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## SCHOOL NOTES.

### Christmas Term, 1951.

Term began on Wednesday, September 19th, and ended on Wednesday, December 19th.

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The Half-Term Week-end was from Friday, November 2nd to Monday 5th.

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The School had a Full Inspection by the Ministry of Education between Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th of November. Five Inspectors took part.

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The Carol Service was held on Sunday, December the 16th. An account will be found on page 6.

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The Christmas Party was on Saturday, December 15th.

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There were expeditions during the term to hear the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Krips at Cheltenham, and to see a performance of *Henry V* at Stratford-on-Avon. A small and astronomically-minded party from the Sixth Form were shown over the University Observatory at Oxford.

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Each Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Lee-Browne receive a large number of Christmas Cards from Old Boys, and they very greatly appreciate the thought which prompts these greetings. Among them there are always a number from older O. R. s to whom Mr. Lee-Browne would like to write. He cannot do so because they have not included an address. In many cases he has written to the addresses shown on our records, but the letters have been returned by the Post Office.

R. J. van den Driessche and J. W. J. Reed have made three excellent frames, with table stands, to take open copies of the Faber Art books, which can therefore be displayed around the building as well as being available for personal use in the Library.

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On Saturday afternoon, December 8th, the hot water system at the College came to a standstill. It was not until Monday that it was discovered that a frog had got into the filter of the main water softener. Whether it had come all the way from Green-meadow or Southmoor, or whether only from our own tank in the Park is a mystery that will never be solved.

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We welcome Mr. C. M. Swaine, B.Sc., F.Z.S., who comes to us from Kingsmoor School, Glossop, where he was in charge of the Science Department. Mr. Swaine has taken over the Biology from Dr. Loveless, to whom we offer our hearty good wishes in his new venture in the West Indies.

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Mr. Simon Lee has been with us during the Easter Term as a Student Master. He comes to us from Worcester College, Oxford, and has been teaching French, English and History, as well as helping with the games.

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We are most grateful to Mr. John E. Jeffries for his kind proposal to pass on his copy of the Architect's Journal to the Library.

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On Tuesday, November 27th, Mr. W. I. Croome, M.A., J.P., gave us a wholly delightful lantern lecture on the "Hill Cities of Siena and Tuscany," which was appreciated by a large audience. We are most grateful to Mr. Croome for giving us so fascinating a picture of a part of Italy which he obviously knows well and loves. We offer our regrets to him that the lantern behaved so badly and in consequence failed to bring out the full beauty of his slides.

## COLLEGE OFFICERS.

### Easter Term, 1952.

- Prefects**—P. G. Cockell, M. E. Knight, D. C. de Peyer.  
**Workman**—P. M. Gerrard.  
**Picturemen**—J. R. Gosden, M. D. Richards, R. H. Jones.  
**Music Warden**, —P. D. de Iongh.  
**Senior Music Librarian**—K. A. Statham.  
**Choir Librarians**—R. C. Pilkington, J. B. Gooch.  
**Lampmem**—D. E. Barbour, T. Gay.  
**P. W. Man (General Meeting Election)**—M. G. Petter.  
**Deck Chairs**—J. M. Harrison.  
**Stagemen**—P. G. Cockell, C. D. Whittle, R. M. Sumsion,  
M. D. Richards, R. O. G. Hayter.  
**Librarians**—P. W. Dutton, D. C. de Peyer, M. G. Petter,  
R. M. Sumsion, M. V. Harley, R. W. Muchamore.  
**Manual Foremen**—C. D. Whittle, R. M. Sumsion, T. Gay,  
R. J. Bird, J. Gough.  
**Henmen**—D. E. Barbour, R. J. Bird, R. A. Powell, W. J. Prime,  
J. M. Rolfe.  
**Furniture Committee (General Meeting Election)**—J. Gough  
R. J. Bird, T. Gay.

## GENERAL MEETING OFFICERS.

### Easter Term, 1952.

- Chairman**—P. W. Dutton.  
**Secretary**—P. L. Waite.  
**Games Captain**—D. C. de Peyer.  
**Field Secretary**—M. E. Knight.  
**Games Committee**—J. W. J. Reed, K. A. Statham.  
**Banker**—J. K. Comrie.  
**House Committee Treasurer**—P. S. Rose.  
**Games Committee Treasurer**—F. S. G. Richards.  
**Senior Shopman**—R. M. Sumsion.  
**Shopmen**—P. B. Marwood, B. Glastonbury.

**Auditors**—P. M. Gerrard, D. G. Vaisey.

**Finance Committee Treasurer**—R. N. Horne.

**Finance Committee**—P. G. Auden, J. A. Richards.

**Entertainments Committee**—P. W. Dutton, P. B. Marwood,  
J. M. Harrison, T. Gay, H. A. Gough.

**Record Committee**—K. A. Statham, J. D. Painter, R. H. Jones,  
M. J. Edwards, M. V. Harley.

**Cycle Committee**—G. E. Page, F. S. G. Richards, M. R. Hancock.

**Amplifier Committee**—R. H. Jones, P. M. Gerrard.

**Drying Room Committee**—D. E. Barbour, A. G. B. Wallace,  
R. J. Bird.

**Magazine Committee**—J. B. O'Brien, M. D. Richards,  
M. V. Harley.

**Breakages Man**—H. J. Greenhalf.

**Paperman**—R. N. Horne.

**Inspectors of Nuisances**—J. R. Ellis, A. C. Lucker.

**Record Committee Treasurer**—J. D. Painter.

**Hockey Groundsman**—D. E. Barbour.

**Junior Hockey Groundsman**—D. A. Godfrey.

**Hockey Games Wardens**—A. G. B. Wallace, R. O. G. Hayter.

**Football Games Warden**—T. D. A. Semple.

**Rugby Secretary (1952)**—J. M. Harrison.

**Council**—P. G. Cockell, P. D. de Iongh, M. E. Knight, D. C. de  
Peyer, M. G. Petter, P. W. Dutton, J. D. Painter.

**Selection Committee**—P. G. Cockell, M. E. Knight, P. D. de  
Iongh, N. H. Walter, J. D. Painter.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The West of England Dinner was held at Hort's Restaurant, Bristol, at 7p.m., on Saturday, September 20th. Although the attendance was smaller than usual and must have been something of a disappointment to the organisers, the occasion was very pleasant and was enjoyed by all. Jack Allan presided and gave the toasts of "The King" and "The College." The Headmaster replied shortly and informally and gave the toast of "The Society." The arrangements were excellent and a most pleasant evening came to an end all too quickly. It was a pleasure to see E. J. Miller, who came from London, and C. G. V. Taylor, who came from Thetford, for the occasion. The following were present: — J. E. Allan, G. H. W. Bodman, D. W. Lee-Browne, J. R. Davies, P. J. Dyke, J. E. Eyles, J. B. Fell, E. J. Miller, A. E. Shield, R. W. Smith, C. G. V. Taylor.

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The following Old Boys visited us during the Autumn Term, 1951 C. J. Brisley, M. R. F. Butlin, D. J. Payne, F. Herrmann, M. W. Brain, J. E. Carus Wilson, C. Baillie-Lane, D. Henshaw, P. Binks (and wife).

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Angus Primrose is now a Director of the Dolphin Yacht Yard Ltd., Galmpton, near Brixham, Devon. There is an interesting article on a yacht designed by him on page 97 of the February (1952) issue of "The Yachting Monthly."

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We congratulate Norman Slade on becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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G. E. Coles is a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy.

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R. G. Collett is a Major in the Army, but we have no further information about him.

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The London Dinner was held at the Cock Tavern, Fleet Street, on November 10th. The following were present: —R. Brain, A. P. Browning, D. Dakin, N. Dalton, P. B. Forrest, R. E. Hayward, E. A. Jones, D. W. Lee-Browne, M. H. C. Martin, J. C. Maslin, D. Montgomery, J. H. Muirhead, N. A. Perkins, A. G. G. Richards, C. Sidgwick, D. C. Terrett, D. C. Vaughan and L. B. White.

## THE CAROL SERVICE, 1951

The Service of Lessons and Carols keeps its freshness, and well repays the work expended on it each year. The occasional complaint one hears, that this form of service is overdone, would, if taken seriously, apply with greater force to Matins and Evensong. It may, all the same, be thought fair to suggest that there should be more variation from Christmas to Christmas in the carols sung: not because *Past three o'clock*, *Lord Jesus hath a garden* and *In dulci jubilo* are becoming worn out, but because there are SO many others that we should be pleased to hear.

The best singing was in the opening chorale. *Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly Light*. The balance and tone of the voices were good; and the tempo was nicely unhurried, without any sacrifice of rhythmic force. The words were fairly clearly enunciated: but this was not the case throughout the service; and in some of the later carols it was difficult to hear any of them from the back of the church without an eye on the programme.

There was an obvious feeling for the necessarily different approach to each carol; but the execution was partly spoilt by the uncertainty of the trebles. An apparent lack of lightness in *Past three o'clock*, for instance, was due to their failure to hold their own; the other voices seemed in no way to blame for it. Their intonation was a little shaky in places, and their unwillingness to let themselves go was most noticeable in the last hymn—the descant, which should be almost dithyrambic, was at times only just audible. But these criticisms must not be allowed to obscure the generally high standard of the service.

The reading of the lessons was adequate in that it was clear. With one notable exception, however, the boys who read them did not modulate their voices sufficiently; and nearly all read too quickly. The words of these lessons, like the music of the Bach chorale, are good enough to be unhurried.

L. W. H. H.

## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Christmas Party found us this year in a buoyantly nautical mood. The “Flying Enterprise” had cast its shadow before, and even the intrusion of three rustic vocalists merely made us feel that H. M. S. Rendcomb had run to a very versatile concert party for the entertainment of the Ordinary Seamen. We ate, in the course of the evening (throughout the course of the evening, we had almost written) as well as ever: the time-honoured fare tasted as good as it always does, and why has no scribe mentioned before,

in these columns, a gourmand's appreciation of the little sacks of confectionery which leave Messrs. Blank and Son's expensive products so far behind? The theatricals were rather more ambitious than usual. We were given a French farce in translation, and some sketches which made up in gusto for what they lacked in polish, and which contained some hilarious moments. The highlight, undoubtedly, was the animation of Saul—a stroke, almost, of genius.

We had a conjuror who, with very little rehearsal, mystified many of those who had not crowded so close that the most lightning legerdemain could not wholly deceive; and there was a gambling den, where a most efficient croupier, straight from Monte Carlo, gathered in what would surely have been an unconscionable sum of money.

The dancing was rather thin this year; perhaps Terpsichore had too much competition; it cannot surely be that she is hankering after new inspiration or the bad old days of the Viennese Waltz and Sir Roger de Coverley?

The Junior Games, on the other hand, seemed to be well patronised and efficiently run. Indeed, efficiency was the keynote of an exuberant and rewarding evening, for the complete success of which Miss Babington and her staff share the credit with the End of Term Entertainments Committee. But perhaps really the greatest credit of all belongs to two or three dauntless fire-brigadiers. It would have been a pity to lose all our decorations.

### **A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY, OXFORD.**

On Sunday the 9th of December, a few members of the Sixth Form, with Mr. Hull and Mr. Graty, went to the Observatory at Oxford. The trip was one of the "weather permitting" type, and was to have been made earlier in the term, but on that occasion the weather did not permit. Shortly before we left there was a heavy storm and there was also a chance that we might not be able to do any actual observing. But luck was with us; when we arrived in Oxford, the sky was completely clear.

We were shown round by Dr. Merton, who took us first into the Dome, which houses a 12 inch telescope. The first object we saw was a globular cluster of stars. It was, however, rather small, and could only be seen as a faint glow, and could not be resolved into separate stars. Then we were shown double stars, planets, and the moon.

The moon was about three-quarters full and near the southern end on the terminator, where the shadows were long, we could clearly see mountains, craters, and the so-called "seas."

Jupiter, the largest of the planets, appeared in the telescope as a disc, (bulging slightly at the equator, due to its large size and short period of rotation), with belts crossing it parallel to its equator. Its four largest moons were easily visible, but the other eight can only be seen through very large telescopes.

The nebula in Orion is actually visible to the naked eye, though it only appears as a speck of light. It is near the middle star of Orion's sword, which hangs beneath his belt. Through the telescope, the nebula, four stars in the shape of a small trapezium, surrounded by a light, hazy patch, was visible. It was very obviously "nebulous", but did not show the fine spiral structure of some of the other nebulae, as for example the one in Andromeda. We asked Dr. Merton if we could look at it, but it was directly overhead, and very difficult to observe.

We looked at a number of other objects, some more interesting than others. Amongst them was Betelgeuse, a red giant, very large (its diameter is three hundred million miles, large enough to include the orbit of Mars). Dr. Merton summed it up, rather amusingly, as a "fiery vacuum."

When we had finished observing, Dr. Merton told us more about the telescope. It was made by Howard Grubb of Dublin in 1874, but has since been slightly altered. The diameter of the objective lens is twelve inches, and its focal length is 172.4 inches, giving it a relative aperture of  $f/14$ . It is mounted equatorially, that is, one of the axes is mounted parallel with the earth's axis so that with one single turning motion in the opposite direction to that of the earth, it can be made to follow any particular star across the sky. It is driven by means of a clock and a gearing system, so that once it is set on a star, it will follow it for as long as required. A small finding telescope is mounted alongside.

We were then shown round some of the other parts of the building: the library (a particularly fine room), a lecture room, a small office containing more instruments, and then, all too soon, it was time to leave.

The weather, which was obviously a most important and indeed vital feature of the expedition, was kind to us. As has been mentioned, it was raining just before we left, and it started to snow as we turned the corner of the Village Hill on our return.

J. K. C.

## “HENRY V.”

On Wednesday, September 26th, the Fifth Form went to the Memorial Theatre at Stratford to see a performance of *King Henry V*.

On first taking our seats I think many of us were somewhat astonished at the bare and empty set. There was no curtain, and as was pointed out in our last issue, the stage could be studied in great detail. Although so plain it was easily adapted for a very impressive Royal courtroom, and this in its turn could, within a few minutes, be amazingly transformed into a French battlefield, merely by a judicious change of properties and by the grouping of players, although for the embarkation scene and for Katharine's suite in particular, a great deal was left to the imagination.

The Chorus was magnificently played with the utmost gusto by Mr. William Squire, while both Mr. Hugh Griffiths as Archbishop of Canterbury and Mr. Edward Atienza as Bishop of Ely, were convincing in their portrayal of an elderly primate and an equally aged prelate.

The part of King Henry was taken by Richard Burton who was the ideal King and Soldier. We had seen *Henry IV* in which the young prince had been portrayed as a frequenter of ale-houses and a constant companion of undesirable characters; Mr. Burton showed in the sequel how the young King had thrown aside his former propensities and accepted the responsibilities of a gallant soldier and King.

Although the play has no plot and Shakespeare's idea of writing seems to have been to describe his ideal king, *Henry V* is a great story of contrast and contains much interest, especially in the addition of such characters as Fluellen, the brave, honourable Welsh captain, who was played by Robert Hardy, and by the inclusion of Bardolph, Nym and Pistol, Henry's former "loose companions," as clowns.

The production, some thought a brilliant one, was in the hands of Antony Quayle.

H. J. G. H.

## FOOTBALL REPORT, 1951.

For various reasons the proposed change-over from Association to Rugby football had to be postponed. It was therefore decided that Soccer should be played for one more season, and our grateful thanks are due to P. W. Dutton who, at comparatively short notice, arranged a full and attractive programme of fixtures.

The New Field, although used safely throughout the cricket season, was still not ready for football or hockey. Thus everyone, and the Games Committee in particular, heaved a huge sigh of relief when the rumour that the Old Field was to suffer corrective treatment at the hands of Messrs. Bomford, sometime in late October, failed to materialise.

The Games Committee came into office faced with the difficult task of finding a 1st XI. From last season only five members of the 1st XI remained. Selection of teams at Rendcomb has always been limited by lack of numbers, but it has rarely been as limited by lack of talent. Negligible coaching and little talent in the middle school in recent seasons had given rise to a first game in which there was an acute shortage of competent or even average footballers. However, after much experiment and many positional changes, a 1st XI was produced which, until half-term, enjoyed comparative success. Unfortunately half-term marked a change in the weather which was to prove disastrous to the team's fortunes. Never at its best on a saturated ground, the team could not produce the match winning form it had developed during the two matches prior to half-term, with the result that the season, perhaps the last in the history of football at Rendcomb, ended on a disappointing note.

The refereeing of games was handled throughout the term by four members of the Staff, aided at various times by a number of senior members of the sixth form. Mr. Haywood was in charge of first game and was largely responsible for the clean and pleasant games which most people enjoyed to the full. He devoted an enormous amount of time and attention towards the improvement of the 1st XI, and proved a constant source of tactful and reliable advice to a Games Committee that was often desperate in its need. Mr. Norris looked after the second game and inspired some of its members with his own enthusiasm. His patience with a weak Junior XI was never fully rewarded, though they played a grand last match at Cirencester in foul conditions, losing by the odd goal. Mr. Austin and Mr. Graty shared third and fourth games and saw to it that the younger members of the school had enjoyable games. Our grateful thanks are due to all these, to Mrs. Baker and to "The Linen Room."

After a poor start to the season, in which of three matches played, at least two should have been easy victories instead of defeats and a draw, the team made good use of its hardly gained experience and settled down to playing good football. The climax of this period came with the team's seven goal win over Commonweal School, hitherto unbeaten in all its encounters with Rendcomb. Then came half-term and, as mentioned above, the appalling weather which was instrumental in the team's poor performances. Dependent on speed both in attack and in defence, the team was greatly handicapped in conditions which, though admirably suited to the slide tackle, were hardly suited to quick movement and accurate passing.

The full backs, Driessche and Vaisey, improved on every appearance. The former, a hard worker and very fast for his build, could always be relied upon to worry his man. He was not a skilful player but the vigorous manner of his play, in which he made good use of the shoulder charge, was often responsible for the relief of dangerous situations. Vaisey saved himself much effort by his close marking and good anticipation. As the season progressed he developed an extremely useful left foot and a very solid tackle which rarely failed him. It was a pity that he did not cure a fault that too often led to "hair-raising" situations in the home penalty area: the failure to cover the centre-half and thereby close any possible gap in the middle, de Peyer started as an inside forward, but having met with little success at either inside left and centre-forward, he was tried at wing-half. In this position he proved an immediate success. His aggressive style of play soon made him indispensable to both the attack and the defence and very rare were the occasions when an opponent got the better of him. At centre-half Harrison was essentially a stopper, and in this capacity he had two or three very good games. He used his weight and strong-kicking to the greatest advantage and possessed an extremely effective tackle. He must learn to head the ball. Rose executed the duties of left-half with competence and improved on each appearance, though he is slow. He tackled strongly, headed the ball well and had an eye for the pass to an unmarked man.

On the whole the forward line formed the most disappointing part of the team, especially in adverse conditions. Time after time good approach work was ruined by poor finishing in the penalty area where chances, often easy ones, were literally missed by the dozen. A tendency for the three inside forwards to play too closely together and hence to muddle each other was, no doubt, partly responsible. The problem of finding a fast centre-forward with an accurate shot proved a constant thorn in the sides of those responsible for choosing the team. Several people were tried, but eventually circumstances demanded a final choice, de Iongh, a fine,

attacking left-half, was moved into the forward line. At times he showed a remarkable flair for his new position, paving a path through the opponents' defence with enviable speed and dash, finishing off the movement with a cracking (though usually unlucky) shot at goal. On other occasions, however, his inexperience caused him to try an impossible shot when a touch to one of his unmarked insides might have proved more fruitful. All things considered, it can only be said that de Iongh did good work in an unfamiliar position, though one could not help but feel that it was a great pity that circumstances prevented him from playing in his normal position at left-half. For the greater part of the season Statham enjoyed varied success at inside-left. He did yeoman service in midfield, where his spirited tackling and well-planned passing resulted in many goals. He had, however, a tendency to overdo this back-play, with the result that at times he was absent from the forward line when most needed. Later he was returned to his old position at left-wing where his speed and dribbling ability, never seen at their best at inside, provided the rest of the forwards with a constant stream of well-placed centres. The wing positions were usually filled by Powell and Whittle. Of the two, Powell was the more skilful, and he developed a useful understanding with his inside. This was his first season in the 1st XI, and indeed, in the first game, and this was no doubt responsible for his rather inaccurate centring and lack of determination. Both of these faults should improve with increased experience. Whittle was extremely enthusiastic and headed the ball well. The slippery conditions underfoot in the last three matches were a greater trial to him than others.

R. H. Jones defended the home net with skill and reliance and his apparent lack of any sense of self-preservation in the performance of his duty, was a constant inspiration to a tiring defence and a flagging forward line. His rare mistakes occurred only when they no longer mattered, and were overshadowed by his many spectacular saves. This was his third season in the 1st XI

Walter, Rolfe and Gerrard also played on one or more occasions, the former at right-half. He was exceptionally fast and had a most useful, long throw-in, but his lack of ball control and poor tackling were, however, cause for concern on several occasions. Gerrard deputised for Driessche at left-back in the first match, while in the last match Rolfe replaced Powell (who was moved to inside-left), on the right wing.

At inside-right, Reed's form usually reflected the weather. On firm pitches he played splendidly and got through a prodigious amount of work. As well as scoring many goals himself, he created countless openings. His high standard of play was largely due to his abilities in the basic skills of the game. Other players would do well to try to achieve proficiency in these before attempting too

much on the field of play. Possibly Reed's best performance was against the Royal Agricultural College, when he revived a flagging team by his example and, in addition, scored all five goals. On wet grounds a complete change of his style was necessary and this he was unable to achieve under existing conditions.

As captain he did well. He had a thorough understanding of the game and of his players. He never forgot that, whilst to be good losers was admirable, an important object of the game was to win and it says much for his leadership that the team was always capable of fighting back.

The Junior XI had a very lean season and failed to win a match. Lack of coaching in the past was no doubt mostly responsible for this sad record, for there was no lack of enthusiasm. Had the 1st XI been stronger it would have been possible for the Games Committee and Mr. Haywood to give them some attention, but in the circumstances this was impossible. Semple was outstanding in goal and Godfrey also showed great promise at right-half. The final version of the team was: Semple, Page, Astill, Godfrey, Glastonbury, Richards, M. G., Gough, H., Horne, Lawson, Ellis, Alder. Thomason, Hayter, R., and Payne also played on several occasions.

#### 1st XI MATCHES.

September 29th. v. Wotton-under-Edge Grammar School Home.

Lost 5—3.

The first match of the season coincided with what must have been the hottest day in September, and this no doubt affected the play of both teams. At half-time we were two goals down, but soon after the restart, with the sun and slope behind us, we managed to level the scores with goals from Reed and de Peyer. However, unfortunate defensive errors gave away two further goals and in spite of another goal from Reed, our opponents went on to secure their win, netting a fifth goal on the dot of time from a corner-kick.

October 6th. v. Cirencester Grammar School. Home.

Drawn 2—2.

Another hot day and it took a goal in the home net to liven us up. At half-time we had revived to the extent of having a one goal lead, Statham and Reed being responsible, but soon after the restart Cirencester equalised with a penalty. Thereafter the game degenerated.

October 11th. v. Cotswold School. Home. Won 5—3.

With de Peyer unavailable, Harrison was moved to centre-forward and de Iongh to centre-half whilst Walter came in at right half. On the whole the move was not a success. The score suggests an easier win than was the case, our victory being directly dependant on a penalty and an own goal. Reed and Statham (2) scored our other goals.

October 13th. v. Commonweal School. Home. Lost 5—4.

A penalty, defensive errors and missed chances caused our downfall, even though we had to cope with only ten men after half-time. de Iongh, tentatively moved to centre-forward, was an immediate success and exceedingly unlucky to have a powerful shot which had beaten the goalkeeper, hit a post and rebound into play during the first few moments. Honours were even at half-time, our team having had most of the play. During the second half we played in a thoroughly disjointed fashion and only goals from Powell, Reed (2), and an own goal, saved us from a heavier defeat.

October 20th. v. Commonweal School. Away. Won 8—1.

After our poor performance in the previous week this game was a pleasure. Within ten minutes we had two goals and never looked back, de Iongh and de Peyer, the latter playing his first game at right-half, both enjoyed good games, while in the defence Driessche and Vaisey completely mastered their respective wingers and thereby drew the teeth of a never dangerous attack. Again chances were missed, but on this occasion we were in a position to afford them. The forwards scored as follows: de Iongh (2), Statham (2) and Reed (3), the eighth being an own goal.

October 27th. v. Royal Agricultural College. Home. Won 5—2.

The score stood at 1—1 at half-time, after a first half of boisterous and unimaginative play. In the first five minutes of the second half however, we found ourselves one down, but a penalty provided us with an easy equaliser, and three more quick goals in the last fifteen minutes ensured a safe win. This was our first soccer fixture with the Agricultural College and it proved an enjoyable match, with our opponents' advantage in weight balanced by our speed and technique. Reed scored all five goals.

November 17th. v. Royal Agricultural College. Away. Lost 2—1.

Played in appalling weather, this was a most disappointing game. Skilled play was rendered impossible by conditions under-foot and the kick and rush tactics of our opponents were one goal better than ours. Unlike the forward line, which suffered a complete eclipse after de Iongh's goal (which incidentally was the only shot directed accurately towards our opponents' posts throughout the game), the defence, Jones and Harrison in particular, played very well, and failed by only five minutes to hold the game to a draw.

November 24th. v. Dursley Grammar School. Away.

Drawn 4—4.

Again the weather was responsible for an extremely wet and uncomfortable game. An early reverse failed to upset the team and thanks to two well taken goals by de Iongh and an opportunist goal by Statham, we had a two goal lead at half-time. During the second half the team seemed to lose confidence, whilst our opponents, making good use of our lapses, scored three times in quick succession, de Iongh touched home the equaliser just before time and it was thanks to him and to Jones, who played a splendid game in goal, that we did not suffer defeat.

December 8th. v. Cirencester Grammar School. Away. Lost 6—3.

True to form, the weather again rendered playing conditions almost impossible. At half-time we were four goals down and had never looked like scoring. A slight improvement in the second half produced three point-blank goals, touched home by Statham and Powell (2), which, however, were of little avail against our more skilful opponents, who went on to score twice more. Only Jones emerged from this game with an unscathed reputation.

#### JUNIOR XI.

Sept. 29th. v. Wotton-under-Edge Grammar School. Home.

Lost 6—2.

October 6th. v. Cirencester Grammar School. Home. Lost 6—1.

October 13th. v. Commonweal School. Home. Lost 8—0.

October 20th. v. Commonweal School. Away. Lost 12—0.

November 24th. v. Dursley Grammar School. Away. Lost 3—2.

December 8th. v. Cirencester Grammar School. Away. Lost 3—2.

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