SCHOOL LETTER.

AME Fortune has been hard upon us, for after a good dose of influenza last Easter term, it has returned again, and though it has been very mild it has been rather annoying, as two of our matches have had to be put off on account of it.

We turn to the efforts of the School during the term. The XV. started the season disastrously, but after the Durham match they improved greatly and were able to put up a very keen fight against the York Harlequins. The Ripon match followed, in which they found no difficulty in winning by a large margin. Against Wakefield they gave a very good exhibition. The forwards worked hard and got the ball out cleanly, while the combination of the backs was splendid. Though beaten by St. John's, we were by no means disgraced, and had our share of a very even game. We hope for greater things still when the team gets back into form again.

As usual, November 5th was celebrated in a manner worthy of our great predecessor himself. One might almost have seen him stalking round our big bonfire with satisfaction at its size and heat. It was indeed a splendid fire, and for this we have again to thank our kind friend Mrs. Ware, who supplied most of the fuel. On the top of the wood stood, or rather reclined, an effigy of a certain famous lady politician. She seemed to be quite contented to die the martyr's death, and to the last remained true to her cause, holding in her hand as long as she could the badge of her tribe. Need we tell you what was written thereon? We think not.
On November 13th the Musical Society gave a Concert before a large audience which quite filled the Big Hall. The programme was very interesting and reflected great credit on Mr. Tendall, considering the lack of musical talent in the school at present. The Concert gave great pleasure and was voted one of the best the school have given.

Other societies too have been busying themselves as usual; perhaps the most energetic is the Natural History Society, which is rapidly building up a very interesting museum, thanks, in no small measure to the efforts of its President, Mr. Walker. Judging from the amount of materials and labour expended on the dark room, one would think that a palace was being built up in the Science Block. Rumours of a Restaurant have in fact reached our ears, but we are not in a position to vouch for the truth of this.

The Debating Society determined that compulsory athletics were necessary for the school, and even the few who spoke on the other side seemed to have convinced themselves, as the motion was carried nem. con. The Society has now accorded its vote and favour to Lord Lansdowne, and we feel that the noble lord must feel comforted to know that at anyrate some people agree with him.

Christmas will be upon us when this reaches our readers, and so we take this opportunity, in laying down the editorial pen at the end of the year, to wish them all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR EDITORS,

When I received your laconic demand for an Oxford Letter I felt inclined to vent my feelings in terse and forcible language. But then the thought came upon me that I, too, in days of yore, occupied the chair you now fill; and taking into mind your onerous and somewhat thankless task, I have decided to accede to your request. Not that I have much to tell you: there are only four of us up here, and we are humble folk, my masters! To come to business—
Greenhow has been the "bright particular star" of the Hertford threequarter line this term, and seems quite to have recovered his old school form. He can also play a good game of Hockey on occasion. It is with great regret that we hear he has decided to go down, if the examiners are kind to him next week in Schools. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of life, but we shall surely miss him.

If one walks past Hertford about ten in the morn, one can generally observe a huge smile—I had almost said grin—and behind the smile, if it is not too beaming may be seen the face of J. A. Kirby. Kirby may occasionally be seen on the running track, and he sometimes plays soccer for Hertford. He is working very hard, and is also in Schools next week. May the best of luck crown his efforts.

Husband is also playing rugger for Merton. That about sums up his appearances in the athletic world. In other spheres he leads the life strenuous. He is treasurer of the Merton College Debating Society, and of the War Game Society. He is a great authority on ecclesiastical matters, and he is an ardent militarist and anti-socialist. When he is not engaged on any of the above pursuits he may be seen trying to solve the mysteries of Stubb's Charters.

Phillips' success is seen everywhere. He has made several successful appearances for Varsity 'A,' and is a pillar of strength in the Queen's rugger and hockey teams. He also leads the life strenuous, off the tented field, being an active member of more societies in Queen's, gay and grave, than I can possibly mention. The shadow of Schools also hangs over him, as he is taking Honours Mods. at the end of next term.

My task being done, I will now, with your permission, ring down the curtain.

"Isis."
DEAR SIRS,

If there is truth in a certain well-known saying, our felicity at the present time should be considerable, for our recent history is almost devoid of incident. Perhaps, however, a catalogue of bare facts may be of interest. This year we miss the genial presence of E. C. Peters and the never-failing conviviality of Raimes, who are gone but not forgotten, and now adorn other spheres. The new-comers more than fill their places from the numerical, if not from the historical, point of view.

Clegg still plays rugger with his wonted energy in the Jesus scrum, and is also a member of the Jesus shooting viii. We hear too that his well-known command of the English language finds full scope in his college debating society, much to the discomfiture of his political opponents. His eloquence will doubtless be of great use to his party in the forthcoming General Election.

Colley's praises are sung by greater lips than ours and demand a chapter to themselves. He is Hon. Sec. of Emmanuel R.U.F.C.; played for C.U. against Newport, and also proved a very capable captain of the Varsity 'A' team. He is a corporal in the O.T.C.; but amid his multifarious duties still finds time for the study of Hebrew roots. Congratulations to him on playing in the Seniors' match for the second time.

M. W. Peters is playing for Christ's and working hard: we wish him the best of luck in the exam. which looms before him at the end of term. He went over to Oxford with the Christ's XV., and returned victorious and elated.

Ingham is playing for Selwyn with some success, and is Hon. Sec. of Selwyn H.C. We seldom see him abroad so presumably he is working hard.

Bulmer is the shining light of the Cats' scrum, and is the main factor in their continued success on the football field.

Sullivan goes on from strength to strength. He is a great acquisition to the Christ's XV. and also played in a Trial game. He too returned elated from Oxford. The stillness of a thorough-
fare, once wrapt in quiet, is now broken by the strains of an instrument which he plays with peculiar skill and emphasis—we refer, sir, to the gramophone! We extend our sympathy to all his neighbours, especially to Bulmer, whose complaints on this score are most bitter.

Molony continues St. Peter's connexion with Sidney. He is reading History, and plays occasionally for the Rugby XV. Some hidden talent in him was brought to light on November 5th.

A weak heart—we trust it is not old age—prevents Smith from playing football, but his versatile energy has transferred itself undimmed to the hockey field. We have also seen him playing fives.

Rigby (Emmanuel) is coxing an viii. on the river with some success: of his ability we have no doubt.

We are at present bemoaning the weather. Our feelings find vent in verse:

Make up the fire: the night is chill
The wind may whistle as it will:
The coal goes on the college bill.

It is cold, as you see. By the time that this is in print the Varsity match will have been played and won—or lost. But, whatever the result, all O.P.s will be sure that the Cambridge score would have been greater had W. H. Colley been playing. We were very glad to see Phillips over here a few days ago, and we hear that Husband is to pay us a visit at the end of term. His coming is as eagerly expected in some quarters as the resignation of the Government. (The simile, Mr. Editor, is merely for effect, we are above party considerations). Now, sir, we must make an end, not without sympathy with the XV. on their earlier defeats and congratulating them most heartily on their splendid recovery.

Duty calls and time is pressing,
I must be about my work.
Though a lecture's not a blessing
I would never dare to shirk.

Yours,
O.P.
ACROSTIC.—WINTER.
Wild blows the wind, full-charged with drifting snow:
Ice coats the pools. The flickering fire's red glow
Now rises and then falls, as just between
The half-drawn curtains, through the casement seen.
Eerie the world outside shrouded in white:
Round us roars the storm. Home's the place to-night.

FOOTBALL.
St. Peter's School v. Leeds G.S.
Played at York on October 9th. Schroeder won the toss and
Leeds kicked off up hill, and immediately pressed, but the York
backs saving well the home team were soon on the attack. At
this point the York forwards were playing well and got the ball
out nicely to the backs. The latter, however, made no use of their
opportunities and preferred to run on themselves rather than
combine. Taylor made several good runs but could never quite
reach the line. A piece of brilliant work amongst the Leeds
forwards led to the visitors' first score. They took play by a series
of rushes right up under the York goal. Here they heeled the
ball out and their scrum half slipped over, the try being converted.
At half-time the score was Leeds G.S., 5 pts.; St. Peter's, nil.
After half-time York pressed momentarily, Schroeder leading
the forwards in a good dribble, but very soon the Leeds pack
showed their superiority and from this point they attacked for
almost the whole of the rest of the game. By a number of forward
rushes they scored rapidly. Just before time York made a good
effort and from a forward rush Price Jones scored and Taylor
converted. Final score: Leeds G.S., 26 pts.; St. Peter's, 5 pts.
FOOTBALL.


**ST. PETER’S SCHOOL v. YORKSHIRE WANDERERS.**

Played on Wednesday, October 13th. The Wanderers came with a very strong team. Kicking off up hill they immediately pressed and F. G. Scott scored for them. The school at first played well, but they found it difficult to relieve. Their opponents were much heavier and faster and most of the tries were gained simply by mere pace and weight. At half-time the score was 28–0.

On resuming it seemed as though the school were going to do better. Molony scored from some loose play near the Wanderers’ line. After this however the Wanderers returned to the attack and piled up a big score. As an exhibition of good football the game was a complete failure, as there was very little combination. Final score: Wanderers, 61 pts.; St. Peter’s, 3 pts.


**ST. PETER’S SCHOOL v. DURHAM SCHOOL.**

Played at Durham on October 16th. The school played a very heartless game. No one made any great attempt to stop the Durham score from mounting as it did. It is hard to account for so poor a display; in tackling and saving alike the team shirked badly. They were not of course at full strength and this in some way accounts for the heavy score, as the forwards were so weak that they were completely run off their feet. The final score was: Durham School, 131 pts.; St. Peter’s, nil.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL v. YORK HARLEQUINS.

Played on the school ground on October 23rd. A strong wind swept the ground but as it was crosswise it gave no advantage to either side. The Harlequins won the toss and Taylor started for the school. Play ruled in mid-field, till with a strong rush the Harlequins invaded their adversaries' territory. The school kept them at bay for a time, but Coulson, taking a pass from Richards, dashed away. He was tackled near the line, but got the ball away to F. G. Scott, who scored under the posts. The goal kick was unsuccessful. After further attacking by the Harlequins a useful run by Taylor enabled the school to penetrate the visitors' half for the first time. The Harlequins were much bigger and heavier, but the school stuck gamely to them. Coulson was again prominent for the visitors and they again attacked hotly. After this the school backs passed well, but no great advantage came from the movement. Half-time came with the score: York Harlequins, 5 pts.; St. Peter's, nil.

From the re-start the Harlequins forced the pace, and after about a minute's play Frank scored. The kick failed. From a free kick Neilson just missed a goal for the visitors. But the Harlequins were not to be denied and Wallace scored under the posts. F. G. Scott converted. After this the visitors completely monopolised the play, and although the York team saved well and altogether played pluckily they could not shake off their opponents. Richards scored an unconverted try, after a neat run. The Harlequins continued to press but could not get through the York defence, till close on time Richards made a splendid opening for Teasdale who got over nicely in the corner. The kick failed. Time was immediately called with the score: York Harlequins, 17 pts.; St. Peter's, nil.
FOOTBALL.


ST. PETER'S SCHOOL v. RIPON G.S.

Played at Ripon on October 30th. York winning the toss played with the sun and wind behind them. After scrambling play in the centre, the York forwards pressed and Fernandes scored far out, Peters failing to convert. After the drop-out York returned to the attack and the ball came out to Taylor, who ran through the opposition and scored under the posts. Mills converted. Soon after Taylor again ran through and Lawton converted. Ripon relieved for a time but York were soon back again and Lacy scored an unconverted try. Good dribbling by Molony and Ferguson brought the ball back into the Ripon quarters and Taylor scored again, for Schroeder to convert. Before half-time Taylor and Lacy each scored again, and Peters converted both tries. The score at half-time was St. Peter's, 34 pts.; Ripon, nil.

Ripon started briskly but Lacy relieved and Taylor ran through from half-way. Soon after the same player again beat the opposition, and also converted. Ripon then pressed and a score was narrowly averted; but York were soon back again and Peters dropped a good goal. York were not done with yet and after some good passing Peters scored under the posts; Lawton failed to convert. Taylor again scored, but after this Ripon attacked and the whistle went with them still on the York line. Final score: St. Peter's, 56 pts.; Ripon, nil.

FOOTBALL.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL v. WAKEFIELD G.S.

Played at York on November 6th. Wakefield winning the toss played down hill and Schroeder kicked off for the school and immediately led the forwards off in a good dribble. A bad piece of play let the Wakefield captain through from a line-out and he scored under the posts. The try was converted. Roused by this York took play to the other end, where a beautiful passing bout nearly saw Strange over. After some scrambling play Schroeder scored an unconverted try. York continued to press, but from a cross-kick the opposing wing secured and scored far out in the corner, the kick failing. York now got going and Lacy scored a beautiful try after a splendid individual effort. York continued to attack and Taylor attempted to drop a goal; the kick was a failure, but Tennent followed up and scored, the try not being converted. Lawton was noticeable for some good kicking and all the forwards were playing a good game. Just on half-time Wood made a mark and Taylor made splendid use of it and kicked a grand goal. Crossing over with a lead of 4 points the York forwards went off with a rush. The ball came out cleanly from the scrum to Lacy and passing right along the line to Peters the latter made an opening from which Strange scored a splendid try. York kept up the pressure and Lacy ran well and passed to Peters who scored, Taylor converting. Then another good passing bout saw Strange over again. Wakefield could not get out of their own quarters and Wood and Peters were noticeable in a movement which eventually let Taylor in; the try was not converted. Other tries were scored by F. E. Ferguson and Wallace, and one of them was converted. Time was called with the score, St. Peter's, 34 pts., Wakefield G.S., 8 pts.

FOOTBALL.

St. Peter's School v. St. John's College.

Played on the school ground on November 13th. The school played down the hill, but St. John's immediately attacked and scored after good passing amongst their backs; the kick failed. Good passing amongst the school backs brought play into the visitors' 25, and a score was only just saved. St. John's then relieved and a good run by one of their backs put them in a good position. Lacy was next noticeable with a good dribble to the half-way line, but St. John's returned to the attack. Taylor and Lacy kicked well and saved a dangerous situation, and a free-kick to the school found them on the attack. Here there was some good combination amongst the backs, but St. John's relieved and their forwards came away in a good dribble. They attacked but good collaring by Lacy and Peters and a splendid kick by Lawton saved a score, and half-time came with St. John's leading by 3 pts.

From the kick-off York attacked and Schroeder was once or twice noticeable for good play out of touch. Then an opposing back outpaced all opposition and scored under the posts; the goal was added. The school pressed after this and Schroeder was again to the fore in the line-out. From some loose play Peters attempted to drop a goal, but the ball hit the upright. After this the visiting forwards attacked and scored from some loose play. Good defence by the York backs relieved the pressure. Then Lacy secured the ball from a scrum and scored a fine try from half-way. The kick failed. Shortly after Tennent was injured and had to go off. Nothing further was added to the score and St. John's won a good game by 8 pts. to 3.


Played at Leeds on October 9th. Almost immediately after the start the Leeds forwards scored, but the try was not converted.
After this the York team played together well and had hard luck in not scoring. After half-time the heavier weight of the Leeds forwards prevailed and they scored four other tries, none of which were converted. York made several good rushes into the Leeds '25,' but they were not able to get through their opponents' defence. After a keen game time was called with the score, Leeds, 15 pts., York, nil.


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**CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS.**

The average school-boy doubtless looks upon examinations as a necessary evil. So does the examiner, and probably with more reason. It is monotonous work indeed to wade through paper after paper, of various degrees of neatness, of varying styles of handwriting, and to award marks as fairly and uniformly as possible. But the task has its compensations, especially if the examiner is not the teacher and can afford to laugh at the mistakes, many of which are absurd.

Some years ago I was examining candidates from the London Board Schools for Scholarships offered by some of the City Merchants' Companies. The subject was English Grammar, and many of the papers were very dry, yet I saved a few gems. One boy, in comparing certain adjectives and adverbs, put down, *Ill*, positive degree, *worse*, comparative, and superlative, *dead*. Another said, "A metaphor is the collision of two meteors." Yet another said, "A metaphor is a lump of the earth or of a star sent through space with such force as to make it red-hot." *Oratio obliqua* was defined as "a crooked story or something not quite true." One
candidate in commenting on a short extract from Shakespeare made this statement, "When Shakespeare says, 'Why holds thine eye that lamentable rheum, Like a proud river peering o'er its banks,' he might have put it into plain English. He means, Why have you got rheumatics in your eye?"

In a General Knowledge paper which I once set, a boy said that the Milky Way was "the juice left after the curds are squeezed in making cheese"!

Two answers in a similar paper seem prompted by the description of Charley's Aunt, who said she was from "Brazil, where the nuts come from." One boy said, "Elgin in Scotland is where marbles come from." He had evidently not heard of Lord Elgin, and was confusing sculpture with taws. Another pupil said that "Bonnie Dundee is a town in Scotland celebrated for marmalade"! This boy was plainly in ignorance of a leading character in history.

Papers on Scripture History usually yield the highest proportion of curious answers. To repeat some would savour of irreverence, though none was intended. I once was present at an examination in an elementary school, when a young boy, whose parents had been evicted the week before, stated that "Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden because they could not pay the rent!"

Other examples of answers based on personal experience might be multiplied.

In Latin, the old chestnut, "Arm a man with a cane" for *Arma virumque cano*, finds many like howlers now-a-days to keep it company. I wish I had kept a record of some which met my astonished gaze in days gone by.

And so on, through the whole range of subjects. Only an examiner knows what curious blunders are made.

May I, as a former teacher and examiner, conclude with a word of advice to those whose ordeals are not yet over?

(1) Do first what you know best.
(2) Utilize the remaining time for questions about which you are less sure.
(3) Never guess at an answer.
SCHOOL CONCERT.

This Concert took place on Saturday, November 13th, before a large audience and was a great success. This success was chiefly due to the untiring energy of Mr. Tendall, who must find it very difficult to get an interesting programme together, when there is so little material in the school.

After the usual school songs F. Ferguson and H. A. Lees acquitted themselves very creditably in two pianoforte duets. The three part songs by the trebles and altos were very well rendered, the tone in these being particularly good. A. E. Schroeder sang his song with great zest and it was greatly appreciated, as was also his encore. Sullivan's music is always popular, and Basket sang "Tit Willow" in a way which pleased the audience immensely. A. J. Peters 'cello solo was well played, and he too had to concede an encore. The most popular item, at any rate with the school, was the duet from "The Yeomen of the Guard," which was enthusiastically encored. Mr. Tendall played with his usual taste and was re-called. The concert terminated with the singing of the school Carmen.

PROGRAMME.

1. School Songs.. (a) "The flight of the earls" .............. Irish
   (b) "Hey, ho, the morning dew" .............. English
2. Pianoforte Duet.. (a) "Norwegian Dance" .............. Grieg
   (b) "Russian Dance" .............. Tschaikowski
F. FERGUSON AND H. A. LEES.
3. Three Part Song.... "The Lamb" .................. W. Davies
4. Song ................ "Border Ballad" .................. Cowen
   A. E. SCHROEDER.
5. Pianoforte Solo .... "Bridal March" .............. Grieg
   G. F. TENDALL, ESQ.
   "The Hundred Pipers" .............. Scotch
7. Two Part Song.... "May Bells" .............. Mendelssohn
This term has again seen a great improvement in the museum; not so much as regards introduction of new specimens as in the accommodation of old ones. Perhaps the most noticeable addition is a large show-case about eight feet by four feet; this was soon filled by robbing other over-crowded cases. The latest addition is the breast of an albatross.

The representative members for the different branches of the Society have given some attention to their various duties, especially in the entomological branch. The long promised aquarium has also just arrived, but will not receive any attention this term; next term however, if we can find some suitable inhabitants for it, we hope at an early date to have it in order.

The greatest improvement however has been in the dark room. This room has been fitted with lockers, in order that members may keep their own materials there in safety, instead of being obliged to trundle them backwards and forwards from their studies.
Also a partition has been thrown across the room, dividing it into two light-tight rooms, thereby making it possible not only for members to develop and enlarge or print at the same time, but also to pass in and out whilst others are working there. Furthermore the gas has received the attention which it has needed for a long time, and the enlarger placed on runners on a more rigid base than of old.

The Saturday evening lectures have been exceptionally interesting and well attended. On October 2nd we were once more allowed to witness the Pageant, which was much appreciated; this was shown us on the screen by Mr. Simmons, of Debenham & Co., who had made his slides from the pictures which we have seen in many shop windows about the town and also from many unpublished snapshots taken during the actual performances.

The following week Mr. Hart, on behalf of Messrs. Zimmerman, Ltd., gave us a very interesting and practical demonstration on the use of Agfa chemicals. During the demonstration he took and developed before us a flashlight group of the Society.

On October 23rd, Mr. Swift showed us some excellent slides, of his own making, on Berlin; and on the following Saturday he gave us his pictures of Dresden.

Some very interesting snapshot slides of "Sports and Pastimes," lent by Messrs. Goerz, Ltd, were shown by Mr. Walker on November 6th.

A fortnight later Mr. Swift again showed us slides; this time the subject being "Yorkshire Valleys."

On December 11th the subject will be "The Japanese at home;" the lecturer once more being Mr. Swift.

On December 20th Mr. Yeld will lecture to us on "The Caucasus Mountains," giving an account of his own experiences in those regions.

Our lecture card for next term is nearly full; still we hope to be entertained, at least one Saturday evening, by some of the representative members of the Society. The number of members this term is 43, the largest previous membership being 36.
DEBATING SOCIETY.

The list of lectures for next term is as follows:—
Feb. 5. "Photographic Lens" . . . C. A. Swift, Esq. (slides lent by Goerz, Ltd.)
Mar. 5. "What can be done with a hand camera" . . . . (slides lent by Kodak, Ltd.)
"A Journey to Prague" . . . . C. A. Swift, Esq.
April 2. "Practical enlarging" . . . . Mr. Slater (for Kodak, Ltd.)

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Debating Society was held on November 6th. The Rev. A. W. Richards was in the chair, and there was a good attendance. The motion before the house was "that this house thinks that compulsory games are a mistake in this school." It was proposed by A. C. B. Molony and opposed by A. J. Peters. The motion was seconded by R. T. Brode and further opposed by F. Ferguson.

The proposer's chief argument was that boys who play only under compulsion are very little use.

The opposer very truly pointed out that compulsion is necessary if the school is to have a good team (and a school is often measured by its team) and that compulsory games produce a good healthy physique.

The seconder followed the arguments of the proposer and also pointed out that the school is English and therefore should be free in every way.

The seconder of the opposition also followed the lines of the opposer's speech and pointed out the need of a good physique.
A. E. Schroeder then spoke and began by comparing a schoolboy to a champagne bottle and then a short time after went on to speak rather incongruously of "a boy with spirit in him!" In Germany and Denmark, the speaker continued, he had seen schoolboys "loafing" about the cafés and those who had grown up looking sallow and feeble and wearing "goggles." There are no compulsory games there, and if there were, the speaker urged, what he had been describing could not possibly take place.

The President (Rev. A. W. Richards) then spoke in favour of the motion and in a witty speech pointed out that boys had now no choice in the matter. There are other things besides football, but now those in authority decreed that all should play football. In his youth, the speaker continued, he and his boy friends played games when they wished, but they could always find other things to do, beneficial to their health, and could always enjoy themselves even though they were not playing games.

J. L. Heath said that in his opinion all boys should play games. He could not play himself, but that was no reason why others should not. The speaker then referred to those who had not turned up to watch the match and concluded with the words—"They will next time—the captain will see to that!"

C. C. Taylor spoke for the motion following the general lines of argument that a forced boy is useless.

W. V. Lawton spoke against the motion and said compulsory games kept the school in good health.

The Proposer ended the debate in a speech in which he said he did not see why schools should be measured by their team. He thought that work, not play, should be the main consideration.

The vote of the meeting was then taken by the chairman and the motion was unanimously rejected.

The second debate this term was held on Saturday, November 27th, the subject being "That the House of Lords is not justified in rejecting the Finance Bill."

The motion was proposed by Mr. Hallows, who begged the house to stand up for the action of the Government. He con-
templated the reform of the Upper House and felt this would be impossible if they had the power to reject the Budget.

A. E. Schroeder, opposing, objected to the method adopted by the Government of tacking clauses on to the Budget to enable them to get them through the Upper House. He expressed his doubt as to whether the House of Commons, as constituted at present, did really represent the will of the people.

A. C. B. Molony, in supporting the motion, spoke of the wrongs of Ireland.

The President (the Rev. A. W. Richards) began by congratulating the house on the choice of subject. He expressed his opinion that the main point was whether the people would rule themselves or let others who were incompetent to do it, act for them. He went on to explain how unfit many of the Lords were to hold so important a position. "Was the man who had manufactured most beer the man to rule the country?" he demanded. If the Lords really had the power they claimed, they held the Commons in the palms of their hands.

C. C. Taylor supported the opposition and said that in his opinion the Lords would not oppose the will of the people.

The Headmaster said that he considered that the Lords would do exactly what the Government wanted in rejecting the Budget. The Liberal party wished to pick a quarrel with the Lords, and the latter had now given them an excellent occasion.

A slightly unconstitutional procedure then took place, as by mistake the opposer was called upon to answer; which in fact he did, the proposer not objecting till his speech was completed. The opposer seemed inclined to discuss Socialism in his reply and was immediately called to order. On the motion being put to the house, it was lost by 19 votes to 3.
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Kirby .... British Butterflies.
Holmes and Gray .... Fungi.
Williams and Taylor .... Land and Freshwater Shells.
The Story of Electricity.
The Story of the Solar System.
The Story of the Earth.
Key to British Hepaticae.
Students Handbook of British Mosses.
Introduction to Entomology.
Beetles and Butterflies.

Lytton, Lord .... My Novel.
Harold.
The Cantons.
Alice.
Disowned.
Night and Morning.
What will he do with it.
Pelham.
Lanoni.
Pilgrims of the Rhine.
Godolphin.

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Presented by the Lord Bishop of Bristol (O.P.).

Alcuin of York.

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Sir Gilbert Parker .... The Battle of the Strong.
Sir A. Conan Doyle .... The Firm of Girdlestone.
Fenimore Cooper .... The Pilot.
Jules Verne .... The Adventures of Captain Hatteras.
Rudyard Kipling .... Stalky & Co.
Gordon Stables . . . . . 'Twixt School and College.
S. R. Crockett . . . . . Sir Tody Lion.
H. Haines . . . . . Paris at Bay.

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Oman, C. . . . . . . England under the Normans.
Davis . . . . . . England under the Tudors.
Innes . . . . . Peninsular War.
Oman . . . . . . . . Familiar Trees.
Boulger . . . . . . . . Astronomy of To-day.
Bury, J. B. . . . . . Ancient Greek Historians.
Scott, Capt. . . . . . Voyage of the Discovery.

The recent additions to the Fiction Section will be issued as a separate leaflet to be inserted in Catalogue.
NOTES AND ITEMS.


On November 10th, in Calcutta, India, Percy Barret Jones (O.P.), 5th Light Infantry, Indian Army, 2nd son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Jones, the Cottage, Holbeck Road, Scarbro', to Mabel, 2nd daughter of the late Thomas Maddison, South Bailey, Durham, and Mrs. Maddison, Heavitree, Ennismore Avenue, Guildford.

On Monday, October 18th, the school had an extra half for W. Ingham's (O.P.) Goldsmith Exhibition, and on November 15th, for J. H. B. Sullivan's Choral Exhibition at Christ's College, Cambridge.

A. E. Schroeder has entered the School House.

We congratulate G. G. Wallace, F. E. Ferguson and L. G. Barry on receiving their 1st XV. Colours.

J. D. Wells (O.P.) has satisfied the Controller and Auditor-General that he has gained a complete knowledge of Book-keeping by double entry.

G. R. Benson (O.P.) has gained his B.A. degree at London University.

W. H. Colley, Secretary of Emmanuel College R.F.C., played for Cambridge University R.F.C. against Newport, and also Captained the Cambridge University "A" team.

A. A. Phillips has been playing for Oxford University "A" team.

R. Harrison (Captain) and S. R. Harrison are playing for Northampton.

M. W. Peters played for Rosslyn Park against the Harlequins.

W. Ingham is Secretary of Selwyn College Hockey Club.
OBITUARY.


ERRATUM.

In the Valete of our last number we omitted to state that R. D. Foster was Captain of Football in 1908-9, in the 1st XI. 1909, and Dayboys IV. 1907.

CONTEMPORARIES.

The Editors beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—The Hurst Johnian, Wycombe Abbey Gazette, The Bromsgrovian, The Leodensian, The Malvernian, The Cuthbertian, The Lily, The Hymerian.