosh said that the "Tyranny of Capital" on which the Labour party had declared war was at any rate educated, and was better than the hooliganism which he associated with the Labour members.

A. F. Spreckley defended the Labour Party on the ground that it alone was competent to deal with such questions as the legality of young children fetching beer, and the religious education troubles,

J. C. M. Collier condemned the new party because they did not represent the ratepayers. They refused charity and appropriated the money of the State. They were as yet few, but the "little leaven would leaven the whole lump." They would destroy capital and ruin England.

The President exhorted the House not to fear such a party as this, the members of which were not even honest socialists or anarchists who had the good of the community at heart, but were class legislators of the worst kind. A flabby Government like the present might be affected by them, but future Governments would keep them well in check.

The voting condemned the motion by 15 votes to 13.

THE LIBRARY.

The following new books have been added this term :—

- Siege of the South Pole—H. R. Mill (presented by H. A. Dyer, Esq.)
- Joseph Chamberlain—Marris (presented by W. B. Pritchett, Esq.).
- Shameless Wayne—Sutcliffe (presented by J. H. Eddison, Esq.).
- Highways and Byways in North Wales—Bradley (presented by E. M. Pritchard, Esq.).
- Owen Glyndwr—Bradley (presented by E. M. Pritchard, Esq.).
- Nature (lent weekly by J. T. Nance, Esq.).
- Dante's Works—(5 vols. Temple Classics).
- Zoroaster—Marion Crawford.
- A Naturalist on the Amazon—Bate.
- Extinct Animals—Lankester.
- History of Worcestershire, Vol. II.
- The Riddle of the Sands—Childers.
- John Chilcote, M.P.—Thurston.
- Whitaker's Almanack, 1906.
- Mountaineering (Badminton Library).
- Swerve, or The Flight of the Ball—Vaile.
- The Greek Testament—Westcott and Hort.
- A Staff Officer's Scrap Book—Sir Ian Hamilton.
- City State of Greeks and Romans—Warde Fowler.
- English, Past and Present—French.
- Development of European Nations—Rose.
- Civil War in Worcestershire—Bund.
- Ironclads in Action—Wilson.
- Life of Cobden—Morley.
- Lord Dundonald—Fortescue.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

WERE it not that the polite formality of your request for an Oxford letter seemed to carry with it a subtle suggestion of insistence, we should propose that you appeal to some one whose powers of invention are greater than our own ; but, as we know from experience that anything in the nature of a refusal is treated with that sublime disregard which only editors can assume, we hasten to comply.

We will leave it to our Cambridge brethren to bring out the customary playful innuendoes at the editorial shortcomings in not allowing them sufficient time to commit to paper their various flights of imagination, and plunge forthwith in medias res. The term just over always has its peculiar excitements—if that is not too strong a word—and this year they have, perhaps, been intensified. The O.U.D.S. made a bold bid for originality in their choice of "Measure for Measure," and, despite the premature criticism of a censorious few, provided us with a well-staged and well-acted piece. The dramatic ostracism of "Guy Thorne" and all his works, by the Union Society, likewise produced an inordinate amount of pamphleteering from that class of people who are always prominent in the so-called "silly season." The Torpids again were much more closely contested than usual, the headship being in doubt up to the last. As regards Inter-Varsity contests, we were beaten at Soccer and Hockey, but quite counterbalanced these reverses by decisive victories in the Boxing and Fencing by eight events to one, and in the Sports by seven events to three. The Boat Race has yet to be decided, and, despite the "ovicular tendencies"—we quote from the halfpenny press—of the Cambridge crew, we have good hopes of victory there as well.

To turn to the achievements of our own colony up here, Lewis has brought distinction upon himself by representing the 'Varsity at Rugger, twice in the same week, versus the United Services and the London Scottish respectively. He also assisted the Harlequins v. Cambridge University. We hope he will keep it up next season, and eventually find himself playing in the Inter-Varsity match. Gutch has likewise been making a name for himself in the Rugger world, and has been given his cap for S. John's. S. H. Thompson has been devoting himself chiefly to the "sermones utriusque lingue," with a view to facing the ordeal of Honour Mods. ; we hope he has defeated the examiners with conspicuous success. Amphlett also has "scorned delights and lived laborious days" most of the term, at the compelling thought of the rapid approach of Maths. Finals. He also figures prominently in certain strange tales we hear of a nocturnal descent upon Bromsgrove, and an equally mysterious departure therefrom. When he can tear himself away from work, Clarke may be seen on horseback, and it is rumoured that he can negotiate five-barred gates with ease. We offer our respectful sympathy to Rylands, who has, we believe, entered on the fourth round in a protracted struggle with "Divvers" ; we admire his perseverance, and hope that the examiners

will at last call "time" and award him the victory. Milligan has, we regret to say, been hors de combat most of the term. Edlmann's energies have been confined to the track, and he has been winning laurels in various College Sports.

We have had visits this term from Heard, Barker, R. A. Young, and A. W. Gutch. Heard came over from Cambridge with a hockey team, and in his capacity as goalkeeper showed himself as skilful an exponent as ever of the pas seul.

Congratulations to the School team on a most successful season eleven wins and one draw out of fourteen matches is the nearest approach for some years to an unbeaten record. We hear of a cricket fixture with the Merton College XI. next term; is it too much to hope that this is a foretaste of the revival of college football fixtures next season? We must now put a period to a very lengthy epistle, hoping incidentally that the traditional Sports' weather will withhold itself from you this year; we therefore subscribe ourselves without further trifling,

Yours truly,

O.B.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

WHAT a nuisance you are! No sooner does one get away from the scenes of one's toil and labour, to enjoy oneself, than there come letters from Sub-Editors and what not inviting us to recall to mind what we have done in the past term.

One term is very much the same as another, and so we proceed as usual to tell how the Rhodes have both been seen on and off (or by) the river, how Heard devotes himself chiefly to hockey, and Soulby, though much taken up with his 'Trip', occasionally plays soccer. Lloyd-Jones is also a-Tripping, but, unlike Soulby, seems to have forgotten the fact. Favell has been doing great things with rifle and revolver, and, whereas Macleod still disports himself on the river, of others we hear and see but little.

It is our painful duty to chronicle the fact that Whitley is not content with the amount of work he gets through up here, and has therefore decided to return to the simple life. We shall miss him greatly, and so will Trinity Street.

Our visitors this term have been Mr. Clarke, W. Whitley (O.B.), and H. T. Lewis (O.B.). We did hope to see many O.B.s on the Oxford Field Day, but were disappointed.

May I hope that you will have a good day for the Sports, though I don't suppose my hoping will do you much good.

Yours sincerely,

O.B.

THE SCHOOL MISSION.

WE have received from Mr. Roxburgh the report printed below, and wish to draw the attention of O.B.s and the School to the necessity of the "personal element," upon which he lays such stress. We have taken up this Club not only with the intention of financing it, but to make friends among the boys there. There ought to be a goodly number who live near enough to Birmingham to go in once or twice during the holidays. This will make the Mission "go," and it is the only thing which will make it "go." Moreover, it will greatly lighten the labours of Mr. Roxburgh and those O.B.s who regularly attend if, during the vacations and holidays, they find themselves supported and supplanted by a growing band of enthusiasts. The Mission Rooms are at the back of Queen's College, entered from Suffolk Street. A post card to the Missioner will secure his services as a guide.

"Most Bromsgrovians, past and present, have heard rumours of the School Mission in Suffolk Street, Birmingham. The object of the Mission is to try and do something for the newsboys and street traders of Birmingham. There are about 1200 boys engaged in distributing papers about the streets of Birmingham. In the great majority of cases these boys come from the homes of the very poorest; in most cases they are driven to sell papers because their parents are out of work—in several cases they vary the occupation of selling papers with that of sewing buttons or hooks on cards, making paper bags, packing small goods, and other kinds of poorly-paid home industries.

We do not yet know enough of this problem to discuss the right or the wrong of street trading, but can only present facts in the lives of these boys which call for help from all who are interested in human nature.

Now the only help which is of any use in starting these boys towards the right thing and the right life is the influence of a man and a gentleman—the younger he is the better. Unless we can secure this influence in their lives—Police Regulations, Municipal Licenses for Street Trading, &c., may foster instead of checking degradation. / The only way in which wise and permanent help for these boys is to be found is the way whereby they shall meet ideals which they have never known—meet and know men who have a keen sense of truth, honour, courage, and loyalty.

Now it is just here that the most difficult bit of our work lies. How are we going to get enough of this last sort of man? This is the hardest thing to do. It is an easy matter for the School Missioner to visit these newsboys in their homes. Often their parents are so weary at the end of the day, and can take so little interest in them, that the boys respond with embarrassing alacrity to the interested stranger. They meet with so many of one type in their home, their school, and, above all, in the street, that a new type is a welcome and interesting change.

But it is quite another matter to secure an adequate supply of men with a sense of truth, honour, courage, and loyalty who may lead these


boys by quiet and personal influence away from the life in the streets with its abominable and selfish traditions.

If we can succeed in getting a succession of Bromsgrovians to do this for the newsboys' club in Suffolk Street we shall feel happier about one little lot of newsboys. So far we feel quite contented with the beginning which has been made there. The club is called the Bromsgrove Mission. All the monitors of the School have been down to visit their Mission this term, and some others of the School as well. So we feel much flattered in Suffolk Street. Also three old Bromsgrovians have made themselves responsible for the working of the Club on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and the Mission is under special obligations, in this respect to A. P. Norton, H. Norton, A. B. Pritchett, and H. Gibson. We shall be particularly glad to see during the Vacation any University O. B's who may live near Birmingham, or, during the holidays, any present Bromsgrovians, who may find it easier to visit us then than in Term time. The club hours are from about 7.45 to 9.15. The Missioner will be glad to pilot to the club anyone who will arrange to meet him at Cathedral House, 71 Newhall Street."

W. J. ROXBURGH,

(School Missioner)

THE PAVILION FUND.

HE following donations have been received since our December issue, when the amount in hand was—

	£	s.	d.
	756	14	0
Howard Lloyd, Esq. (2nd donation) ...	5	0	0
A. W. Burkhill, Esq. ...	5	0	0
R. T. G. Tangye, Esq. ...	2	2	0
H. R. H. Davis, Esq. ...	2	4	1
A. G. Whittall, Esq. (2nd donation) ...	1	16	0
R. B. Wood, Esq. ...	3	0	0
C. S. Thomas, Esq. ...	2	2	0
A. H. Daniel, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Rev. G. H. Bown (2nd donation) ...	0	10	6
G. L. St. A. Davies, Esq. ...	1	0	0

These, with the addition of a further sum of 49 4 7
placed at the disposal of the Com-
mittee, make a total of ...829 14 2

Bank Interest ... 4 2 7

£833 16 9

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. J. and A. Braziers' Account			
amounted to	...	785	18 0
Architect's Fees	...	42	10 6
		<u>828</u>	<u>8 6</u>

Leaving a balance in hand of £5 8s. 3d. towards defraying the cost of the "fittings" of the XI. room.

The Committee wishes to return hearty thanks, on behalf of the School, to all subscribers. The Pavilion is a very handsome building, and is excellently adapted to its purpose.

OLD BROMSGROVIAN CLUB ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	-	94	5 3	Expenditure	-	71	11 3
Subscriptions	-	62	15 0	Deposit and interest		42	18 6
				Balance in hand	-	42	10 0
		<u>157</u>	<u>0 3</u>			<u>157</u>	<u>0 3</u>

ITEMS UNDER EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Pavilion Fund	...	30	0 0
Autotype Co.	...	1	14 6
"Messenger" Co.	...	32	8 0
O.B. Dinner Expenses	...	4	5 6
Stationery, Stamps, &c.	...	3	3 9
		<u>71</u>	<u>11 9</u>

Audited and found correct,

H. E. W. HUGHES-GAMES.

W. L. BUNTING, Hon. Sec.

SCHOOL GAMES' ACCOUNTS, TERM III., 1905.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from Term ii., 1905	...	0	18 8
Subscriptions	...	56	6 9
Trustees' Subscription for Shooting Medals	...	5	0 0
Sale of Fixture Cards	...	1	2 0
		<u>63</u>	<u>7 5</u>

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Fire Insurance of Cricket Pavilion	...	...	...	0	11	3
East Worcestershire Waterworks	...	...	...	0	9	0
Boy's Wages	...	...	...	1	7	0
Labour on Playground	...	...	...	1	8	6
Coke	...	...	...	0	1	0
Hunt—Wages	...	...	...	29	3	4
Hunt—Goods	...	...	...	3	12	6
Messrs. J. & A. Brazier (Repairs to Bath and Goal Posts)	...	...	...	3	8	9
Horse Hire and Extra Labour	5	5	0
Messrs. Elkington (Swimming Medals)	3	6	9
Balance in hand	14	14	4
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A. MAYALL.

THE GYMNASIUM.

ON Monday, Mar. 12th, were held the gymnastic competitions mentioned in our November number, in accordance with the results of which the Edlmann Challenge Shield, medals and gymnastic colours were to be awarded. Mr. A. E. Peters, from King Edward's School, Birmingham, kindly acted as judge. The shield was won easily by Gordon House, Massy gaining the first place, and being closely followed by several more G.H. competitors. Out of the eight members of Class A (open to all), six were successful in obtaining 75 per cent marks, and have been awarded their Gymnastic colours. The names of the competitors are given below, together with their respective scores. The first three of these receive in order of merit, gold, silver, and bronze medals. A silver and a bronze medal were also offered in Class B (open to all not in Div. 1.), and were won by Penny and Lunt respectively. An additional bronze medal was kindly given by Mr. Routh to Pritchett, who was only half a mark behind Lunt. In Class A. the work was well done throughout, the performances on the horizontal bar and horse being especially noticeable. Neatness and finish were prominent all through, but particularly in the case of Massy, G. L. Spreckley, and Clarke. In Class B. the exercises were admirably done on the whole, though one or two competitors did not seem quite as much at home as the rest. Penny and Lunt were especially neat. It is satisfactory to be able to report that the judge commented very favourably on the high standard attained and on the general excellence of the performance.

CLASS A. (max. 110)—Massy 99, Routh 94½, G. L. Spreckley 93½, W. C. Caldicott 91, E. Page 89½, Clarke 82½, Down 67½, Payton 66.

CLASS B. (max. 90)—Penny 66, Lunt 63½, Pritchett 63, Munn 61, D. Marris 59, F. H. M. Collier 54½, Cutler 54, Hughes 51½, Logan 49.

On Saturday, March 31st, the third annual Gymnastic Display and Assault at Arms was held in Big School. This was an innovation, as the Gymnasium had been used on previous occasions, and those responsible for it were gratified by the sight of a larger number of visitors than usual, and by the fact that far greater comfort was secured for everyone. The proceedings began at 7.30 o'clock, and the programme was as follows :—

- 1—Parallel Bars—Division I.
- 2—Dumb-bell Exercises—Forms II. and I.
- 3—Fencing—N. H. Mackintosh and J. D. Chepmell.
- 4—Vaulting Horse—Divisions I. and III.
- 5—Boxing—Three-round Contest between O. S. Elliott and A. F. Spreckley.
- 6—Horizontal Bar—Division I.
- 7—Swedish Drill—Division II.
- 8—Pyramids.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the way in which every detail of the performance was planned and executed, while the style far surpassed anything else in this line which the School has ever done before, and exceeded all anticipations. There was scarcely a single hitch from beginning to end, and by no means the least gratifying part of the display was the wonderfully good form shown by several people in Division III. Where all was so excellent it is difficult to single out any special items for particular praise, but the horizontal bar work of Division I. and the horse exercises of Divisions I. and III. were perhaps the most attractive of the purely gymnastic part of the programme. The dumb-bell performance of Forms II. and I. and the Swedish drill of Division II. were also neatly and regularly performed, while good exhibitions of boxing and fencing were given by the exponents of these various arts. Some tastefully-arranged and well-executed pyramids brought this extremely successful evening to a close ; while, before the departure of the visitors, Mrs. Hendy distributed the medals won at the competition on March 12th.

On behalf of the School, we must congratulate Sergeant Henly very heartily on the magnificent way in which he has evolved order from chaos, and given Bromsgrove a body of gymnasts who are worthy of it. We can only hope that still further success will crown his efforts in the future, and that our representatives at Aldershot, both in the gymnastic and fencing divisions, will do themselves full justice.

OLD BROMSGROVIANS' NEWS.

Sir Ernest Bickham Sweet-Escott, K.C.M.G., Governor of British Honduras, has been appointed Governor of the Leeward Islands.

The Rev. H. J. Ferrall, B.A., Vice-Principal of Beccles College, and formerly an Assistant Master, has been appointed to the Perpetual Curacy of Hales with Heckingham, Norwich.

F. J. F. Edlmann was second in the quarter-mile at the Trinity College (Oxford) Sports.

G. L. Corbett, I.C.S., has been posted to Jabalpur, in the Central Province. W. E. Ley (O.B.) is the Senior A.C. of the same district. while the Judicial Commissioner is also an O.B., S. Ismay.

Army—Lieutenants J. A. Bean and E. Jotham to be lieutenants in the Indian Army; Corporal H. B. Sweet-Escott, out of the R.M.A., Woolwich, to a commission in the Royal Engineers (9th place); H. B. Barker to a Cadetship in the R.M.C., Sandhurst.

Football.—N. W. Godfrey has again been playing for Moseley; while H. T. Lewis represented Oxford University v. the United Services and the London Scottish, and the Harlequins v. Cambridge University. M. W. Hughes (Blackheath "A"), G. L. Bunting (Lennox), H. F. Humphreys (Birmingham University and Moseley), J. H. Eddison (Headingley), and A. L. Gutch (St. John's College, Oxford) have also been playing for their respective clubs this season.

The following new members have joined the O.B. Club:—

1900-05—H. B. Barker, Burbage Rectory, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

1899-02—F. E. S. Clayton, Coseley Hall, Bilston, Staffs.

1899-02—R. T. Clayton, Coseley Hall, Bilston, Staffs.

1900-05—W. E. L. Cotton, Sunnymead, Bromsgrove.

1904-05—J. H. Eddison, Cragside, Ben Rhydding, Yorks.

1903-05—D. Estill, Park Lodge, 35 Wolmarans Street, Johannesburg.

1901-05—A. V. Holyoake, Hazeldene, Bromsgrove.

1902-05—R. M. Jones, Wharf, Barbados.

1897-00—G. Jackson, Grafton Mount, Bromsgrove.

1900-05—C. E. Sonnenschein, 7 Barnsley Road, Edgbaston

Marriage: TROTMAN—GILDEA.—At Rangoon Cathedral, on the 23rd November, the Rev. Francis Earle Trotman, Railway Chaplain, Burma, son of the Rev. Canon Trotman, Marshfield, Gloucester, to Gertrude Marian, daughter of the Rev. Canon Gildea, Rector of Upwey, Dorset.

SCHOOL NEWS.

In Memoriam.

OSWALD HALL,

Who died on January 10th, at Broughton-in-Furness.

Born August 27th, 1890.

Entered School, September, 1904.

On behalf of the School, we extend a hearty welcome to H. E. H. Pratt, Esq., B.A., of Downing College, Cambridge, who has joined the Staff this term.

A. F. Spreckley (G.H.), R. I. Hawkins and L. H. Morris (S.H.), have been made School Monitors.

The following have received their football colours this term:—1st XV.—C. Whitley, A. F. Spreckley, J. D. Clarke, and L. H. Massy. 2nd XV.—R. H. Butcher, R. G. Tasker, and A. R. Penny.

L. H. Massy, E. L. Routh, G. L. Spreckley, W. C. Caldicott, E. Page, and J. D. Clarke have been awarded their Gymnastic Colours, and constitute the VI.

C. Whitley, L. H. Morris, and R. I. Hawkins have been elected Members of the Games' Committee.

The Athletic Sports are to be held on Saturday, April 7th. We hope to be able to give a full account of them in our next issue.

R. G. Tasker has been Secretary of the Debating Society this term, while E. Page and H. D. Price have been on the Committee.

On Friday, Feb. 2nd, a performance of "The Merchant of Venice" was given in the Drill Hall. Those of the School, who desired, were present.

Half-holidays have been given on Feb. 5th, and March 5th. The former was in honour of H. B. Sweet-Escott, who passed 9th place into the Engineers from Woolwich, the latter of a Scholarship at Balliol, gained by C. Whitley. The Choir also got an extra half-holiday on Thursday, March 29th.

The shooting-range has been considerably improved this term by the addition of vanishing targets and a running man. We trust that the shooting-averages will show a corresponding increase.

The following visitors have been good enough to preach in the School Chapel:—

February 4th—The Rev. A. S. Cripps, of the Mashonaland Mission.

February 18th—The Rev. H. D. Noël Paterson, Vicar of Bromsgrove.

March 4th—The Rev. W. G. Whinfield, of the Parish Church.

March 25th—The Rev. J. Outram Smith, of Shelsley Beauchamp.

April 1st—The Rev. W. J. Roxburgh, of the Cathedral Church' Birmingham.

A lecture on "Rome" was delivered in Big School on March 27th by C. D. Chambers, Esq., M.A., Lecturer at Birmingham University, and lately VIth Form Tutor and House Master at the School. It was a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Chambers again, and we hope that he will soon find time to give us another lecture.

The Public Schools' Competition at Aldershot is to be held on Friday, April 6th. Bromsgrove will be represented by L. H. Massy and E. L. Routh for gymnastics, and by N. H. Mackintosh for fencing (sabres.)

A "Mile" Cup has been kindly presented by F. J. F. Edlmann, Esq., O.B., to be awarded to the House which averages the best place for its first six to finish.

E. L. Routh has been appointed Captain of the Gymnasium.

VALETE.

D. Estill (G.H. ; VI. C.) Came September, 1903 (IV. C.).

E. L. M. Prichard (S.H. ; V. C.) Came May, 1902 (IV. C.).

J. H. Eddison (S.H. ; V. M.). Came January, 1904 (IV. a M.).
1st XI., 1904 and 1905 ; 2nd XV., 1904 ; 1st XV, 1904—5,
and 1905 : Swimming Team, 1904 and 1905 ; member of
Games' Committee, September, 1905 ; Sub-Editor of "Broms-
grovian," September, 1905. Monitor, September, 1905.

H. B. Barker (S.H. ; A.C.). Came September, 1900 (V. C.). 2nd
XV., 1903—4 : 1st XV, 1904—1905, and 1905 ; member of
Games' Committee, September, 1905 ; member of Gymnastic
pair at Aldershot, March, 1905 ; Sub-Editor of "Broms-
grovian," September, 1904—July, 1905. Monitor, May, 1905.

C. J. C. Jelfs (D.B. ; IV. a. M.). Came September, 1900 (1st Form).
2nd XV., 1903—1904.

J. G. Archer (G.H. ; IV. a.M.) Came May, 1904 (IV. b.M.).

W. J. Hoare (S.H. ; IV. a.M.). Came September, 1902 (V. b.C.).

C. C. Carter (S.H. ; IV. a.M.). Came September, 1904 (III. M.).

E. L. Morgan (S.H. ; IV. b.M.) Came September, 1903 (III. M.).
2nd XV., 1905.

F. B. Michael (S.H. ; IV. b.M.) Came September, 1901 (III. M.).
2nd XV., 1905 ; Swimming Team, 1903, 1904, and 1905.

T. H. Caldicott (S.H. ; III. M.) Came September, 1903 (III. M.).
2nd XI., 1905.

SALVETE.

E. H. Sayres (S.H. ; IV. a.M.) ; F. L. E. J. Seebold (S.H. ; IV. a M.) ;
J. V. Lauria (G.H. ; IV. C) ; J. T. Rea (G.H. ; IV. C.) ; A. L. Tangye
(G.H. ; IV. b. M.) ; C. G. Elkington (G.H. ; IV. b. M.) ; H. Sampson
(G.H. ; IV. b. M.) ; H. C. Broatch (S.H. ; III. M.) ; S. Pyman (S.H. ;
III. M.) ; R. E. Surman (G.H. ; III. M.) ; F. P. Davies (S.H. ; III. M.) ;
P. B. Swann (G.H. ; III. M.) ; C. O. E. Price (S.H. ; 1st Form).

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Bromsgrovian.

DEAR SIR,

May I appeal to Bromsgrovians leaving the School and coming to town not to let a year or two slide by before settling on a method of spending Saturday afternoon, but to join a good Rugby football club at once. There is a great deal of slackness about, and many fellows not good enough for the School first would be welcomed in club second fifteens. The expense is small. If they let it drop for a year or two they will find it difficult to take it up again. On the other hand, if they keep it up, they may fill out and improve, and rise to some sort of eminence. It is noticeable that the University player of to-day is usually at his best a year or two after he has gone down, when he is 25 or 26 years of age. Apart from the benefit to the player, the game is more likely to prosper if its votaries are faithful. I might offer a further suggestion : it is possible to combine football with Volunteering, and the Inns of Court R. V. Corps, among others, could do with some recruits.

Yours, &c.,

O. B.

[Our correspondent also wishes us to say that he will be pleased to put up for Blackheath anyone who wishes to join. The subscription is 10s. 6d. a year ; to Rosslyn Park it is 15s.—*Ed.*]

To the Editor of the Bromsgrovian.

DEAR SIR,

I should like to call attention through your pages to the lamentable condition of the stump pitches. It would be tedious, as well as unnecessary, to enlarge upon the delights of stump ; it is sufficient to say that during the latter half of the summer term the game is deservedly patronised by a considerable portion of the School. The sight of these enthusiasts standing in deep holes reaching almost to their knees, trying to defend a coat thrown over a stump bat, which has to do duty for a wicket, fills one with admiration for their perseverance, but hardly redounds to the credit of the responsible authorities. This evil could be remedied with very little trouble and expense, and I think I am voicing the opinion of a large portion of the School when I say that it would be a most desirable improvement.

Yours, &c.,

AN ENTHUSIAST.

To the Editor of the Bromsgrovian.

DEAR SIR,

Would it not be possible for the somewhat mythical authorities who control the destinies of the School House Reading Room to substitute some paper such as "Country Life" for either "The Graphic" or "The Illustrated London News?" These two papers are so similar that it seems a pity not to indulge in more variety.

"RADICAL."

To the Editor of the Bromsgrovian.

DEAR SIR,

Might I suggest that we should have two numbers of the "Bromsgrovian" in the Easter Term? There is ample subject matter; and at present the doings of the last few weeks of the term are not published until some way through the following term, when Sports, Gym. Displays, Fives Competitions, &c., &c., are no longer occupying people's minds. Cannot we have a number issued about the middle of the term, and another at the very end which would include an account of the Sports and Fives Ties, and keep the news of the "Bromsgrovian" up-to-date?

Yours, &c.,

QUOUSQUE TANDEM?

To the Editor of the Bromsgrovian.

DEAR SIR,

While the admirable keenness that was shewn over the mile, and the competent running of upwards of thirty competitors who finished, are fresh in our memory, may I be permitted to make a few suggestions calculated to promote keenness and competence in the other events. Until two or three years ago, practising for the Sports was enforced for several weeks at the end of the Easter term. As a compulsory occupation for half-holidays, this was not unnaturally unpopular with a large section of the School, and few will dispute the success of the innovation of continuing football until a fortnight from the end. But why should we not have both football and training? Why should not the "weights," and the jumping posts, and a grave for long jumping, and a line of

hurdles, be available throughout the term for those who wish to practise in odd moments, at half-past twelve, in the afternoon, or during the last few weeks of the term after tea? Five or ten minutes spent in practising for any of these events are as enjoyable as an hour and a half is tedious, and such an opportunity would be an irresistible attraction to those who were out early for the run, or for gym., or found themselves waiting for the games to begin on a half-holiday.

It is quite impossible for any but the most talented to acquire a competent degree of skill in hurdling, jumping, or weight-putting by one week's practice, and where there is no competence of performance lack of interest is inevitable on the part of both spectators and competitors. How true the converse of this is was conspicuously proved by the success of the Gymnasium Display last week; and yet for most of us there is nothing more intrinsically attractive in gymnastics than there is in jumping or hurdling. At present the standard reached in these events is generally very mediocre, and the competition almost none, in contrast with the running events for which admirable preparatory training is provided by means of football and the run.

There are four other suggestions that I should like to make:— Firstly: That for the present system of entrance fees should be substituted a uniform Sports subscription for all members of the School irrespective of the number of events for which they enter; secondly, that, in future years, throwing the hammer be included in the programme; thirdly, that the long jump on the day of the sports takes place on the cricket field, where a better run and take-off can be obtained; fourthly, that, as our handicapping system is not arbitrary, but based on the same height and age principle as the division into classes, it would be not unreasonable for the handicap to count marks towards the cup in Class B, where the races are rather few.

With the usual apologies,

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

E. H. FURNESS.



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The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries :—Blundellian, Breconian, Cholmeleian, Clayesmorian, Eastbournian (2), Fettesian (4), Hymerian, K E S. Chronicle, Lartonian, Lorettonian (4), Malvernian (2), Mill Hill Magazine (2), Oakham School Magazine, Oswestrian (2), Peterite, Plymothian, Portcullis (2), Rossallian (3), Savilian, S E S. Chronicle, Vigornian, and Windsorian.

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