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EDITORIAL.

AT the moment we are in Brighton, with an ex-
“editor and man of mark.” When we are not
bathing, or admiring the illuminated war-memorial
at night, we are doing our best to collect portentous
sayings and high-minded epithets with which to assail
the luxurious natives in an attempt, somewhat
superfluous, to build a *second* Jerusalem on these
“channel washed shores”!

It is difficult enough to write an editorial amid
the noise of Cambridge, (we have had several attempts),
but we find it infinitely more so, in spite of hopes of
quiet and peace, with the shriek of tram cars in our
ears, and the grim spectacle of the Pavilion in front
of us.

But we have not forgotten Queens' and all it means
to us—those spacious and sybaritic baths! those
obsequious and immaculate porters! those deft and
well groomed waiters and the inspiring features of

our distinguished Dons! By the waters of Babylon (pronounced "Brighton") we sit down and weep, when we remember, with sharp pangs of regret, the magnificent façade of 'Cat's' Lodge, on which we have so often gazed before those delicious breakfasts, always piping hot, and served by fleet footed lackeys in spotless attire—

We never read editorials ourselves and we loathe Christmas cards, but if these few lines catch the eye of any casual reader, he will see that we have not forgotten him—but hope that he will enjoy his Christmas dinner and that he will write punctually to thank people for presents. Those over, may he rest assured that our New Year will be all the happier for seeing him in January.

DIALIANA.

ON July 19th John Archibald Venn, University (Gilbey) Lecturer in the History and Economics of Agriculture, was elected a Fellow of the College. We take this opportunity of welcoming the distinguished author of that stupendous work *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. Mr. Venn has generously expressed his wish to be a supernumerary (*i. e.* unpaid Fellow).

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We hope that the new cover, designed by F. Baker-Smith, will meet with everyone's approval.

The efforts of those who collected pennies and sold poppies on Remembrance Day met with gratifying success.

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We were sorry to notice that a special appeal had to be made to freshmen before their interest in this work of "bounden duty" was aroused.

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The Long Vacation Term saw the Annual Cricket Match between the College and the Gyps. Mr. Laffan captained the victorious College eleven and the Gyp's team was led by the redoubtable Dugate. The College entertained the gyps to dinner in the Hall, and afterwards to a concert—which was very much enjoyed.

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Congratulations to T. M. Shankland on being awarded the Harmsworth Law Prize.

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A programme of the music of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, sometime organ scholar of the College, was broadcast by the B.B.C. from 5XX on October 3rd.

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We were delighted to read of N. G. Wykes' brilliant century for Essex in the match against Kent last August.

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The labours of Mr. C. T. Seltman, in connexion with the production of the plates to illustrate Volumes I—IV. of the "Cambridge Ancient History," have received the highest commendation in the press. We congratulate him most heartily on this notable achievement.

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We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of *The Benedict*, the Corpus Christi College Magazine.

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On November 29th Gilbert Harding appeared at the head of the poll in the election of the Committee of the Union Society, of which he is now a permanent member.

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Charles Chapman spoke third at the Union on the motion "That life is too hectic to be happy," and distinguished himself in a speech remarkable for its wit and eloquence.

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An article by Miss Gerda Morgan, appearing in No. 1202, Vol. XLIX, published Dec. 2nd, of the *Cambridge Review* is of great interest to Queens' men. It is entitled "Cambridge and New Zealand, an early Link." We are sorry that circumstances do not allow us to reprint the article in full.

NEWS OF OLD QUEENS' MEN.

The Editor would like to emphasize the desirability of sending any news of old Queens' men to the *Dial*, and the importance of sending such news in reasonable time.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

His Majesty the King has appointed the *Reverend R. J. Hitchcock* (B.A. 1910) to the Vicarage of Kilmeston with Beauworth near Alresford, Hants.

The *Reverend Canon William Welchman* (B.A. 1889), Vicar of Temple, has been appointed Archdeacon of Bristol.

The *Reverend G. E. Davies* (B.A. 1894) has been appointed to the Vicarage of Membury near Axminster.

The *Reverend A. R. Price* (B.A. 1885) is now Vicar of Polten End, Berkhamstead.

The *Reverend T. G. Rogers* (B.A. 1908) has been appointed to the Vicarage of Swinton, Rotherham.

The *Reverend Canon F. T. Ashmall* will shortly resign the rectory of Hickling, which he has held since 1905. We hope that he will find much happiness in his well-earned retirement.

ORDINATIONS.

Trinity 1927

E. E. F. Walters (B.A. 1925) to St Peter's, Malvern Wells.

Michaelmas 1927

W. Baker (B.A. 1925) to St Michael's, S. Shields.

C. Hodgshon (B.A. 1925) to St Aidan's, Leeds.

E. W. Maxwell (B.A. 1921) to Bebington, near Birkenhead.

W. H. Wagstaffe (B.A. 1926) to St Andrew's, Sharrow.

Advent 1927

Douglas John Wilson to Holy Trinity, Dartford.

OBITUARY.

On September 18th, at the age of 93, Mrs G. C. Pollard, wife of a former Fellow of the College.

On October 15th, 1927, at the age of 64, *Angelo George Kirby Hayter, F.S.A.*, sometime Senior Classical Scholar of the College.

Mr Hayter was a distinguished Egyptologist, at one time working with Sir Flinders Petrie, and well known as a popular University Extension Lecturer. He was much beloved for his modesty, geniality and readiness to help anyone who sought his advice or assistance.

MARRIAGES.

The *Reverend Peveril Turnbull* to the Lady Jane Grey, on September 29th.

The *Reverend R. J. Hitchcock* to Hilda Caroline Geare, on September 22nd.

The *Reverend B. M. Dale* to Kathleen Mabel O'Meara, on August 31st.

E. C. Lamplugh to Eleanor Madge Farrow, on August 4th.

G. F. M. Lyster to Doreen Middlemiss, on July 26th.

F. W. Gentle to Ursula Wilmer White.

The *Reverend A. H. Cullen* to Natalie Beatrice Waller.

E. C. Kennedy to Marjorie Loten Sainsbury, on December 21st.

BIRTH.

On July 31st, at Taiping, Federated Malay States, to Molly, wife of *E. H. S. Bretherton*, a son.

On June 22nd, at Naini Tal, U. P., India, to Winifred, wife of Rev. D. P. Low, a son.

GENERAL.

Leslie Sutton, after leaving Queens' went to the Heart of Africa Mission where he did splendid work—but invalided by malaria and blackwater fever, has come home to work at the Missionary Training College, South Norwood.

F. M. Edwards has retired from the Egyptian Civil Service and is teaching at *H. C. McDowell's* School at Twyford.

W. A. Butler, sometime Organ Scholar of the College, is the new Headmaster of St Faith's School, Cambridge.

A. S. Oswald has been appointed Lecturer at Bede College, Durham.

A. I. Forde is an assistant master at Harrow.

H. Collingham has been appointed to a mastership at the Merchant Taylors' School.

P. A. Curtois has been appointed Modern Language Master at Woodbridge School.

Mr A. N. Mukarji, who preached in the College Chapel this term, has succeeded Mr Moule as Principal of St Stephen's College, Delhi.

C. E. Cuthbertson is Senior English Master at King Edward VII's Grammar School, King's Lynn.

W. Sumner is working in the Anjou Silver Mines, British Columbia.

W. T. Marsh has been appointed Headmaster of Hertford Grammar School.

G. J. Pink is in Kenya Colony.

F. Wilson is articled to a solicitor in Watford, and plays hockey for Herts.

A. C. Crooke is at the London Hospital.

R. S. Allen is articled to a solicitor in the City.

E. W. Ellison is making calico in Manchester.

E. S. Warner is a master at Moffat, N.B.

A. F. Darvall is a master at The Grange, Folkestone.

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WHO broke his record in the Q.C. Golf Club by halving a match? Does he believe that two halves make a whole?

Where did the Freshmen of 1927 come from—and why?

Who has been to France and why did he come back?
(To have a day with the Blankshire of course—and very nice too!)

“To gate or not to gate, that is the question.” Wood this be by Shakespeare or Pope?

Who was the polite young man who offered to assist at his own debagging?

Is it true that Sophomore Ch-p--n is built for comfort rather than speed?

Was “Laura” arrested as a doubtful character or merely for loitering?

When will “Fresh”-man W-lls-n cease to address third year men by their Christian names—and does he call the Tutor “Claudie”?

Who was it said to G-----t H-----g “I don’t like your Dial?”

Who tipped the President?

What did the President do with the sixpence?

When are the eagles and shields on the Water Gate-posts going to be properly painted?

MAN OF MARK.

R. W. V. ROBINS.

ROBERT WALTER VIVIAN ROBINS, the name alone is a little awe-inspiring—indeed we always envy and respect those men with three or more Christian names. But this is a digression, and as such, to be condemned, our object is to give a short and concise “Life and History of R.W.V.R.”

Starting life in Stafford on June 3rd, 1906, our man of mark, save for being rather on the small side even for a baby, excited no great comment at the time. His early life we know little of, and it is not until he went to Highgate in 1921 that things really begin to happen.

His school triumphs were legion, in the cricket XI., the soccer XI., and the “fives” team. In 1925 this modest hero, quite unobtrusively, came into residence, and we of Queens’ that follow athletics with interest and zeal are pleased that it was to Queens’ that he came. It is not given to many to collect a soccer ‘blue’ and a cricket ‘blue’ in their first year, but then a man with the names Robert Walter Vivian is obviously a cut above the ordinary. So shy was he that in his first term he was hardly known by sight to most people in College, except perhaps to those freshers that lived near him, and to the small select band of constant chapel-goers.

On being elected to the “Kangers” in 1926, Robbie began his social career in the College, and has not looked back,

Owing to the calls of 'Varsity games made on his time, Robbie has not been able to turn out for the College as often as he would have wished, but in spite of the arduous duties entailed by the captaincy of the



'Varsity side, he yet found time to be an efficient and enthusiastic college soccer captain last Lent term.

His appearances for the college at cricket last term were spasmodic but brilliant, his four innings yielding three centuries and a fifty, while his fielding was, as ever, the best to be seen anywhere.

This term has seen him, after two years in the wilderness, installed in rooms in college, where it is rumoured that wall-space does not permit of his hanging all his photographs of 'Varsity sides in which he has played.

Everyone in college must be familiar with his ringing tenor voice, so often raised in praise of his favourite flower, the tulip. Then too, an enterprising gentleman is said to have started a book [for the benefit of the uninitiated, this does not mean a literary effusion, but refers to a device in common use among commission agents] on what tie Robbie will don for the day. So numerous are his many Clubs that he can easily do a week without wearing the same tie twice, but while pride of place goes to the Quidnuncs, "Corinth" is well up for second place. Whether there is any truth in the rumour that Robbie once gave it as his opinion that "Bridge is a 'Varsity game," we cannot say, but 'tis said that he will urge that the Q. C. Bridge Club be admitted to full membership of the United Clubs.

As befits so fine an exponent of every sort of ball game, Robbie is a good billiards-player, and is understood to have a season ticket at a certain local billiard saloon. Beware of taking him on at "slosh," you will surely be undone.

Space, the Editor tells me, is limited, so must we close forthwith. It remains but for us to bid Robbie the best of luck for himself and his side against Oxford, on Dec. 14th, may he add to his laurels both in that game, and in many games to come.

T. M. S.

THE UBIQUITY OF MARGARET.

A HOLIDAY abroad is always considered part of one's education, we are told, and from the days of the "Grand Tour" to those of the present, it has always seemed highly desirable and exceedingly right and proper that the young men of England should go for a holiday on the Continent. The fact that one is subjected to a miserable channel crossing, and is subsequently met by a gesticulating crowd of excitable French porters is presumably considered as being "part of the fun"; and we persuade ourselves that it is so. To many people the adventures of landing in France make them feel young and sprightly, the cares of this world having been carefully dropped overboard *en route*; but for me, it is the other way round. Phrases from Mr. Siepmann's "French Course" come surging up in my mind, but they are all quite irrelevant to the situation in hand, and when I do try and say something, I find that an almost overwhelming attack of stuttering has come upon me, and I am left to my own fate. The porter has no time to listen to my incoherent jabberings. "*Les anglais sont toujours fous*" he mutters, as he pushes his way through the crowd by the simple means of knocking first one suit-case and then another into the backs of the unfortunate passengers, who are waiting to have their passports inspected.

Yes, but that was all a nightmare, you will say, what about the holiday part of it all? Here I am forced to admit that it was all very instructive. We visited the châteaux and churches on the Loire, all of which had a different historical lesson to bring home to us, and one certainly did feel that if only this holiday had taken

place before the Tripes instead of afterwards, the papers that gained an honest "third" might have savoured somewhat more of inspiration. The château at Blois for instance, though at first sight I must admit that I thought it was a modern hotel built in the style of a château, so used am I to living amongst facsimiles, was interesting enough, and we were told grim tales of the doings of Catherine de Medici. At Amboise too, we found much of interest. We saw the low archway where Charles VIII. died after his all too-strenuous game of "fives" and the window from which several hundred Huguenots were calmly thrown down on to the road below. All *very* edifying, "how the world has progressed in nice ideas since then" we say, comfortably.

Tours Cathedral really was worth seeing. The Revolutionists had done a good deal of damage to it; indeed, a Protestant of the Laudian School, like myself, was surprised to see that French churches on the whole had suffered just as badly as ours in England did from the ravages of Iconoclasts, with one noticeable difference; there is far more old stained glass. This, in the case of Tours, was explained by the simple fact that the Cathedral was turned into a *Palais de Danse* during the Revolution, and it was felt that it was preferable to have stained glass and warmth rather than no glass and a draught. Our sense of exclusiveness however was severely shaken at Tours, for we met so many Cambridge men, including two from Queens', that we thought that we too ought to be studying French at the *Collège*. Rather than do that, and possibly cure my stutter, we left for Chinon, where it was really wonderful to feel for one's self how accurate Bernard Shaw's local colour and atmosphere is. Whether he has ever been there is another matter.

With the thought of Chartres to finish up with, and two days to go, we wended our way South to Angers and there I was fully persuaded that it is quite impossible ever to get away from your own kith and kin and that all this snobbish feeling of exclusiveness was of the devil.

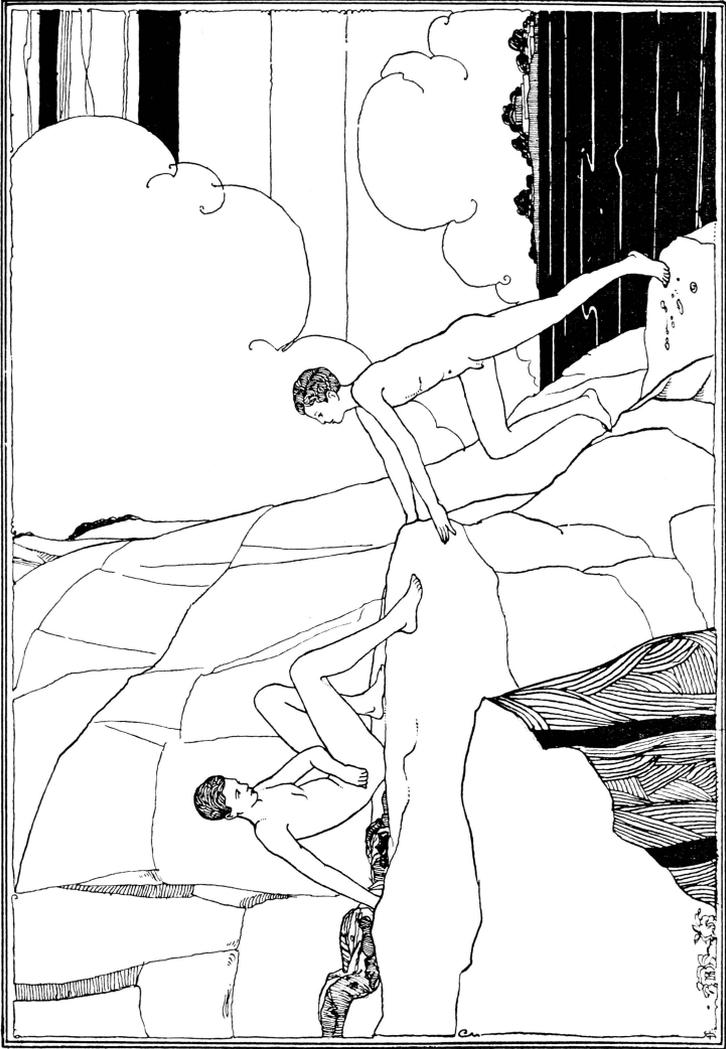
Clad in my Queens' Amal. blazer, I was walking down a boulevard when suddenly I caught sight of a statue in the distance. That was natural enough, in any French *place*, but then my attention was directed towards the base of the statue. It bore a curiously-familiar coat-of-arms emblazoned upon it, and the pocket of my blazer began to get quite excited about it. Yes, there it was, half the arms of Queens' College, Cambridge on a pedestal which bore the crowned figure of no less a celebrity than Margaret, *our* Margaret. And then I realised that it really was not as strange as it all seemed. The name of the town I was in was called Angers, and that, presumably, had some connection with Anjou.

The only thing to do was to buy as many postcards of Her Majesty as I could lay my hands on and send them off to her devotees. This done, and Chartres visited, I returned to England and bought a copy of Mr. S. P. B. Mais' "See England First." The enthusiasm with which he writes on his own country so gripped me that I wrote to him to say how much I had enjoyed the book. He very kindly replied and asked me to lunch.

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I am half inclined to do what the title of his book tells me to do, but this time I shan't cross the Channel in order to do it.

C. D. H.



FAR from the waves beneath, we climbed
Swift up the cool and lonely rock
Naked and happy.
And there we rested.
With the deep blue sea below us
The generous, golden sun upon us
And all the joy of youth
Within our hearts.

DEDICATED PROVERBS.

To a Bore :

“A boar on the crest is worth two in the College.”

To Lenoir :

“He baths least who baths last.”

To the Studios :

“A call in time keeps a nine.”

To the Dons :

“Any port in a storm.”

To the Progs.:

“Give a prog a bad name and hang him.”

To the Dial :

“It's never too late to send.”

TO

SOFT through the branches
Passes the breeze
Only to murmur
In other trees.
So has your beauty
Sped : yet you part
Only to brighten
Some other heart

O TEMPORA O MORES.

NO sooner had the full moon risen above the clock-tower than a gentle swishing noise was heard over the court of the ancient Walnut Tree.

Anybody passing at that hour would have heard it, and had he been of a curious turn of mind would probably have stopped to look. He would have seen the grass covered with the dancing shapes of fairies weaving intricate patterns with their tiny feet on the ancient velvety turf.

Against the trunk of the Walnut Tree itself a faun was seated making fairy music with his pipes, music that only very rarely can a mortal hear and live. His head was covered with a garland made of russet autumn leaves, and from his back a hood of white flowers hung down, because he was a Cambridge faun. Further investigation would have shown that all these little people were the inhabitants of Queens': they were the guardians of its beauties and the links with its historic past. Every night when the moon was high they could have been seen, by those who looked, carefully dancing on the grass of the Walnut Tree. The present third year men have seen them, but alas, no freshman has because during this past term Queens' has lost its fairies. Across their dancing floor have arisen big and little iron railings, the invention of the Dons. As everybody knows the fairy law does not allow a fairy to touch iron and live, so one Michaelmas night they tearfully bade farewell to their old College, and sought other courts. In vain they tried to make their one time friends remember that old saying:

"When the Fairies go from the Walnut Tree
Queens' as a College will cease to be."

But gone they have, and those of their friends who remain can only hope that the great god Pan and his satellites may come back speedily to Queens', and, rejoicing in the disappearance of the railings, may dance away the troubles of the House.

B. C. S.

SILVER STREET.

DRIP!
Drip!
Inexorable excreta of weak-bladdered clouds.
Alack! Nine of the clock, and I am still abed.
A murrain on that atrophied alarm!
Better to lie voluptuous, thinking.
Ah me! What joy!
Unhappy undergraduates, unshaved, unwashed, and un-
awakened,
Slinking breakfastless to grudging labour,
Lurch carelessly across the seething road:
While virile virgins on velocipedes,
Eager to cram their ugly heads with sexy medicine,—
Ride breathlessly, lest they should miss a word.
Stragglers totter on, to blunder into lectures, late
Like ruminating oxen,
Crashing their shapeless forms on pitch-pine desks,
Disturbing the man's poor train of thought.
Blindly, bemused, he grapples with the tattered strands,
Turns futilely at bay, and rends the wretched laggards,
Flabbily furious.
Empty now the street, save for the scavenger,
And morning sounds entombed by unabating rain.
Still-born.
Thank God I'm not as other men!

R. P. S. P.

Q. C. R. U. F. C.

AT least the weather was kind to us, and due to Gordon's careful nursing, the ground remained in perfect condition till the end of the term.

On paper, the XV. was one of the best we have had for many seasons and compared with last year's XV. was superior in every single department. Yet of the two, the 1926 side had the better record.

The cause of this is not hard to seek. The side lacked that most essential factor in successful team-building, perfect co-ordination between the units.

The forwards were the most unfortunate in this respect, for the claims of labs and Westminster College, together with a tiresome accident, deprived us of the uninterrupted support of Martin, Pringle and Bacon; and gave the eight very little chance to settle down.

Nearly every member of the pack could dribble well, but the loose rushes were all too frequently a succession of individual runs, not a combined effort. In the loose there was a terrible tendency among some, to try and heel the ball facing the scrum-half, which resulted in an instantaneous loss of shove and prevented any tactics against the opposing wingers.

Last year's weakness at the line-outs was still apparent, but with the wing three-quarters taking more advantage of Stevinson's height, the forward play gradually improved towards the end of the season.

The tight scrummaging was as variable as the hooking, but the constant re-shuffling of the second row which was the weak link, was no doubt largely responsible for the lack of concerted push.

The third row were well together, and the wingers, Bailey and Russell, both played some excellent games.

Hobbins led, and considering he was packing in the front row, did it very successfully. He had a good sense of position, and better hands than many of the team. His punting was of value, and he placed some good goals, especially against King's, London.

The defensive play of the pack was good, Stevinson and Bailey in particular going down very smartly to the rushes; but none of these qualities quite compensated for the lack of ginger in the forwards as a whole.

In one match only did they really get together, and that was against King's College, London, whom we beat decisively for the first time by 17 points to 3. The team, as a team, produced of its best on that occasion, and yet the three-quarters were not as good as one could have wished.

Lack of thrust was the chief fault outside the scrum, though Jenkins and Snell both did some neat things. The giving and receiving of passes was often deplorable, and Flemming underwent a very bad period from which he was definitely emerging towards the end of the season. The crab-like tendencies, which the outsides sometimes indulged in, hampered the wings, Shankland and Wykes, and gave them little room for successful manoeuvring.

Roberts, as captain, set a good example from his position at full-back, and though he never quite touched his best form of the previous season, was always safe enough to give the side the necessary feeling of confidence in him.

The same lack of combination was noticeable in the two lower teams. There was plenty of good material in the second XV, especially among the forwards. Sev-

eral of whom assisted the first on more than one occasion, Outside Roberts (D. J. C.) and Newsome had possibilities and Bartlett, who captained the side, made some good runs on the wing. The halves were sound, without being brilliant, but Sutcliffe's hands and positioning were offset by his lack of initiative, and weakness in defence.

The third XV. team, captained by Clarke, was seriously handicapped by the dearth of outsides and the constant demands of the senior teams. The odds were nearly always against them; but they did at least get a lot of exercise, and the satisfaction of being the only third XV. side run by any college of our size. This fact of keenness is a very pleasing one, but even so a few extra members would have considerably helped in the building of the sides. There were hardly any reserves to fall back on in emergency.

Our thanks are due to all who morally and vocally supported us, and especially to those who gave up their time to keep a line or referee. Chapman was particularly obliging with the whistle and very efficient in the bargain; while Gilbert Harding added further laurels to his wreath by earning the enviable distinction of official touch-judge.

J. D. HODGKINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

[We feel that the increased interest in the rugger this year is due largely to the efforts of J. D. Hodgkinson, the Hon. Sec. His work, both on and off the field, is worthy of our highest praise.—EDITOR].

Q. C. A. F. C.

THE prospects of the first Eleven seemed brighter at the beginning of the term than they did last year, since six old colours were available and four promising freshmen were discovered in the trial game, all of whom subsequently secured "Fresher Trials."

The Eleven started off with a fair measure of success and gave every indication that they would reach a high place in the second division. After a few matches however, the team work in general, and the passing in particular, deteriorated, and thus several matches were lost. Two matches remain to be played next term, and as Robins will be available, there is every chance of redeeming the losses sustained in the second half of this term. An away match was played against the R.A.F. Cadet College at Cranwell, which resulted in a draw.

There has been no difficulty in getting people to play for the Second Eleven which was captained by Spurrel, and one or two Third Eleven matches have also been played. As the Second will probably be entered for the "getting-on" competition, which they won last year, it is hoped that a strong side will be built out of the material at hand.

Full Colours were awarded to the following:—A. H. Head, J. D. Foster, C. E. Allen, and Half Colours to H. Coombes, S. W. Lister, R. H. Garnforth.

D. J. PRICE, *Capt.*

Q. C. H. C.

FULL of hope we looked forward, after our success of last year, to a really good season this year. and so far our hopes have been amply justified. With

eleven of last year's thirteen full colours still up, the 1st XI. has won all its matches except two—being beaten by Trinity 1—0, and drawing with Pembroke 1—1, and this, despite the fact that the defence has had constantly to be changed; however, next term when it can play more together, it should soon settle down and prove really strong. The forwards are getting together better now, though they don't score as often as they ought to, chiefly because they don't follow up their shots, and are often too far up to make use of centres from the wing.

The 2nd XI. has done consistently well, but is not up to last year's standard; they have however, often been handicapped through not having a goalkeeper.

The experiment of running a 3rd XI. has proved a success, and the games, if not scientific, are very keen and robust and give regular exercise to those who would otherwise lack it.

An encouraging number of freshers joined the club this year, but unfortunately no one of outstanding merit has been discovered. However, keenness is not lacking, and with coaching, improvement will not be long delayed.

The weather, except for the last two weeks, has been exceptionally kind and very few matches have been scratched; of those that have been, most were home ones, often because a horse could not get on to roll the ground, (though it has been rumoured that a motor-roller would have done the trick).

In conclusion, our thanks are due to the authorities for allowing us to print fixture cards this term; they have proved a great boon and we hope the practice will be continued.

R. P. S. PROTHEROE.

Q. C. G. C.

THE Golf Club had a successful term, winning three matches and losing one, a great improvement on previous years. Matches were played against Trinity Hall (twice), St Catharine's and Royston. The following was the regular team, N. G. Wykes, J. E. F. Rawlins, C. Marr, P. E. Lee, J. H. Pope, W. D. Lorimer, F. W. Stevinson and G. E. Barrow each played in one match. The chief difficulty seems to consist in the lack of Freshmen who play.

J. E. F. RAWLINS, *Hon. Sec.*

ST. BERNARD SOCIETY.

IF increase in attendance be any criterion then the Society's meetings of the past term have indeed been successful. Excluding the "Bedder's Concert" the record attendance was 76. This is very creditable when one reflects that a few terms ago it was often difficult to assemble a quorum. The improvement of the Society has been due to the excellent "spade" work of the Committee for Lent Term 1927, and the main work of their successors under the Presidency of Gilbert Harding.

The St. Bernard Society ought to be outstanding among College Societies. It is the *one* social club of the College open to all undergraduates. Members of other clubs only meet their own particular sets—yet all may meet on the common ground of the St. Bernard Society.

The past term's success has been due to the large and representative attendance at meetings—to the increased

beer ration and, possibly, to the sight of the Committee in evening dress.

Debates were not so popular as concerts.

To the motion "This House views with apprehension the advent of the Flapper vote," R. Bailey, S. Reynolds, W. Lillie and G. Martin spoke on the paper. The other people spoke off the paper, and the motion was carried—by votes.

At the second debate, "That this House regards the powers of the Police," W. Lorimer, T. Shankland, D. Bailey and R. Baron were on the paper, whilst of the fourteen subsequent speakers those were visitors. The motion was lost—by votes.

The visitors debate had to be postponed until next term.

The concerts were great successes. Community singing being a newly introduced feature. B. Snell and D. Bailey were responsible for the second concert and Mr. Blake Pelly brought a party of songsters from Emmanuel College for the third. The Secretary organised the others, whilst College servants were individually invited to the last concert of the term. This experiment was a huge success and we have to thank Douglas Horsley for suggesting the idea.

The election of officers for the Lent term 1928 resulted in the following gentlemen being returned unopposed: President, R. R. M. Bacon; Vice-President, A. Chapman; Secretary, B. C. Snell; Assist. Secretary, D. P. Bailey; Treasurer, R. M. Phillips.

The Society hopes for the continual support of all members of the College.

A. CHAPMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

ERASMUS SOCIETY.

THE Society was fortunate in securing for the first and open meeting Mr. John Drinkwater, who read, in answer to a book of Mr. Lucas', an able and vigorous paper on "Poetry and some Critics". Still more interesting and welcome, perhaps, was the reading of Mr. Drinkwater's own poems at the conclusion of the paper. The second meeting of the term took the form of an exposition, by word and illustration, of "Johannes Brahms". Mr. Bye, of the Leys School, gave a short account of the evolution of the sonata form, and of its perfection in the work of Brahms. A Corelli, and two Brahms sonatas, were played by Mr. Haydn Inwards and Mr. Bye in illustration of that progress. At the third meeting W. W. Lillie read a paper on "Robert Herrick," that childlike but delicate craftsman, and most pagan of English poets.

At the last meeting Dr. Cook will read his paper on "Robert Browning". We sincerely regret the impossibility of including an account of that which we look forward to as a delightful conclusion to a term of exceptional activity and interest.

W. W. LILLIE, *Secretary*.

ST. MARGARET MUSICAL SOCIETY.

THE first concert of the term was given on October 23rd, in the Erasmus Room at which Mr. L. A. Lickfold of Trinity Hall gave a very creditable rendering of Schumann's Sonata in G minor, and a group of Brahms' songs sung by W. W. Lillie was much appreciated. Mr. P. H. Gent of Peterhouse was the violinist and Mr. E. C. Butterworth of Christ's the bass soloist.

On November 6th, Mr. P. S. Hudson of Trinity Hall played some delightful Spanish dances. A Corelli Sonata for violin and piano was given by J. Downton and P. H. Duke-Baker, whilst Handel's "Honour and Arms" was well sung by B. Holden.

An organ recital was given on Sunday, November 20th, by the College organist (P. H. Duke-Baker). It is only to be regretted that more members of the College did not avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing standard organ works played on so fine an instrument as our own. The Toccata in F by Bach was especially appreciated and the recital was varied by two solos by C. D. Horsley—"Lord God of Abraham" from the *Elijah*, and "Gladly will I leave him never" from Bach's *Passion, according to St. Matthew*.

D. D. R. POUNCEY, *Hon. Sec.*

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

THIS baby of the Queens' Societies, just one year old, has now a membership of twenty, five having joined us this term.

Two meetings have been held, one at the beginning when Dr. Travers Jones came over from Fulbourn Mental Hospital to give a most interesting talk on "The Medical Hospital Service as a Career."

The second meeting, a joint one at Emmanuel, was poorly represented but those who did go enjoyed immensely hearing Dr. Cooke of Addenbrooke's Hospital talk on the History of Surgery.

Next term when dreaded 2nd will be over and other exams. also, we hope to have three lectures on Radiology and x-ray, War experiences of a Surgeon and one other subject.

N. M. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

GUILD OF ST. BERNARD.

THE Guild has held three evening meetings this term, which have all been well attended. At the first meeting, Father "Bill" Wright, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's, Sunderland, spoke about his work as a priest in a slum parish. Father Bill's talk was extremely valuable as giving an insight into work with which we are far too unfamiliar. The second meeting was held on Armistice Day and we were addressed by Father Conrad Noel, Vicar of Thaxted. Father Conrad spoke about Jesus Christ and His relation with politics and gave us a very great deal to think about. Father Conrad's wide knowledge of the Gospels and his deep sincerity could not fail to impress even those who most vigorously opposed his views. Mr. A. D. Nock, Fellow of Clare, spoke on Liturgical Prayer at the last meeting and was brilliantly entertaining.

The meetings have been followed by a Mass in St. Edward's Church and by a Guild breakfast afterwards. We are very satisfied indeed with our term—and are looking forward keenly to next term's programme which includes Father Eric Milner-White, Father Wilfrid Knox and C. D. Horsley as speakers.

GILBERT HARDING, *Secretary*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of "The Dial."

SIR,

The lack of attention paid to the niceties of life and to the dignity of our Royal and Ancient Foundation has always annoyed me.

That the Fellows, dining amidst priceless silver and so on, should be content to be waited upon by men clad in lounge suits and soft collars, passes my comprehension. They would never tolerate such a thing from a family butler.

Surely it would cost but little to put *all* the waiters into tails and stiff shirts, and to clothe our porters in top hats and suitable livery.

Again sir, when is this Royal Foundation going to fly its appropriate standard, instead of a grubby and tattered Union Jack?

A few of us will be happy to present such a standard, if it will be accepted, in the hope that this effort of constructive criticism will rouse those in authority to attend to detail, and so add dignity to the most beautiful college in Cambridge.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES CHAPMAN.

To the Editor of "The Dial."

SIR,

May I draw the attention of the authorities to the extremely unsatisfactory state of the baths?

They are nearly always very dirty, and people who use them in the morning have to clean away the dirt and mud left by the people who have used them on the previous day after games. It appears that they are seldom washed out at all, and even then, very badly and carelessly.

The supply of hot water in the afternoons is miserably inadequate, and the majority of people find it quite impossible to get a hot bath after games.

Finally, may I suggest that the provision of boards to stand on in the bathrooms and shower-bath and of a looking glass in the dressing room would be a great improvement?

It seems deplorable that these grievances should be allowed to exist, when they could be remedied with very little expense and attention by the proper authority.

“ABLUTIONIST.”

We have received several letters on this subject—but we are only printing this one as representative of most of the complaints.

We ourselves are strongly of the opinion that something ought to be done.

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