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EDITORIAL.

It would seem difficult—if, indeed, it were desirable—to avoid reference to the crisis which, in some measure, affects us all. Here amidst these quiet spaces, and far from the tumult of war, it is hard to realise the agony through which the great Powers of Europe are passing. The Empire is matched against a foe worthy of its steel, virile, courageous, and ruthless in the pursuit of his own ends. And we who maintain that that Empire stands for certain qualities for which the world is the better, and that the plighted word of a nation is not a thing to be lightly flung aside, know that the quarrel of Britain is the quarrel of all her sons. This war is emphatically “our war.” Our national existence depends on the naval supremacy of the Motherland, and we may well be proud of the high privilege of being called upon to play our part in the struggle. We look with confidence to those who have spent their boyhood at Michaelhouse to give their manhood in their country's behalf, without bluster, without flag-wagging, but with cool heads, quiet tongues, and hearts and nerves of steel. One has already

answered the call of patriotism to the uttermost, and given his life on the battlefields of Europe. Many others, whose names will be found elsewhere in this issue, are in the field as members of our South African Expeditionary Force.

Where much has been brought to a standstill, it is encouraging to record development. After lengthy delay the excavations for the foundations of our new buildings were begun during July. The work has been sorely hampered by the disorganisation of the railway service, and the consequent difficulty of procuring a steady supply of material; but the ceremony of laying the memorial stone on the feast of our patron saint marked a definite advance in the work of construction. The new year should see us enjoying the luxury of unaccustomed elbow-room.

The departure of measles has heralded the advent of the cricket season. The oval, no longer permitted to indulge in the profitless occupation of producing one blade of grass where two grew before, now presents a bare scuffed surface, unlovely, but more serviceable than in its former condition of patchy verdure. Pitches have received careful attention, and games are in full swing.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Hugh-Jones Memorial.—The scheme for a Hugh-Jones Memorial, the main feature of which is the present Chapel Lectern, was completed, a few days after our last issue of the "Chronicle," by the erection of a brass tablet on the chancel wall. The ceremony of unveiling the tablet was performed at morning service on Sunday, April 26th, by the Bishop of Natal. The form of procedure, which included a brief address by the Bishop, consisted of Versicles, Special Collects, and the Hymn "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing." The brass was dedicated with the following words:—

"In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Brass to the Glory of God, and in memory of His servant, Edward Bertram Hugh-Jones, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The lettering of the inscription, which is in relief on unpolished brass, runs thus:—

EDVARDO BERTRAM HVGH-JONES

QVI

S. MICHAELIS DOMVS PER SEPTEM ANNOS RECTOR
HVMANITATEM ATQVE MODESTIAM ADSIDVE FOVIT
ET HVJVS SACELLI CONDENDI AVCTOR
IDEM PERFICIENDVM CVRAVIT
DISCIPVLI COLLEGAE AMICI
HANC MEMORIAM POSVERVNT
OBIIT A.D. IV. ID. SEPT. AS MCMX.

ET DEDVXIT EOS IN PORTVM VOLVNTATIS EORVM.

On Tuesday, April 21st, Mr. Joseph Ashman gave us a selection of recitations in the large hall. That all the items were enthusiastically received goes without saying. Tennyson's "Columbus" and Byron's "Eve of Waterloo" were given with fine dramatic effect; "The Charge of The Light Brigade" and the second scene from Act II. of "The Tempest" were most instructive and realistic; while, in response to a request for something in a lighter vein, Mr. Ashman obliged his audience with "The Garden Fête" and "A Chapter on Babies" from J. K. Jerome's "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," both of which were heartily enjoyed.

The male-voice members of the School Choir, instead of attending the annual choir picnic, were given the opportunity of enjoying a performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Iolanthe," in Maritzburg, on April 29th.

A Confirmation Service was held by the Bishop of Natal in Chapel on the evening of May 6th. The following were confirmed:—Dyer ma., Farrer, Fleischer, Greene, Hamilton, Hartshorne, Hawkes, Jansen, Johnston, Knapp, Martens mi., Millar, Short, Stainbank, Winter.

The Shakespeare readings, held in the Rector's study on occasional Saturday nights, have proved a stimulating and attractive move in a new direction. At first regarded as part of some insidious plot for thrusting the readers before a critical audience at the end of term, they speedily gained favour. "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Henry V.," and "Twelfth Night" have now been tasted, leaving an appetite for more. We hope that others may be induced to join. Spirited reading is in itself an accomplishment well worth acquiring.

On May 5th and 8th Captain McQueen lectured to the School on Central Africa. On the first evening he conducted us from Mombasa, through British East Africa and Uganda, into the Congo Basin, giving some interesting particulars of habits of the Masai warrior tribe and on the subject of elephant-hunting. Unfortunately, the views shown upon the screen were almost without exception indistinct. At the second lecture this defect was largely overcome, thanks to Mr. Adair's successful efforts in harnessing the school gas plant to the lecturer's lantern; and Captain McQueen gave us much interesting and curious information concerning the cannibal districts of the Belgian Congo, a region into which he was the first white man to penetrate. He was particularly enthusiastic as to the beauty and the resources of German East Africa, and the enterprise shown by the Germans in its development. He dwelt at some length on the topic of sleeping sickness, as to the origin of which he propounded the ingenious and novel theory that it originated amongst debased cannibal tribes, who remained in isolation until Stanley's carriers, drawn from these tribes, carried the disease beyond their own borders.

On Saturday, May 16th, a short three-act farce, written by Mr. Bishop, and entitled "The Biter Bit," was performed in the Hall, and received an enthusiastic reception. The play, which formed a charade upon the word "Menu," worked up to a clever and wholly unexpected dénouement, when Sam Slick, the sharper, seated at his meal in the restaurant, finds beneath the dish cover the head of his former victim, the guileless Jake Juggins, believed by him to be defunct. The cast was as follows:—Jake Juggins (a Waiter), A. N. Oodle; Sam Slick (a Sharp), Farrer; Bill Boniface (a Landlord), Short; Betsy Boniface (his Better Half), Mr. Bishop); Robert Rata-Tat (a Postman), Bell.

Ascension Day (May 21st) was marked by the usual whole holiday. On the previous evening choral evensong was held in Chapel, and on the festival itself Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. At midday the First XV. played the Maritzburg Wanderers, whom they defeated by 19 points to 13 after an exciting game. The school enjoyed free bounds in the afternoon, and filled in the evening with an informal concert organised by Mr. Bishop. We believe it to be the first occasion on which the prefects have so far overcome their habitual modesty as to appear *en masse* upon the concert platform. We look to the present largely-augmented body of prefects to follow the lead thus gallantly given.

The annual choir picnic took place on June 15. Through the kindness of Messrs. Mare, we were able to select Sarsden Falls as this year's rendezvous, and, as no school picnic had been held at these falls for seven years, we were breaking fresh ground. A start was made on foot at 9.30 a.m. in faultless weather, Mr. Pascoe following in his trap with Mrs. Gunning, and the ox-wagon, laden with good store of provisions, bringing up the rear. The pedestrians reached the falls, and, inspirited by thoughts of morning tea soon to follow, began a game of football, little aware that within a mile of the School two stubborn oxen, realising that what they had supposed at the start to be their usual leisurely promenade to the station was to become a hill-climbing test, were politely but firmly declining to fall in with the views of their drivers. Despite ribs bethwacked and tails twisted, they would have succeeded in marring all our plans for the day had not Mr. Mare given us timely aid with some of his own oxen, and enabled us to get our cart to the falls by 2 p.m. Morning tea and lunch were then merged into one, and after a few hours there, and further attention to the tea cups and the cakes, we made for the School, returning just after dusk. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Mare, and also to Mr. Walter Jaffray for permitting our oxen to pass through his land.

A concert and dramatic performance took place in Hall on the evening of June 24th. The first part of the programme comprised vocal and instrumental items. For the second part, consisting of an operetta for several characters, we were indebted to the unwearying efforts of Mr. Bishop, who, with his wonted versatility, combined the duties and labours of stage manager, musical director, and scene painter with the exacting rôle of leading villain. Both dresses and scenery were most effective, particularly the ducal robes and coronet of the bold, bad Daggernaut. All the characters entered well into the spirit of their parts, and afforded an hour's excellent mirth. The programme of the evening is appended:—Part I.—Piano-forte duet, "Qui Vive," Miss Miller and B. Pearce; vocal duet, "The Twins," K. M. Pennington and Mr. Bishop; recitation, "The Knight's Toast," L. H. Millar; orchestral selection, R. E. Bell and Messrs. Pascoe, Macdonald, and Bishop; song, "The Rosary," Miss Miller; violin solo, Andante from Sonata in F (Greig), Mr. Macdonald; song, "The Golden Vanity," the Rector. Part II.—A Mysterious Melodrama, entitled "Carrottina, The Gardener's Daughter; or, The Pleasant Peasant and The Dreadful Duke": The Duke of Daggernaut,

F. S. Bishop; Pistoli (*alias* Job Robinson) and Stabbarino (*alias* Peter the Peasant) (his bandits), W. F. Short and B. Pearce; Mrs. Sellerbeer (Landlady of The Empty Barrel), J. B. Farrer; Carrottina Peas, E. H. Sturgeon; Villagers, K. M. Pennington, H. D. Cohen, W. F. Otto, and L. H. Millar. "God Save the King."

Mr. Van der Horst, Mr. Macdonald, and Mr. Dan Taylor were selected to represent Natal in the Currie Cup Rugby Tournament held in July, and did valuable service for their side.

The school re-opened after the winter holidays on Thursday, August 6th. We returned to find the south side of the quad a labyrinth of excavations, preparatory to laying the concrete foundations of the new extension. Progress proved slow, and, though August 22 had been the date proposed for laying the memorial stone, it was not until September 9 that the first brick was set in place.

A movement was set on foot during August for raising a contribution, from staff and boys, towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. Subscriptions amounted to £46 2s., and this amount was forwarded to the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, to be remitted to the proper quarter.

Mr. Dan Taylor left us on September 2 to join the Natal Field Artillery on active service, and is now in German South-West Africa. We heartily wish him good luck and a safe return.

Mrs. T. L. Millar has kindly presented the school with a new set of offertory bags for use in Chapel.

We began the August quarter with four Prefects—B. E. D. Pearce (Senior Prefect), E. F. Pennington, K. M. Pennington, and L. T. Nunn. On August 29th four more were appointed—C. Stainbank, W. L. Lax, J. B. Farrer, and J. W. Lamb (in order of appointment).

In our April issue of the present year we omitted to insert "Prefect" after the name of K. L. Stainbank in the "Valete" list for December, 1913.

VALETE (April, 1914).

Remove: N. H. Beddy.

Form III.b: G. H. Given-Wilson.

VALETE (June, 1914).

Form V.: J. H. Walker.

Remove: R. U. P. Hölzgen, T. R. Carter.

Form III.a: H. R. Butcher, R. Coventry, G. B. Knapp, A. F. Quin, B. H. Walker.

Form III.b: C. J. Martens, mi.

SALVETE (April, 1914).

A. C. Evennett, A. W. Walters.

SALVETE (August 1914).

F. A. Coutts, R. B. Cox, J. V. Hart-Davis, S. L. Smith, R. Smith, B. V. Wright, G. C. Young.

BOXING.

The noble art of self-defence ought to be taken up with enthusiasm by every British boy, so that he may be able to use his fists in a just quarrel. Besides, there are few pastimes which combine sport and exercise, and teach one how to control his temper, better than boxing.

With a view to encouraging this useful art, and making it more popular among the boys at Michaelhouse, W. D. Kimber, Esq., kindly offered two cups to be competed for by members of the School.

The contests took place on Saturday, the 19th September, and great interest was evinced in the various bouts. Owing to the epidemic of measles, there were fewer entries than had been hoped for. The fights, however, were keen, and, though in some cases little science was displayed, the contests proved that Michaelhouse boys were able to give and take hard blows, and come up smiling, whether they were donors or recipients of the same.

The results are set down below. Special mention should be made of the sportsmanlike offers of Lamb, Hartshorne, Millar, and Hawker, who volunteered to have two rounds with those who drew "byes." Perhaps the results in some of the classes would have been different if these four had entered for the competition.

There were four classes of entry, *viz.*:—

Class A: Those of 140lb. in weight and upwards.

Class B: Those from 120lb. to 139lb.

Class C: Those from 90lb. to 119lb.

Class D: Those below 90lb.

The cups were, of course, the trophies for the two heavier classes, while two minor prizes were offered for the winners of Class C and Class D.

The rounds which afforded the greaest interest were that between the Evans brothers, who looked more alike than ever, and that between the heavy-weights. Louwrens, though he was not the winner, was very game. Space will not permit of a lengthy description of the bouts, but it may be mentioned that the referee, Mr. Ferrar, whose verdicts throughout were unanimously considered correct, specially commended Dyer i. for his plucky fight against a much heavier opponent. Amongst those who showed promise were Adams and Smith minor, while Kimber and Calder, with practice, ought to develop into clever boxers.

In conclusion, let us express the hope that the “punching fever” may spread among the majority of the boys. In times to come they will never regret that they learnt to handle the gloves with some effect.

BOXING COMPETITION.

(September 19, 1914.)

CLASS A.

Pearce
Louwrens

CLASS B.

<i>Vanderplank</i>	} }	<i>Vanderplank</i>	} }	<i>Pennington i</i>
<i>Lister i</i>		<i>Plowes</i>		
<i>Plowes (a bye)</i>				
<i>Short (a bye)</i>	} }	<i>Pennington i</i>	} }	<i>Vanderplank</i>
<i>Pennington i</i>		<i>Short</i>		
<i>Middleton</i>				

CLASS C.

<i>Mackechnie</i>	}		
Dyer i	}		<i>Kimber</i>
	}		
<i>Kimber</i>	}		
Martens	}		<i>Mackechnie</i>

CLASS D.

<i>Evans i</i>	}		
Evans ii	}		
	}		
<i>Adams</i>	}		
Moberly	}		<i>Adams</i>
	}		
<i>Smith ii (a bye)</i>	}	<i>Calder</i>	
<i>Calder (a bye)</i>	}	Smith ii	

Winners are shown in Italics.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The sports were held on Wednesday, September 23, after some preliminary events had been decided on the previous Saturday and Monday. The wind, which had blown hard all the morning, dropped by the time the sports began, and bright sunshine favoured the proceedings. Several visitors put in an appearance, including ladies, whose presence added considerably to the charm of a delightful afternoon.

The judges were Messrs. Macdonald, Pascoe, and Ellis, all of whom had difficult duties to perform; it goes without saying that these duties were most efficiently carried out. Mr. Bishop started the races, and Mr. Adair officiated as timekeeper with great precision.

Lamb secured the Long Jump prize with an effort of 16ft. 11in., Farrer and Pearce each negotiating one inch less.

In the Hundred Yards Open, the Rugby outsiders, as was to be expected, came out strong, Farrer taking first place, with Lamb close behind him, and Middleton a good third. Time, 11 1-5 sec.

The Junior Quarter Mile race was won by Paterson major, who ran very well, covering the distance in 69 2-5 sec. Winder was his runner-up, and Young major, striving pluckily all through, came in third.

Middleton pulled off the Half Mile Open in 2 min. 25 sec. The second place fell to Pennington i., and Vanderplank, by a good spurt, was close upon him, but had to be content with being voted third.

In the Two Hundred and Twenty Yards for boys under 14, Sturgeon managed to reach the tape first. His immediate follower was Adams, who was just in front of Paterson minor when the goal was reached. Time, 30 1-5 sec.

Lamb followed up his success in the Long Jump by clearing 4ft. 9½in. in the High Jump. Johnston and Waller tied for second place.

The Half Mile for Juniors was most interesting to the spectators. Paterson major just beat Otto, who struggled hard to the finish, while Adams was but a few paces in the rear of these two. Time, 2 min. 44 sec.

Cricketers naturally shone in Throwing the Cricket Ball. This event fell to Pearce with 92yd. 6in. Pennington iii. and Nunn were respectively second and third.

One minute exactly saw Farrer cover the Quarter Mile Open. He ran well throughout, and breasted the tape a few yards ahead of Pearce, Tatham coming in third—by no means a bad one.

Otto cleared 4ft. 4½in. in the Junior High Jump—a very fair performance. Next to him came Dyer i., who jumped very neatly.

In the 220 Yards Open, the Rugby outsiders were conspicuous again. Farrer just managed to beat Lamb in the very creditable time of 26 sec., Hartshorne securing third place.

Much amusement, as usual, was caused by the Sack Racers. The judges placed Walters first, Woollatt second, and Evans minor third.

The Mile Race gave Middleton another chance of exhibiting his staying powers, for he got through the four laps in 5 min. 20 sec. Springorum clung to him closely, but was beaten in the straight. Johnson (third) and Vanderplank (fourth) made fine efforts to pull up. Martens ran well, and finished in good style.

To Farrer, with 11 points, fell the honour of being dubbed *Victor Ludorum*, which title secured for him the Dan Taylor Cup. Lamb was his *proxime accessit*.

OLD BOYS' DAY.

Monday, May 25th, the day following Empire Day, was selected for the Old Boys' gathering, and the weather throughout the week-end fully justified the choice, being in pleasant contrast to the bleak and biting winds which prevailed on the last occasion. The new Sanatorium was equipped as a hostelry for our Old Boy guests, some few of whom arrived on the Saturday, to be followed by others during Saturday night and Sunday. The singing of Kipling's noble "Recessional" at the conclusion of Sunday evensong seemed particularly appropriate to the dual nature of the occasion, whilst the sentiment of Imperial fellowship was further enhanced by the use, for the first time, of the large Lectern Bible recently presented to the School by the Uppingham School Society.

Monday, the 25th, was in every respect an ideal day. In view of the impossibility of carrying on regular work the morning after the dance, we decided to create a balance in hand by following the ordinary Monday working programme until the break, after which all hands were needed to aid in the various preparations for the evening.

At 2 p.m. a general meeting of the Old Boys' Club was held in the Library, with the Rector in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary (J. J. L. Sisson) and adopted, and a statement of accounts was read.

J. J. L. Sisson was re-elected as Hon. Secretary, and H. A. Findlay as Hon. Auditor. E. V. Tatham was appointed Assistant Hon. Secretary. Committee: E. Pascoe (Michaelhouse), M. Millar, G. Brown, E. V. Tatham, J. J. L. Sisson. Delegates to Public Schools' Old Boys' Tournament: C. W. Hannah and J. Worthington.

A resolution was carried extending the powers of the Trustees of the Old Boys' funds.

The following new members were elected:—F. S. Tatham (Old Bishop's College), J. K. Anderson, J. McVicar Malloch.

Before the termination of the meeting, the Rector expressed his gratitude to the Old Boys for the ready and generous response given by them to the appeal for funds towards the new buildings, and announced that the ceremony of laying the foundation stone would be performed by the Lord Bishop of Natal. He added that, in view of the unsparing efforts of the Bishop in furtherance of the building scheme, it was especially fitting that his name should be recorded upon the foundation stone.

The meeting was followed by a Past v. Present Rugby match, an account of which will be found amongst our football news, and which, after a fast and interesting game, ended in a victory for the Present by 10 points to 9.

The dance, which began at 8 p.m., was an unqualified success. The floor was excellent, and the number of couples just sufficient to fill the Hall without undue jostling. A dry, still night contributed not a little to the convenience of those of our guests who either arrived by train or drove in from the neighbouring districts. Dancing was vigorously maintained until 2 a.m., and some time during the later small hours the last of the fireside groups dispersed, and "a silence fell with the waking bird."

The following Old Boys and former members of the staff were present during the day:—B. Acutt, E. Bayliss, J. C. Bennett, J. R. Frampton, E. J. Greene, C. W. Hannah, J. Jaffray, J. McV. Malloch, C. Moor, G. Moor, P. A. Norton, A. Otto, B. J. Pearce, R. L. Pearce, J. J. L. Sisson (Hon. Secretary), A. Stainbank, K. L. Stainbank, A. C. Stewart, E. Strapp, A. T. Tatham, E. V. Tatham, Dan Taylor, R. I. P. Vaughan, B. R. Vaughan, K. G. Winter, J. Worthington.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The following represented Natal in the Currie Cup Rugby Tournament in July:—S. Barton, E. Bayliss, F. T. Janion, A. Stainbank, D. Taylor, H. W. Taylor. C. W. Gibson was selected, but did not play.

G. W. F. Dold has returned from Oxford, and is reading in Durban for his Cape University degree.

F. Brunskill is proceeding to British East Africa with a view to farming.

G. P. Millar is studying electrical engineering at Faraday House, London.

L. C. Smith is now fully qualified and has been holding a locum tenency at Felixstowe.

W. I. Tatham, whose name appears in the list of O.M.'s now on active service, entered Dartmouth Naval College,

January, 1912; was promoted to Cadet Captain, April, 1913; and passed out 31st out of 77 in April of the present year. On the outbreak of war he joined H.M.S. *Euryalus*, guarding the troop ships at Chatham.

MARRIAGES.

A. Tyrone Tatham to Miss Nicola Arbuthnot, at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Maritzburg, 15th April, 1914.

A. Jaffray to Miss Priscilla Lemmon Warde, at Johannesburg, 9th June, 1913.

E. F. Walters to Miss Louise Andrews, at All Saints' Church, Barberton, 11th February, 1914.

O.M.'s ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

We have endeavoured to compile as accurate a list as possible of Old Boys now on active service. Definite information has often proved difficult to obtain, and there are doubtless many whose names are not included in our record. We apologise in advance for all inaccuracies and omissions. It has been found impossible to discriminate between those actually in the field and those in camp awaiting orders.

G. M. Brown: Left for England to join 12th Lancers, of which he is a reserve officer.

L. Case: Irish Light Horse.

R. W. Cooper: Natal Carbineers.

G. F. Davis: Lieutenant, Durban Light Infantry.

B. H. Dougherty: First Lieutenant, Rand Light Infantry.

B. Dowling: No details.

L. C. Fleischer: Imperial Light Horse.

E. J. Greene: Natal Carbineers.

L. Greene: Natal Carbineers.

A. Greene: Natal Carbineers.

J. W. Hutchinson: Lieutenant, Border Mounted Rifles.

L. P. Hindson: Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

In Memoriam.

We greatly regret to record the death of Reginald Gordon Hindson, at Millbank Hospital, London, on 13th September, 1914, at the age of 24. He was at school from February, 1904, to December, 1907, when he left to assist in the management of his father's estate at Kearsney, Natal. Proceeding thence to Edinburgh University, he became a keen member of the University Officers' Training Corps, and on the outbreak of the present war was given a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Special Reserve of the 1st Royal Field Artillery. He is the first O.M. to lay down his life in the present war in the service of the Empire.

MICHAELMAS.

The School festival was selected this year as the date for the annual prize-giving and for the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new extension of the School buildings. On the previous evening choral evensong was held in Chapel, and the Bishop of Natal preached. On Michaelmas Day, Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.15 a.m., and the day kept as a whole holiday.

We reproduce from the *Natal Witness* the following account of the proceedings of the day:—

On Michaelmas Day (September 29) a very successful and interesting ceremony took place at Michaelhouse, Balgowan, marking a definite step in the progress of the additional buildings now in course of construction. The scheme for the extension of the School by completing one half of the south side of the quadrangle had been delayed for some months, owing to certain modifications of the original plans, and the ceremony of laying the memorial stone, originally fixed for a much earlier date, was therefore deferred until the feast of St. Michael, the Patron Saint of the School. From the point of view of the weather, no choice could have been happier. A large number of parents, clergy, and other friends of the School arrived by the morning trains from Maritzburg and from other directions. Proceedings began with the "Order of Service," specially framed for the occasion by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who himself conducted the service, and, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, laid the memorial stone. On the platform upon which the ceremony was to be performed were assembled the Bishop, accompanied by his Chaplain (the Rev. C. E. Briggs), the Rector of Michaelhouse, Mr. A. H. Adair (the senior member of the staff), Mr. J. F. Fleming (of the firm of Messrs. Baker & Fleming, the architects), B. Pearce (the Senior Prefect of the School), Mr. Pill (the contractor), and Mr. Webbe (clerk of the works).

THE CEREMONY.

Owing to the intense heat of the sun from a cloudless sky, the Bishop requested the congregation to remain covered, except during the prayers, a concession that was gratefully appreciated. After the singing of "O God, our help in ages past," and the recital of special prayers, Psalm cxxvii.: "Except the Lord build the house," was said. The Bishop was then requested

by the Rector of Michaelhouse to lay the stone, the silver trowel used for the purpose being presented to him by the Senior Prefect as a gift from the boys of Michaelhouse. It bears the inscription: "Michaelhouse, 1914. *Quis ut Deus.*" The stone having been well and truly laid, the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," followed by a few concluding prayers, brought the ceremony to a close.

The new buildings, which will be completed before the end of the present year, comprise spacious classrooms and dormitories, bathrooms, drying-room, and a set of rooms for a house-master. An arcaded covered-way, connected with the existing system of verandahs, will add a touch of dignity to the front of the block. On the east side there will be a complete system of lavatories and sanitary arrangements on the septic-tank principle.

From the open-air service a move was made to the Hall for the distribution of prizes. The proceedings here were opened by the Rector reading telegrams from two of the Governors (Sir William Beaumont and Mr. F. S. Tatham, K.C.) regretting their inability to be present. The latter concluded as follows: "Michaelhouse is destined for great things, and the part Old Boys are playing in the defence of the Empire just now is something to be proud of."

The following telegram was read from the Secretary of the Old Boys' Association:—"Majority Old Boys, Durban, with the forces. Business responsibilities prevent envious minority from joining them at present or being with you to-day. We send greetings, and, with loyalty and affection unabated, are with you in spirit at the dear old place. May it flourish for ever. Full returns of extension fund not yet available, but tell Governors that first annual subscriptions of sixteen Old Boys amount to over £60."

RECTOR'S ADDRESS.

After welcoming the guests, and congratulating them on breaking the Michaelmas tradition of bad weather, the Rector said:—

"It is my duty to weary you with a record of the School's doings during the past year. It has not been quite an ordinary one: it has been emphatically a year of growth, and growth has been not unnaturally accompanied by growing pains. We have had, without warning, to meet a sudden increase in the numbers of the School, and have lived in a world of makeshifts, which has caused considerable inconvenience and discomfort to

the staff, the School, and, not least, to the ladies of the establishment—inconvenience, I hasten to add, which has on all hands been most willingly and cheerfully borne. The ceremony which you have been invited to witness to-day is a sign that this transition period is drawing to a close, and is a substantial step towards providing the School with buildings worthy of her founder's aspirations. Even apart from this, we have something to show materially since the last gathering of this kind was held. We have built a detached brick building for music rooms. In architecture, as in strategy, detachments from the main body are apt to meet with severe criticism, but you can have no idea how good it is for boys who are practising the piano to be right away from everyone else. You can have no idea of it unless you have practical experience of the opposite policy of having them in the middle of everyone else—and then you know. Then we have built a Sanatorium, which has just enabled us to deal satisfactorily with an epidemic of measles. I should like to tell you something of the way this building was done. We could not afford the luxury of paying contractors' profits, so we took on the contract ourselves. All the architect's work was done by Mr. Adair, and the operations were supervised by the School Bursar. So we feel proud of these buildings, and I am glad to be able to add that professional opinion—that is, the opinion of those whose professions cause them to use these buildings: the lady who teaches music and the lady who has brought us so successfully through the measles epidemic—pronounces that both buildings are admirably suited to their purpose.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

“We have had, as I said, a good many difficulties in the past year, but so long as we have a staff like the present one we shall take no account of difficulties. At the same time we have been marvellously helped during the past year. We have had the interesting experiment of a master coming from an English Public School to take six months' work here; and I think the experiment proved a great success, and very stimulating both to him and to us. We have further had the advantage of regular visits from the Bishop's Chaplain to officiate in Chapel and to take part in the religious instruction of the School. We have all appreciated Mr. Briggs' ministrations, and I do not think it is too much to say that, even if he did not take any services or give any instruction, the mere fact of his coming would do us all a great deal of good.

"I now come to examination results. We had twelve candidates for the Cape Matriculation—an unusually large number. Of these, two passed in the Second Class and two in the Third; four more obtained the necessary aggregate of marks, but fell victims—as did many candidates from other schools besides Michaelhouse—to the now historic severity of the examiner in Dutch. In the Cambridge Local Examinations, the Juniors were weak, but the preliminary candidates were very good.

"The year has been a memorable one in the history of Michaelhouse cricket. The Christopher Cup has been brought back to its proper resting-place. Further, we were proud to have an old Michaelhouse boy, H. W. Taylor, captain of the South African XI., and not only captaining the side, but carrying the other ten men on his back."

The Rector then proceeded to show how many sides of education there were to be considered besides work for examinations and organised school games, taking for his text a sentence from a small boy's essay written many years ago: "Lots of sorts of things happen at Michaelhouse." After demonstrating the numerous opportunities for development which Michaelhouse afforded a boy, he turned his attention to Cadet training, and concluded as follows:—

"I have left to the last that side of a boy's education which may naturally be most in our minds to-day. I mean instruction in the elements of a soldier's duty. I believe that this instruction has always been well given here in the past, because boys leave this School with a taste for military work, as is shown by the fact that they generally join one of the Volunteer units; and it is also a very common thing for Michaelhouse boys to get their promotion to corporal very soon after they join these corps, which shows that they get a good grounding in their work at School. As the telegram which I read to you at the beginning of my speech shows, we have a very large number of our Old Boys under arms in defence of the Empire. One, Reginald Gordon Hindson, has already given his life. He had just received a commission in the Royal Artillery, and died about ten days ago in Millbank Hospital, in England.

CADET TRAINING.

"Since the Union Government took over the management of Cadet training we have found its conditions somewhat changed. I have a few words to say on that subject, in the hope that I may enlist the sympathy of some future member

of Parliament among the audience, because we want Parliament to help us in a certain matter in connection with our Cadet training. There has been a failure to co-ordinate in certain details the Defence Act and the Cadet Regulations, and I understand that only legislation can effect an alteration. I wish to speak, as a certain notorious character recently advised his followers to speak, 'with all discretion and moderation.' I believe that the Government want the same thing as we want. I believe that they want the best possible elementary training given to boys at school. Under present conditions this object is made rather difficult of attainment. It is laid down that at the beginning of the year in which a boy turns 17 he must cease to be a Cadet. That means that in a school of this kind, where boys often stay to the age of 18 or 19, the boys' natural leaders are debarred from being Cadets. Of course, unofficially, we do make use of the elder boys to train the others, and very good work they do; but we can obtain no formal recognition of it, we can draw no ammunition for them, and we cannot send them to camp. That, I think you will agree, is not a satisfactory state of affairs.

"But I have travelled some way from my point, which was to show you that a boy's education is carried on in many ways besides the obvious ones. The records of the work of a school like this are written elsewhere than in the mark-books of examiners or the score-sheets of successful cricket matches. They cannot be tabulated and produced for inspection when required, but they will show themselves whenever an emergency arises, such as has arisen at present; and so long as we see to it that Michaelhouse stands for the ideals that were set before us in Chapel last night I have no fear that Michaelhouse boys will fail in the time of testing."

ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP.

The Bishop, before giving away the prizes, spoke as follows:—

"Mr. Rector, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before giving away the prizes, as the Rector has asked me to do, I should like, if you would let me, to say something in regard to a stage in to-day's proceedings which we have already passed. I want to say something of those new buildings, the foundation stone of which we have just laid. I might have said what I have to say in the service itself, but I thought it would be more comfortable for you to listen, and certainly more easy for me to speak, in this hall rather than under the open canopy of heaven. And,

first of all, I want to take you back in mind to the last School prize-giving in May of last year, when Sir William Beaumont was occupying the position which I do to-day. On that occasion it fell to my lot, on behalf of the School, to thank Sir William for coming, and I took the opportunity, in referring to the need there was of increased classroom and dormitory accommodation to meet the steady increase in the numbers of the School, to say that I was sure that, if at the following Christmas the Rector was in a position to tell the Governors that this upward tendency was going on, they would somehow or other find the money to carry out the necessary extensions. Well, the Governors were better than their word. Having entire and undiminished confidence in the Rector and in the staff of the School, and a great belief in a future usefulness for Church and country lying before the School, they did not wait for the Rector's report, but in November or December last practically resolved upon the extension of the School buildings. I think it was in January of this year that a definite decision was arrived at to embark upon a scheme which would cost an inclusive sum of £4,000. And if you wonder how it is that, having come to that decision in January, it is only on September the 29th that we are laying the foundations of the new buildings, I think I can give you the explanation of the delay.

CAUSE OF DELAY.

"It was due to the fact that our architect, Mr. J. F. Fleming, was summoned by his chief, Mr. Herbert Baker, to go to India to assist him in the drawing of the plans of the Government Buildings in India's new capital at Delhi, and that the excellent substitute whom he sent to us to carry on his work in his absence unexpectedly proposed considerable developments of the original plan of extension, and that the Rector and Mr. Adair, to whom the Governors are greatly indebted for all the trouble they have taken in connection with the enlargement, were quite unable, under the pressure of ordinary school work, to find the time to see how the usual School requirements would fit in with the suggested developments. However, by June things were ripe for a settlement; only, as happens to young things, the scheme meanwhile had grown from one to cost £4,000 to one that would cost £5,000, and which would include not only new classrooms and dormitories, but a triplication of the existing water supply and the installation of a water sanitary system. With the exception

of £1,000, which was most generously donated by one of the Governors, Mr. Harry Butcher, what was required was borrowed; the contract was signed; an appeal for funds was carefully drawn up; a campaign was arranged for the circulation of the appeal; a few advance copies of it were sent out, one of which went to our late Governor-General (Lord Gladstone), who most kindly sent a cheque of £100 with a letter expressing the heartiest good wishes for the success of the School; and then there happened that which the wisest of us had never dreamed of—the outbreak of this terrible and devastating war! Of the effect of this event upon any efforts we might have determined to make to raise the money we needed for the repayment of our loans there could be no doubt at all. There was only one course open to us, and that was to wrap up our appeals, and put them in a drawer against that time—three years hence, perhaps—when peace will have been restored, and people will have recovered from the strain upon their resources which this war, in one way or another, is likely to make.

“I am sure there will be some who will sympathise with the Governors of the School and with the Rector in the position in which we find ourselves. But, as a matter of fact, although, of course, disappointed, we have really no reason to be discouraged, and partly for this reason, that the Governors, or some of them, with the Rector, have in their private capacity made themselves responsible for the payment of the interest on the money which has been borrowed for ten years. I think it is right that you should know this, for perhaps in some minds the belief still survives that the Governors of a school such as this receive handsome dividends as rewards for their labours. I assure you that that is not the case, and that the only privilege which belongs to the Governors—and we count it a very great one—is this: that we have more immediate opportunity of giving of our wealth or of our poverty to the carrying forward of the work of the School than others have who do not stand in the relation to the School in which we stand. I think, too, that all friends of the School should know that the income of the School will not be burdened with the payment of the interest on the money borrowed, except in respect of £1,000 of it, but that that income, whether it be less or more, will go to the improvement of the equipment of the School.

PORTION OF SCHEME.

“There is one other point to which I want to draw your attention in connection with these buildings, the foundation

stone of which we have laid to-day, and that is this—they only form a portion of the complete scheme we have in contemplation. The complete scheme includes a new dining hall, which will set free the hall in which we are met for the purposes for which it was originally intended—*viz.*, a gymnasium—new kitchens, and more commodious dwelling places for the ladies on the staff, whose presence and help are so essential to the happy and successful working of an institution such as this. This second portion of the scheme is an assured certainty; by which I do not mean you to understand that I have received from some generous friend a cheque for the additional £5,000 which will be needed, or that I have great hopes of seeing their completion carried out in my time. What I mean is this—that we have already received certain donations from England amounting, perhaps, to £100, and that the Governors have decided to earmark these donations for the new hall—£100 at 5% compound interest; how long will it take before it becomes the £5,000 we require is a comparatively easy sum, the answer to which any boy in the School would be quickly able to give. So you see that this portion of the scheme is assured; indeed, so assured is it that I can almost fancy myself standing now in the gymnasium converted into a hall for the purposes of a prize-giving, and waiting rather eagerly for the moment when we shall pass into the large dining hall hard by, into which, from spacious kitchens at the far end, will be brought the delectable viands with which our hosts of to-day are in the habit of feasting their guests.

“However, that is not yet, and I must return to the actual present, and to the task which I so gladly fulfil at the Rector’s request. I will only add, before giving the prizes, that they have been very carefully chosen by the Rector, that they are beautifully bound, and that they are books to use as well as to keep. I congratulate the boys who have won these prizes. They are intended to be fitting rewards for the good and ready work that they have done, and to be a stimulus to continued effort. I hope that on next year’s prize list will appear the names of many who for some reason do not figure on it to-day.”

PRIZE LIST.

The Bishop then presented the prizes as follows:—

Cape Matriculation.—Second Class: R. B. P. Wilson.
Third Class: H. G. N. Middleton, E. F. Pennington, K. L. Stainbank.

Cambridge Locals.—Juniors (under 16): T. R. R. Carter, R. V. P. Holzgen, D. H. McKechnie, M. E. Pennington. Preliminary (under 14): H. R. Butcher, J. B. Calder, D. B. Evans, W. H. Evans, E. H. Goodall, D. H. Hooper, J. L. Lister, L. H. Millar, A. R. Moberly, E. H. Sturgeon.

Bishop's Prizes for Religious Knowledge.—Forms VI. and V.: K. M. Pennington. Remove: J. G. N. Middleton. IV.: W. H. H. Beddy. III.a: L. H. Millar. III.b.: E. L. Hamilton. III.c: C. Morse.

Form Prizes.—V.: F. H. Higgins. Remove: W. Lister. IV.: M. E. Pennington. III.a: R. E. Bell. III.b: J. A. MacConnel and A. F. Quin. III.c: H. M. R. Morse.

Instrumental Music.—D. H. Hooper, L. E. R. Wallbridge.

Drawing.—D. H. Hooper, J. A. MacConnel.

Bowing (two Cups presented by W. D. Kimber, Esq., and two other prizes).—Heavy-weights: B. E. D. Pearce. Middle-weights: E. F. Pennington. Light-weights: E. D. Kimber. Feather-weights: B. Adams.

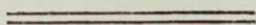
Carpentry (prizes presented by Mr. Goodwin).—1, D. B. Evans; 2, W. H. Evans.

Prize for the Best Progress in School Work and Outside Pursuits (presented by W. B. Calder, Esq.).—B. E. D. Pearce.

The Rector then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Bishop for coming that day to lay the stone and distribute the prizes, and said that the thanks which they offered for this were symbolical of the far greater debt of gratitude which the School owed the Bishop for all that he had done since its foundation, and particularly for his part in making possible the present extension of the buildings.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Justice Jackson, and three cheers were given, on the motion of the Senior Prefect.

After singing the National Anthem, the company adjourned to luncheon in another part of the building.



A DAY AFTER BUTTERFLIES.

During one of my annual trips to the Natal coast I passed many pleasant hours in forming the nucleus of a butterfly collection. There is always a large variety of butterflies in the coast regions, and this fact filled me with eagerness. Frequently days were spent in the hot sunshine, when I sought the insects on tree-tops or on the ground, feeding on flowers or roosting beneath the leaves. Of all my expeditions, one will always stand out as a red-letter day in my memory.

One night a fellow-enthusiast and myself decided to have a whole day at the butterflies on the morrow, because, as we admired the calmness of the night, it seemed probable that the conditions would be very suitable.

Next morning our hopes were fully realised. Not a breeze disturbed the stillness of the foliage; no clouds interrupted the sun's rays. At the breakfast table we were in high spirits, and speculated on the success of our outing.

Our meal was over by 8 o'clock, and the few necessary preparations were soon completed. We determined to traverse a large valley, dotted with bush, and to return along the hill-tops. On our arrival at the valley everything was found to be in fine condition. We soon got to work along the edge of the bushes, where the flies were plentiful. They were just coming out to warm themselves in the winter sun, and were almost playing into our hands, for, besides being easy victims, they simplified matters by opening their wings for our inspection (although their aim was, no doubt, towards warmth). With very little trouble several valuable specimens were thus captured early.

About 11 o'clock we entered an exceptionally large bush to cross into another portion of the valley, and also to seek some of the bush varieties. On our way a few fine butterflies were taken, and, on viewing the catch, we concluded we had, at any rate, made a successful start.

It was at our exit that an incident occurred to afford temporary divergence. We were following a footpath somewhat carelessly, and my companion was a few yards behind me. Suddenly he uttered a shout of warning. I looked down, and, to my horror, saw a large puff-adder stretched across the path. The brute had doubtless been roused as I approached, and was quickly rising to its striking position. It soon found that we

were its superiors, and that it could not wound the pole of my net with vicious bites. When the reptile had been despatched we went on our way more cautiously.

Outside the bush there was no sound, no movement, save the occasional chirp of a bird or the flutter of a butterfly. After a few steps the reason for this stillness flashed upon us. It was Nature's feeding-time. There, before us, on a large creeper, were at least thirty butterflies, feeding on the flowers. The best flies were chosen, and, after a careful approach, were caught and put away in the cork-lined box. Before this, as we dropped our nets to catch the butterflies, we witnessed a wonderful sight. Every insect on the creeper darted upwards, floated round for several minutes, and gradually descended to begin its interrupted meal once more.

We stayed a short time to marvel at the mixture of iridescent colours, and then continued our tramp. Soon a small open space was reached, where the grass was very short. Here we found a quantity of a small variety. On examining one, we concluded they were a species of the "*Lycaena*." Neither my companion nor myself recognised them, so we caught twelve perfect specimens, after carefully neglecting the damaged ones. We were highly delighted at our find, and still more so when we discovered its existence was confined to this one spot.

On our arrival at a small spring we decided to have lunch. The scenery here was beautiful. A few trees had shed most of their leaves, and the brown colour of this dead foliage produced a remarkable contrast with the varying shades of green around. During our meal a troop of monkeys came, chattering in the tree-tops; but, on seeing us, they scampered away, and left us once more to breathe in the refreshing atmosphere of our resting spot.

When we considered that the inner man had been satisfied we made a fresh start. To complete the second part of our programme we directed our steps to the top of the hill. As we climbed up a pretty glade I noticed a large butterfly, flying with great velocity round some trees. When it passed me I swung my net round in its direction.

"Did you get it?" cried my companion.

"Yes," was my answer.

"Is it perfect?" again he queried.

"Rather!" I replied, laconically. "Magnificent *Charaxes*."

The afternoon sun grew cooler, much to our relief and comfort, and we began to be more energetic. The majority of

the butterflies were now settling on the edges of the thickets and basking in the setting sun. They did not fly far when disturbed, and were soon captured. We took half-a-dozen more perfect flies, and amongst them were two of an uncommon local species. Unlike the others, it was a very timid insect. Whenever we failed to make it a prisoner it darted upwards mockingly. Gradually it ventured down from twig to twig, and at last I got it; but it was damaged, so we let it go. Luck, however, fell in with our lot, and I caught a perfect specimen ten yards further on. It flew off a branch, and at once made the acquaintance of my net. These prison walls annoyed their handsome little captive, for he began to flutter about in a very lively manner. But all was of no avail. He was soon dead, and still perfect, in spite of his vigorous fight for freedom. A little later the sun set, and we made for home.

The enjoyable part of the day was over, and we had to look forward to pressing thirty-seven specimens. The mere idea of this was no joke, since we knew it would take us several hours; and, with but one pressing box, our prospects were even brighter (?). However, I set them, while my friend identified as many as possible by reference to Trimen's "South African Butterflies." Amongst the booty were two species which were of great value, one being peculiar to July. And so the day ended, remarkable for our large catch, but especially for the two butterflies just mentioned.

As a parting word, if anyone wishes to enjoy his holidays to the utmost, let him spend his spare time collecting butterflies. Pressing is disappointing at first, but the eventual results amply reward all trials and doubts.

K. P.

VERSE.

THE FISHERMAN'S SONG.

White is the breast of the seagull,
 White are the clouds above;
 Pure is the breath of the morning gale,
 When home with my laden bark I sail,
 Home to the sheltered cove.
 But purer to me than all I see
 Is the heart of the maid I love.

Blue are the dancing waters
 Under the noonday skies;
 And bright is the bay, as the sunbeams play
 And the wavelets fall and rise.
 Yet brighter to me is the light I see
 Deep in her dear blue eyes.

Firm are the rocks of the haven,
 Firm as eternity;
 Strong is the tide whereon I guide
 My boat to the darkling sea.
 Ah! stronger to me, sweet lass, than all,
 The love that holds my heart in thrall,
 And draws my soul to thee!

E. P.

SAMUEL PICKWICK, ESQ., AT THE SEASIDE.

After a long absence from the social world, Mr. Samuel Pickwick has again come to the notice of the general public.

He has left the Homeland to seek for adventures, and to study human nature in Natal.

After travelling for two months, our hero spent a delightful four weeks with some new-found friends at one of our seaside resorts.

There was a party of about eighteen staying at the cottage, which had four rooms. They slept on sofas, tables, beds, and floors; and, although Pickwick was not used to "roughing it" like this, he thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Of course, most of his time was spent on the beach and the lagoon, or in the beautiful garden attached to the house; but, with his particular friends, Bluenose Bottlegrass, Buffins Buttertub, and Nat Naartje, he made many journeys into the interior.

Before we go any further we must describe shortly these three individuals.

Bluenose Bottlegrass was very tall. He had curly hair, a prominent nose, and a very humorous disposition.

The second one was an extremely large individual, not altogether in height, but in width. He was the most sensible and practical person in the party, and saved them from many a precarious position. To sum up his appearance, he looked like a—a—a—a—buttertub.

The third was an insignificant-looking pessimist.

Of course, we cannot say all we should like about Samuel Pickwick's holiday, so we will only describe some of his most amusing adventures.

A small party of fourteen went right up the river to the weir, and spent the day there. The three boats started at about 10.30. The first two managed pretty well, but the one with Pickwick in it—a flat-bottomed boat—was left behind, for every time anyone tried to row the boat would go round in a circle. Then, to Mr. Pickwick's indescribable horror, the boat capsized. Of course, "the things that they said when each fell

on his head would not do for a Sunday School banner"; but Mr. Pickwick, as usual, was quite happy, and said that "it would all come out in the wash." They at last arrived at the weir, and had an exceedingly enjoyable day.

Mr. Pickwick took care to get into another boat coming back, and arrived quite safely.

Space and time will not permit more discourse on Mr. Pickwick's holiday, so the narrative must close.

L. H. M.

RUGBY SEASON, 1914.

One is apt to be pessimistic with regard to an approaching football season when those upon whom one has relied in past seasons are no longer available. We had to start the season minus Young ma., Frampton, Norton, Taylor, Higgins, Stainbank ma., and Nel, and, when thinking how weak our Second XV. was last year, we had just cause for fearing that the team would not be very powerful; but, on reviewing the season, we must acknowledge our fears were groundless. The fresh material soon fell into line, and the team as a whole combined well.

With Pearce, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Stainbank, and Johnston as a nucleus for the forward line, we felt safe as far as that division of the team was concerned, but we had to have three new men in the three-quarter line, which, in itself, was a serious handicap with which to start, and, in addition, a partner had to be found for Lamb at half; but, thanks to the unsparing efforts on the part of Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Taylor, the best was got out of those who had to fill the places.

In other than School matches Michaelhouse was able to put a very well-balanced side in the field, as the weak links were eradicated by the inclusion of several of the staff.

The Second XV. was composed of rather young and raw material. In the three matches played—of which one was won and two lost—the want of more cohesion was obvious, this being probably due to the team never being able to practice together.

It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm shown by the Juniors, amongst whom the hard work of Bouverie and Winder in the forwards, the cleverness of Morse mi. at half, the keen tackling of Dyer mi. and Evans mi. in the three-quarter line, and the coolness of Goldby at full-back bode well for the future of Michaelhouse Rugby. It is to be regretted that no matches could be arranged for them, owing to epidemics at other schools.

We, too, suffered from an epidemic of measles in the second half of the season, and consequently all matches had to be cancelled. This led to the "Sevens"—which took the place of last year's "Nines"—being played a trifle earlier than usual. It is difficult to keep up the interest when there are no matches, so a match between the First XV. and the Staff and Rest of School was arranged. This proved a good game, resulting in a victory for the Staff and Rest of School by a couple of points.

Results of season's games:—

P.	W.	L.	Points	Points
			For.	Against.
8	6	2	115	67.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* WANDERERS.

The opening match of the season was, as usual, against the Maritzburg Wanderers. The match had to be played in Maritzburg, so we could not put a strong side in the field. Mr. Taylor was the only member of the staff playing, and the brunt of the work fell on him. Our opponents were far too heavy for a school team, and we were playing on the defensive practically the whole game. The game was fast and not uninteresting. Carrying every scrum, the Wanderers obtained possession of the ball with clock-like regularity, and their three-quarters were well fed. Janion scored once from a three-quarter movement, while Hall gained two tries from similar movements. Having the advantage of height at the line-out, the Wanderers scored two further tries from the line-out close to our try-line.

The whistle went, leaving the Wanderers winners by 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries) to nil.

Referee: Dr. Allanson.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter. Nunn. Mr. Taylor; Lamb, Stainbank; Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Johnston, Plowes, Christie.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* WEENEN.

The first School match of the year was played at Michaelhouse. The team as a whole settled down to steady work after the first few minutes. The forwards scrummed well, and we repeatedly got possession, but the Weenen tackling was low and hard, and we could not pierce the defence. Walker, however, gained ground with a good run, and passed to Farrer, who scored in the corner. This lead was further increased when Winter, receiving after the whole three-quarter line had handled, showed a clean pair of heels to the defence. Pearce added a try in characteristic fashion. Obtaining possession at the line-out, near the twenty-five, he bullocked his way over, scoring far out. Before the whistle sounded two further tries were scored—one by Winter, the other by Lax.

Our score would undoubtedly have been greater had Lamb passed out more instead of persistently hanging on. For Weenen, Earl and Simmons played splendidly, saving their side on many occasions by good tackling.

Score:—

Michaelhouse: 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries)

Weenen: Nil.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Middleton, Jansen, Farrer; Lamb, Stainbank; Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Johnston, Christie, Plowes, Greene.

Referee: Mr. Adair.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* HILTON COLLEGE.

Played at Michaelhouse, 13th June, 1914.

The play in this match never reached a very high standard. Though at times fast, the attack on both sides lacked sting, and the greater part of the game was a forward struggle. Pennington ii. scored soon after the game started from a line-out. The try was converted by Walker. Then Nunn broke through the defence cleverly, and scored near the posts; the score was not increased. From a scrum near the Hilton line Lamb scored a neat try on the blind side. Half-time found Michaelhouse leading by 11 points. The second half was dull and uninteresting. The only addition to the score was a try by Lax, who joined in a movement initiated by the three-quarters. Walker failed to add the major points.

Our passing was weak, and even when the ball came away from the scrum but little ground was gained, owing to the wings not running straight and hard.

Score:—

Michaelhouse: 14 points (1 goal, 3 tries).

Hilton College: Nil.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Jansen, Farrer; Middleton, Lamb; Pearce, Walker, Pennington i., Pennington ii., Stainbank, Johnston, Tatham, Greene.

Referee: The Rector.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

This game, played on the Show Ground at Maritzburg on June 6th, aroused great interest, and there was a strong contingent of College supporters on the stand when Pearce led his team on the field.

The play throughout was fast and always interesting. From the first few scrums the College obtained possession, and immediately set their three-quarters going. Walker was consequently taken from the scrum to help the defence, and for the rest of the game he played as a fifth three-quarter. The College, although they got the ball from nearly every scrum, found it impossible to break through the defence. Winter, on the right wing, repeatedly brought down in great style the speedy College left wing, his tackling in this game being much better than it had been previously. Eventually, from a scrum on the twenty-five line, near the right touch-line, the College obtained, and a delightful passing movement ended in the first score, after twenty minutes' play. The try was not converted, but just after the College three-quarters got going again, and after the ball had travelled from right to left and again to the right they scored a second brilliant try near the corner. So far Michaelhouse had acted mainly on the defensive, but the forwards woke up, and some brilliant rushes, led by Pearce, and backed up by excellent touch-kicking by Lamb, brought the game to the other end, where the College lines were continually in danger. But there was no finish to the movement, and the College centres, by judicious use of the touch-line, drove the play back to the centre, where it remained till half-time, the score being 6—0 in favour of the College.

The second half opened at a tremendous pace, and for twenty minutes Michaelhouse played a great defensive game, which every now and then developed into the offensive. Then Gray, from close in, dropped a neat goal, and this seemed to take the heart out of our team. From a three-quarter movement the College right wing scored once more in the corner, and just before the whistle went Nelson, breaking away from the line-out, scored a soft try behind the posts—a try which should never have been scored. This was converted, leaving the College winners 1 goal, 1 dropped goal, 3 tries (18 points), to nil.

The better team undoubtedly won. Their pack, heavier in the scrums and taller at the line-out, gave their backs plenty of the ball. Clayton, behind the scrum, got the ball away very quickly, and their centres, besides breaking with judgment, kicked extremely well. For Michaelhouse, the forwards all played a sterling game. Pearce was undoubtedly the best forward on the field, and it usually took three or four of the College team to hold him. Behind the scrum, Middleton, playing behind losing forwards, could not get the ball away, and Lamb, playing very soundly in the first half, had, through having to act entirely on the defensive in the latter stages of the game, no opportunities on the offensive. The centres were a weak link, as both of them allowed their men to break too frequently, and were slow in coming up to the opposing three-quarters. Walker, however, did excellent work in tackling, as also did the wings and full-back.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Jansen, Farrer; Lamb, Middleton; Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Stainbank, Johnston, Tatham, Greene.

Referee: Mr. Tennent.

MICHAELHOUSE v. CEDARA.

Played on the Cedara ground on the 13th May, 1914. The team which played Cedara was a fairly strong one. Farrer was on the "crooked" list, and Johnston had to take his place on the wing, but the inclusion of the Rector and Mr. Bishop in the forward line added weight and stability to the team. Balenden, having correctly guessed the spin of the coin, decided to play down hill. From the start it was obvious that the game would be hard fought; the tackling on both sides was keen and

hard, while the forward work was very strenuous. The Cedara forwards repeatedly rushed down the field, and we were very hard set to keep them from scoring. Ballenden scored for Cedara, but the kick for goal failed. Soon after this reverse a free kick was awarded to Michaelhouse, and Mr. Macdonald dropped a beautiful goal from far out. With the score level the play was fast and furious; the repeated Cedara rushes yielded them a further try, which was converted. Michaelhouse pressed, and Mr. Taylor, securing from the scrum, broke and slung out to Mr. Macdonald, who scored. The try was not improved upon. Johnston lost a splendid opportunity by kicking over the dead-ball line. During the last few minutes of the game the light was very bad, and it was difficult to follow the ball. A minute before time Mr. Macdonald cross-kicked to Mr. Taylor, who scored the winning try, which was converted by Mr. Macdonald.

Score:—

Michaelhouse: 11 points (1 try, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal).

Cedara: 8 points (1 try, 1 goal).

Referee: Mr. Van der Horst.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Mr. Macdonald, Johnston; Mr. Taylor, Lamb; the Rector, Mr. Bishop, Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Stainbank, Tatham.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* WANDERERS.

The return match was played at Michaelhouse on May 21st. We were glad that the Wanderers could put a full side in the field, for during past seasons matches lost considerable interest owing to the fact that the Wanderers' team had to be filled up by boys.

The Wanderers drew first blood from a cross-kick by Mr. Taylor. Janion got possession, and, showing his fine turn of speed, evaded the defence, and scored behind the posts—a try easily converted. Pearce opened the Michaelhouse score with a fine try. Gathering in the loose, he made a great run, and scored in the corner. Farrer added the next try. Receiving a pass from Mr. Macdonald, he ran straight and scored. Following up a high kick, Pearce got the ball on the bounce and crossed over. The Michaelhouse lead was further increased when Mr. Macdonald dropped a penalty goal. In the second half the Wanderers attacked hard, and Janion again outstripped

the defence. Michaelhouse again pressed, and Lamb, slipping round the scrum, scored. Then Mr. Macdonald hoodwinked his opponents, and gained yet another try. The Wanderers replied with vigour, and Worthington, following up a long kick, managed to reach the ball before Lax. The Wanderers' full-back kicked a magnificent goal from the touch-line.

Score:—

Michaelhouse: 19 points (2 goals, 1 penalty goal, 2 tries).

Wanderers: 13 points (2 goals, 1 try).

Referee: Mr. Adair.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Mr. Macdonald, Farrer; Mr. Taylor, Lamb; the Rector, Mr. Bishop, Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Johnston, Stainbank.

MICHAELHOUSE *v.* ROVERS.

Remembering the fine struggle we had against the Rovers last year, we looked forward with great keenness to the match this year. The match was played on the 1st June. The first half was fast, and play was never without interest. For the first quarter of an hour there was no score. Then Mr. Macdonald, with a fine cork-screw run, opened the Michaelhouse score. The try was not converted. The three-quarters on both sides got plenty of the ball, and the play was of a very open style. After half-time the Rovers were unable to last, and we had matters all our own way. In the scrums we had but little opposition, and our three-quarters made the most of their many opportunities. Winter scored five tries from good movements, Farrer scored from a cross-kick, Mr. Macdonald kicked a penalty goal, and yet another try was added by the forwards breaking away from a line-out. The pace was too great for the Rovers, and they were unable to act on the offensive.

Score:—

Michaelhouse: 42 points.

Rovers: Nil.

Referee: Mr. Adair.

Michaelhouse.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Mr. Macdonald, Farrer; Mr. Taylor, Lamb; the Rector, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Van der Horst, Pearce, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Stainbank.

PRESENT *v.* PAST.

The Old Boys turned up in force, and a capital game was witnessed. Exchanges on both sides at the opening of the game resulted in play being carried into the Old Boys' territory. Here several scrums took place, and from a bout of passing Mr. Macdonald scored far out. The kick, though difficult, was successfully negotiated by Walker. In spite of this reverse, the visitors made strenuous efforts to equalise, and G. Moore, baffling the opposition, retaliated. The try was not converted. Shortly afterwards a forward rush on the part of the visiting team put the balance in favour of the Old Boys by one point. Determined to reverse last season's result, the Present made a united effort, and Walker scored. Mr. Macdonald materialised. Before the final whistle sounded the Old Boys added another try, which was not converted. An enjoyable game came to an end, leaving the Present winners by one point.

Score:—

Present: 10 points (2 goals).

Past: 9 points (3 tries).

Past.—C. F. Moore; G. W. Moore, J. Worthington, T. Norton, H. E. Strapp; I. Vaughan, C. Bennett; A. R. Stainbank, K. Stainbank, B. Vaughan, E. Greene, Frampton, B. Acutt, E. Tatham, V. Malloch.

Present.—Lax; Winter, Nunn, Mr. Macdonald, Farrer; Mr. Taylor, Lamb; the Rector, Mr. Bishop, Walker, Pennington ma., Pennington mi., Stainbank, Johnston, Greene.

CRITIQUE ON THE FIRST XV.

W. C. LAX.—Suffered from a "crooked" knee, but played very pluckily. Slow in getting across, and was handicapped by being able to kick with one foot only. Tackling good.

E. WINTER.—Played well in some matches, but disappointingly in others. A determined runner with a powerful hand-off. Weak on defence, but improved in tackling.

L. T. NUNN.—Last year's full back. A neat kick with either foot. Improved in general play, but still slow in coming up to his man.

- V. JANSEN.—Plucky, but small. Has good football in him, but too undeveloped to fill his position adequately.
- J. B. FARRER.—Seeing that this was his first season, he played exceptionally well. Improved steadily throughout the season. Fast, but a weak kick.
- J. W. LAMB.—This year's stand-off half. Played well in his new position, but made the fatal mistake of hanging on too long when a good chance offered. An all-round good kick.
- N. MIDDLETON.—Fair scrum half. Has much to learn. Must get the ball away quicker, and also come round the scrum quicker. Should develop into a sound player.
- B. E. D. PEARCE.—An excellent player of his particular game. Shines specially at the line-out and in the loose. A good leader, who captained the team well.
- J. H. WALKER.—The utility man of the side. Brainy, clever, fast. Unconsciously selfish. A good place kick.
- E. F. PENNINGTON.—Good scrummager. Improved in the open. Useful in attack and defence.
- K. M. PENNINGTON.—The type of player Natal will want in the future. Keen, and understands the game well; does good work in all departments. A useful place kick.
- C. STAINBANK.—Light, but keen. Slow in the open, but good at the lines and in the scrum.
- H. A. R. JOHNSTON.—Fast in the open, where he does useful work at times. Line-out work good, but with his weight should work harder in the scrum.
- M. TATHAM.—Tackles well and hard, but does not understand the game sufficiently. Improved in each game.
- V. GREENE.—Discarded his apathy of last year and played a sound forward game. Dribbles well.
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