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Editorial.

Here we are at the end of another term—and a most satisfactory term too from the Editor's point of view—Old Boys' Day, Cricket, Jubilee and Bonfire, what could be a more attractive meal for the monster which produces the *Blundellian*? The Old Boys' Day was a great success. Indeed when is it not? A good lunch and a better concert contain both satisfactory foundations for enjoyment.

We were glad to see the O.B.'s from Sandhurst down this year for O.B.'s Day for the first time. We hope that we shall see them regularly in future.

As is usual in the summer term, cricket has been the one aim of life: and this summer especially it has nearly proved the end of life. We must admit that we have been far from successful this season. However, the second eleven have made some very good scores and won some matches too (we know some people who prefer to watch the "second" play); but as soon as the second get promoted into the "first," they seem to be so overcome with the sense of responsibility, that they have no heart left for

cricket. The only approximately consistent scorers in the "first" were also members of last year's eleven. At the same time it must be confessed we have had bad luck in several instances. In the Taunton match, the County ground, on which it was played, was a great deal faster than any that we have been accustomed to: and this may account for our small score there—to a certain extent.

The final of the House Cricket Cup was played between Petergate and School House. The former won by seven wickets, and thus hold both Cricket Cups for this year.

The Water Polo died a natural death at the end of the month. It proved so efficacious that one month of it was found sufficient for the whole term—perhaps for ever.

The competition for the Royal Humane Society's medal was held in the beginning of July. The excitement and utility of rescuing a dead log (defended elsewhere) only attracted four competitors, of whom only two appeared in the bath. We firmly believe that the rumoured selection of a live substitute would bring a larger field and more interest for the spectators—the latter of which is very much in the shade.

Old Boys' Day, July 2nd.

The service was held in the School Chapel at 11 o'clock. The Old Boys, of whom there was a large muster, entered the Chapel in procession, headed by the choir and clergy. The lessons were read by the Revs. S. Wade and A. K. Noon. During the service the Jubilee hymn "O King of Kings" was sung. The preacher was the Rev. T. Watson Allen, of Thorne St. Margaret. He took as his text St. John iv., 38, "Other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." After the service the group of Old Boys and Masters was photographed, and soon afterwards the company adjourned to the Big Schoolroom where luncheon was served.

THE LUNCHEON.

Colonel Studdy, R.A., O.B., presided, being supported by the Head Master and the Rev. D. M. Owen, B.D. There were also present the Rev. Preb. Scott, M.A., and the following O.B.'s:—Revs. J. O'Neill, T. C. Tanner, J. A. Prendergast G. Martin, and S. Wade; Messrs. H. M. Body, G. T. Body, T. S. Dunn, A. R. Payne, F. G. Spring, H. H. Tweedy, J. H. O'Neill, W. R. Bridges, M. T. Woolwright, H. P. Travers, E. D. Southcomb, C. R. Harrison, H. P. Lord, J. F. Pugsley, H. A. Hole, A. Snow, F. E. Johnson, E. P. Lorange, F. E. Little, V. A. Coaker, C. Taylor, L. H. Delves Broughton, G. L. Hill, M. Irving, C. de B. Gidley, C. F. Moggridge, B. W. Hallifax, H. W. Hallifax, H. G. Rew, F. W. Greatwood, F. Drake, A. C. Francis, A. D. Hainworth, and H. C. Prideaux; Messrs. G. H. Spring, H. F. Tatum, G. H. Norman, and E. P. Rooper and J. E. Browne (Joint Hon. Secs. to the Old Blundellian Club), masters; Messrs. G. D. Rudkin, C. C. Castley, B. A. Pittar, J. B. Peter, and C. D. Chase, monitors. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from Sir Charles Kennedy, the Mayor of Tiverton (Mr. Ian Heathcote-Amory, J.P.), Revs. Canon Body, D. Edwards, D. J. Drury, J. Vowler Tanner, L. T. Rendell, H. F. Gurney, S. Middleton, J. Seymour Hill, and Mr. J. D. Tremlett.

In rising to propose the toast of "The Queen," the CHAIRMAN referred to the great national demonstrations in connection with the Diamond Jubilee. It was, he said, a toast which appealed to everyone, especially on such an occasion when they could not fail to be thankful that they bore the proud distinction of being Englishmen—(cheers). Perhaps it was chance, perhaps fate, but whatever it was it was none the less true that they were exceptionally favoured in comparison with the rest of the universe in being brought into the world as Englishmen—(laughter).

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, the company singing the National Anthem, and the Head Master leading off with the refrain, "He might have been a Russian, but he was an Englishman," from "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Rev. S. Wade proposed "the Preacher." It would not, he said, require many words from him, for the preacher was

absent, and for a reason which he wished disclosed. The reason was that the ship in which his (the preacher's) son was coming home had disappeared, and therefore he was only too sadly afraid that he had lost him. He (the speaker) would therefore propose that they should simply give their absent friend a very cordial vote of thanks for his sermon. He (the speaker) was not a good talker, but he was a good listener, and did not think he had lost a single word of the sermon they had heard. Having heard more sermons than any other old schoolboy on the face of the earth, he could safely say that with one or two exceptions it had never been his good fortune to listen to a more eloquent or touching discourse than that of that morning—(cheers). He was quite sure that he would only be voicing their feelings when he said that their vote of thanks to Mr. Allen was most cordial and absolutely unanimous—(cheers).

Mr. F. E. LITTLE next submitted the health of "The Masters." He should, he said, at any time consider it a great honour to propose the toast of any body of learned scholars, but on that occasion, feeling as he did that the welfare of the Masters was inextricably mixed up with the welfare of his old school, he felt the responsibility doubly heavy. Looking back at the time when he was a scholar in 1872-3 he noticed the conditions under which the Masters then laboured had very much changed. In those days the boys looked upon the Masters as their natural enemies, and the one regarded the other very much in the same way as the fox terrier regarded the rat. The boys used to congratulate themselves whenever they got the better of the Masters—(laughter). He had noticed that during an absence of 15 years a great change had taken place in the relationship between the Masters and the boys, each looking upon the other more as a friend—(cheers). When he came to the School five years previously for the first Old Boys' Day he was struck with the contentment which seemed to reign among the boys and the pleasant expression that the Masters had—(laughter). Altogether they seemed like a happy family. Another thing which he had particularly noticed was the hearty welcome he met with from the Masters. Coming as a stranger he was treated as a friend, and determined to come often again. He felt sure that if other Old Boys knew that such a hearty welcome would be extended to them they would make great efforts to be present on such an occasion—(cheers). On behalf of all O.B.'s present he wished to thank the Masters for their open-handed hospitality—(cheers).

Mr. A. L. FRANCIS, in responding, said the task of replying was not so easy as he should wish. On such occasions a speaker was likely to speak truths that were not always pleasant, or to make use of kind words of adulation that seemed almost grotesque. He thought Mr. Little had hit a happy medium—(cheers). He (the speaker) had never listened with more sincere gratitude to such kind words, and on behalf of the other Masters he heartily reciprocated Mr.

Little's wishes. With regard to the comparison of the state of things in Mr. Little's days and at the present time he thought they should bear in mind what the preacher told them that morning, that that was a time of storm and stress and great anxiety to the Masters, who hardly knew from day to day what was to be the fortune of their ancient foundation—whether it was to be stripped of all its founder's munificence and be reduced to the standing of a third class school. He thought they owed it to the Masters of those times—and not the least to the Rev. R. Duckworth—that the School pulled through and weathered the storm, and had now reached something like fair waters. When he (Mr. Francis) came to the School they had the advantage of the new scheme which gave the Governors the right to move, and they in their wisdom determined to do so. That made their path very much easier. It was all very well to manage schools, but unless parents would send their boys it was very difficult to look after them if they did not come—(laughter). The preacher that morning had referred to continuity from past to present, and he (Mr. Francis) would most heartily welcome any old boys who, not having been to their old school for many years, were willing to come and see what was now being done—(cheers). The preacher had also stated that now-a-days individuals had become dependent upon one another, but he (Mr. Francis) could not help making a mental protest to that. He recognised that we all depended one on another, but for that reason they must also depend on themselves—(cheers). The country was bound up with other countries, and depended on them for its food and many other things. The result was that it was at their mercy. Englishmen needed to depend more upon themselves, and what was true of the community was true of individuals. They were all fond of taking each other's opinions and wading along with the general stream. A typical instance to the contrary, however, was their great Archbishop—(loud cheers). He was the type of a man who thought for himself, spoke for himself, and acted for himself from childhood to old age, and there they had the noble type before them to follow as far as they could in their humble way—(cheers). The past year had certainly been an illustrious one for Blundell's; none of them could forget the unique distinction that had befallen an Old Blundellian of standing before that great and stately fane and pronouncing a blessing upon the revered Majesty of their adored Queen—(loud cheers); that he, the first subject of the Kingdom, and the head of the great Anglican communion which bade fair to outstrip the Roman Church in its width and importance, and was already outstripping it; that he, an Old Blundellian, should have stood there and been the centre of that great pageant and the instrument of asking God's blessing on that Queen whom he revered—it was a thing to make them think and rejoice—(loud cheers). From the uttermost parts of the earth he (Mr. Francis) was constantly receiving letters showing that Old Blundellians were doing their duty, and when from time to time they visited their old

School he was glad to welcome them honestly and heartily. There was one other distinction which had befallen an old scholar which had not attracted the attention it might have done. In these days they had to stand up against anything like the progress of despotism, and such a struggle had been going on in a place where they would least expect to find it—in classic Oxford—(laughter). They all knew that Oxford had produced great scholars like Irving, great cricketers like Hook, and good football players like Harper, but Oxford had never been the centre of constitutional liberty—Cambridge always had—(laughter). It was therefore with great pleasure that on the visit of the Prince of Wales to Oxford he saw that an Old Blundellian had stood up in the cause of liberty—(cheers)—he would not say the cause of order—(laughter). They all knew how difficult it was for infantry to attack cavalry at any time, and it was therefore with great pleasure that they read that Mr. Hopkinson had single-handed defeated and almost annihilated a mounted policeman—(loud laughter). He hoped that none of them would misunderstand the historic importance of the incident, and that they would all remember Mr. Hopkinson as the champion of their liberties—(laughter and cheers).

Mr. A. R. PAYNE proposed "The President."

In replying, Colonel STUDDY said that on revisiting his old School it almost staggered him to see the resurrection that had taken place, and it was difficult for him to realise that he was really at Blundell's in a new form. His first impressions of the new school were most gratifying, and he almost wished he were back again in the days of examinations—(laughter). Whatever success had attended him in passing through Cheltenham and Sandhurst was largely due to the thorough grounding he had received in Classics when at Blundell's—(cheers). He proposed the toast *Floreat Schola Blundelliana*.

Rev. Donald OWEN responded, and in doing so remarked that he had been quietly enjoying himself in listening to others, without any thought until that moment that he was to be called upon to speak. He (the speaker) would yield to none in affection for the old School, and would consider that his name, which had recently been repainted in the list of Balliol scholars of the School, would stand as a rebuke to him if he did not acknowledge the life-long obligation which he owed to Blundell's—(cheers). They were all inclined to look back upon the past with feelings of mingled regret at not having made the best use of their opportunities, and as years rolled on were still more anxious to secure for those who came after them and took their place in the ranks of Blundell's School, that they should share to the full, not merely the material advantages of such a staff of masters as were there, but that they should share that spirit of continuity which was characteristic of the Blundell's of the past, and strong in the Blundell's of to-day, and, he trusted, would never die out in the wider Blundell's of the future—(loud cheers).

THE CONCERT.

The Concert on Thursday evening was a brilliant success. The special features were the raised platform, the Jubilee decorations of the room, and the amount of tone produced by the choir. Mr. Herring's admirable skill and patience were well rewarded by the whole result.

The programmes were appropriately rose-coloured, typical of York and Lancaster. There was a Jubilee part song to begin with, "Hurrah for England," by Sir F. Bridge, in which the choir struck us first by its volume of sound, especially in the trebles (the bass sounded too strong, but it was due to our position). "Sonata," by Saint Saëns, which followed, was most artistically rendered by Mr. Parsons and Herr Milani: the last two movements especially, though a little above the taste of some of the audience, were very brilliant. We cannot always have good music to suit the "general."

Mr. Johnson was very welcome with "The Postillion," by Molloy. He would not respond to the hearty encore, but promised something later on.

We were the more surprised that "At Andernach," by Abt, a lovely part song, was not encored. To ourselves it was the best thing as yet heard from Blundell's choir for power as well as delicacy. J. B. Peter (familiar hitherto in part singing) satisfied every expectation with "The Moss Trooper" (Daehl). We could hardly believe it was his first solo in public.

A part song, "Sweetly tune the lyre" (Baptie) was sung immediately after the interval, and any lyre ought to be satisfied with the standard suggested.

Herr Milani again delighted us in two solos by Spohr and Hubay, showing his usual delicacy, vivacity, and perfect phrasing. The solo by Mr. J. E. Browne, "Pack clouds away," was well chosen and most pleasingly sung, and we must thank Mr. Johnson for repeating "Long ago in Alcalá," in spite of his cold: though we cannot agree with him that "it doesn't much matter what words you sing." It is clear that the words of a song often give great enjoyment. Mr. Parsons then gave a couple of pieces by Liszt, the former melodious and comparatively simple; the latter a "rhapsodie" which justified its title, and gave great scope for his brilliant power of execution: as it proceeded, first soft and delicate, then stern and stately, then seeming to buzz and twinkle all about one, then suggesting melodious wheels, then changing to castanets, one felt that the capacity of the piano had been under-rated.

Space prevents us from more than mentioning "The Tar's Song," by nine voices, which went with as "pleasant a gale" as could be wished, as its reception testified. The programme ended with a song which is always welcome, "Hearts of Oak," from Mr. Francis. "God save the Queen," as befitted the occasion, was not left unsung.

The Bonfire.

There *must* be a bonfire, that was settled long ago. Flags, lanterns, national anthems, special hymns, may be essential elements in a fitting display of loyalty, but your complete, demonstrative patriot must have his bonfire. There's no time to be lost—appoint a committee, that's always a safe start; tell them to get some money and set to work. But how? Who on earth knows how to make a bonfire? "We do," said the Committee, "we've seen one before; you light it from the top." Now we had always lighted our back-garden bonfires at the bottom; this is quite a new idea and we have our doubts; but the Committee get a book of instructions, and there it is, in unmistakable print, "light at the top." "But you build it from the bottom" explains the funny member of the Committee. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; we feel we can trust that Committee. And now for a fortnight there is much bustle, much walking up hills and inspecting sites, much talk of tar-barrels, petroleum, and trees, till at last a place is chosen, well chosen too, right up Exeter Hill, and combustibles are gathered together. But here's a bother! How is all that stuff to be got up to the top of a young mountain. "Bendigo," gently suggests the funny member. Yes, happy thought! Games Club horse to the rescue! two days hauling will do it. And the Committee sleep the sleep of relief; not so Bendigo. Ominous rumours reach him, and that night he pondered, next day he took the measurement of that hill at lunch time and spied the very spot. "Good evins! Magne Scotte! Sic notus Ulixes?" (These expressions he has picked up from Minns iii. whose daily endeavours to learn his rep and get a ride at the same time, end in catastrophies that provoke words to that effect.) "No, I think I'll stay here; a constitution like mine wants careful nursing. It's no use arguing, the Committee find; they hire two horses instead, which Bendigo takes as such a compliment that he is in danger of becoming conceited. However, it is all but done now, and then the labouring man who has been engaged to put the finishing touches, disapproves of the whole thing "terrible bad job, sure enough," and the Committee have to pull it all down and rebuild it in a more professional style.

The night has come, a fine night, and at 9 p.m. the whole school stream down the road in high spirits, quite carried away by the unfamiliar feeling of liberty at that time of night. To be out of doors, to be out of bounds, from 9 till nearly midnight, well, that is worth a shout. The climb up the hill, so steep, so stuffy, puts an end to the shouting, and we all wonder how much farther it is. Pearson, who always grumbles at everything, is grumbling to his heart's content about the "beastly fag," "why couldn't they have

had it in the school field?" "I bet we've come the longest way." "Oh here's the place! where's the bonfire? What! that! I thought it was going to be as high as the school tower; what rot!" But that is what we expect from Pearson. The rest of us are quite contented, we think the Committee have "worked satisfactorily" as masters put on reports when they are in doubt what to say; as for Mr. Banks, "I reckon he never worked harder in his 'ole life" said the hired man—a double edged compliment. At ten precisely, after two signal rockets have torn the air, the fire is lighted "from the top" most carefully and delicately; but something's wrong, it doesn't burn; the Committee look alarmed and are in danger of imitating the prophets of Baal; "light it lower down," suggests one in open defiance of the rules, and this treatment is more successful; we are happier, we find that after all, our own private bonfires were not far wrong. But see! far across the valley, suddenly a beacon flashes, and farther still another tiny point of fire; "'tis Dunkery, I tell'ee"; in a moment every hill has shot into flame, and, as if waiting for that moment, our own fire instantly bursts into a mighty blaze and eclipses all the others—with smoke. For a few minutes we have a splendid view of smoke behind which the bonfire burns with a lurid, wicked glow. Smoke gets monotonous from a picturesque point of view; and it is a welcome relief to see some fire balloons successfully sent up, none catching fire but one having a very bad time as it eddied wildly round in the rarefied air over the fire, which is now burning with a fury splendid to behold. Pearson is standing next to Mr. Wright. "Do you know, Pearson," says the latter "it is not so surprising that our ancestors worshipped fire; now if they had known that fire is only a *phenomenon*, you understand, produced by certain bodies in chemical combination with oxygen gas—" but Pearson had gone, and Mr. Wright was answered by his other neighbour, a rather muddled agriculturist, "Maybe you use them gas stoves then mister; they bain't no sort o' use, leastways not up to our place where there ain't no gas laid on." And now though it is barely 11, we have all had enough, and tired out with the long day, somewhat wearily walk home again, suddenly realising that the Jubilee is over and that to-morrow will be Wednesday with its usual work. "I think they might have had chapel an hour later at least; I don't see what they want school for at all to-morrow; no one's done any work," thus Pearson; but we cannot stop to argue the point but hurry on, passing through many a loitering group, the drift of whose conversation seems to alternate between Jubilee celebrations and personal tittle-tattle. "Aren't the governors going to give us a new field." "Awful side on, since he's got his cap." "I heard they were going to pull down the spire and make it into a clock tower for the pavilion." "Other schools have a fortnight extra." "Twelve o'clock last night we kicked up an awful shindy—no he didn't mind a bit," and so on till "goodnights" are interchanged on all sides and everyone is right glad to get to bed.

Final House Match.

June 17th. Petergate beat School House by seven wickets.

It was generally felt that School House, even after winning the toss, and in the absence of Field, would fare badly, but no one was prepared for the invertebrate display of batting they gave in their first innings. Mainprice played over a ball which kept low, and the rest, apparently taking it for granted that the bowling was unplayable, meekly succumbed. Four wickets were down for seven, ten for 21. There were no extras. School House on the other hand allowed 22, one more than their total score, out of the 110 runs which Petergate put together. Heard and Reed made things merry while they were in, and R. Simpson played steadily. School House 2nd innings at first promised well, as Bruorton, whose 31 was the highest innings in the match, and Mainprice (16) shaped as they ought to have done in the first innings. Then came disasters, 8 wickets down, and the innings defeat looked more than likely. Paine and Meason hit out boldly, and aided by some luck put on 40 runs for the next wicket. It was a welcome relief to the onlookers after the level dullness of the game, and was heartily cheered. With only 24 to win two wickets fell before a run was scored, but next day Bayley and Reed soon put matters beyond a doubt, and Petergate for the first time carried off the Cup. No one will grudge the team their victory. The batting was firm and steady throughout the ties, and there was always someone—usually Reed or Heard—to go in late and "help himself" freely. The bowling was good and the changes well managed; it had more variety than House bowling usually has, and was certainly straighter, though this, perhaps, is due to the fact that it was never fairly collared.

PETERGATE.			
R. F. Hamlyn, b Simpson	0	run out	0
W. M. Milton, b Mainprice	14	c and b Simpson	0
C. D. Chase, c Meason, b Mainprice	8	c Wyndham, b Mainprice	1
L. C. L. Bayley, b Simpson	1	not out	15
R. Simpson, lbw, b Mainprice	16	retired hurt	1
R. M. Pinsent, b Simpson	7	did not bat	
H. S. Heard, c Substitute b Simpson	18	did not bat	
R. B. Reed, run out	12	not out	7
T. B. Carey, b Simpson	7		
G. E. Todd, c Simpson, b Mainprice	2	did not bat	
M. G. Bayley, not out	3		
Extras	22	Extras	2
	110		26

SCHOOL HOUSE.			
W. E. M. Mainprice, b Bayley	1	b Milton	16
F. C. R. Studd, b Heard	2	c Carey, b Bayley	1
G. D. Rudkin, b Bayley	0	c Heard, b Milton	0
M. R. Mainprice, hit wicket, b Bayley	4	b Milton	1
F. T. Simpson, b Bayley	4	c Bayley, b Milton	0
W. Bruorton, c Hamlyn, b Bayley	5	b Chase	31
E. C. Holmes, b Bayley	3	run out	1
A. N. Payne, b Bayley	0	not out	17

F. E. Seymour, b Heard	...	0	abs.		
G. L. Meason, c Milton, b Bayley	...	2	b Bayley	...	25
J. Wyndham, not out	...	0	b Bayley	...	9
Extras	...	0	Extras	...	11
		21			112

Cricket.

BLUNDELLS v. NORTH DEVON.

Drawn.

Played on June 9th on our own ground. It was drizzling rain most of the time, and at length the rain stopped the match. The visitors, who batted first, made 227 for the loss of eight wickets. Stradling played fine cricket for 96. Field took three wickets for 27 runs. We lost one wicket for three runs, Mainprice being bowled by the last ball of the day. Scores:—

NORTH DEVON.		
Mawle, c and b H. G. Spring	...	1
J. Symes, c and b Field	...	37
W. Stradling, b Castley	...	96
A. Taylor, run out	...	10
Rev. W. Arundell, retired	...	22
R. B. Cambridge, c Mainprice, b Field	...	21
A. W. Squirrel, b Castley	...	10
Baron Vontalkinstein, b Field	...	9
Rev. E. G. Beckwith, not out	...	0
Rev. D. R. Evans, not out	...	0
S. Smith, did not bat	...	0
Extras	...	21
	Total	227
BLUNDELL'S.		
W. E. M. Mainprice, b Cambridge	...	0
J. B. Peter, not out	...	3
	Total	3

H. G. Spring, B. G. Gwyther, C. C. Castley, T. C. Spring, C. D. Chase, F. Field, F. T. Simpson, L. C. L. Bayley, and R. Simpson did not bat.

BLUNDELL'S v. WEYMOUTH COLLEGE.

Lost by an innings and 156 runs.

We had a very hot and weary journey to Weymouth on Friday, June 11th, to play this match which was instituted last year. We got there about 12.30 and so were able to begin soon after two. Castley won the toss and elected to bat first on a true wicket, but so badly did we perform against Marston, a fast left hand bowler, that we were soon dismissed for the small score of 71, H. G. Spring (16) and Castley (13) alone playing with any confidence. This poor beginning was not encouraging, and the prospect looked no better when Miller and Long put on 61 for the first wicket, in spite of many changes in the bowling. Mainprice bowled Girdlestone for 17, and Sewell their captain, of whom we expected great things, was bowled by Castley for 16, but the wickets did not fall fast, Miller still playing good cricket till he was caught by Chase at square leg for 58, and Marston hitting everything and scoring very rapidly. At the drawing of stumps on Friday they had made 205 for 6 wickets. We

began at 10.30 on the next day; Marston continued to hit till Field bowled him with a splendid ball. Bowes and Marks played good cricket, and the younger Sewell made 43 not out by slow though correct play. At the fall of the 9th wicket they declared their innings closed, knowing well they had the game well in hand. About 11.45 we began our second venture, Peter and Mainprice again opening. With the score at 7 Marston bowled Peter, and with one run added Mainprice was caught and bowled by Long. Still the disasters were not at an end, as both H. G. Spring and his brother were bowled with the score only at 9. Castley and Gwyther then got together and put a little life into matters, until the former was well caught for 21. Field hit out well, but all hope was gone, and the end came at 70, leaving us losers by an innings and 156 runs. We take this opportunity of thanking Weymouth for their kind hospitality and attention, and hope that the match will become a regular fixture.

BLUNDELL'S.		
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
W. E. M. Mainprice, c Sewell,		
b Long	...	12
J. B. Peter, b Marston	...	2
H. G. Spring, b Long	...	16
B. G. Gwyther, b Marston	...	0
C. C. Castley, c Kendle, b Sewell	...	13
T. C. Spring, run out...	...	5
C. D. Chase, c Girdlestone, b Sewell	...	8
F. Field, l b w, b Marston	...	1
F. T. Simpson, c Sewell, b Sewell	...	0
L. C. L. Bayley, b Sewell	...	5
R. Simpson, not out	...	6
Extras	...	5
		71
c and b Long	...	7
b Marston	...	0
b Marston	...	1
b Long	...	8
c F. Sewell, b Long	...	21
b Long	...	1
c Bowles, b Marston	...	6
b Marston	...	19
not out	...	1
c C. A. Sewell, b Long	...	5
b Long	...	2
Extras	...	8
		70

WEYMOUTH COLLEGE.

S. H. Miller, c Chase, b Castley	...	58
G. S. Long, b Bayley	...	30
M. A. Girdlestone, b Mainprice	...	17
C. A. S. Sewell, b Castley	...	16
W. L. Marston, b Field	...	70
S. B. Bartlett, b H. G. Spring	...	1
E. J. Kendle, b Castley	...	2
F. A. Sewell, not out	...	43
R. F. Bowes, c H. G. Spring, b Mainprice	...	25
D. H. Markes, c H. G. Spring, b Peter	...	21
W. H. Bowes, did not bat	...	
Extras	...	14
		297

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

BLUNDELL'S 1ST INNINGS.				
	OVERS.	MAIDENS.	RUNS.	WICKETS.
Marston.....	17	7	29	3
Long	9	3	19	2
F. A. Sewell.....	7-3	1	19	4

BLUNDELL'S 2ND INNINGS.

Marston and Long bowled unchanged, the former securing 4 wickets for 28, the latter 6 for 34.

BLUNDELL'S v. OLD BLUNDELLIANS.

Lost by an innings and 74 runs.

The weather was delightfully fine on June 30th, when this match was begun. The School went to the wickets but fared very badly, Johnson bowling with great success. H. G. Spring was the only member of the team who could stand against the attack, and he played a capital game for 23 (not out). Some excellent batting was exhibited by the Old Boys, the top scorers being A. W. Squirrel 41, Rev. J. A. Prendergast 34, A. J. Hook 31, and G. L. W. Hill 22. At the fall of the ninth wicket the score stood at 160, but by free play Hingston and Southcomb managed to bring the total beyond 200 before the innings finished. At the close of the first day's play the scores were: Present, 48; Past, 204.

Play was resumed on Thursday, when the School had to produce 156 runs to avert a single innings defeat. Johnson again bowled well, and six wickets fell before thirty runs had been scored. T. C. Spring and Field then made a good stand but were separated when the score reached 60. The innings closed for 82, the Old Boys thus winning by an innings and 74 runs. Scores:—

PRESENT.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
W. E. M. Mainprice, 1 b w, b Johnson	5	c Gidley, b Harper ...	13
J. B. Peter, b Hill	1	b Johnson	4
H. G. Spring, not out	23	b Johnson	4
B. G. Gwyther, 1 b w, b Johnson	0	b Johnson	1
C. C. Castley, b Johnson	1	c Lorange, b Johnson	0
G. H. Francis, c Prendergast, b Harper	0	b Johnson	0
T. C. Spring, 1 b w, b Johnson	1	not out	23
F. Field, 1 b w, b Harper	1	c and b Harper	14
C. D. Chase, b Johnson	3	c Johnson, b Harper	8
F. C. Griffith, c Prendergast, b Johnson	0	c Johnson, b Hill	10
F. T. Simpson, b Johnson	0	c Moggridge, b Hill	0
Extras	13	Extras	5
	48		82
PAST.			
F. E. G. Johnson, 1 b w, b Castley	10		
C. F. B. Moggridge, b H. G. Spring	12		
A. J. Hook, b Field	31		
A. W. Squirrel, b H. G. Spring	41		
Rev. J. A. Prendergast, c Francis, b Simpson	34		
C. de B. Gidley, b Simpson	3		
C. H. Harper, b H. G. Spring	3		
G. L. W. Hill, b Mainprice	22		
E. P. Lorange, c T. B. Spring	2		
E. D. Southcombe, not out	18		
A. Hingston, b H. G. Spring	12		
Extras	16		
	204		

BLUNDELL'S v. OLD BLUNDELLIANS.
(RETURN).

Won by six Wickets.

There were some slight changes in this match begun on July 2nd, but they hardly served to strengthen the O.B. side. Still one new comer, F. G. Spring, whom we were all very glad to see again, made 59, the highest score in the O.B. week.

Gidley and Moggridge batted well, and the total (151) about represented the value of the side. To this the School replied with 149, Johnson's bowling having lost by familiarity many of its terrors. H. G. Spring and Castley batted capitally. It seemed impossible to finish the match, so orders were given to hit, and Johnson treated the gallery to a brilliant display of fireworks, banging every ball somewhere, and scoring 41 out of 46 made during his stay. But it acted disastrously on the other batsmen, who in emulation of this performance, lost their wickets. Snow carried out his bat for a steady 18. H. G. Spring was very destructive, taking 8 wickets for 34 runs. It then transpired that the match was to be played out "to a finish," and with only 102 to get, the wicket still firm, and Johnson reduced to bowling "grubs," these were forthwith knocked off with six wickets in hand. Castley again played capital cricket, scoring in all 84 runs in the match for once out.

PAST.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
F. E. Johnson, c Gwyther, b H. G. Spring	0	c Griffith, b H. G. Spring	41
C. de B. Gidley, b T. C. Spring	34	b H. G. Spring	0
V. A. Coaker, b Castley	1	1 b w, b H. G. Spring	0
T. S. Dunn, b Castley	1	b H. G. Spring	1
C. F. B. Moggridge, b H. G. Spring	34	b H. G. Spring	1
F. G. Spring, b Simpson	59	1 b w, b Simpson	6
A. Snow, b H. G. Spring	5	not out	18
G. W. L. Hill, run out	5	b Simpson	0
E. D. Southcomb, b Simpson	1	sub., c Castley, b H. G. Spring	5
M. T. Woolwright, b Simpson	1	b H. G. Spring	20
A. D. Hainworth, not out	0	b H. G. Spring	0
Extras	10	Extras	7
	151		99
PRESENT.			
1st Innings.			
W. E. M. Mainprice, c Gidley, b Hill	0	run out	15
C. D. Chase, b Johnson	10	b Hill	13
H. G. Spring, b Gidley	42	b F. G. Spring	23
B. G. Gwyther, c F. G. Spring, b Johnson	11	b Hill	0
C. C. Castley, b Johnson	41	not out	43
T. C. Spring, b F. G. Spring	8	not out	6
G. H. Francis, c Moggridge, b Johnson	1		
F. Field, b F. G. Spring	0		
J. B. Peter, b Dunn	11		
F. C. Griffith, run out	9		
F. T. Simpson, not out	1		
Extras	15	Extras	2
	149		102

BLUNDELL'S v. TAUNTON.

Lost by 164 runs.

Played at Taunton on July 10th. Taunton went in first and quickly ran up 204 for 5 wickets; Barrett, Lock, Bartlett and Corner all batted well. The School came badly to grief against the left-handed Wyatt-Edgell, and were all out for the very poor score of 40; H. G. Spring, Castley and Mainprice alone made any show, and three members of the team were badly run out. Wyatt-Edgell took four wickets for 15 runs.

TAUNTON.		
A. G. Barrett, b Spring	...	74
R. A. Goodman, b Castley	...	5
M. Wyatt-Edgell, b Spring	...	1
E. J. Lock, b Mainprice	...	30
E. W. Bartlett, b F. T. Simpson	...	48
R. L. Corner, not out	...	29
H. W. Husbands	} did not bat	
L. Price		
R. Forrest		
W. Porter		
H. O. Sanson		
Extras	...	17
		204
BLUNDELL'S.		
W. E. Mainprice, c Wyatt-Edgell, b Goodman	...	8
C. D. Chase, b Goodman	...	0
H. G. Spring, b Wyatt-Edgell	...	10
B. G. Gwyther, b Wyatt-Edgell	...	5
C. C. Castley, b Wyatt-Edgell	...	6
G. H. Francis, run out	...	0
F. C. Griffith, run out	...	0
J. B. Peter, 1 b w, b Wyatt-Edgell	...	0
F. Field, run out	...	0
R. Simpson, not out	...	3
F. T. Simpson, b Goodman	...	6
Extras	...	2
		40

BLUNDELL'S v. WELLINGTON.

Won by three runs.

Wellington paid us a visit with a strong team on Saturday, July 24th. We had journeyed there earlier in the season, and met with a characteristic reverse, Wellington making over 200 runs for half their wickets. We naturally expected a rather one-sided match; but this it was not fated to be. Wellington won the toss, and made the mistake of putting us in first: one hardly expected that they despised us to that extent; fortunately we shewed that any such feeling was unwarranted. Mainprice and Bayley opened to the bowling of Gamlin and Roberts. From the first it struck us that they were more at ease with the bowling than might have been expected. Mainprice seemed to have regained some of his form, and Bayley kept up his wicket well. After a few runs, however, the latter was bowled by a good ball from Roberts. The vacancy was filled by H. G. Spring, from whom we expected great things after his innings of 61 not out in the former match against Wellington. We were destined to be disappointed, for he made only 4 before being bowled by Gamlin. Gwyther followed, but was bowled by Roberts by a ball which he seemed to take for a half-volley. Then came Castley, and the brightest hitting of the innings was seen. But he soon lost Mainprice, who left after scoring 27 in excellent style. The Captain was partnered by T. C. Spring, and Peter and Griffith respectively before he was taken for a vigorous and encouraging 39. Field (14) was the only one to offer further resistance, and the innings closed for 117.

After a short interval Wellington started their innings to the bowling of Field and H. G. Spring, and the first four wickets came down fairly easily for 43, but the fifth did not fall till

95 was registered, but "thick and fast they came at last" to the bowling of Field; who in the whole innings secured 5 for 83, and also his colours. The visiting captain, C. H. Luxton, made the top score of the day, 45; his innings, which was a brilliant one in many respects, his hitting, as usual, being clean and hard, was terminated by a good catch by Bayley. Their innings closed about 6 minutes before time for 114, leaving us victors by 3 runs.

It was a good win and an excellent match throughout. Every stroke and every ball was clearly of vital importance to both sides, but, notwithstanding, our fielding was very weak, some of the team seeming unable to put their legs together to stop a ball, and others "fumbling" it in a strange manner. The throwing in was occasionally very erratic, and the backing up was weak. Still we must congratulate the team on their beating so strong a side as that opposed to them. It is the first time within the memory of those in the school at present that we have defeated Wellington.

The scores are as follows:—

BLUNDELL'S.		
W. E. M. Mainprice, st. W. Ebdon, b Roberts	...	27
L. C. L. Bayley, b Roberts	...	5
H. G. Spring, b Ebdon	...	4
B. G. Gwyther, b Roberts	...	0
C. C. Castley, b Gamlin	...	39
T. C. Spring, b Shorter	...	2
G. H. Francis, b Shorter	...	0
J. B. Peter, c Roberts, b Gamlin	...	3
F. C. Griffith, b Roberts	...	12
R. Field, b Gamlin	...	12
F. Simpson, not out	...	0
Extras	...	13
	Total	117
WELLINGTON.		
Rev. C. H. Luxton, c Bayley, b Field	...	45
W. Arundell, 1 b w, b H. G. Spring	...	1
Rev. W. H. Arundell, b Field	...	6
F. C. Roberts, b H. G. Spring	...	3
F. J. Bouchier, b H. G. Spring	...	0
W. R. Morgan, c Griffith, b T. C. Spring	...	29
E. W. Ebdon, b Field	...	18
Gamlin, 1 b w, b Field	...	1
R. A. Ebdon, b H. G. Spring	...	1
H. V. S. Shorter, b Field	...	0
F. J. Ebdon, not out	...	0
Extras	...	10
	Total	114

2ND XI. v. BOLHAM.

Played at Bolham on June 5th. Lost by 32 runs.

BOLHAM.		
Rev. W. H. Arundell, b Simpson	...	29
C. Atkinson, c Milton, b Vaughan	...	0
H. H. Amory, c Simpson, b Heard	...	21
L. March Phillipps, b Simpson	...	0
L. las Casas, b Simpson	...	13
M. las Casas, b Simpson	...	1
B. McWilliam, c Chase, b Heard	...	0

H. Charman, c Vaughan, b Burd	22	b Simpson	0
J. Payne, c Simpson, b Milton	19		
J. Guell, b Burd	0		
G. H. Beedell, c Heard, b Milton	6		
A. W. Gatehouse, not out... ..	0	run out	17
Extras	13	Extras	8
Total	90	Total	70

2ND XI.

R. F. Hamlyn, b Atkinson	3
R. G. Vaughan, c Atkinson, b Beedell	2
F. T. Simpson, run out	4
E. F. Seymour, b Beedell	1
R. Furze, b Beedell	0
C. D. Chase, c Beedell, b Payne	26
E. Burd, b L. las Casas	7
H. Mainprice, b H. H. Amory	1
W. M. Milton, run out	0
L. L. Phillips, run out	7
M. R. Mainprice, c Arundell, b Payne	2
H. S. Heard, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	58

BLUNDELL'S 2ND XI. v. UFFCULME.

Won by one run.

A very weak XI.—on paper at any rate—journeyed to Uffculme on July 3rd, and in spite of the strange wicket and ground pulled off an exciting game by one run. Milton took 5 wickets for 15, Vaughan 3 for 12.

With 66 runs to win we began so badly —5 for 23—that it looked as though last year's collapse was imminent. Then came Bruorton, 24, to the rescue, and he with Seymour took the score to 60. Vaughan and Pinsent failed, so it remained for Phillips and Mainprice to pull off the match. This they just managed to do, Phillips after making the winning hit being 1 b w.

BLUNDELL'S 2ND XI.

R. F. Hamlyn, b W. Welland	5
W. M. Milton, b F. Welland	0
H. Mainprice, b F. Welland	8
R. Furze, b F. Welland	7
W. Bruorton, c F. Welland	24
H. Heard, b Rogers	1
E. F. Seymour, b Currey	13
R. Vaughan, b Currey	0
L. L. Phillips, 1 b w, b Currey	3
R. M. Pinsent, b Rogers	0
M. R. Mainprice, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	66

UFFCULME.

F. Welland, b Vaughan	23
J. A. Westcott, b Heard	6
W. Tanner, b Heard	3
W. M. Cox, c Mainprice, b Milton	1
E. Furze, c Pinsent, b Milton	3
E. M. Currey, c Hamlyn, b Milton	4
G. Rogers, b Milton	0
J. B. Spencer, c Bruorton, b Milton	10
H. Wyatt, b Vaughan,	2
J. Welland, not out	4
F. S. Hutchings, b Vaughan	2
Extras	7
Total	65

BLUNDELL'S 2ND XI. v. BOLHAM.

Drawn.

Played at Blundell's on July 10th.

BLUNDELL'S 2ND XI.

L. C. L. Bayley, c McWilliam, b Jackson	9
R. F. Hamlyn, c Beedell, b Jackson	10
W. M. Milton, b Atkinson	16
R. Furze, b Atkinson	0
R. G. Vaughan, b Fussell... ..	54
E. Burd, c Charman, b Beedell	9
H. Mainprice, c Atkinson, b Beedell	31
W. Bruorton, not out	2
H. S. Heard, b Fussell	4
C. R. Landon	} Did not bat
L. L. Phillips	
Extras	6
Total	141

BOLHAM.

W. H. Arundell, b Burd	82
L. G. Jackson, b L. C. L. Bayley	0
G. Coulson, b L. C. L. Bayley	3
H. Charman, b L. C. L. Bayley	4
G. Atkinson, c Vaughan, b L. C. L. Bayley	0
L. Las Casas, c Vaughan, b Milton	21
J. Payne, b Furze	4
J. Fussell, 1 b w, b Burd	21
B. McWilliam, c L. C. L. Bayley, b Burd	3
H. Beedell, b Vaughan	16
J. Guell, not out	26
Extras	5
Total	185

BLUNDELL'S 2ND V. POLTIMORE.

Drawn.

On Saturday, July 24th, our 2nd journeyed to Poltimore Complete success, however, was not attained owing to want of time. The score was as follows :—

BLUNDELL'S.

W. Bruorton, b Greenslade	0
C. D. Chase, b Ingles	23
H. Mainprice, b Greenslade	3
R. F. Hamlyn, not out	34
R. Vaughan, c A. Snow, b F. Franklin... ..	17
W. M. Milton, 1 b w, b Wreford	10
F. T. Simpson, c and b Wreford... ..	0
Extras	10
Total	97

R. Furze, M. Mainprice, L. L. Phillips, and F. Seymour did not bat.

POLTIMORE.

R. M. Snow, c Furze, b Simpson	0
A. Snow, b Milton	1
W. Franklin, b Milton	3
J. D. Ingles, c H. Mainprice, b Milton	5
C. Hall, b Simpson... ..	0
N. Greenslade, not out	30
F. Franklin, b Simpson	11
F. Greenslade, b Simpson	13
W. Wreford, not out	6
G. Rewe, run out	3
Wreford, did not bat	0
Extras	7
Total	79

Characters of the XI.

- C. C. Castley (captain).—Has much improved as a bat since last year; on his day makes runs rapidly; hits well on the off, but lacks defence. In bowling has hardly fulfilled the expectation formed of him. As Captain has set his side a good example.
- W. E. M. Mainprice.—Has made a few useful scores, but cannot be said to have made the improvement we looked for. Fair change bowler, and excellent point.
- H. G. Spring.—Has developed a style of his own, which though sometimes successful, is hardly an improvement on his form of last year. Should learn to play forward more, and with a straight bat. Is the best bowler in the team, and has been very successful.
- T. C. Spring.—A promising bat, who with more experience should prove very useful; has several very good strokes. Fairly good slow bowler; good field.
- L. C. L. Bayley.—Plays very straight, and takes pains, but lacks punishing powers. Bowls medium left hand, but has not met with much success.
- G. H. Francis.—Bats in good style in practice, but has been unsuccessful in matches. Very good deep field, and generally safe catch.
- B. G. Gwyther.—A promising bat with plenty of hitting power; scores freely when once set, but is perhaps too impatient. Fair field.
- F. C. Griffith.—Has much improved, and is learning to play with a straight bat; should be very useful next year. A hard working and good field.
- F. Field.—A free left-hand hitter, but should cultivate defence. Fair fast medium bowler, but somewhat uncertain in pitch. Good deep field.
- J. B. Peter.—Stiff bat; quite failed to fulfil the expectations formed last summer. Very fair field.
- F. T. Simpson.—Fair bowler, fast medium, and good field.

Cricket Averages.

	Played 13.		Won 4.		Lost 7.		Drawn 2.	
	No. of Inns.	Times not out	Total Runs.	Most in Inns.	Average.			
C. C. Castley	15	2	264	43*	20.3			
W. E. M. Mainprice	15	0	150	27	10			
H. G. Spring	15	2	231	61*	17.76			
J. C. Spring	14	2	105	37	8.75			
L. C. L. Bayley	9	1	60	35*	7.5			
G. H. Francis	11	0	21	11	1.9			
B. G. Gwyther	11	0	108	68	9.81			
F. C. Griffith	11	0	65	12	5.9			
F. Field	13	1	90	26*	7.5			
J. B. Peter	13	0	57	13	4.38			
F. T. Simpson	8	3	21	9*	4.2			
<i>Also Played—</i>								
C. D. Chase	10	0	51	14	5.1			
R. Simpson	10	6	27	13	6.75			
R. Furse	2	0	30	29	15			
C. R. Landon	1	0	2		2			
E. Burd	1	0	0		—			

Swimming.

The Royal Humane Society's Medal was competed for on July 9th. Of the four competitors who presented themselves for the preliminary examinations one failed to qualify, whilst another was absent. The winner, W. J. Lane, fetched the dummy in the remarkably short time of 1 min. 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. The best time for this event appears to have been Kidner's, which is recorded as 1 min. 19 secs.—not taken, however, by a chronograph, as is now done. In the other events Lane's handling was careless, but his swimming was powerful and in good style, whilst he was successful in at once finding the sunk dummy on both occasions. Cooke deserves notice for care in handling during the competition, and excellence in the knowledge how to act in cases of emergency as shown in the theoretical part.

The swimming races were held on Wednesday, July 21st. The events took place in the following order:—

- 1.—SIX LENGTHS (under 16)—1, M. R. Mainprice; 2, H. C. T. Pelliam.
- 2.—PLATE DIVING—1, G. E. Todd.
- 3.—QUARTER MILE (open)—1, W. J. Lane; 2, E. A. Hewlett; 3, E. V. Shaw. Three competitors finished.
- 4.—LONG DIVE (under 16)—C. J. Cooke.
- 5.—LONG DIVE (open)—1, G. E. Todd; 2, A. Gardner.
- 6.—100 YARDS (open)—1, W. J. Lane; 2, J. B. Peter.

School News.

The following have gained Foundation Scholarships:—T. F. Rendell and W. H. Kelly, both of Blundell's School. The Pinckard Scholarship was won by C. H. R. Chesney; Entrance Scholarships by H. E. Lane, A. A. Straton, A. J. Symes, K. M. Body, H. E. W. Tremonger, C. H. Humphreys, E. R. Martin, and C. C. Lucas, and an Exhibition by L. A. Bradbury. There were 24 competitors altogether.

The competition for the Royal Humane Society's Medal was held on July 9th. It was won by W. J. Lane; O. C. P. Cooke was second.

The Rev. R. M. Germon, of Withleigh, preached in the School Chapel on Sunday, July 18th.

The Tennis Tournament will be played at the beginning of next term, weather permitting, as was done last year. The Cup is held at present by Petergate.

A week has been added to the holidays in honour of the jubilee.

E. C. Holmes will be Football Captain next season.

A. W. K. Straton has passed the London Matric., 2nd Class.

H. G. Spring has the best bowling analysis, having taken 41 wickets at the cost of 1234 runs apiece.

A match was played on our ground against the Mission district, Emmanuel Parish, Exeter, on Saturday, July 17th. It ended in a defeat for the visitors. However, they have improved much since their last visit, and they seemed to enjoy their visit to us. The scores were: Mission District, 96 and 9 (for 5 wickets), and Blundell's, 156 (the chief scorers being, for them, Blackmore, 37, and Soper, 32; and for us, Wyndham, 49, and Pinsent, 39). They were afterwards entertained by Mr. Norman. They left by the 9 p.m. train.

The following have gained their colours since our last issue:—1st XI.: T. C. Spring, L. C. L. Bayley, G. H. Francis, B. G. Gwyther, F. C. Griffith, F. Field, J. B. Peter and F. T. Simpson.

The following have received bats for best averages in the games:—1st game, C. C. Castley (26.45); 2nd game, J. Newcombe (12); 3rd game, G. Wright; 4th game, T. Carey (19); 5th game, W. S. de Saram (15); 6th game, M. Pearce (13).

June 16.—2nd XI. beat Sampford Peverell by 77 runs. Scores: 140 for 8 wickets; Sampford Peverell, 63.

June 19.—Blundell's v. Tiverton (return). Blundell's, 105; Tiverton, 78 for 5 wickets.

June 23.—2nd XI. beat Poltimore by 173 runs. Scores: 209 for 8 wickets; Poltimore, 36 and 36 for 5 wickets.

Full scores are crowded out.

Old Blundellian News

Cambridge honours:—H. H. Crockford, Senior Optime, Math. Tripos; C. F. Cowie and G. A. Hale, 2nd Class Classical Tripos; J. Eyre and J. H. Shaw, 3rd Class Classical Tripos.

Oxford honours:—W. V. Shaw, 1st Class, Honour School of Natural Science; H. W. Hallifax, 3rd Class, and E. Hopkinson 4th Class in Honour School of Jurisprudence.

W. Hillier, late H.B.M. Consul General at Corea, to be K.C.M.G. (Jubilee decoration).

The Rev. A. A. Woolcombe has been appointed to the living of Teigngrace, Newton Abbot.

Rev. H. R. Raynes, late Master, has accepted the living of St. Saviour's, Nottingham.

M. H. Toller has played for Somersetshire in several matches.

H. W. Bond and H. E. Scoones have been playing for St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and C. F. B. Moggridge for St. Thomas.

G. Hutton gained 1st Class Honours in Physical Science, Victoria University.

J. W. Simon passed London Matric., 2nd Class.

June 23rd, at Westholme House, Stoke Newington, of acute pneumonia, Thomas Woodman Godfrey, aged 23, the elder son of Joseph Godfrey, of 2, Windsor Villas, Plymouth. O.B., September, 1838 — July, 1890.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BLUNDELLIAN.

DEAR SIR,

Your correspondent H.O.J. casts a slur upon the work done by the Royal Humane Society in our Public Schools.

Some three years ago Blundell's found that the Rules for winning the silver medal were not as useful as they might be made. Of the two—and apparently only two—courses H.O.J. sees open in the matter, our School took neither. We did not continue the farce, nor did we throw up the competition. The Society stated it was desirous to be of use to boys at school. We took the Society at its word, and we submitted suggestions how their rules might be made more useful.

For a School whose name has been added to the list in comparatively recent times, such a course did not lack boldness.

Though we might have been snubbed for audacity, we found, on the contrary, our recommendations were received with an open mind; and, what is more, in a large measure adopted.

Let me give an example of such a development. There used to be no test but the competition. There is now a preliminary examination in which every boy must qualify who wishes to compete. Your correspondent seems not to be aware of this. The importance of such an examination cannot be over-estimated. It is at least as important as the competition, though it is accompanied by little public interest or notoriety.

It seems to me that a Society which proves that it

is not above suggestions, deserves support rather than contumely, and that its sphere of usefulness is limited only by the spirit of such people as your correspondent H.O.J.

I am, dear Sir, Yours sincerely,
GEO. H. NORMAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BLUNDELLIAN.

SIR,

Might I suggest that the 1st XV. be allowed to wear their blazers in football season, on all occasions when they may happen to be changed; every school that possesses a football blazer allows the members of its XV. to wear it, else why have one at all? I do not think that the coldness of the weather is any argument against my suggestion, as with a good sweater on no one ought to feel the cold to any great extent. I can easily imagine some diffidence being shewn by the members of the XV. in starting the new custom; but could not this be overcome by a notice on the School board by the Captain requesting members to wear their colours, or by an edict of that all-powerful body, the Games Committee? Hoping this letter will do something towards rectifying a somewhat glaring contradiction, I mean, of course, the giving of colours without the right to wear them,

I remain, Yours truly,
"ONE WHO LONGED TO WEAR A BLAZER."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BLUNDELLIAN,

SIR,

The "Robert Shuttleworth" mentioned in your last issue should have been "Robert Shuttleworth Sutton." He was at Blundell's from 1830-7, winning his medal for Latin verse in the latter year. At Brasenose College 1837-40, hon. 4th in class classics 1841. Elected Fellow of Exeter College, June, 1840; B.A., 1843; M.A., 1845; Sussex Junior Bursar, 1848. Rector of Ryde, Sussex, 1853-1888. Prebendary of Chichester, 1876. He must have been a contemporary of the present Archbishop of Canterbury at Blundell's.

Yours, etc.,
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M.P.M.—Many thanks; held over owing to pressure on our space.

P.T.—We do not think that the publication of your letter would mend matters.

B.—What would the County Council say?

Review of Reviews.

We have received, among others, two new magazine this month. The *Cranleigh School Magazine* is of convenient size and printed in very clear type. The cricket matches are well reported, and very interesting are the notes on the history of the Parish of Cranleigh. The *St. Michael's Chronicle* hails from Pietermaritzburg, and as this is its first appearance we wish it every success. The cricket season ended early in April, and has been very fairly successful. Perhaps the best match was that played on February 20th, Masters and Friends v. School. It is not often vouchsafed us to see a Bishop batting, but they manage things better in Natal. On this occasion his Lordship "honoured us with his presence and scored nine before he had to leave to catch a train." This was a pity, the more so because it does not quite square with the score which reads, "The Lord Bishop b McLaren 9."

We hardly recognised the *Quermorian* in its brilliant new coat. The editor ingeniously defends the change on the ground that the school is in new buildings—has in fact changed its cover. We wish prosperity to both. There is a capital article on "Mysteries and Miracle Plays." The first play in England of which we have any record was acted by the boys of a school at Dunstable in 1119. Cycles of plays, giving in order the chief events in the Bible, began at 4 a.m. To relieve the strain certain comic episodes were introduced. In one play Noah's wife, with the obstinacy of her sex, refused to enter the ark. In another she insists on bringing her gossips with her. The Patriarch draws the line there and beats her soundly. She retaliates, and after a "rally" is worsted and carried into the ark, scolding violently the while. In the play of the Shepherds a thievish clown, Mak, steals a sheep and takes it home. The shepherds search Mak's cottage and find that his wife has put the sheep in a cradle: she attempts to pass it off as a new-born child. When this imposture is exposed, nothing abashed, she exclaims that the child is bewitched. Cain and Herod were the comic men, and always represented as swaggering tyrants. Not that these scenes arose from irreverence, they were merely a concession to the tastes of the people and a relief to the prevalent tone of intense earnestness. This is the best article in a capital number, though "Close Quarters with a Rat" is very bright.

There is a delicious article in the *Fettesian*, "The New Philosophy," though the irony, we fear, is too fine to lash the disciples of the cult of Repose. We venture to quote

"It has been said that action is limited and relative, while unlimited and absolute is the vision of him that sits at ease and dreams. Therefore, the philosophy of inaction saves all scruples of conscience as to hard work, and those who embrace such principles thereby justify themselves in skipping prep., and the taking of trouble in any guise whatsoever." They found it impossible, however, to convince the Elect in the morning "that action is limited and relative, inaction boundless and unlimited, and that before Thucydides was out of the question." So they resolved to make some additions to their philosophy, and by the process of evolution decided that they themselves were the Elect and the rest of the world still in a primitive stage of development. "Little wonder if the Elect do not get their due. Discontent is therefore justifiably fostered, for is it not a grossly unjust world in which the Elect have to fear chastisement if they skip prep.?" We had always thought it impossible to be "slack" in Scotland; however it is probably true all the world over that a young philosopher is an old fool.

The Memorial of the Queen's Reign.

The designs for the oak book shelves have been approved by the Committee and the work has been entrusted to Mr. Harry Hems (Exeter). The north side of the room and that portion of the wall to the left of the oriel window are to be fitted and completed during the coming holidays. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be provided for carrying out the scheme of shelves and fittings with oak panneling for the whole room. About £180 in all is needed. The estimate for that part which is to be set up at once is £105. This includes the carving and painting of the coats of arms of the original feoffees of the school with medallions of the Queen and the royal arms. It is intended that the names of all subscribers shall be engrossed on vellum and kept in the Library. Subscriptions should be forwarded to the treasurer. The amount already promised and received is £75 15s. 6d. Appended is a list of subscribers up to date, July:—

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