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Vice-Captain:— T.H.Bessell

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Football Captain:— T.Bessell

Games Secretary:— R.Dabbs

Editorial

WE have seen it observed that the Editorial of a school magazine is always the last thing to be read, if, that is, it is read at all. It is generally regarded perhaps as written for the perusal of the staff, rather than for the generation of today. We are both encouraged and depressed by this: encouraged by the knowledge that we shall at least not be pilloried by the present members of the school; depressed by the thought that the glittering dangle of fame can never come an Editor's way. We accordingly experience few qualms in leaving the contents of this Mitchamian, rather than our own halting prose, to speak for us.

The coming of Peace has found the school with a larger population than ever before. One member of the staff has already rejoined us from National Service, after a somewhat lengthy sojourn in the wilds of Cambridgeshire and elsewhere, and we are hoping to be able to welcome back others to the fold in the New Year. It seems almost unbelievable that at last Geography is actually being taught in the school, and even such exotic subjects as Latin may one day be available again for a yearning Sixth Form.

The past term has seen the first round of the House Matches—always the most rigorous form of Football, if occasionally a trifle unscientific with no quarter asked or given. We even heard one normally quite harmless Sixth-former enjoining his comrades of the pack to "kick something, if it's only the ball". (O tempora! O mores!)

Despite, or perhaps because of, the supposed fall in the standards of education due to war conditions, the examination results this year have been for us more gratifying than usual, and we must congratulate Delin and Best on managing to extract Major Scholarships from the County authorities.

Finally, let us present the first Mitchamian of the Peace to you with this thought from another, if far superior, historian:—

'Et qui fecere et qui facta aliorum scripsere multi laudantur' (Let us now praise famous men and their chroniclers.)

P. J. B.

Valete

Black House

- VI** J. G. Delin (Matric., H. Sch., 2nd XV Capt., H. Sch.,
Inter., County Major, Sch. Capt.)
F. W. Best (Matric., Pre., 1st XV, 2nd XI Capt., H. Sch.,
County Major.)
Wills (Gen. Sch.)
- V** S.J. Yass (Matric., 2nd XV, 1st XI)
Durant (2nd XV)
G.T. Wood
Allnutt
- IV** Toler
Sugden

Blue House

- V** Atterbury (1st XV, Gen. Sch.)
Purrott (1st XI, Gen. Sch.)
J. Searl (1st XI, Gen. Sch.)
A. T. Simpson (Gen. Sch.)
Sturrock

Green House

- VI** P. Rollings (Matric., Secr. Deb. Soc., H. Sch. Inter.)
- V** Glover (1st XV Colour, Gen. Sch.)
Brighting (2nd XV, Gen. Sch.)
Stuart (Matric.)
F. K. Williams (Gen. Sch.)
P. Davies
Stevens (2nd XV, Gen. Sch.)
- IV** Freakes
Coleman (2nd XV)

Red House

- VI** E. J. Humphries (Matric, Pre., 1st XV Colour, Capt., Athletics Capt., Colour, 1st XI Colour)
V Ridge. (2nd XI.)
Bridle.
Newman (Gen. Sch.)
Clark
Katesmark (Gen. Sch.)
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239 Flight ACC

FIRST and foremost in the Flight's activities since those recorded in the last magazine comes the highly successful camp held at the Royal Naval Air Station, Lee-on-Solent. A very full programme was provided for the 29 cadets who attended the camp. A trip in a launch in the Solent, a visit to the naval station at Whale Island and a visit to the submarine dock were all thoroughly enjoyable. The proximity of the sea to the camp was also appreciated.

On Sunday 28th October 8 cadets visited Hamsey Green Gliding School but owing to the bad weather very little in the way of practical gliding was done. Bad weather also interfered with a visit to Kenley aerodrome earlier in the term.

Corporal Humphries has left the flight and is now in the Navy. In his place Leading Cadet Sexton has been promoted to Corporal. Having passed the Morse examination, Cadets Blaen and Taylor have become Leading Cadets. 10 recruits joining the Flight this term have raised its strength to 34, all of whom are looking forward to a vigorous and enjoyable future.

The Flight turned out well for the Armistice Parade on 11th November. On the 14th 21 cadets had a flight in a Dominie at Kenley Aerodrome.

C. R. S.

16th Mitcham Troop

TROOP parades have been held as regularly as possible this term, although "Mikado" rehearsals have made it necessary to alter the Parade night several times in order to secure a good attendance.

The strength of the troop is, at the time of going to press, 22, and the main difficulty is in endeavouring to find Patrol Leaders of sufficient ability and experience. As it is desired to raise the Troop to its pre-war strength, recruits from both the junior and senior sections of the school would be welcome.

The Troop is still being run by A.S.M.'s Marsh and Purbrick.

As the majority of the members of the troop belong to the Junior School, the main feature of Troop Parade programmes is instruction in the Tenderfoot and the Second Class Tests.

Unfortunately it was impossible to hold any Troop Camps this year, but five short-term Patrol Camps were held, at New Addington and Cobham. It is to be hoped that the next Camping season will see the majority of the Troop in Camp.

P.L.

Trends in the Design of modern Aircraft

TO most people nowadays, the words "Modern Aircraft" call up visions of high speed jet propelled fighters with sleek high gloss finishes and colossal speeds. They would, of course, be correct to a degree, but this is by no means the whole story. There is a great need at the moment for freight carrying aircraft, easy to produce, with reliable engines and all working parts easily accessible to the ground crews who are to service them. On top of this they must have a large payload, a fairly long range, and must be economical as regards fuel consumption. A typical example of the type of aircraft being produced to meet these needs is the Bristol Freighter which even goes so far

back as to have a fixed undercarriage, thus doing away with the complication and extra weight of a retractable one. Until these arrive we are going to supplement already overworked Dakotas with captured German Junkers Ju. 352's.

Another type of craft which will now come to the fore is the light plane produced for the private owner. This is especially so since the ban on private flying is soon to be raised. Many firms have had experience of this type as they have produced large numbers for liaison purposes during the war.

We also have multi-engined high altitude air liners to consider. Most of these are already fitted with pressure cabins. They will need provision for anything up to thirty passengers, or even more, together with a freight compartment, and some might even run to a kitchen. They will also need a high cruising speed and a long range. An example of the type being produced is the Avro-Tudor.

The ideal power unit is a combination of both propeller and jet. The former is used for take off and speeds up to three or four hundred m.p.h. and then the jet comes into operation.

Thus we can expect a large number of developments in the near future and I personally look forward to them with keen interest.

R.S.D.

Extract from a Harvest Camp Letter

(With apologies)

" and barged our way through the milling population into the town square. There, in the midst of the confusion, the town band was trying to play 'Sussex by the Sea'—and a more incongruous lot you never saw in your life—long ones, short ones—mainly short ones, fat and thin ones—all led by a cheerful little man in a ten-gallon hat who played a rusty euphonium.

Apparently he had a code of whistles, and in between the beery uproar that greeted each piece, the now bluish-coloured and beer-scented air was rent by this wizard little man's signals to the weird crew around him.

On his left a great red beefy man puffed lustily into another tarnished euphonium; next to him a neat and dapper little man—probably from the bank, or else a 'shop walker', tootled merrily away on a worn trumpet, while looking over his shoulder was an old boy with whiskers and a purple face—also with a trumpet. The next . . . (and so on around the ring—past the Trombone with the brown check cap and green coat, past the Piccolo—who had obviously just plodded his weary way to the square straight from work, etc., etc.), to the Clarinet—this chap kept us amused all the evening, and to say he was like one of our masters, was pure understatement. He was his double—even down to the buttons on the small brown coat, and to see him playing a clarinet with such a motley crew would (I'm sure he'd admit it) be amusing, to say the least. Even the Headmaster doubled up with laughter.

We'll skip the remainder of this well-meaning throng and arrive at the Drums—both of whom were standing away from the rest as if they didn't care whether they played or not. One was a soldier, while the other comic chap wore a large hat that covered his eyes and nose. He was smoking—for we could see smoke coming out from under the brim—and was tapping a small silver drum about the size of a half-crown—but he was ordinary compared to some others—only needing a shave, boot polish, studs and a tie.

The light soon faded, however, the band crowded into the bar nearby—and then they started one of those horrors—a dance—seething masses of humanity"

S.J.O. (VI).

The Rugby Forward

The forward's a man of muscle and strength,
He grows and grows to a terrible length.

He's got hairs on his chest and knobs on his knees,
 And he takes up the ball without saying, "Please."
 With lanky strides he covers the land;
 He knocks down a man with a sweep of his hand.
 He's as bold as brass and doesn't know fear
 And he breaks all his bones without one little tear.

D. R. Pitt 3b

Examination Results

Higher School Certificate with exemption from Inter. B.Sc.:
 J.G.Delin, P.J.Rollings.

Higher School Certificate with exemption from Inter. B.A.:
 P. J. Briggs.

Higher School Certificate:
 F.W.Best, P.A.Lemin.

General School Certificate, with exemption from Matriculation:
 Baker, Blaen, Butler, Cole, Egan, Field, Harbert F., Lamburne, Ockenden, Pleasance, Potter, Sexton, Stuart, Taylor, Vaal, Ward, Woodhouse, Worsfold, Yass.

General School Certificate:
 Allnutt, Atterbury, Brighting, Davies, Dawson, Donaldson, Dunkley, Gatenby P., Glover, Harold, Hyde, Jones, Katesmark, Lunn, Newman, Purrott, Searle J., Simmons, Stevens, Simpson A.F., Simpson A.T., Williams, Wright.

County Major Scholarships:
 J.G.Delin, F.W.Best.

Malaya, Autumn 1945

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(Mr Lewis will be remembered by some of the school as

having taught French before joining the Forces from Weston super-mare in December 1941. Small boys will not be expected, on Mr. Lewis' return to school, to address him as "Honoured Major".)

F/O C.F. Lewis has returned from the Malayan mainland to R.A.F. Regt. Garrison Headquarters in Penang to tell how, with 26 men, he took over a camp from 80 Japanese and reorganised the local life.

His commitment, one of the garrison's many duties, was to guard a coconut and rubber plantation and about twenty storehouses at Jalan Bahru. The storehouses contained not only Japanese tinned foods, clothing, stationery and crockery, but also British uniforms captured in 1942.

F/O Lewis and his men, the first British to set foot in the area since the invasion, were received by the 80 Japanese with much bowing, smiling and heel-clicking. In the middle of negotiations three Japanese officers rose and one proclaimed, "Honoured Major", (F/O Lewis was thus addressed throughout), "we are delighted to meet the British in the field of fire. The British are always courteous and full of consideration. All British officers are gentlemen. As a token of our regard we wish to present you with this sword."

F/O Lewis formally accepted the gift, and the discussions were resumed.

The following morning one of the Japanese officers approached him and said, "Honoured Major, my men wish to make salutations to you." Whereupon they were lined up in ragged formation and presented arms.

"They were all very polite and docile and waited on us hand and foot," said F/O Lewis, "but my men had been fighting their kind in Burma and, as it was a sore temptation to have so many Japanese among them, I packed the 80 off as soon as I could that morning. They all went away in a truck to a headquarters further inland where Japanese from various liberated areas were being concentrated."

Mitcham

MITCHAM, with its smoke, its smells,
Its factory sites, its slums,
Its old-world cottages and wells,
Its Jubilee Clock and inns,

Old houses with their spacious grounds,
Relics of a famous past;
Stadium meant for hare and hounds,
Library and swimming bath.

Yet it has a beauty of its own,
Rambling common, Watermeads,
Cricket green of great renown,
Town Hall standing sentinel.

J. Angel. 3b

Library Notes

DURING the last year definite signs of improvement have been shown in the use of the school library. This does not mean, however, that it has been used any less enthusiastically, but that the school has been rather more considerate in its treatment of books, and in the general tidiness of the library.

Now that there is a shortage of rooms in the school, the library is frequently used as a class-room. This seems a pity to many of the boys who like to look upon that room as a place different from the rest, as a place which does not remind them of normal everyday life, but a sanctuary into which they may escape. Maybe in the future, things will be brighter, and those who cherish the library will have it only as such.

New periodicals are now ordered, and the gift of copies of "Tee—Emm" and "Nature" have been welcomed by all. I would also like to take the opportunity of remind-

ing the school that donations of books are always welcome, and indeed constitute a large number of the present volumes.

The Librarians for the term have been:— Bessell, Briggs, Lemin, Simpson A., Wilson, Winfield and Knight, and they have put in much valuable time both in official and other capacities.

K.L. (Head Librarian)

House Notes

WHAT is it that has made the Houses wake up? Is it the challenge sent out by Black House in its avowed intention of being Cock House next year? Is it the fact that a tangible taste of victory, in the form of a Cock House Feed, now hangs temptingly in every boy's imagination? To be Cock House has once again become an honour to be sought for, and woe to any boy who imperils the chances of his House.

Last year those Houses which considered themselves lacking in talent had to bear the burden of numerous 'passengers', who were apathetic to House activities. This year, however, every House fancies its own chances, and there is, to quote a topical source, a feeling that though A is happier than B, B is just as worthy as A.

At the beginning of each school year a new complexion appears on the face of relative House potentialities. Old boys leaving, and erstwhile stalwarts of the Colts ascending to the dizzy heights of the House Firsts arouse hope and despair in the breasts of House Captains. Nevertheless each House has its own reason for aspiring to the Rugby Cup.

Closer attention is being paid to effort marks since it has been shown, in the revelation of Green's very narrow win over Black in the final position for Cock House, that the Work Cup is as big a prize as the Games Shield.

Perhaps (but only the 'Powers that-be' can enlighten us) the Houses may have a further cause for rivalry, and

chance of achieving victory, in the competition for the Aesthetic Trophy. If this is revived we shall then have the Arts, as well as the Work and Sports sections, to complete the round of inter-House activities. We shall then be able truly to say of Cock House - "This is the House with the greatest ability in the whole gamut of school life."

Results of last year's competitions:—

Rugby Cup	won by	Green House
Cricket Cup	" "	Black "
Cross Country Cup	" "	Black "
Athletic Cup	" "	Black "
Games Shield	" "	Black "
Work Cup	" "	Green "

Final points for Cock House:—

1st.	Green.	117
2nd.	Black.	116
3rd.	Red.	85
4th.	Blue.	62

E.W.J.P
A.G.D
I.F.W
A.S

Debating Society

A NEW to life at the start of this term
Sprang up the Debating Society,
We expected to hear both wisdom and wit
Bandied without impropriety.
But despite a keen start by those who turned up
With speeches of dash and bravado,
Our spirits were damped without more ado
By the news of the start of 'Mikado.'
We were forced to retire as in terms gone by
When faced with events operatic;

Our first glorious rush was stopped in a trice,
Our condition was very much 'static';
We cast back our minds to the previous time
When 'Pirates' debate superseded,
We knew what would happen before very long,
And the tide of our keenness receded.
We held one debate and a brain-teazing quiz,
In spite of the folk vocalistic:
We are hoping to start up again in the Spring,
At least, we are most optimistic.
So turn up in force and bring all your pals,
Next term we will show all our paces:
Our most regular member will still hold the chair,
And beam on the sea of new faces.

P.A.L.

ATC Camp

THE ATC Camp this year was held at the Fleet Air Arm Station at Lee-on-Solent and was probably the most successful the flight has ever attended.

We travelled to Pompey by train with a feeling that we were going into something new. Then came the crossing of the Solent, and a ride in a lorry to finish the journey. When we arrived we were shown our 'quarters'—and very comfortable they were too! The next day we started in earnest. Following a fine breakfast of eggs and bacon we attended 'divisions', a short service, and then we were told our programme for the week. From then on our time was occupied! We went to all the local places of interest—Portsmouth Harbour, the Submarine and Gunnery Schools, and we even spent a whole day on a 60 foot launch on the Solent, having dinner in Cowes. Everywhere we went we were taken by lorry and the only walking we had to do was to and from the aerodrome. What a life!

On the Thursday the station, H. M. S. Daedalus, held its annual sports and on this afternoon our plans were cancel-

ed so that we could join the Lee friends of the sailors and watch the sports. There were the usual events and a few extra ones put in to entertain the spectators: a chariot race which provided quite a few thrills, an obstacle race, and even an officers race where all the officers were handicapped according to age and not according to the number of rings, as one might expect. During the interval it was announced that tea was to be served to all sailors and their friends, and that we were to be included in the 'friends'. When we got to the marquees we found that they had tables loaded with cream buns and other delights and there was even a stall for ice cream which we hadn't seen for nearly two years.

After the interval the whole sports adjourned to an adjacent field where an old aeroplane was set on fire and put out by the station fire force. After a break of about an hour the revelry continued with dancing on the lawn in front of the house occupied by the officers of our part of the camp. Along one side of the house were tables loaded with cakes; we spent the evening eating swiss rolls two and a half feet long!

Eventually we had to leave the camp. On Saturday morning we paraded for the last time this year under a naval petty officer. A fitting end to the best camp we have ever been to, the best twelve and nine pennyworth we have ever had!

A.S.

Apple Fritters

I have a certain old and respected master to thank for the afternoon described below. It was he who first gave me the recipe, and described the simple joys of making apple fritters.

First I took three apples and commenced operation one:—coring, peeling, and slicing into rings. I made a thrust at the apple, and tried to rotate the knife to remove the core, inadvertently slicing it nearly in half, but somehow manag-

ing to scoop out the core at the same time. The rings didn't materialise; a wayward knife and fumbling hand produced a series of crumbs of varying shapes and sizes, and I'd forgotten to take off the peel. The other two apples I merely cut into quarters, giving up the ring idea.

Then I performed operation two:—a simple culinary feat which resulted in a rather milky but otherwise successful batter. Operation three was to coat the apples with batter. It's simple enough with fish, of course; you grab them by the tail and flap them about, but with small pieces of apple—tail-less, unflappable—there was nothing to do but to immerse them as completely as possible in batter.

Operation four was the actual cooking. I heated some dripping in a frying pan (I had the pressure too high, of course) and commenced to evacuate the apple into the pan. This took some time, for not every piece had come in contact with the batter, and the mixture had to be stirred to give them all an equal coating.

Whilst the cooking was in progress I decided to clear up everything. To replace the flour I had to stand on a chair, but in my hurry I banged my head sickeningly on the top of the door. The flour bin fell, my head reeled. Any enthusiasm I might have had for the feast was gone. From the stove a smell of burning wafted. Instinct led me to the fritters, and although they were only cooked on one side I scooped them all out.

I sat down to the meal—a half-raw, half-burnt, greasy mess on the plate, a pulsating thump in my head. I spent the afternoon slumped in an armchair, recovering and ruminating, fearing the worst. By some miracle I survived.

G.K. VI.

Parents' Association

The First Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association, under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Best, was held at the School on Thursday, 4th October.

1. Officers and members of the Committee for the current

year were elected.

2. Suggestions for the consideration of the new committee were taken. In this connection the request that the L.P.T.B. should be asked to provide a stopping place outside the School on the bus route number 118 travelling towards Raynes Park has been taken up with the Board. At the time of going to press the Board has refused to grant this facility, the matter is, however, being actively pursued.

Membership cards with a programme of events for the current year have been distributed to all supporters.

R. J. Reader.
Hon. Sec.

Rugger Notes

First XV. This season has proved to be most successful in many respects; not only has the team shewn a fine record in the scoring of innumerable tries — but there has been built up a spirit of co-operation and loyalty that has been unsurpassed for many years. It is most definitely shewn that the enthusiasm, notably during the attack, expressed by the team has placed the prestige of the First XV high in the eyes of our opponents.

Motto: Shirking is "a crime punishable by decapitation".

Team: Chapman; Purdom, West, Dawson, Brett; Dunkley, Bessell (capt.); Ockenden, Humphries, Wilson, Simmons, Lewis, Simpson, Gatland, Harbert.

Second XV. The team has made efforts this season to pull together and the spirit has been there, but still there lacks the co-ordination necessary to prevent games from becoming scrappy. If a closer understanding between all members of the team can be attained, then there is no reason why their results should not be more promising.

Team: Parkinson; Lemin, Knight, Kirwin, Baker; Holloway, Ives; Willcox, Dabbs, Woodhouse, Gray, Butler, Gattonby, Sorrell (capt.), Franklin.

Colts XV. A highly successful and enthusiastic fifteen, which has greatly developed since last season. Forwards of note are Stokoe, King J. and Harding, who have played well — Palmer B. should become a regular scorer for the team, but must learn to tackle. Humphrey P., a new comer, is doing well — keep it up. If the team continues to progress it will prove to be a solid foundation for future First XVs.

Team: Cradick, Palmer B., Johnson, Mead, Keenor, Mc Daniel, Humphrey P., Ellis, Swaine, Stokoe, Allwright, Dew (capt.), King J., Harding, Flint.

Critiques.

Bessell Scrum-half—A greatly improved player with an elusive run and is dangerous near the line. He has captained the side well and has been largely responsible for the good spirit shewn throughout the season.

Brett Wing threequarter—A very promising player who has been handicapped through injuries. When once on the move he is a most difficult player to stop. He should do well.

Chapman Full back—Has a good deal to learn and at present is weak in mid field. He should practise running. Kicking is good, but should find touch more often.

Dawson Centre threequarter—Always plays a hard game for his side, but has not yet learned the art of running past his man. He is well aware of this fact and should improve in this connection next term. He tackles well.

Dunkley Fly half—Another greatly improved player. He cuts through splendidly, but then fails to link up with his threequarters. When he has learnt to do this he will be a good constructive player.

Gatland Forward—A most enthusiastic member of the team who puts his last ounce of energy into the game. He will not be a really useful player until he has learnt to use his hands.

Harbert Forward—A hard working forward who finds difficulty in catching the ball. Consequently at present he is unable to use his height to the full advantage in the line-out. This can be overcome by practice.

Humphries Forward—Another hard working forward who is weak at tackling and catching. He is generally up with the ball and should score frequently when he has learnt to handle and catch.

Lewis Forward—One of the hardest working forwards in the team. He has showed great keenness and enthusiasm and improves every match.

Luney Threequarter—He tackles fairly well but should practise running and passing. He is rather slow in getting into position.

Ockenden Forward—He gets about the field well and is quick on the ball but is sometimes a little too eager and gets too far forward. A very useful member of the side who can play in several positions.

Purdom Wing threequarter—Was moved from full back to his present position where he has done better. He should practise running and dodging.

Simmons Forward—He must learn to get about the field more. He is good in the tight but is rarely seen in the loose.

Simpson Forward—The best forward in the side. He works hard from start to finish and should develop into a first class player. He is particularly good in the line-out.

West Centre threequarter—A very useful player who has done valuable work for his side. He can give a pass on the run but is apt to lose touch with the other threequarters.

Wilson Forward—A very dangerous forward who gets up amongst the opposition quickly and is a likely scorer. He has done good work for his side.

Results

	1st. XV.	2nd. XV.	Colts XV.
v. Tiffin.	W. 9—0.	L. 3—21.	W. 27—0.
v. Surbiton.	W. 23—3.	W. 6—5.	L. 3—6.
v. Selhurst.	W. 8—0.	L. 3—10.	W. 9—0.
v. Purley.	W. 5—0.	L. 3—21.	W. 6—0.
v. Whitgift Middle.	W. 26—3.	W. 8—5.	W. 36—0.
v. Sutton.	W. 53—0.		
v. Wallington.	L. 3—6.		
v. Godalming.	W. 9—3.		
v. Beckenham.		L. 0—21.	W. 34—0.
v. Ashtead.	L. 8—11.		

School Notes

¶ Another successful Harvest Camp was held this year at Cowdray Park, Midhurst from August 4th to September 1st. There was an average of about 35 workers each week and we understand there is about £50 available for distribution.

¶ We welcomed this term Mrs. Dale, who has taught History, but are sorry to hear, on going to press, that she is leaving. We also extend a hearty welcome to Mr Nicholls (English, French and Latin), and to Mr. Bottoms (Geography) back from the forces, and look forward to seeing Mr. Rushworth again next term.

¶ Savings this term amounted to just over £600, with Thanksgiving Week accounting for nearly £400 of this. About a third of the school are occasional contributors while about a fifth are regulars: this is rather disappointing.

¶ One of the signs of the rejuvenated Phalanx is that the school bell rings once more to remind latecomers of their impending doom.

¶ There is considerable difficulty in obtaining House Rugby jerseys. Any old boy who can possibly spare his would receive the grateful thanks of the School: it should be sent to Mr. Ayerst.

¶ The results of the first round of the House Matches are: Red—11 points; Black—10; Blue—8 and Green—7. The positions for the Work Cup this term are: Black—66.03 p.c.; Green—65.00 p.c.; Red—62.30 p.c.; and Blue—61.72 p.c.

¶ We are expecting three packed houses at the Baths Hall for the performances of the MIKADO. So far tickets to the value of about £200 have been sold. It is seven years since we were last at the Baths Hall and this is the first time we have hired the Hall for three consecutive nights.

¶ The School Charity this term has been for the Wilson Hospital. So far £32.11s. has been collected. This is a fairly satisfactory result.

¶ The printers of this magazine, under the expert guidance of Mr. Monnaie, are: Bartlett, Jones, Kelly, Lamburne, Parkinson, Simmons and Winfield.