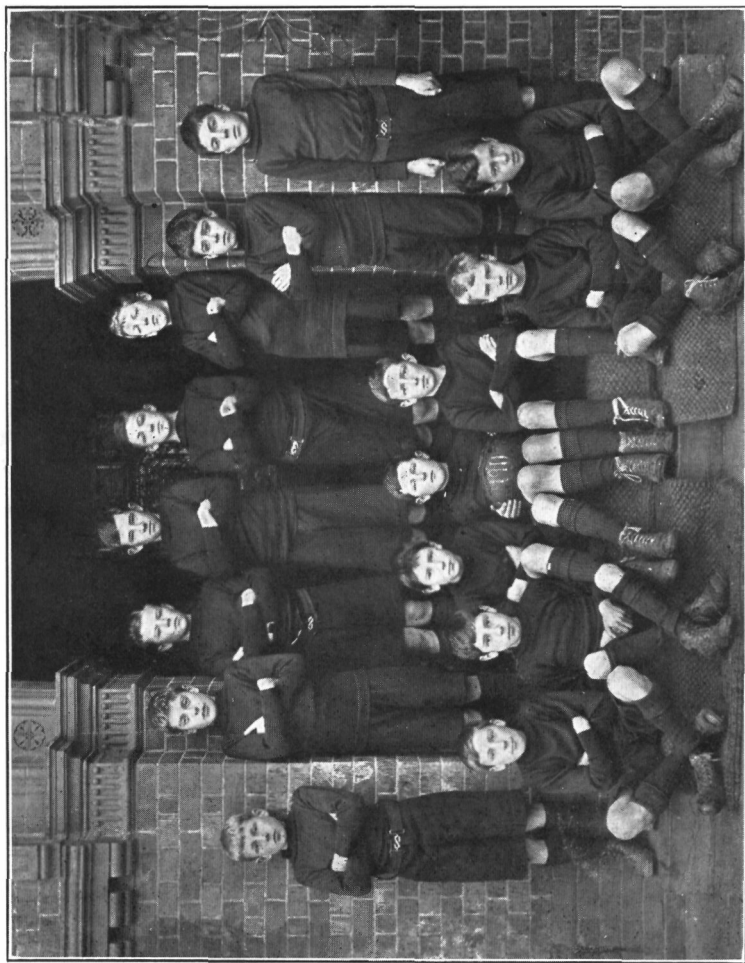


**EAGLE HOUSE XV., December, 1911.**

C. Bickerton      J. L. T. Widdicombe      D. F. W. Rabbitts      Vernon Whittall      G. F. Brooks  
D. Warren      J. M. Farnuson      C. H. Pain



L. E. Dunnett      C. A. Fisher      F. Forbes      D. H. Yatman      L. E. Whitehouse      R. A. H. Lloyd      W. R. Scharlieb

# THE EAGLE HOUSE MAGAZINE.



STAS, ET IN ÆTERNUM STES, AQUILINA DOMUS.

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Christmas Term, 1911.

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## Editorial.

OUR illustrations are the usual three which accompany the Christmas number:—The Fifteen, and the *Dramatis Personæ* of the plays. Unluckily the only available day was very wet, which made it more difficult to get good plates.

We must make our apology for the late appearance of this number. It is really impossible to get the photos reproduced before the printers stop for their Christmas Holiday, so that all the work is thrown back till the end of the year.

## School Notes.

THE term began on Friday, September 22nd, when the following new boys were added to the roll:—

Richard Regnaud Curzon Boileau

Charles Kirk Tindal Faithfull

William Simpson

Robert Michael Ingall

Dudley Hogg

Rudolph Charles Hogg Kirwan

These additions made the numbers in the School up to forty-five.

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The most noticeable thing on our return was the state of the ground. The prolonged drought, lasting for nearly three months, had left the field as hard as brick and absolutely unfit for football; in fact it was too dry even to cut the touch lines.

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This state of affairs entirely upset our usual arrangements. For nearly two weeks we were reduced to playing rounders, as even when rain did fall it made little or no impression on the rock-like ground.

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A fortnight elapsed before we could start our games of football. This had a most disastrous effect on our team building. We had lost no less than nine of our strong XV. of the year before, and the epidemics of the Lent 'Term had prevented us from bringing on new talent, so the loss of two more weeks added much to our difficulties.

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The warm weather of September led to an extensive use of the swimming bath, and even after the bathe at noon for all was stopped, a large number continued the morning "header." A sharp fall in the temperature, however, reduced the numbers suddenly, and when a hard frost at the end of October closed the season the little band of stalwarts had been reduced to the

following eight, besides Mr. Lockhart himself :—Yatman, Ingall, MacGregor i. and ii., Pattinson, F. Bradshaw, and Batten.

It is only fair to add that Whitehouse, Griffin R., and Holmes would have been there too, had they not been stopped by the authorities for cuts or colds.

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We desire to congratulate R. L. Griffin on his success in gaining an open Entrance Scholarship at Wellington. The Head Master gave us a half holiday in honour of the occasion ; this makes a Scholarship greatly appreciated.

Congratulations also to L. E. Whitehouse on getting a Cadetship at Osborne. Rabbitts has passed into Marlborough, so that we are losing three of our important members. Two are prefects, and Rabbitts the biggest and second best of our forwards.

Whitehouse will be missed both for his football and his cricket, but almost more for his personality, as no one could be more popular. Griffin has taken a big place now in four successive French Plays, and we wonder how we shall manage without him. However, without depreciating any of them, we must console ourselves that "there are as good fish in the sea," etc.

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We have been more than usually handicapped in football this season by the weather. There were so many wet days in December that we often had to play on very soft ground.

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A new feature in Chapel has been the singing of solos after the Evening Service. The first was a fine setting of "Nearer my God to Thee," beautifully sung by Mrs. Hutton. The others were "Ave Maria," by L. Luzzi, and Handel's "With Verdure Clad," sung admirably by Rupert Lockhart, whose wonderful voice is a most valuable help to our music.

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We have not had visits from so many Old Boys this term.

The following have been here:—Colonel Hinde, Captain H. Harris, F. Ledgard, H. M. Hinde, C. de V. Hinde, K. Dennys, P. M. Broadmead, H. Hilliard, J. Bradshaw, D. H. Welch, and L. Forsyth. Of these the first six were at the Plays, and the two last are sending their sons to Eagle House in January and May respectively.

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We were very glad to have Mr. Proctor amongst us again on the last Sunday of term, when he took the Morning Service owing to the Head Master's absence through indisposition.

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The results of the football matches do not speak very highly of our XV., but their play was better than their results. The whole question is fully dealt with below: here we would only point out that their playing a losing game is no bad training, and that we must generally expect to have the odds against us in playing schools larger than ourselves. In this connection it is interesting to compare the weights of our XV with those of the Dragons:—these are the only weights available but Wells House and Osborne were about the same as the Dragons, and Reading much heavier.

	EAGLE HOUSE.				DRAGONS.		
	st.	lbs.	ozs.	..	st.	lbs	ozs.
Average Weight of Threequarters	5	10	13	...	7	0	0
„ „ Backs ...	5	10	13	...	6	2	0
„ „ Forwards	6	12	10	...	7	0	4
„ „ Whole XV.	6	5	15	...	6	13	6

This shows a balance against us of just over half a stone each, but the difference is greatest in the three-quarter line where it amounts 1st. and 5lbs. per head and that, was just where we lost most of our games, our “threes” were too light for their opponents, and our centres were the lightest of the line.

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We are greatly pleased at the success of our two old Head Prefects and Captains, H. H. R. Hilliard and R. M. M. Lockhart, in

the Entrance Examination to the R.M.C., Sandhurst. Hilliard was 12th, and won a Prize Cadetship; Lockhart was 29th, a place very creditable considering he took up Mathematics, his worst subject.

Just as we go to press we hear, with very great regret, that Hilliard has failed to pass the medical tests. This is the hardest of hard lines.

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The end of 1911 completes the 50th year of the Eagle House School Chapel. It was erected by Dr. Huntingford in 1861, and re-erected here in 1866. It is to be hoped a Jubilee Service of some kind will be arranged.

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Dancing has gone on with great keenness this past term. The large number of beginners led to a new arrangement: the Juniors first had a lesson by themselves, then all danced together, and finally the Seniors danced by themselves after the little boys retired to bed. The stage stopped this for a few Saturdays, but we hope to resume it next term.

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Next term begins on Thursday, the 18th January, 1912. Escorts will travel by the 4.12 from Waterloo to Camberley and the 4.5 from Paddington to Reading and Wellington.

*N.B.* - Attention is called to two rules:

(1). The hour for return is by **Six o'clock**.

**Every** boy must post in good time the post card intimating *when* and *where* he arrives.

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## The Christmas Plays.

Tuesday, 19th December, 1911.

**T**HIS entertainment consisted as usual of a French Play followed by an English farce, and, the French Play as usual was the better. The selection of plays was a matter of great difficulty,

but the event justified the decision. We have had many good dramatic entertainments, but this year's was the best of all, and chiefly because of the all round excellence of the company in the French play. We have had many good actors in past French plays, but we have never had a French play in which every actor was so good. We have been so fortunate as to obtain an independent critique (given below). It proves the high standard of the acting that other critics think that those whom our visitor thinks best were surpassed by other actors, some attaching more importance to gesture and movement, others to vocal expression and the pronunciation. The latter all give the palm to R. Griffin's Major Cravachon, the title rôle. The writer's view is that the great thing was the excellence of all, and that too although the part of Dervières was one of extraordinary difficulty and the Major's far from easy. One expert gave it as his view that better acting could not be desired than Griffin's 'Major,' and that it might be years before we could get such another piece of acting. With most of what our Contributor says of Olympe and Amélie we agree. We think the play owed much of its success to the excellent songs and that these would have lost much of their attraction without Amélie's splendid singing, which took the audience by storm. One thing the play proved, if proof was needed again, that it is quite possible to teach a good French pronunciation in a School. The exceptional excellence of the performance was attested by the way in which the audience insisted in calling for each performer, a thing that has never been done before and that was quite spontaneous. Our actors have to be chosen primarily for their French and next for their acting; when we had to add singing to their qualifications we were lucky to find voices as good as theirs turned out to be. We need add little to A Visitor's account of the English farce. Yatman and Forbes were the conspicuous successes, and we thought V. Whittall's quite a good effort, for the part of Major Rattan, a style of person extinct if he ever existed, was far from easy for a young boy.

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## Through a Visitor's Glasses.

[*Contributed.*]

I am profoundly thankful that I was not asked for a criticism of the Christmas plays at Eagle House until after the performance. If I had known my fate earlier, I might have been trying to find faults in the acting; as it was I merely enjoyed everything supremely.

The first great surprise in "Le Major Cravachon" came simultaneously with the rise of the curtain, from Olympe (L. E. Whitehouse). I have never before seen a male actor look remotely like a female part. But not only did Whitehouse make up into a very charming and dignified heroine, but in some unaccountable way he had all the subtle mannerisms of a lady. I watched him very carefully while he was on the stage, especially when he was not speaking, and the attention of the audience might accordingly be supposed to be elsewhere—a time at which a temporary lapse might have been expected from a juvenile actor—but I could never detect a single gesture or glance which might not have come from the most self-possessed of French 'grandes dames.' The next real surprise was the singing of W. R. W. Lockhart as Amélie. The audience would have come to hear his three songs alone, if there had been no other entertainment at all. Both his voice and his singing are an artistic phenomenon, and they rather dominated the rest of his part. His assumption of a stage walk was excellent, and he too was every inch a woman, but necessarily rather more of a musical comedy woman. The part does not require such natural treatment as that of Olympe, and was, I think, taken in just the right way. In spite of Olympe and Amélie, it was an "all star company"; I think that Antonin (L. Montalto) carried off with Olympe the premier honours for acting. He had comparatively an easy part, but he made the fullest use of it, his placidity was not even disturbed by the appalling gymnastic exercise at the end of his solo, and he invariably made us forget the treble voice that proceeded from his bushy whiskers. R. L. Griffin on the other hand,



as Cravachon, had to lose his temper so frequently that he should not have shouted quite so much. One or two of his long speeches bothered him a little, but he was usually lifelike, and, with the redoubtable Dervièrès (L. C. L. Griffin), carried off the difficult scene, in which they talk a lot and do nothing, most successfully. He made a most professional use of the sofa cushions.

The French accent of the performers was irreproachable, almost excessively irreproachable for an audience brought up for the most part to a more insular pronunciation; indeed we should have missed more of the jokes but for a linguist at the back of the room who had an obligingly loud laugh. In conclusion I should like to express a word of gratitude to the chorus, who were delightful, to the gentleman, whoever he may have been, who arranged the miniature dances, and to the walls of Major Cravachon's room which were infinitely more stable than those of most provincial stages, and showed no disposition to tumble in the draught.

"Ici on parle français" is a farce of the pre-Shawian era. However, its dramatic shortcomings were unimportant on this particular afternoon and it served its purpose admirably. The curtain rises on Mr. Spriggins' parlour, which should not have had the same pictures as decorated Major Cravachon's abode; otherwise the staging was as good as ever. This company was not so even as the French players and was dominated by D. H. Yatman as Spriggins, who played with the most rollicking abandon and had all the tricks of the Comedy Stage at his fingers' ends. He was best in his two scenes with Major Rattan (V. Whittall), but the piece always needed him or C. F. Forbes as Victor Dubois to keep it moving. Forbes had a much less exacting part than the protagonist, but his rendering could hardly have been altered for the better. His patois was excellent, and that was really all he had to do. J. L. T. Widdicombe as Mrs. Spriggins, was handicapped by the fact that he wore the only wig that was not a complete success; it did not match his eyebrows and it was too short. He was a trifle placid, but his supercilious

**"Le Major Cravachon." Eagle House, Dec. 19th, 1911.**

Dervières  
Amélie  
(C. GRIFFIN) (W. R. LOCKHART)



Olympe  
(L. E. WHITEHOUSE)

Cravachon  
(R. L. GRIFFIN)

Antonin  
(L. MONTALTO)

exits were well done. Major Battan shouted rather too much—he should learn the value of contrast—but his eyes were good. His wife Julia (C. D. Holmes), was too careful with her long words, and was the only player who showed any signs of having learnt what she said by heart. She was probably rather youthful.

Anna Maria (C. A. Fisher), in spite of his disordered wig, was too attractive for the conventional slavey, and his accent was never really vulgar. However, perhaps that was all for the best; and at all events he was breezy enough for any task. Angelina (F. L. Ingall) had only to look nice; she was most successful.

Boy actors are usually either undertrained—in which case they are awkward and self-conscious, and shift from one foot to the other—or else overtrained, in which case they become “stagey.” The Eagle House performers struck an almost continual golden mean, especially in the first piece. Their trainers are to be congratulated. I can only hope that the actors enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

GODFREY ELTON.

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It is almost impossible to give too much praise to Mr. Arnold Jones for all he did for these plays; the coaching, the making-up, and last, but not least, the composition of the very taking music sung to the songs were all his work, and he well deserved all the applause he got.

We add the Play Bill.

### Programme.

#### PART I.

#### “LE MAJOR CRAVACHON.”

Comédie Vaudeville en un acte, par  
LABICHE, LEFRANC ET JESSE.

#### PERSONNAGES.

Cravachon	...	...	...	...	R. L. GRIFFIN
Dervières	...	...	...	...	L. C. L. GRIFFIN

Antonin, *domestique de Cravachon* ... .. L. MONTALTO  
 Olympe, *fille de Cravachon* ... .. L. E. WHITEHOUSE  
 Amélie, *amie de pension d'Olympe*  
 (*rôle de travesti*) W. R. W. LOCKHART

*La Scène se passe à Saumur.*

ARGUMENT.

Major Cravachon, a quarrelsome old soldier, in command of the Citadel of Saumur, wishes to find for his daughter, Olympe, a husband who shall be a great fighter. He has fixed his mind upon an unknown young man who lately wounded him in a duel. All suitors who, knowing Olympe's own predilections, represent themselves to Cravachon as mild peace-loving men are summarily dismissed, and among them Dervièrès, the Major's late assailant, who is unrecognised. However, Amélie, a friend of Olympe, has disguised herself as a hussar, hoping thereby to escape detection and to gain admission to the fortress, where her husband has been imprisoned on a false charge of conspiracy. To win over the old Major, she declares herself a suitor, and having been warned how to please Cravachon, is welcomed by him as a son-in-law. Dervièrès' true nature thereupon shows itself; he challenges Amélie and is recognised by Cravachon, and wins Olympe's hand.

*The Music had been specially composed for this performance by*  
 ARNOLD JONES, M.A.

PART II.

“ICI ON PARLE FRANÇAIS.”

A Farce in one Act, by  
 THOMAS J. WILLIAMS.

CHARACTERS.

Major Regulus Rattan ... .. VERNON WHITTALL  
 Victor Dubois ... .. C. F. FORBES  
 Mr. Spriggins ... .. D. H. YATMAN  
 Mrs. Spriggins ... .. J. L. T. WIDDICOMBE  
 Angelina, *their daughter* ... .. F. L. INGALL  
 Julia, *wife of Major Rattan* ... .. G. D. HOLMES  
 Anna Maria, *maid of "all work"* ... .. C. A. FISHER

*Scene* : A Fashionable Watering Place.

*Time* : Present Day.

## End of Term.

THE Plays were, of course, our breaking-up entertainment, but in the evening we had our ordinary little ceremony. The Headmaster, after a short speech reviewing the chief events of the term both in work and play, read out the results of the School marks both for class lessons and for examinations. A new scheme was made for this term which proved very helpful in stimulating competition. Under this new method of scaling and combining marks the Form Prizes were presented to the following:—

FORM I.—J. Pennycuik	FORM IVa—F. W. Bradshaw
„ II.—D. F. W. Rabbitts	„ IVb—G. C. Lees
„ III.—W. R. Scharlieb	„ V.—F. I. H. Moore

Miss Lodwick's prizes were next presented to Yatman, Brooks, Pain, Bickerton, Ingall and Bradshaw.

Then followed the usual singing, viz., "The Carmen Aquilinum," "The Vive-la," "Auld Lang Syne," and "God save the King."

Seldom have we seen greater spirit and keenness at end of term, and the singing in Chapel was particularly good.

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## Chapel.

SERMONS have been preached in Chapel on the following subjects:—"The Good Fight," "The Enemy," "The Victory," "The Garden of the Soul," "Noah," "Melchizedek," "Jacob," "Joseph."

In singing we have had a new Te Deum, of a rather different type from those sung in the past; it is by H. F. Tozer.

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## Offertory.

The Terminal Offertory was taken on Sunday, the 26th of November, at the Evening Service, when a sum of £10 9s. 6d.

was collected. Of this total £9 7s. was sent to the Treasurer of the Barnardo Homes as the first instalment of the £16 required to keep a boy at the Watt Naval Training School at Elmham each year, which we have undertaken to do again for two years.

With the balance it was unanimously agreed to send a Christmas present to each of the boys whom we sent out to Canada in the years before we started sending a boy to the Naval School, viz., Ernest Tombs and Arthur Pritchard. Any balance will be carried on to next instalment for the cadet, who is to be called the "Eagle House Cadet." Raymond Booty is the name of the boy selected.

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### School Officers of the Term.

D. H. Yatman	...	Head Prefect and Captain of "Buckler"
Vernon Whittall	...	Second Prefect and Captain of "Clarion"
R. Lepel Griffin	...	Third Prefect and Captain of "Anchor"
L. E. Whitehouse	...	Fourth Prefect and Second in "Buckler"
J. L. T. Widdicombe	...	{ Captain of "Dagger" and Curator of Workshop
R. T. Sale	...	... Captain of "Ensign"
L. E. Dunnett	...	... Captain of "Helmet"
N. Macgregor	...	... Captain of "Flambeau"
R. Griffin, W. R. Lockhart, and F. L. Ingall	...	Librarians
J. M. Pattinson	...	... Tabellarius

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### Old Boys' Column.

**H.** D. ROLLESTON, M.D. (E.H. 1872—3), has been elected a member of the Library Committee of the Royal College of Physicians.

Hon. G. R. C. T. WYKEHAM FIENNES (E.H. Jan., 1895—July, 1898), has been called to the Bar, Inner Temple.

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Victor Dubois  
(F. FORBES)

Anna Maria Major Rattan  
(C. A. FISHER) (VERNON WHITTALL)



Angelina Mrs. Spriggins Mr. Spriggins Julia  
(F. L. INGALL) (J. L. T. WIDDICOMBE) (D. H. YATMAN) (G. D. HOLMES)

On July 27th, at Wimbledon, the wife of BERTRAM E. HANSON (E.H. Sep. 1888—Dec. 1890), of Sierra Leone, of a son.

The engagement is announced between ARCHIBALD ROBERT BOYLE, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (E.H. Sep. 1896—July, 1900), and Edith Mary Constable, third daughter of F. J. Constable Curtis, of Merrivale, Ross.

G. F. L. MARX, Sub-Lieut. R.N. (E.H. May, 1899—April, 1902), to the 'Neptune' additional for the 'Goldfinch,' July 31st.

The Rev. H. M. BUTLER, D.D., Master of Trinity College, Cambridge (E.H. 1845—6), proposed the toast of 'Prosperity to Harrow,' at the luncheon at Speech Day at Harrow given by the Headmaster, the Rev. LIONEL FORD (E.H. Sept. 1876—July, 1878).

Captain H. LYNCH STAUNTON, Northumberland Fusiliers (E.H. May, 1883—July, 1886), was third in the Revolver Thirty Match at the A.R.A. Meeting in July.

B. C. CLAYTON (E.H. May, 1900—Dec. 1902), took a 2nd class in the B. Sc. Engineering Examination, London University.

On July 1st, at 3, Warwick Mansions, Cromwell Crescent, S.W., the wife of CHARLES KENNETH MACONOCHE (E.H. Sept., 1884—July, 1887), of a son.

On July 24th, the Lady Dorothy D'Oyly Carte, of a son. Her husband, R. D'OYLY CARTE, was at Eagle House from Jan. to July, 1886.

On July 3rd, the wife of MAURICE G. BECK (E.H. Jan., 1898—Dec., 1900) of a daughter. (By cable from Shanghai).

P. V. B. HEARD (E.H. Sept., 1901—Dec., 1906) passed 41st, and A. D. LACY (E.H. Sept., 1905—Dec., 1906) 53rd, out of the 'Cumberland,' on the conclusion of their course of training in the Naval Colleges. They have been appointed to the 'Exmouth' and to the 'Hercules,' respectively.

G. D. SPIRO (E.H. 1872—5) tied for the Senior Club Cup at Maidenhead G. C., on August 5th.

On August 8th, the wife of HENRY J. FORD, of Water Hall, Chalfont St. Peter, of a son. H. J. Ford was at Eagle House from 1871 to 1873.



On August 25th, at Anlaby, Castle Avenue, Dover, the wife of Major H. M. FINCH, 1st Batt. Royal Berkshire Regt. (E.H. May, 1876—April, 1880), of a son.

Lt. B. N. DENISON, Yorkshire L. I. (E.H. Sept., 1894—April, 1897), was successful at the recent examination for admission to the Staff College, Camberley.

On September 4th, at 36, Queen's Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W., the wife of REGINALD A. SLEE (E.H. 1874—1877), of a son.

In September, the wife of Lieut. H. BOYLE, R.N. (E.H. May, 1887—Dec., 1891), of twins—a boy and a girl—at Midhurst, Sussex.

On September 23rd, at Merrow Croft, Guildford, the wife of EDWARD MORTIMER LUCCOCK (E.H. Sept., 1881—July, 1885), of a son.

On the same date, at 14, Clifton Terrace, Winchester, the wife of WALTER DE M. MALAN (E.H. Sept., 1881—July, 1886), Indian Civil Service, of a son.

Capt. W. O. STORY, R.N. (E.H. 1869—71) has relinquished the command of the Eastern Coastguard District, on promotion to be Rear-Admiral.

On September 30th, F. E. BULLAR, R.E. (E.H. May, 1889—July, 1902) played football for Blackheath *v* The United Services.

Major H. DE C. EASTWOOD, D.S.O. (E.H. Jan. 1874—1877) ret. has been appointed a Deputy Assistant Director of Remounts, October, 7th.

Major K. R. HAMILTON, D.S.O. (E.H. Sept., 1880—Dec., 1884) is placed temporarily on Half-pay on account of ill-health.

Major E. H. CULLEN (E.H. Sept., 1879—July, 1885) is among the officers of the 32nd Sikhs, now undertaking the Abor Expedition.

Sec.-Lieut. J. B. MORGAN, from the R.M.C., has been gazetted to the Suffolk Regt. He was at Eagle House from Sept., 1901—July, 1904.

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BERNARD HOLLAND (E.H. 1868—9) has written a biography of

the late Duke of Devonshire—‘an admirable portrait of the man, and a careful and adequate record of his political career.’

F. J. MOYSEY (Sept., 1888—July, 1891) has become District Officer at Beaufort, B.N. Borneo.

The Very Rev. BERTRAM POLLOCK, D.D., Bishop of Norwich (E.H. 1873—6), preached the sermon at the dedication of a Memorial to King Edward VII., in Sandringham Parish Church on October 29th.

Lieut. R. F. B. HOSKYN, R.N. (E.H. May, 1900—July, 1902), to the *Drake*, on commissioning November 30th.

Sir FREDERICK POLLOCK, Bart (E.H. 1857—8) was present at a meeting of the managing committee of Subscribers to The British School at Rome, held in Burlington House, on November 21st.

The Rev. H. M. BUTLER, D.D., has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, to be the Romanes Lecturer for 1912.

2nd Lieut. J. A. ANDREWS (E.H. Sept. 1898—July, 1902) Devon Regiment to be Lieutenant, October 12th.

At Trinity College, Cambridge, on November 27th, two portraits of the Rev. H. M. BUTLER, D.D., the Master, were presented: one to the College, the other to Mrs. Butler. The portraits are three-quarter length oil-paintings by Mr. William Orpen, A.R.A. The idea of such a presentation originated some time ago among past and present Trinity men and old Harrovians.

ARTHUR T. BOLTON (E.H. Jan., 1874-8) read a paper on “Jacobean Architecture” before the Architectural Association, on November 27th.

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### Obituary.

The Rev. JAMES AUGUSTUS ATKINSON (E.H. 1841-4), Hon-Canon of Manchester, died on November 18th, at the age 80. He was born at Bolougne-sur-Mer in 1831, and was educated at Eton

and at Exeter College, Oxford, afterwards taking Holy Orders. He was rector of Longsight, Manchester for 26 years (1861-1887). From 1887 to 1896 he was Vicar and Rural Dean of Bolton. The last living he held was that of St. Michael's, Coventry, from which he retired in 1907. In 1855 Canon Atkinson married the Hon. Charlotte Chetwynd, third daughter of the sixth Viscount Chetwynd.

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## Old Boys at the Public Schools.

**B**Y a strange coincidence the three leading boys at Eagle House in Mr. Lockhart's first year here have all finished their Public School career this Christmas, and, we think it is a good opportunity to give a short account of the old boys who left since that time for the Public Schools and Osborne. It may be interesting to each to see what the others are doing. We also hope they will become subscribers to the Magazine. We give these three referred to first :

- \***PHILIP M. BROADMEAD** : Wellington, 1907 ; First Modern Scholarship ; Head of "Lynedoch" ; numerous prizes for French and German ; House Fifteen ; Running prize.
- \***HAL. H. R. HILLIARD** (our first Head Prefect) : Wellington, 1906 ; Hardinge House Prefect ; Sergeant O. T. C. ; some prizes ; House Fifteen (accident spoiled games).
- \***R. M. M. LOCKHART** : Head Prefect ; Marlborough, 1907 ; Preshute ; School Prefect ; Race Committee ; First Prize Army Class ; some form prizes ; House Cricket and Hockey ; School Fifteen (two years).
- G. C. N. STOPFORD : Radley, 1906 ; Agriculture.
- \***H. E. BIGGS** : Wellington, 1906 ; Coaching ; entered Woolwich, September, 1911.
- \***E. W. GORST** : Charterhouse, 1906 ; Sixth Form.

- \*P. B. V. HEARD : Osborne, 1907 ; Dartmouth, 1909 ; *H.M.S. Exmouth.*
- \*A. D. LACY : Osborne, 1907 ; Dartmouth, 1909 ; *H.M.S. Hercules.*
- \*J. D. P. CHATAWAY : Wellington, 1907 ; Left for health.  
D. B. DICKSON : Cheltenham, 1907 ; Left for health.
- \*R. C. H. EWART : Army School, Maidenhead, 1907.  
D. A. SIMMONS : Lancing, 1907 ; Business.  
Hon. C. W. STOPFORD : Malvern, 1907 ; in Eight ; Engineering.
- \*S. C. FOX : *The Worcester*, 1908 ; N.Z. Steam Navigation Co.

*Left Summer 1908.*

- C. M. STANUELL : Cheltenham ; Fifteen (2 years) ; House Prefect ; Athletic Cup, under 16, 1910, and Open, 1911 ; Army Class for Woolwich.
- \*A. M. WISEMAN : Charterhouse ; "Pageites"
- \*G. T. GORST : Charterhouse ; Senior Scholarship, 1910.  
C. A. C. GORDON : Fettes ; First Foundation Scholar ; Army Class. Now with private teacher.
- \*P. R. TAHOUDIN : Rugby (Donkin's) ; Army Class.  
J. C. B. LETHBRIDGE : Marlborough, Preshute ; Left owing to illness.  
C. A. SIMMONS ; Lancing.

*Left 'Xmas, 1908.*

- M. A. MURRAY, Head Prefect : Haileybury, Scholar ; "Colvin" Lower Sixth.
- G. L. C. BRIGGS : Osborne ; Dartmouth.
- H. R. SYME : Went to Australia.
- A. D. SYME : " "
- \*H. M. HINDE : Wellington and Blundell's ; 2nd XI, Cricket.

*Left Summer, 1909.*

- \*N. D. S. B. LOCKHART, Head Prefect : Marlborough, Preshute ; Sixth, Fifteen ; House Hockey ; several prizes ; Science Specialist ; House 'Captain.'
- M. H. A. STOPFORD : Tonbridge ; Science Side.
- \*K. G. G. DENNYS : Army School, Maidenhead.

*Left Xmas, 1909.*

F. C. TOWNSHEND : Uppingham, Mr. Sanders'.

\*G. de G. NUGENT : Harrow.

*Left April, 1910.*

H. D'O. LYLE : Uppingham, Mr. Sanders'.

\*R. S. LACY : Bradfield, Modern House.

\*W. W. NICHOLAS : Dover College.

*Left Summer, 1910.*

\*J. R. L. BRADSHAW, Head Prefect : Wellington, Combermere ; played for House.

\*C. de V. HINDE : Wellington ; Combermere ; remove every term.

H. P. RUSHFORTH : Marlborough, Preshute ; Form Prize ; Football and Cricket House Caps, each in first term ; 2nd XI. Cap.

\*S. V. VAN DER BYL : Osborne ; placed in highest set.

*Left 1911.*

\*C. J. GIRLING, Head Prefect : Wellington ; Entrance Scholarship :—" Picton."

A. EMERSON : to Argentina.

E. K. M. PAUL : Marlborough, "A" House ; Form Prize ; House Caps Cricket and Football.

*Left Summer, 1911.*

W. R. G. MILLS : Winchester ; Scholar.

VICTOR WHITTALL : Rugby Schoolhouse.

A. KINCHIN SMITH : St. Edward's, Oxford ; Exhibitioner.

R. MEYRICK : Marlborough.

J. R. REID, Head Prefect : Marlborough, Preshute ; Form Prize ; House Fifteen, both first term.

F. G. DELAMAIN : St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate.

J. P. HALL : Rugby Schoolhouse.

W. E. COLES : Malvern, Mr. Salisbury's.

Further news about any of the above will be most welcome, also correction of any errors that may have crept in.

\*Those marked with an Asterisk have visited Eagle House since date of leaving.

## The Library.

THE following presentations have been made to the Library ; to the donors we desire to express our sincerest thanks :—

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We omitted in former number to express our thanks to Mrs. MacGregor, 10, Magdala Crescent, Edinburgh, for the handsome gift of a new carpet for the Choir of the Chapel. We apologise, and tender well-merited thanks now.

## The Term's Football.

THE points lost and gained in the matches do not sound very favourable to any claim for merit for the term's football. But points after all are not what we play for ; the game and the spirit in which it is played are the real things. As long as these are all right, we need not distress ourselves unduly about scores. We have not won many matches, but we have had worse teams than this. Last year's fifteen was a great side, probably the best we ever had. Out of the 15 we lost Reid, Victor and Paul, behind, and Emerson, Girling, Mills, Smith, Delamain and Meyrick. When these are taken out of a side it leaves lee-way which it is well-nigh impossible to make up. The real test of our success this term is the answer to the question—How far did we make up for these losses within the measure of our means. Here we must point out that we had two great drawbacks : (1) the stoppage of football in the last Lent Term robbed us of our chance to bring on new talent, and (2) the hard ground following the drought deprived us of the first fortnight's practice. Of course we had no

supply of players of the size and strength of those we had lost. Rabbitts was our one stalwart; all the other places had to be filled by players who were young and small. Luckily we had in Lloyd though under twelve and only 5 stone weight, a young player of the very highest promise. Scharlieb, though under eleven, had strength and pace, but knew nothing about the game. Besides these there was no outstanding talent. It was therefore pretty obvious that our XV. could not with any amount of coaching reach the standard of 1910, and its success would depend not only on the improvement we could make but still more on the ability of our opponents. Unluckily we found our two great rivals both in strong years, especially the Dragons who had the best side they have had for several seasons. Our bad luck did not stop there; the difficulty of dates compelled us to play Wells House early, before we had time to make a team at all, and our Wellington friends remembering our strong sides sent down a powerful team for our first match, and as our two biggest three quarters were both away, we got a bad beating and did not get the usual benefit of our first match.

With all these handicaps we got together a fairly good team. Much practice developed our very moderate material very considerably, but it took a long time to do, and so small was the progress that it was hard to decide on the best players. At first we were decidedly a poor combination; we had not much individual talent; we had no 'giants' who could run through opposing teams. In fact we were very small and light and everything had to be done by skill. This is not acquired in a week or two, and it was not till our match with the Dragons at home on November 11th, that we showed anything like the form we aim at. Before that game our play had been very disappointing except for a few minutes at the end of the Osborne match. Against the Dragons in both matches and in the first game with Reading we really played very good football and could hardly have done better considering the superior weight and pace we had against us. The last match, the Reading return, was a curious

game, but it is dealt with below. Taking a line through our return with the dragons we think that if we had played Wells House after we got into form there would not have been much in it. It is true we lost by more points than Wells did, but then Griffiths did not play *v.* Wells in the return. The best part of our team was very good; Vernon was as good as any forward we met, and Rabbitts and Widdicombe were nearly as good; it was a very great loss that Widdicombe was not able to play in any match before 25th November. We did not meet any scrum half better than Yatman and no stand off than Lloyd. The pity was that these two fine players did not develop a finer combination. Our centre threes improved immensely, and both were very clever, but they were always at an enormous disadvantage in size. The wings were not so good. Forbes did not improve in general play though he showed all his old scoring power near the line. On the other wing we tried both Whitehouse and Scharlieb, and experience showed that it was better to have Whitehouse on the wing and Scharlieb at full-back than vice-versa. Although we think the above facts show that our XV was better than results suggest, we are far from denying that it might have been much better. There were patent defects, especially want of that perseverance which makes every boy in a team play to the last ounce of his strength.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v* WELLINGTON (under 14).

Played at Eagle House on October 21st, and lost by 6 points  
to 27 points.

This was our first attempt to play a match with our New XV. Unluckily both Whitehouse and Scharlieb our two biggest threc-quarters, were on the injured list and we had to play Fisher as centre with F. Bradshaw as his wing and put Inglis at full back. This made our team very small and light, and as the visitors not only had more than their usual physical advantage



but also a much better knowledge of the game than in previous years, we had rather a hard time. Their pack were rather novices but quite big enough to make it impossible for us to rnsn them ; their ' outsides ' were strong and fast with a fair knowledge of the game and plenty of defensive power. Their biggest and fastest three had no difficulty in brushing off our little backs and was so much faster than anyone we had that he could not be caught once he got away. Altogether they scored 7 times of which two were the results of some fair passing, and the other five were individual efforts. Against this we could only raise six points by a try got by Forbes from a good bit of passing by our backs and a penalty goal dropped by Dunnett. Dunnett also dropped another penalty kick over the bar but as he had run too far into the centre of the field, the referee ordered the ball back. Eagle House team: Inglis, Forbes, Dunnett, Fisher, F. Bradshaw ; Yatman (Capt.), Lloyd ; V. Whittall, Rabbitts, Brooks, Sale, Pain, Pattinson, Warren and

After this match Colours were awarded to Rabbitts and Lloyd who with Yatman and Vernon Whittall had most distinguished themselves in the play.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v* WELLS HOUSE.

Lost, Points 16 to nothing.

Played at Oxford on Saturday, 28th October, by the kind permission of Mr. Lynam on his School ground.

When the teams lined out it was apparent that Wells House had a great physical superiority, especially forward and in the middle of the threequarter line. The subsequent play fully justified this opinion as we were overborne by superior strength chiefly in these two parts of the game. We were if anything rather better at half and at full back. We were much superior in combination among the backs, but the superior size of the Malvern threes made it comparatively easy for them to tackle our players who were their *vis-a-vis*, and we cannot help thinking that

if Lloyd had tried to break through occasionally 'on his own' before passing or instead of passing, we might have done better. But it was largely in the forward play that we lost, we had so many light weights and they so many sturdy scrummagers that we lost yards in a sort of rough and tumble work which formed a large part of the game. In this department the Wells forwards were not only bigger and heavier but better together; for there is considerable combination in this work though it is not so easily seen as among backs. For us Whitehouse played very well at full-back and nearly always got his man, both the first tries were got by men whom he tackled but who fell over the line. Dunnett was the best of the 'Threes' and his kicking made a lot of ground for us. Fisher showed promise of cleverness but was much too small for his *vis-a-vis*, Dubuisson, the biggest in the field. The wings were disappointing. At half Yatman was very useful but we have seen him more brilliant, and Lloyd was as dashing as ever, his tackling being very fine; forward, Vernon Whittall was excellent, and Rabbitts a good second, but nobody else shone and the backing up was very much at fault; time after time V. Whittall broke away, but the effort was always lost for want of support. Altogether this match was played much too early in the season for us, as it is only by highly cultivated skill that we can hope to hold our own with larger schools. Three defects were very obvious and unless a remedy is found we must fare badly this season. (1) We must have better tackling:—time after time an opponent when tackled was able to pass the ball quite easily. (2) There must be better saving i.e. dropping on the ball, and (3) we must have better combination among the forwards. For Wells House the most prominent was player Dubuisson, who was our most dangerous opponent, but Reid seemed a more finished player, while the leader of their forwards was very good indeed, and Curtis on the left wing a fine little player. The score of 16 points was made up by 8 points in each half, a goal and a try in each. We were without Sale, and Scharlieb was hardly fit to play. Our XV. was:—

Back, L. E. Whitehouse ; Three-quarters, F. Forbes, L. E. Dunnett, C. A. Fisher, W. R. Scharlieb ; Half-backs, D. H. Yatman (Captain) and R. A. H. Lloyd ; Forwards, V. Whittall, D. F. W. Rabbitts, G. H. Brooks, J. M. Pattinson, D. C. Warren, C. H. Pain, R. Stapledon, C. H. Bickerton.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v* an OSBORNE XV.

On November 4th, at Osborne ; lost by 3 points to 21 points.

Although there was a refreshing absence of 'giants,' yet the Home XV. were all very much the size of our best and had thus a considerable advantage in total weight. This at once made itself felt in the play. We indeed got well into their territory from the kick-off but their forwards playing a bustling game soon drove us back, and in our 'twenty-five' their backs started passing attacks. They showed much greater proficiency in this department than the last time we were at Osborne, and, not only was their general passing better but they had an excellent scrum half in Cadell and a wonderful 'dodgy' runner in Douglas at three-quarter. We showed the same incapacity to deal with this bustling type of forward play as against Wells House, and in addition Whitehouse who did so well against Wells, was off colour all the first half of the game. The cadets were not long in piercing our defence and having once found the way across repeated the operation three times in the first half, Douglas being the best in those attacks. In the second half we did a little better, in fact we kept them out for a long time, but towards the end three tries came in rapid succession and the score was 21—0 with four minutes to go. Then at last our team seemed to find their feet and we put in three successive passing attacks in better style than we had shown this term. In the first Fisher dodged two opponents but lost a score by delaying to pass till a third had pinioned him. Another bout ended in a great run by Forbes to the verge of the line in the left corner ; the Osborne forwards drove us back but Yatman picked up, cleverly sent it out to the other backs and a

good run in which all shared ended in Scharlieb scoring close to the right corner. The whistle went immediately after leaving the cadets winners by 21 to 3 points.

This was a disappointing match because our XV. never found their game till the very end; only the best seemed any use and not so much as usual, while the others seemed out of it. Of course we were very much handicapped by the very heavy ball which we could neither field nor kick, and, as the field is much wider than ours, our touch kicking was largely a failure. Yatman and Lloyd at half and V. Whittall and Rabbitts forward were far the best for us, but they none of them gave quite of their best. Of the eight attempts at goal there was only one which was not a ridiculous failure. We wheeled the scrums a good many times but Whittall was not supported and came away in most of his dribbling alone. Our XV was the same as against Wells House except that Sale was able to play and Bickerton was not needed.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v* LYNAM'S.

November 11th at Eagle House. Lost by 5 goals.

We kicked off and following up well tackled the opposing 'threes' and got right into the mouth of their goal; here the ball worked out to the right and Griffiths their big right wing got clear and easily out-pacing our fastest, ran the whole length of the field and touched down between the posts. The goal made us 5 points down in the first minute. Then began a splendid battle both sides playing keenly and vigorously and the game rushed from one end to the field to the other. We got a fair share of the ball but there were many slips made by one or other of the backs. The Dragons' threes being much bigger and faster, and tackling excellently, our threes had not much chance of scoring and slips were absolutely fatal. In the most part we were trying to give the ball to our threes; but as the scrums were twisting, often in the opposite direction, it was not easy to

get the ball away from the base though the opposing halves were several time penalised for being too eager. The Dragons on the other hand were always trying to work the ball round to Griffiths to repeat his first run, while our forwards were doing their best to help the backs to stop him. Territorially we had none the worse of the play, but Griffiths once again got clean away, this time from a throw out from touch, and repeated his big run. The first half ended with the score 2 goals to 0 against us, but except for these two great individual runs, the result of pace and weight that none of our team could approach, we had quite our share of the play. Some were sanguine enough to hope we should do better in the second half, but experience knew that the weight would tell more, not less, in the second half, this was soon apparent as although we had at least held our own in the first half among the forwards, we were now pushed yards at a time, and the tiring of our forwards was proved by our having "heads down" last, whereas in the first half we had them down first. We were now mostly on the defensive although every now and then the forwards broke away or the backs had a passing run but the Dragons saved well in our rushes and their wings were so much faster they could easily catch ours in the passing bouts. In fact as we were so much on the defensive, the threes would have made more ground by kicking which would also have saved their forwards. The Dragons were constantly attacking, but we put in a lot of good tackling especially Vernon Whittall and Yatman, but many others as well. At last from a throw and near our line Freer dashed through, Rabbits appeared to tackle but a try was given and Smith kicked his third goal. After this we worked into their "25" and got a free for off-side, Dunnett's drop went wide, their three found touch and from the throw out their left wing Dymock slipped away, and out-pacing our backs got right behind after running more than three-quarters of the field, Smith made no mistake about the easy place. After some more give and take play which showed we had almost played ourselves to a standstill, a great bout of passing by the visiting backs and

forwards was stopped near our line. From the ensuing scrum the ball was thrown out to Griffiths and though Whitehouse brought him down he fell over the line and scored at the corner. Smith kicked a splendid goal and time was called. We were out weighted and still more outpaced all through, and as a spectator said the Dragons have not played such a good game for many a day. They were very strong at three-quarter; their back was big and good, their halves were smart and their forwards strong and good at getting the ball. Our own team had hard lines to have such a big score run up against them as they played very well indeed, especially the forwards. The greatest improvement was in the tackling. If we had only played as well the week before we should have come back with a different tale. But to succeed against such odds in weight and pace we should have had to play perfect football, and we did not do that. There were far too many slips in the passing and our weakest point was in the line out from touch, three of the five tries were got from throws out from touch. Better marking must be cultivated. Vernon Whittall played splendidly, his dribbling and tackling were admirable, Rabbitts was a good second, but though there was a little more combined dribbling, the screwing was not nearly accurate enough. Yatman gave a splendid display at half and Lloyd did a lot of excellent work, but there should be fewer slips between two such players. Yatman needs to improve his passing and Lloyd his catching. The other backs did as well as could be expected, Fisher was perhaps the cleverest, but all did well in spite of some mistakes. Bickerton also did as much as one could expect of a boy of eleven and half against such formidable opponents. Our XV. was:—Bickerton; Whitehouse, Dunnett, Fisher, Forbes; Yatman (captain) and Lloyd; V. Whittall, Rabbitts, Brooks, Sale, Warren, Pain, Pattinson (J.), and F. Montalto.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v.* READING SCHOOL UNDER 15.

At home on November 25th. Won by 15 points to 8 points.

By some misunderstanding we played Reading Under 15

instead of Under 14, as we had intended. We had only once tried this before in a very strong year, and when we saw the weight of our opponents our hopes fell. The start realised our worst fears, as the visitors at once rushed to our end, and despite a great run by Fisher, they soon came back, and a big run by Faithfull gave them a try, which was not converted. We then began to find our feet, and a great combined run ended in Forbes scoring at the extreme left of the house goal. V. Whittall made a very good attempt with the difficult place. Soon a big rush ended in Dunnett getting a good try which Yatman failed to "goal." After the visitors had got to our "25" without scoring, Yatman again set his backs going, and after all handled well Forbes romped over in a good position. Yatman's kick again failed. The score was thus 9 to 3 when we changed ends. In the second half Reading kept us out better. We delivered a great many attacks, but they tackled well and broke away often, and always were hard to stop. From one rush Fisher got a very clever, if slightly lucky try. This was not converted, but from a penalty at the "25" Dunnett dropped a splendid goal. Towards the end we began to feel the effect of the weight, and the visitors rushing to our "25," Faithfull again burst through and scored between the posts. He added the two points, and the match ended in a win for us by 15 points (5 tries and a penalty goal) to 8 (a goal and a try). It was a very interesting game, as the risk of a score from our big opponents was never absent, while skilful work by our team constantly kept up attacks on their line. Our XV. all played well, Vernon Whittall, Lloyd and Yatman being the best. Warren and Montalto were not available, and Liddell played.

Eagle House XV. :— Whitehouse ; Scharlieb, Fisher, Dunnett, Forbes ; Yatman, Lloyd ; V. Whittall, Rabbitts, Widdicombe, Brooks, J. Pattinson, Bickerton, Pain, Liddell.

## EAGLE HOUSE v. LYNAM'S.

At Oxford on Saturday, December 2nd. Lost by 1 goal and 4 tries to 1 try, or 19 to 3 points.

This was the first match in which our full strength was available, but in view of the great advantage the home team had in weight, height and pace, we had not much hope of reversing the first result. The inclusion of Widdicombe undoubtedly strengthened us, and we gave a good display, but our opponents also played much better than in the first match. Their passing was very much better, while the rain made the ground heavier for our light team. We started off fairly well, and had not much the worse of it till Griffiths got away along the touch line and scored from nearly half way, Scharlieb missing him just as Whitehouse did in the first match. We think his pace deceives a back who meets him for the first time, as nothing seemed easier than to stop him when so near touch. From a throw-in Jefferson (forward) got away unmarked and scored an easy try. As both were converted we were 10 points down. Then we did better and Yatman led a great rush and scored a try. The kick failed (10--3). In the second half the Dragons' backs had a number of good combined runs, from two of which Dymock scored in the left corner. Bunyatt had a dashing run and, though held by several of our forwards, got the ball away, and Griffiths dashed over in the right corner. All the kicks failed, so the score totalled 19. We made some good efforts, but our passing-runs did not succeed in making much ground; the opposing three's smothered them too easily. On the points, this game appears to be an improvement on our first match with the Dragons, but to the onlooker it did not seem so. For one thing, we got a far smaller share of the ball, and our passing-runs were much less effective; on the other hand, others thought our tackling was much improved. This, with the fact that the ground was wet and the new rule was strange to us, may explain how in one way our play seemed worse, and in another better, than in the first match.



Mr. R. W. Poulton, the Oxford 'Varsity captain, refereed excellently.

Vernon Whittall played a splendid game, while Lloyd was most conspicuous by his dashing play both in attack and defence; Yatman was sound and hard-working; Rabbitts and Widdicombe were the best of the forwards after Vernon, and Brooks was not far behind. The three's were too small; as a friendly critic from another school said, they are too small, however clever they are, to score much against opponents who have much advantage in weight, height and pace. For the Dragons, Falconer was the leading spirit of the strong back division, while Freer and Bunyatt were the outstanding forwards.

Our XV. was:—Back, Scharlieb; threequarters, Whitehouse, Fisher, Dunnett, Forbes; half-backs, Yatman (captain), Lloyd; forwards, V. Whittall, Rabbitts, Widdicombe, Brooks, J. Pattinson, Bickerton, Pain, Warren.

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#### EAGLE HOUSE *v.* READING SCHOOL UNDER 15.

At Reading on Saturday, December 9th. Lost, 16—3.

This is a result which it is not altogether easy to explain. That a side physically so much stronger should beat us is not surprising, but that they should turn the tables on us so soon after we beat them needs explanation. Apparently they had only one player different from their previous XV., and we had our full side, which we had not before. We think the ground had a lot to do with it, and we are afraid it must be accepted that we play much worse away from home. It is also true, we believe, that the one new player scored three of the four tries scored by Reading, and he was very strong and heavy. At the same time we got the ball in the scrum and out to the backs with an unflinching regularity we have never equalled, but we could not get anything like the runs we had on our ground. We cannot help thinking we were a little below form both in passing—we have never seen so much *bad* passing by our backs—and in tackling. All their

tries were got by individual bursts which we failed to stop; of course, it was far from easy to stop such weights, but more should have been done. Some think the ground made a difference— it was both wider and shorter than ours. Whatever the reasons, the result was very disappointing. Reading scored thrice in the first half, and either side scored once in the second half; our try was gained on the left by Forbes at the end of a combined run by all the backs. The game was much the same all through: we got the ball every scrum and tried passing, which either failed through our own errors or their strong tackling; they were always rushing or kicking it up the field in the loose. Two remarks heard on the ground may explain the run of the play: "They beat us in everything but weight." "How well they play; they can do every thing but score." We were attacking the greater part of the second half, but the tackling was strong, and we must congratulate our opponents and their coach, Mr. Rees (who refereed very well), on the great improvement made in so short a time. Our XV. was as against the Dragons.

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### Junior Matches with O.P. School.

These matches were arranged to help Junior football in the two schools. The teams were experimental and in the first match at Oxford the home side was much too strong and heavy and fast, for our lot. In the return we were much too strong for the lower standard chosen from the Dragons, although the difference was not so great, and, on a drier day might have been less than it actually was.

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#### THE FIRST JUNIOR MATCH.

At Oxford on November 22nd. Lost by 31 points.

Our opponents were much too heavy and fast for us, and the system of refereeing tended very much to emphasise the difference. The home side more than held our forwards, being our equals in the scrum and superiors in the loose, while their backs were very much faster and stronger, Wallace and Jefferson

running very fast and strongly. In the first half Bickerton tackled admirably and Bradshaw was a good second to him, but in the second half even these two could not get at the home three-quarters and the scoring was heavy. Only two goals were kicked or the number of points would have been huge.

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#### THE SECOND JUNIOR MATCH.

At Eagle House on December 6th. Won by 18 points.

The Junior Dragons were not quite so big as in the first match but were well matched with ours in physique. Unluckily a very hard frost set in the night before and up till dinner time it was doubtful if we could play. Even then it was only on the Junior pitch we could play. Unluckily it was greasy and difficult for the back division in which the visitors were the better side. Our forwards were on the other hand the better pack, and by hard shoving, good packing and using their feet better than usual they controlled the game, with the result that our backs got a lot of the ball. They however showed little ability to take advantage of their chances and except one try gained by Mart from a passing run, they lost ground every time they got the ball. After the forwards' good work was thrown away time after time, Batten at scrum half began to go on his own and this policy paid far better than the attempts at passing. By one great rush Batten took the ball the whole length of the field and Davidson following up well scored a try. Batten playing with the greatest dash—a very different exhibition from his deplorable play the day before—scored three more tries. Stapledon dropped an excellent penalty goal after Mart had all but gained a try from a passing run, this run was almost the only good effort by the backs in the second half, and the game showed that our Junior backs require a lot of improving. Our forwards were very good; all played so well it seems hardly fair to mention any; probably F. Montalto, Sale and Liddell were the best. The Dragons worked hard and Jefferson and Wallace were often dangerous but they were well marked, and our tackling was much better than in the first match.

The XV. that represented us in the second Junior match was this :—Pennyquick ; Griffin R., Mart, Stapledon and Bradshaw ; Batten and Holmes ; Sale (captain), F. Montalto, Liddell, G. Pattinson, G. Davidson, Inglis, C. Griffin, and F. Ingall.

This differed from the former team only in the fact that Sale and Mart replaced Bickerton (promoted) and McGregor D.

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### Characters of the XV.

- D. H. YATMAN (13yrs. 3mths. ; 6st. 5lb.) (captain ; scrum half)—A very sound player ; very good in saving, tackling and kicking ; runs very strongly ; hardly so accurate in passing as last year ; chief fault that he does not “ *call the game.*”
- R. A. H. LLOYD (12yrs. - mths. ; 5st. 11lb.) (stand-off half)—A brilliant runner and tackler ; smart kick ; passing fair, needs improving ; must learn to “ *call the game.*”
- L. E. DUNNETT (13yrs. - mths. ; 5st. 8lb.) (left-centre)—Very much improved, especially in tackling ; clever with hands and feet ; passes well ; fine goal dropper ; must save more.
- C. A. FISHER (12ys. 4mths. ; 5st. 2lb.) (right-centre)—Very clever player, especially at breaking through ; good kick ; too light ; must improve saving and tackling.
- L. E. WHITEHOUSE (12ys. 8ths. ; 5st. 13lb.) (right-wing)—A very dashing player, fearless, fast, good tackler, aud saver ; good kick ; not strong in combination.
- C. F. FORBES (13yrs. 1mth. ; 6st. 4lb.) (left-wing)—A very unequal player ; good in attack, good scorer near the line ; weak in tackling and saving ; good kick.
- W. R. SCHARLIEB (11yrs. 1mth. ; 6st. 7lb.) (full back)—Has makings of a good player, but is inexperienced and uncertain ; at his best, can run, save, tackle, and kick well ; not enough on the *qui vive* for a good “ *three.*”

#### *Forwards.*

- VERNON WHITTALL (13yrs. 6mths. ; 7st. 4lb.)—A great forward ; good “ *hooker* ” ; a splendid tackler and dribbler ; has good pace ; a fine punt and place kick.

- D. F. W. RABBITTS (14yrs. - mths. ; 8st. 7lb.)—The heavyweight of the side; fast; a good "hooker"; strong in all departments of the game.
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- J. M. PATTINSON (12yrs. 6mths. ; 6st. 13lb.)—Hard worker; considerably improved; fair pace; fair tackler; needs to control ball better with his feet.
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- D. C. WARREN (12yrs. 6mths. ; 6st. 5lb.)—Just learning to play; has weight, height and pace; must try hard if he is to keep a place in the side.
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T. R. SALE, F. MONTALTO and W. LIDDELL also played in various matches, and were all nearly as good as the last three of the XV. who were photographed; in fact, only 12 colours were given, as the claims of the last six were so nearly equal. Bickerton was rather the best of the six.

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