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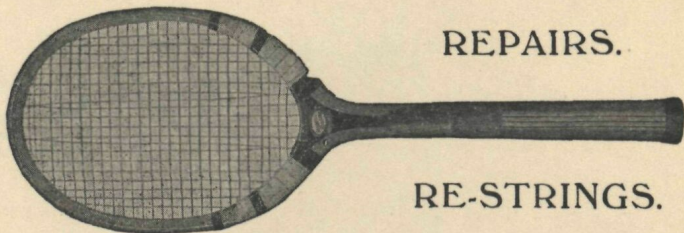
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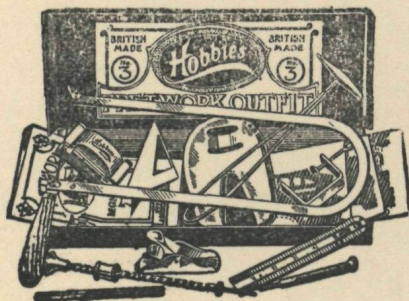
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R. C. SCOTT.	H. V. CHAMPION.

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Denne—R. C. BONE.	St. Leonard's—D. V. SKEET.

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R. C. BONE.

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Editorial Committee of "The Collyerian"—

D. V. SKEET.
R. H. FULLER.

Notes on News.

Term ends on 22nd March. Next term begins on 28th April and ends on 26th July. There will be a merit holiday on 4th June and a week's half-term holiday from 6th to 11th June.

Last term 13 boys left; 11 joined this term. The number in the School is now 230.

The results of the December School Certificate Examination were: First Class Honours, H. F. Pearmain; Second Class Honours, B. Birchmore; Passed, P. C. Box, A. Cramp, H. C. Ford, M. E. Moore, R. C. Scott, S. Swain. H. F. Pearmain, B. Birchmore, and R. C. Scott obtained London Matriculation standard. Only seven First Class Honours were given in England. For the future the honour awards will not be divided into classes. The total of School Certificates gained in 1931 is now 33—3 more than in any other year.

We welcome to the Board of Governors Sir Ewart Greaves, who has been co-opted in the place of the late Dr. Vernon.

The Founder's Day Sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. H. Elliott.

The Ascensiontide Sermon will be preached on 6th May by the Rev. W. M. Peacock.

We took possession of the new classrooms at the beginning of the term, and of the new laboratory at half-term. We greatly appreciate the advantages of having a place for everything, and are arranging to keep everything in its place.

Of the boys who left last term, J. H. Dearle is sampling an auctioneer's life and evening schools; D. C. Stovold engineers with Messrs. Vickers at Weybridge; R. H. Delany is at the Chard School, Somerset; A. Buckton is being technically trained in Brighton; E. G. Lee fosters mushrooms; S. A. G. Ritchie is at the Masonic School, Bushey, where he says his form is full of duds and he scores goals galore; T. B. Holmes à Court is trying "reculer pour mieux sauter."

Of recent leavers, D. D. Shears has dropped bricks and won the Horsham Electricity Apprentice Scholarship; L. G. Watson is at Dulwich College.

In connection with the Land Utilization Survey of Britain, good progress has been made into St. Leonard's Forest this term. The following boys have assisted: Teague, Denny, Bone ii., Naldrett, Richardson, Leney, Francis, Manvell.

Twenty-three members of the Upper First, attended by Messrs. Henderson and Bielby, visited the Imperial Museum, South Kensington, London, on February 13th.

Films have been shown this term, entitled, "Life in Sweden," and "Thomas à Becket."

The School is sending a party to join the Schools Cruise on the troopship *Neuralia* in the summer.

Various day excursions are also being planned for the Summer Term.

The School National Savings Association has collected this term, up to February 29th, £28 8s. 6d.

The parents of the following boys have contributed to the Centenary Fund this term: G. E. Fiske, R. S. Saunders, R. C. Bone, R. I. Edwards, D. Redford, H. Thompson, R. C. Scott, N. D. Polley, J. Collier, W. J. Wilkinson, E. J. Johnson, S. P. Barnard, R. P. Wickens, R. D. M. and D. S. W. Love, E. P. Clarke, C. T. Wallis.

It was with great regret that the School received the news this term of the death of Mr. R. P. King. We deeply sympathize with Mr. King's relatives and with the College at Lagos.

Valete.

- E. L. Bedford, 1925³, L.VI., St. Leonard's, School Certificate 1931², Debating Society.
 A. Cramp, 1926³, Vb., Collyer's, School Certificate 1931³, Debating Society.
 E. H. Johnson, 1927¹, Vb., Hurst, 1st XI. Football 1930, 1931, Cricket 1930, 1931.
 M. E. Moore, 1927³, L.VI., Hurst, School Certificate 1931², 1931³, Prefect 1931, 1st XI. Football 1931, Cricket 1931, Debating Society.
 J. H. Dearle, 1929², Vb., Denne.
 D. C. Stovold, 1929², Vb., Denne.
 R. H. Delany, 1929², IIIb., Hurst.
 A. Buckton, 1929³, IVb., Denne.
 E. G. Lee, 1930³, II., Hurst.
 J. A. G. Ritchie, 1931¹, II., St. Leonard's.
 T. B. Holmes à Court, U.I., Hurst.

Salvete.

- COLLYER'S.—R. H. Harris, IIIb.; J. C. Hewell, U.I.
 DENNE.—G. A. Patterson, L.I.; J. O. Patterson, L.I.
 HURST.—P. J. Green, IIIb.; L. F. Tracy, L.I.; W. P. Allsebrook, IIIb.; R. F. Minchin, L.I.; D. A. Eyles, II.
 ST. LEONARD'S.—J. de F. Stanford, IVb.; R. O. Nightingale, L.I.

The Christmas Entertainment, 1931.

It has long been evident that the standard of entertainment to which Mrs. Tharp and her collaborators, theatrical and musical, have accustomed us deserved to be free from the handicap of a small and awkward stage. The new School stage has removed that handicap, and in "H.M.S. Pinafore," played on December 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, we had our first experience of being entertained under the new conditions.

The effect was to confirm us in the opinion that the combination of musical and theatrical talent enjoyed by the School is something altogether too good to be cabined, cribbed, and confined.

But if we rejoice that that talent is no longer cabined, that is not to say we could bear it to be separated from the sphere of cabins, after the happy time which we owe to that admirable vessel admirably manned (and, we would add, 'womaned') "H.M.S. Pinafore."

CAST.

Little Buttercup	Mrs. Tharp
Captain Corcoran	Mr. C. G. Jones
Ralph Rackstraw	L. A. Bashford
Josephine	C. T. Wallis
Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B.	D. V. Skeet
Dick Deadeye	H. M. Rimmer
Boatswain	H. C. Watts
Hebe	D. S. W. Love
Midshipman	B. Fleet

Sisters and Cousins:—

D. Burr, C. Bone, R. E. Bullard, J. Coombes,
P. Crump, W. A. Fradley, M. Fountain, L. T. B.
Hunt, B. Manvell, I. Peskett, R. Richardson,
D. Wadey, L. Wenham.

Sailors:—

Mr. L. Bielby, Mr. G. G. Hunt, E. F. Arber, S. P.
Barnard, P. C. Box, R. C. Bone, A. Cramp,
D. A. W. Dalton, R. H. Fuller, J. Palmer,
D. J. Rimmer, P. W. Taylor.

To Mrs. Tharp, who played the part of Little Buttercup with an easy grace and poise that broke into effective animation as the plot required; to Mr. C. G. Jones, a delightful Captain Corcoran with a power of subtle, as it were sly, facial humour upon which we compliment him warmly; to D. V. Skeet, who wore the pomposity of the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., so excellently well that we were tempted to fear for his own middle-age;

to Josephine, who had a sweetness all her own; to Ralph Rackstraw, that more than able Seaman; to Dick Deadeye, deliciously sinister; to the sisters and the cous—in short, to all the cast, as well as to the unseen helpers, we tender our congratulations and thanks.

Not less sincerely we thank and congratulate those who were responsible for the musical side of the entertainment, Mrs. J. I. Eager, Miss Gladys Fountain, Mr. W. S. Sutton, and Mr. R. H. Kelly. The technicalities of musical criticism are frankly beyond us, nor are we prepared to mourn this ignorance. We know that our ears and our spirits were once again charmed and refreshed, we know that our former debt has been still further increased. We also know that we are looking forward to opportunities of plunging yet deeper into this kind of debt. If that is not musical appreciation, we do not know what is.

We cannot close this report of "H.M.S. Pinafore" without making mention of two striking features of the production, namely, the amazing sailorishness of those members of the Staff who were sailors, and the astounding girlishness of those boys who were girls. We heartily applaud the art which brought these results about—and, lest ill befall us, we refrain from even hinting that boys *can* be somewhat feminine in class, or that a school-master *can* have had the experience of being all at sea.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE." Balance Sheet.

EXPENSES.			£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.
D'Oyly Carte, Permit...	2	2	0			Collections:—					
30 Books of Words ...	1	10	0			16th December ...	12	10	11		
Orchestra and Hire ...	8	8	6			17th December ...	13	6	0		
Costumes ...	18	5	4			18th December ...	11	10	1		
Postages ...		16	10			19th December ...	13	5	9		
Printing ...	1	8	0			Donations ...	4	10	0		
			32	10	8						
Balance ...			22	12	1						
			£55	2	9				£55	2	9

	£	s.	d.
Balance to Fourth Centenary Fund ...	11	6	0
„ to Stage Fund ...	11	6	1
	£22	12	1

Examined and found correct—

(Signed) FRANK S. ROWLAND, Jan. 21st, 1932.

The Library.

The Library continues to develop, and now includes over two thousand volumes. Its growth has necessitated reorganization, and has produced many difficulties and complexities in connection with cataloguing. When this task is completed it should be only a matter of a moment before finding any book in the School Library.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries with thanks:—

The Aldenhamian, Azurian, Battersea Grammar School Magazine, The Blue, The Edward Alleyn, The Forward, The Fosterian, The Goldonian, The Latymer Magazine, The Maidstonian, The Marlburian, The Mermaid, Mercers' School Magazine, Past and Present, The Pilgrim.

G. F. W. H.

The Museum.

The following exhibits have been received this term: Basket made from an ostrich egg, given by C. Keen; a Counter of George III., by B. M. Eshelby; Gold quartz from South Africa, and an Elizabethan silver coin, by R. H. Fuller; a 5-franc note, by A. E. Kent; an Indian 1-anna coin, 1927, by L. F. Tracy.

Mr. Snelling has also sent to the Museum a West Indian spider, brown in colour and about 1 inch long in the body. It came in a crate of bananas, and I have it on good authority that sometimes the cabins of passengers on board ship are invaded by these creatures. In the case of the spider little harm may be done, but unless the importation of foreign fruit is carefully watched we may be introducing to the country poisonous snakes and insects which are altogether undesirable.

J. B. SHREWSBURY (Curator).

Scouts.

3rd Horsham Troop. Collyer's School.

This term we have not gained many proficiency badges; but we have been concentrating on winning the Shield for General Scouting, for which we compete at the beginning of next term. Since the last report, we have gained four sets of All-Round Cords, which show all-round proficiency in Scouting. Four recruits have joined us this term, and we shall be glad to welcome others.

H. J. M. BAKER,

The Debating Society.

The following meetings have been held this term:—

January 19.—Business Meeting. Mr. Fuller was elected Secretary. The Committee was re-elected, consisting of Messrs. Skeet (Vice-President), Bone, Bashford, and Pearmain.

January 26.—Motion: "That the League of Nations is not a success." Lost, 9—14.

Mover: Mr. Champion.

Seconder: Mr. Wickens.

Opposer: Mr. Pearmain.

Seconder: Mr. Scott.

February 2.—Motion: "That rail transport will eventually supersede road transport." Carried, 16—7.

Mover: Mr. Bashford.

Seconder: Mr. Small.

Opposer: Mr. Tizard.

Seconder: Mr. Giles.

February 3.—At this meeting there were present as visitors members of the W.E.A. Debating Society. W. H. B. Lintott, Esq., took the Chair. Motion: "That the time has arrived when the policing of the world should be undertaken by the League of Nations." Lost, 13—18.

Mover: Miss Churchman, J.P.

Seconder: Mr. A. F. Lower.

Opposer: Mr. Champion.

Seconder: Mr. Birchmore.

February 9.—Motion: "That Russia is in a worse state now than before the Revolution." Carried, 8—7.

Mover: Mr. Barnard.

Seconder: Mr. Thompson.

Opposer: Mr. Small.

Seconder: Mr. Wickens.

February 16.—Motion: "That it is better for a giraffe to have a sore throat, than for a centipede to have corns." Lost, 10—12.

Mover: Mr. Rimmer.

Seconder: Mr. Skeet.

Opposer: Mr. Fradley.

Seconder: Mr. Teague.

February 23.—Motion: "That the Napoleonic Wars were inevitable." Carried, 18—5.

Mover: Mr. Skeet.

Seconder: Mr. Fuller.

Opposer: Mr. Pearmain.

Seconder: Mr. Champion.

March 1.—Motion: "That the Debating Society should be abolished." Lost, 11—10.

Mover: Mr. Scott.

Seconder: Mr. Swain.

Opposer: Mr. Bullard.

Seconder: Mr. Wickens.

March 8.—"That Great Britain should not interfere in the Sino-Japanese Dispute." Lost, 10—12.

Mover: Mr. Pearmain.

Seconder: Mr. Ford.

Opposer: Mr. Wickens.

Seconder: Mr. Thompson.

R. H. FULLER, Hon. Sec.

Chess Club.

A Chess Club was founded in the School last term. It has received the support of about 20 of the senior boys of the School. The Club meets each week, and there is an average attendance of about 16. At present the standard of play is rather low; only two or three of the members play a really sound game. However, we hope to improve. The Club has taken as its motto the sound maxim: "Reserve the greater option, use the minimum force,"

A match against the Masters, played on February 9th, resulted in a victory for the Masters by 4 games to 3. The individual scores were as follows: Mr. Bielby 1, Ayre i. 0; Mr. Bennett 0, Ayre ii. 1; Mr. Tharp 0, Woodward 1; Mr. Shrewsbury 1, Scott 0; Mr. Potter 1, Box 0; Mr. Henderson 0, Eeles 1; Mr. Willson 1, Fiske 0.

This match caused so much interest that a return match was called for. This was played on March 1st, and though individual games were different, the final result was the same. Mr. Henderson succeeded in playing the shortest game on record, and Mr. Shrewsbury and Ayre i. played a long and interesting game which eventually went to the latter. The scores were: Mr. Shrewsbury 0, Ayre i. 1; Mr. Potter 1, Woodward 0; Mr. Bielby 1, Ayre ii. 0; Mr. Bennett 1, Fiske 0; Mr. Tharp 1, Cramp 0; Mr. Willson 0, Eeles 1; Mr. Henderson 0, Bullard i. 1.

Amongst the members of the Club a knock-out competition is at present in progress. The outstanding competitors are Ayre i. and Ayre ii., and we anticipate that the competition will be won by one of them.

We must thank Mr. Bennett for his presence on many occasions. Mr. Henderson has also been known to come, but not to stay.

The Club will not meet next term, but will resume its activities in the autumn. It is open to the Senior School; and we would welcome new members, even though they do not at present know the game.

L. BIELBY.

Fives.

The Cagby Cup has been won for the second time by R. C. Bone, whom we congratulate. Of the 19 entrants for the competition, 8 were juniors or boys just over the junior stage, and a succession of Fives players seems assured, despite the extreme difficulties of using the court in winter.

The Junior Competition is now in progress. We are pleased to announce that a Cup has been very generously presented for House Fives by F. P. Woodcock, this year's President of the O.C.A. He has our hearty thanks. Denne has our congratulations on being the first House to win it.

THE CAGBY CUP.

Preliminary Round.

Burchell	} Denny	Beeley	} Love i.
Denny	15-5 15-8	Love i.	15-10 15-8
Copnall	} Copnall	Hamp	} Bedford ii
Kent	15-7 15-14	Bedford ii	15-7 9-15 15-3
1st Round	2nd Round	Semi-Final	Final Winner
Love i.	} Scott	} Scott 15-13 15-17	Williamson 8-15 15-8
Scott	} w.o.		
Copnall	} Watts	} Williamson 15-10 15-8	} Bone i. 15-4 15-2
Watts	} w.o.		
Swain	} Williamson	} Bone i. 15-1 15-0	} Bone i. 15-2
Williamson	15-5 9-15 15-13		
Denny	} Champion ii.	} Bruce w.o.	} w.o.
Champion ii.	15-13 15-9		
Rimmer i.	} Bone i.	} w.o.	} w.o.
Bone i.	15-4 15-8		
Fradley i.	} Fradley i.	} w.o.	} w.o.
Bedford ii.	} w.o.		
Palmer	} Bruce	} w.o.	} w.o.
Bruce	} w.o.		
Bedford i.	Bye	} w.o.	} w.o.

SENIOR HOUSE FIVES. (Woodcock Cup).

Collyer's—	} Denne 15-10	} Denne 15-2
H. M. Rimmer and G. Bruce		
Denne—	} 15-11	} 15-10
R. C. Bone and S. Swain		
Hurst—	} St. Leonard's 15-13	} 15-13
R. C. Scott and R. Darby		
St. Leonard's—	} 15-9	} 15-13
W. A. Williamson and K.		
Champion ii.		

A. N. W.

House Notes.

COLLYER'S.

Up to the present there is nothing outstanding to report as far as the field sports are concerned. As a result of the two School football matches played, Birchmore has been awarded his 1st XI. Colours. We offer him our congratulations.

We hope that every member of Collyer's who is physically able has been training strenuously for the Sports, and that we shall see the Sports Shield on our walls at the end of the term.

In scholastic work there seems to have been a general revival throughout the House; the number of A+'s has

increased considerably, while the number of C's has decreased (but only to a slight extent). Although we have a big deficit, if we are to win the Greenop Cup there is no reason why we should not pull it off, if we keep up our present standard.

In December last, three of our members, H. F. Pearmain (First Class Honours), B. Birchmore (Second Class Honours), and H. Ford won the School Certificate, the two former with Matriculation exemption. Congratulations.

B. Birchmore has been appointed a School Prefect.

A new system of punishment has brought in a new Inter-House Competition, and naturally we are keen to do well in this. In the first edition Collyer's had 13 defaulters, with 26 marks against them. We were placed second, and in the next edition we are hoping to be placed first.

Next term we shall be engaged in Cricket, Fives Doubles (Inter-House), Tennis, Swimming, P.T., and Singing Competitions, and although we only hold two of these championships, we intend to do our best to carry off the rest, and so live up to the name of our School Founder.

H. M. RIMMER.

DENNE.

This term there is little of outstanding importance about which to write.

The House is doing fairly well in the Greenop Cup; but there is still room for improvement, especially from the seniors. Our juniors are really keen.

Recently has commenced the "Merit Mark" Competition, in which we are at present leading, though it is far too early to boast.

There is, however, one great achievement which a House can gain. This is for a House to be a "House," and not a collection of individuals: it is for a House to work together with a will and in harmony: it is for a House to be keen and energetic. In this respect, and perhaps in this alone, I feel that we in Denne are not behind our rivals.

All those who are interested in Denne will join with me in hoping that our House will now and in the future show that she can accept defeat and disappointment with the same cheerfulness and optimism that she shows in victory and achievement.

R. C. BONE.

HURST.

Altogether this term has not been much of a success. In the competition for the Greenop Cup we are, unfortunately, last. This is not due so much to the abundance of C's, as to the absence of A+'s.

We congratulate M. E. Moore and P. C. Box on obtaining the School Certificate in December.

This term we have the Sports. Unfortunately our prospects are not very bright. The root centre of our decline from our position of supremacy, which we have held for the last three years, is our dearth of seniors. So, in the coming Sports, we have to base our hopes on the juniors, and I trust that some of them will prove veritable Achilles.

However, we must not be discouraged, for every House has its ups and downs. Now we must concentrate our attentions on the juniors, and train them to uphold the traditions of Hurst. R. C. SCOTT.

ST. LEONARD'S.

Our notes this term are short and sweet; there have been no Inter-House Competitions out of School, and little can therefore be recorded on the athletic side. We finished third in the Football Competition last term, with a clear lead of 34 points over the bottom House: we sorely missed Williamson, who was absent all the term. This term the Sports press on us. We are to have a quick-service training system, and hope to do as well as we did last year, when we finished second.

We rather disappointed ourselves in the Greenop Cup Contest at the beginning of term, but each fortnight has seen some improvement, which shows that there is nothing seriously wrong with the House. At the same time, with Denne on our heels and Collyer's coming on rapidly, there is no time to stand still. A pause now would mean a great deal to make up later, as is well expressed in the proverb (somewhat revised), "Haste not, want a lot."

We congratulate Champion i. on his appointment to a Prefectship: he is very keen on House affairs behind the scenes, and has done much for which the House is grateful. In the Debating Society, too, he has shown that St. Leonard's is by no means devoid of oral talent.

Next term should prove a happy one. Our Cricket prospects, if not first-class, suggest that we shall not finish bottom, we have more than one Swimming hope, we ought to win the P.T. Cup (juniors, take note), and we look like receiving the Greenop Cup. It's surprising what a small amount of extra effort is needed if everyone gives it: even a small improvement on the part of each one can make us an A1 (and an A+) House.

It is not easy, in such a short term as this, to see quite which way things are going, but there does not seem to be any reason why we should be dispirited. "Stick to it," is the best advice: if we keep going consistently, we ought not to be disappointed. D. V. SKEET.

Football.

			Played.		Won.		Drawn.		Lost.
1st XI. ...	...	...	11	...	7	...	1	...	3
2nd XI. ...	...	...	7	...	1	...	1	...	5
"Under 14" XI.	...	...	6	...	4	...	0	...	2

The records of our 1st and "Under 14" teams are a pleasing feature of this season. We succeeded in defeating Chichester High School and Worthing High School by decisive scores.

The 2nd XI. defeated Worthing and drew with Chichester. Last term they were handicapped by the frequent demands made on them by the 1st XI., and that fact may explain their poor showing.

Unfortunately the "Under 14" XI. have not played any matches, but Mr. Willson has kept enthusiasm alive, and the School need have no fear for the success of its Soccer in the future.

"Soccer Sixes" have proved a welcome innovation this term and, with the paper-chases organized by Houses, should help in our work of preparation for the Sports.

THE SCHOOL TEAM.

- *BONE, R. C. (Captain), Inside-right.—A hard-working and capable leader. Always gives of his best. Has kept the team well together by his own enthusiasm.
- *WINDSOR, G. H. (Goal-keeper).—A capable goal-keeper. His anticipation and positioning are both good, but his clearances are still weak.
- *RIMMER, H. M. (Back).—A strong and reliable defender. Tackles strongly, but his clearances are inclined to lack direction.
- *SCOTT, R. C. (Back).—A very hard-working defender with a determined tackle.
- *BIRCHMORE, B. (Left-half).—Has developed into a sound half who makes full use of his head and his height.
- *BARNARD, S. P. (Centre-half).—A thoroughly reliable half who does his job splendidly and unselfishly. He was much missed last term.
- SMALL, M. (Right-half).—A hard worker with a determined tackle, but he must learn to keep the ball down.
- HILLMAN, G. (Outside-left).—A clever forward who has done well and knows how to control the ball. Needs a little more resolution.
- SKEET, D. V. (Inside-left).—A forward of the bustling type who has fitted in satisfactorily with the forward line and added much strength to it. His shooting is erratic.
- *DARBY, R. d'E. (Outside-right).—A very useful wing, who has played some particularly good games. His shooting is at times very erratic.

*WILLIAMSON, W. A. (Centre-forward).—A most useful forward. He was greatly missed last term. He makes full use of his speed and of the mistakes of the defence.

* Denotes 1st XI. Colours.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP. Christmas Term, 1931.

HOUSES	Collyer's	Denne	Hurst	St. Leonard's	Totals.
Collyer's ...	—	16 8 4 2	16 4 4 2	16 4 4 0	80
Denne ...	0 0 0 0	—	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 —	0
Hurst ...	0 4 0 0	16 8 4 2	—	16 8 4 2	64
St. Leonard's	0 4 0 2	16 8 4 —	0 0 0 0	—	34

Totals: 1st, Collyer's, 80 points; 2nd, Hurst, 64 points; 3rd, St. Leonard's, 34 points; 4th, Denne, 0 points.

SOCCER SIXES (Senior).

1st Round	2nd Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner.
Bone	Rimmer ii.	Rimmer i.	—	Rimmer i.'s VI.
Rimmer ii.	Rimmer i.			
Barnard	Williamson	Skeet		
Rimmer i.	Skeet			
Williamson	Birchmore	Scott		
Hillman	—			
Darby				
Skeet				
Windsor				
Birchmore				
Scott				

SOCCER SIXES (Junior).

1st Round	2nd Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner
Duff	Booker	Denny	—	Ward's VI.
Booker	Denny			
Denny	Denman	Denman		
Copnall	Burr			
Page	Morphew			
Denman	Clarke iii.			
Burr	Ward			
Morphew				
Clarke iii.				
Eshelby				
Wilkinson				
Ward				

The Reform Bill of 1932.

A new era has commenced in the history of Collyer's School. An event greater than the Reform Bill of 1832 has arrived; it is the Reform Bill of 1932. No longer can a Master shout in his towering rage, "Take a Wednesday." Wednesdays have been abolished! When the announcement was made it was only the memory of a Wednesday that stopped the whole School from rising up and bursting into cheers.

No more will the Physics Room resound with the scratching of pens and heads and the sighs of the offenders on Wednesday afternoons. No longer will the offenders' hearts miss a beat when they hear the Headmaster's footsteps outside the door.

Perhaps it is the atmosphere of the Fourth Centenary which has brought about this abolition of Wednesdays. Perhaps the Old Boys have persuaded the Head to abolish them in celebration of the Fourth Centenary. So, let us pour our contributions in to the Treasurer of the Fourth Centenary Fund, and perhaps merits also will be abolished.

You never know. And what a momentous event it would be—even if it happens not till 1967. R. C. S.

Hic Iacet.

[Being the response to an appeal for something really serious, for a change.]

Very thoughtfully and seriously the Secretary of the Debating Society startled three-fourths of the members recently by pointing out that they might as well debate, seeing that they were in the Society. He opined that it was beastly unfair that he should be the mainstay of the debates. The members, as was only to be expected, took strong exception to his offensive remarks, and retaliated by falling into a deeper coma than before.

The trouble arose from a mistaken conception at the beginning of term, when several youths who were alleged to be eloquent were cheerfully proposed by the enthusiastic Committee. The flimsiest evidence sufficed to set forth the would-be debater's debatefulness (e.g., an 'a' for an English essay), whereat the Society found itself much augmented, but its debating powers almost disappeared.

Valiantly it struggled on, yet was not its unhappy lot improved. Desperately the Committee devised cures: it tried a funny motion (*vide* Debating Society Report), and roused a spark of hope. Which spark was effectually

extinguished at the next meeting. It tried the experiment of leaving the talking entirely to the plebs: but the silence became so maddening that the meeting was compelled by a *force majeure* to adjourn. Feverishly the Secretary sought to revive the pristine glory of the noble institution: even one of the plebs at last faithlessly declared that his colleagues were too bashful! Faithless wretch! How could his fellows sleep peacefully, if their blankets were to be rolled away by one of their own number?

In such a frame of mind as this, what can I, who have been present at real debates, say by way of remonstrance? I call Julius Caesar to my aid (Revised Version Copyright: His Majesty's Theatre):—

Committee: “O piteous spectacle!”
“O traitors, villains!”

Sciens:

“Good friends, sweet friends, I would not stir you up
From somnolence and tardy weariness.
Ye that thus dormant lie are honourable.
What private thoughts ye have, alas, we know not,
So fast they're barred: tho' ye are wise and honourable,
Ye never give or argument or proof.
I come not, friends, to spoil your dreamy sleep,
Nor bid you to disturb your season due.
Ye are no orators, as Fuller is,
But—yea, I know you all—ye're plain, blunt men
Whose tongue doth love to cleave unto its gullet:
Ye have neither wit, nor words, nor worth,
Action, nor utterance, nor the power of speech,
Nor any thing that cogently can prove
Things controversial of fine argument.
Ye silent sit: we only speak right on,
And tell you that which ye yourselves do know,
Ere ye decrepitate: but were I Fuller,
And Fuller *Sciens*, there were a *Sciens*
Would rouse your sleepy spirits, and put a tongue
In every snore you breathe, that yet should rouse
The very walls to cry and mutiny.”

Faintly there floats from the dreamy plebs:—
“Surely, surely, slumber is more sweet than speech: kind
rest
Than talking in these weak debates: so (tho' by Secs.
addressed)

We'll rest us, brother-sleepers; for dormancy is best.”

SCIENS.

The Road to Education.

All the best people nowadays indulge in reminiscences. I hope I need add no further excuse for indulging in them myself.

I remember as well as if it were yesterday the day on which I first passed along the road to Collyer's School. (It was called the Grammar School then, but the name was later found to be unjustifiable). The sun was shining, and various birds whose correct appellations elude me for the moment were warbling in the hedges, &c. All Nature seemed united in one grand choir of joy. As for me, I was filled with delight—to the best of my belief, Turkish, from Mr. Burchfell's, but never mind about that. The thrush on the twig was bursting with song, flowers were bursting into radiant bloom, and a fellow who passed me had a burst in his front tyre. The School was situated, of course, towards the end of Burst Road.

Unfortunately the master under whose charge I was placed was unable to make a generous enough allowance for the exuberance with which the day had endowed me. In any case, perhaps his views on the propulsion of chewed pellets through the atmosphere by a simple application of Boyle's Law were not quite the same as mine—he hinted as much, I seem to remember. At any rate, my journey home from school was somewhat less joyous than the journey in the opposite direction had been. By the way, I forgot to mention that the School was situated in a road known as Curst Road.

On the following day, with visions of further wrath to come, I was reluctant to attend school. Fortunately a nasty hacking cough manifested itself at breakfast. Unfortunately, although it nearly tore me to pieces, parental sympathy was withheld and I had to go. By the merest chance it cured itself on the way or I might not have been alive now to tell the tale. With the cough gone, there remained my dread. "Go I dare not," I thought miserably. Yet equally I durst not stay away. Of the fight which I had with myself to change "dare not" to "dare" I will not speak. It is enough to state that the battle was won, and I walked boldly to School along Durst Road.

For a time things went on tolerably well. Then one day I had the misfortune to trip up over a Latin question. I came such a cropper that they rushed me at once over to the Hospital. (I ought to have mentioned that a hospital was situated suitably opposite the School. It was quite a small hospital in those days. With the growth of the School it became necessary to discard the old hospital and build a much bigger one). Well, they were wonderfully

good to me in the hospital and it wasn't long before I was free to wander back along Nurst Road to the station and thence home.

Education! I should never have been what I am now if I had not found, in that sanctuary towards the end of Thurst Road, the desire to imbibe freely of the pellucid waters of learning. What I am now is entirely due to the School, and so I shall tell the magistrate, believe me.

I am now approaching the end of my reminiscences. I am affected, deeply affected. I could shed tears if I had a shed.

Schooldays! The happiest days of one's life! How well I remember the joys of them! The bigger boys used to apply finger and thumb to my ear and operate it as if tightening the stopper of a hot-water bottle. Fellow train-boys employed their satchel-straps upon me with boyish high-spirits. The Headmaster, I remember, had occasion to employ a similar process but not so high-spiritedly. Then there was the time when I biffed into another chap at cricket and nearly stunned myself. How these recollections surge back to me as I sit in the chimney-corner stroking my beard! Ah, them was the days! Those days when I used to go to School along what was called, if I remember rightly, Wurst Road.

Excuse me. I must stop here. I thought they were those dry sobs you read about that were racking me, but they weren't.

They were damp ones, and they've put the fire out.

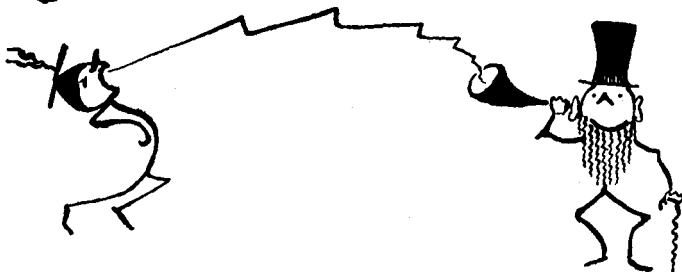
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Staff Events.

It has been urged that the School Sports might with advantage afford the Staff some opportunity of displaying its undoubted athletic talent.

We illustrate a few suitable events.

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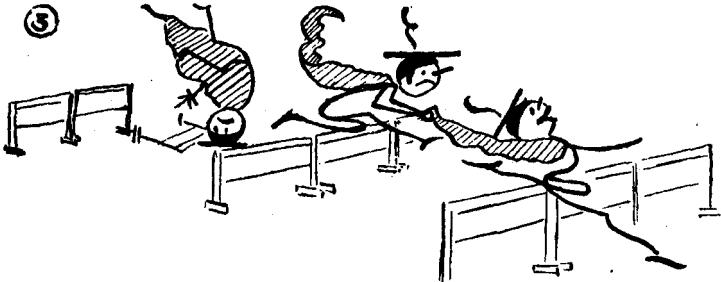
Hurling the Epithet.—The object being to make the deaf and aged gentleman blush.

First Prize: Slang Dictionary—Presented by Mrs. Tharp.



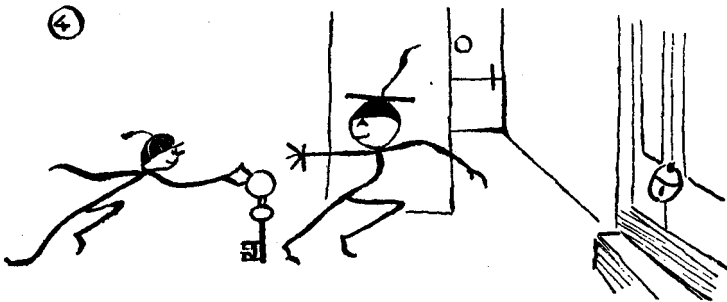
Balancing the Flask.—A Cross-country Handicap Event for Science Masters. Start: Chemistry Laboratory. Winning-post: "Dog & Bacon."

First Prize: Full Flask—Refilled by F. B. C.



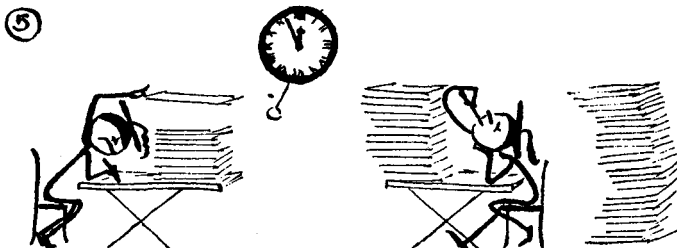
Cap and Gown Hurtle Race.—Illustrating a shocking case of the most dastardly cheating.

First Prize: One pound of Hurtle Berries—Presented by Albery.



Open Event. Hunt-the-Key Contest. A Delay Race. Teams comprising one Master-on-duty, one Prefect-on-duty, one hundred messengers.

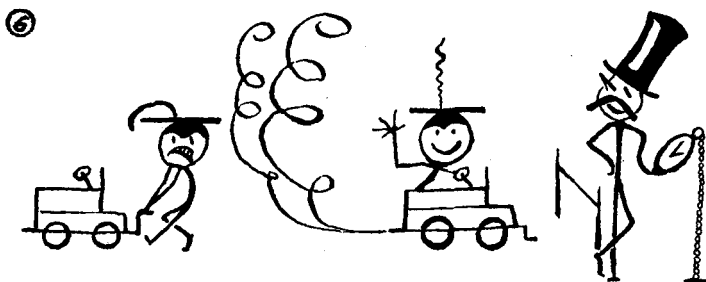
First Prize: Torquay Picture—Presented by Chaplin.



Inter-House Fortnightly Speed Test.

"The multitudinous C's incarnadine, making the green ones red."

First Prize: A.B.C. Time-table—Presented by Walker.



Automobile Race.—The spirit of Campbell inspires the Masters to risk all in an effort to beat 256 miles an hour.

First Prize: A Bumper Cup—Presented by the Governors.

On the results of the day's performance the following additional prizes should be awarded:—

A Strictor Ducorum Medal. To the Master whose trap gains the most clap.

A Duckie Ludicrousorum Medal. To the Master securing most Merit Marks (Conduct) for his House.

PRUNES.

The Old Collyerians' Corner.

"The Fourth Wall."

On the 10th, 11th, and 12th December the Dramatic Society produced "The Fourth Wall" at the Carfax Theatre. Unfortunately it was at a time when everyone was hard up and expected to be harder up, or the attendance would undoubtedly have been better. The Recorder does not see himself in the position of an independent dramatic critic, but he may perhaps be permitted to express the personal opinion that the quality of the production warranted a higher attendance. It was a pity that Christmas and Mr. Snowden were against us, as well as the general depression. But although Christmas came as usual with its genial demands and Mr. Snowden followed it with demands somewhat different, and we could do nothing but submit, we did at least alleviate the depression in a particular area!

"THE FOURTH WALL."

A Detective Story, in Three Acts, by A. A. Milne.

Jimmy Ludgrove	Stuart Newcomb
Susan Cunningham	Gwen Cole
Adams	James McLellan
Edward Laverick	Laurence King
Edward Carter	George C. Cole
Major Fothergill	Roydon Griffiths
Mrs. Fulverton-Fane	Marjorie Lomer
Jane West	Doris Ashmore
Arthur Ludgrove	Robert McKown
P.C. Mallet	Gilbert Prewett
Sergeant Mallet	Pat Hardwick

The Play produced under the direction of
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Joint Stage Managers:

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Electrician: A. Page. Property Master: Cecil A. Farley.

The London Dinner.

Talking of attendances, why don't more Old Collyerians attend the London Dinner? The work and enthusiasm put into this function deserve a much larger response. Besides, why miss the enjoyment?

The London Dinner was held on February 18th—as usual, at the Coventry Restaurant.

Responding to the toast of "The School" proposed by R. O. Martin, who spoke of the considerable changes which had taken place, the Headmaster said that they had at length moved into their new premises. Old Boys will learn with bitter envy that at present there are no "Wednesdays" nor impositions at the School—but their envy will be mitigated by the knowledge that wrath descends upon the heads of offenders in various and unpredictable forms! Those of us who believe that every tie with the Mercers' Company is of great value to the School and the Association will be glad to hear the news that Collyer's School is to run against the Mercers' School in the Mercers' School Sports. Going on to speak of the Fourth Centenary, the Headmaster said that we are laying the foundation of a very great work.

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by one of the members of the first Committee, A. H. Anderson, who coupled with it the name of the President, F. P. Woodcock. In the course of his speech, Anderson made an appeal for a better attendance at the London Dinner on the part of Horsham members. In his reply, Woodcock expressed thanks to Col. Lane for his support of the Association, as also to the Headmaster, and made especial mention of the gratitude which we feel towards the Mercers' Company for their generous donation to the Fourth Centenary Fund.

Replying to the toast of "The London Branch," proposed with sincere appreciation but inadequate expression by C. A. Barber, A. D. Saward reinforced Anderson's appeal for a better attendance at the Dinner. He hoped that every member intending to come next year would do his best to bring at least one friend with him.

In a speech concerning Mercers' School and Collyer's, Col. W. B. Lane assured us that he had been "out to establish friendly relations between the schools." He liked to think of the Mercers' School and Collyer's as an elder and a younger brother. Suggesting that Old Collyerians might care to attend the service in the Mercers' Chapel, he said that if they would make themselves known to him at the Chapel he would be pleased to take them round and tell them something of the history of the place. For this kind offer, as for other kindnesses which he has shown us, we are gratefully indebted to him.

The following were present at the Dinner:—

A. E. Agate, A. H. Anderson, C. A. Barber, R. M. Brimacombe, H. J. Booker, C. E. Boxall, D. E. Bungey, A. H. Cagby, F. B. Carter, E. Clemence, J. R. D. Greenop, S. A. Godfrey, M. A. G. Garman,

G. F. W. Hart, W. J. Hoad, E. D. Hopgood, C. Hughes, C. W. S. Johnson, B. E. Kent, C. M. Kent, W. B. Lane, R. O. Martin, R. J. Packham, K. B. Paice, D. Parsons, H. M. Parsons, G. H. Prewett, R. G. Renwick, A. D. Seward, J. S. Smith, P. A. Tharp, F. H. Tidey, C. Wheeler, F. Wilmot, F. P. Woodcock. Total: 35.

The New Year's Eve Ball.

Despite the attendance of about 200 dancers and the very good music of the Michelson's Mayfair Revels Band, the annual contribution to the Horsham Hospital was not as good as in previous years. It amounted to just over £7.

Congratulations!

G. Cox and G. Pearce were chosen, with other Sussex players, to visit India, and have distinguished themselves there.

J. Lovegrove, having passed the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers' examination, is now a fully qualified optician (F.S.M.C.).

J. R. Bridger, in the same profession, has achieved his F.B.O.A.

H. R. King has passed the Surveyors' Preliminary Examination.

L. H. Parsons has passed his 'Final,' and has been elected an A.R.I.B.A.

The Fourth Centenary Fund

is a cause in which all Old Collyerians should be interested. Have you done anything about it?

THE RECORDER.

For the Cricket Match, Old Boys v. The School, on Founder's Day, July 2nd, 1932, the team of former School Cricket Captains is not yet complete.

If it is not convenient for intending players to start the match on the Friday afternoon, 1st July, the start will be made on the Saturday.

Mr. J. R. D. Greenop, Collyer's School, Horsham, would be pleased to hear as soon as possible from former School Cricket Captains who would like to play.

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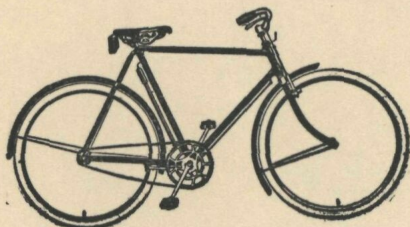
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