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THE NAVAL REVIEW.

(BY AN EYE WITNESS).

WHEN we left Waterloo Station, at 7-36 a.m., on a special train for Southampton, a most dismal state of weather prevailed. It was cold and foggy, with a drizzling rain, making things grey and cheerless, and we looked forward to a most uncomfortable time on board ship. However, as the train rolled along, never once stopping, we noticed that things became brighter, and long before we got to Southampton the sun was shining o'er the green cornfields on each side of us, and we breathed freely. By 9-45 we were in Southampton—a cheerless, barn-like place, having a peculiar, undefinable smell proceeding from the adjacent warehouses. We walked the length of the station, then through a warehouse with crates full of machinery and straw, and finally on board our boat, the S.S. "Eskimo." The "Eskimo" is a new boat, and plies between England and Holland, and sometimes, I believe, goes to Norway.

When at last we were on board, each with a most elaborate chart of the review, and a lunch ticket, which we had received in exchange for the pink ticket given at the gangway, we went down to one of the dining rooms to get breakfast. This was rather a failure owing to there being only about three stewards to attend to 300 people.

The journey to the Fleet took us nearly an hour, a most enjoyable hour, with England on one side of us and the Isle of Wight on the other. The first intimation we had of the Fleet was the sight of grey, menacing masts, standing up on the horizon,

and stretching across the Solent.

As we drew nearer the vague, grey blotches under the masts began to take shape, and soon, about 10-40, we passed the first ships of the Fleet—the small destroyers. People began to bustle now, unfold charts, level field glasses and telescopes, and prepare cameras, while some were occupied in obtaining positions from which to watch.

On each side of us now were ships of war, stretching away as far as the eye could see, an avenue of above 5 miles long, whose perspective was marvellous. The sea is the only place for perspective on a truly large scale.

The smaller armoured cruisers were the next vessels we passed. Such unknown names as "Latona," "Pathfinder," "Scout" were read; and shortly after heavier boats—"Invincible," "Furious," "Terrible," were seen. These boats were all painted a slate-blue or grey, hard to define, and harder still to see some distance away. They had an "unfinished" appearance about them.

We soon passed the cruisers and came to the battleships, people eagerly referring to catalogues and lists, and then staring greedily at the giants before them—"Collingwood," "London," and others. "There's the Dreadnought!" said someone, and immediately all eyes were levelled at this famous monstre, with its long 12in. guns protruding from its barbetstes, and its brasswork glittering in the sun.

Far away a dull boom was heard. I looked at my watch and saw it was 3 minutes to 12. And now the whole Fleet was banging away, smoke drifting about, the fearful cannonade echoing over the water. Gradually the banging died down and the mighty Fleet was silent.

Then . . . "Bang!" and immediately every ship in the Fleet was gaily decked out in flags, the spectacle forming a wonderful contrast to that of the murderous collection of grey

demons of a few minutes before. We had now arrived at the most modern and efficient battleships of all—"Colossus," "Neptune"—the last named being the latest, and having the appearance of being the most speedy and destructive of all.

When we had got to the end of the avenue down which we had travelled we turned to the right, and, passing the ships which foreign nations had sent (some of the ships with unpronounceable names), we anchored opposite Chinese and Danish gunboats. We were anchored here for a long time—about 5 hours altogether. At 1 o'clock we had lunch, and when we had got safely on deck again, after this most welcome and necessary interlude, we heard another salute, which began with sounds like somebody banging a wooden table with a hammer. When the Danish gunboat—opposite and near us—began firing 10-inch blank shot at us the noise was something like guns going off! It was deafening!

By 2-50 the Royal Yacht, flying the Royal Standard, passed down the lines, with all the sailors on the men-of-war cheering and waving hats—the Chinese sailors displaying enthusiasm which seemed almost disorderly.

We spent a most enjoyable afternoon on board, and at about 6 o'clock we heard another salute, this being the loudest and most terrible of all. For five minutes every vessel in the British Fleet was engaged in firing every gun at its highest speed, and the foreign gunboats were no less busy. They seemed in earnest about it too! When the smoke had cleared away and comparative quietness reigned again, we weighed anchor and returned to Southampton, my last impression of the Fleet being like the first—a grey line of masts stretched across the horizon.

We got back to Southampton and were brought home by another special train, getting into London at about 10 o'clock, after a most enjoyable and instructive day.

J.H.C.

Natural History Society.

A General Meeting of the society was held on the evening of January 24th, 1911, at which a Lantern Lecture on the Formation and Distribution of Fjords was given by Mr. Pym. The lecture was very interesting, and the careful way in which everything was followed clearly showed the appreciation of all who were present. The slides were good and formed excellent illustrations for the text of the lecture, and were well described by Mr. Pym, who had visited most of the places shown. He said the word fjord suggested Norway, whose indented coast-line was known to every schoolboy, but fjords were not confined to Norway, for many exist in Scotland, and are actually called by the same name (fjord—fiorth—firth). The usual reason given for the origin of these long arms of the sea was the erosion of the softer parts of the cliff by the action of the waves; but this was incorrect. In explaining the formation of river valleys, Mr. Pym took as an example our Chew Brook, whose bed was formerly higher than the moorlands are now. The brook gradually wore away its bed. The summer was formerly hotter than now, but for some reason it became cooler, and the heat was not sufficient to melt the snow of the preceding winter, thus each succeeding winter brought more and more snow to join this accumulated mass. The enormous weight of this sheet squeezed out the lower ice, and it actually flowed down, following the valley. The ice carved the valley deeper, and masses of rock were torn up and ground the bottom of the valley. The land from various causes then began to subside, and continued to sink until the river valleys were deep beneath the sea. The causes that produced the ice age passed away, and the ice caps gradually shrank as each summer melted more ice than the preceding winter deposited. As the ice and snow disappeared the land which had subsided rose again, but did not reach the height it was before, so

though the mountains on each side are thousands of feet above the sea level, the sea still occupies the valleys, and so we have the long, narrow fjords. Mr. Pym concluded his remarks by saying if one traced a fjord to its source a glacier would often be found. The proceedings were terminated by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pym, proposed by Hammersley, seconded by W. K. Slater, and passed with acclamation.

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At a meeting of the General Committee, held on January 27th, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed without adverse comment. On the motion of Hammersley, seconded by Swales, it was unanimously decided that the Annual Tea, which had been postponed from last term, should be held on Tuesday, 14th February. It was decided that the services of an outside lecturer should be obtained; for the purpose of collecting information about which, Swales was resolved into a sub-committee, on the motion of E. E. Mellor, seconded by W. K. Slater. Dr. Potter kindly promised to contribute to the evening's entertainment by preparing suitable experiments.

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On Tuesday, 14th February, the Annual Tea of the society was held in the gymnasium. The tea itself, which was greatly appreciated, terminated with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Pickford, proposed by Hammersley, and seconded by J. W. Slater, to which Mrs. Pickford replied. The company then proceeded to the library and physical laboratory, where several sets of interesting experiments in chemistry, mechanics, and electricity were shown by the senior boys and prefects. A lantern entertainment followed, at which Mr. Pym gave a much-appreciated recitation. Some lecture experiments by Dr. Potter were followed by another lantern lecture, and after a vote of thanks to all those, who, by their efforts, had assisted to make the Annual Tea a success, proposed by Hammersley, seconded by W. K. Slater, and passed with enthusiasm, the proceedings concluded.

FIELD SECTION.—This year the Field Section has received charts for each month, on which are printed all the changes in plant, animal, and insect life for the month. At the beginning of each month a meeting has been held, and the card for the month considered. Mr. Pym pointed out all the chief features, and gave fuller instructions for their observation. These cards were then pinned up in a prominent place in the main corridor. J.K.

Owing to the Sports taking place at the middle of the term the committee has not been able to arrange any rambles, and most of the field work has been left to individual members.

At an informal committee meeting, held on April 6th, with Mr. Pym in the chair, Swales and J. Kershaw were appointed secretaries (pro. tem.) to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hammersley.

At a general meeting, held on May 10th, Swales was elected secretary and J. Kershaw under-secretary. Davoll was elected to fill the place on the Photographic Committee made vacant by the election of Swales to the secretaryship. The business of arranging rambles was postponed till after the Whitsuntide Holidays.

The only Ramble of the term took place on Tuesday, 18th July. The party, accompanied by the Headmaster and Mrs. Pickford, took train for Greenfield, where the Juniors were to remain. Under the able guidance of one of the Seniors the party did *not* find the desired farm, but after a brilliant stroke of genius it was at last unearthed. In the wood adjoining the farm many interesting specimens of the flora and fauna of the district were discovered. Mrs. Pickford obtained specimens of the Lancashire Asphodel (*Narthecium ossifragum*). This plant, although fairly common in swampy places in Northern Europe and North America, has never been found in Asia. Among the plants discovered were the Common Ling (*Calluna vulgaris*), the Fine Leaved Heath (*Erica cinerea*), the Cross

Leaved Heath (*Erica tetralix*), and Bracken (*Pteris aquilina*). The Bog Moss (*Sphagnum acutifolium*) wore its most tender green, and the water of the pools was beautiful in its limpid purity. But alas for our valley! The cruel scars made by the navvies engaged on the waterworks will take many years to heal, and on seeing them one felt like saying with Macduff, "Bleed, bleed, poor country." Moths also were very prevalent and flew up in all directions, and provided much work for our entomologists. Amongst the moths the Large (*Triphaena pronuba*), and the Small (*Triphaena comes*), Yellow Underwing and the Brimstone Moth (*Rumea luteolata*). While the Juniors were thus employed the Seniors were pushing on over the moors. Among the specimens found were the Male Fern (*Aspidium Filix-mas*), and the Stone Bramble (*Rubus saxatilis*), and various kinds of Cotton Grass, including the *Eriophorum polystachium* and the *Eriophorum vaginatum*. We also found a moor hen's egg. The quarry at Chew Head afforded the geologists ample scope for examining the various strata of rocks exposed. Each party concluded with a hearty tea and a train journey home.

J.S.

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METEOROLOGICAL SECTION.—Since the last issue of the Magazine the members of the Meteorological Society have "kept the noiseless tenor of their way," working steadily and gradually, piling up a mass of facts collected from experience, which will be invaluable to future generations of weather prophets. There is an old saying "Accidents will happen in the best regulated families," so they do in Meteorological Societies, for one day the Six's Maximum and Minimum Thermometer fell for the last time; but "It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," for thanks to the generosity of the School we have been fitted out with a Maximum and Minimum of the Negretti and Zambra type. Schofield has been appointed as a regular reader, and the order of reading rearranged so that readers who had other work might be accommodated. A new chart has been posted

through the latter half of the session the period 4-30 to 5-20 has formed part of the day rather than of the night, and many of our members have been seduced by a counter attraction—football : in fact, we should advise future Committees to commence and terminate the session rather earlier.

Yet there are good features which compensate for faults, and while the latter seldom pass unperceived, the former are generally unnoticed.

At several debates the audience were treated to some sound argument—some faultless conclusions from unquestionable premises : this was generally done by the proposer and opposer of the motion. As for the open debate, though we cannot commend the practice of coming to the debate entirely without prepared notes of any kind, which our members did, yet such a custom gave those who spoke an opportunity of showing skill in impromptu debate.

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THE DEBATES.

November 21st, 1910.—On this date the session was opened by an impromptu debate. The first subject discussed was “THE PULPIT HAS GREATER INFLUENCE THAN THE PRESS,” proposed by E. E. Mellor and opposed by J. S. Harrison. After a prolonged discussion the meeting decided in favour of the motion by 17 votes to 6.

Kelsall, in proposing that “ELECTIONS SHOULD BE REFORMED,” said that all elections should be held on one day, so that the leaders of political parties would have to “mind their own business” instead of interfering with other constituencies. Bunting opposed this and said that as far as he knew elections were quite suitable for our present needs. The motion was carried by 18 votes to 4.

The motion that “THE MAJORITY IS ALWAYS IN THE WRONG,” proposed by G. T. Lees and opposed by G. Halliwell, was defeated by 14 votes to 8.

November 28th, 1910.—At this meeting W. K. Slater proposed "THE POWER OF ENGLAND IS DECLINING." He showed that we were entirely dependent on our navy for the existence of our Empire, and complained that we did not give the brave men who "risked their lives for us on the seas" enough warships or suitable guns. He said that we were bound to fall unless we kept the "peculiar spark" of patriotism alive by good government. He also gave statistics to show the inferior quality of our navy. G. T. Lees, the opposer, in his speech showed, by means of statistics, the increasing naval strength, the great wealth, the augmenting trade, and the rising birthrate of our islands, and then asked in what way our power was declining, for still, he declared, there remains in the Englishman's breast that "indomitable spirit" which conquered the Spanish Armada. The discussion was continued by the Headmaster, A. Buckley, and Hammersley. The motion was defeated by 26 votes to 4.

December 8th, 1910.—E. E. Mellor at this meeting proposed that "THE EXECUTION OF CHARLES I WAS UNJUSTIFIABLE." He said that the trial of Charles was quite illegal, and was an act of revenge on the part of the army. Although Charles was beheaded for being a despot, Cromwell was as great a despot as Charles, nor did he give the country a better system of government, for he failed to govern through his parliaments and had to use his army in order to carry out the law. J. S. Harrison, in opposing, said that he thought the success or failure of the government of Cromwell had nothing to do with the subject under discussion. The character of Charles I was despicable, and he was a man in whom no trust could be placed, as the second civil war showed. Charles had kept no previously made treaty, and would have kept no future one. The meeting was characterised by great enthusiasm both for and against the motion, several members speaking twice. Speeches were continually punctuated by loud applause. G. Halliwell, J. Gartside, B. Horsfall, Caldwell,

Davoll, A. Buckley, W. K. Slater, Ross, G. T. Lees, Sankey, and Clynes took part in the discussion which ensued. The motion was carried by 14 votes to 8.

December 12th, 1910.—On this date Mr. Marriott read a most interesting paper on "SOME GLIMPSES OF ROMAN PROVINCIAL LIFE." He gave an excellent description of Roman life in the provinces, embellished with many lively touches of humour, and quoted some amusing passages from Latin writers. At the close a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Marriott, proposed by J. W. Slater and seconded by A. Buckley, was carried with applause.

December 19th, 1910.—At this meeting the motion that "GHOSTS ARE NON-EXISTENT" was discussed. The proposer was J. Clynes, but J. Kershaw, who ought to have opposed the motion, was absent. The proposer claimed in his definition that "existent" meant "physically existent." He said that all phantasmal appearances could be explained as resulting from either hallucination, or illusion, or telepathy, or fraud; he gave examples and explanations. A good debate followed in which J. Swales, W. K. Slater, Caldwell J. H. Noble, Hammersley, Bunting, G. T. Lees, Davoll, and Buckley took part. The motion was carried by 20 votes to 5.

January 16th, 1911.—Mr. Pickford on this date gave us a most interesting paper on "A HOLIDAY IN FRANCE." He described his recent tour through France. The paper was illustrated by lantern slides, showing places of interest which he saw. Dr. Potter kindly acted as Lanternist for the evening. A vote of thanks to the Headmaster and Dr. Potter, proposed by A. Buckley and seconded by J. Kershaw, was heartily carried.

January 23rd, 1911.—On this date the motion that "AEROPLANES ARE DESTINED TO PLAY A GREAT PART IN THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE" was debated. F. Whittaker, the proposer of the motion, described the way in which acro-

planes had approached perfection in the last few years, and mentioned a few of the improvements which have recently been made. Judging from this, and from the great number of aeroplanes now in existence, he was lead to believe that a similar advance would be made in the future. He showed the great use of aeroplanes in military matters. The opposer, A. W. Davoll, opened his remarks by a definition of aeroplanes. He said that aeroplanes could only be used in a kind of weather rare in some districts. People were distrustful of them, and the men who navigated the machines were in a constant state of nervous strain. The motor was unsafe, and a substitute could never be invented which would make aeroplanes useful. The following members spoke upon the motion :—A. Buckley, W. K. Slater, J. H. Clynes, G. T. Lees, and B. Horsfall. The motion was defeated by 4 votes for and 10 against.

January 30th, 1911.—“PATRIOTISM IS LACKING IN SCHOOLS” was debated on this date. E. W. Singleton, the proposer, devoted his speech to a criticism of our school life, in which he showed the lack of real enthusiasm in the average schoolboy. He spoke about the absence of real patriotism in our not working so much for the honour of our schools, and in the lack of interest in “out-of-school” societies. Not only in games but on many other occasions did we fail to maintain the honour of our Schools. The opposer tried to put a broader view of patriotism before the meeting. He said that all our greatest patriots—politicians, peers, and poets—had passed through secondary schools. Schoolboys learnt the meaning of patriotism. They learn of the deeds of heroes and of the examples set by great men, and what is of more value still, they learn to set such an example to each other as shall point out the paths of the patriotism of later life. The debate was continued by W. K. Slater, Lees, Davoll, Desden, Kelsall, Schofield, and Ross. On the motion being put to the meeting the votes for and against the motion were equal, 7—7. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion.

February 6th, 1911.—On this date J. Swales proposed that “A DAYLIGHT SAVING ACT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.” He set before the meeting the health, wealth, and happiness to be obtained by such an act. He said that labour could be made easier, and yet more productive, by the adoption of its principle, and quoted learned and great men who shared in his opinions. The opposer, S. S. Hammersley, denied that an Act of Parliament was a proper means of establishing a saving of daylight. The present system had been established by custom, and only unanimous consent could change it. Practical men did not like the bill, it would inconvenience such classes as farmers and seamen. G. T. Lees, Buckley, Desden, Davoll, Harrison, and Gartside took part in the debate. The motion was defeated by 5 votes for and 10 against the motion.

February 13th, 1911.—At this meeting the second impromptu debate of the session was held. The first motion discussed was “ANARCHISTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO WEAR RED TIES” proposed by J. Clynes and opposed by F. Pollard. The proposer seemed to be under the impression that all persons who wore red ties were in some way connected with anarchism. He denounced them as persons of bad taste, and people who, by “flaunting” their red ties, shocked artistically inclined people. The meeting, however, decided in favour of “red ties” and “anarchists” by 10 votes to 3.

“ANARCHISTS SHOULD BE STAMPED OUT OF THE COUNTRY” was proposed by G. T. Lees. He declared that the London clubs of anarchists were not high-class. The members of these clubs were mostly aliens, and ought to be transported as foreign goods. G. Halliwell, however, thought this ought not to occur, as the citizens and policemen of London would be deprived of a great part of their “amusements.” The motion was carried by 10 votes 9.

“MATHEMATICS OUGHT TO BE ABOLISHED IN THIS SCHOOL” was proposed by J. H. Noble and opposed by Bunting. Noble stated that mathematics were absurd and

tiresome, and in illustration of the fact pointed out the result of that morning's mathematics lesson, which still remained on the blackboard in the room. Bunting in reply said that mathematics were very useful and interesting and had solved some of the world's greatest problems. The motion was lost by 14 votes to 2.

G. Ross, in proposing that "THE ENGLISH NATION IS WITTIER THAN ANY OTHER NATION," amused the meeting with some modern examples of English wit. These, however, were apparently not appreciated, for the meeting voted against the motion, the figures being 6 for and 7 against.

February 21st, 1911.—At this, the last debate of the season, R. Haigh proposed that "WOMEN SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN TO DO MASCULINE WORK." J. H. Noble opposed the motion. The proposer, speaking of the dangerous increase of female employment in unsuitable work, gave some kinds of work in which he thought women should not engage, such as dentistry and surgical work. Masculine work gave injury to the female sex by causing women to neglect matters specially concerning their sex. The opposer defined masculine work as all work, excluding the more common kinds of work, in which women were engaged. Would not the fair sex do as they liked in spite of legislation? Women were gradually rising to excel man in many kinds of masculine work. A. Buckley, W. K. Slater, Hammersley, and Clynes spoke on the motion, which was carried by 23 votes to 18.

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ANNUAL TEA.

On March 9th, the Debating Society held its Annual Tea, the event of the evening being a Mock Parliament. At 6-30 the Speaker (Mr. Pickford) took the chair amidst loud applause, and, as a soon as quietness was obtained, the Clerk of the House (Gill) called upon various hon. members to ask their questions, of which notice of nine had been given to the Speaker. In this ordeal the Ministers of the Crown acquitted

themselves with credit. In answer to one question as to whether or not a particular kind of vegetable was green-grocery, the Prime Minister (W. K. Slater) sagely declared that "green was not red."

Question time being over, the House debated several Bills, having formed itself into three parties for the purpose. Ministerial (Platt House), Opposition (Assheton House), and Independent (Lees House), and the House divided on each Bill. The Ministerialists triumphantly carried through their Bill giving more time for Football, by 23 votes to 18, in spite of dogged opposition from the tiny minority and some Independents; they rejected the Opposition Bill for the Prohibition of Fancy Socks; and condescended to allow a humble private member £8,000 per year for making Oldham a Health Resort:—all with the same complacency.

Ministerial, Opposition, and Independent sixth formers, however, all joined in vehement opposition to a Bill for Degrading the Sixth Form, introduced by the hon. member for Glasgow (G. T. Lees). To report the debate would be to expose bias, so nothing shall be said but that the narrow majority (1) by which the Bill was rejected was thought to be singular, and yet was it said to have been obtained by plural voting.

The whole evening, thanks to the Speaker's efforts, was characterised by good humour and jollity, and it is not too much to say that everyone had a night of enjoyment.

A B.—F.W.

The Athletic Sports.

THE wet weather following Coronation Day somewhat marred the success of our Athletic Sports, which were appointed to be held on Monday, June 26th. On Friday, June 23rd, the Mile and Half-Mile Races and the preliminary heats of some of the other events were held. On Saturday—on which it was intended to complete all the

preliminary trials—there was a continual downpour of rain, putting all idea of Sports out of the question, so that everything was left to be done on Monday. Monday, however, was gloomy and unsettled, and the members of our Meteorological Society predicted rain. We determined, nevertheless, to take advantage of the actual absence of rain, and therefore proceeded with the programme of events. It was not long before rain put an end to the proceedings, and the disappointment of everyone was exceedingly great when the Headmaster announced that the Sports were cancelled. But the following day, being fine and bright, we once more proceeded with our Athletic Sports. The number of visitors, which was at first naturally very small, gradually increased until a fair crowd of spectators was present to see the final events. Some very good racing was seen, and the programme was completed with the exception of the Old Boys' events.

In the One Mile Handicap a keen race was expected, especially between Gill and Hilton. After the second lap, however, Hilton dropped out, so that everyone then looked towards Gill. The result, however, was somewhat unexpected. Gill, who was scratch man, although he ran exceedingly well all the way, only arrived third, having been unable to overtake H. Ashton, who was first, and J. A. Schofield, both of whom ran very well.

The Half-Mile Junior Handicap was won by G. Hodgkinson, who ran a very good race, N. Wild being second.

On Tuesday the racing was much better than the jumping, indeed several of the races were run in record time for the School. The Junior sprints were especially good, which promises much for future years.

The School records created were :—

- 100 yds. Handicap (under 14), time $13\frac{1}{2}$ secs., by G. R. Cooper.
- 100 yds. Scratch (under 14), time $13\frac{2}{5}$ secs., by G. R. Cooper.
- 220 yds. H'cap (under 14), time $27\frac{1}{5}$ secs., by G. Hodgkinson.
- 100 yds. Handicap (over 15), time $11\frac{2}{5}$ secs., by F. A. Hilton.

220 yds. Handicap (open), time 22 secs., by F. A. Hilton.

Quarter-Mile Handicap (open), time 59½ secs., by F. A. Hilton.

The Senior Championship Cup, which was keenly contested for, was won by Hilton with 39 points (first in 100 yards scratch, 220 yards handicap, and quarter-mile handicap; and second in the long and high jumps). Gill was second with 27 points.

The Junior Championship Cup fell to N. Wild with 17 points.

The House Championship Shield was won for the second year in succession by Platt House, who scored 361 points (an average of 9·3 per boy); Lees were second with 324 points (average 8·3); and Assheton third with 188 points (average 5·1).

The following is a list of successful competitors:—

Half-Mile Handicap (under 14). 1 Hodgkinson;
2 N. Wild; 3 Hudson.

One-Mile Handicap (over 14). 1 H. Ashton; 2 J. A. Schofield; 3 C. I. C. Gill.

Throwing Cricket Ball (under 14). 1 G. R. Cooper;
2 W. W. Fielding; 3 N. Wild. Distance 52 yds. 2 ft.

Throwing Cricket Ball (open). 1 F. A. Hilton; 2 J. Ashton; 3 A. W. Davoll. Distance 72 yards.

Long Jump (under 14). 1 W. W. Fielding; 2 N. Wild;
3 G. R. Cooper. Distance 12 ft. 5 in.

Long Jump (open). 1 C. I. C. Gill; 2 F. A. Hilton;
3 G. Halliwell. Distance 15 ft. 7 in.

High Jump (under 14) 1 S. Fletcher; 2 N. Wild;
3 Hudson. Height 3 ft. 8 in.

High Jump (open). 1 C. I. C. Gill; 2 F. A. Hilton;
3 J. Swales. Height 4 ft. 7 in.

100 yds. Handicap (under 12). 1 J. Mills; 2 Hodgkinson;
3 J. G. Hall.

Egg and Spoon Race (under 12). 1 Hasty ; 2 J. Stopford.
 100 yds. Handicap (under 14). 1 G. R. Cooper ; 2 J.
 Mills ; 3 Hodgkinson. Time $13\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

100 Yards Scratch Race (under 14). 1 G. R. Cooper ;
 2 N. Wild ; 3 W. W. Fielding. Time $13\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

100 yds. Handicap (under 15). 1 Desden ; 2 H. Ashton
 and S. Vipond dead heat. Time 13 secs.

100 yds. Handicap (over 15) 1 F. A. Hilton ; 2 G.
 Halliwell ; 3 T. P. Lees. Time $11\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

100 yds. Scratch Race (open). 1 F. A. Hilton ; 2 C. I.
 C. Gill ; 3 W. K. Slater. Time 12 secs.

220 yds. Handicap (under 14). 1 Hodgkinson ; 2 J.
 Mills ; 3 N. Wild. Time $27\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

220 yds. Handicap (open). 1 F. A. Hilton ; 2 H. Ashton ;
 3 S. Vipond. Time 22 secs.

Quarter-Mile Handicap (under 14). 1 H. Mills ; 2 Smet-
 hurst ; 3 N. Wild. Time $69\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Quarter-Mile Handicap (open). 1 F. A. Hilton ; 2 H.
 Ashton ; 5 C. I. C. Gill. Time $59\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Obstacle Race (junior). 1 Whitehead ; 2 A. Cheetham.

Obstacle Race (seniors). 1 H. Ashton ; 2 Beaumont.

Consolation Race (under 12). 1 T. Bradley.

Consolation Race (under 14). 1 J. Bradley.

Consolation Race (over 14). 1 T. P. Lees.

Tug-of-War. 1 Platt House (E. E. Mellor, captain) ;
 2 Lees House ; 3 Assheton House.

Junior Championship Cup (presented by the Rt. Hon.
 A. Emmott, M.P.). N. Wild.

Senior Championship Cup (presented by the Mayor,
 Mrs. C. E. Lees). F. A. Hilton.

House Championship Shield (presented by Dr. H. T. Gill).
 Platt House.

The prizes this year were very kindly distributed by Mrs. Pickford on the School Field. The proceedings were brought to a close by the boys giving three hearty cheers for Mrs. Pickford, and three for Mr. Cockell, to whose untiring efforts the success of the sports was mostly due.

Mr. Pym acted as referee ; Messrs. F. H. Cockell, H. S. Edwards, A. F. Woode and H. G. Forder as judges ; Mr. Marriott was starter, and Dr. L. F. Potter was timekeeper.

F.W.

Football Notes.

THE Football season of 1910-11 has been one of the most successful seasons the School team has had in recent years. The standard of play has improved considerably, and among the members of the team a keenness has displayed itself, which has assisted in producing that complete understanding by which means alone victories can be won.

Out of 19 matches played, 12 have been won and 7 lost.

The Second XI. have also had a very successful season. They have played 8, won 6, lost 1, and drawn 1.

At the end of the season, football "Sixes" were arranged, and these have proved very popular. Hilton's team won the Senior Competition and Platt's the Junior.

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HOUSE FOOTBALL.

In the "House" Competition this year the usual keen rivalry has been conspicuous, and "Lees House" are to be congratulated on their success.

FIRST XI. MATCHES.

	FIRST ROUND.			SECOND ROUND.			Total
	Assheton	Platt	Lees.	Assheton	Platt	Lees.	
Assheton	*	5	0	..... *	5	0	..... 10
Platt	5	*	5	..... 5	*	0	..... 15
Lees	10	5	*	..... 10	10	*	..... 35

SECOND XI. MATCHES.

Assheton	*	4	4	.....	*	0	0	.....	8
Platt	0	*	0	4	*	0	4
Lees	0	4	*	4	4	*	12

Final result: Lees 47, Platt 19, Assheton 18 points.

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CRITIQUE.

- J. W. Slater, Goal, has kept a brilliant goal throughout the season. Uses splendid judgment, and deals with all kinds of shots in an effective manner.
- C. I. C. Gill (Captain), Right Back, has played a sound game this season, and has improved all round. He has proved himself to be an efficient and keen captain, and in consequence the School has done very well.
- Davoll, Left Back, has developed into a really sound "back." Tackles with great judgment, and places well. Should use his weight more.
- Haigh, Left Half, one of the best "halves" the School has ever had. Has played magnificently the whole season.
- E. E. Mellor, Centre Half, a good sound "half," who feeds his forwards well. Is rather handicapped by lack of weight.
- S. S. Hammersley, Right Half, has played some very good games, especially at the latter end of the season. Uses his speed and weight to advantage.
- Midgley, Left Outside, a clever "winger," who knows the value of an inside pass, has played remarkably well this season.
- R. E. Taylor, Left Inside, has been one of the most consistent players this season. Feeds his "wing" well, and is a good dribbler.
- Hilton, Centre, the success of the season. Has been a most prolific goal scorer, and uses his head to great advantage. A very dangerous forward near goal.

Brearley, Right Inside, a very hard-working and unselfish forward. Must practice shooting.

Singleton, Right Outside, an ideal "wing" forward, possessed of good pace, and has the advantage of weight. Centres and shoots well.

Among others who have assisted the team Swales, Mellor, Ashton, Halliwell, and Roseblade deserve special mention.

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MATCHES.

Saturday, Oct. 1st. v. BOLTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. This was the opening match of the season, and unfortunately for the School we were very poorly represented. The game needs no comment, Bolton being easily the superior team from beginning to end. The School forwards played in a very weak fashion, with the result that the backs got too much work to do, and played much below their usual standard. Bolton scored after about 20 minutes, and shortly afterwards Hilton had the misfortune to head through his own goal. In the second half Bolton scored by means of good forward play. Just before the final whistle, Brearley scored our only goal from a corner kick. Slater kept a brilliant goal for School. Result: Bolton 3, School 1. Scorer, Brearley.

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Wednesday, Oct. 5th. v. MR. WOODE'S XI.—Home. For this game Singleton appeared at outside right. The team again showed very poor form, the forwards, with the exception of Singleton, playing in a very half-hearted manner. Mr. Woode's XI. scored 5 goals to School's 2 goals. Result: Mr. Woode's XI. 5, School 2. Scorer, Hodgkinson 2.

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Saturday, Oct. 15th. v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. For the first time this season School placed a full team in the field. We lost the toss, and had to play against a

very strong wind. Bury scored in the first five minutes. This seemed to rouse the team, and they commenced to play brilliant football. Taylor had distinctly hard lines with a shot which struck the cross-bar. Immediately afterwards, however, Hodgkinson, with a fast low shot, left their goalkeeper helpless, and placed us on equal terms, half-time being called a few minutes later. In the second half we completely overplayed our opponents. Singleton scored with a good shot, and just before the final Hodgkinson put us still further ahead with another good goal. The Bury forwards could make little headway against the School backs, who put up a stubborn defence. The team showed a splendid return to form, the combination of the forwards being brilliant. Result: School 3, Bury 1. Scorers, Hodgkinson 2, Singleton 1.

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Wednesday, Oct. 26th. v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Away. This was our first fixture with Bowdon, so we had no idea of their strength. For this game Davoll was brought in at "left back," Hilton playing centre forward. This change did not in any way weaken the team. We again lost the toss, and had to play uphill. The School forwards were early aggressive, Brearley turning a centre of Midgley's to good account, and thus opening our score. The game had scarcely been re-started before a misunderstanding between our backs allowed the Bowden centre to rush in and score, thus equalising the scores. The School continued to play good football, and from a clever run and centre by Singleton, Hilton scored. A few minutes later another good combined movement ended in Hilton scoring with a fast cross shot. In the second half the game was more even, but School quite held their own. Our opponents missed many opportunities through weak shooting. About ten minutes from the end Brearley get hold close in and scored a clever goal. The team again displayed good all-round form. Result: School 4, Bowdon 1. Scorers, Brearley 2, Hilton 2.

Wednesday, 2nd November. v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. This match ought to have been played on Wednesday, 19th October, but the Stockport ground was unfit. School lost the toss, and from the commencement of the game never seemed to settle down properly. We scored first, but our opponents equalised directly afterwards. Half-time: School 1, Stockport 1. In the second half we again took the lead, scoring two goals in quick succession, but from this point onwards never looked like winning. Stockport, by persistent rushes, succeeded in placing themselves on equal terms with us, and in the last moment their centre broke away and beat Mellor with a good shot. Result: Stockport 4, School 3. Scorers, Hilton 2, Singleton 2.

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Saturday, November 12th. v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. School won the toss, and kicked off with a slight wind at their backs. From the kick-off we monopolised the play, and some very pretty movements were indulged in by the forwards, a brilliant run and centre by Singleton enabling Hilton to head a clever goal. An unfortunate incident here marred the game, the Warrington Captain falling on his wrist and breaking it. Half-time: School 1, Warrington 0. In the second half School continued to play brilliantly, and good work by Midgley and Taylor resulted in Hilton again scoring. Shortly afterwards the same player had the distinction of obtaining a third goal. Just before the final whistle blew both sides scored, and a good game ended in favour of School by 4 goals to one goals. Result: School 4, Warrington 1. Scorers, Hilton 3, Brearley 1.

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Wednesday, Nov. 16th. v. MR. COCKELL'S XI.—Both sides were well represented, and a good game resulted, the issue being in doubt until the final whistle. However, School managed to run out winners by 4 goals to 3 goals.

Wednesday, Nov. 30th. v. MASTERS' XI.—Home. School lost the toss, and had to face a stiff breeze. It was evident from the start that the game was going to be a keen one, and the fact that only one goal was scored testifies to the fact. Just before half-time Hilton scored a good goal. At the latter end of the second half the Masters, principally Mr. Cockell, made desperate efforts to equalise, but the School defence remained firm. Result: School 1, Masters 0. Scorer, Hilton.

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Wednesday, Dec. 7th. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. This game needs no comment, School being far away the superior team. At half-time we lead by 5 goals to 1. In the second half five more goals were added. Scorers: Hilton 3, Taylor 3, Singleton 3, Brearley 1. Result: School won by 10 goals to 1.

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Wednesday, Dec. 14th. v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Home. This match had been eagerly looked forward to by the members of the team, and it was unfortunate for School to lack the services of their captain, C. I. C. Gill. Singleton was played at right full back and Halliwell introduced at outside right. School won the toss and immediately pressed, Hilton scoring. After these reverses Bowdon took up the running, and play for a while was confined in the School half. Poor shooting, however, kept our goal intact. The second half was a repetition of the first, School scoring twice and Bowdon once. A most interesting and keen game resulted in a win for School by 4 goals to 1. Scorer, Hilton 4.

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Saturday, Dec. 17th. v. FAIRFIELD COLLEGE.—Home. School were again without their captain, and the team which defeated Bowdon College was again relied upon. The ground was in a very heavy condition, and hence was an advantage to our opponents, who were nearly twice as big as we were. School again won the toss, and the first half was contested in a very

determined manner. The School forwards combined splendidly in the first half, and on several occasions had extremely hard lines. In the second half the forwards sadly deteriorated, and Fairfield scored twice. The untiring defence of the School prevented our opponents from adding to their score. Result : Lost 0—2.

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Wednesday, Jan. 18th. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—This game was practically a repetition of the first game. Haigh was tried at “inside right” and Swales brought in at “left half.” School were superior throughout the game, and eventually ran out winners by 10 goals to 1 goal. Scorers, Haigh 6, Hilton 2, Taylor 1, and Midgley 1.

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Saturday Jan. 28th. T. G. TAYLOR'S XI.—Home. This was a great fast open game, which went rather in favour of the visitors, for whom T. G. Taylor was very prominent. Result : T. G. Taylor's XI. 4, School 3. Scorers, Hilton 1, Brearley 1, Taylor 1.

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Saturday, Feb. 4th. OLD BOYS.—Home. The “Old Boys” sent a very strong team, whereas School were not at full strength, although we had the assistance of Mr. Cockell at centre forward. The game was curiously uneven, School at one time leading by 5 goals to 2. Our heavier opponents, however, wore us down, and eventually beat us by 6 goals to 5. Result : “Old Boys” 6 goals, School 5 goals. Scorers, Mr. Cockell 2, Singleton 2, Brearley 1.

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Wednesday, Feb. 8th. v. BOLTON G. S.—Home. This game was one of the best games of the season. We lost the toss and kicked off against a slight breeze. From the commencement the game was of a ding-dong character, the play being first at one end then at the other end of the field. The School team were showing distinctly good form, and their efforts were rewarded just before half-time, Hilton scoring a

good goal. Half-time was called with School leading by one goal. The second half was a repetition of the first, and Hilton scored another good goal. This completed the scoring, the School defence being just too good for the Bolton attack. A very keen game ended in favour of School by 2 goals to none. Result : School 2, Bolton 0. Scorer, Hilton.

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Saturday, Feb 18th. v. WARRINGTON G. S.—Home. This was a rather one-sided game, School always holding the advantage. Hilton was very brilliant at centre-forward, scoring two good goals. E. E. Mellor and Taylor also played well. School did most of the scoring in the first half, taking things rather easily in the second. Result : School 7, Warrington 1. Scorers, Hilton 2, Taylor 2, Brearley 2, Midgeley 1.

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Saturday, Feb. 25th. v. FAIRFIELD COLLEGE.—Away. This game was played at Fairfield under bad weather conditions. As a game of football it was a distinct failure, both teams playing in a very weak fashion, our opponents, however, were the better team. We lost rather badly, being beaten by 5 goals to 1 goal. Result : Fairfield 5, School 1. Scorer

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Wednesday, March 1st. MANCHESTER G.S.—Home. This was a fairly good game, but School appeared to be showing an end-of-the-season staleness. We succeeded in scoring two goals before half-time, with our opponents unable to score. In the second half we scored one more goal, and that completed the scoring. Manchester were distinctly unlucky not to score at least one goal in the second half. Result : School 3 goals, Manchester 0 goals. Scorers, Hilton 2, Taylor 1.

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Saturday, March 4th. v. BURY G.S.—Away. This was our last match and we took a somewhat disorganised team away with us. The School team was obviously suffering from staleness, and never displayed really good form. At half-time we

were two goals down. In the second half Hilton had hard lines in not scoring. Bury again attacked and in the closing stages added two more goals. Result : Bury 4 goals, School 0.

Gymnasium.

BY far the most important event in connection with the Gymnasium was the Gym. Competition between the three houses held last term.

A committee meeting was called for March 23rd, at which the Drill Sergeant was invited to attend. The business was to decide what apparatus should be used, and what exercises should be performed during the competition.

The date fixed was April 6th, and at the appointed time a crowd of spectators lined the gymnasium. Enthusiasm was great, rivalry was keen, and *esprit de corps* ran high. After a strenuous competition Lees House were judged the victors.

Results :—

	Senior. Maximum 408.	Junior. Maximum 300.
Lees	308	223
Platt	264	222½
Assheton ...	260	209

The Juniors have continued to take an eager interest in handball, and many keen games have been witnessed.

February 2nd, Thursday. IIIA. v. IIIB.—IIIA. won after a rather one-sided game by 7 goals to 3. Goal scorers for IIIA. F. Halliwell (5), Cheetham (2); for IIIB. J. G. Hall (2), Brook (1).

February 16th, Thursday. III. v. IIA.—After a strenuous game III. won by 4 goals to 2. Goal scorers for III. F. Halliwell (2), Whitehead, Lawless; for IIA. J. G. Hall (2).

April 27th, Thursday. IVB. v. III.—This game resulted in a run-away victory for IVB. by 7 goals to nil. Goal scorers for IVB. Fielding (5), Thorpe (2).

Swimming.

THE Swimming Classes were resumed as usual at the beginning of the summer term, and a fair number of boys have availed themselves of the opportunities offered to learn to swim. Among the beginners especially, the interest displayed has been exceedingly keen, and we hope to see many good swimmers from their ranks before the end of term. Eatough is the first beginner to swim one length of the bath this year. It is an unfortunate thing that more senior members of the school who can already swim do not attend the baths regularly with the class, as by this means the beginners would have a better chance of studying the correct strokes. In conclusion, our best thanks are due to Mr. Marriott for so ably taking charge of the class, and giving freely of his time and energy to make it a success. J.W.S



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