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## EDITORIAL.

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THE winter term, with its more strenuous struggles on the Footer fields, has this year provided abundant thrills for every one in the School, and at its close the Football team started off enthusiastically for a short tour to the Natal Schools—the first of such trips yet attempted !

We make no apology for this emphasis upon Sport, since it necessarily must figure largely in any boy's education, because a full education is concerned with the proper development of the body. But games also undoubtedly act as a school of character, and encourage certain virtues, such as both physical and moral courage, the spirit of endurance, leadership, self-control, fairmindedness, and especially the high power of forgetting self and thinking of a cause. Games are not the first thing in life, but their incalculable influence in establishing tradition, in cleansing the atmosphere, and building up a fine *esprit de corps*, merits their full recognition even from the Editorial pen.

The College Council's efforts in the improvement of the new playing fields, in assisting the Rugby Football tour, and in securing a Cricket professional, are an indication that this aspect of education at least is not overlooked by the authorities.

In matters scholastic, the term has been a hard one, culminating in a week of examinations to test prospective candidates for the University exams. The Michaelmas vacation is a very necessary and

welcome preparation for three months of summer strain, before Matriculation is reached.

To all we extend good wishes for a happy, care-free holiday, "far from the madding crowd" of boarding-school life, there to gather new health and energies of mind and body, in readiness for the last big test of the year. Let the holiday motto for each and all, then, be "*Carpe diem*," for Time, that old gipsy man, will not long stay, nor put up his caravan, E'en for one day.

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## KINGSWOOD COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND.

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During the term, but few donations have been received. One thousand pounds of the Fund have now been invested at 5% but we sincerely hope the Old Boys will not apathetically allow that amount to remain un-increased.

We ask from each only one guinea a year—surely not too heavy a burden! Give this to the Fund, without fail this next term, and you will be remembering a high duty, nor failing the School's traditions.

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

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During the term the following Old Boys visited the School: H. Heathcote, Cradock; F. Hill, (playing for Wit. University Touring Team); J. Rider, Graaff-Reinet; E. Hope and V. Morum, Queenstown; on their way back from golfing at Port Alfred, M. Kohler, Johannesburg; W. A. S. Smith, Martizburg, while on tour along the Border with the Wanderers Team; G. A. Mears, Indutywa, on a visit for the Rhodes Reunion; W. Brooks, Pretoria; P. Hobson, (playing for Gill College, Somerset East); and G. Morgan, from Grootfontein; T. Blake, Cathcart, who was greatly interested in the developments of the last ten years.

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The new Sports Ground, excellently levelled and turfed for the winter, has been in constant use this season, and with its new tall goal-posts is to be the ground for all senior matches in the future. It is being top-dressed this month, in order that it may make recovery in readiness for the Cricket season.

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The following boys joined at the beginning of the term: C. Mathews, Queenstown; J. Pienaar and R. Lancaster.

The Football Committee for the Season consists of Mr. Crouch, Mr. Slater, R. Letcher (Capt.), V. Welch (Sec.), B. Harris, S. Osler, G. Dobie.

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At half-term a most enjoyable School Concert was held in the Dining Hall of Main House. The items were varied and of exceptionally high standard, the School cordially appreciating the efforts of all who contributed. Miss Graham, Rev. A. Graham, R. Letcher and Mathews, with Mr. Webster as accompanist, all contributed to the programme.



In the June Matriculation, C. Warner, C. Neill and V. King were successful. In their places, as Prefects of Junior House, H. Clausen, N. Gauldie and R. Moffett were appointed, and in School House Hutchings succeeded S. Findlay who left at Easter.

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The erection of a spacious tuck-shop with its full provision of store-room and kitchen and a wide verandah on two sides has gone apace during the term, and it should be in full working order at the beginning of the term. Its site—at the end of Main Field, just above the Science Block—rounds off the buildings excellently, and is most convenient for those who wish, with their backs to the afternoon sun, to watch cricket matches. Needless to say, the whole School has been vastly interested in every stage of the growth of this new "health" resort!

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We deeply regret to record the death of Mrs. R. H. Matterson who passed away at Durban late in July. While she was in Grahamstown she had come to meet a number of boys, had lent a helping hand repeatedly at the Foundation Day celebrations, and was cordially liked by many because of her joyous, open-hearted nature. We extend very sincere sympathy to the members of her family, and to her sister, to whom the loss has been great.

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At the close of the Season, the following were awarded their Colours for 1923: R. Nell, S. Osler, K. Bennett, Dobie, G. Wood, S. Meller, R. Roderick, R. Hart, H. Wood, T. Osler, J. Morrison.

Honour Caps were awarded to S. Osler (stand-off half) to G. Dobie (centre) and to R. Letcher (capt. and forward) for consistent play of a high standard.

Miss Graham, Rev. A. Graham, R. Letcher and Matthews, with Mr. Webster as a company, all contributed to the programme.

## HOUSE NOTES.

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### SCHOOL HOUSE.

This term has been not only a fairly successful one as far as sport is concerned but also a fairly exciting one.

As was stated in last term's Magazine we started Football some weeks before the holidays, and though we expressed the hope then that this Football season would rival that of 1921, we still wish to see a team in the near future follow the example set by that team, and attain the standard of football we then witnessed.

Besides many football matches, we have been to quite a number of interesting entertainments during the term. For instance, on Empire Day a concert was given by the Debating Society, and on Union Day the evening was devoted to Readings—varying in humour and interest.

The Capetown Orchestra paid Grahamstown another visit this year, and we all attended a special matinee. Mr. Theo. Wendt, the conductor, spent much time in describing the various instruments used in the Orchestra, giving illustrations as to the tone and pitch of each instrument in turn.

Some days after this Wood House gave a concert in our Dining Hall, which proved to be a success.

We also listened to a lecture given by Mr. Campion, on "Egyptian Excavations." He showed us many slides of a pyramid which was some Egyptian king's burial place.

A few weeks ago a man who styled himself "The Modern Hercules" brought his 250lb weight into the Dining Hall, and proceeded therewith to show us his great strength. He opened a competition among us of which T. G. Osler was the winner, the weight lifted by him being 160 lbs. Incidentally the promised medal for the winner has not as yet arrived!



The new field has been used this year for matches and regular practices, and our 1st XV won the first match played on it against Michaelhouse, (Natal).

For many, the prospect of a sprint in the "last lap" seems very doubtful, and it will be exceedingly hard to equal the record set up by last year's candidates. But to all we wish a pleasant holiday, and hope to see them prepared next term for a successful Cricket season—and the Exams!—R.J.L.

### WOOD HOUSE.

The Footer term has provided all with plenty of excitement and interest, and the House has been well represented with six members in the First XV. In the match School House v. The Rest, no fewer than ten of the latter side were chosen from this House, and then we were beaten only by 14—6.

D. Morgan returned to the House after a sojourn of one term in School House. D. Ellis has left, and D. Hockly has been away through illness.

We are glad to hear that the College Council has voted a small sum of money with which to purchase pictures to cover the bare walls of the Common Room; we hope sincerely this will be the fore runner of many more donations, as we have plenty of space for more pictures.

During the term there has been no case of infectious disease in Wood House. Mrs. Chandler who has been acting matron has shown every consideration throughout the term to us all, and we greatly appreciate this.

A keen ping-pong tournament was held just before the vacation, and was won by N. Plummer in fine style. The trophy cake was speedily demolished, by the various competitors. This game has been of great service throughout the winter, and interest in it has never flagged.

To all we wish a good holiday and the very best of health for Michaelmas.—K.C.B.



## JUNIOR HOUSE.

We have come to the close of what seems to us the shortest term of the year namely football term. There have been regular practices twice a week, although the enthusiasts would have liked a game every day. Of the four matches played against the various preparatory teams of the town our First XV have won three.

T. Kneen has captained his side well, and together with Hawkins the two have made a "nippy" pair of halves. G. Smith (full-back) has deserved his place in the team, and on several occasions has, by sound tackling, saved his side from defeat. Of the forwards we might mention Du Plessis, Ansley and Balsillie who have played hard throughout the season.

Fresh interest has been taken in tennis this term, and whenever possible sets have been arranged. Cordingley is perhaps the most promising player in the Preparatory.

We said goodbye to Warner, King and Neill after the June Matriculation examinations; we congratulate them on their success, and wish them the very best of luck in their different careers.

The following new boys came to this House at the beginning of the term: K. Balsillie, B. Morgan, K. Robinson and T. Wood.

We wish everybody a very happy holiday and a safe return, to shew as much enthusiasm in both work and cricket as we did in football.—R.B.

## LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY.

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The Annual Meeting of the Debating Society was held in the Dining Hall on May 19th. Mr. Gane took the chair. Mr. Gane was re-elected President of the Society and Messrs. Crouch, Williamson, Webster, Rich, Slater and Back, Vice-Presidents ; R. Letcher, J. Startup, V. Welch, C. Hutchings and H. Bennett were elected to form the Committee, and G. Beaton was appointed Secretary. The following were elected new members : G. Wood, W. J. Wood, V. Barratt, J. Oosthuizen, R. Roderick, S. Osler, R. Hart, C. Matthews, J. Austen, C. Schorn, E. Bacon, S. Williams, S. Garner, W. Couch, D. Kingwill, F. Cronwright, P. Morrison, S. Meller and W. Letcher.

On May 24th a musical programme was rendered. Mr. H. G. Webster, V. Welch and R. Nell played piano and C. Matthews violin solos. Mr. Rich and R. Letcher contributed songs. The most striking item on the programme was the last. Messrs. Crouch, Back, Rich, Klinck and Williamson giving the "Bold Gendarmes,"—a most popular item ! The evening was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Gane and Mr. Crouch gave several short readings on Empire Day. Mr. Gane read some American jokes and stories which appeared impossible, Mr. Crouch read five of Kipling's poems which appealed to the audience. E. S. Hancock gave a recitation and H. Bennett read a very amusing Afrikaans story. Mr. Gane then read some short poems and Mr. Crouch closed with a very interesting story. Most of the audience tracing out the story along one line were very surprised to find it end quite contrary to their expectations.

The meeting on June 8th was devoted to Impromptu Speaking. Mr. Williamson took the chair. A long discussion took place on "That the Aeroplane did more good than the Tank in the Great War." T. Osler and



W. Evans were the chief speakers. Then followed two short debates on "The History of a nation is the history of its great men" and "Common sense is better than learning." Barratt spoke for and W. Moffett against the first motion. W. J. Wood and P. Morrison spoke for the second motion. Other speakers were J. Kneen, G. Wood, O. Turner, C. Plummer, L. Kernick, E. Pitt, W. Letcher, T. Cronwright and R. Roderick. All the motions were carried.

On June 15th the debate was "That lower education should be in the hands of the Union Parliament." The chairman for the evening was Mr. Rich. H. Bennett and W. Evans spoke for and J. Startup and T. G. Osler against. The motion was lost by 16 votes to 11.

The debate on June 22nd was "That wealth is more desirable than education." T. G. Osler and J. Startup spoke for and H. Marshall and E. Hancock against. The motion was lost by 18 votes to 7. Mr. Rich again took the chair.

Mr. Champion kindly consented to give a lantern lecture on "Egyptian Explorations," on June 29th. It was very instructive and interesting. He explained the construction of a pyramid and showed slides on the excavations and jewels found in them. The meeting closed by the President thanking the lecturer and the National Anthem being sung.

The next debate was on July 6th. Mr. Slater took the chair. The subject was "That in modern days the wide course of matriculation subjects should be abolished and more specialisation be allowed," V. Welch and E. Howse spoke for, and R. Letcher and C. Hutchings against the motion. The chairman showed how the subject could be taken from different points of view and gave a few examples. The motion was carried by 18 votes to 15.

On July 13th three short papers were read. H. Bennett described his experiences on a trip through Natal. He went to Durban *via* Pietermaritzburg and returned through Zululand. He had many mishaps but arrived home safely. J. Kneen read a paper on



"Poisons." He gave many examples of how in the middle ages women used to poison men and explained how natives obtained their poison from herbs and snakes. W. Edmunds laid bare many facts, in the life of a native, which were unknown to most. He told how on coming of age they had to perform certain rites and ceremonies. They were very superstitious and every kraal had its witch-doctor who obtained large sums of money from the people by deceiving them. He read an extract from a book by Dr. Stewart on the natives. The chairman in closing thanked the readers and remarked on the papers. C. Hutchings was unable to give his paper owing to illness.

The next meeting was on July 20th. The subject for debate was "That prohibition should be enforced in South Africa." Mr. Crouch took the chair. L. Kernick and W. Moffett spoke for, and N. Plummer and J. Startup against, the motion. The chairman showed how it was a national question and how its effects were most marked among the lower classes. The motion was drawn.

On July 27th, Mr. Crouch gave a very interesting lecture on "The American as others see him." He showed how his life is one of business. Everything else was done in a feverish haste. He did things which would surprise an Englishman. The lecturer told many amusing anecdotes and outlined a day in the life of an American. The president stated that in America there was a poor standard of education.

The Masters' debate and Open Session were unavoidably cancelled.—G.B.

## FOOTBALL, 1923.

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The season has on the whole been a very successful one, and the standard of play reached has been satisfactorily high. The 1922 team suffered from lack of weight, of confidence, of experience, also from weakness in defence, particularly among the forwards; but though the side has been light this season, the combination has been good, the defence excellent throughout, and the "dash" displayed in several games, notably the Rhodes and Gill matches, has been tremendously effective. The forwards have improved in scrumming, though several still prefer the loose, open game; their hand-work is better, and with speed and combination they form a useful pack. Letcher is the soundest of the eight for all-round play, though in varying ways Nell, T. Osler and K. Bennett have all been repeatedly prominent.

The backs are good, their passing being fast and safe, their tackling splendid. S. Osler has worked his line well aided by plucky assistance from R. MacDonald, while his kicking has been a feature of every match.

As a whole, the team is a sound one, and its record for the season is good. The Rhodes victory was unexpected and fortunate, but was counterbalanced by the Grey defeat when the team played badly below standard. The Michaelhouse (Natal), match was a thrilling encounter, but the Gill struggle was the most spectacular contest of the year.

It is hoped that a short tour to Natal will be possible during the vacation, for though the team is not above standard, and lacks players of brilliance such as 1921 possessed, yet it should give a good account of itself, and will gain valuable experience.

In the junior teams, a large number of matches have been played, and there is abundant and excellent material particularly among the backs, from whom later First Fifteens can be chosen. In the last few years the Kingswood tradition of fast, concerted back play has, by



its success, won increasing popularity in the Eastern Province, so that School Footer is steadily retaining its hold on the popular imagination, because it provides always open and often spectacular movements.

R. Letcher has captained his side with sound judgment, and never failed to add example to precept in his own play. Results of matches :

Kingswood v. Rhodes	4—3
v. V.H.S.	0—0
v. St. Andrew's	6—0
v. Michaelhouse	8—0
v. Grey	0—5
v. Gill	8—10
v. V.H.S.	6—0

#### v. RHODES UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

[On Rhodes Ground.]

Play remained in midfield for some time and then both lines got going in quick succession but were rapidly smothered. The Kingswood pack then burst up the field and McPherson saved in fine fashion. R.U.C. were penalised for putting the ball in unfairly and their territory was invaded. From a subsequent scrum the R.U.C. line were set in motion, but Firman was badly out of place and the movement petered out. Kingswood were now called upon to defend and only R.U.C.'s tardiness and bad passing prevented their line being crossed. With a sturdy effort Kingswood repelled their opponents and McPherson was tackled on several occasions. A dangerous attack by Schnell found H. Wood grassed on his line and a scrum ensued from which a try resulted from a clever ruse. The R.U.C. full-back stole up to the line and receiving a pass from his "halves" on the blind side, crossed over in the corner. The kick failed (3—0).

Stung by the reverse the visitors made a spirited attack well up the field and narrowly missed a penalty from a difficult angle. Shortly after Orpen gained applause by breaking away from a line-out and punting the leather well up the field, gaining forty or fifty yards.



The advantage, however, was reversed by Harris who "gave the dummy" and gained fine touch. The same player raised the hopes of his supporters by handing off McChlery and racing along the wing, only to be grassed by Firman in the nick of time. Schnell and Turnbull were both conspicuous in spectacular bursts which gained good ground. Shortly before half-time Moffatt broke grandly and was almost over when the leather dropped from his hands.

After the interval the R.U.C. line again presented a scraggy appearance in sharp contrast to that of the visitors. A pretty movement by the latter saw G. Wood break beautifully but the final transfer was ineffective and Cuming returned the leather. Schnell was again prominent in a forward dash and only an infringement robbed him of a certain score. Meller broke away finely amidst the cheers of his supporters but was stopped in time. At this stage McChlery sustained an injury to his ankle and was replaced by Scott from the pack. The latter dashed away along the line but a forward transfer called the movement with his half, to a stop. Drake set his line going again but once more Firman lagged behind and the chance was lost. Scrappy play followed during which the two "fulls" exchanged greetings. Osler then dashed off to midfield, and was outdone in the same feat by Meller who dashed along the wing with McPherson badly out of place. Firman, however, raced to the rescue and Meller was dragged out when within an ace of scoring. Osler saved well and shortly after H. Wood ran forward and set his line going but Moffat's deadly tackling saved the situation. Dobie was next in the limelight with Osler in a three-quarter movement.

Towards the end of the game, the Kingswood pack seemed to have the better of matters and gave R.U.C. an anxious time. A penalty to Kingswood brought play to the homesters line and a scramble resulted in a scrum from which Osler secured and dropped a clever goal two minutes before the whistle sounded, leaving Kingswood victors of a lively and interesting game by 4 points to 3.

This match, with its unexpected result, saw the side playing with splendid dash, and with excellent tackling.

Nell, Roderick, K. Bennett and Letcher worked like Trojans, particularly in the loose scrums, and the pack, though tremendously outweighed, combined soundly. Rhodes' forwards were easily the superior, but their backs by careless, comfortable play in the first-half, threw away several clear chances of scoring—and thus the match.

TEAM: H. Wood; Meller, Dobie, G. Wood, Harris; S. Osler, MacDonald; Letcher (Capt.), Welch, K. Bennett, Nell, Morrison, T. Osler, Roderick, Creighton.

#### v. GREY INSTITUTE, (PORT ELIZABETH).

At the request of Grey this fixture was not played to full match time, and resulted in a very fast, and even contest. Grey started off with the advantage of a strong cross wind, and quickly pressed to the attack, their forwards, heavy and fast, dominating scrums and combining well. Very early in the game their left centre obtained and suddenly broke inwards well and scored to the posts. With a lead of 5—0 in their favour Grey played with spirit, their forwards controlled most of the scrums and heeled cleanly, but their backs lacked finish, and either missed chances or were tackled in possession. Repeatedly they opened out the game, but could not penetrate the defence, and Osler, Wood, Dobie and Harris proved an insurmountable barrier. Three times Kingswood attacked strongly but half-time arrived with no further score.

In the second-half the positions were reversed, and except for two long bursts, one quite early and the other near the end of the match, Grey were kept on the defence. Their forwards were hard pressed, and from loose scrums particularly, MacDonald sent the line away repeatedly, only to be met by resolute tackling. Repeatedly Kingswood threes swung across, until Osler finely drew three men and gave to G. Wood, who crossed the opposing line—and dropped the ball on being tackled! From



the drop-out, Kingswood returned to the attack, Dobie doing good work, but could not penetrate the defence, and the match closed with the score unchanged.

The game was a tough struggle, and resolved itself largely into a series of attacks by the Grey forwards or by the Kingswood backs. Grey had the advantage of both speed and weight, and their forward hand-to-hand work was good; the Kingswood back play had much more sting in it, but Meller was badly missed on the left wing. On the whole, the team played far below the form shown in either the Michaelhouse, Rhodes or Gill fixtures, though Letcher, S. Osler, Dobie, Nell and K. Bennett put in very sound work throughout. H. Wood kicked very uncertainly, but tackled excellently.

TEAM: H. Wood; Kneen, Dobie, G. Wood, Harris; Mac-Donald, S. Osler; Letcher (Capt.), K. Bennett, T. Osler, Nell, Morrison, Welch, Roderick, Hart.

### v. VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL.

[June 30th.]

This match was of a scrappy and uninteresting nature, neither side playing quite up to form, probably through excessive keenness. The V.H.S. far outweighed us, and controlled the scrums, but threw away their chances of scoring by crude handling and bad passing. Our defence was excellent.

From the kick-off, Kingswood backs opened out, but Dobie fumbled; shortly after, Meller made a useful burst on the wing, but was hurt on being tackled, and was not dangerous again. V.H.S. tried long kicks with the wind, but H. Wood fielded well, and found safe touches. Kingswood forwards led by Nell and T. Osler came away to their 25, but were driven back by good kicking. V.H.S. pressed with wild loose play, but S. Osler relieved safely; the opposing backs tried movement after movement, but were safely held at centre every time, and half-time arrived with no score.

On resumption, V.H.S. swung the ball out repeatedly to their threes, but S. Osler, Dobie, and G. Wood never

failed to hold their men, and the attempts made to pass *after* being tackled were almost invariably forward. Several free-kicks put Kingswood on the attack, but sound touch-finding by the opposing half restored play to our 25. Play swung rapidly back and forward, the V.H.S. pack visibly tiring, though their threes were always dangerous. T. Osler gained useful ground, after a long kick by Dobie, and V.H.S. were forced to touch down. A free-kick to Kingswood saw no result, and on the 25 H. Wood threw away an open chance of a score. V.H.S. came back by good kicking, till G. Wood broke, with MacDonald, and put us on the attack. Again V.H.S. came back and pressed on our 25, but invariably threw away chances by attempting bursts through at centre or half. From a scrum near the posts, V.H.S. made a good attempt at a drop, and shortly after S. Osler drove them back with a long touch. Harris after some ding-dong play sent Kingswood close to V.H.S. goal-line, and time went with Kingswood pressing but no score.

On the whole, V.H.S. had slightly the better of the match, but their loose, hustling and uncertain play nullified most of their own efforts. They controlled all scrums by sheer weight, but were inferior to Kingswood in combination and footwork. Kingswood's defence was excellent, and the backs had little opportunity of showing their form on attack. MacDonald was plucky and quick on the scrum, S. Osler very safe in judgment; of the forwards, T. Osler, Letcher, Nell and Welch were often prominent, though the whole pack played with sturdy vigour.

TEAM : H. Wood ; Harris, Dobie, G. Wood, Meller ; S. Osler, R. MacDonald ; Letcher, Welch, Roderick, Nell, T. Osler, Hart, Morrison, H. Bennett.



## v. MICHAELHOUSE, (NATAL.)

[June 25th.]

A big crowd assembled to watch this first encounter with a prominent Natal School fifteen, and were rewarded by seeing one of the fastest and best games of the season.

Kingswood were without the services of Letcher and Meller, while the visitors lacked their one centre ; but both sides played hard, clean footer, keeping a tremendous pace to the very end. Kingswood kicked off, and a dashing bit of loose forward play saw Nell score in the corner within three minutes (3—0.) Michaelhouse returned vigorously to the attack, their centre relieving by a good kick ; but Welch, Nell and Bennett drove them back, until a free-kick, the only one of the match, gave them relief. Getting the ball fairly often from the scrums, Michaelhouse opened out the game on every occasion, playing to Mackenzie their wing, and only the most resolute tackling saved repeatedly a score. Play swung backwards and forwards with great speed, the visiting threes handling very well and constantly raiding the Kingswood territory ; but S. Osler, Dobie, G. Wood and H. Wood safely withstood all assaults. One good break by S. Osler looked dangerous, but it failed through lack of support ; his kicking, was excellent. At half-time the score was unchanged.

In the second-half, the visiting forwards tired, and Kingswood repeatedly gained the ball, especially from the loose scrums. Again and again the line swung away, Dobie breaking well once or twice, but failing to combine with his other backs. Then Michaelhouse would return sharply to the attack, and H. Wood was severely tested several times to stop their wing. MacDonald on the scrum sent the ball out fast, and S. Osler's touch finding was invaluable. As time drew on, excitement increased, for every minute saw a new movement started by one or the other side, both teams using their threes

constantly. In loose forward play, though Michaelhouse hand-to-hand work was better, the Kingswood pack were more united, and by dashing foot work, they forced the visitors constantly to defend. Five minutes before time the Michaelhouse wing dashed to the Kingswood 25, but a long kick relieved, and T. Osler following up fast, took the ball from a high irregular bounce, side-stepped the full-back, and scored between the posts. (Score 8—0.) Michaelhouse rushed play back, only to be driven again to their 25, when play ceased, after a game of constant thrills, between two most evenly matched teams.

The last try was a lucky one, resulting from the bounce of a ball, and 3—0 would have been a fairer indication of the game. H. Wood played above form, fielding and kicking and tackling splendidly; Dobie broke well on occasion, but S. Osler was outstanding for his defensive work. Of the forwards, Welch, Nell, Roderick and T. Osler did good things. The visitors' threes, continually in motion, were always dangerous, especially on the wing, and their team combination was good. The match was a great one, and played in a fine, sporting spirit.

The next evening the Michaelhouse side, with Mr. Hannah were entertained to dinner in School House, and later went to the Bioscope as the guests of the Kingswood Fifteen. Since they won their match against St. Andrew's 11—6, they expressed themselves well pleased with the result of their tour, and most cordially invited Kingswood to visit them at the close of term.

TEAM: H. Wood; J. Kneen, G. Wood, Dobie, Harris; S. Osler. R. MacDonald; Welch (acting captain), Nell, T. Osler, Roderick, K. Bennett, Hart, H. Bennett, J. Morrison.



## v. ST. ANDREW'S (UNDER 19.)

[June 30th.]

In this game we fielded a full-side, except for H. Wood who was ineligible, and the match was a fast, hard-fought struggle, though not up to the standard of the Michaelhouse fixture. It was largely a contest between two different types of football, St. Andrew's relying entirely on their forwards who controlled the scrums, broke up fast and indulged in dashing footwork; Kingswood trusted largely to the backs who were much faster than their opponents.

Starting with a rush, St. Andrew's forwards forced play to our 25, but K. Bennett broke well with the ball at his feet back to half-way. A free-kick gave St. Andrew's an advantage, but S. Osler drove them back by a long touch. Welch brought play down to the opposite 25, and Nell carried it near their line. Back again came play through the opposing forwards to our 25, but G. Wood put Kingswood on the attack once more. St. Andrew's forced play to our 25 but S. Osler drove them back, and near mid-field Meller picked up smartly, outpaced the full-back and scored. (Score 3—0.) St. Andrew's rushed play near our 25 and a free-kick gave them ground, but T. Osler by a long fast dribble over half-way gained relief. From a scrum the ball came fast to S. Osler who kicked over, Dobie and Harris rushed down the full-back, and the former scored. (Score 6—0.) St. Andrew's pressed strenuously after this, but S. Osler's kicking repeatedly drove them back, though some good loose work of theirs made them dangerous. A drop-kick failed, but from the kick-out they pressed insistently, Roderick, Meller and G. Wood being prominent in defence. Play swung backwards and forwards, but the defence was excellent, and when the opposing three's tried to open out, they invariably lost ground. Harris made one good burst on the wing and T. Osler another in the open, but half-time went with no further score.

Both teams were feeling the pace, and St. Andrew's now played an extra man in the back line. Kingswood pressed hard at the start, S. Osler kicking well, and Dobie was taken well over their 25, but ding-dong play continued of a very even nature. A series of forward rushes constantly foiled by good kicking occurred, and then St. Andrew's tried a series of back movements, since they gained the ball from almost every scrum. But none succeeded, for the Kingswood tackling broke up every effort. S. Osler tried a break but was too slow, and after some good work by K. Bennett and Roderick, Letcher carried play down to their 25. Kingswood tried the blind side, but Meller was well-tackled, and shortly afterwards St. Andrew's were forced to touch down. T. Osler led a good forward rush, then the backs tried; St. Andrew's opened out in their turn, but the only dangerous movement Dobie checked by a splendid tackle on the wing. Shortly after, the game ended, leaving Kingswood victors by 6—0.

The outstanding features of the match were the sound Andean forward work, the excellent Kingswood defence, and S. Osler's fine kicking. Beaten in weight the Kingswood pack did not play with the dash they displayed against Michaelhouse, though K. Bennett, Letcher, Roderick, Hall and Welch did sound work. The backs had little chance of showing their strength, the opposing threes lining straight most of the time in order to crush any concerted movement.

TEAM : G. L. Wood ; Harris, G. Wood, Dobie, Meller ; S. Osler, R. MacDonald ; W. Letcher (capt.), Welch, Nell, K. Bennett, Roderick, Hart, T. Osler, J. Morrison.



## v. GILL COLLEGE, (SOMERSET EAST.)

[Played at Somerset East on August 1st.]

In ideal weather this fixture was played in Somerset. Speculation as to the result ran slightly in the visitors' favour, for each team had been defeated in past seasons on its home ground. Gill however had beaten Grey, and also the heavy Bethlehem touring side, so that an even tussle was anticipated.

From the kick-off Gill forwards rushed the game, and opened to their backs, for Dobie to save; obtained again, only to see their effort lost through nerves. Hart charged down the full-back, out the ball flew to Meller, who streaked for his try, only to be flung out right over the corner flag. The spectators were already showing football uneasiness, shifting here, moving back, always with eyes glued to the players who were responding to a wonderful pace. Gill forwards then rushed play to Kingswood 25, and their threes dashed away, for Viennings to miss on the wing. Bosch, their scrum-half, then dashed for the line, to be held by H. Wood just in time. Kingswood forwards now broke, led by Morrison. Gill used their threes, but a knock-on into G. Wood's hands saw Meller off for the Gill corner from his own 25, beat the full-back in great style, and score a brilliant try. Osler converted (5—0).

Gill came fast back, but Osler, Nell, Welch and Letcher with a long dribble repulsed them, and both packs had a great tussle, backwards and forwards, in midfield. Nell dropped on the full-back, and the Kingswood line went away, but Viennings, who had changed wings, brought Meller down. Back surged the Gill eight, till S. Osler and Dobie rested their forwards with long kicking. But Gill were insistent, and charging down a high kick, they swamped the defence and Bosch dived over with a try that was converted. (5—5.) Again Gill attacked hotly but Osler relieved, and MacDonald who was playing on top form sent Harris away on the blind only to be hurled into touch. The Gill line then

swung across, and Viennings swerved right through the defence, to be met by Harris who had come across to save a certain try.

Half-time came without further score, with the spectators, some hatless, some voiceless, but all enthusiastic.

With a rush Gill forwards came away, but Dobie and Harris smothered the move and Osler relieved. Viennings shot away again, but was checked just in time, but Gill tested repeatedly the defence at every available point. H. Wood was shaky and uncertain in the struggle, but the forwards, fighting desperately, raised the siege at last, though Gill obtained from scrums, continually to swing back upon the attack. A kick dead brought welcome relief. Kingswood pack then came fast away to their 25, where Dobie just missed a finely-placed kick-over. Waldman then gathered, and sent his backs away in a superb passing bout; out to the wing, back to centre, to the forwards, then to Hobson at centre, who scored. (5—10.)

Nothing daunted, Kingswood, playing as they have never played before, launched attack upon attack. Osler free-kicked to Gill 25, and MacDonald sent the backs away fast. G. Wood drawing the defence "dummied" to Meller, and went over himself with a beautiful try. Osler kicked in a dead silence, and the ball, hitting the cross-bar, rebounded! (8—10).

From now to the end both sides played grand open Footer, but defence beat attack, though the pace never slackened. Play surged up and down, back and across. Gill missed a difficult "free," H. Wood saved well from a high kick, and the whistle at last brought to an end what was described as "the finest game seen in Somerset East for many years. It was certainly the finest game Kingswood had yet played this season, and this was very largely due to the dashing and combined work of their lighter pack. Mr. Locke controlled the game excellently.

TEAM. H. Wood; Meller, G. Wood, Dobie, Harris; S. Osler, MacDonald; Letcher (capt.), Nell, Welch, T. Osler, Roderick, Hart, Morrison, K. Bennett.



That evening the team entrained for Grahamstown, fagged but not dispirited. During the day they were the guests of many of the Somerset people, and appreciated most cordially the kindly hospitality extended to them on all sides. Those Old Boys who came down especially to see the game were in no way disappointed at the standard of play that Kingswood still displayed.

#### v. VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL.

[August 8th.]

This return match, played on their ground, had aroused excessive interest because of the uncertainty of the first encounter, and though it demonstrated Kingswood's superiority, produced some play of which a repetition is not desirable. V.H.S. started with a tremendous rush, relying on their hustling tactics and great advantage in weight, and both sides soon opened to the backs. Dobie handled uncertainly however, and H. Wood on to whom V.H.S. played with "kick and rush" tactics, drove them well back. Suddenly S. Osler broke through on the wing to carry play to their 25, but Hubbard relieved for them by long kicking. Their threes were strongly held at every movement, and Hart and Nell both shone in some sturdy forward work. Kingswood then swung the line away, and Harris was taken just on the point of scoring. Kingswood pressed strenuously, and Meller on the other wing very nearly reached the line. Again Osler broke, and dashing through the loose, passed to T. Osler who on the line gave to K. Bennett, and the first try was scored (3—0). V.H.S. from kick-out kicked and rushed repeatedly, and H. Wood was injured, Welch taking his place and tackling once in fine fashion.

After half-time V.H.S. pressed hard for a few minutes, Hubbard repeatedly kicking to touch, their threes failed at centre, Dobie and Wood smothering every move. Letcher, Nell and Roderick were prominent in some dashing forward play, that relieved the pressure; Dobie broke strongly, and Meller with a burst put Kingswood

on the attack. A kick to their dead line was followed by some strenuous forward work, till MacDonald sent the backs away fast, and Dobie in a splendid run beat the defence and scored (6—0.) V.H.S. rushed play down field again, but Nell and K. Bennett stemmed the onset, and the latter by good footwork, backed by S. Osler's kicking, took play beyond half-way. By kicking V.H.S. returned to the attack, pressing hard for a few minutes, till Welch relieved excellently and shortly after a fast back movement saw Meller grassed just in the nick of time. Again, started by T. Osler, the threes attacked but failed to reach the line. A vigorous forward rush of V.H.S. saw Welch save well, and then Osler passed to Dobie who gave Harris his chance, and Kingswood again swarmed on their line. From a high kick and rush V.H.S. came away from their 25, but Welch effectually checked them, and Osler drove them far back. V.H.S. tried their threes, but failed always at centre and Kingswood gained ground. The whistle went with no change in the score.

The game was tremendously fast, but the Kingswood defence broke every effort of attack, and had the threes secured the ball more often, the score would probably have been larger. It was a fine exhibition of sheer grit defeating force and weight, and the team played really good Footer. S. Osler was invaluable to the side, and Dobie's play was excellent, though all the backs showed up well. Letcher, K. Bennett and Nell were the best of the pack which, tremendously outweighed, fought grimly to the last minute.

TEAM : H. Wood ; Meller, Dobie, G. Wood, Harris ; S. Osler, MacDonald ; Letcher (capt.), K. Bennett, Nell, Welch, Roderick, Hart, Morrison, T. Osler.



*First XV Characters.*

R. LETCHER, (Captain). Heavy forward and the hooker of the pack ; tackles hard, scrums well, always on the ball, and never fails in energy, combines well, and is always in the thick of things.

V. WELCH. Fast forward with dash in the loose and useful in line-out ; fell off somewhat in latter part of the season ; inclined to shirk scrums ; tackling moderate, footwork good.

R. NELL. Short, sturdy forward, invaluable in the loose ; very fast and tackles hard ; does plenty of dirty work and has heaps of dash ; needs to combine more, and dribble more accurately ; scrums poorly.

T. OSLER. Tall, heavy forward, follows up well and breaks away dangerously ; tackling fair, scrumming weak, and too inclined to "wing" ; good in line-out

R. HART. Light, hard-working forward, never shirking ; valuable in scrums, excellent at tackling ; needs more dash in the loose and experience in footwork ; has improved in combination.

J. MORRISON. Sturdy forward who uses his weight in scrums ; tackles soundly and does not mind hard work ; lacks speed and resourcefulness ; a safe player.

K. BENNETT. Tall, fast forward who has developed considerably ; has plenty of dash and uses his feet well ; combines moderately and scrums vigorously ; good in line-out ; tackling moderate.

R. RODERICK. Light, dashing forward, useful particularly in the loose ; combines well and has improved in tackling ; plays hard all the time but lacks weight ; will develop greatly.

R. MACDONALD. Light scrum-half who lets the ball out fast and cleanly ; has heaps of pluck and tackles excellently ; kicks well, but is somewhat slow round the scrum ; nurses the forwards well.

S. OSLER. Fly-half; lacking weight but pivoting the backs very well; kicks splendidly and tackles unerringly; never tires, and starts fast, combining with his scrum-half well; invaluable on defence.

B. HARRIS. Sturdy wing three-quarter but lacking speed; tackles safely and hard, and kicks well; inclined to edge too near the outside line, and should cultivate a swerve.

G. DOBIE. Powerful centre three-quarter with strong break; kicks well and tackles splendidly; runs straight and hard, and has greatly improved in both handling and combination.

G. WOOD. Light centre with deceptive side-step that has proved invaluable; kicks well and is absolutely safe on defence; runs straight but needs still more dash; handles very well; has improved in judgment.

S. MELLER. Short, fast wing who has learnt to streak for the line; a useful opportunist and a plucky tackler; handles well and kicks moderately.

H. WOOD. Full-back with a long kick, though apt to get flurried and spoil his length; fields brilliantly or badly, but tackles in reliable fashion; does not always use his speed sufficiently.

H. BENNETT (forward), J. KNEEN (wing three-quarter) have both played for the First XV on occasion.

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v. ST. ANDREW'S (UNDER 17).

[July 4th.]

In this match we held our own in weight, and by superior combination in both forwards and backs gained a sound victory. Osler kicked off and the opposing forwards pressed until T. Osler made a strong dash to midfield. From the scrum Kingswood obtained, Kneen broke well, but Turner missed the final pass and a certain try. Kingswood pressed again, and Osler cross-



kicked, but St. Andrew's relieved. Kingswood backs were set in motion, but uncertain passing spoilt their efforts. From a scrum, S. Osler broke well and gave to Kneen who evaded the full-back and scored, Osler converting. (Score 5—0.) St. Andrew's pressed for a short time, Milroy kicking badly, but loose forward play brought the scrum to half way, Turner being tackled well near their 25. Shortly after Kneen broke and reverse passed to Sinclair who scored (8—0.) Sinclair and Guest and Morrison in the loose forced a touch-down, and without much delay, Kneen broke again and gave to T. Osler who scored. (Score 11—0.) Two free-kicks gave St. Andrew's relief, but good foot-work drove them back, and Bowen twice got away, only to be tackled on their 25.

After half-time, Morrison broke strongly, and handed to Kneen who sent Turner over, S. Osler converting. (Score 16—0.) Muir was prominent in the loose, and the Kingswood forwards made repeated dashes, until another long three-quarter movement saw Turner score, S. Osler converting. (Score 21—0.) St. Andrew's tried to resume the offensive, but Milroy tackled the wing safely, and a good touch saw Kingswood attacking once more. From some loose play T. Osler picked up and scored, S. Osler converting. (Score 26—0.) From the kick-out Milroy obtained and started the backs, but the movement failed. A free-kick gave St. Andrew's relief, until S. Osler broke and transferred to Kneen who scored between the posts. Final score was (31—0).

Our forwards were slightly heavier than their opponents, and played with excellent dash. Roderick, Morrison, Guest, Sinclair and Muir all showed up repeatedly. The backs were fair, S. Osler starting them excellently and Kneen at centre doing good things.

TEAM: Milroy, Bowen, P. Morrison, Kneen, Turner; S. Osler (capt.), A. MacDonald; Roderick, T. Osler, J. Morrison, Muir, Guest, Sinclair, E. Gane, W. Letcher.

## The Natal Tour.

Full of enthusiasm the First XV in charge of Mr. Crouch started off on August 15th, for the first tour in the history of the School. They embarked at Port Elizabeth on the *Briton* on the Thursday, receiving a good send-off from past and present Kingswoodians there—and a few friends. A day ashore at East London was a pleasant interlude to many, for Mothersill's had been much in demand, even though the sea was fairly calm. Arriving at Durban on the Saturday, they were met by Mr. Martin of the Durban Boys' High, Rev. Bacon, W. Watkinson, C. Leefer, G. Hulett, and others, and were accommodated, some in private homes, and others at the D.H.S. Through the courtesy of the D.H.S. seats had been booked for the Natal-Rhodesia match that afternoon, and at the "Criterion" for the evening. Later, a trip on the Bay and another visit to the "Criterion" showed the cordial spirit with which Kingswood—the first Cape School Team to visit Natal—were greeted, and we take this opportunity of thanking Sir J. Liege Hulett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hulett, Mr. and Mrs. Leefer, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Rev. J. D. Bacon and particularly Mr. Martin for their courteous hospitality extended.

At the match on Monday it was good to see the number of Old Boys who found their way down to the grounds to watch; among these were J. Fisher, C. Allison, R. Hulett, D. Hodges, R. Matterson, J. Cadle, W. Watkinson, C. Leefer, G. Hulett and L. Pescod.

### v. DURBAN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

[August 20th.]

A tremendous wind was blowing across the Lords ground when, before a moderate attendance, the sides took the field, Kingswood facing the gale. D.H.S. immediately assumed the offensive by strong kicking and using their threes, but J. Wood proved as safe as a rock. Kingswood kept play close, slowly working their way up the field, till Osler sent Kneen away on the blind, and only a splendid tackle stopped him over the 25. Play became fast and exciting, and D.H.S. forwards, who were the heaviest pack met on tour, made a great burst into Kingswood's half, where only a fine tackle by J. Wood prevented their wing from scoring. Again and again D.H.S. opened up the game, their backs moving fast, but resolute tackling, especially by Dobie and G. Wood, broke every effort, and when they kicked over J.



Wood never failed to drive them back. Roderick and Letcher showed up in some dashing forward play; Kneen made another useful burst, but D.H.S. foiled every move, and in their turn attacked.

The second-half saw Kingswood open in great form, playing with dash, and within five minutes Meller from a fine run was pulled down a yard from the line. Repeatedly now Osler sent the threes away fast, and twice more Meller was grassed by the full-back when within an ace of scoring. Dobie made a good opening but the gale made the pass a forward one, and Kingswood kept D.H.S. pinned down to their own 25. A rush by Letcher, T. Osler and K. Bennett forced D.H.S. to touch down, and play went back to midfield. Here High School were penalised and S. Osler dropped a beautiful penalty. (3—0). But D.H.S. rallied vigorously, and a great forward rush saw Robson scoop up the ball and score for them (3—3). From midfield Kingswood again opened to the threes who put in several fine movements, Dobie and then Meller just failing to cross the line.

Attack upon attack was made, and every minute a score seemed certain, for the play was becoming spectacular and it seemed as if Kingswood could not be kept out much longer. T. Osler burst away strongly; then Dobie and G. Wood dashed for the line; S. Osler broke well but the pass was fumbled. S. Osler tried a penalty kick but D.H.S. touched down; another penalty saw S. Osler just graze the posts, and with Kingswood pressing hard-time was called.

The match had been brimful of incident, and, as the Natal papers emphasised, Kingswood were most unfortunate in not scoring more often. The forwards played a fine game, working like Trojans against the gale in the first-half, and then opening up fast in the second. Letcher, Roderick, Bennett, Welch and Nell were repeatedly prominent. The backs were good, but did not play with quite the spirit they have shown in other matches. S. Osler was invaluable, Dobie tackled and broke well, and Meller and Kneen used their speed to advantage. J. Wood at back fielded splendidly and kicked with judgment. Dr. Drummond refereed the game admirably.

On Tuesday morning, by slow train which enabled all to gain a good view of fair Natal, the team went up to Maritzburg where they were met at the station by Rev. A. Eben Griffin, W. E. Griffin (an O.K.) and a large number of the hospitable Maritzburg people who had arranged for players to be accommodated in private houses. Most spent the afternoon in cars, visiting the delightful suburbs and viewing the Public Park and the large number of Schools in the city, and on all sides met with nothing but the most generous hospitality and good will.

On the morrow, a beautiful day, a very great crowd gathered in the Parks to witness the match and an enthusiastic band of Old Boys attended to cheer on Kingswood. P. Cliff, G. Barnes, N. Nuttall and W. Griffin turned up; Epworth arrived in force to encourage the visitors, and indeed, the spectators vied with one another in giving the most hearty and sporting support to Kingswood, and were greatly impressed by the fast, open play of the backs.

From all who enjoyed the Maritzburg hospitality, nothing but regret was expressed that the stay was so short, for the kindness shown on all sides could not have been surpassed.

## v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE.

[August 22nd.]

In this game, the team played their best Footer of the tour, equalling in some of their combination the play of 1921. From the start Kingswood secured and following up swiftly a short kick, Dobie scored (3—0). Maritzburg then used their threes, and looked dangerous in a good movement, utilising the reverse pass very well. But Harris took his chance, and in a burst was away on his own, safe for a try, but unknowingly trod on the outside line. Maritzburg then tried kick and rush tactics but J. Wood drove them far back, and Kingswood swung the line across fast to Meller, then back to Harris, each move being checked just on the line. Roderick and T. Osler kept play in their 25, but by kicking, Maritzburg came down field, and from a line-out their half bumped the ball against Harris, and dived over (3—3). Kingswood attacked immediately, S. Osler broke well and started the threes fast till Meller secured and splendidly beat his wing and full-back and scored. Osler converted (8—3). Maritzburg rallied by loose footwork, and a rash kick gave Steer time to steady himself and drop a good goal (8—7). Back came Kingswood, the forwards combining finely, and away went the backs, Dobie breaking strongly and giving Meller his chance to score again, Osler converting (13—7).

During the second-half, Kingswood dominated the game, and their fast combined back play aroused the keenest enthusiasm. The forwards played their opponents to a stand-still, and the backs swung away in repeated movements. Dobie broke finely and Harris sprinted for the line, but was overhauled just in time. Maritzburg repeatedly tested J. Wood, but his fielding was excellent, and his touch-finding invaluable. Letcher, Roderick and Bennett by good work kept play in the Maritzburg 25, and



again the backs swept along, Dobie making a splendid opening and Harris beating the wing and back, only to be overtaken just on the line. Maritzburg rushed down field, but J. Wood drove them back well. Twice and again Kingswood opened to the threes, till Osler started fast on the blind, and Meller beat the opposition to score his third try, Osler hitting the post in his effort to convert (16-7). Back came Maritzburg, trying their threes, but the defence was too good, and again J. Wood cleared finely, gaining applause from the crowd. Letcher and Bennett forced play away, and G. Wood broke well, only to be taken in possession. Kingswood swarmed to the attack, the line swung this way and that, forwards and backs testing the other side, and for twenty minutes in fast concerted play, Kingswood penned Maritzburg near their line, but could not cross. One dangerous burst their wing made, but Osler saved, and Harris put Kingswood back on to their line. The threes went away but were held; again they dashed for the line, Dobie making a good opening, but again they were held: then in quick succession two more movements swung, a zig-zag, fast and effective, and Meller crossed for his fourth try (19-7). Shortly after, the whistle went.

The large crowd present were tremendously enthusiastic over the play of the Kingswood team, some declaring it the best exposition of combined play they had witnessed for eight years. The forwards, though outweighed, played with dash and confidence, Letcher, Roderick, Bennett and T. Osler doing splendid work. But the whole back line played on top form, moving fast and straight, and handling excellently. Dobie's openings were very good, Harris played his best game of the season, and Meller showed fine form. J. Wood at back played as he has not yet done.

## v. MICHAELHOUSE.

[August 23rd.]

This match, the last of the tour, was played under heavy disadvantages. The team was fagged after the Maritzburg encounter the day before; a motor drive of forty-five miles to Balgowan, visiting the famous Howick Falls *en route*, had to be undertaken prior to playing, and an early lunch at noon of a Natal day that appeared blazing hot to the visitors, all tended to lessen the dash of the side, most markedly in the second-half. With the wind and slope of the ground Michaelhouse started fast, Letcher checking the wing just in time. J. Wood saved in fine fashion twice, and Harris put in some sturdy tackling. Kingswood then opened out to Meller, but for attack he seemed to have

lost his previous dash. Dobie made a good break, but was taken by a fast forward coming across. Play was gruelling in the heat, but from a close forward rush their threes zig-zagged excellently and scored (0—3). Back came Kingswood, G. Wood and Dobie being prominent, till from their 25 T. Osler burst away and scored (3—3). Kingswood promptly attacked with the threes and Dobie broke splendidly, scoring between the posts. (8—3). Michaelhouse pressed strenuously, chiefly with loose forward work, and then letting out had the wing taken by MacDonald just in the nick of time. Meller broke away to their 25, Kingswood forced play to the goal, but Michaelhouse repeatedly broke up field again, Meller tackling Mackenzie very well. Dobie made one more strong break, but failed to reach the line.

The pace had been tremendous, and in the second-half the Kingswood forwards tired noticeably, being simply unable continually to back their threes. On replay Dobie made valuable ground, but a long forward rush saw N. Mackenzie score a scrambling try for Michaelhouse between the posts (8—8.) Both sides played smartly to the backs, but could not penetrate, until in rapid succession Dobie twice pierced the line, and then gave to Harris who scored far out, S. Osler converting excellently (13—8). Twice Michaelhouse then swung the backs across, but were held by strong tackling, and Meller put Kingswood on the attack. Osler broke but was grassed heavily; and Michaelhouse retaliated by three good runs. Along the 25 they pressed till Davies broke from the forwards, and after good hand-to-hand work Crowe scored (13—11). Kingswood then pressed hard, and Osler made a good attempt at a drop. Michaelhouse opened to the backs, but a fine tackle by Meller spoilt the movement. G. Wood broke well, and T. Osler gained ground, till Dobie came across and brilliantly took Mackenzie who seemed well away. Eight minutes from time Nell was injured, and from now Kingswood lost control of the scrums. Again and again Michaelhouse opened to the threes, for the Kingswood pack was exhausted, and a minute before time Mackenzie ran round to score the winning points (13—14).

The game was a good one, fast, open and clean, and Mr. Bishop controlled it admirably.

Immediately after the match, when tea had been served, the Kingswood side drove back in the early evening to Maritzburg, there to catch the late boat train to Durban. The visit to Balgowan was delightful, and the cordiality and courtesy shown was keenly appreciated.

A combined meeting was arranged at the Rev. A. Eben Griffin's home, for he and his son had been indefatigable in their efforts to make the visit to Maritzburg a complete success. At



the close of this social gathering, wearily the side trudged to the station. An early breakfast in Durban next morning saw all refreshed, and at noon the *Briton* steamed out on the homeward voyage. Rough weather saw the large majority of players resting meditatively in their cabins until East London was reached. There, owing to the courtesy of Mr. Leefe of Durban, an early tug took off the few who were proceeding straight up-country. At Port Elizabeth on Sunday, August 26th, the remainder of the team were entertained for the day at various private homes, where they again met with every kindness. That night all entrained for home, having only the most pleasing memories of a delightful trip to Natal.

TOURING TEAM : J. Wood, G. L. Wood ; Harris, Meller, Dobie, G. Wood, Kneen, Turner ; R. Letcher (capt.), K. Bennett, Morrison, Hart, T. Osler, H. Bennett, Nell, Roderick, Welch, ; S. Osler and MacDonald. Linesman, K. McPherson.

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#### Junior Football.

Owing to lack of space, we regret that in this issue it has not been possible to give details of play in the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions. A number of matches have been played with Albany, St. Andrew's and the V.H.S., and there is abundant excellent material which the regular practising will rapidly develop. The back play has greatly improved, but the forwards need far more combination, and rather lack weight against other teams.

## **SECOND FIFTEEN.**

In contrast to the First XV, the Second Team has had a relatively heavy pack with plenty of dash, who tackle hard and combine well, but whose scrumming is very poor. Muir, Guest, H. Bennett, Creighton and W. Letcher have been the best. The backs are a sound set, and improved markedly during the season. Though injuries have been numerous, and have necessitated a number of changes being made. Kneen on the wing, fast and with a wide swerve, has been excellent; Lancaster at centre has come on very well, and with Cordingley makes the line always dangerous; Turner on the other wing has plenty of pluck and dash, and defends strongly. Francis, off the scrum, is neat and elusive, but inclined to be selfish; his colleague tackles very hard, but is not quick enough at getting the ball away.

### **v. ST. ANDREW'S II.**

The first match was played against St. Andrew's early in the season, and resulted in an easy win for Kingswood by 21—3. Kneen was prominent in scoring from centre, and H. Bennett, Guest and Davies were the most prominent of the forwards.

### **v. VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL II.**

In the second match, against the V.H.S., Mathews scored early, and shortly after the forwards (Bennett, Muir and Davies) co-operated with Kneen and Cordingley, resulting in Mathews being sent over again. V.H.S. tried a forward rush, but Cordingley secured, broke strongly and gave to Mathews for his third try. Shortly before half-time Guest scored, Kingswood then leading 12—0.

Rapidly during the second-half points mounted up, Davies, Creighton, Muir and Bennett all scoring from



the forwards, and Kneen from centre. The final score of 27—0 in Kingswood favour was a pretty fair indication of the respective merits of the two sides.

TEAM : J. Wood ; Rayner, Cordingley, Mathews, Kneen ; Bowen, A. McDonald ; H. Bennett (capt.), Creighton, G. Wood, Guest, Muir, Davies, Hall, W. Letcher.

#### v. ALBANY II.

In the next match, against Albany, the team did not play up to form, and let the loose, rushing tactics of their much heavier opponents spoil their combination. Early in the game Kingswood pressed, but the Albany forwards rushed play to the home goal line ; shortly after Francis broke well, and finally gave to Turner who easily scored. Letcher and Guest were prominent in loose footwork, and Francis and J. Wood saved the forwards by good kicking. Albany however in a long rush scored near the posts and converted (3—5), but while they were pressing Hepburn intercepted, and Kneen by a fine run scored again. (6—5.) After half-time, Albany forwards pressed hard, Nilsen checking their rushes well. Kneen got away but was overhauled, but in a later movement passed to Turner who scored, Francis failing to convert (9—5.) Creighton, J. Wood and Letcher did good work, but just before time Albany secured a scrambling try (9—8.) Of the backs, Turner, Francis and Kneen were good, but the weight and speed of their opponents kept them from scoring more, though Kingswood had far the best of the play.

TEAM : J. Wood ; Turner, Kneen, Hepburn, Mathews ; Nilsen, Francis ; Muir, Creighton, Guest, Gane, Wood Hall, Letcher, Davies.

#### v. ESSEX CLUB.

Against the Essex Club, the team played an excellent curtain-raiser to the Grahamstown v. Witwatersrandt University match, their combination hopelessly non-plussing their opponents.

Kneen scored a series of fine tries, and Turner, Lancaster and various others added contributions until about 39 points were registered. Accurate scoring ceased after that total.

Clausen was good on the scrum ; the threes had dash and combination ; H. Bennett, Muir, Wood and Guest played strongly amongst the forwards.

#### v. VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL II.

In the last match, against the V.H.S., Kingswood rushed the field and Kneen scored. Creighton put in dashing work, but Francis gave Turner his chance, and another try resulted (10—0). A good kick by Bennett saw Francis break smartly and score (15—0), while Kneen speedily added another try (18—0). Letcher, Creighton and Evans were prominent in some dashing play, and Kneen scored another try (23—0).

Muir, Bennett and Wood were prominent among the forwards, but scoring was much slower during the second-half. Kingswood swarmed on their 25, except for two spasmodic bursts, and soon Turner gained his second try (26—0), while from a break from Lancaster Kneen added five more points (31—0). V.H.S. attacked by a long kick, but Kneen took the ball at full speed and scored his fifth try (36—0).

Kingswood were easily the superior in every department of the game, the threes proving too much for their opponents. Kneen and Turner were especially good. Of the forwards H. Bennett shone repeatedly, and was backed up by Muir, Creighton, Wood and Hall.

This is one of the best second teams that Kingswood has yet produced, and has an unbeaten record for the season.

#### Result of matches :

Kingswood v.	St. Andrew's II	21—3
	V.H.S. II	27—0
	Albany II	9—8
	Essex	39—0
	V.H.S. II	36—0



## O.K. CLUB.

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It will be of interest to many O.K.'s to learn that the roll of subscribing members is steadily increasing, and several of those who had been allowed to drop out have again been "roped in." Further, since the Club had £200 invested in Building Society Shares at 5%, this money has been withdrawn and been re-invested with the College Council at the same rate of interest, in order that the Tuck Shop might be built this year. Since the Old Boys will probably need this cash only at the next Reunion, for (possibly) giving a grant to the Memorial Hall, the Council will give the Club first call upon all profits, and meanwhile O.K.'s will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing the Old School a good turn, while securing a safe investment for their capital funds.

The Secretary of the local branch in Johannesburg has mentioned a subject of interest brought forward at their last Foundation Day Dinner, viz., that each branch should constitute itself an agency for assisting any O.K.'s in the matter of information or practical aid concerning business openings. This is an excellent idea, and if branch Committees could be formed with this practical end in view, the Club would be more than ever fulfilling the ends for which it stands. We give the addresses of the Secretaries in Johannesburg and in Durban; Cape Town, where there are a large number of Old Boys, still needs a definitely organised branch. Will not some one offer to remove this want?

W. G. Lyne, Victoria Road, Regent's, Johannesburg.

W. A. Watkinson, P.O. Box 1921, Durban.

Congratulations to Harvey Clayton, O.K., who was awarded the Medal of the Royal Humane Society for his gallantry in assisting at the Kleinemohde last June.

Noel Gane has passed his Final Medical in London.

O. Gush is in the Government Buildings at Bloemfontein. He reports having met Collis, Paver, Chambers

and Fitchatt, and Lambert playing a very fine game for the O.F.S. Schools v. the Griqua Schools.

F. Hill, playing half and full-back for the Witwatersrand University team, reports meeting Packer, Neill and Ingram in Port Elizabeth. On tour, he was badly "crooked" at Grahamstown, but continued the trip, even though he had the bad luck to injure his arm again at East London.

V. Ferreira, formerly in the Native Department at Mazoe, Southern Rhodesia, has been transferred to Chipinga. He is keen to form a definite branch of the O.K. Club in Rhodesia, assisted by Carruthers. Rhodesian O.K.'s please note!

D. Ellis is taking up a commercial course in East London.

L. Carruthers is playing a good deal of footer in Salisbury, and played in the trials at Buluwayo for the contemplated tour south.

C. Leefe in Durban, playing in the Natal First League, was presented with a bat, by his club, at the close of the cricket season for his excellent services with the ball.

W. Letcher has been playing footer for the Northern Natal districts, and A. Cadle for Zululand.

C. Neill intends going to Bradford at the close of the year to study the wool trade.

V. Whitfield writes from the Transkei where he gets a good deal of cricket and tennis, but no footer.

C. King, playing for Tarkastad, "ran up against" B. Rayner in a match, when the latter was captaining Cradock. There were five O.K.'s playing that day, three Kings and two Rayners.

L. Sieberhagen, farming at Richmond, reports an invasion of locusts. His complaints are echoed from the other end of the Colony by C. R. Wardle, at Thomas River.

K. Robb is now in the National Bank at East London.



R. Hoole, representing Rhodes University College in the Eastern Province Sports on June 2nd won the 880 yards Championship in 2 min. 3  $\frac{2}{5}$ ths sec. which is better time than that gained at the Inter-Varsity meeting in Johannesburg. He also secured the Mile Championship in 4 min. 44 sec. He also represented R.U.C. against the Oxford University Athletic team at Capetown, on August 25th. In the Half-Mile he came second and in the Mile was third.

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## CADET CORPS NOTES.

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The usual work has been carried on during the term and all have been instructed in Semaphore Signalling.

Ten teams were entered for the Imperial Challenge Shield but only six were able to shoot, and the resulting scores were not satisfactory.

Attention is called to the competition for the Knight Cup for teams of four, 7 shots at 200, 300 and 500yds. which will take place on Monday, October 1st. Medals will be given to the winning four.

The Active Citizen Force hold a Training Camp during October and this Corps will take part in a combined Field Day on Wednesday, October 10th. As there will be some 600 of the A.F.C. in camp this field day will be of interest.

Shooting (Miniature) for League of Empire Shield (seniors) and Watt's Cup (juniors), must be completed before 30th September this year. Next year the time will be extended to 31st December.

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## FOOTBALL.

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### *THIRD DIVISION.*

Practices during the season on the new field provided some really good football and keenness was maintained throughout in spite of too frequent raids by the higher division.

Scrumming work is the weak spot forward. The packs however played with dash in the open and initiative in the line-out. Beaton, Izatt, Mears and Brown showing steady improvement.

Williams, Davidson, Turner and Harradine excelled in the back division. This department showed marked improvement in combination on attack but was inclined to kick far too much and to tackle high on defence.

The halves are weak. There is not a scrum-half of promise in the division. Bacon and Gush, both off the scrum, were fair on attack.

At full-back, Klinck improved with every practice but has still to learn to keep his head when he is rushed. Both he and Todd were sound on defence.

The material in this division is sound and should prove very useful next season.

### *FOURTH DIVISION.*

The members of the Fourth Division have thoroughly appreciated the new field for their practices ; a hard tackle no longer means a grazed knee or elbow, and the football generally has improved accordingly. Unfortunately the division has occasionally had to borrow players from the Third Division to make up the teams. There has been, as a result, a great inequality in sizes. Tommy Kneen has had to tackle Moir I, and Marks to take on D. Morgan or Barratt, but anyway they can do it.

The weakness of the division has been the forward play ; There has been plenty of dash in the loose but the heeling is bad in the scrums, and the forwards are far too anxious to pick up the ball. Jardine, Minaar, Brown, Gaylard and Edmunds have all worked hard.

At half Kneen has improved greatly on last year's form and with additional size and weight he should be dangerous.

At three-quarter K. Wood, Wilkinson, Moir and Gane have all played good games, but require more dash.

At full-back T. Morrison has invariably played a very sound and plucky game.







