



SCHOOL NOTES.

Nov. 1902

THANKS to the gracious act of our King in adding another week to our summer holidays in honour of the Coronation, we did not re-assemble for the Michaelmas term until Monday, Sept. 22nd.

Feeling all the brighter for our extra week, we soon settled down to work with energy and spirit.

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Our Prize Distribution took place on Tuesday, July 29th, and we can say without any hesitation that it was an unqualified success. It was a great pleasure to us to see our Chairman, Sir J. W. Pease, once again preside at the function, and we were singularly fortunate in securing the services of Colonel Legard, Chairman of the Technical Instruction Committee of the County Council, to distribute the prizes. Proceedings commenced with the acting of a part of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," Act III., Scene 1, the Dramatis Personæ of which were as follows:—

Bottom	...	...	H. C. ANNETT.
Quince	...	...	F. KENNEDY.
Starveling	...	...	J. B. ANNETT.
Flute	...	...	W. HUTTON.
Snug	...	...	B. ROBSON.
Puck	...	...	R. GRAHAM.
Titania	...	...	R. SMALES.

All these boys acquitted themselves creditably, but we should have liked to hear them speak louder, and put more gesture into their acting.

After a few opening remarks from the Chairman, the Head Master gave a satisfactory

account of the work and general character of the school. Colonel Legard then delivered a most interesting address, in which he pointed out how schools like ours came into touch with the County Council and in what way larger grants could be obtained, and concluded with an eloquent appeal to the boys to cultivate the true characteristics of a gentleman, which consisted of unselfishness, civility, and tact. He then distributed the prizes to the undermentioned boys:—

FORM IV.—Kennedy i.

FORM III.—Classics, Ward; French, Ward; Mathematics, Annett i.

FORM II. (Upper).—Classics, Wilson; French, Smales; Mathematics, Blackett ii.

FORM II. (Lower).—Classics, Brown; French, Ridsdale ii.; Mathematics, Simpson.

FORM I.—Form Work, Holmes.

This year the Head Master presented a silver medal for the boy who was voted by his schoolfellows to have shewn the best behaviour during the year. Ward was chosen by the unanimous vote of his fellows, and we most heartily endorse the selection of the boys, for both on account of his steadiness in work and uprightness of character he thoroughly deserved the honour.

The average bat was won by Lancaster, who also won the average ball for his bowling.

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The following are the results of the Science and Art Examinations, held in July by the Board of Education:—

MODEL DRAWING.—First Class, Annett i., Blackett i. Second Class, Ward.

CHEMISTRY.—First Class, Ward, Annett i.
Second Class, Blackett i.

MATHEMATICS (Stage 2). — Second Class,
Annett i., Kennedy i.

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We congratulate Kennedy i. and Lancaster on passing the Banker's Entrance Examination.

Kennedy has gone to Darlington, and Lancaster to Whitby. Both these boys did excellent service for the School. Kennedy by his steady character and good work both in school and in the playfield; and Lancaster by his excellence in football and cricket. Both these boys were prominent members of last year's football team, Lancaster being the captain, and Kennedy vice-captain. While we miss them greatly in our football team, we heartily congratulate them on their success, and wish them very prosperous careers in their new sphere of work.

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In another month's time we shall be in the thick of the Cambridge Local Examination. Put your shoulders to the wheel, boys, for the credit of your School, your Masters, and yourselves! Wake up young England, or the German boy will take the posts you ought to hold. "*Dulce et decorum pro patria laborare.*"

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SCHOOL FUN.

WE had a great captain called John,
He always his war-paint had on;
With work to be done
And a match to be won,
He was there was our good captain John.

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There is a young fellow called Wright,
Who blows up the balls very tight;
When they say "They will break,"
He replies, "You mistake.
The balls, Sir, are blown up alright."

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We have a great scholar called "Ken,"
He's an excellent man with his pen;
He goes in for 'Locals'
And adds to the totals
Of Cambridge Certificate men.

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In the field there's a beautiful pond,
Of which cricket balls always are fond;
For the boy who hits 'sixes'
Invariably fixes
The balls in that beautiful pond.

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On a delightful Spring morning Form II. was translating a short Latin story, when one enthusiastic boy translated the following passage, "*Pater vultur prolis vocem audit*" thus—"The father vulture hears the voice of

Spring." Who could be surprised when some boy whispered, "Where is the cuckoo?"

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EXAMINATION ANSWERS.

WE continue the list of interesting answers to examination papers taken from "The University Correspondent":—

On the subject of Geography there is an answer almost as good as that by the boy who declared that the Nile was discovered by Livingstone, and had its source in Mungo Park. It is stated in the papers before us that "the feudal system lies between the Humber and the Thames," while the word "Island is derived from Highland, i.e., land above water," and "the Chiltern Hundreds are spirits put in cheese to make it mouldy." "Ostriches," we are told, "abound in the Sahara Desert, and their feathers are manufactured in the neighbouring towns." An Oasis is described as a "prickly plant that grows in the desert," while a watershed is stated to be "a shed for keeping water in."

Doomsday Book is a "book signifying that each man should have seven feet of land for a grave."

"My favourite character in English History," says one boy, "is Henry VIII., because he had eight wives and killed them all;" while another smart youth declares "that Edward III. would have been King of France if his mother had been a man."

The answers in Mathematics are sometimes quite as original as those in history. It is, for instance, explained that "a moment is the tendency to rotate round a body," that "a line is the part of a railway on which the train runs," and that "a circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle."

Among miscellaneous answers it is stated that "an optimist is a man who looks after your eyes, and a pessimist is a man who looks after your feet." Another states that "the Home Office is where Home Rule is made."

In the domain of translation, an aspirant to knowledge in French, renders "*Vos cheveux sont-ils partis cet apres-midi?*" "Is your hair parted in the middle." "*C'est d'un sang vif*" is reproduced in English by the words, "his temperature was high." The translation of "*Il y gèle a pierre fendre*" by "It hails a stone fender there," will suggest the wisdom of keeping away from any place where a storm of that kind is in progress. "*Pêchant pour grenouilles dans une mare*" means, according to one youth, "fishing for Grenadiers on horseback."

Truly these are remarkable answers, and it would be interesting to know what answers some of our boys would give to the above questions.

CRICKET.

THE Cricket season was the most successful we remember. And this success was by no means due to the batting. The averages appended bear testimony to this fact; but the bowling throughout the season was excellent.

Lancaster and Pybus i. nearly always bowled well, and in some cases their opponents found them quite unplayable. Ward also occasionally bowled well. On suitable wickets he bowls a good length ball, which breaks back quickly from the off. Of the new members of the team, Robson showed good promise with the bat; he has a pretty stroke behind point. The fielding generally was very fair.

Results of Matches.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
13	7	3	3

Batting Averages.

Name.	No. of Times Most in			Total.	Average.
	Inngs. not out.	Inngs.	Inngs.		
Lancaster	14	3	53*	133	12:09
Kennedy i.	14	0	23	96	6:85
Annett i.	13	1	35	79	6:56
Hutton...	13	2	14*	55	5:00
Pybus i.	12	0	12	59	4:91
Robson	8	1	11	32	4:57
Holmes...	8	5	7*	13	4:33
Craig i. ...	9	2	6*	24	3:42
Ward ...	12	0	22	40	3:33
Scarth ...	7	0	10	22	3:14
Lockett	8	4	4*	7	1:35

Bowling Averages.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average
Lancaster	88	24	159	38	4:18
Pybus i.	99	23	238	38	6:26
Ward ...	46	11	127	17	7:47
Scarth	18	5	58	4	14:75

THE SPORTS.

THE Sports day is perhaps looked upon by most of our readers as the Red Letter day of the school year; certainly, before the great day arrives, there is considerable excitement, and a good deal of mysterious inquiry about the dark horse who is to win the challenge cup. It was generally believed that Lancaster was good enough to carry off the cup for the second year in succession, but unfortunately he had to leave for London the day before the sports, to present himself for an examination, which left the question of winner a very doubtful one. The weather having been so unpropitious, we awoke on July 30th, with great anxiety as to how we should be treated by the elements.

We were not altogether disappointed in our hopes, and the morning was brilliant, and masters and boys alike, turned out with alacrity to put the finishing touches to the course. All went well until half an hour from the close, when a waterspout burst over the ground, and drenched nearly everybody. There was a stampede to the schoolrooms for shelter, while the bandsmen, competitors, and judges sought protection from the storm under the tarpaulin which was spread for the obstacle race. However, the shower was soon over, and we were able to finish the programme in comparative comfort, though the course was unpleasantly greasy for the competitors.

There was a splendid muster of the general public, and the stand was crowded with parents and guests. The running and jumping were good on the whole; in the sprint races there were some very keenly contested finals, which reflected very creditably on the handicapping.

We should specially mention the running and jumping of Pybus i., of the senior boys, who won the Challenge Cup with 44 points. Bradley also ran very well, and came next to Pybus with 38 points, and Robson's mile was an excellent performance. Of the junior boys, Bewick was *facile princeps*; he ran like a hare and out-distanced everybody. He was quite the surprise packet of the meeting.

At the close of the proceedings, the Head Master introduced Miss Pease, of Hutton Hall, who distributed the prizes in her customary gracious and kind manner.

Events.

- 120 YARDS (over 14).—1, Bradley; 2, Pybus i.; 3, Ward.
- 120 YARDS (under 14).—1, Pybus iii.; 2, Annett ii.; 3, Bewick.
- HIGH JUMP (over 14).—1, Pybus i.; 2, Bradley.
- HIGH JUMP (under 13).—1, Bewick; 2, Simpson.
- HURDLE RACE.—1, Bradley; 2, Pybus i.
- SACK RACE.—1, Craig i.; 2, Ellis.
- 100 YARDS (for boys between 12 and 15).—1, Hutton; 2, Allison; 3, Robson.
- THROWING CRICKET BALL.—Pybus i.
- MILE RACE.—1, Robson; 2, Pybus i.; 3, Sowerby.
- LITTLE BOYS RACE.—1, Annett ii.; 2, Bewick; 3, Pybus iii.
- 100 YARDS (over 14).—1, Bradley; 2, Ward; 3, Wilson.
- 100 YARDS (under 14).—1, Annett ii.; 2, Ellis; 3, Bewick.
- SIAMESE RACE (Seniors).—1, Craig i. and Annett i.; 2, Wilson and Blackett i.
- SIAMESE RACE (Juniors).—1, Pybus iii., and Annett ii.; 2, Blackett ii. and Bewick.

EGG AND SPOON RACE.—1, Bradley; 2, Simpson.

QUARTER MILE.—1, Pybus i.; 2, Ward.

OBSTACLE RACE.—1, Annett i.; 2, Bewick; 3, Wilson

CONSOLATION RACE.—1, Fordham; 2, Ableson, 3, Smales.

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FOOTBALL.

WITH several of our last year's team gone, notably those towers of strength, Lancaster and Kennedy i., and the ever watchful and energetic Noah, we did not expect to turn out a very strong eleven; but so far, the season has shown that we have some really good material in the school, and we are glad to see that the new members of the team are trying to do their best.

Our forward line led by Captain Ward is distinctly good, and plays with considerable dash. The goalkeeping of Annett has been excellent, and Scarth always plays a good hard game at back. We are still weak in the half-back line. We want to see the halves tackle more smartly and feed the forwards better, but they are improving in this respect. On the junior ground, there are some great and spirited games; there is not a great amount of skill, the football consisting chiefly of the kick-and-go-as-hard-as-you-can order.

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SCHOOL v. AYTON FRIENDS' SCHOOL.

This, the opening match of the season, was played on the school ground, on October 8th. Ayton played 4 masters, while we played 2 old boys. The game opened in startling fashion. The school forwards dashed away from the kick-off, and in less than 5 minutes scored 4 goals, Lancaster netting 3 and Pybus i.

This caused an alteration in the visiting team, who packed their back line and acted on the defensive. Dixon, however, who is an excellent sprinter, got away, and eluding our backs, scored a good goal for them. We crossed over leading by 4 goals to 1.

After half-time, the game was of a more even character, though Pybus and Annett ii. scored again, and Dixon by an individual effort, scored for the visitors, and the game ended in a victory to the school of 6 goals to 2.

Goal—Annett i.; Backs—Scarth, Holmes; Halves—Craig, Knaggs, Hutton; Forwards—Annett ii., Lancaster, Pybus i., Allison, Ward.

SCHOOL v. MIDDLESBROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

Played on the School Ground on Oct. 11th. The Homesters again started with a rush and soon scored 2 goals, Annett ii. netting one and Allison the other. For some time the play was very even, though the School backs were always on the alert and the School goal was never in danger. On changing ends, Bewick, who had gone forward, rushed up the field and scored a grand goal. After this the Middlesbrough boys pulled themselves together and played grandly. Mackie got through our defence and scored with a beautiful shot. A minute from time the visitors' right wing netted the ball, but was given off-side, and the game ended in a victory for the School by 3 goals to 1. We must not forget to remark that the distinguishing feature of this match was the excellent play of the School backs and goal-keeper.

Goal—Annetti; Backs—Scarth and Holmes; Halves—Robson, Bewick, Brown; Forwards—Pybus i., Annett ii., Hutton i., Allison, Ward.

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SCHOOL v. MR. FRENCH'S TEAM.

This match was played on the School Ground on Oct. 23rd, and as many of the visitors turned up late, only 25 minutes each way were played. It was a game remarkable for high scoring, for though the play took up so short a time, 11 goals were scored, the School claiming 6 and the visitors 5. The School goals were scored by Pybus i., 2; Annett ii., 2; Allison, 1; and one by the visitors' back.

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SCHOOL v. COATHAM.

This, the first match away from home, was one in which we sustained our first defeat, and we got a good thrashing too. We found the Coatham boys in grand form. They were a very good team last year, but they are stronger in every way this year. They made rings round us at every part of the game; not only did their forwards play with skill and dash, but they gave us a splendid lesson at half-back play, which we hope the team will learn, and inwardly digest. At half-time they had scored 6 goals, and when the whistle sounded they had gained a signal victory by 14 goals to nothing.

Goal—Annett i.; Backs—Scarth, Holmes; Halves—Blackett i., Hutton, Brown; Forwards—Annett ii., Bewick, Pybus i., Allison, Ward.

