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EDITORIAL

One of the few compensations of editing a school magazine is that it gives one an opportunity of seeing many other school magazines. A pile of them lies before us as we plough through proofs, desperately hoping that we haven't forgotten to make sure that Smythkins ii. is duly spelt with a "y," and that the compositor in a light-hearted moment hasn't made us refer to our friends as "fiends."

There they lie, all sorts and shapes and sizes, from the brave little effort that just manages to struggle along eking out its scanty income by advertisements, to the lordly production on expensive paper, amply illustrated and scorning mere commercialism.

Some covers are severely plain, others aim at artistic effect, whether it be the dignified architectural design of Bishop's or the bold wall-paper blue and green of "Praetoriana, Liber Puel-larum." The interiors are more uniform than the exteriors. In nearly all we get one or more groups of teams, smiling self-consciously or staring fixedly, and in all we get much domestic news that necessarily is of little interest to the outsider.

It is to the literary efforts that we turn an enquiring eye, and here we find more to dwell on. Some we rule out, the ingenuity of the parody or the well-turned periods of the critique pointing unmistakably to the staff as their source.

The products of the pupils themselves, crude though they be, attract us more (we must confess) than the sophisticated efforts of their teachers.

It is generally easy to recognise them even if they are not followed by (Dulcie Jones IB) or (Boggins ter. IIA). As one might expect, the girls' magazines abound in pretty little poems about fairies and flowers, while the boys, if they venture on verse at all, affect humour.

But it is easy to criticise—the welcome thing is that some have not only intelligence enough to write but have courage enough to publish.

And the editor, hoping against hope for literary contributions that will serve to leaven cricket scores and shooting records, and act as a

foil to the serious business of examination results, looks with envy on some of the magazines lying before him.

If he may be allowed to say so, he finds most to admire where least he would expect it. The pages of the magazine of a Technical School might well be pictured as devoted to learned articles on strains and stresses, dotted with logs and cosines and other mysteries of the mathematician, illustrated by elaborate graphs, and relieved only by stiff chess-problems. Yet the magazine of the Technical High School contains more serious literary effort than a dozen other magazines put together.

Here indeed is food for reflection; the editor trusts that Johannians will take such a shining example to heart, and that when next he is preparing the magazine for the press his chief trouble will be not to find suitable literary matter, but to make a selection from the super-abundant material submitted.

THE ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE PLAY

An annual production of one of Shakespeare's Plays has long been part of the school tradition. Last year it will be remembered we presented "Macbeth." This year the play chosen is: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will afford an agreeable contrast to one of the greatest of the tragedies.

It is proposed that the first public performance takes place on the evening of Tuesday, June 26th, at 8 o'clock, and the second evening performance on Wednesday, the 27th, at the same time. There are also to be two matinées, one on each of these afternoons; the first will be by invitation for children, and the second—as last year—for the members of any neighbouring schools who may wish to come. Tickets will be obtainable from any member of the staff or of the School for 2s. 6d. for the evening performances, and 1s. for the Wednesday matinée. Last year, by the courtesy of the African Theatres Trust, tickets were on sale at the Carlton Hotel, where

seats could also be booked for the small charge of 1s. We greatly hope that the Trust will extend to us the same kindness again. The coaching of the play is in the capable hands of Mr. Fred Coyne—well known to all playgoers of Johannesburg for his many and excellent productions; and we may confidently expect to add another success to those already won by the boys of the College.

In addition to the inherent attraction of the "Dream," it affords an excellent opportunity for bringing in the smaller boys of the Preparatory School, who will be mainly responsible for the parts of fairies, pixies, and gnomes, as well as for the singing. Miss de la Hunt has been hard at work with them for some weeks past.

We are also most fortunate in having secured the help of the Rev. Hugh and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Frank Phillips and Mr. Taylor for the nucleus and backbone of the orchestra. Mr. Taylor, it will be remembered, was of the greatest possible help to us last year as the leader of the Macbeth orchestra.

We hope our readers will make careful note of the dates and make the play known among their friends.

F.E.B.

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Boys grow up and leave, the stones in the buildings grow greyer, but the boys at the School remain as young as ever and life is always full, fresh and interesting.

It was sad to say goodbye to Adams, Brazier, Brammer, Cary, Dent, Gear, Getliffe, Harrison, Hull, Lowick, Mitchell, Simmonds, Susman and White, but though they will be missed in the Vth, the elevens and among the prefects, they are not lost to us, seeing that they have joined the Old Boys' Association.

Places at School never stay empty and Moses is now Captain of Cricket and the School, while Maitland is Captain of Football and Senior House Prefect.

We were delighted to welcome back Fr. Alston, and hope his serious accident will not leave him permanently lame, though lame or sound we want him as senior C.R. brother in our Community House, and also to give the Prep. games the benefit of his long experience as a coach.

We are fortunate to have such a brilliant Science Master as Mr. Lomberg, though I daresay some would prefer him to tell them about his experiences in the Air Force than explain his experiments in the Lab.

Mr. Crewe, with Mr. Lomberg, is bringing the boys on well with Science, and has established himself as Cricket Coach in the Prep., and, as an old Transvaal Swimming Champion, has had much to do with the Prep. Swimming Sports.

I should like to say a word of very real thanks to our Parents, who, though their incomes have been reduced (but not their taxes), have resisted all temptations to send their sons to a free school and have continued to support their ideal of education. If only all Church people had been like Darragh and founded Christian public schools everywhere, the State might have been spared the expense of building and supporting so many secondary schools; as it is we are in danger of material efficiency taking the place of the Christian ideal of true education; the evil of leaving definite Christianity out of all our schools will not be fully realized until the 3rd generation, when both parents and teachers will be the product of secularism. The Roman Catholics take care of their own, for which they deserve the highest praise, but bring up all other children with no religion at all.

S. John's does not exist because Government schools are not efficient; they are, but they cannot teach Christianity, and until they can we want every Church person to support definite Church Schools. We call ourselves Church Militant. This does not mean fighting all who differ from us, but it does mean fighting and struggling for our Christian ideals. Some people criticise the Diocesan grant to S.J.C., but as it all goes in Scholarships and Bursaries they ought not to feel aggrieved. Others say as we have saved money for building we ought not to be helped, but this is money saved by voluntary service, and if we did not get some money this way I should like to know how the buildings ever would be built, since benefactors are not clamouring to have the privilege to complete our buildings. Our aim has been to pay our salaried staff as well as Government would, and get the best teachers from our C.R. to come and teach for fun and love and a little good-natured abuse for being too Catholic in doctrine.

R.I.P.

MRS. READ

On February 25th we heard the sad news that there was little hope of Mrs. Read's recovery and the next day we were told of her death. It was only last Sports Day that Mrs. Read distributed our prizes, and shortly after, together with Mrs. Charles, carried out an elaborate scheme for collecting money for our War Memorial Chapel.

She and her husband have been good friends to the School and we shall miss her greatly. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her husband and children in their loss.

THE REV. W. R. GRUNDY

The news, first of the accident, and then the death of Mr. Grundy at Durban, came as a great shock to his many friends. Coming to S. John's in 1913 as a layman he showed himself an efficient master, and his great social gifts were not allowed in any way to interfere with his work in the School, where, besides his very capable work as form-master, he regularly assisted in the production of the annual play, no light task as all who have to do with the play well know.

Mr. Grundy took a keen personal interest in his boys and was always a *persona grata* with the parents.

After his ordination Mr. Grundy became known to a wider circle still, both through his position as chaplain to the Mayor and his work at S. Aidan's, and made a large number not merely of acquaintances but of friends. When he decided to devote himself entirely to parochial work Mr. Grundy soon became as popular at S. Paul's, Durban, as he was here, and the scenes at his funeral testified to the hold he had on the affections of the congregation.

A requiem was celebrated in the School Chapel and was attended by the upper forms of the College, while a memorial service was also held at S. Aidan's Church.

MR. MACMASTER

Mr. Macmaster came as our handyman in 1919 and soon showed real interest in the material welfare of the school. He took two months' leave to make experiments with his cure for anthrax, which he used to tell me would make him rich enough to build our chapel! On his return he saw the experiment had not realised his fullest hopes and this owing to their letting his concoction get stale before using it. He had hardly begun work again when one afternoon while shaving he fell unconscious; Doctor Towert at once ordered him to hospital but he never recovered consciousness and died a few days later. We were together in the Boer War and I miss an old friend.

CHAPEL

CONFIRMATION

The following boys were confirmed in our chapel on November 30th, 1922:—George Quin-

nell, Henry Gordon, John King, Ian McGilvray, Charles Owen, Creighton McNeice, George Stirton, Jack Meiklejohn, Denis McKiever, William Bradley, Robert Drummond, George Turner, Noel Castle, Cyril Dearlove, Edward Gurney, Leonard Jennett, Douglas Morris, Manners Nightingale, William Watson.

And on March 21st, 1923:—Herbert Nicholls, John Bawcutt, Thomas Boon, John Stuart, Richard Court.

We are grateful to our Bishop for coming here twice and giving such helpful addresses. It is good for boarders to associate such a solemn event in their life with their School chapel.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Success or failure in examinations is something people see at a glance, and on which they can form an opinion without trouble. Such an opinion may be wrong, but it cannot be ignored: so let us tabulate the results of our exams.

1922 CAPE MATRIC.

10 boys having passed Stage 1 of T.C., and, so possessing Government qualification to enter for Matric., sat for the Cape Matric. last December. 7 passed (Brammer; Brazier; Dent, 2nd; Getliffe; Mitchell; Whyte; Gear, 2nd.) Of the 3 who failed, one (Maitland) had scarlet fever, two (Harrison and Cary) failed in one subject only and were permitted to try again in this subject two months later, Cary passed in February.

The fact that we allowed 8 boys not qualified by Government to enter for Matric. is for very different reasons than those of supplying the public with results, the chief reason being that it is often better for a boy to attempt something which taxes all his powers rather than to do work which demands of him little exertion. They failed, it is true, but one, Suzman, got a 2nd and passed in February, and the rest may try in June instead of waiting till December.

TRANSVAAL CERTIFICATE

We entered 27, 25 boys having passed the J. C. 14 passed, 1 a 1st (Herdman), (Gardner, C. Jones, McKiever, Morison, Mendlesohn, Morris I., Parkes I., Patley, Saenger, Secker, Smart, Thomas I., Twiddy). 8 passed in all but one subject, and scored over 1000 in aggregate (Bompas, Cook, Corder, King, Thompson, Tucker, Seldon I., Norton). 2 passed in all but one subject and scored over 965 (McFie, Donaldson). 2 failed in two subjects. 1 failed altogether.

22 were promoted to Form V.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

We allow all boys of the Third Forms to enter, though III.A. is the Form we expect to pass.

52 boys entered : 27 passed, 1 with a 1st, 7 with a 2nd.

Of the 25 who failed, 10 failed in one subject only.

PRIZE DAY, DECEMBER 14th

Fr. Biggart organized a splendid concert, using the talent of both boys and masters. The Prep., conducted by Miss de la Hunt, also gave some cheery songs.

Tea, arranged by the Ladies' Committee, followed the concert, and then came the prize-giving, for which Mr. Richard Feetham, M.L.A., took the chair, while Mrs. Feetham gave away the prizes, for which we must heartily thank parents, friends and the Council of Education. The following were the winners of the prizes :—

FORM V.—Divinity, Wackrill ; Form, Gear ; Latin, Gear ; English, Dent ; French, Brazier ; Dutch, Suzman ; Mathematics, Getliffe ; Science, Suzman.

FORM IV.—Divinity, Smart ; Form, Morris ; Latin, Saenger ; English, Bompas ; French, Gardner ; Dutch, Norton ; Mathematics, Mendlesohn ; Science, Morris.

FORM IIIA.—Divinity, Duncan ; Form, Felling ; Latin, Jacobs ; English, Veary ; French, R. Wells ; Dutch, Muller ; Mathematics, Felling ; Science, Felling.

FORM IIIB.—Divinity, Thompson ; Form, Johnson ; Latin, L. Wells ; English, Johnson ; French, L. Wells ; Dutch, Jourdan ; Mathematics, Johnson ; Science, Thompson.

FORM IIIC.—Divinity, Wright ; Form, Schwartz ; Latin, Schwartz ; English, Schwartz ; Mathematics, Schwartz ; Science, Quinnell.

FORM I I.—Divinity, Brayshaw ; Form, Tobler ; Latin, Tobler ; English, Brayshaw ; Mathematics, Watson.

FORM IIA.—Divinity, Rogers ; Form, Symons ; Latin, Symons ; English, Symons ; French, Brayshaw ; Dutch, N. Smith ; Mathematics, Jennett.

REMOVE A.—Divinity, Mackinnon ; Form, Getliffe ; Latin, Getliffe ; English, Getliffe ; French, Whitehead ; Dutch, Sutherland ; Mathematics, Taylor.

REMOVE I.—Divinity, Crothall ; Form, Eales ; Latin, Eales ; English, Crothall ; Mathematics, Eales.

GYM. COMPETITION.—I, Harrison ; 2, Corder.

DRAWING.—I, Bolton ; 2, Drummond, II.

DEBATE.—Tucker.

BATTING AVERAGE.—Mitchell,

BOWLING.—Brazier.

THE LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Wimble (Chair), Mesdames Beckingham, Fleming, Getliffe, Crothall, Veary, Cullis, Smith, Adams, Johnson, Bowden, Brayshaw, Nelson, Morison, Jensen, McFadyen, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Murray, secretary.

These ladies have now bought the School a splendid set of tea-urns in addition to the tables, crockery, etc., etc., which they got us last year.

What we should do without such unfailing friends I do not know. Below is given a preliminary statement of their last and most ambitious effort on behalf of St. John's.

We hope this fête may draw all our friends together and give us proof positive that many people want a definitely Church School, independent of Government, and that it will also give us such financial help that the buildings may go forward. The Darragh Memorial Hall is what the L.E.C. mean to see built and they hope this fête may help towards this. Johannesburg changes so quickly that comparatively few people now remember Mr. Darragh, still we hope some of our readers will send donations for this memorial to him.

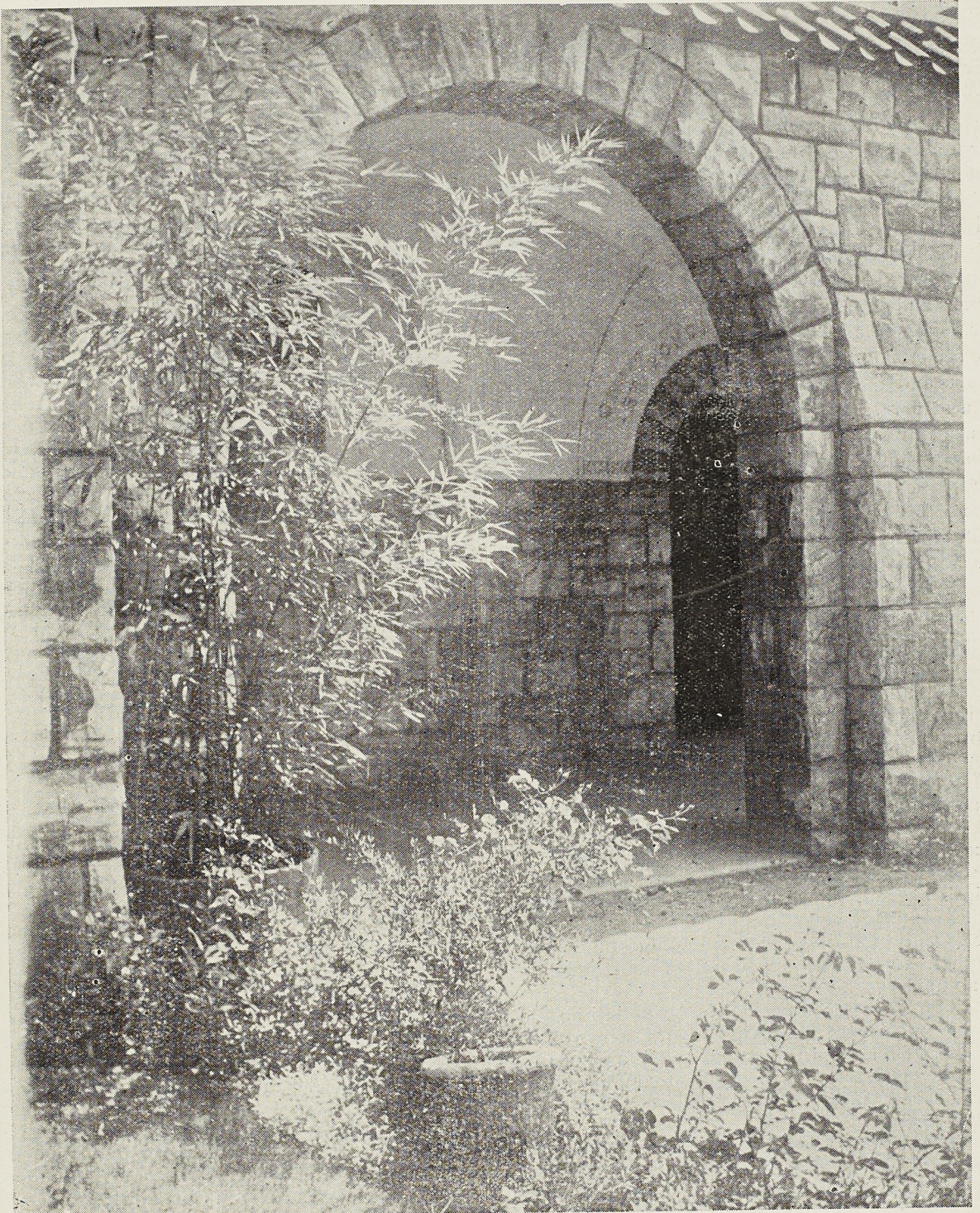
E.St.C.H.

DARRAGH MEMORIAL HALL

In connection with the above, the Ladies' Committee of Parents is organizing a monster Fête, to be held in the College grounds from Wednesday, October 3rd, to Saturday, October 6th.

At first sight this may seem a stupendous undertaking, but when one remembers the hosts of friends St. John's College has and the large number of people who hold the late Rev. John Darragh in grateful remembrance, it should not be a difficult matter to make the Fête the big thing and the great success that the Committee are out for.

The arrangements are as yet only in the making, but a brief outline of the suggested programme should be of interest. On the Wednesday we hope to do big business with the



The Entrance to the Laboratory

Stalls, while on Saturday on the entertainment side there will be a comic Football Match, followed by a Mock Trial at which the delinquents at the Match will be suitably dealt with. Thursday has yet to be arranged for, but it is hoped to have a play in the evening. Friday we want to have a big Dance in the Gymnasium, and on Saturday the Stalls should again be doing great things, and we shall probably wind up the Fête with another Play.

Stalls have already been booked as follows:—Fancy Work, Tobacco, Produce, Cakes, Curios, Books and Pictures, Sweets, School Colours, etc., etc., and, of course, Refreshments, and in addition we are aiming at having a record number of side-shows and other attractions, including a Tennis Tournament. Father E. St. C. Hill is the President of the Fête, Mrs. J. Colin Murray, Chairwoman, and Mrs. Beckingham, 58, Regent Street, Yeoville, and Mr. S. H. Cullis, 12, St. Peter's Road, Bellevue, Joint Hon. Secretaries. These, with Father Biggart, Miss Thomas and Mrs. Tucker, form the Executive.

What is wanted is to mobilize all the interest in S. John's, and the Joint Hon. Secretaries will be grateful if any offers of help can be sent them at an early date.

We hope to have a strong Old Boys' section working through their own Association, and, in short, we don't want anyone left out of this effort. You can help by:—(1) Providing a Stall. (2) Offering to assist at a Stall or a Sideshow. (3) Sending gifts in kind, which will be allocated to the Stalls already promised. (4) Contributions of money. It does not matter whether you live in the Transvaal, in Rhodesia, or the Cape, your help is needed, and a note to either of the Secretaries will bring you at once into close touch with the organization, and if you are doubtful how you can help you will be helped out of that difficulty in no time.

The Secretaries are particularly desirous to hear from parents of boarders with whom it is impossible for them to get into touch personally, and they guarantee to dispose of anything that may be sent them, from a span of oxen to a dozen eggs.

This is a big thing, but if all pull together, and everybody does what they can, a grand success is assured.

Above all do offer to do something.

VARIA

Professor Kirby very kindly came with his gramophone and gave a most interesting and illuminating lecture on Music to the School. It was hoped that a good contingent from S.J.C. would attend the Educational Concerts given by the Capetown Orchestra, but owing to our beginning school a week later than the rest it could not easily be arranged and very few boys went. This was a pity, as the concerts were admirable in every way, and Prof. Kirby was most successful in holding the attention of the packed audience.

A number of boys were selected both from the College and the Preparatory School to see the exhibition of the South African Academy in response to the kind invitation of the Committee, and much enjoyed the visit. S. John's was not able to show anything this year, but we look forward to sending in an exhibit next year.

Fr. Biggart has taken parties of the Preparatory School boarders to the Art Gallery and so has fostered in their young minds an interest in things artistic, while every now and then all the boarders have been entertained by films on the Pathescope, which Messrs. Lomberg and Crewe work with the scientific skill we expect from them.

Various ladies and gentlemen have very kindly come to entertain the boarders at what must often have meant considerable inconvenience to themselves, and we thank them very heartily. Among them we must mention especially Major King and Mr. G. W. Nelson.

LIBRARY

Some valuable additions have been made to the Library in the last few months; three volumes, admirably illustrated, on "The Wild Life of the World," and a fine Atlas, both presented by Mr. Murray. We have also received through Norman Smith the two volumes of Tissot's famous "Life of Christ." Other welcome presentations have been made by present and past boys.

Possibly there are some, who, though not able to present new books in this way, yet have at home copies of well-known authors which they would be willing to part with. If so, the Librarian would be glad if they would communicate with him. Often books lie at home unused after having been once read, and get gradually spoilt with age, whereas, if placed in the Library, they could be circulated to the advantage of many, and thereby also relieve the strain on the limited funds available.

K.M.



PEDESTRIAN HOBBYHORSE

Our readers will be interested in this picture of a forerunner of the bicycle, reproduced from a coloured print dated 1819 in the School Museum. The following account is printed on the margin :—

This machine is of the most simple kind, supported by two light wheels running on the same line; the front wheel turning on a pivot, which, by means of a short lever, gives the direction in turning to one side or the other, the hind wheel always running in one direction. The rider mounts it, and seats himself in a saddle conveniently fixed on the back of the horse (if allowed to be called so), and placed in the middle between the wheels; the feet are placed flat on the ground, so that in the first step to give the Machine motion, the heel should be the part of the foot to touch the ground, and so on with the other foot alternately, as if walking on the heels, observing always to begin the movement very gently. In the front, before the rider, is placed a cushion to rest the arms on while the hands hold the lever which gives direction to the Machine, and also to balance it if inclining to either side when the opposite arm is pressed on the cushion.

MUSEUM

The casts of classical sculpture have arrived and form a very useful as well as ornamental addition.

They include an archaistic head of an athlete, the Bologna Athena, and a fine head of Augustus.

Among other additions are a German helmet and a fine old brass smoothing-iron from Major King, to whom we owe so much.

Another article on the Museum has appeared in the "Star" and is reprinted in this number, and during the widespread interest in Egyptian antiquities our collection was filmed and must have been seen by many thousands in the "South African Mirror."

Mr. Fowler has given us a couple of interesting books: Bishop Colenso's "Ten Weeks in

Natal" (1855), autographed by the author, and a School Geography of 1817.

At the Gaudy a special show was made of old books on S. Africa.

Glass cases are badly needed in order to display adequately our more important specimens.

C.R.

PICTURES

A few small but useful pictures have been added to those already on the class-room walls. Form IIA., who started the year with bare walls, made a gallant effort, and by getting up a collection among themselves and by holding an auction sale (cunningly securing the services of Mr. Cuckow as auctioneer) have managed to get some very effective pictures.

*Efficiency Platoon*

CADETS

The first two terms of the year have been very strenuous and it is hoped that a certain amount of progress has been made. The provision of a really first-class range has made the shooting side of the work comparatively easy and the high standard of drill efficiency made the hectic three weeks of training for the Efficiency Shield Competition a real pleasure. That we have a range and that the Efficiency Platoon did so well in the Competition is due to a large extent to the really hard work put in by Capt. Rolfe. It must be our aim to improve what he has done so well and to make a bold bid for high honours in all Cadet Competitions in the future. By the time this appears in print the whole Corps will be in possession of their new uniform and perhaps a few words of advice on this matter may not be out of place. Those puttees!!—this is being

written from a full heart and after somewhat bitter experience. They are not easy things to put on, but every Cadet will receive instruction on how to manage them and is advised to keep on doing exactly as he is told and not try any fancy tricks; puttees have been known to resent this! The stiff cap is an innovation as far as we are concerned, and it is imperative that it should remain stiff. A soft soft cap is one thing, but a soft stiff cap is quite another. Finally it is to be hoped that everyone will do their utmost to keep their uniform in good condition.

We now have a Machine Gun on charge. Mr. Lomberg has undertaken the training of Sections. There is a vast amount of work to be done by those who set themselves really to understand a gun in all its parts and uses, and nobody who is not ready for really hard work and who is not mechanically minded should volunteer for the training. Mr. Lomberg has also given us of

his best on the range and we are particularly grateful to him since he is not on the Cadet Staff at present.

TRANSVAAL EFFICIENCY PLATOON COMPETITION

Subject	Maximum	K.E.S.	Parktown	S. John's	S. George's	R.E. Trades
Turn Out	40	39	38	38 2nd	35	36
Steadiness on Parade	20	19	18	17 5th	18	18
Drill	40	38	34	32 3rd	31	30
Rifle Exercises	20	19	18	15 5th	16	17
Handling of Arms	20	19	17	16 3rd	16	16
Saluting	20	17	16	14 3rd	14	14
Musketry	40	35.194	29.662	33.298 2nd	27.818	25.792
Total Position	200	186.194 1st	170.662 2nd	165.298 3rd	157.818 4th	156.792 5th

The No. 8 District held its preliminary round in the above Competition on Saturday, April 28th. We entered a team for the first time and spent just three weeks in intensive training. We should have had longer but we were relying on the powers that be acceding to a general request that the Competition should be put off till September. They did not do so, however; hence the hurry. Before anything else is written on this subject it should be put on record that whatever were our failings on the actual day the way in which all did their part was particularly gratifying to those who were responsible for the training. The way the boys turned out at all hours for parades which must have been very wearisome sometimes was really splendid, and the Corps Staff cannot wish for anything more if every Efficiency Platoon in the future turns out with equal keenness.

Now to get down to "brass tacks"—what lessons have we learnt? From the detailed marks the following conclusion can probably be drawn: we dropped two points on Turn Out; probably a puttee was a little uneven. Three points were lost on Steadiness on Parade; possibly a Cadet

flicked his little finger, another moved his head, while yet another let his eyes wander during the Inspection. It is these little things that count. On Drill we lost eight points, and these can almost certainly be accounted for on the score of nervousness. However, with any luck we shall have sixteen of our present Platoon with us next year and they will be hardened warriors by that time. Our rifle exercises must be smartened up, as indeed must our saluting, and these two remarks apply particularly to the whole Corps. More will be said about musketry hereafter, but as far as the Competition is concerned the Cadets gave a thoroughly good account of themselves, and if we had had better luck in the draw for targets we should have done even better.

Everyone concerned has every reason to be thoroughly satisfied with what they have done as a first effort, and as long as we learn our lessons and go forward with the determination to do better still all will be well.

THE IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION

The conditions for this year's Competition make good reading. The governing body have adopted the principle of the Imperial Army that a general high standard of efficiency in a unit is of more value than the exceptional brilliance of a few representatives of that unit. This is the Army principle in boxing and all kinds of sport, and here we have it in the Challenge Shield Competition.

Only lack of time has prevented our putting in the whole Corps for the Competition, but as it is we have entered ten teams, which include every Senior in the Company and a picked team of Juniors. As in the Efficiency Platoon work so in our shooting Sergeant-Major Hall has been of the greatest help to us and we are greatly indebted to him for all he has done. By the time this is in print most of the Competition will be over but here is good luck to everyone. Remember your breathing and trigger-pressing, and in the words of the classics, "don't get the breeze up."

PHILIP E. CUCKOW,

Captain and Adjutant.



1st Eleven, December, 1922

CRICKET

The Test matches robbed us of the advantage of our coach, Mr. Perring, and though few teams have been as keen as this one or captains as energetic as Moses, still our batting showed the loss of coaching, especially in our collapse against K.E.S.

Mr. MacDonald arrived as coach before the J.H.S. match. He had no time to do much, still the batting improved and we made 150 against J.H.S., though the day's play ended with their score being 70 for no wickets, not an easy task for us to face on the second day. The team, however, were on their mettle on Saturday and seven wickets fell for 150. Hopes were raised when two wickets fell for two balls, but Jeppe's tail made up in hard hitting what it lacked in science and the last three wickets put on nearly 100. Our play against Mr. Marais' and Mr. Walshe's strong teams made us hope for better results against the

two best schools in South Africa. However, it is far more interesting to play a team that ought to win than to play a bad team. E.H.

SHORT SUMMARY OF CRICKET MATCHES

1ST XI.

S.J.C. vs. Mr. Marais' XI.—S.J.C., 168 for 8 ; Mr. M.'s XI., 173 for 6. Lost.

S.J.C. vs. Mr. Walshe's XI.—S.J.C., 159 ; 2nd innings, 152 for 2 ; Mr. W.'s XI., 332. Lost.

S.J.C. vs. Pretoria.—S.J.C., 91 ; Pretoria, 133. Lost.

S.J.C. vs. Parktown H.S.—S.J.C., 218 ; P.T.H.S., 1st innings, 76 ; 2nd innings, 55. Won.

S.J.C. vs. K.E.S.—S.J.C., 62 ; K.E.S., 63 for 3. Lost.

S.J.C. vs. Marists.—S.J.C., 351 ; Marists, 213. Won.

S.J.C. vs. J.H.S.—S.J.C., 150 ; 2nd innings, 88 for 7 ; J.H.S., 247. Lost.

2ND XI

Our first game—a win—was against Pretoria High School 2nd XI. Played at home. Batting first Pretoria scored 111; Hoar took 3 wickets for 11, Etheridge, 3 for 29, David, 2 for 19. Our opening batsmen scored freely—Hoar 54, Secker 39, David 34, Dearlove, 24, 7 wickets being down at the close of play for 191 runs.

The next game was won against Parktown 2nd XI. We were fortunate in being able—owing to rain—to divide our opponents' innings into two parts; Hurry scored freely for Parktown, obtaining 66 before being bowled by Miller. The rest of the side were dismissed fairly easily, their innings closing for 114. For S. John's Richardson scored 59, David 37, Fraser a characteristic 22, the game ending with S. John's 146 for 6 wickets.

The third game was against King Edward's 2nd XI—a two days' match. We began most promisingly, the first day closing with our score at 131 for 1 wicket. The uncertainties of cricket were well illustrated on the second day when the whole side was dismissed with the addition of only 50 runs—chiefly owing to some very good bowling by Gollach. Hoar scored 69, Richardson 29, David 27. Four of King Edward School's wickets fell for 24 runs, but Quinn (62) helped by McCarthy (30) and Charlton (20), pulled the game out of the fire by sound, stolid batting, our opponents ultimately winning by 31. It was an excellent game, full of excitement to the end.

The next game was against the Marist Brothers School 2nd XI., and proved an easy victory for S. John's. Marist Brothers 37; S. John's 176 for 7 wickets. In this game Richardson scored 54. Miller took 4 wickets for 16 runs.

We were indebted to the tea interval when we played S. George's Home for enabling us to make a draw greatly in their favour. We declared at 172 for 6 wickets, S. George's Home replying with 129 for two wickets. For S. John's David scored 54, Hoar 42, Morison 25. Abbot 68 not out, Eardley 32 for S. George's Home, broke the back of our bowling.

The last game of the season was against Jeppe. As against King Edward's we started well, four of their wickets being down for 36; Cole (81), however, for Jeppe, batted splendidly until caught by Morison from an atrocious ball from Etheridge, and so enabled them to finish their innings with the useful score of 181. Our batting by this time was suffering from the depredations of the 1st XI., and in spite of David's 54, the side was out for 149—a win for Jeppe by 32 runs.

The following boys played in most of the games :—David, Hoar, Richardson, Secker, De Kock, Duncan, Miller, Fraser, Dearlove ma., Etheridge, Stevenson. Hoar and Dearlove were promoted to the 1st XI. towards the close of the season.

Analysis of results : Games played, 5 ; won, 2 ; drawn, 1 ; lost, 2.

S.D.

3RD XI.

The Third Eleven do not not usually have much attention paid to them in the Magazine, nor do they expect it, but perhaps these few notes will be accepted for publication, as there are quite a number of boys in the Eleven who show great promise, and, if they will take their cricket seriously, will surely before long find their places in a strong School Eleven.

As usual, the number of matches played did not exceed five, and of these only two were won, against Yeoville and Parktown; but the games against Jeppe, K.E.S. and Pretoria were very evenly contested and should be won in the future if boys will pay attention to the following points in the several departments of the game :—

BATTING.—What is required here is enterprise. Probably owing to watching Test Cricket boys seem to think their first duty is to play every ball back to the bowler if possible, and their second duty—very much second—to score runs. In every match played at least fifty more runs might have been scored, and since our opponents invariably took every opportunity of scoring runs, this lack of enterprise very probably lost us at least one match. Nobody wishes to see blind hitting, but third eleven bowling is never so fearsome that some liberties cannot be taken with it, and there is nothing that upsets a bowler and his field more than to have some quite unexpected runs made off what they considered good bowling. This leads to the matter of running between the wickets. We probably lost an average of twenty runs a match on this count. The free batsman must back his partner up.

BOWLING.—We have several very promising bowlers, and these must remember that length comes first and pace second, and that pace without length is of very little use. Slow bowlers must remember that a short ball that breaks is if anything more easy to hit than a slow straight ball. Length comes before everything.

FIELDING.—This has been much better than is usually the case with the Third Eleven and very few catches have been dropped. There has

been a very refreshing keenness in the field. In this connection it may perhaps be well to advise any of the team who are buying new boots for next season that chrome or rubber soles are of very little use, and that they will improve their batting, bowling and fielding if they can obtain the really firm grip on the ground that spikes give.

In conclusion it may be said that if all members and prospective members of the team will take their cricket seriously there is no reason why they should not give a really good account of themselves in the second half of the season.

P.E.C.

UNDER XIII.

The 1922 team won two matches—v. Marists and S. George's, drew with Jeppe, and lost against P.T.H.S. and the return match v. Marists. David proved an energetic captain. Castle had the highest batting average (24) and also the best bowling average (3.9).

The team consisted of G. Gettliffe, D. Collins, Q. Routledge, R. Hill, N. Castle, H. David, N. Crothall, M. Grant, J. Lauria, G. Cretikos, K. Buchanan, T. Watermeyer.

Hill was knocked out early in the season with a broken arm. The 1923 team was necessarily weaker and lost v. Jeppe and Marists but won against Yeoville.

K.M.

FOOTBALL

FIRST LEAGUE

Of the few games played, we have drawn with a University team (3—3), and with St. George's Home (2—2); victories have been won against Germiston (1—0) and the Trades School (8—0), while we have been defeated by Parktown (0—1) and by the Old Johannians (2—5).

The team was somewhat despairing at first, but it has keenness and is improving wonderfully; its chief failing now is a lack of confidence, particularly among the forwards. This defect we trust may soon be remedied by a long series of successes!

We have tried various experiments with the team, and have finally decided on the following as the most useful side:—Goal, Nicholls; backs, Allen, Greenberg; halves, David, Maitland (capt.), Parkes; forwards, Duncan, de Kock, Jones ma., Thomas mi., Morison.

S.D.

SECOND LEAGUE

The season is still young, only four matches having been played by the two teams. Of these, the A team has won one and lost three, the only severe beating being at the hands of Marists, who beat us 5—0. The B team has drawn one and lost three. Parktown and Yeoville both scored three against us to our nothing.

These facts may not appear very inspiring on paper, but they do nevertheless show a vast improvement on last year's results. We received terrible punishment from K.E.S. and Jeppe last year, and this year our A team were beaten by K.E.S. (2—1) and by Jeppe (3—1); our B team were beaten by K.E.S. (2—1) and drew with Jeppe (1 all). This is surely a tremendous improvement on last year's 8—0, in one case, and it can safely be said that if we can only get back our two halves, who are at present sick, we have an excellent chance in the future games.

The following points are being continually hammered into the boys, but perhaps they will not mind seeing them again in print. The three tricks of the game we stand most in need of learning are:

- (1) Heading,
- (2) Accurate trapping and general control.
- (3) The through pass.

In addition to these the whole of both teams must practise running with the ball, and all wing-men must learn to carry a ball on down the wing without checking their own run more than is absolutely necessary.

P.E.C.

THE GARDEN

The valley extension has been ploughed and fenced and the greater part of it planted with over 3,000 Eucalyptus Maidenii. Thanks to excellent rains the seedlings have settled in and made a good start.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Nelson for some roses and to Major King for blue petunias; both gifts have done well.

Schemes are in mind for some further permanent garden-work, but at present nothing has actually been begun, beyond the construction of a thatched shelter on the lower terrace in which classes can be held on sunny days in winter.

C.R.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Although not the scene of such riotous enthusiasm as the Preparatory Swimming Sports, or quite such a social function, some good performances were to be seen at the College Sports.

The winners were as follows:—

50 Yards, Junior.—S. J. Grant 1, F. Secker 2.

50 Yards, Senior.—G. King 1, R. Harrison 2, C. Friend 3.

Diving, Junior.—N. Castle 1, S. J. Grant 2, M. Grant 3.

Diving, Senior.—C. Friend 1, G. King 2.

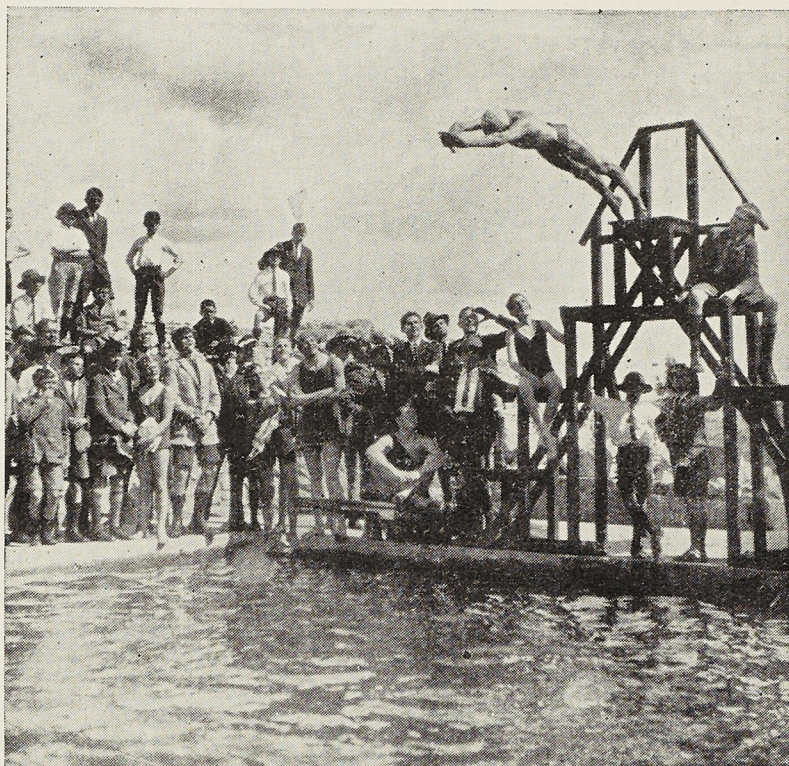
Plunging, Open.—H. Sutherland 1, C. Friend 2.

100 Yards, Open.—R. Harrison 1, C. Friend 2.

50 Yards, under 14.—M. Grant 1, N. Castle 2.

The House Relay Race was won by Hill's.

We are grateful to Mr. Mole for kindly acting as judge. He was assisted by Mr. Eisenberg.



College Swimming Sports

IMPRESSIONS OF S. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Our gallant army, true to its splendid traditions, had flown at a steady pace from sunrise, but the strain was beginning to tell and a few of the weak-wings were lagging behind. Even I, hardened veteran of a hundred flights, was not sorry when it fell to me to pass the hiss along the ranks for descent.

We volplaned down in finished style to a lower level, our accoutrements glittering in the setting sun, and there far below we saw a stately group of stone buildings on a ridge.

One of our scouts whispered to me that it was S. John's College, a sort of refuge for human voetgangers he explained, with abundance of excellent food to be had.

Sure enough as we dropped still lower there were numberless immature humans, hastening

down to one end of the buildings whence was wafted up a most agreeable and appetising scent—"buns," said the scout as I sniffed it.

Some of them noticed us and began to wave their fore legs about excitedly and to utter strange noises.

The whole body of the inhabitants forthwith turned out in force, to welcome us as we supposed. The welcome, however, was a little rough, consisting as it did of deluges of water from a garden hose and of much flourishing of sticks and hurling of stones. In their excitement they leaped about on the flower-beds, thereby damaging a vast amount of palatable provender.

Many of our brethren suffered regrettable accidents, but, nothing daunted, we settled to earth. As the scout had informed me, food was abundant, and I was lucky enough to snatch a juicy bit of orange-peel from the jaws of a greedy young recruit who was sneaking off with it.

Fortunately for us a globular metal affair was violently clanged and several adult humans appeared; they had long black hangings about them, much like wing cases, but they made no attempt to fly, or even to hop. On their arrival the voetgangers entered the building by means of several large apertures, and we were able to enjoy a little peace and quietness.

It did not last long, however, for just as my platoon had settled down to sleep in a cosy heap on the warm-side of a wall, some of us were rudely seized and carried off to be placed in a kind of box on legs in which were many papers and books. We did not lose hope but explored our prison carefully, discovering a toothsome morsel labelled "creamy toffee," over which we were busily scrapping when the roof was suddenly lifted up and the face of an astonished voet-ganger human peered in.

I made an heroic hop for his nose and he uttered a loud cry of dismay. Profiting by the confusion caused by my courageous action, my companions leaped out and we were soon being pursued with much outcry around the room.

Several of my brave troopers were hounded to death, but my good fortune did not fail me and I succeeded in emerging once more into the dark and peaceful quad.

The night was bitterly cold and I thought longingly of the platoons snugly heaped along the wall.

However, I kept up a stout heart, and when a huge toad appeared bulging with the bodies of many an unfortunate fellow locust, I leaped at him with all my force, striking fear into his craven soul.

At last dawn came, and as the sun warmed my torpid body I hopped off to rejoin the main force.

A hasty consultation was held and it was decided, wisely, I am sure, to delay no longer in this inhospitable spot.

With many a sad gap in our ranks, we rose into the glad sunshine. As we soared up into the free air, high above the feeble enmity of man, we cast one last glance on the ridge where so many a good fellow had met an untimely end, and then swung off, proud and irresistible, to fresh fields and pastures new.

Locust 3001 XZ, sub-flight-director,
1723rd Batt., Transvaal detachment,
49th Swarm (S.A. Highfliers).

THE GRANDEUR THAT WAS ROME

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in the *Star*)

Those queer people, gifted with highly developed psychic powers whom one occasionally comes across in fiction, would have a thrilling time in the museum of S. John's College. They would only have to pick up an old jar or a handful of beads and straightway ancient Egypt of 3,000 B.C. would stand before them with its solemn and gigantic temples and palaces strung out along the banks of the Nile in the glaring sunlight, their walls emblazoned with the history of gods and kings. Or they could handle a little Greek figure, or a lamp of terra cotta, and forthwith they could conjure up some glowing hill-town, adorned with glorious statues of marble and bronze. If they wished they could brood over a fragment of marble from the Forum, or coins of some of the great Cæsars, and visualize the grandeur and crowded life of Imperial Rome, opulent and supreme. Or they could peep further still into the past and by taking up some pebbles roughly chipped into a usable shape, transport themselves into the company of hairy, beetle-browed, heavy-jawed, primitive man.

Now I do not possess any psychic powers myself, but I do enjoy hearing and reading the stories of relics of the past, and when I know a

little of the story of any antique I like to allow my imagination some scope, guided and restrained by the knowledge I have acquired.

And in the S. John's museum I paid particular attention to that section marked by busts of Julius Cæsar, keen and cynical, and of Augustus, sensitive and stately, casts of the famous portraits in the British Museum. For the Romans of old had to deal with many problems that confront modern man, problems of combining central government with local freedom, problems of colonization, problems of labour, problems of litigation and many others. And the successes and failures of the Romans of old can teach us much to-day, heirs of all the ages as we are.

A fragment of concrete, for instance, reminded me of the skill of the Roman engineers. Many who look on concrete as the last word in building construction may be surprised to learn that concrete was the usual material employed in the construction of the gigantic buildings of Imperial Rome. So well built, too, were they, that to-day their ruins, plundered and stripped long ago of their covering of marble, still tower up to attract visitors from the farthest ends of the world.

Specimens of a variety of Roman building materials are to be seen in S. John's museum, a brick being of special interest as coming from the ruins of the vast palace of the Cæsars on the Palatine Hill. This brick came from the steps leading down to the passage in which the Emperor Caligula was murdered. It was not difficult to imagine those steps thronged with courtiers smiling and outwardly unperturbed, but with anxious fear gnawing at their hearts as they passed into the presence of the mad Emperor, not knowing what cruel whim might seize him next.

But these are democratic days, and I for one am more interested in the relics of the ordinary people of Rome and their ordinary homes than in

those of detestable tyrants who imagined themselves divine, and their stately palaces. Now the Roman house was designed for coolness and shade, and was based on the plan of an internal court yard—the atrium—into which the principal rooms opened. It was as if the stoep of the South African home were turned inwards. One feature which the average Roman seems to have regarded as essential in his house was the tessellated pavement. All over England foundations of houses have been unearthed with at least the principal room and the atrium equipped in true Roman fashion with tessellated floors.

In the museum at S. John's College are various specimens from a Roman villa excavated in Hampshire. They are of special interest as showing how the Roman colonist, whilst retaining the air of "homeyness" so dear to colonists at all times living far from their old homes, yet managed to adapt a house planned for a warm and sunny clime to the needs of a land both chilly and cloudy. Here are fragments of mosaic flooring of fine work from the atrium, or perhaps the dining room, and of coarser work from the kitchen or a passage. Draughts to the Roman dwellers in Britain had to be guarded against, and so the few windows from the villa would be filled with oiled linen or glass. Here also is a bit of window glass, green and thick, for the glass-maker's art had not then reached the perfection attained in later centuries.

The tessellated pavements, so pleasantly cool in a hot climate, would, in Britain, no doubt be spread during the winter with rugs, or with skins, brought in from the wilds by the half-savage British hunters, and traded at the stores for luxuries from Rome—wine, ornaments, and gaudy stuffs. Or perhaps the floor coverings consisted partly of trophies of the chase, regarded with pride by the master of the house, who doubtless bored his guests with oft-told tales of how he speared the fierce old bear in the nick of time.

But the Roman had other means to prevent shivering during the long months of the British winter. He had an ingenious and highly effectual method of keeping warm at home, even in the coldest weather. Every house of any pretensions would have its specially constructed heated room or "hypocaust." Specimens at S. John's help to make the construction clear. A room was built with a floor of tiles, hollow spaces beneath communicating with an outside furnace

Hot air from a charcoal fire passed under the floor, and was taken up inside the walls in earthenware pipes, rectangular in section, and plastered over.

In the well-known excavations at Silchester, the foundations of a little room close to the furnace have been laid bare. Here, no doubt, were the quarters of the British "boy," whose business it was to look after the furnace and regulate the heat by means of flues.

But when the waning power of Rome left her outlying provinces defenceless, the hungry British tribes swooped down on the wealth of civilized Britain.

Towns were sacked, and country villas were plundered and left to decay. Wolves would haunt the atrium, where once the Roman official received visitors. Bit by bit the stately home would crumble into ruins, which the rotten vegetation and the dust of centuries would efface, and so its very site would be forgotten.

The glory of Rome has long since passed, but here to-day in a "region Cæsar never knew," bits of brick and concrete, of tile and mosaic lying on the shelves of a school museum can bring visions of the "grandeur that was Rome," and throw light on the everyday life of her ordinary citizens.

AN S.J.C. ALPHABET

- A stands for all of us—excellent chaps,
Who shine both at sport and at learning—
perhaps.
- B for the books that we study with zest
(See Z)—of them all we like Kennedy best.
- C for the care that we give to our work ;
There's never a one knows the meaning of
shirk.
- D stands for drill and also detention :
Our feelings about them we'd better not men-
tion.
- E For the ease with which we solve all
The trickiest riders in Stevens and Hall.
- F for the fool of the form ; we can see
He is not quite the ass that he sets out to be.
- G for the grammar we all love so much—
Whether English or French, whether Latin
or Dutch.
- H stands for homework—from 7 to 10
It comes as a boon and a blessing to men.
- I for the ink that the ink-boy pours in ;
When it isn't too thick, it's always too thin.
- J for the jokes of a practical sort
That we'd play if we weren't pretty sure to be
caught.
- K for the kitchen, whence roast beef appears
With cabbage on Sunday, for years upon
years.
- L for the lab. and also its master :
If we say any more, it may lead to disaster !
- M stands for masters :—Hush ! Cave ! Ahem !
We all feel respect and affection for them.
- N for the nonsense we write for each letter :
The job isn't easy : could *you* do it better ?
- O for the marks that are sometimes our fate :
"Oh yes, Sir, I did it, and sat up quite late !"
- P for the play (one of Shakespeare's, of course)
We rehearse and rehearse it until we are
hoarse.
- Q for the query when nothing goes right—
"How long did you give to your homework
last night ?"
- R for the rubbish we write for the pleasure
Of masters who thoughtlessly rob us of
leisure.

- S for the singing the juniors indulge in :
When at it I wonder the Gym. walls don't bulge in.
- T stands for troublesome terminal tests :
The chief, you'll agree, of S. Africa's pests.
- U for the umpteen-and-one things we're taught :
We learn them with diligence, just as we ought.
- V for the volume of sound in the Gym.,
When we roar the last verse of a popular hymn.
- W stands for the weekly report :
We don't seem to come quite as high as we thought.
- X has been known to move masters to wrath
When "x squared plus x squared equals x to the fourth."
- Y is the yell that we get off our chest
When a master has uttered what *he* thinks a jest.
- Z is the zest (please see under B)
For games and for learning that marks S.J.C.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We are now well into the longest term of the year.

These last few months have passed happily though uneventfully, and there is little to chronicle since our last report. Again we have had a wonderfully clean bill of health, and the attendance has therefore been good. Work and play have gone on steadily, the boys and staff are keen, and the Preparatory has kept up its reputation both in the classroom and on the playing field.

We said goodbye to Mr. Hitchcock just before Christmas ; he put his heart and soul into our cause and the loss was a sore one. In December two of our Preparatory Staff, Miss Grimshaw and Miss Shelton, were married ; but both returned to the School for the first quarter of the year. We were very sorry to lose them ; but as they are both living in this country we hope to keep in touch with them. Their places have been filled by Mrs. Quail and Miss Allison.

We were, of course, delighted to welcome back our old friend, Fr. Alston, whose presence on the field is always a great encouragement.

At Christmas the usual exodus took place, the Prep. passing on about 50 boys to the College. The adaptability of those left behind is indeed surprising : already the back row of our assembly has increased in stature, and the prefects have almost developed the authoritative bearing of last year's stalwarts.

So they come and so they go : and our little corner of the vineyard is ever busy and flourishing. May it long prosper !

PRIZE LIST, DECEMBER, 1922

CLASS V.—Divinity, C. Cartwright ; Class, H. Poole ; Arithmetic, H. Poole ; Latin, K. Rogers ; English, K. Rogers ; French, L. Fleming ; Dutch, C. Collins.

CLASS VA.—Divinity, J. McFadyen ; Class, H. Osburn ; Arithmetic, V. Brasch ; Latin, V. Brasch ; English, L. Cooper ; French, A. Darke ; Dutch, H. Friede.

CLASS IV.—Divinity, G. Dekker ; Class, R. Loewenstein ; Arithmetic, B. Silcock ; Latin, R. Loewenstein ; French, B. Silcock ; Dutch, G. Dekker.

CLASS IVA.—Divinity, A. Mentis, Class, D. Crawford ; Arithmetic, D. Crawford ; Latin, A. Mentis ; General Progress, J. Meiklejohn.

CLASS REMOVE.—Divinity, B. Cecil ; Class, R. Gauntlett ; Arithmetic, R. Gauntlett ; Latin, K. McEwan ; French, D. Gettliffe ; Dutch, G. Smith.

CLASS III.—Divinity, J. Hoar ; Class, E. Babb ; Arithmetic, D. Lapping ; French, N. Roy ; Dutch, C. Boon ; General Progress, D. Owen.

CLASS II.—Divinity, E. Tobler ; Class, E. Tobler ; Arithmetic, J. Davidson ; Reading, R. Gaul ; Recitation, J. Leeds ; General Progress, S. Gettliffe.

CLASS I.—Divinity, R. Marwick ; Class Div. A., N. Orpen ; Class Div. B., J. Wolstenholme ; Arithmetic, N. Rough ; Reading, R. Stewart ; General Progress, D. Webster.

DRAWING—Senior, R. Davies. Junior, D. Howie.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Drawing (presented by Miss F. Clifton).—R. Brown.

Good work throughout the year, H. Robbs ; G. Evans ; J. Cattell.

Prize presented by Miss Shelton.—R. Ascheim.

House Cup.—Cullinan. (Captain, F. Simon.)

THE PREPARATORY SWIMMING SPORTS

These were held on 21st March, and a good number of parents turned up. Mrs. Wilkinson kindly gave away the prizes. Bousfield scored the biggest number of House points, 24 out of 50, and this was mainly due to Brett, who won four events easily ; besides materially helping in the relay race. The results were as follows :—

I.—Inter-House Relay Race : 1st, Bousfield (Brett, Stewart, Thomas, Owen, Stirton) ; 2nd, Carter.

II.—1 Length, Beginners' Race: 1st, Thomas (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Wilkins (Bousfield).

III.—3 Lengths, Under 11-6 : 1st, MacKay (Cullinan) ; 2nd, MacKenzie (Carter).

IV.—6 Lengths Open : 1st, Brett (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Stewart (Bousfield).

V.—Diving, Under 11-6 : 1st, Court (Cullinan) ; 2nd, Warren Smith (Cullinan).

VI.—2 Lengths, Open : 1st, Brett (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Rennie (Carter).

VII.—Diving, Open : 1st, Lawson (Darragh) ; 2nd, Meiklejohn (Carter).

VIII.—3 Lengths, 3 Style Race : 1st, Brett (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Lucas (Cullinan).

IX.—1 Length, Under 9-6 ; 1st, Warren Smith (Cullinan) ; 2nd, Smythe.

X.—2 Lengths, Under 11-6 : 1st, Owen (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Thomas (Bousfield).

XI.—Plunging, Open : 1st, Brett (Bousfield) ; 2nd, Nunns (Darragh).

House points. Total 50. Bousfield, 24 ; Carter, 11 ; Cullinan, 10 ; Darragh, 5.

Points awarded as follows :—Relay Race, 10 points (5, 3, 2) ; all Open Events and Under 11-6 Events, 5 points each (3, 2). A.C.

PREPARATORY CRICKET

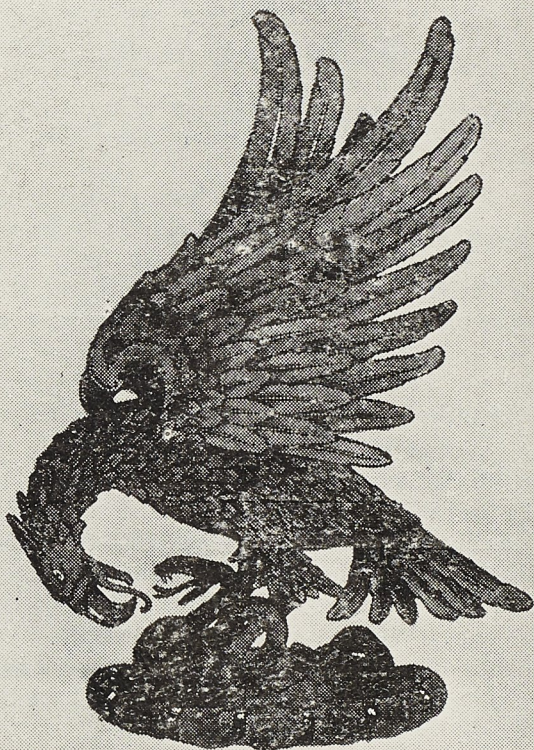
Our record this term is not very brilliant. We only won one match, drew one and lost 4. However, there are one or two promising players, who should some day be of use to the College.

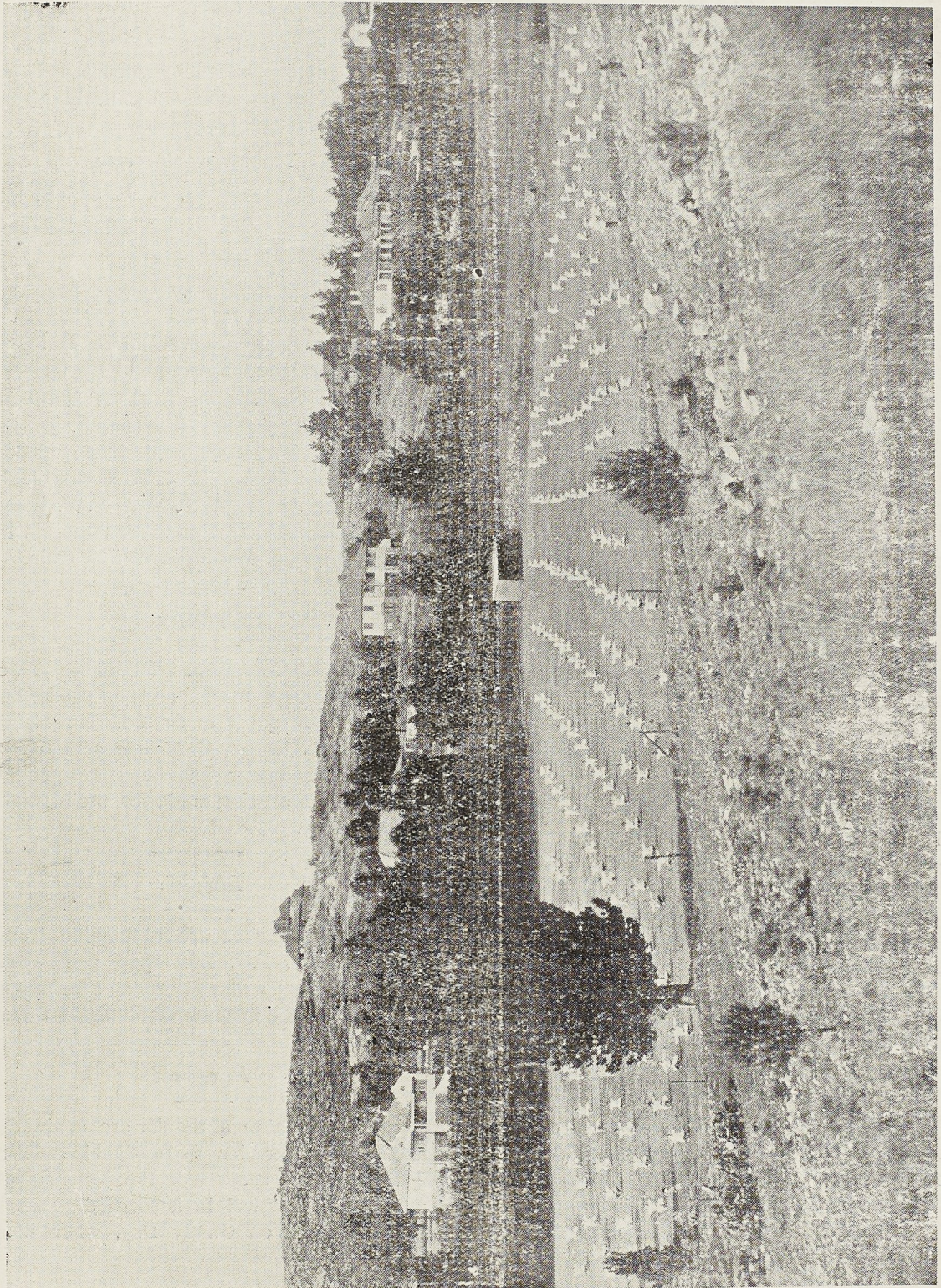
The 2nd XI. did very well, winning 3 matches and drawing 1.

RECORD OF MATCHES PLAYED DURING LENT TERM

Prep. 1st Team vs. College under 14, lost ; vs. P.T.S., lost ; vs. K.E.S., lost ; under 13 vs. Ridge School, drawn ; vs. K.E.S., lost ; under 13 vs. Ridge School, won.

Prep. 2nd Team vs. P.T.S., won ; vs. K.E.S., won ; vs. K.E.S., won ; College under 13, drawn.





Athletics on the Valley Ground

OLD JOHANNIAN ASSOCIATION

Secretary's Letter

DEAR "OLD JOHANNIANS."

I am doubtful whether I should thank you for electing me to the position of Hon. Secretary, for it is not until one takes over the duties, that the amount of work entailed is realized. Being elected I shall try and live up to the high standard of efficiency maintained by my predecessors.

I am sorry to say that the Annual General Meeting was very poorly attended this year, only thirty-seven Old Johannians being present.

The Annual General Meeting is not only a meeting for the election of officers for the year, but one at which Old Boys should air their views. The Executive Committee should only be instrumental in carrying out the policy and programme decided upon at the Annual Meeting.

At the time of writing only about forty members have paid their annual subscription, but, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

The appeal made in connection with the War Memorial Fund towards the end of last year has not met with very great success. During the year, however, it is intended to hold several little functions for the purpose of raising a few pounds for the Memorial Fund, and it is hoped that all Johannians will give them their support.

The Annual Dance will be held in June. Eric Thompson, as Secretary to the Dance Committee, has commenced to get busy, which foretells a great success.

An Old Johannian Football team has again been entered in the II. League, and so far with promising results.

It was decided at the Annual Meeting to run a cricket team during the coming season, and I see no reason why it should not be a great success. It is early for me to give you particulars about the proposed team, but one thing I know, and that is that the Sports Sub-Committee would be pleased to hear from all Old Boys interested in this new venture.

It would be very helpful to the parent Committee to receive suggestions regarding the

successful running of the Association in all its departments, as its success is entirely dependent on the keenness of its members.

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. MILLAR,

Hon. Secretary.

Address Wanted

The Hon. Secretary would like to know the whereabouts of the following Old Boys :—

Newton, C. Norton, J. C. Norton, M. L. Norton, L. Nairas, E. R. Neve, F. A. Noyce, James Oddy, W. H. Oldfield, Ronny Owen, B. Owen, Charles Pakes, R. J. L. Pascoe, J. Paton, C. W. Pearse, G. A. W. Pearse, L. B. Perry, C. H. Phipps-Hornby, D. Potts, W. Potts, F. Pelatt, N. L. Pieterston, J. Parkinson, W. M. Quin.

Colours

Old Boys' Colours are obtainable at Messrs. Ward & Salmons, Eloff Street, on production of membership form. Ties 6s. 6d., Hat Bands 4s. 6d., Blazer Badges 5s., Cap Badges 3s. 6d.

A cricket blazer has been designed, and arrangements are being made for their supply in the near future.

Shields

Miniature Shields are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 1599, price 15s each. These shields are a nice adornment for any room and are worth the expense of obtaining them.

Football

The Association's thanks are again due to Hope Verity for his indefatigable efforts to put the football section of the Johannians on a sound basis ; how well he is succeeding was conclusively proved on Gaudy Day, when the Old

Boys placed three teams in the field against the school and won them all with something to spare.

The following is his report for the season so far advanced :—

DEAR "OLD JOHANNIANS,"—

I have been requested by your Magazine Secretary to write a report on the achievements, aims and objects of the Old Johannians' Football Section, and have much pleasure in writing the following particulars :—

With Johnny Millar as Captain and Percy Webster as Vice, and lastly, but I trust not the least, your humble servant as Honorary Secretary, we are doing our utmost to push ahead in our division. At present we occupy fourth position on the log with four points out of a possible eight. Out of the four matches played we have won two and lost two, beating University and Rosebank, but losing to Marists "B" and Norwood. I feel that we were unfortunate in losing to the last two clubs, as on each of these occasions we had to turn out with a very depleted team, which was only a shadow of our full strength. However, we look forward from now on to a series of successes, and I am sure all enthusiastic Johannians will wish us the best of luck.

Regarding our Second Team, many are of the opinion that the surprise of the season has come along with this combination; they have played some useful matches and the understanding amongst the players has been somewhat of a revelation to the cynics amongst the members of our Association. This team only plays friendlies, but I am sure they enjoy them better than the 1st team do their league fixtures.

We have almost enough men for a third team, but not quite enough, so we get over the difficulty by changing about our second whenever practicable.

I have a grievance, and it is that despite the fact that we pay £5 5s. a season for the use of the Wanderers as a practice ground, we seldom manage to raise more than five men on practice nights. This is ridiculous out of about twenty-five playing members. If we intend to do well in the League we must practise, so let's see any

number at practice for the rest of the season.

Can anyone suggest a means whereby we can raise some funds to procure colours, etc., for our second elevens? Useful suggestions and contributions would be appreciated.

In conclusion, may I give a gentle reminder that football subs. are now due?—I hate asking for them—but—Thanks very much.

Yours sincerely,

H. VERITY.

12th Annual Gaudy Day

Extract from *Star*, May 12th, 1923 :—

Gaudy Day at St. John's

OLD BOYS TOO HEAVY

A large muster of Old Johannians attended the Annual Gaudy at the College yesterday, and the weather being perfect, a most enjoyable day was spent.

For the first time in the history of the Old Boys' Association three football teams were fielded against the school, and all of them proved victorious.

The proceedings of the day commenced with the Communion service held at St. Aidan's in the morning. At 2 p.m. the second football elevens of the Old Boys and the College respectively commenced their game, which ended in a victory for the past pupils by two goals to nil. The play was very even all through, and it was only the superior weight of the older boys that turned the tide of fortune in their favour.

Simultaneously, on the opposite ground, the third elevens tried conclusions, and here, perhaps, more than in the first-mentioned match, weight carried the day, the final result being four goals to nil.

Naturally the interest of the day centred in the senior match, and this proved to be quite an eye-opener as regards the recuperative powers of the schoolboys. They were up against a hard proposition; the Old Boys' team and spectators alike thought the result was all over bar shouting when half-time arrived with the College in arrears

by five goals to nil. Evidently they started the second half with the decided intention of resting upon their laurels, but they had counted without the youngsters themselves, who had determined that the past pupils had had enough of the game. Indeed, so well did they play up that not only did they prevent their opponents from scoring any more goals, but succeeded in wiping off two of the arrear total.

As in the other matches the weight and experience of the second division team were too much for the younger boys to overcome. It is true that the former were by no means near their league strength, but for all that the present pupils can feel highly pleased with themselves for their splendid display against opponents who had all the advantages on their side.

After the football was completed the players and other guests of the day were supplied with refreshments by the ladies, who generously gave their time and services for this purpose.

Athletics

* The following extract from the *Star* will be interesting :—

Topics of the Track

S. JOHN'S TEAM IN LONDON

SOUTH AFRICANS RUN WELL

By OLYMPIC

South Africans were more in evidence than the representatives of any other Dominion in the English public school relay races decided at Queen's Club in mail week. It is not to be wondered at, as Bevil Rudd was chiefly responsible for the organization of the meeting last year and has retained all his keen interest in the gathering, which is primarily due to the desire of some prominent old Blues to interest the public schools in athletics.

The meeting was of particular interest to Johannesburg, as among the teams representing most of the prominent English public schools was

a S. John's College team, which particularly distinguished themselves in the three-quarter mile medley relay race. The three teams competing were Westminster, Eton and S. John's, and the old Johannesburgers put up a rare race ere they were beaten by the Westminster combination by eight yards in 3 mins. 25 2-5th secs. They had the distinction of beating Eton by the same margin.

The South African team were L. F. Roberts, the Cambridge high jump Blue, who, when competing in the Transvaal inter-high school sports a few years ago, set up a South African high jump record, and Colin Campbell, of Driehoek, Germiston, who will be recalled as a very useful member of the S. John's athletic team of a few years ago. C. E. Davis, who most distinguished himself, is an old S. John's boy who later went to St. Paul's, London. He ran the half-mile and covered the distance in just over two minutes in just failing to catch Young, of Westminster.

Altogether S. John's boys have every reason to be proud of the fine show made by their old boys overseas.

News of Old Johannians

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robinson on the birth of a daughter (April 27th, 1923).

Congratulations are also extended to Louis Thorpe on his marriage recently.

To Victor Reid on his engagement to Miss M. Croghan.

To Alf. Langebrink and Neville Lindsay for representing the Transvaal on the cricket field last season. Lindsay made 160 (not out) against Rhodesia.

Alf. Goldstein had very rough luck when he was rejected on account of his age by the Rhodes Trustees from winning the Johannesburg Rhodes' Scholarship. Goldstein was the first choice of the Witwatersrand University.

Raymond Humby is back in town and is with the S. A. Railways and Harbours Services.

Redvers Rouse is returning from England before long and is to be ordained by the Bishop of Johannesburg in a few months' time.

He will serve S. Aidan's Church, Yeoville, as assistant curate: it is very fitting that the first regular curate there is to be an Old Johannian, and, moreover, one trained at the Community's College at Mirfield. We hope our readers will remember him in their prayers.

Many Old Johannians will remember Herbert Juta, who is back in Johannesburg again and will practice law.

Billy Zulch does not seem to have lost any of his cricketing ability. The other day, representing the Wanderers' tennis section versus the cricket, he made 90 out of a total of 170.

When the College first moved up to the Houghton Estate, golf became all the rage; this resulted in many cracked heads until the powers that be firmly ruled golf out of the school's sports curriculum. But the seeds of go'f then planted have blossomed forth.

Charles Stuart, a well-known O.J., surpassed himself in the recent Transvaal Championships. Several others have taken up the game with more or less success. All of them are severely handicapped, however, as having been educated at S. John's, their vocabulary is very limited—at least from a golfer's viewpoint!

L. F. Roberts (Bobs) is the first O.J. to win his "blue" at Oxford or Cambridge, and we are all proud of his achievement, but he has not yet struck his true form.

David Joffe continues to shine on the Rugby field, whilst B. I. C. Norton is still going great guns in the Old Country at tennis.

Jack Clarence and Charlie McKowen are two of the big guns, who are greatly missed from this year's Committee.

The following Old Johannians were among those admitted as graduates of the Witwatersrand University on March 17th:—

B.A. Hons., Walter Pollak; B.A. (ord.), Herbert Fränkel; B.Sc. (ord.), John Harold Dowds; B.Sc., Mining and Metallurgy, Leslie Alfred Moses; B.Sc., Civil Engineering, Alfred Goldstein; B.Sc., Mechanical and Electrical, Norman Donald Mackay; B.Sc., Mechanical and Electrical, Findlay Robertson Taylor.

The following passed their final Diploma Examination at the Potchefstroom School of Agriculture in December:—A. W. Hartley, T. Williams, J. W. Randall, C. Mehliiss, and J. W. S. Lyons. Congratulations and good wishes to all of them.

P. Smythe has been accepted for the "Con-way" training ship.

It has been hinted that Old Johannians ought to start branch clubs in Durban and Cape-town. Members down in those parts digest this.

Amongst the gymnasts at the Wanderers are B. Suzman and G. W. Reynolds—two very keen Old 'Uns.

We tender our hearty congratulations to the Old Edwardians on their success at winning the Cricket Championship at the first time of asking.

Also to Jeppe Old Boys for the promotion to the Transvaal League at Soccer.

What We Want to Know

- 1.—What sort of cricket team shall we have next season?
- 2.—Shall we secure a ground, and what is being done in the matter?
- 3.—Why the hockey team idea fell through?
- 4.—Why our footballers are too good for practice?
- 5.—When the Entertainment Committee intends to get a move on?
- 6.—Why so many Old Boys fail to pay their subs?

Programme for the Year 1923

June.—Eighth Annual Dance.

June 26 and 27.—Shakesperian play ("Midsummer Night's Dream"), by School.

September. — School Sports. Following Saturday: Inter-High School Sports.

October.—Twelfth Annual Dinner.

November 1.—Gymnastic Display by College.

December 8.—Twelfth Annual Cricket Match, at 11 a.m.

December 12.—Prize Giving.

Early in January, 1924.—Seventeenth Annual General Meeting, at the College, at 8 p.m.

Swimming in the School Bath on the second and fourth Thursdays after 4 p.m. from October to April inclusive.

About Old Boys

By "CYNICAL."

It may be very fine for a journalist to write an article, but for a man, in whom literary ability never has existed, to be told that he must produce an article for the Old Boys' section of "The Johannians" "by Friday morning," and, mind you, slang must be avoided, is beyond all reason.

One may as well tie a man's hands and tell him to fight.

After many hours of serious thought I have come to the conclusion that the only thing to do is to have a good old grouse.

Our old school has a great reputation with the public of South Africa, and it behoves us Old Boys to uphold that reputation.

The War firmanent is dotted with bright Johannian stars.

In the professions one finds Old Johannians occupying exalted positions. Yet let us direct our attention to the (sports) domestic side of the question.

Take Gaudy Day, about ten Old Boys at the service, and about fifty at the school in the afternoon.

With regard to subscriptions, between 100 and 150 pay, and then in many instances only after an energetic and much overworked Honorary Secretary has sent about six circulars, and probably given several street corner home truths.

If we take last year's football team, we find that things went very well for a month or two, then certain members slackened, and in one case a race meeting was even considered of greater importance.

Our Committee paid for the right to have a practice game at the Wanderers one afternoon a week, and never was a full team seen there; in fact, on two occasions, only one man turned out.

Earnest attempts are being made to start a cricket team next season, and we have enough material to give the best W. W. Rand team a good game, but general support is needed.

Now then, Old Boys, be up and doing; give your Committee your support, not only financially, the moral variety also goes a long way, but you must be prepared to give up something for it, and remember that whatever sacrifices you make are in the interests of our dear old school, S. John's.

