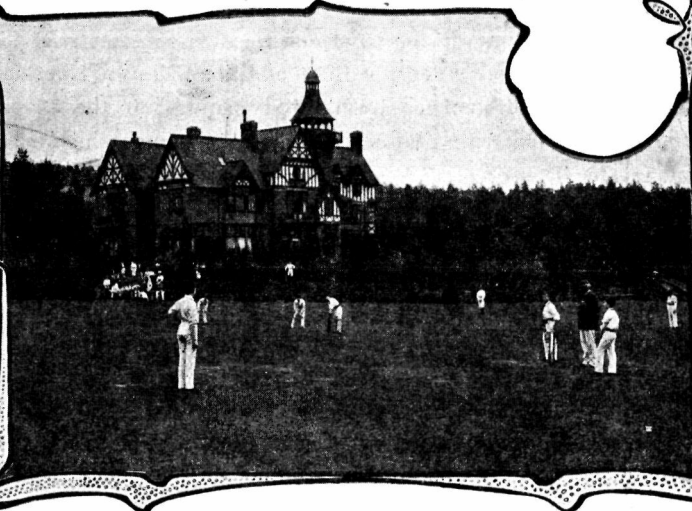


"L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle." PLAYED AT EAGLE HOUSE, 17TH DECEMBER, 1907.



La Caissière (G. T. GORST). *L'Interprète* (R. H. B. LOCKHART, Esq.).
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THE EAGLE HOUSE MAGAZINE.



STAS, ET IN ÆTERNUM STES, AQUILINA DOMUS.

Christmas Term, 1907.

Editorial.

OUR illustrations for this term are three in number, viz.: The Football XV.; The Cast of the French Play, and the Cast of the English Play. We think the excellent performances of these members of the School merit a permanent representation in the pages of our Eagle House Magazine. The time required to get proofs and to have blocks prepared has caused some delay in issuing this number. We hope the result will compensate for any disappointment, but it is by no means easy to get good views of such groups.

We take this opportunity to suggest that the Eagle House Magazine requires, as we submit that it deserves, the financial support not only of the boys now in the School but of the old boys. The annual subscription is two shillings per annum post free.

School Notes.

THE Christmas Term of 1907, which began on September 14th, supplies the chronicler with abundant material for his School Notes. We begin with an addition of seven names to our roll call, and so much fresh blood coming into the School was itself an enlivening influence. The new names, which make our muster 33, are:—

Frank Gun Delamain.

Hugh D'Oyley Lyle.

Voltelin St. John Van der Byl.

Fergus Forbes.

Dennistoun Hamilton Yatman.

John Ruahini Weston.

Thomas Francis Harley Parkinson.

Before the end of term our numbers went down to 32 by the withdrawal of P. M. Broadmead who got an emergency vacancy at Wellington College. Just before he left, he went up for the Entrance Scholarships at Wellington, and very shortly we were all delighted by the news that he had gained a £50 scholarship, and more than that, had been awarded the Wentworth Hughes Scholarship which is given to the best candidate on the Modern Side. Our delight was increased when the Head-Master gave us a half-holiday on December 10th, in honour of this success. An extra half is very rarely granted at Eagle House which made us appreciate it the more.

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We have had two Lectures this term, with Lantern Views. On the first occasion the Rev. T. F. Nicholas lectured on "Rome," and showed us many interesting views of the great city, Classical, Mediæval, and Modern, including a very fine set of coloured slides. The second lecturer was H. Awdry, Esq. (O.E.H.), of Wellington College, who took "Greece" for his subject, and showed us beautiful slides of many photographs taken on his cruises in the Ægean. Both lecturers were welcomed by enthusiastic audiences. Our very best thanks are due to the Rev. and

Hon. Randall Parsons, M.A., Rectory, Sandhurst, who very kindly lent us his Lantern for these lectures.

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Football has been the great game this term, and we have had an excellent XV. They did not quite secure an unbeaten record, but they deserved it, as they had the best of the play in all our matches, and were very unlucky to lose the last. We give a photo of the XV., and full accounts of their doings will be found below.

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We have also played Hockey pretty regularly and have had some interesting matches. Shooting has been practised on the Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, but the interest has been only moderate probably because we have not had any matches. That again was due to the very great interest and enthusiasm about the football XV. and the Christmas Plays. The bad light in the short winter afternoons has been a great handicap, but we hope for better things next term with lengthening day-light.

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Among the greatest successes of the term we must count the Christmas Plays. There were two of these, one in English and one in French. The former was a little play by R. H. B. Lockhart, Esq., based on a German story for children, the latter was a most amusing Vaudeville entitled, "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle." They were played on December 17th, in our Central Hall, which was crowded, floor, stairs, and galleries, by a large audience who were equally enthusiastic over the acting of the play and the pronunciation of the French. A detailed account is given below.

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The cricket pitch has been relaid. The work has been done by John Relf who was for many years cricket professional at Wellington College, and thereafter groundsman at the Berks County Ground. The work looks well done, and we expect great improvement next Summer Term.

A new system of Physical Training has been introduced in place of the gymnastic class. A full account will be found below. The new plan is a great success and the resulting improvement in physique is remarkable.

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We have had quite a number of visitors this term, Old Boys, Parents and others. Among the O.E.H's. have been, James Black, C. H. Malan, J. C. Malan, H. Biggs, J. Errington, H. H. R. Hilliard.

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Early bathing in the open air swimming bath was carried on for quite a long time, up to the middle of November in fact, by a few stalwarts. About a dozen besides the staff went on to the end of October, but the following : Mr. B. Lockhart, H. Hinde, C. Gordon, G. Gorst, and Mr. Malan, kept it up about 14 days longer, the two first named, we believe, being the last to stop.

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There has been an unparalleled amount of rain for an October term. One week we actually had to play in the court for three days which must be almost a record.

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On November 3rd, there was an offertory in Chapel, when £5 14s. 0d. was contributed for the Barnardo Homes. This was enough to complete the sum required to send another boy to Canada, and also to send him and the boy we sent the previous year small Christmas gifts.

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Dancing has been going on during most of the term on Saturday nights, Preparation being taken early.

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The O.E.H. Dinner was held at the Trocadero, on 27th November. An account is given below.

Three boys leave us this term. P. M. Broadmead, who won an Entrance Scholarship at Wellington; R. M. M. Lockhart, who passed well into Marlborough; and S. C. Fox, who goes to the Worcester Training Ship. We wish them all good luck and every good gift. They will all be missed. R. M. M. Lockhart has been a splendid Head Prefect. Broadmead has long been our chief scholar. All three will be a great loss to our Football; and in Cricket, Fox and Lockhart were, by their bowling, the mainstays of our side.

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Colonel Fox, to mark his appreciation of Eagle House School, has promised a handsome prize to the best all-round cricketer as his son's leaving gift. It is not everyone who can do this; but we think the custom of giving a book to the Library on leaving School is a practice worthy of imitation by all.

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We have pleasure in acknowledging the following books, presented as leaving gifts to the Library:—

“Ayesha” (*Rider Haggard*), by H. H. R. Hilliard.

“I will repay” (*Orczy*) by M. Wiseman.

These should have been acknowledged sooner; but the Editors are not to blame, as they received no intimation from the Librarians. Other donors, whose names may be omitted, are requested to accept this apology; the omission will be rectified as soon as possible.

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We regret to announce that Miss Wright, on account of the prior claims of home on her services, has resigned her post as Lady Matron. Miss Wright has been a very kind friend to all the Eagle House boys, and will be much missed and regretted by her young charges. We are sorry that it was not possible to announce her resignation before the end of term, as we should all have liked to bid her good-bye and to assure her of our regard and esteem.

The Sermons in Chapel this term have been on the following subjects :—The Cloud of Witnesses ; Leadership ; Be strong in the Lord ; The Black Stain ; Public Worship ; Jesus of Nazareth ; “The Best Gifts.”

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The Lent Term begins on Tuesday, January 21st, and will end about the 8th of April.

School Officers for the Term.

R. M. M. LOCKHART—*Head Prefect ; Captain of Football and Captain of “Buckler.”*

P. M. BROADMEAD—*Prefect ; Captain of “Clarion.”*

M. A. MURRAY—*Prefect ; Captain of “Anchor.”*

N. D. S. B. LOCKHART—*Prefect ; Captain of “Dagger.”*

H. M. HINDE—*Captain of “Ensign.”*

C. M. STANUELL—*Promoted Captain of “Clarion,”*
vice Broadmead, retired.

BROADMEAD & G. T. GORST—*Librarians.*

A School Song “Carmen Aquilinum.”

Not long before his death the late W. L. Stonhouse wrote Latin Song for the School entitled “Sublimiora.”

In this work he had the aid of Dr. Malan, and the words have been set to music by Mr. A. G. Malan. The Song was sung at the Old Boys’ Dinner, and at the Break-up at the end of term. On the former occasion a demand was made for a translation which the Chairman promised to find. We therefore give both the Song in Latin and an English translation, explaining that the object in the latter was not to produce English Verse, but to keep as close to the Latin as possible, retaining the exact metre of the original. Through the kindness of Miss Helen Huntingford the Song with Music has been published by Novello, and can be obtained from the Editors of the E.H.M. by sending three penny stamps.

Sublimiora.

CARMEN AQUILINUM.

**Auctoribus W. L. S. et A. N. M., Modulante A. G. M.
Anglice reddente R.B.L.**

I.

Aquila nostra, ales sublimis,
Tecum volantes terris ab imis,
Sublimiora petamus.

II.

Domum cælestem rite cernentes,
Viam cælestem usque prementes,
Sublimiora petamus.

III.

Splendeat posteris virtus priorum,
Splendeat æmula virtus minorum,
Sublimiora petamus.

IV.

Vultu impavido solem spectantes,
Alâ impavidâ te comitantes,
Sublimiora petamus.

V.

Summa subvectos donec ad astra
Cæli recipiant lucida castra,
Sublimiora petamus.

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I.

Our noble Eagle, bird of soaring pinions,
With thee deserting earthly dominions,
Up, ever upward, let us aim.

II.

Home in the sky-land rightfully viewing
Road to the sky-land ever pursuing,
Up, ever upward, let us aim.

III.

Shine still the prowess of our predecessors,
 Shine rivalling prowess of their young successors,
 Up, ever upward, let us aim.

IV.

Fearless our vision sunward up-gazing,
 On after thee our wings boldly raising,
 Up, ever upward, let us aim.

V.

Till, when uplifted to the heights of star-land,
 We are admitted to bright camp in far-land,
 Up, ever upward, let us aim.

The Christmas Plays.

THE entertainment at the end of term this year took the form of
 Theatricals, including a French Play and a Farce in English.
 Nothing makes a better break-up for the Christmas Term than
 acting. The short days afford the time, boys enjoy both the
 playing and the seeing, and besides the amusement, a French
 Play is a very effective means of language instruction. We were
 very fortunate in having as our coach Mr. Bertie Lockhart, who
 combined with a first class colloquial knowledge of the language,
 no small ability as an actor, and a very great power of inspiring
 others. He also wrote the English Farce for us, adapting it from
 a German story for children, but handed over the training
 of the cast to Mr. Malan. The performance was on 17th Decem-
 ber, and so large was the number of parents and friends who
 wished to see it, that we had to give up all idea of using our
 stage in Big School, and had to build a special stage in the Hall
 We were delighted to find that our scenery had not, as was feared,
 been destroyed in the fire at Messrs. Spear and King's, and it was

"The Biter Bit." PLAYED 17TH DECEMBER, 1907.



C. M. STANUELL (*Dr. Dickson*). H. P. RUSHFORTH (*Annie*).
W. W. NICHOLAS (*Elsie*). M. A. MURRAY (*Aunt Fanny*).

easily adapted to the Hall. Tea was served at 4 o'clock to our guests in three rooms opening off the Hall, and the curtain rose about 4.30 before an audience which filled the whole Hall, Stairs and Balconies as well. The Farce was given first and showed the play of four school children just home for the holidays. The two girls Elsie and Annie, arrange to dress up as their Grand Aunt Fanny and her companion, and deceive the boys. The boys, however, overhear the scheme and make a counter plot to dress up as the Doctor and the real Aunt Fanny. This plan works successfully, and the Doctor uses his supposed medical skill to completely frighten by threats of an operation, the sham Aunt Fanny (Elsie), till the girls confess or beg for pardon. After they retire the boys are left to triumph at having 'scored' off the weaker sex. A. Murray was very good both as the school boy and as the aged Aunt Fanny. Stanuell was well suited to the part of the hunting Doctor, and spoke his "lectures" well. Nicholas and Rushforth as the girls quite won the sympathy of the audience, both looking and acting well. After a short interval to change furniture came the *pièce de resistance*, the French Vaudeville "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle." As the argument is given in the programme which we print below, we shall not attempt to outline the play. It is intensely amusing, and was exceedingly well played. The audience to judge by their laughter during the play, and their loud and prolonged applause at the end, were delighted, and many and hearty were the compliments and words of praise heard on all hands. The excellence of the French pronunciation and accent excited a surprise which was the highest commendation. Mr. Bertie Lockhart as the Interpreter showed great ability as a comedian, and was the heart and soul of the piece, but he received admirable support from the whole company. Where all did so well it seems invidious to attempt to apportion the praise, but looking at the excellence both of his French and of his acting, we incline to agree that G. T. Gorst as La Caissière deserves the palm, though N. Lockhart as Betty, who had to speak French with an English

accent, ran him close. C. Gordon as Julien Cicandel was perhaps the best in speaking French, but his acting was hardly equal to the two mentioned first. R. Lockhart acted very well as the Englishman who can speak no French, while the minor parts of Waiter and Inspector of Police were well filled by Murray and Tahourdin, the latter deserving a word of special praise, as he had to get up the part in a very short time owing to Broadmead's departure. The whole entertainment fully realised our highest hopes and expectations, and we shall be very glad if we can produce another as good next Christmas. Programme:—

“L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle.”

Vaudeville en un acte par

TRISTAN BERNARD.

PERSONNAGES.

Eugène, interprète	...	MR. B. LOCKHART.
Hogson, père de Betty	...	R. M. M. LOCKHART.
Julien Cicandel	... ..	C. A. C. GORDON.
Un Inspecteur	... ..	P. R. TAHOURDIN.
Un Garçon	... ..	M. A. MURRAY
Betty, fille de Hogson	...	N. LOCKHART.
La Caissière	... ..	G. T. GORST.

ARGUMENT.

The scene is laid in Paris in the hall of a fashionable Hotel. Julien and Betty, who have eloped, arrive at Paris, wishing to hide from Hogson, a rich Englishman, who does not know French. He traces the pair to the Hotel and asks for an inspector of police. With the help of the interpreter he tells the officer he wishes to find his daughter. The real interpreter is away and Eugène his substitute, does not know a word of English. He tells the inspector that Hogson has been robbed by Julien. The inspector then arrests Julien whom Eugène has persuaded to take his place to talk to Hogson. Everything, however, turns out well, and Hogson gives his daughter to Julien.

“The Biter Bit.”

Adapted from the German by

B. LOCKHART.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Charlie (aged 15)	...	...	M. A. MURRAY.
Arthur (aged 14)	...	...	C. M. STANUELL.
Elsie (aged 14)	...	...	W. W. NICHOLAS.
Annie (aged 13)	...	...	H. P. RUSHFORTH.

Scene : Daddy's Sanctum in Charlie's Home.

End of Term.

THIS Term the Prizes were given away in the Hall instead of the Big School, and on the last evening instead of the last afternoon of Term. The Headmaster, after giving a *resumé* of the numerous successes of this eventful term—our large entry, the Wellington Scholarship gained by the first candidate we had sent up since his coming, our great Football XV., and the splendid theatrical performance of the previous day, announced the following as Prize-Winners:—

Form Prizes.

IA.	...	...	P. M. BROADMEAD.
IB.	...	...	C. A. C. GORDON.
II.	...	...	H. P. RUSHFORTH.
III.	...	...	H. R. SYME.
IV.	...	...	C. DE V. HINDE.

The following minor awards were also made:—

DRAWING (given by Miss Lodwick)—A. Murray and K. Dennys.

PIANOFORTE (given by Miss Anderson)—R. M. M. Lockhart.

MR. MALAN'S PRIZES for good work in his Examination Papers:—

ENGLISH (Form I.)—A. Murray.

SCRIPTURE (Form II.)—W. Nicholas.

SCRIPTURE (Form III.)—H. Lyle.

PIANOFORTE (given by Miss Anderson)—R. Lockhart.

None of the Holiday efforts, it was intimated, merited a Prize except Broadmead's French Composition, but a small book was presented to Rodney for the best attempt, and another to Briggs for making such a great effort to beat Rushforth in Form II.

Then the Head Master, after saying that he did not wish it to be a precedent, as he considered only exceptional merit deserved such recognition, presented a prize to the Captain of the School for special excellence as a Head Prefect.

A short programme of music followed the usual "cheers." All the staff contributed, and Miss Lockhart played the violin. The two most applauded numbers were "The Twins," sung by Mr. G. and Mr. C. Malan; and a *Viva la*, written on the term by Mr. Bertie Lockhart, sung by himself. In reply to a hearty encore, he sang "The Bassoon." We had a great performance of "Auld Lang Syne" before the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

Old Boys' Column.

WE much regret to hear of the early death of Colonel Ronald Kincaid-Smith on the 2nd of November last. He was the eldest son of Major John Kincaid-Smith, and was born on the 8th of January, 1860. He entered Eagle House in 1869, and left in July, 1873, when he went to Eton. In 1879 he joined the 4th Hussars, and his military career, though short, was distinguished. He served through the Nile Expedition in 1884-5 with the Light Camel Regiment, took part in the operations of the Desert Column, was present at the action at Abu Klea, and won a medal with two clasps, and the Khedive's Star. He was made Lt. Col. in 1901, and Col. in 1907, when he retired.

We also regret to record the death of William Liscombe Stonhouse, in his seventieth year, on the 15th of October, at Milford-on-Sea. He was at Eagle House from 1851 to 1853. While at Oxford, he won the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Verse

in 1861. He was at Winchester from 1864 to 1883, at first as a Commoner Tutor and afterwards as an Assistant Master. He married a daughter of the late William Milton Bridger, Recorder of Chichester. That his intellect remained unimpaired to the last is evidenced by the fact that he wrote a School Song for us, jast September, entitled, "Sublimiora," a composition full of vigour, and worthy of a permanent place in our archives.

On October 24th, at the Parish Church, Frimley, the marriage took place, H. H. M. Harris and Miss Phyllis Mary Temple Cooke, to whom we send our heartiest congratulations.

We also congratulate B. N. Denison on his marriage to Miss Gladys May Nordheimer, on the 2nd October, at St. James's Cathedral, Toronto, by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Niagara.

The engagement is announced of Myles Valentine Blake, second son of Mr. W. V. Blake McGrath, of 75, Lancaster Gate, and Miss Margaret Plumer, second daughter of Mr. James Johnstone Keswick, of Mable, Kirkcudbrightshire, N.B.

G. M. Boustead, of Univ., and C. H. Malan, of Lincoln, have taken their B.A. degree at Oxford; and we must congratulate the latter on passing 75th into the Indian Civil Service, at the Examination held last August.

W. H. Bullock Webster has resigned the office of Chief Constable for the Kootenay Police District, B.C., in order to take up the position of a Stipendiary Magistrate within and for the County of Kootenay.

Sir E. M. Merewether, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Secretary to Government, Malta, has left the Island for England on leave of absence.

D. L. Baines has been appointed Assistant Collector of Entebbe, Uganda.

On November 14th, the Duke of Portland unveiled a Memorial in Southwell Cathedral to Dr. Ridding (at Eagle House, Hammersmith, under Mr. Wickham), first Bishop of the Diocese. The memorial, which is in the easternmost arch of the choir, and takes the form of a statue of bronze on a pedestal of

English alabaster, represents the late Bishop kneeling, robed, and with his hands uplifted in an attitude of prayer. The pedestal bears in heraldic colours the arms of Balliol College (1846—1851), Exeter College (1851—1863), Winchester College (1867--1884), and Southwell (1884—1904), and the Bishop's pastoral staff rests by his side. The following inscription appears on the base:—

“George Ridding, D.D., Ruler, Scholar, Divine, 43rd Headmaster of Winchester College, 1867—1884, first Bishop of Southwell, 1884—1904. ‘They will go from strength to strength.’”

The monument is the work of Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, who designed one of a similar character to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, which now stands in Canterbury Cathedral.

B. FORSYTH is acting at the Garrick Theatre in Mr. Arthur Bouchier's production of “Simple Simon.”

A. E. F. WOOD took part in the Latin Play at Westminster.

PAT HEARD and A. LACY have now finished their first year at Osborne.

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Woolwich and Sandhurst.

F. E. BULLER has gained his “cap” for Rugger at Woolwich.

Unless MACKEAN, of whom we have heard nothing, is at Sandhurst, we are, strange to say, not represented there just now.

R. M. BASSETT is reading for the Army.

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Harrow.

W. A. LEDGARD leaves the School at Christmas. Beyond this we have no news to chronicle of our Harrovians.

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Malvern.

E. BOYLE, who left Eagle House in April, 1903, is in the Football XI. We have no news of Charlie Stopford.

Wellington.

W. H. R. HINDE has been ill, and though he has now recovered he lost a considerable part of last term.

J. D. P. CHATAWAY has left Wellington for reasons of health.

BROADMEAD has joined Lynedoch.

HILLIARD (Hardinge) has been kept from playing football all this term.

H. BIGGS is now in the Upper School.

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Charterhouse.

M. WISEMAN has had a good first term, coming out top of his form and being first in it both in Classics and Mathematics.

Old Eagle House Dinner.

THE Annual Dinner of Old Boys was held in the Trocadero, on Wednesday, 27th November. It was thought by some that the date in previous years was too near to Christmas for a large attendance. An earlier date was therefore tried, but the result did not confirm the above opinion. However, if the attendance was less, the enthusiasm was greater, and the dinner was a great success. Apologies were intimated from Dr. H. M. Butler, Dr. E. Warre, and others.

After "The King," Mr. Matthias proposed the "Army and Navy," to which an interesting reply was made by Colonel H. W. Apperley, who was at the School in the 'fifties.' Mr. A. G. Malan proposed the "Old Boys," and replies were made by the Rev. W. Cree and C. K. Maconochie. The latter drew a short speech from Dr. Malan by proposing his health, and then Mr. G. S. Macquoid proposed the "Head Master," who, after replying, gave the old toast of the School, "Stas, et in Æternum stes, Aquilina Domus." Mr. A. G. Malan sang the new School Song, "Sublimiora," by the late W. L. Stonhouse, the whole company

joining in vigorously. After Captain Deane had proposed "The Ladies," "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King" brought the proceedings to an end.

Those present were: Colonel Apperley, Rev. W. Cree, G. S. Macquoid, Dr. Malan, E. F. Hicks, H. Charlton Hawkins, Captain J. H. Deane, R. B. Lockhart, A. G. Malan, L. Forsyth, C. K. Maconochie, C. K. Murchison, B. A. Warner, J. Dixon, R. H. Bullock, W. D. Mathias, C. H. Malan, J. C. Malan, and G. Nettlefold.

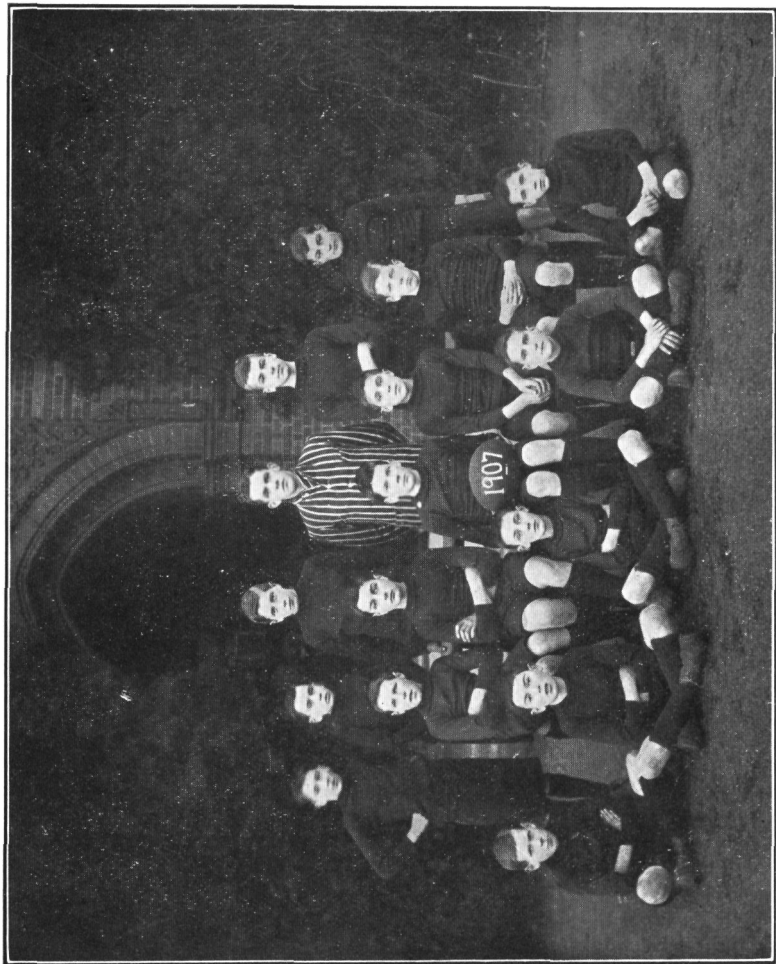
The New Gymnastics.

ANOTHER improvement this term has been the introduction of a new system of Gymnastics. This is a series of carefully arranged physical exercises devised by Mr. S. M. Fleming, who is an expert in all that concerns the human frame and its development. Mr. R. H. B. Lockhart went through a full course of this training under Mr. Fleming, and the system was introduced this term and carried out under his instruction. These exercises are done with the Symmetrion and our "Gym" has been fitted up with these contrivances. The system is a great advance on ordinary gymnastics as usually taught in schools. It aims at the symmetrical development of the whole body and not at the performance of feats of strength and muscular flexibility, only possible to the more gifted boys. This system is more like Swedish gymnastics but it is an advance even on these. Three lessons a week have been given to two classes by Mr. B. Lockhart in our gymnasium, which has been fitted up with a dozen symmetrions as that contrivance is used for all the exercises. The improvement in the physique of the boys has been most marked. There is this further advantage, that all the class are employed at once, and there is no waiting while one performer exhibits on bar or horse.

Major General Magrath very kindly came over on the 13th December, and inspected the exercises of the first class and also

FOOTBALL XV. Christmas Term, 1907.

G. L. C. BRIGGS G. T. GORST C. M. STANDELL R. H. B. LOCKHART, Esq. P. M. BROADMEAD H. M. HINDE



M. H. A. STOPFORD S. C. FOX R. M. M. LOCKHART (Capt.) M. A. MURRAY N. D. S. B. LOCKHART
HON. W. F. ROONEY P. R. TAGOURDIN J. R. L. BRADSHAW K. G. DENNIS. W. W. NICHOLAS

the drill, which has been carried on on alternate days with the Gymnastics. General Magrath expressed great delight with the exercises and the way they were done, and warm approbation of the excellence of our drill. We hope it may be possible to have a display and a competition next term.

Football, Christmas Term, 1907.

AS full accounts of matches are given below, there is less need to write at length of our football. We have had a wonderfully good XV. which owed very much to the excellent coaching of Mr. Bertie Lockhart. We had, it is true, some exceptionally good players, and it will not be easy for a school of our numbers to turn out such a team often. We played four matches and in each we were undoubtedly the superior side, and it was cruel luck that such a good XV. should have been deprived of an unbeaten record by an almost imperceptible touch of a finger on a ball that soared beautifully between the goal posts. Still every side has its weak points, and that match was lost because our opponents managed to take advantage of the only chances they got. A miss-kick cost us a try in each of the matches *v.* Dragons, and but for a little want of judgment in the return, we should have kicked at least two goals that we did not get. And these were probably two of our most serious faults, a little want of 'head' and poor kicking. It is rather bad reading to see in the characters of our XV. several times, 'poor kick.' No school could have better opportunities for learning to kick. We have ample time to punt about, almost too much, and the field is at the very door. The only cause of the poor kicking must be want of taking pains. The whole School had a very clear example of how a boy can make himself a splendid kick by assiduous practice in the case of Ewart, but some fellows seem incapable of taking pains beforehand.

We had a great number of good home games. We had

not so many games with masters and this was an improvement. The one advantage of 'masters' games, is that the XV. can play together; otherwise they do not make good games. No small boy can catch any of our masters and it is a useless effort to pretend to try to overtake one, while not to try looks very slack and is demoralising. Perhaps the greatest drawback is, that by a single kick or run, the masters transfer the game so quickly from one end of the field to the other, that the game is too fast and there is a lot of useless running about. Among the best of the Home games were Oxford *v.* Cambridge, and Navy *v.* Army, the latter side in each case being victorious. These games showed that we have some good players coming on, and though our losses this term will be exceedingly great, we hope to have a very fair XV. to meet our opponents next term. Of course we cannot at once replace players like R. M. M. Lockhart, Fox, and Broadmead, but we hope to turn out a very fair side. Rushforth, Simmons, A. D. Syme, Lyle, C. Hinde, and others, with good coaching which they will get, and pains on their own part which they ought to take, should do well. We will probably play Reading, Wells House, Farnborough (twice, we hope), and perhaps Hill Side, Godalming. From these we should get four matches which should be sufficient for one term; but if any of them fall through we might perhaps get a game with Dulwich.

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Eagle House *v.* Reading.

At Eagle House.

Won by 4 goals and 9 tries to nil.

This match was played at Eagle House, on Saturday, October 26th. We won the toss and immediately started pressing, but the 'threes' handled poorly and a good opportunity was lost. The forwards brought the ball back again, and Bradshaw dribbled over. Broadmead failed with the kick. [3-0]. We pressed almost continually, and with the forwards heeling splendidly, the backs had many chances. The passing was, however, not always

accurate. Broadmead, Gorst, Fox, N. Lockhart, and R. Lockhart, all scored before the interval. From two of three tries R. Lockhart kicked two good goals. At half-time the score was two goals and four tries to nil. The second half was a repetition of the first, and it was evident that we were far too good for our opponents. Seven more tries were added, by R. Lockhart (3), Fox, N. Lockhart, Broadmead, and Briggs. The place kicking was feeble, and only two tries were converted. One of R. Lockhart's tries was quite one of the best ever seen on the ground. Taking advantage of a gap in the touch-line, he took the ball at full speed and broke through the opposition, running behind from half-way. The final score was thus 4 goals and 9 tries to nil. [47—0].

The team played as follows:—Back, Stanuell; 'threes,' Broadmead, Gorst, Fox, Briggs; halves, N. Lockhart, Nicholas; forwards, R. Lockhart, Murray, Bradshaw, H. Hinde, Stopford, Denny, Tahourdin, C. Hinde.

The Reading team being much the same as those we have met before and only defeated with difficulty, the score of 47 points is distinctly flattering. Had our 'threes' passed with greater accuracy and run straighter, the score might very easily have been doubled. They were too inclined to hesitate, and all made the mistake of giving their passes standing still. Fox was at times brilliant, and on the whole very reliable: he might do even better. The others were inclined to fumble and hesitate. The halves played well, Nicholas working the scrum better, and N. Lockhart opening out the game with better judgment. They had, however, a very easy passage. The forwards heeled and packed very respectably. As they were heeling almost every scrum, there was little opportunity for screwing and dribbling. R. Lockhart played a great game, and Murray and Bradshaw were always to the fore. The kicking and catching were a great improvement on last year. For Reading, Hawkins tackled pluckily, but they had few opportunities of doing anything, being opposed to a team who knew much more about the game.

Eagle House v. Mr. Lynam's.

At Oxford.

Won by a goal and 2 tries to 2 tries.

On Saturday, November 16th, we travelled to Oxford to play 'The Dragons' 1st XV. When one remembers that an A team had decisively beaten us a year ago, we had no hopes of victory and were quite prepared to do our best to keep their score down. To say that we were agreeably surprised would be a mild way of expressing our gratification. We knew we had improved but hardly expected to do so well.

We played without Nicholas, who was damaged, and R. Lockhart came out of the pack to take his place at half. The teams were evenly matched as regards size, but we were certainly bigger behind.

R. Lockhart won the toss and took the kick. We attacked immediately and pressed them hard for a few minutes. Our forwards were getting the ball in the scrum and consequently our 'threes' got many chances. After seven minutes play Stanuell crossed their line after all the backs had handled. Broadmead kicked a splendid goal 5-0. We continued to press and another nice round of passing resulted in Fox scoring a good try. Broadmead failed to convert, 8-0. All this time 'The Dragons' had not been in our '25.' They now attacked for a brief spell but our forwards drove them back. Then came the best try of the match. A scrum was formed just outside their '25.' We had one three-quarter on the 'blind' side. Then N. Lockhart took a splendid reverse pass from his brother, and reaching their three-quarter, passed to Broadmead who scored an easy try before the other 'threes' had seen what was happening. This try was not converted, 11-0. The 'Dragons' now attacked and looked dangerous when Briggs brought down their wing 'three' in great style. Half-time was called shortly afterwards.

The second half was splendidly contested and, although the first quarter-of-an-hour was very even, we were on the defensive during the last ten minutes. Their 'threes' were often dan-

gerous, but Briggs tackled his man splendidly on four occasions. Once R. Lockhart broke away all by himself but no one was backing up and a certain try was lost. Our halves were inclined to be offside, and were pulled up frequently by the referee. At length, however, their 'threes' broke away, and Briggs was left with three men to collar with the result that they scored at the corner. No goal resulted, 11—3. The 'Dragons' attacked again and, taking the ball right down to our line seemed certain to score. Our forwards, however, drove them back. We were now pressed a little, and Stanuell missing his kick at our 25, the ball went straight to the hands of their wing three-quarter; Gorst tackled him but did not prevent him passing to his centre who scored at the corner. Again no goal was kicked, 11—6. We got well into their territory before the whistle blew leaving us winners by a goal and two tries to two tries, 11—6.

The XV. were as follows :—Back, Briggs; 'threes,' Stanuell, Fox, Broadmead and Gorst; halves, R. Lockhart and N. Lockhart; forwards, Murray, Bradshaw, H. Hinde, Stopford, Dennys, Tahourdin, Rodney, C. Hinde.

It was a splendid game, and of course the result was very gratifying to us. We may be forgiven for saying ourselves that it was a splendid achievement for a small school, which has only played 'rugger' for two years, to have defeated a school with so great a reputation as Mr. Lynam's. We think the game was probably won in the first ten minutes, when we rather took our opponents by surprise. We were larger behind but smaller forward. Our forwards, however, held the upper hand till the last ten minutes of the game, and it was their ability in getting the ball which undoubtedly won the game. The 'Dragons' were probably better in the three-quarter line, but we were certainly superior at half.

The tackling on both sides was excellent, such as one rarely sees in Preparatory School football, while both sides handled the ball with great precision. The ground was in a very bad condition after the heavy frost, and this told heavily on our forwards, who were quite unaccustomed to such heavy going.

Briggs played excellently at full-back ; Stanuell was the best of the ' threes,' but Fox and Broadmead did very well. N. Lockhart was the hero of the match, as all our tries were due to his clever openings. R. Lockhart was of course ubiquitous, and did a tremendous amount of work. Our forwards deserve a special word of praise. Going into a game, which they had never dreamed of winning, without their leader, they more than did their best. Murray, Bradshaw, and Hinde were the best, but all did splendidly. It was indeed a hard game for them. The ' Dragons' ' threes ' were excellent, and always dangerous, handling the ball beautifully ; but their forwards and halves were not so formidable as we had expected. Mr. Eastwood made a good referee.

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Eagle House v. Wells House.

Won by 3 goals and a try to a goal.

This match was played at Oxford on Saturday, the 23rd November. We were rather anxious, as we knew that they had beaten us badly last year, and Forgas who played such a big part last year was still at ' Wells.' However, the team rose to the occasion and had a comfortable victory. Mr. Cunningham, the Oxford Blue, very kindly refereed. We played with the wind and soon began to press, and after five minutes had passed, Stanuell scored a splendid try, which Broadmead converted, 5—0. We soon returned to the attack, and as the forwards had no difficulty in getting the ball, we had many chances. The heavy ground was, however, against us, and we lost several opportunities largely owing to some good tackling by Forgas. At length, R. Lockhart broke away and passed to Fox, who scored after a fine run, in which both he and Forgas collided with the goal post. Broadmead again converted, 10—0. The ' Reds ' now began to press more, and Forgas at last broke away and looked certain to score, when Nicholas brought him down beautifully. Our forwards relieved the pressure and we attacked again. Half-time went shortly afterwards with the score unaltered. On re-

starting we again pressed, but some long kicks by Forgas brought us back and the 'Wells' attacked. LaTouche at last got the ball out, but Stanuell intercepting his pass, ran the whole length of the field and scored beneath the posts. Broadmead again kicked a goal, 15—0. We still continued to press but Forgas kicked well and brought us back to mid-field, here R. Lockhart received and punted high. One of the three-quarters fumbled the ball and N. Lockhart picked up and gave to Murray who dashed across the line. Broadmead's kick was charged down, 18—0. The 'Reds' now attacked, and Forgas breaking right through, looked certain to score when Nicholas tackled him magnificently. At last, however, their efforts were rewarded, and Tillie breaking away from a line out scored a good try. Chamen converted with a splendid kick, leaving us winners by three goals and a try to a goal, 18—5.

The XV. played as follows:—Back, Nicholas; 'threes,' Broadmead, Stanuell, Fox, Briggs; halves, R. Lockhart, and N. Lockhart; forwards, Murray, Bradshaw, Hinde, Stopford, Tahourdin, Dennys, Rodney, Gorst.

The ground was very heavy after the recent rains, and this told severely on our light forwards, and gave our 'threes' little chance of showing their ability. The forwards, who were the smaller pack both numerically and physically, easily held the opposing pack and got the ball with the greatest ease. We were vastly superior at half and our passing was quicker, lower, and thus more useful than that of our opponents. We perhaps hardly kicked enough and might have gained more ground. Murray, Hinde, and Bradshaw, were the best of an excellent pack, who again showed that eight small forwards who understand their work thoroughly, are better than nine who, although physically superior, are apt as on this occasion to waste their energy by getting in each other's way. R. Lockhart played a splendid game, while all the 'threes' were good, Stanuell being the best. The 'Red' forwards lacked dash, and their 'threes,' except Forgas, seemed weak, while their halves had no method in their attack.

Forgas certainly tackled and kicked well; but he was well marked, and got few opportunities, and these he failed to make use of through kicking instead of running. The 'Reds' were good out of touch, where Elliott and Tillie, who played a good game throughout were conspicuous. We were very pleased with our victory and had a merry time coming home. Many thanks to Mr. Lynam for again so kindly lending his ground, and also to Mr. Cunningham who kindly refereed.

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Eagle House v. 'Dragons.'

At Eagle House.

Lost by a goal and a try to 2 tries.

On December 7th we played our return match with the 'Dragons.' Fortune played us a cruel turn, and we were forced to take the field without Broadmead, who apart from being the heaviest and biggest boy in the School was also the best kick. When we consider that his place was taken by a boy three years younger and fully three stone lighter, we see how hard it was for us to fill his place. The ground was very heavy and greasy after the frost. We won the toss, and played towards the house. We pressed almost the whole of the first half but failed to score, the 'Dragons'' defence being excellent. We were nearly in on several occasions. We had two free kicks, both in very favourable positions, but Fox failed on both occasions owing to his taking the kick too near. Towards the end of the first half the 'Dragons' broke away splendidly, and one of their backs seemed certain to score, but R. Lockhart tackled him magnificently. From the resulting scrum, however, one of our forwards kicked the ball across and Jack Smyth, their wing 'three,' scored at the corner. No goal was kicked. 0—3. Half-time was called with the score unaltered.

We began the second half in great style, and after an exchange of kicks between R. Lockhart and Smyth, we got into their twenty-five. From a line-out, Stanuell got possession and

scored a good try. Fox's kick went over the bar, but was just touched on the way by one of the 'Dragons.' 3-3. We continued to press, and ten minutes later the ball came out beautifully, and after some good passing, Stanuelli scored a splendid try. Fox again failed to convert. 6-3. Only seven minutes now remained, and we ought certainly to have kept the game tight, as our forwards were nearly always in possession. We, however, continued to have it out and, Stanuelli failing to hold a pass, one of their backs picked up smartly and ran in from their own 25. The kick at goal hit the upright and fell over the bar. 6-8. The 'Dragons,' elated by their success, pressed for the remaining four minutes, R. Lockhart unluckily for us, getting hurt at this critical time. 'No-side' was called, and we retired defeated after a splendid game.

Our XV. was :—Back, Briggs ; ' threes,' Nicholas, Fox, Stanuelli, Gorst ; halves, R. Lockhart and N. Lockhart ; forwards, Murray, Hinde, Bradshaw, Stopford, Tahourdin, Rooney, Dennys, Hinde, C.

The result was a great disappointment to us. We sustained our first defeat of the term, and yet one felt that we were unlucky to lose since we had certainly the best of the game. We cannot, however, grudge the 'Dragons' their success. They played a very different game to the match at Oxford, and the defence of their 'threes' was simply magnificent. They made few mistakes and took their chances well. In fact, their two scores resulted directly from mistakes on our part. On the other hand we were often dangerous, but failed from lack of finish. The ball was greasy and difficult to hold, and we made many 'knock-ons.' Although we were defeated, it was by far the best match of the term, and we may say the best Preparatory School match we have seen. The game was very fast, and the result was in doubt up to the last minute. Both sides were very keen, and there were no 'slackers.' The tackling on both sides was splendid, and none of the 'threes' got much rope. We should like in particular to mention J. Smyth, their right-wing 'three,' who played a splendid

game. His tackling was particularly good, and there was some very good tackling that day. Our forwards, led by Murray, played splendidly against a much heavier pack. We had also a marked superiority at half, although not so marked as in the first match. At three-quarter, though Stanuell and Fox were at least equal to their centres, we were much inferior on the wings. Briggs was not so good at back as we have seen him. The 'Dragons' forwards, with one exception, contrasted unfavourably with our own and, although heavier, did not often gain possession. Their 'halves' were much better than in our first match. Their 'threes,' as we have already said, were excellent. It was a splendid game, and although we cannot help feeling disappointed, if we have had our colours lowered, we are glad that it should have been after such a great fight.

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Football Results, Christmas Term, 1907.

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			Won by 4 goals and 9 tries to nil. (47—0).
November	16th,	v. The Dragons (Away).	
			Won by 1 goal and 2 tries to 2 tries. (11—6).
November	23rd,	v. Wells House (at Oxford).	
			Won by 3 goals and 1 try to 1 goal. (18--5).
December	7th,	v. The Dragons (Home).	
			Lost by 1 goal and 1 try to 2 tries. (6—8).

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Characters of the XV.

- R. LOCKHART (half).—An excellent captain who gets any amount of work out of his team. Really a forward. Has had to play half this term. Picks up well and tackles hard. A good kick. Should make his mark in football some day. Very good with his feet.
- M. A. MURRAY (forward).—An excellent forward and always a hard worker. Rather slow at times. A good kick.

- N. LOCKHART (half).—A much improved player. Makes very good openings and saves well. Ought to be very useful next term. A poor kick.
- J. BRADSHAW (forward).—Always does his best and always keen. Very quick on the ball and a fearless tackler.
- C. M. STANUELL (centre three).—Has been greatly handicapped by his health, but has proved a useful runner, and has always made the most use of his openings. A feeble kick.
- S. C. FOX (centre three).—Has taken little part in the practice games owing to an accident. Has improved greatly and takes his passes well. A good kick.
- H. HINDE (forward).—One of the most improved players in the team. Can work very hard at times and tackles well. An excellent punt.
- P. M. BROADMEAD (wing three).—A very heavy wing for a Preparatory School, and has generally managed to score through sheer force. Has improved beyond all knowledge and has always played up hard. A very good place kick.
- M. STOPFORD (forward).—A sturdy 'scrummager' and an excellent tackler. A very fair kick. Has been excellent out of touch.
- N. NICHOLAS (three-quarter).—Has only played in three matches and in a different position each time. A magnificent tackler but a very feeble kick.
- G. BRIGGS (full back).—Has generally done well. Rather inclined to hesitate. Tackled excellently in the match *v.* The Dragons at Oxford. A very good kick.
- G. T. GORST (three-quarter and forward).—Has hardly been a success at 'three' where he is too small at present. Played an excellent game forward *v.* Wells House.
- P. R. TAHOURDIN (forward).—Has done very well on the whole. Rather a weak tackler but worked well in the scrum.
- HON. W. F. RODNEY (forward).—Has taken up the game very quickly and ought to be very useful. A keen and hard tackler. Must learn to kick. Rather slow on the ball.
- K. DENNYS (forward).—Rather a 'headless' player. Must keep his eyes open. A very fair kick.

The average age of the XV. was 12 years 7 months.

The average age of the forwards was only 12 years. This reflects the greatest credit on our pack as, although the opposing pack was always bigger and heavier, and often had nine men to our eight, our forwards were never once beaten.

The Poet Cornered.

O dearest Mr. Editor, I'm flabbergasted quite,
For though I'd like to send some lines, I don't know what
to write.

You've given me no rhyme words, and you've given me no theme,
And so I find within my brain that chaos reigns supreme.
Since first I saw the E.H.M., I've always sent some rot ;
But even poets cannot write in verse without a plot.
If Browning, Shakespeare, Longfellow, Burns, Tennyson, or Dryd-
En, Wordsworth, Milton, Cowper, Scott, or Alfred Austin tried,
I think they very soon would find their occupation gone,
For folk would say "What's it about?" and leave their books
alone.

I do not want to fire off a senseless rigmarole,
But really Mr. Editor you've put me in a hole.
I cannot write of hunting, for I don't know how to ride ;
When I'm on board a ship I'm always leaning o'er the side ;
I'd write of cricket, football, or of tennis, hockey, if
The very thought of playing did not make my old limbs stiff.
What else to me is left which ease and poetry combines ?—
I see I've written nothing, yet I've used up eighteen lines.
Was ever hapless poet placed in such a cruel plight ?
In fact I'm fairly cornered, so I'll bid you all good-night !

VERE AWDRY.

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