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## EDITORIAL.

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At the close of the first quarter of the year, the main interest of the Easter vacation lay in the Reunion of Old Boys, the first of it's kind at Kingswood, which was then to be held at the College. Every effort had been made at the College itself to ensure the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, and from the most appreciative letters which have since been received from those who were then in residence for a second time, we gather that the preparations and arrangements did not fail in their purpose.

Each train of the first day or two brought its varying quota of enthusiastic Old Boys, while from the nearer country districts a considerable number came in by car. The meeting of old friends was fraught with all the good will and cheery enthusiasm which was expected, and the time passed all too rapidly for the happy inmates of those dormitories which once, no doubt, were not viewed in the same light as that in which now they seemed to shine.

Reminiscence marked every conversation, and whether in the Dining Hall, which was converted into a Smoking and Reading Room, or in the dormitories late each night, a thousand incidents of other years were recalled with gusto. Even the commonplace gained in interest, for embellishment of detail was not often lacking either to animated speaker or to appreciative audience. Thus intangibly were the silent bonds of friendship strengthened, friendship of friends and friendship of Kingswood; and thus, too, did those who came back understand the more really how the school of earlier days had grown steadily in power and in influence, no longer a struggling competitor among more powerful rivals, but a strong institution drawing its resources from every part of the Union, and imperceptibly sending out steadily each year new influences to touch and mould our whole national life.

In this way are the Past and the Present bound each to each by memory and association of interest, for the genuine welcome shown to all who came back, explained that the spirit of that

Kingswood which they helped to form, still animated the School, and drew, also, much of its strength and inspiration from those Old Boys who "had not forgotten."

Amid the glad celebrations at this time, there not infrequently came that note of sadness with which memory is ever fraught, and the impressive Memorial Service brought it the more keenly into all minds and hearts. From this 1920 meeting of old friends there were many missing, and some of the best and finest sons of Kingswood lay at their rest on distant battle fields. Along the walls of the Dining Hall in the sports groups of past years, were many, many portraits of Old Boys who had in the Great War laid down their lives in Honour's highest cause. Some of the O.K's present had been with these men and shared their experiences to the end, and always a quieter note crept into the conversation whenever reminiscence carried memory back to those young lives which had gone from us. Yet, the spirit of the Principal's address at Memorial Service, was the spirit in which Kingswood remembered them :

"No sound is breathed so potent to coerce,  
And to conciliate, as their names who dare  
For that sweet mother land which gave them birth  
Nobly to do, nobly to die. Their names,  
Graven on memorial columns, are a song  
Heard in the future; few, but more than wall  
And rampart, their examples reach a hand  
Far thro' all years, and every where they meet  
And kindle generous purpose, and the strength  
To mould it into action pure as theirs."

In that spirit did we recall the dead, and in that spirit do we go forward to the future, for it breathes the loftiest note of human life, that sacrifice is in truth a noble inspiration and not mere loss. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," and in the meaning of that divine message lies the deepest truth that humanity will ever reach.

Thus, in graver mood, at a time of Reunion and of memory, does Kingswood, Past and Present, salute with all honour its noble dead, and turn again to face all the issues of life which they have left us, full of a stronger resolution, and a higher hope that Death itself has brought to Life.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

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The Football Committee for the year consists of Mr. Matter-son, Mr. Crouch, A. Gray (Capt.), B. Rayner (Secy.), H. Gray, A. Evans, A. Tyson, W. Griffin.

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After the acquisition by the College Council of the new grounds east of Junior House, operations were at once commenced for fencing in and for levelling. The Preparatory Footballfield was thus enlarged considerably in length, while by taking in a considerable width of the road running south of the field, it was made appreciably broader and more suitable for Junior matches. Throughout the quarter, practices have been held on the New grounds, where, though the surface still leaves much to be desired, the upper portion already forms a very respectable area for practice purposes. Thus, every afternoon three different divisions are practising on the different grounds, play being supervised by Masters or by members of the Committee.

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On the occasion of the visit of the Pirates Team from Kimberley, A. Gray played in the Combined Colleges' side which beat them, and also for the Combined Grahamstown XV. In both matches he was an outstanding forward on the home side.

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During the quarter B. King (Tarkastad) visited the School, and tried a strenuous practice with the First Division one afternoon.

H. Blackbeard and T. Hughes (East London) paid a flying visit to the School, happening to be in Grahamstown for a brief period.

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In the April issue, omission was inadvertently made in the Valeté of E. Shorney, who left at December 1919. After the Influenza epidemic, he never completely recovered his normal strength, and was withdrawn at the end of the year without having taken the Junior Certificate Exam. for which he would otherwise have sat. F. Pike, also of IV.A., left at Easter; he was a junior of considerable promise as a bat. R. Goodwin, after his long illness from heart trouble, finally recovered sufficiently to be moved down to Muizenberg, where, it is hoped, the bracing air will considerably strengthen him. We sincerely trust that these hopes will be soon realised.

R. Wardle (IV.A.) H. Alderson (VIB.) and G. Whitfield (VB.)

also left. The two latter were promising in cricket, and Whitefield had the makings of a useful wing in Rugby.

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The School is indebted to the O.K.'s who were present at the Easter Reunion, for in appreciation of the good time they then enjoyed, they subscribed the sum of £14 which was given by them as a donation to the Sports Fund. To H. Murray also the Library is indebted for several volumes, and for his offer to exchange the *Overseas Magazine* for the *Kingswood Magazine*. Certain other O.K.'s left varied mementoes of their visit; these, where possible have been returned to the owners!

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In the S.A. Police Sports which were held on the City Lords on May 22nd and 24th, Kingswood competitors did most creditably. H. Gray won the 100 Yards (Open Handicap), and also the 880 Yards (Open), in which C. King was fourth; P. Vos won the 220 Yards (Open Handicap); while the Under 16 Relay Race of distances 100, 220, 440, and 100 Yards, was finely run and won by the Kingswood team, A. F. Poole, A. Tucker, A. Selley, P. Bissett. A. Selley took second place in the Open Long Jump, and C. King fourth in Throwing the Cricket Ball.

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The following boys joined the School at the beginning of the quarter: H. Jelks (Cape Town), W. P. Day (Cape Town), W. Moffatt (Grahamstown), L. Lewis (Johannesburg), A. Leppan (Grahamstown), W. Hattingh (Hofmeyr), and R. Judd (East London). E. Collis (Bloemfontein) and C. Chambers (Kroonstad) rejoined.

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Almost immediately after Easter week, the Wesleyan Conference was held in Grahamstown, and as this in many ways was an exceptional Session, being commemorative of a century of Methodism in South Africa, the School participated in a number of the special services held. The great appeal made on this occasion on behalf of the Educational Funds of Connexional Schools met with an inspiring first response, and up to the present over £10,000 has been subscribed. We recall in relation to this movement, the fine efforts of Rev. Jas. Robb whose sacrificing interests were thrown so devotedly into the cause which 1920, we hope, will see crowned with success.

During Conference Week, a Wesleyan Pageant was given, illustrative of the early Settler days and of the growth of the country through their efforts. In this Pageant a detachment of Kingswood Cadets took prominent part.

Among the unnumbered Ministers present at Conference were



several of the early and staunch friends of the College, and their gratification at its great development was sincere and welcome, for they remembered earlier days of struggle and even of opposition. Several paid short visits to the School, and all went away impressed with the knowledge that here was a cause which had so grown that its maintenance and development was no longer a matter of purely local concern, but now of national interest.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. E. H. Hollingham F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M. who has taken the place of Mr. Brockless and who will assume most of the music teaching at Kingswood and the W.H.S.

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## OBITUARY.

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### WILLIAM HENRY PAYNTER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of William Henry Paynter who died on May 10th, from a sudden attack of malignant malaria. He had been most dangerously ill from this several years ago in Rhodesia, when his life was despaired of; recovering, however, he came south with his parents, and joined Kingswood as a day-boy in January 1918. He never completely regained his strength, and was always liable to attacks from the disease which had become almost chronic. In 1919 Paynter passed the Junior Certificate Examination, and intended writing the Matriculation next year. Not brilliant, he was yet a steady worker and consistent in all that he set his hand to. In the Second Division of Football, he played centre with fair success, but lacked robustness; he was improving rapidly as a junior bat in cricket, but his chief interest lay in the Cadet Corps where he was a most efficient and keen Corporal.

Quiet and unassuming, yet well-liked by all his contemporaries, Paynter left a sad gap within the School ranks. The Funeral Service, conducted in Commemoration Church by the Rev. J. D. Bacon, was attended by the Staff and all the scholars of the College. Mr. G. Webster officiated at the organ, and played impressively the "Dead March" at the close of the service. A Firing-party of Cadets from A. troop acted as pall-bearers, and fired the last salute over the grave of their comrade, after which the Last Post was sounded by Sergeant Allan. To his parents and sister we offer our deep sympathy, for their loss was sudden, and it was very great.

*Requiescat in Pace.*

## THE EASTER REUNION.

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The Reunion of the College which was held during the recent Easter vacation was a function which fulfilled the double purpose of a reunion of Old Boys after the Great War, and also of a celebration of the coming of age of Kingswood. The actual date of the School's majority fell just at the Great War, and for that reason was necessarily postponed until a more convenient and suitable season. At the conclusion of hostilities, when large numbers of those who had been on active service returned to the country, an effort was made to get into touch with them so that a representative gathering of Old Kingswoodians might be held, and the old associations with their *alma mater* revived and strengthened. Very many, from all parts, signified their intention to be present, and every preparation was made for their reception and accommodation. The School House was cleared of its occupants, so that the main buildings might be free for those who came to revisit their old haunts. Unfortunately for the actual Reunion, the recent rains in the up-country districts and along the Border prevented many Old Boys who were farming from putting in an appearance, and only about seventy or eighty were actually present on the first day of the celebrations. These hailed from every quarter as follows :

- Alice*, H. E. Matthews.  
*Alival North*, A. S. Alger.  
*Bathurst*, C. Preddy, R. Timm.  
*Clumber*, R. W. Staples.  
*Commadagga*, W. T. Webster.  
*East London*, A. Bissekier, T. Hughes.  
*Elliott*, L. Gray, R. Gray.  
*Fish River*, M. C. Fletcher.  
*Graaff-Reinet*, W. Kingwill, P. Rider.  
*Grahamstown*, G. Wood, L. M. Dold, R. H. Matterson, W. Knight, L. T. Bayes, G. Mears, J. C. Moss, N. E. Moss, W. Brooks, H. Bissekier, B. Wallace, C. W. Matthews, J. C. Cadle, W. Ayliff, H. Shorney, R. Bennet, G. Locke, F. Tooke, G. Hepburn, A. J. Guest, R. Smith, W. Caley, W. Kirstein, W. Glanville, F. Bayes, H. Amm, J. Ayliff, J. T. Slater, H. G. Webster.  
*Johannesburg*, E. J. Turner, G. Lyne, A. C. Lewis, W. E. Lewis.  
*Kimberley*, C. D. Tyson.  
*Kroombie*, W. W. Painter.  
*Kroonstad*, E. W. Hartley.  
*Libode*, F. T. White.



*Martindale*, E. H. Pardon, R. S. Pardon, L. D. Pardon.

*Middleburg*, D. Collet, H. Ayliff.

*Middleton*, N. W. Turner, D. Robb.

*Pietersburg*, G. O. S. Campbell.

*Port Elizabeth*, G. Simpson.

*Queenstown*, A. B. Crouch.

*Sandflats*, G. Gush.

*Somerset East*, R. W. Turner.

*Trappes Valley*, B. Dold.

*Vryburg*, H. K. Painter.

A programme for the Reunion had been drawn up by the Central Committee, and this was so arranged as not to clash with that of the Wesleyan High School Old Girls' Association, who were holding their Reunion at the same time.

### The Cricket Match.

Saturday, April, 3, was devoted to a cricket match between Past and Present, and a side was chosen from the Old Boys, consisting largely of prominent members in previous years' first elevens. F. Bayes was elected captain, and, winning the toss, elected to bat. The morning was delightful for cricket, and a large number of spectators, many of them from the sister institution, turned up on the grounds to watch the game. The Past opened disastrously, for Staples was smartly caught in the slips early in the first over, and Tyson put his leg in front of a straight one from Gray. D. Dold, however, soon got going, and batting strongly with Gray, pulled the score up rapidly, the third wicket falling at 40. Bayes followed and scoring slowly piled up the runs until he was well caught by Border for a safe 28. B. Dold batted strongly for 33, driving finely on the off until he was clean bowled by Gray. The fielding of the Present was alert, Leefe doing some very good work, and the score would have been much higher had not the drizzling rain which set in after lunch made the recently top-dressed ground very heavy. Kirstein compiled a useful 25, treating the bowling with little caution and punishing loose balls badly. The other batsmen did not give much trouble, and the whole side were out by three o'clock for the respectable total of 156. Gray bowled consistently well, taking six wickets for 54, and frequently having the batsmen in difficulties with his big off break.

The Present XI opened very well, Allan and B. Rayner scoring quickly and confidently, until 41 was reached, when the first wicket fell. Tyson was run out almost immediately, but Amm

then joined Allan, and played a cautious but safe game for his 31. Changes in the bowling were repeatedly tried, and owing to the drizzle which rapidly developed into a steady rain, the remaining batsmen, as the afternoon wore on, began to hit out in order to reach the Past's score before play should cease. With a sticky and uncertain wicket to help him, Bayes bowled most effectively, and captured the safest bats for very few runs, Griffin alone reaching double figures. The game closed at 5.30 p.m. leaving the Past victors by 32 runs after a well-contested match in which inevitably experience told, particularly when conditions of play made batting a task needing great caution. Below are the scores. :

## PAST.

Tyson, lbw. b Gray	...	...	3
Staples, c Clegg, b Amm	...	...	0
Bayes, c Border, b Allan	...	...	28
D. Dold, b Gray	...	...	35
Gray, c Clegg, b Gray	...	...	10
B. Dold, b Gray	...	...	33
Kingwill, c Clegg, b Allan	...	...	7
Kirstein, b Gray	...	...	25
Campbell, b Griffin	...	...	0
N. Turner, not out	...	...	8
Lewis, b Gray	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	6
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			156

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

			O. R. W.
Amm...	...	...	22 54 1
Gray ...	...	...	21 54 6
Griffin	...	...	7 22 1
Allan...	...	...	6 20 2

## PRESENT.

Allan, b Bayes	...	...	26
B. Rayner, b Bayes	...	...	25
Tyson, run out	...	...	0
Amm, b Bayes	...	...	31
Leeffe, c Staples, b Bayes	...	...	4
Border, b Bayes	...	...	8
Gray, b Bayes	...	...	5
Griffin, b Kirstein	...	...	11
Clegg, lbw, b Bayes	...	...	3
R. Rayner, b Staples	...	...	3
Adams not out	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	2
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			124



## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

			O.	R.	W.
Staples	...	...	6	10	1
Kirstein	...	...	10	45	1
Campbell	...	...	3	8	0
Tyson	...	...	4	25	0
Bayes	...	...	11	34	7

## Mayoress' Garden Party.

During the afternoon a number of the Old Kingswoodians adjourned to the garden party given by the Mayoress (Mrs. C. W. Whiteside) in honour of the W.H.S. Old Girls' Association, and to which they were invited. The increasing rain somewhat interfered with the proceedings, though a most pleasant hour was spent in the grounds of "Parkhurst," at the conclusion of which many of the guests returned to Kingswood to watch the finish of the cricket.

## The Dinner.

In the evening a dinner was given by the College, and to this some seventy Old Boys sat down, while there were present also the members of the Council and the Staff. After the sumptuous repast provided in the Dining Hall had been done full justice to, the Principal (Mr. E. G. Gane) proposed "The King," the assemblage rising to the National Anthem.

Mr. Justice Gane, in proposing "The Kingswood College," expressed his gratification at being present that evening at such a gathering of happy and stalwart Old Boys, and his hopes that this was the forerunner of better and larger Reunions still. As a previous member of the staff he welcomed them back once more to the Old College. He referred to the earliest days of the College when the buildings were but small and their numbers few, but even then, he emphasised, Kingswood had aimed high and aspired to only the best. (Applause.) In those days, students went on at the College to graduate, for no Rhodes existed, and he spoke humorously of the difficulties they had to contend with when masters attempted to teach geography in one corner of a room, and took Plato in another. Their sport was just beginning, but Kingswood boldly faced the strongest sides in town, and though beaten handsomely at times, unfailingly turned up to the next encounter with the same spirit that now carried the teams on to steady success. That was the spirit that gave the College to-day a position unchallenged in both academic and sporting successes, and it was one which he viewed unceasingly with admiration. (Applause.)

## THE COLLEGE'S SUCCESS.

Kingswood had now more than four times the numbers of

those early days, and the applications that poured in from all parts of the country showed that everywhere parents realised that there was no better or safer institution to which their sons might come. That reputation now was absolutely safe, and it showed itself in the splendid war-record of the College, a record which would bear more than favourable comparison with that of any school of its size in the Empire. (Applause.) They all had good reason to be proud of this, proud even when they sorrowfully remembered those who had fallen, and none could think of Kingswood's achievements and not be impressed.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, to the tune of three rousing cheers.

The Principal (Mr. E. G. Gane), in rising to respond, was greeted with continued applause. He extended a most hearty welcome to the members of the Council and the Old Boys, and in particular did he welcome back those who had returned from the Great War. This gathering was a double celebration of the 21st and the 25th birthdays of Kingswood, for as these had fallen during days of stress and strife, they had been postponed until this time of peace. He referred in reminiscence to his first arrival in Grahamstown in 1894, when the town seemed small and green and quiet, and the first school buildings, away in Grey-street, seemed now so absurdly remote from what present conditions demanded. The difficulties of those early days were very great, for there were but three boarders in residence, and a mere handful of day scholars. He was glad to see at Kingswood that night a son of one of those first boarders, while a son of another was to come in July. (Applause.) The Principal outlined the educational position of Grahamstown in those days, showing how small were all the present large institutions, how lax was their discipline and how primitive their equipment. Yet Kingswood had early started with its cricket and its football.—Association in the first days—and when in 1897 part of the present pile of buildings was completed, they made their first big, decided step to the attainment of their ambitions. He emphasised that Kingswood had very greatly modified and developed the whole educational status of Grahamstown, for in their growth, other institutions had been spurred on to effort, and the spirit of Competition had assisted them all. The very first discipline of the College had been sound, and had reflected favourably upon that of the other institutions, and the starting of the local University College was the result of circumstances wherein it was seen that when several colleges did the same advanced work, it was unfair that only one should be subsidised. Thus had Rhodes slowly come into being. (Applause.) Great difficulties had faced them at first, and more than a word of praise was deserving to the men who in those days



had helped to build up the institution of to-day. The Cadet Corps, started in 1897, from the first had a reputation for smartness, efficiency and enthusiasm which acted as an inspiration to those of other institutions, and which had never fallen from its proud position. The Gymnasium was built in 1898, and later, at the close of the Boer war, the present Junior House. The College developed rapidly during those days, but they were followed by ten long years of depression, during which, he was glad to say, Kingswood had held out with less failures than any other place. In 1901 the Cadet Cup, at present in the Dining Hall, had been purchased from the ration allowances of the Cadets who were called out for service when the Boers were reported to be in the vicinity. (Applause.)

#### MORE MODERN TIMES.

Coming to more modern times, Mr. Gane pointed out that the difficulties of to-day were that new buildings and equipment were needed to cope with Kingswood's great expansion. The College Council, he emphasised, should realise the exigencies of the situation and keep pace with this development, for Kingswood was soundly satisfying a great need of the country and should not be hampered in its fine work. The high reputation of the College was largely due to the untiring efforts of the staff, for the work was arduous, yet gratifying in its results. Too much was said about the financial liabilities of the College, for these were inevitable in a distinctively denominational institution. Kingswood was now secure in this regard, yet public benefactions were of course essential to the full development of a large institution such as it had grown into, and here the Old Boys could stand by and aid the great educational movement that the past twenty-five years had seen steadily increasing. Mr. Gane emphasised his personal pleasure at welcoming so many past students, and expressed the belief that the years would see these growing in number and in influence. (Applause.)

#### O.K'S CLUB.

The Rev. C. K. Hodges, in proposing "The Old Kingswoodian Club," referred to his comparatively recent connection with the College, though this, he declared, had not failed to impress him with its achievements. All over South Africa and the Wesleyan connection had he found testimony borne to the work done here, and he had personally observed with pleasure that the present scholars were emulating the traditions of the past and even enhancing them. The Old Boys had made Kingswood, and their achievements were not forgotten nor unworthy. In all pro-

fessions had success met them, and the Council shared in their successes, while Conference also was alive to their desires for the development of their old College. Kingswood had worthily stood for the highest and the best, and its education was not only utilitarian but also, he was proud to say, idealistic too, for the Old Boys had shown this in a thousand ways, and particularly in the recent Great War. The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. R. H. Matterson (Hon. Sec. O.K. Club), briefly responded, indicating the present satisfactory condition of the Club finances, and the rapidly increasing number of active and life members.

In reply, also, Mr. C. W. Matthews declared that the efforts of life at Kingswood did not cease at the College, but carried the Old Boys on through the later years. At the University Colleges. Old Kingswoodians could be found taking a leading part in every department of sport, and in the examination lists they more than held their own. Wherever Old Boys met reserve broke down at once, and in reminiscence many a pleasant, almost intimate, chat was indulged in, for they never forgot those days of work and play. (Applause.)

Mr. G. Mears proposed "The Kingswood College Council," and declared that the College was to be congratulated on having for its control such a strong and permanent force behind it to back its steady growth. Their policy the years had shown to be unfailingly progressive, for the gymnasium, the swimming bath, the new sports grounds and boarding houses were all milestones along the road of success. He urged them not to miss the tide at its flood, but to move on forward more resolutely than ever. The Old Boys were intensely gratified at the development of the last years, and trusted that the Wesleyan Conference too, as a national organisation, would lend its strong support to the Council in their great aim.

In reply, the Rev. J. D. Bacon expressed his regret at the absence of Mr. Hy. Wood, and feelingly referred to the late Rev. J. Robb, who gave so much of his life to the cause of Kingswood and the Wesleyan Schools. Much of the success of to-day was without a doubt due to Mr. Robb's splendid personal interest. The aims and ideals of the Council were ambitious, but they would yet be realised. Kingswood's position was absolutely secure, and every year it was progressing strongly. The Council did appreciate the efforts of the staff, and would second these in every way possible, and they believed that the whole Methodist people of South Africa were rallying to the great call of true education so that Conference might not fail to do its share also. Mr. Bacon emphasised the personal element in the College's establishment, and called upon the Old Boys also to stand by Kingswood loyally.



in the days to come, so they too might play their part in giving to the younger generation the finest asset that the times demanded—a sound, true education along the highest and the best lines. The future then would unfailingly see yet bigger and brighter issues. (Applause.)

Mr. H. Wilkinson, a former member of the staff, and at present Principal of Queen's College, Queenstown, in proposing "Kingswood Cadet Corps and Sport," expressed his great pleasure at revisiting the College, and witnessing personally its magnificent progress. He referred to the many O.K.'s whom he had known twenty years ago, many of whom he met in different parts of the country, and whose interest seemed not to have diminished in the least. The spirit of Kingswood was sound, because it embodied the best traditions of the English Public Schools—a high sense of honour, and of truth, and clean, manly sport. In reminiscence he referred to the name of the College at the very beginning for its sturdy sport, and for its smart Cadet Corps, and corroborated the Principal's remarks on the influence this spirit had had on other institutions. Unfailingly the Cadet Corps had been the smartest and with the best discipline of any Corps at many a Cadet Camp. (Applause.) All along the Border, he personally had found constant reference to Kingswood by very many people, and the reputation that the College had built up in a comparatively short time was nothing short of marvellous. Everywhere an Old Kingswood boy was welcomed, because he was a straight sportsman and a man who lived clean and strong, keeping alive his love for the old College and his affectionate respect for Mr. and Mrs. Gane. (Applause.) The fine war record of the College was due to the carrying out of the Kingswood tradition of duty, and in the greatest test of all, Old Kingswoodians had "played the game" in a way that all could not but admire. The spirit of those who had fallen could not die; let the present and the past boys live up to its worthy ideal. (Applause.)

Mr. A. T. Williamson, in reply on behalf of the Cadet Corps, remarked that curiously enough the last speaker was his only senior officer in the Cadet Corps of the Eastern Province, so that Kingswood's officers were not rated low. He was grateful for the remarks passed upon the efficiency of the Corps, and referred to the readiness of all members to turn out when called upon for military or civic functions. The numbers had risen considerably, but their efficiency was unimpaired, and their successes in various cadet competitions were a guarantee that they were not declining.

#### COLLEGE SPORT.

Mr. H. T. Crouch, replying on behalf of the College sport,

expressed regret that the Captain of the Cricket XI (A. Gray) was unavoidably absent. He emphasised the value of good, clean sport in building up a true *esprit-de-corps* in the College, and assured the Council of the value which their new acquisition of additional sports grounds meant to the corporate life of the institution. Kingswood's name now stood second to no other school's in the realm of sport, and old Kingswoodians were to be found in every quarter of the Union, occupying leading positions in some of the foremost clubs of the country. It was this spirit that they tried to develop in Kingswood which had impelled so many Old Boys to answer the great call when war came upon them, and the photographs which adorned the walls around them showed scores of those who had then gone gladly forth, many even to die. The standard of footer and of cricket, he assured the Old Boys, was as high as ever the past had seen it, and this standard would not fall if the efforts of those responsible could keep it strong. They were proud of past traditions; the future achievements would not fail to maintain the same reputation. On behalf of the College sport, Mr. Crouch expressed thanks for the testimony borne to its efficiency by the last speaker, and testified to the unfailing interest which Mr. Matterson had always shown in this department of the College life. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the speeches the National Anthem was sung and "Auld Lang Syne" after which the gathering—an historic one in the annals of the College—dispersed to rest; many of those, however in residence at the College itself, collecting again in groups to recount the thousand reminiscences which the first day of the Reunion brought back so vividly to their minds.

### Memorial Service.

ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH, an impressive Memorial Service was held in Commemoration Church, in memory of Old Boys and Masters of the College who fell in the Great War. The Church was filled to overflowing, all the Old Boys being seated in the Gallery where the Tablet was to be unveiled by Mrs. Gane. Mr. G. Webster was at the organ, and Miss M. Pocock sang the solo with great feeling. Below, we give the Order of Service, and also the Address of the Principal, for the occasion was an historic one in the annals of the College, and many of the Old Boys expressed their earnest wish to retain a faithful memento of the Service.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE.

Hymn 621, "Saviour, Blessed Saviour."

Prayers, and The Lord's Prayer.

Hymn 852, "Jerusalem the Golden."



Lesson, I Corinthians, xv, 1-22, 51-8.

Solo, Hymn 175, "Jesus Lives!"

The unveiling of the Memorial Tablet, and  
the reading of the names inscribed upon it.

The Dead March in "Saul."

The Principal's Address.

Offertory, and Voluntary "Blessed are the Departed," *Spohr*.

Hymn 807, "For All the Saints."

Benediction, and Retiring Voluntary, "Marche Funèbre" *Chopin*.

The following Names are inscribed on the Tablet :

Attwood, E. G.  
Alger, H. C.  
Alger, G. C.  
Ayliff, G.  
Brown, E. M.  
Clementz, D.  
Connock, J.  
Craig, G. R.  
Davis, G.  
Day, H. V.  
Dold, E.  
Dickson, E. Q., *M.C.*  
Donelly, N. L.  
Francis, N.  
Gluckman, P.  
Halse, C.  
Hollingworth, J. M.  
Knight, E. F.  
Knight, F. H.  
Kennard, R.  
King, E. N.  
Kohler, H.  
Liddell, W.  
Metcalf, C. O.  
Mitchley, S.  
Mallett, F. G.

Meth, J. M.  
Milne, T. H.  
Oates, J. L.  
Oliver, E. A.  
Pater, G.  
Purdon, A. E.  
Painter, B.  
Passmore, G. K.  
Rider, C.  
Redler, H. B.  
Ross, C.  
Spargo, F.  
Stephenson, J.  
Slade, L. S.  
Sim, N. Y.  
Spence, A.  
Stirk, W.  
Tooke, W. M. B.  
Tooke, J. C. A.  
Trollip, J. E.  
Trumble, R.  
Thomas, S.  
Viney, T. E., *D.S.O.*  
Ward, G. H.  
Ward, E. J.  
Wood, H. S., *M.C.*

Wilson, H. Wesley

"*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life  
for his friends."

## THE PRINCIPAL'S SERMON.

*"Is it well with the Child?" And she answered, "It is well."*—II Kings iv, 26

On one of the battle-fields of northern Natal there may be seen to-day a monument erected to the memory of a gallant soldier and bearing as inscription the words which have just been read to you—*"Is it well with the child?" "It is well!"*

And perhaps that will be no unsuitable key note for this occasion when we are met on this Easter Sunday evening to do honour to the memory of the gallant men whose names have just been read to you.

It is most fitting that a service of this character should take place in this Church hallowed in the thoughts of many by sacred memories of the past, and in the presence of so many of you to whom these names are more than names—reminders of past acquaintance and friendship; for in common with you they once worshipped within these walls and shared with you their games, their work, and their prayers.

Nor is it unfitting that this tribute to their memory should be paid on Easter Sunday which recalls those loftiest lessons of the Christian faith—the greatness of self-sacrifice and the triumphant victory of the resurrection. To the Christian these men are not dead, and whether your thoughts go out to them or to others who have fallen in the great struggle, you will not fail to find those consolations which Easter day suggests.

*"Is it well with the child?"*

War is not child's play, but the task for all that is stoutest and most robust, yet we do well to remember that each one who fell was someone's child. In the prolonged conflict of this greatest of all wars, so terrible has been the sacrifice and so common the loss, that men have perhaps been hardened into callousness and indifference at the toll of human suffering. In the crisis of the struggle when teeth were set and nerves hardened to fresh endurance; when tremendous casualty lists were but an item of the day's news, it was inevitable that this should be so, and the conclusion of the war has brought reaction—a spirit which desires not to remember but wishes to forget.

Yet amid the vast load of loss and suffering common to the race each life given was a personal sacrifice, each death a personal loss. Each soldier who died was someone's father, someone's husband, someone's brother. Each was someone's child, and it is only when we reflect on the terrible load of personal suffering involved in the loss of the eight hundred thousand lives that have been the Empire's contribution to the war, that we can faintly realise all that the war has meant to us. And this great total still omits the countless numbers deprived of sight or limb:



shattered in mental powers or physical health whose lives must inevitably be shortened, perhaps in many cases mercifully. And yet again we have taken no account of the widespread evil which cannot but attend a struggle of the kind.

It is small wonder if many a human heart to-day is asking in indignant protest "To what end was this waste?" Does this great sacrifice with all its examples of stern valour and heroism, its devotion to duty, its splendid comradeship, its care for the wounded and the sick—do these things spell no more than the accomplishment or the defeat of a political purpose, or the victory of superior military force?

To this there can be but one answer, and to the question "Is it well with the child?" we answer in no unflinching voice "It is well;" for these lives have not been given in vain. Either the war has been a vast and useless expenditure of human life and money or—and there is no other alternative—it has played its part in the great scheme of human life in establishing some moral purpose, and enabling men to "rise on stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things." There is no room for pessimism in the Christian creed, and Easter Day itself with its triumphant assurance of victory over death, is the assertion of the thought that no single life was ever lived, no worthy deed performed, that did not contribute something to the total of human progress and the gradual if slow uplifting of the race. Only in the belief that under the Providence of God, humanity is from age to age evolving higher standards of moral truth and goodness, can we find any key to the tremendous events of the days in which we live.

We are still too near the great struggle, when the smoke of battle has as yet hardly cleared away, to appreciate rightly all the causes, much less the issues, of so great a conflict. It will be the work of the future when the calming of human passions and the removal of national prejudices leads to a clearer view, to estimate cause and results in their due proportion, and rightly apportion praise and blame. Still amid the conflicting problems which are the aftermath of the war, slowly ideas are clearing and revealing our life in its true light.

The year 1914 closed an era. The war commenced a new one. In the former men lived in a fool's Paradise. On the verge of this great upheaval, men talked of our "advanced civilization" and there was a commercial prosperity such as the world had never seen. With many efforts to ameliorate social conditions, too little was said of the fact that in the British Isles 12 millions of people lived on the margin of absolute poverty, that in wide strata of society the utmost indifference prevailed as to the welfare of others. Commerce itself often meant little more than a struggle utterly

selfish, and quite as bitter as and more ignoble than combat with bayonet or with bomb.

While something was being done to better social conditions there was too little heed to the claims of child life, or the sanctity of motherhood, to the demand that all men are entitled to something of the comforts and all of the decencies of life.

Humanity is slow to learn the lesson that it is its brother's keeper, and it would seem that from time to time the most tremendous shocks are needed to arouse men and nations to a sense of their common brotherhood and responsibility to one another.

For after all, what is our civilization but the sum total of the slow conventions by which man has slowly uplifted himself from the level of the brute? The comforts conferred by wealth, the discoveries of science, the results of mechanical invention, are merely externals with little influence on the human heart, and it is only in the upward struggle that character is developed and humanity grows nearer to the light.

May we not take the humble comparison of a man called on to scale some dizzy height? Slowly the climber moves upward, step by step, clutch by clutch, on with toil of heart and knees and hands. One tiny step of progress acts as an inspiration to another, yet by a slip the work of hours may be lost, and to falter may mean death.

So in the upward struggle through the ages there are times when for a moment all that is best in our humanity, all the slow advance of centuries, seems threatened with destruction; and men are called on to strive and fight lest the very foundations of our civilization slip away.

One of these great crises the world has seen in the war of the last few years, when in a struggle of unexampled fury and at the most appalling sacrifices, the nations of the earth have been called upon to fight to save their liberties and privileges, and to secure the right to progress on the lines which each thinks best.

"*Is it well?*" Yes, in spite of much that is dark, in spite of the load of suffering that lies heavy on the world, in spite of the loss of so many of our best and bravest lives, we may hold fast this confidence that no single life has been thrown away, but each and all have been sacrifices in the great cause of the salvation of the world.

It has been in no unworthy cause that these brave lives have been given. They fought and fell that national pledges should not be treated as mere scraps of paper, and that those conventions might be maintained by which the chivalry of men has agreed that even in war the weak and the defenceless shall have consideration, that women shall be safeguarded and children be protected.



Of the fifty-four men whose names are recorded on our memorial roll, some of them were known to many of you and a few of us knew them all. But for this urgent call of duty I imagine that no single one would have looked forward to a military career. There was no love for war, and some saw clearly the folly and the crime of it. Some were lives of high promise, with qualities which might have led them on to great careers. Many were little more than boys, who went forth from the classroom to the training field and thence to battle and early death. Some of maturer years had already entered on careers of high material prosperity. Some were gentle spirits whom nothing but the plain call of duty could have led to a soldier's work. Here were no conscripts called by their country's laws to its service. With all of them the free choice lay to go or not to go.

This roll of fallen comrades is but a small one in comparison with the great total of the Empire's losses in the war, yet it is no trifling loss to a school of no great age, and not yet great in point of numbers. If the full story of the gallantry of this small band might be told, it would be no unworthy record of courage and devotion. There would be told the story of two brothers of whom the elder fell in the capture of a German trench, to be followed but a fortnight later by the younger, his life given in a gallant rescue of a nurse from drowning. Another almost led the way in the combat of air craft and of submarine to win high honour, and a few weeks later a grave in the cold yet not companionless waters of the North Sea. Here is the tale of one shot down in aerial combat against overwhelming odds: here of another whose comrades bear testimony to his devoted care for others amid the stress and slaughter of Delville Wood. Of more than one it might be said: "He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow." Each has his tale—in many cases all too short—of valour and devotion. All died that we might live.

"*Is it well with the child?*" "*It is well,*" for they have followed the long line of those who have found in the urgent call of duty their life's work, and desired no other blessedness. No better epitaph could be assigned to them than that of the gallant hero of the Mutiny, "Here lies Henry Lawrence who tried to do his duty."

Need we doubt that it is well with them, for no life given at the sacred call of duty can have been given in vain.

If you will pardon a personal remembrance, I am reminded of the words of a great preacher, heard many years ago in the chapel of a noble Institution devoted to the rescue and the care of orphan childhood, the Foundling Hospital of London. Text and sermon have both long since passed away, but one brief sentence has remained unforgotten—"Duty and Salvation are identical." Duty and Salvation are identical, for Salvation is of love, and

"greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

Can we doubt that with examples such as these and those of the countless thousands who, like them, have counted not their lives dear, humanity will recognise that a common Fatherhood implies a common Brotherhood? In the slow attainment of this ideal wars may yet have to be fought and dangers endured, yet the memory of the noble lives and gallant deeds of the past, will ever inspire men to follow cheerfully those harder paths that lead to peril and to death.

As in these latter days, so a century ago England was called upon to fight a long and bitter struggle that Europe might not be crushed beneath the iron heel of military despotism. The cause of right and human progress won, and when years afterwards the great commander who had led our armies in the long struggle to victory was laid in his last resting place, one of our greatest Laureates paid a noble tribute to his memory in words which may well serve again.

"Not once or twice in our rough island story

The path of duty was the way to glory.

He that walks it, only thirsting

For the right, and learns to deaden

Love of self, before his journey closes,

He shall find the stubborn thistle bursting

Into glossy purples, which outredde

All voluptuous garden roses.

Not once or twice in our fair island story

The path of duty was the way to glory :

He, that ever following her commands

On with toil of heart and knees and hands,

Through the long gorge to the far light has won

His way upward and prevailed,

Shall find the toppling crags of Duty scaled

Are close upon the shining table lands

To which our God Himself is moon and sun."

Such were they. Their work is done. And so we leave them in their honoured resting places : some in East and some in West Africa : some on the battle scarred heights of Gallipoli : most on the wrecked fields of Flanders and of France—far distant, not forgotten.

Father in Thy gracious keeping,

Leave we now Thy servants sleeping.



## The Business Meeting of the O.K. Club.

Was held in the Dining Hall on Monday April 5th, Mr. Gane occupying the chair.

There were present : Messrs. A. S. Alger, J. Ayliff, W. Ayliff, H. Ayliff, L. Bayes, B. R. Bennett, D. D. Collett, H. T. Crouch, A. B. Crouch, L. M. Dold, D. A. Dold, M. C. Fletcher, L. T. Gray, R. Gray, A. J. Guest, G. Gush, E. W. Hartley, G. Hepburn, T. S. Hughes, W. Kingwill, W. Kirstein, W. E. Lewis, A. C. Lewis, H. E. Matthews, R. H. Matterson, N. Meintjes, N. E. Moss, W. G. Lyne, T. Norquay, G. Mears, H. G. Murray, E. H. Purdon, D. Robb, W. R. Staples, R. Smith, H. S. Shorney, G. Simpson, R. Timm, R. W. Turner, N. W. Turner, E. J. Turner, C. Tyson, A. T. Williamson, H. G. Webster, F. T. White and G. Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read his report :

During the nine years he had held office the cash balance of the Club had risen from 10/- to £162 10s. 8d. this sum being an increase of £36 on that of last year. The financial prosperity was mainly due to the system of compound fees begun by Mr. Williamson just before he resigned from the secretaryship. There were 36 Life Members, an increase of 10 for the year, but the total number of members had varied but little during the 9 years as a few dropped out each year because their subscriptions were overdue.

Circulars had been sent to all 'O.K.'s anent the Memorial Fund and the Reunion, and in response to appeals for funds an amount of over £500 had been received and more had been promised. In view of the drought and other factors this was satisfactory for an initial effort.

The voting on the form the memorial should take was greatly in favour of a Memorial Hall, a Chapel coming second on the list.

An amount of £95 with some accrued interest was in the Scholarship Fund.

The Secretary felt the time was ripe for the reorganisation of local branches of the Club and hoped that such would soon be started.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Gane and Mr. Matterson having been re-elected President and Honorary Secretary of the Club, the meeting proceeded to business.

The Hon. Sec. asked and obtained authority for the expenditure of about £20 in connection with the Reunion entertainments.

Mr. L. M. Dold proposed that "the O.K. blazer be a plain black flannel, with brass buttons, and having the full College

crest on the pocket." He said that the white blazer was pretty, but very expensive, not distinctive, and unsuitable for many purposes. In the course of a long discussion the following suggestions were made: That the buttons be stamped with the College crest; that only the Wyvern be used as a badge; that O.K. be added to the pocket, below the crest; that a more brightly coloured blazer would be more distinctive; that a blazer which could be worn with evening dress at an O.K. dinner was needed; that the crest be woven on a disc in relief. Finally the following motion was carried with only one dissentient: "That the O.K. blazer be plain black, with brass buttons stamped with the College crest, and that the full College crest with O.K. below, be woven on a disc to be sewn on to the blazer pocket."

It was further proposed and carried "That the O.K. colours—blazer and hatband—be the O.K. Club colours, and that such be obtainable only through the Hon. Sec. of the Club."

The Hon. Sec. pointed out that the Club suffered financial loss owing to the failure of some members to pay up their subscriptions. Magazines were sent to members until the amount owing was £1 and these magazines had to be paid for. With a system of compound fees the argument that 5s. was a small and easily forgotten amount fell to the ground, and he asked that the limit be reduced to 10s. This was proposed and carried.

A brief report of the Scholarship Fund followed; the scheme had proved a failure owing to its unsatisfactory start, as no such scheme could be carried out away from the College. An amount of some £95 and a little interest was in hand, and an annual prize to the value of about £2 2s. 0d. was given as an Old Boys prize to the boy obtaining the highest first class in the Junior Certificate examination.

After a brief discussion it was proposed and carried that "the moneys in the Scholarship Fund be transferred to the O.K. Memorial Fund as a gift from the O.K. Club, the prize however, to be continued by the Club."

The President referred briefly to the Memorial Fund and asked the meeting to confirm the action of the executive committee—Messrs. F. G. Gane, H. T. Crouch, L. M. Dold, E. H. Purdon and R. H. Matterson—and authorise the expenditure of the following amounts:

(a) About £10 in connection with the temporary tablet unveiled in Commemoration Church at the Memorial Service. No marble or verdite had been obtainable, hence this expense.

(b) About £100 to £120 for a permanent memorial in Commemoration Church. The tablet to be of marble, with a green verdite border, similar to the temporary one, but with a few improvements that were obviously necessary.



(c) About £10 for a wooden tablet to be erected somewhere in the School buildings.

After a few brief queries, these items were agreed upon.

The scheme for a permanent Memorial was next on the agenda.

The voting in favour of a Memorial Hall having been so greatly in excess of that for other schemes, the meeting felt that it was not within their rights to take a further vote on this point, but accepted this scheme as decided upon. It was felt that there was no need to hurry on any scheme, but that they should bind themselves definitely to the one decided upon and work energetically for that till next Reunion. Schemes of a similar nature, elsewhere had taken 10 years to materialise. Secretaries should be appointed to work up particular areas, and annual donations be encouraged. Mr. R. Smith promised to set aside for the Memorial Fund a beifer, which he hoped would itself contribute annually to the Fund, and he suggested that other farmers should do likewise. The following motion was then carried unanimously :

**"That this meeting of the O.K. Club is of the opinion that donations already paid should be regarded, as far as possible, as first donations, and pledges itself to further efforts to promote the scheme for a Memorial Hall."**

The following offered themselves as local secretaries in connection with the Fund. E. H. Purdon (Bathurst), R. Smith (Albany), N. Meintjes (Middelburg), A. B. Crouch (Queenstown and Molteno), A. S. Alger (Aliwal North), T. S. Hughes (East London), E. W. Hartley (Kroonstad), W. E. Lewis (Johannesburg), H. E. Matthews (Alice) and the following names were suggested : H. C. Bennett (Kimberley), W. E. C. Stent (Capetown), L. Hodges (Durban), S. Smart (Bethlehem).

With reference to the date of the next Reunion the following periods were suggested : (i) Every 10 years (ii) An indefinite period, the date being left to be fixed by the School authorities. (iii) Every 5 years (iv) A multiple of 30 years—so as to coincide with W.H.S. Reunion—such period not to exceed 6 years. The last suggestion, curiously enough, met with general approval and was carried.

It was suggested that plans for a Memorial Hall be obtained and a photograph of these be taken and circulated amongst O.K's. This was agreed upon, if practicable.

At this stage of the proceedings a note was handed to the secretary ; it was from the College servants for whom a collection had been made at The Dinner. The letter read as follows : "Dear

Sirs, we are thanking you very much for your rescription you have done for us. We hope that you were very pleased for what we have done for you, we are thanking you very much. Your obedient servants."

The Hon. Sec. referred briefly to the great debt the Club owed to Mr. H. T. Crouch, both for his energetic interest in O.K's and as Editor of the Magazine; the latter entailed much labour at the busiest portions of the term and had been all the more difficult because the School was understaffed. He asked that as a small mark of their appreciation Mr. Crouch be elected an honorary Life Member of the Club. Carried. G. Wood then rose to express on behalf of himself and the O.K's generally their appreciation of the Principal's address at the Memorial Service; he hoped that this would be published in the Magazine and he suggested that the words of the text—"Is it well with the the child? It is well," be placed below the permanent memorial tablet. Though no vote was taken on this, the suggestion met with an enthusiastic approval.

On the AFTERNOON OF MONDAY expectations had promised tennis parties in conjunction with the Old Girls of the W.H.S., but at the last moment the latter arranged exclusive games of their own. A men's Tournament was therefore decided upon at Kingswood, Messrs. M. Dold and H. T. Crouch choosing two teams from the O.K's available, and a series of strenuous matches were played off on the courts at Kingswood, and also on those of Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. S. Dold and Mrs. L. B. Dold, to whom the cordial thanks of all players were due. Thus passed only too quickly a most enjoyable afternoon, the weather being delightful for open-air sport; the absence of handicaps, too, produced some really excellent tennis.

In the evening, the Old Kingswoodians were the guests of the W.H.S. Old Girls' Association at an "At Home" held in the High School Hall. The accommodation was taxed to the utmost, every available place being occupied, and as the gay circles of new and old friends changed and interchanged their members, the social intimacy of the double Reunion was the more strengthened.

An excellent and varied programme of music and recitations was given to this appreciative audience, and unanimously the function was voted by all who attended as visitors, one of the best successes of the holiday.

TUESDAY (APRIL 6TH) saw in the morning the photographing of a Reunion group in front of the Main Buildings, though as business houses had already reopened, it was regrettable that a number of O.K's could not put in an appearance. In the afternoon tea was provided at the Mayor's Seat (Mountain



Drive) for members of both Reunions, the idea being that the walk there and back, with refreshments as a pleasant interlude, would prove an enjoyable way of whiling away the last afternoon of the celebrations. Once again, owing to an interesting misunderstanding, the W.H.S. presumed that the affair was to be a Kingswood one, but we were fortunate in obtaining the ready help of Mrs. Fletcher who, with the assistance of Mr. Matterson, admirably carried out every detail of the necessary arrangements. We take this opportunity of expressing to them the cordial thanks of all who so enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment which their willing efforts had provided. Since, in the evening, the Old Boys of the College were giving a dance at which the W.H.S. were to be their guests, it was feared that the Mountain Drive Picnic walk might prove an excessive strain upon the delicate constitutions of the visitors, and therefore a formidable array of taxis surmounted the first obstacle of a stroll to the picnic place. Coming home again on foot *downhill*, was achieved through pluck and endurance—in a few cases!

At the dance held that evening in the Assembly Rooms the Mayoress (Mrs. C. W. Whiteside), and Mrs. E. G. Gane welcomed the visitors of both Reunions, and as the Hall was well filled by gay couples, this last event proved an unqualified success. One O.K. who was present, has sent us a rather vivid account of the evening's proceedings, but description of ladies' evening wear by a mere male we feel cannot but fall lamentably short in appreciation of "confections and creations," and before such, perhaps, it is best to draw a veil! suffice it, that the last night of the Reunion was to nearly everyone a time of real, carefree happiness, and when at last even to this came an end, on all sides was heard nothing but regret, and the keenest anticipation of the next celebration.

This Easter Week was indeed, to most, a joyous, irresponsible holiday, and if at intervals the note of sadness crept in, yet the Easter message joined even that with the greatest triumph of all.

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## THE OLD KINGSWOODIAN MEMORIAL FUND.

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As will be seen from the minutes of the meeting of Old Boys during the Easter Reunion, two most important decisions were then reached in regard to this Fund.

The first was, that in accordance with the very large majority of voters taken since the Fund was opened, its object should be

the erection of a large College Memorial Hall. The second was, that as this would require a very much larger sum than was first anticipated, and as in every way the College was still developing, the Fund should be held open for several more years in order that a sum of about £10,000 should be raised. All those present pledged themselves to support it by all means in their power, even to the point of sacrifice, and also to use efforts to induce other Old Boys to contribute more liberally and consistently to what was genuinely felt to be a most worthy cause.

In this issue, therefore, we urge upon those to whom this appeal will come, to regard past gifts as donations, and to endeavour to enlist still further interest in the need of the College and the tribute to the dead. Let each and all take a personal responsibility in this Fund, and think with more earnestness of how it is but the simple, clear duty of all to erect this fitting Memorial; and then, we feel confident, the response will be worthy and will not fail.

Let us recall but for one moment those young men who died in the Great War, and when we remember what their lives were and how deeply these were for years bound up with the very existence of Kingswood, then we shall not lightly disregard the claim that their memory has upon us.

The first thousand pounds has nearly been completed; that is the first strong step, and we trust that the full sum will speedily be attained during the next few years, so that the next Reunion may see £10,000 ready, the gift of the Old Boys of Kingswood, in tribute to those of their number who went gallantly even to Death, for the sake of others.

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Below we give subscriptions to date, and particularly express appreciation of the donation by Mr. W. C. Muirhead of £100 with the promise from the firm of Messrs. Muirhead & Gowie of £25 per annum for the next five years.

Already acknowledged	£557	7	9	W. T. Webster ... ..	1	1	0
A. S. Alger ... ..	1	0	0	R. W. Turner (2nd don.)	5	5	0
W. L. Kingwill ... ..	5	5	0	N. W. Turner ( " )	5	5	0
Matthews Bros. (H. E.				H. G. Webster ... ..	5	5	0
and E. D.) ... ..	10	10	0	Sale of N. Francis' Album	2	2	0
S. Cormack ... ..	1	0	0	W. Brooks ... ..	2	2	0
G. Wood ... ..	3	3	0	E. P. Rider ... ..	1	1	0
D. Dold ... ..	5	0	0	H. G. Murray (2nd don.)	10	6	
B. N. King (2nd donation)	5	5	0	Mrs. Osler ... ..	1	0	0
H. E. Amm ... ..	2	2	0	W. C. Muirhead...	100	0	0
H. Heyman ... ..	10	6		Messrs. Muirhead &			
D. " ... ..	10	6		Gowie ... ..	125	0	0
L. " ... ..	10	6		S. R. Hill ... ..	4	0	0
Mrs. Sieberhagen ...	1	0	0	Old Kingswoodian Club	100	0	0



## O.K. CLUB.

### MARRIAGES.

Purvis—Laidlaw, at Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 16, 1919, by Rev. W. A. Stark, F.S.A. (uncle of the bridegroom), George Burnett Purvis of Grahamstown, to Janet Cunningham, second daughter of William Laidlaw, of Kelso, Scotland.

Tarr—Bradfield, at Wesley, Peddie District, on 24th Feb. 1920, by the Rev. D. B. Davies, Allan Clyde Tarr, eldest son of J. Hamilton Tarr, to Jessie, eldest daughter of James Bradfield.

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D. D. Duncan captained the Oxford Rugby XV last season and played for Scotland in the four International Matches *versus* England, Wales, Ireland and France.

J. V. Ennor played centre for the Kimberley "Pirates" team that toured this Province early in the season. H. C. Bennett is president of this Club.

B. Dold, H. W. Guest, C. W. Mathews, J. Slater, H. T. Crouch and W. Kirstein played for combined Grahamstown against the Pirates. D. A. Dold who was to captain the side was unfortunately disabled in a trial game.

The following are in residence at Rhodes University College, this year: J. A. Cadle, C. W. Mathews, J. Slater, F. Tooke, W. Brooks, G. Locke, W. Kirstein, W. Caley, G. Hepburn and H. Bisseker.

N. Manley, N. Gane, Cronwright and S. R. Hill are at Cape Town University.

W. G. Lyne is acting as Hon. Secy. for the local Johannesburg branch of the O.K. Club. Will all O.K's in the vicinity please make a point of communicating with him, so that regular meetings may be arranged at his office? We trust that other O.K's in other centres will show similar enthusiasm in the cause of the Old School.

## FOOTBALL 1920.

### FIRST TEAM.

With seven old colours in residence and a large number of light but energetic players available for the first division, the prospect of a successful season were decidedly rosy. The four three-quarters and Tyson at full-back made a strong nucleus for the backs, but while R. Rayner was a promising scrum-half in

the second there seem to be a scarcity of fly-halves, without which no team can rise to any great height of excellence.

The forward line will need the most attention; only two colours remain though three more were regular members of the team at the end of last season; the whole pack is, however, exceedingly light and the material at our disposal of the same nature; the hope of developing a good pack lies in the fact that the tackling, handling and pace of the first division forwards is decidedly good.

Unfortunately A. L. Gray, Tyson and Griffin leave us at June and the team will then need reorganising. A. L. Gray has been playing for the team for five years—a school record—and has captained the side excellently for two seasons. He will be greatly missed.

#### SECOND TEAM.

The Second Team should be at least up to standard; at half, they may possibly be weak, but by the end of the season when the very promising, but decidedly raw material has been licked into shape, they should be quite good.

The weakness of the senior sides this season undoubtedly lies in the pack, for the forwards fail rather badly in all scrum work. They lack weight markedly, are too much at a loss without a reliable leader, and fail to hook with anything like consistency. In their dribbling breaks away, also, they need much more dash, though there are signs of improvement in several players. This forward weakness lost us the Grey game, for the backs were hopelessly starved. It is to be hoped that the course of the season will see a big advance in this most important feature of the play.

It was with regret that this year the fixtures with St. Andrew's First XV could not be arranged, but as they required even for Inter-School matches that the past-matriculation students of their newly-formed University Class should be included in their School side, rather than relinquish the principle on which we have met them for the last two years, we allowed the fixtures to lapse.

The following matches were played:

#### **FIRST FIFTEEN.**

##### *v.* RHODES "A."

In accordance with arrangements made at the beginning of the season, Rhodes put in a side they considered sufficiently strong to give our School team a good game. We have realised for some time that as Rhodes grew, they would more and more become too strong for a school XV; indeed the same situation arose in 1914, but the war postponed the question for six years.



Rhodes kicked-off with the sun behind them and began to attack at once; as usual they over-weighted us in the scrum, so that the superiority we had in the back division was seldom evident as we rarely got the ball. The game, however, was of a most open nature and excellent to watch, for both sides gave their three-quarters the ball whenever they could and had our defence been less sound, Rhodes would have scored on several occasions. After about ten minutes play a strong forward rush brought the attack to touch a yard from our line, where the Rhodes half threw the ball to a forward who dived through and scored. 0—3.

Kingswood made strong efforts to equalise, but H. Gray was missing his passes badly and on several occasions these were picked up by the Rhodes wing and had not R. Gush come round each time and taken the man, Rhodes might have piled up a big score. Rayner was playing an excellent game at scrum half, and gave up the ball from many loose scrums, but Tyson failed to get the line going quickly enough so that the centres and wings received the ball with Rhodes almost on them.

Half-time came without further score. The second-half was a repetition of the first, the game being most even, but this time the balance was in our favour; in one department we were decidedly weak for our forwards marked badly and again and again Dugmore and one or two other forwards broke away from the line out and gained much ground. Baker at full-back was picking up and kicking well, but showed his old weakness when he had to deal with a forward rush or a fast moving three-quarter.

A. Gray and Evans made some strong bursts and Tyson saved the side from one or two difficult positions, but there was no sign of scoring till ten minutes from the end, when Evans obtained five yards from our goal line and running strongly got round Shorney, the Rhodes full-back, and kept ahead of other pursuers, scoring about ten yards from the touch line. A slight hesitation before he reached Shorney made it impossible to get round behind the posts. Score 3—3.

The rest of the game was very strenuous, each side endeavouring to make the result decisive and for the last five minutes we attacked almost continuously.

R. Gush and A. Gray were especially strong in defence, Griffin, King, B. Gush and Jackson did well in a pack that hardly played up to form. B. Gush had to leave the field ten minutes before time. The two O.K's in the Rhodes team—Shorney and Cadle played excellent games.

TEAM: *back*, F. B. Baker; *three-quarters*, A. L. Gray, R. G. Gush, H. B. Gray; *halves*, Tyson, Rayner; *forwards*, Griffin, King, Johnson, Vos, Clegg, Jackson, B. Gush and Muir.

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

This game was played at Port Elizabeth on Thursday, May 13th, and resulted in a win for the home side by 10 points (1 try, 1 drop goal, 1 penalty goal) to 5 (1 goal).

The Kingswood team were the guests of the Grey boys for the day, and in the morning went out to Humewood where a lazy hour was spent on the beach. The weather was delightful, and in the afternoon a big crowd assembled on the Crusader ground to watch the match. When the teams lined up, the Grey superiority in weight in the forwards was apparent, and this advantage, backed by dashing loose play and good scrumming, won them the game. Play started very fast from the kick off, but Rayner sent the ball back to half-way by a useful touch. A fine dribble by the Grey forwards in which Pringle and Miller were prominent carried play down to our twenty-five, when from a scrum the ball came out fast to the Grey backs. Lovemore made a swift opening and let out to O'Reilly who crossed our line. The kick failed (3-0). Kingswood started vigorously from the drop out, and H. Gray by a sprint carried play to half-way; from the scrum the ball went right along the back line to Evans who made a fine run beyond the other twenty-five, being tackled just in time to avert a score. The Grey forwards came back with a fast dribble only to be stopped by Tyson. Again they came away, and opposite the goal, a free-kick was given against us for lying on the ball. With a fine drop, O'Reilly converted. (6-0). Play remained even for a time, the backs of neither side being allowed to get away and both A. Gray and O'Reilly put in some good touch finding. From near half-way the ball went along the Grey back line to the Kingswood twenty-five when their wing was forced to touch. Back it came to the centre when O'Reilly put over a good drop-goal (10-0). From now till half-time the Grey forwards made repeated rushes, their backs being dangerous only once; but Tyson saved excellently, and low tackling prevented much close passing. Half-time saw the Grey leading by ten points, and having had so far the best of the game.

On the resumption of play, Ensor put in several useful saving kicks and play came near the Kingswood line only to be forced back again, when Anderson saved well from a Kingswood rush. A. Gray tried a drop from a free-kick, but the Grey forwards punted high and dribbled on to the Kingswood line. A free-kick against Rayner for off side failed. Ensor was playing a sound game now, and he and O'Reilly repeatedly gained ground by good touches. The efforts of their backs, who were getting the ball again and again from scrums, failed through the very sound defence opposed to them. Suddenly, from near our twenty-five



the ball came out from Rayner and passing right along the line reached Evans, who easily swerved past the full-back and scored after a fine run—Rayner converted (10-5). The game started with fresh dash, play travelling from side to side, but though Griffin, King and Grant led several useful forward rushes, every scrum saw Grey in possession, and their steady touches pushed play back again to the Kingswood half. Once, the ball was kicked across, and Crockart was nearly through but was well tackled, and again Miller from a line-out made a dangerous burst. Ensor and O'Reilly played a good defensive game, and play passed to the Grey line. One useful wheel was made by the Kingswood forwards and some fast close passing took place, only to be stopped by a touch. The Grey backs could not get going, and no side went with play in neutral territory. Mr. Cruikshanks refereed admirably, though his severity in regard to falling on the ball at first rather nonplussed the visiting side.

Of the two teams, the Grey forwards were undoubtedly the better; they hooked well in the scrum, dribbled fast and together, and gave their backs every chance. The Kingswood three-quarters, had they not been starved, might have changed the the score, for our very movements were invariably dangerous. O'Reilly played excellently for his side, particularly in defence, and saved one certain try. Ensor kicked with judgment Tyson at full-back for Kingswood was most sound, and the tackling of all the backs nullified the frequent three-quarter movement of the other side. Griffin, Jackson, King and Grant did some very useful forward work. As a whole, the game was fast and open, and most enjoyable.

In the evening the Kingswood team was entertained by Mr. Way and the Grey XV to a performance at the Grand Theatre, and left most regretfully at 9.30 p.m., Our most cordial thanks are due to all at the Grey who did so much to give us a really good time, and next year we hope to reciprocate, in detail and in full, the reception and treatment which was ours on May 13th.

TEAM: *back*, A. Tyson; *three-quarters*, H. Gray, R. Gush, A. Gray (Capt.), A. Evans; *halves*, R. Rayner, C. Paver; *forwards*, W. Griffin, S. Jackson, S. Grant, B. Gush, A. Clegg, C. King, C. Johnson, P. Vos.

## v. ALBANY "A."

The above teams met on Kingswood ground and the game that followed was one full of incident and interest, and its open nature made it admirable from the spectator's point of view. The Albany pack controlled the scrums and gave their back division many opportunities. In the loose, however, the school quite held

their own, and the scrum half made the most of the chances he got from these.

Early in the game a fine burst by Cecil Keey, followed by a wild rush of the Albany pack, led to a lucky try, and a few minutes later Hilliard and Keey secured another try by excellent combination. Kingswood responded with a very pretty three-quarter movement and some energetic forward play, to which Albany responded with long kicks, which brought them back to the attack, and in the play that followed Keey, White and Rutherford were often to the fore while the whole of the Kingswood team were tackling in brilliant fashion. Half-time score, 6—0.

Kingswood attacked at once on resumption, and a short, high kick by Gush nearly resulted in a score; Albany came back with a long dribble by Keey, which ended on Kingswood line, and a few minutes later a strong dash by Rutherford put Albany 11 points ahead.

From this point Kingswood were continually attacking; Evans on one wing took a cross kick from Gray on the other, in fine style, and was pulled up near the Albany line; a few minutes later a forward rush ended in a strong burst by B. Gush and H. Gray. Hilliard now made a fine run, Jackson taking him a few yards from the home line, and White also burst through, to be tackled by Tyson at full back when going at full pace.

A great run by H. Gray, Griffin and Jackson ended two yards from the Albany line, leaving both Gray and Jackson hurt, and immediately afterwards Rayner dribbled from a scrum to the Albany line, where King picked up and scored.

Harvey at full-back saved Albany excellently on many occasions, though his tackling is somewhat too vigorous for a school fifteen.

Scores: Albany, 11 points; Kingswood, 3 points.

The pick of the players were, for Albany, Keey, J. Dold, Rutherford, White and Harvey; and for Kingswood, Tyson, Evans, Griffin, Grant, Jackson and Rayner.

TEAM: *back*, F. B. Tyson; *three-quarters*, Evans, A. L. Gray, Selley, H. B. Gray; *halves*, Rayner, R. G. Gush; *forwards*, Griffin, King, Johnson, S. Grant, Jackson, Clegg, Vos, B. M. Gush.

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

This fixture, which lapsed owing to war conditions reappears on our annual list, and promises to continue as a most evenly contested item.

This year Gill visited us and in general physique and stamina gave our XV. qualms, but a hard even game was played. Gill kicked off with the sun behind them and began to attack



vigorously; in this they were greatly assisted by three free-kicks for "foot up" which enabled their full-back to punt far down the line. After a few minutes we began to press, our forwards obtaining the ball from most scrums, and giving our backs plenty of opportunities. Rayner, who was playing at the top of his form, made one great dribble and captured the full-back as he took the ball, but the Gill forwards saved the situation. A few minutes later Evans slipped past his wing and gave up to A. Gray, who was backing up well, and this gave Kingswood a lead of three points. For most of this half we continued to press and were unfortunate in not adding to our lead.

Shortly before half-time the visitors came up strongly and Coetzee made three strong bursts for the line. On the third of these Paver tried to intercept a dummy pass, and was left standing while Gill scored a try which was easily converted.

For the first portion of the second-half the game was very level, but our pack appeared to be tiring, which the powerful touch-kicking of the Gill packs penalised us seriously; Evans made one or two fine runs and the tackling throughout the team was splendid, Grant, Clegg and Jackson being specially prominent.

The game was, however, deteriorating and resolving itself into a long series of strenuous forward struggles, in which Gill had considerably the best of things; for a time we were penned into our twenty-five and during this time a Gill centre tried a most difficult drop, which hit one upright, the crossbar, and then the other post before dropping back into play.

Just before the whistle ended the game we came up well and Evans made another strong run, but could not get away and Gill were left winners by 5 points to 3.

Tyson at full-back was a little below form, Evans and H. Gray excellent on the wing; A. Gray led the forwards admirably and Griffin played a strong sound game. Vos did better than in any previous game.

TEAM: *back*, A. Tyson; *three-quarters*, A. Evans, A. Selley, R. Border, H. B. Gray; *halves*, R. Rayner, C. Paver; *forwards*, A. Gray (Capt), W. Griffin, S. Jackson, C. King, A. Clegg, C. Johnson, S. Grant, P. Vos.

## SECOND FIFTEEN.

v. RHODES "B."

Played on Rhodes ground on Saturday, May 1st. A poor game resulted. We were heavily outweighed and our side lacked cohesion; in the scrum particularly there were signs of inexperience and a failure to fight to a finish. The three-quarters were starved, especially Selley on the wing. Allan and Paver played good games as scrum and fly-half, but both would have done better had they been awake to the opening on the blind side

of the scrums. The tackling as a whole was good, but Kirk failed in defensive work at full-back. L. Cohen, Theron, Lee and Plummer worked hard. The score of 20 points 0 gives a fair idea of the game.

TEAM. *back*, Border; *three-quarters*, Strachan, Lambert, Selley, *halves*, Allan, Paver; *forwards*, Cohen, Leefe, Higgs, Theron, Lee, Plummer, Campbell, Cohen.

## v. ALBERTS.

Played on our ground on May 15th.

Alberts opened with much dash and penned us in our twenty-five for the first twenty minutes, then we began to open up the game, but in the first useful back movement Strachan was hurt and had to change places with Border on the wing. The fielding of our backs was good, but they failed in this half to run straight enough. Theron showed up in one strong but rather wild dribbling rush. There was no score at half-time.

We attacked for the whole of the second-half, but for fifteen minutes could not get a lead, then Niebuhr came out of the scrum, giving us a man over in the attack and some pretty pieces of combined work saw Strachan (twice) and Lambert score and gave us a win by 11 points to 0.

Border played an excellent game at his altered position of centre; Allan at scrum-half played a very sound game. Lambert should run straight and let out sooner. Muir, L. Cohen, Theron and Leefe were the best of a pack that has much to learn.

TEAM. *back*, F. B. Baker; *three-quarters*, Strachan, Border, Lambert, Wood; *halves*, Allan, Amm; *forwards*, Muir, L. Cohen, R. Grant, Theron, Leefe, Niebuhr, Higgs, Plummer.

## v. ST. ANDREW'S.

A most disappointing game from our point of view; up to half-time the game was fairly level, but Keey, the St. Andrew's fly-half, was always dangerous. B. M. Gush, Niebuhr and Selley were responsible for good bursts and Allan at scrum-half saved the side repeatedly. The only score in this half came from a good run by the Andrew's wing and put them 5 points up. Early in the second-half Allan had to leave the field, and with Keey playing a fine game we were a beaten side, and in spite of some sterling work by a few of our forwards scores came with great frequency, the final result being Andrew's 28 points Kingswood *nil*.

Chapman, the Andrew's scrum-half, ably assisted Keey, and with one or two exceptions our side lost heart; this is by no means typical of Kingswood football and we trust it will not occur again.



TEAM: *back*, F. B. Baker; *three-quarters*, Selley, Lambert, Strachan, Border; *halves*, Allan, Amm; *forwards*, Muir, B. M. Gush, L. Cohen, Leefe, Niebuhr, Theron, Higgs, Plummer.

#### v. ALBANY.

Played on our ground on May 29th.

A strong wind was blowing and this apparently troubled the three-quarters who failed to take or give accurate passes. Starting with the wind we attacked continuously but wasted most of our opportunities. Allan fed his line admirably, but it was nearly half-time before Selley broke through and with several neat swerves scored between the posts, Lambert adding the goal.

On changing sides Albany attacked strongly for ten minutes and crossed our line no less than four times, two of these were disallowed as being behind the dead ball line, but they now led by 6 points to 5. For the last fifteen minutes we had much the better of the game, but failed to score. Baker, at full-back was weak, and Amm at fly-half slow. Selley was the best of a line that played below form. Muir was the best forward, but Gush, Niebuhr and Theron did excellent work, and all the pack deserve praise.

TEAM: *back*, T. Baker; *three-quarters*, Lambert, Selley, Border, Stachan; *halves*, Allan, Amm; *forwards*, Vos, B. M. Gush, Muir, Theron, R. Grant, Leefe, Niebuhr, Higgs.

### UNDER 17 YEARS.

#### v. ST. ANDREW'S.

Played on our ground on Wednesday, April 28th.

In the earlier stages of the game play was of an even nature; the Andrew's forwards showing superiority in the scrums and in their footwork, while our marked superiority in the back division was rendered useless by some bad handling, and in addition Kirk was playing a weak game at full-back, failing to stop forward rushes or to find his touches. On several occasions the Andrew's pack brought the attack up to our line and on others we attacked with good three-quarter movements which came to grief, either because Border lacked pace on the wing, or because Strachan and Selley were missing their passes. Shortly before half-time the Andrew's pack made a vigorous assault on our line, but on their letting the ball out Paver intercepted and brought the game back to half-way; here we obtained from a scrum and Lambert broke through very neatly and then passed out to Paver who scored.

After half-time our side began to wake up; the forwards made more vigorous efforts to get the ball out, Grant, King and

Cohen showing up well in the attack ; Kirk was still at fault but the three-quarter line, well fed by Allan and Paver were continually giving St. Andrew's trouble, and one good movement sent Selley over with our second try. Other tries were narrowly missed by Border, Strachan and Selley ; Grant and Gush were prominent at this stage and the latter crossed the line, but with several St. Andrew's men on him.

Our next score came from a quick drop by Paver and gave us a lead of 10 points ; from now on our opponents appeared to lose heart and though excellent individual efforts were made there was no cohesion except in the pack and our tackling was too good. Two forward rushes carried the ball up and then down the field and another three-quarter run sent Selley over. Score 13—0. Soon after Lambert Selley and Strachan were concerned in some hard running and short passing which enabled Strachan to score. 16—0. St. Andrew's forwards now made another fine rush, but as soon as our line got the ball they came back to the attack and a break by Strachan gave Paver another try. Score 19—0.

Allan and Paver made an excellent pair at half ; the line did good things and improved as the game progressed, but many chances were thrown away by fumbling. King, Grant, Clegg and Gush were excellent in the forward line, but the rest were erratic ; Cohen showed dash and promise. The place-kicking was disgraceful.

TEAM : *back*, Kirk ; *three-quarters*, Selley, Strachan, Lambert, Border ; *halves*, Allan, Paver ; *forwards*, King, S. Grant, Clegg, B. Gush, M. Cohen, Behrmann, van Zyl, Hartley.

### THIRD FIFTEEN,

#### v. ST. ANDREW'S 3RD.

Our Third Fifteen shews the most promise in the School, and achieved a well-deserved, but surprising defeat of St. Andrew's 3rd on the first occasion these two teams have ever met. The first-half was very level, our halves showing up very well, and early in the game Packer scored on the blind side of the scrum. Twice St. Andrew's nearly crossed our line, but half-time came with the score still 3—0. Our defensive work was very sound.

St. Andrew's attacked at once on changing sides, but returning to the offensive, Wood broke through and scored a try which Packer converted. Further scores were registered by Otto and Wood, while St. Andrew's replied with a goal, and shortly before time up with a scrambling try which left us winners by 16 points to 8.

All the team played well but the following call for special mention : Packer was good on the scrum and started several use-



ful movements ; Wood took every chance he received, and both defended and attacked excellently. He and Malan made good wings--the centres being rather slow ; Watkinson at full-back was safe ; of the forwards, Otto was prominent, though Leach, M. Cohen, Cormack and Behrmann put in good work ; Hartley was useful in the loose.

TEAM : *back*, Watkinson ; *three-quarters*, Wood, Fennel, Day, Malan, *halves*, Packer, Osborne ; *forwards*, Otto, Leach, Cohen, Cormack, Hartley, Behrmann, van Zyl.

### DIVISION FOOTBALL.

THE SECOND DIVISION, from which are drawn the Third and Fourth XV's, contains, particularly among the backs, some excellent material. Good full-backs are badly lacking throughout all the Junior sides, but there are a number of most promising three-quarters. Apart from the " Under 17 " and the Third XV matches with St. Andrew's, only practice games have been played to date. Of the three-quarters, Wood is playing well up to the standard that he promised in previous years. With useful dash and a strong swerve he is good on attack, and sound too on defence. Stirk, on the wing, is coming on rapidly, and with a little more weight should soon rise a Division. Hobkirk has developed well also, as has Pullock. The centres are too hesitating. Packer, as scrum-half, is plucky on defence and kicks well. Jenkins, off the scrum, is the next most promising, though inclined to be selfish. Of the forwards Plummer, M. Cohen and Otto are the best ; Leach and Behrmann work consistently, while of the lighter players, Bovet, Brazier, Meintjes and at times Jolly, show considerable dash. Scrumming in this Division is still rather slack, and there is too little attempt at quick heeling.

THE THIRD DIVISION, like the second, has useful backs, but is weak in the forward line. Barnes, at full-back, is only fair and must learn to tackle. Croft, on the wing, has come on surprisingly well and will make a dangerous player in a year or two. Hattingh and Bisset are moderate and lack experience and dash. The centres, again, are weak, inclined to get out of their places and not to run straight. Day shows promise, and Tarr also. Of the halves, Divine is the most useful, though too slow ; Robb and Rayner are hard-working but lack weight. The forwards are ragged and show the same weakness as other divisions in bad scrumming ; several, too, are inclined to slack. Jones is good in all loose work, and is followed by Christopher, Willson, W. Gush and Adams. The two packs need a great deal more dash, and must learn to keep together in loose bursts.

Several games have been played with the V.H.S. 2nd and

3rd Fifteens, and in these our 5th and 6th teams have been uniformly successful.

THE FOURTH DIVISION has not quite settled down, for several players are not yet certain of their places. O. Gush is a useful full-back, but must learn to kick. In the three-quarter line there is some good material. Kingwill, G. Wood and Hepburn have dash on the wing, and will improve rapidly. Kernick, E. Watkinson and Wardle are moderate centres, but are inclined to try breaking too often, and are not too safe on defence. Muir is useful off the scrum, Clausen too selfish and Milroy too slow. The backs *must* try to get going faster, and send the ball more frequently right along the line to the wings. The forwards in this division play without enough combination, and are rather weak. Sieberhagen is the best, and tackles well; Rice has energy but little method, while Thorold, Caley, E. Gane, Collett and Roderick are improving in knowledge and in effort. Hart also shows signs of improvement. This Division has had but few outside matches, those against the V.H.S. being rather easy wins. A number of fixtures had been arranged with St. Andrew's junior teams, but owing to the quarantine of that school, these could not be played off.

IN THE FIFTH DIVISION are still more three-quarters who will shortly be showing up well in senior football. Rider and Fryer are fair at full-back, and tackle well—a good point. Hayes and Harrop have plenty of dash on the wing, the latter in particular showing good promise. Turner will come on a lot also. Fuller and Kneen played hard, the former showing a good turn of speed. The centres must practise lining well back, running harder and straighter, and letting out carefully to their wings. Osler makes an excellent fly-half, and starts his backs well. MacDonald and Nilsen work hard, but are still too slow at the scrum. Trollip, Jackson and K. Bennett are the best of the forwards, and keep on the ball well. In the loose, they show good dash, but must learn to dribble. Of the others, who play in too haphazard a fashion, those worthy of mention are Cundill, Dick, Gibbon, Kingwill and Evans. All *must* practise tackling properly in the scrum, hooking the ball, and heeling it out quickly. There is too much looseness about scrums, and too little dash in the loose.

The IXth and Xth Teams, drawn from this Division, have played matches at intervals with the V.H.S. and also had several Form games.

THE SIXTH DIVISION, drawn almost entirely from boys in Junior House, though practising twice a week under the supervision of members of the Football Committee, displays too much of a tendency to ragged, loose play. The ball comes too slowly from the scrums, and the backs do not pass sufficiently among themselves. This *must* be practised more during the second-half



of the season. D. Purdon is very fair at back, and kicks safely. Of the three-quarters, Gush and Wood on the wings are developing useful dash, and Holmes in the same position is improving. Templer is the best of the centres, though the whole line is still too slow in moving off directly the ball is out of the scrum. Morgan, at half, played a hard and useful game. Of the forwards, Moir major and Collett are the best, keeping well on the ball; Guest and Mellor also put in some useful play, and the others have not sufficient dash, and do not tackle safely. As a whole the play is fair, but can still improve a very great deal.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the Annual Business Meeting held in the Dining Hall on April 30th, the President, Mr. Gane, presided. After the election of the usual officials (with an additional Vice-President) and of an executive committee consisting of R. Border, G. Bovet, R. Allan, B. Rayner and W. Amm, the rule limiting membership to 40 was altered to read "not more than 60." A large number of new members were elected, and a Syllabus drawn up for the year.

The next meeting, Mr. Williamson in the chair, was held on May 14th, when the evening was devoted to impromptu speaking. J. Tucker and A. Tyson warmly debated on the subject "That great knowledge does not add to the happiness of a man," and showed considerable experience in at least one aspect of it. The meeting decided in favour of "blissful knowledge" by 15 votes to 7. S. Jackson then urged that "Professionalism does more harm than good in sport," being opposed by A. Wood. The meeting shewed its preference for amateurs by 18 votes to 6. The next subject "That bad clothes are less objectionable than bad manners" found a strong advocate in A. Niebuhr, though F. Hill was all in favour of bad manners; but the voting condoned the wearing of untidy garments and expressed its abhorrence of bad manners, to the extent of 15 votes to 9. "That the Lovedale riots were justifiable," (S. Cormack's) led to a discussion on Native education which R. Hoole, M. Cohen and G. Bovet opposed, almost eloquently. The speeches were indicative of the feelings of the members who condemned the outbreak by 25 votes to 3. A. Rayner seemed convinced that "The Bioscope would soon die out as a form of amusement," but he spoke in a losing cause for B. Gush and his supporters declared their confidence in the permanency of "the movies," by 17 votes to 6. G. Jones and E. Templer opposed each other on the important question as to whether "Character is shown in dress," but the meeting, typically South African in the narrowness of the majority declared in favour of the motion by 15 votes to 11. "Trade v. Agriculture" was then debated upon, M. Cohen arguing that "Factories are more useful than Farms," while M. Thorold emphasised the dependence of the former upon the latter—but to no avail. The voting (18 to 7) was all in favour of commercialism. The last subject "That educating the Native does more harm than good," proposed by R. Border, led to a renewed discussion upon Lovedale, and our benighted brethren found a worthy advocate in R. Day, whose eloquence, however, failed to win votes, and the motion was carried by 20 to 6.

Mr. Crouch presided over the next meeting, held on May 28th, the subject under discussion being "That the Ox-wagon has done more for South Africa than the Railway." B. Gush opened the debate, being seconded

by R. Hoole, and supported by G. Caley, B. Paver, R. Border and A. Wood. The arguments adduced in favour of the more primitive mode of transport were varied and interesting. The wagon was the first means of opening up the country and aided traders, "Voortrekkers," missionaries and explorers; its term of service would never expire, for still every farmer reckoned upon its aid; it could wander up mountains and down valleys, suffer only slight mishaps, be always valuable but very cheap, and because it preferred not "to hustle" it gave delightful opportunity to all travellers to view the scenery! Further, to the wagon was South Africa indebted for its first mineral discoveries, for the feeding of towns and for the supplies that made the railways useful. It had been a home, a fort and almost a gold mine in itself.

Messrs. S. Jackson and T. Fisher, supported by R. Parr, R. Day, C. Paver, G. Bovet and R. W. Gush strenuously supported the cause of the Railway. To them, the railway provided an incomparably faster and more comfortable means of conveyance; its power of transport was infinitely greater than that of the wagon; it linked up the towns, encouraged trade, extend commerce, aided civilisation, increased the pleasure and facility of travel, and aided the progress of the country a hundred times more than the humble wagon. It, too, was a home in peace, and could be in war a moving fort; its terrific speed did *not* exclude the possibility of revelling in the joys that Nature's beauty could provide, and the expense incurred by the country on its behalf was incommensurate with the benefits it provided.

After the opener had briefly replied, the motion was put to the vote and lost by 8 to 15 votes.

The meeting then adjourned.

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## CADET CORPS.

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The usual parades have taken place during the quarter whilst in addition to Class-firing a squad has been detached for practice for the Alice Signalling Cup.

On Sunday, 23rd, the half-yearly Church Parade was held, and all the Grahamstown corps were inspected by the D.S.O. of No. 3 Area, Lieut.-Col. Mitchell Baker, D.S.O. The parade was attended by over 600 cadets with three bugle bands. The Prizma Natural Colour photographers took some pictures. Sergt.-Major Germon (O.K.), was presented with a medal for Meritorious Conduct on the field.

The half-yearly Inspection and Examination took place on Wednesday, the 26th May, under very trying climatic conditions. The cold snap had arrived and a cold wind with it, so that frequent breaks were necessary with runs round the playground to promote warmth. At the close Col. Mitchell Baker expressed himself well satisfied with the drill and the general turn-out of the Corps, but mentioned there was room for improvement in other directions, semaphore, etc.

The second Squadron appeared in Khaki drill shorts and tunics, and presented quite a smart workmanlike appearance.

Colonel Baker was accompanied by Captain Smith and four warrant Officers.

In the afternoon the Competition for the signalling Cup took place.

The Imperial Challenge Shield teams have not yet fired.