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## NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL.

In view of the fact that the School has now entered its third year, and that this is the first Magazine issued, it will be as well to summarise our history to date.

As most Bulawayo people know, the Eveline and Milton Schools were opened July 25th, 1910, in the presence of a distinguished company. Our own school was officially opened by H. H. the Administrator, Sir Wm. Milton, after which some 80 scholars were enrolled.

Regular school work began next day with a staff of four male teachers, including the Principal. The school took over the boys' department of the late St. John's School, and on August 1st occupied their old premises as a temporary boarding-house, with a total muster of 17 boarders. These buildings were totally inadequate, but Archdeacon Foster did every-

thing possible to help us, and eventually matters became tolerable at least. Fortunately, on August 13th, the Beit Trustees chose a plan for a fine new boarding-house, a plan which was afterwards modified very considerably by the P.W.D., but eventually, after many vicissitudes the building was actually erected.

On August 25th school colours were chosen. Plumbago (Mr. Rhodes' favourite flower) and Oxford Blue, and on September 23rd Mr. Edwards, so well-known to Bulawayans, began to lay out the present excellent sports ground. Our staff originally numbered 4, Mr. de Bear, and Messrs. Shepherd, de Lango, and Gregory. The last-named was transferred to Salisbury High School, and then Mr. Wilkinson and Miss Loud joined the staff.

The growth in numbers was slow but steady, and by October had risen to 98, most of whom were cadets. The cadet movement dates from the school's very beginning, and under Lieutenant

Wilkinson the corps has increased steadily in efficiency and importance.

November 22nd, 1910, was a red-letter day, for T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia visited the school, and were both interested in and delighted with all that they saw. The royal party won all hearts by their geniality, and perhaps also by the holiday which they secured for the school.

The only other noteworthy events of this first year were the first football match, August 10th, versus a junior town team, and the first cricket match, December 9th, versus Plumtree, on our newly-finished ground.

A half-year of quiet progress closed with the gaining of 1 second class and 2 thirds in the junior certificate examination.

In February, 1911, arrived a large consignment of books for a school library. These had been chosen by Mr. Duthie, and have proved a most valuable acquisition.

On March 16th we had another distinguished visitor, in the person of the Marquis of Hamilton, who considered that Rhodesia boys compared favourably with any English boys "in point of healthy and intelligent appearance." Later in the same day Sir Charles Coghlan awarded the Examination Certificates, and also a prize won by our esteemed Editor, for an English Essay.

Woodwork has been from the first a strong feature in the school

course, but like everything in a new country it has had difficulties to face. Those who now work in our beautiful new shop will find it hard to realise that in 1911 boys were delighted to have one of the cycle sheds as a woodwork room! That the new room has been justified has been well shown at the recent Agricultural Show, when the Milton exhibits won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

May, 1911, brought a case, fortunately mild, of Diphtheria, which necessitated strict quarantine for all boarders, and no further cases appeared.

Mr. Fenn, our present science master, joined the staff in July, and he now rejoices in a brand new and beautifully equipped science room; science, like woodwork, has now left its early difficulties behind.

1911 was a year of "distinguished visitors"; thus the Treasurer, Mr. Newton, then Acting-Administrator, visited the School on August 24th; The Bishop of Mashonaland kindly gave the boys an address, September 1st; and on the 5th of that month came Lord and Lady Gladstone.

At the end of September the old St. John's buildings were vacated, and we took possession of the splendid boarding-house in 12th Avenue. This has proved a most important event, as it has centred our previously scattered school life, and made the school a solid, self-contained institution.

During this year both games

and work made excellent progress, as will be seen from results quoted elsewhere

Many cricket matches were won, and none lost ingloriously.

Early in 1912 a start was made with tree-planting along the playground, and some 100 trees are now established. It is hoped to do a great deal more this season.

On March 5th. Miss McLaurin became a teacher in the school, as our numbers had now grown to 120. This month was spoilt by an outbreak of Scarlet Fever, four cases occurring. As a result, an isolation house has been obtained, and it is hoped that soon a town isolation hospital will be built.

We now number 150 boys, with eight teachers, and the number of boarders has risen from 17 to 50, so that it will be seen that our growth, if not rapid, has been steady and consistent.

In conclusion, may we quote from a book which has recently appeared? It is called:

### SOUTH AFRICA TO-DAY.

By Hamilton Fyfe.

Page 208. *Speaking of Bulawayo.*

"The theatre, the public library, the new museum, the drill hall, and the schools, all do credit to the place, especially the schools. I went over them all, and never have I seen pleasanter class-rooms or better equipment of every kind. Children have every chance in Rhodesia to grow up with well-trained methods as well as with strong, well-nourished little

bodies. The B.S.A. Co. have spent with a free hand to give them that."

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"Brilliant sunshine prevailed in the early morning, when the royal party inspected several of the schools. They were greatly struck by the large airy buildings, and the strong, healthy appearance of the children—the best testimony to the climate. The Chartered Company have made large school grants, and are determined that the education here will be the best obtainable. The carpenter's shop was specially commended by the Duke, who was also keenly interested in the chemical laboratory. When the time came to leave the boys' school, the Duke had to be hunted for, and was found watching an experiment being made by two small boys."

[This experiment was Sulphuretted Hydrogen, which the Duke said was always his favourite when he was a school-boy.]—*The Editor.*

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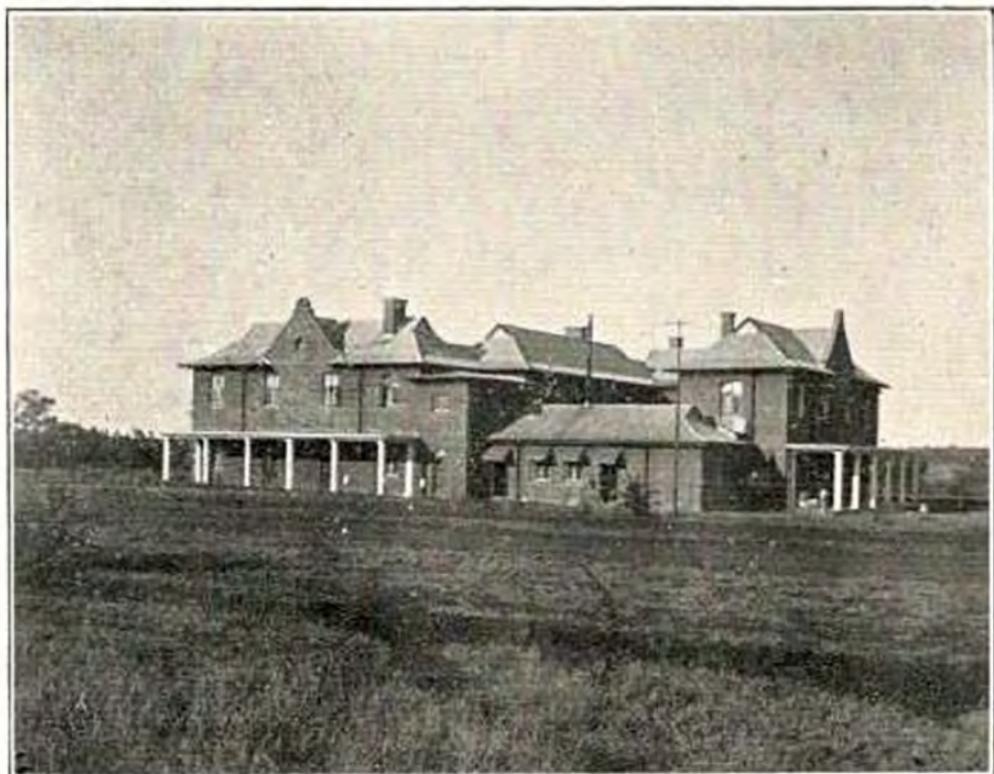
### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

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In the recent examinations held last December, the following were the successful candidates:—

#### *Matriculation.*

D. Randall, (2nd class), Lionel Rabinowitz, J. Wilkinson. All these candidates, except Randall,



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know where Stuart is now and would very much like to hear what has become of him. Cohen is in Salisbury. We wish all of these Boys the best of luck, and would be pleased to hear from any of them, as Old Boys' notes are always interesting. Any Old Boys requiring magazines must communicate with the Editor.

This is a list, we believe, of all our Old Boys, but if we have omitted the names of any, we shall be very pleased to hear from them. We have lost this term many of our senior boys, which is a great drawback, especially in sport.

In sport our Old Boys have been distinguishing themselves greatly, particularly Rabinson, who plays at half back for the "King's" Rugby team. The "King's" are the leaders in the Rugby football league.

Rabinson, in the match S.A.C. v. King's, played a splendid game. He also played for Bulawayo against the S.A.C., at wing three-quarter, playing in place of his brother, who had gone to play in the trial matches, for choosing a team to play against England in the forthcoming test-matches.

Unhappily in the first match, when Bulawayo played against the S.A.C., shortly after half-time, Rabinson, in tackling an opponent, fell on his head, and was carried off the field in an unconscious state, having suffered concussion of the brain. This was a great loss to his side, as he was

playing a splendid game all through. Because of this mishap, Rabinson was unable to play in the next match against the S.A.C.

W. Bester plays well in the three-quarter line for Queen's 1st Rugby team. And Ely, Ogilvie, and Breeze for King's 2nd, Ely at full-back.

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### MILTON RUGBY FOOTBALL.

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A General Meeting was held in the second week of the second term, in order to elect a captain and other officials for the season. After rather close voting, Alan Williams was elected Captain, and Ashburner, Vice-Captain.

At this meeting it was also decided that Mondays and Thursdays should be compulsory days for football.

In this connection we might mention that some difficulty has been experienced through players failing to appear on these days, without having previously given notice of their inability to attend.

We would urge upon all players the imperative necessity of turning up punctually on compulsory days, and generally shewing more keenness and enthusiasm than has sometimes been displayed.

We trust that the one or two offenders in this respect will take these remarks to heart, and remember that their non-arrival may spoil the game for the other players.

There is just one other grievance that we wish to ventilate, and that is a slight tendency to question the decisions of a referee. We feel sure that those in fault need only to be reminded of the unsportsmanlike nature of such conduct, to ensure that there will be no recurrence next quarter.

It might be mentioned that there are now two excellent fields, one for the Seniors and one for the Juniors, and that the Juniors have games entirely among themselves, the advantages of which arrangement are sufficiently obvious.

There is a plentiful supply of excellent balls, and boys are at liberty to play any afternoon, provided that they get permission from the custodian (R. Johnston), to take the balls on the fields.

Several matches—Day-boys *v.* Boarders—have been played. On these occasions the play was generally good, but might have been much better had it not been for the slackness of certain players. In these games the best players were undoubtedly Peiser, Bester and Ashburner in the three-quarter line, Williams and Clarke as halves, and Barry, Johnstone, Joss and Phillips in the forward line. In the result the Day-boys won four matches to the Boarders' one.

Once or twice a match was arranged against the Old Boys, but as the latter could not muster a full team there was a lack of interest in the game, and the play

was anything but good, with the possible exception of the first game.

One Cup match—Plumtree *v.* Milton—has been played on the former's field, resulting in a draw. A more detailed account of this match would perhaps be appreciated by some, so the following is added:—

The Milton team sent to play Plumtree comprised the following:—Forwards: Johnston, Phillips, Rabinowitz, Joss, Barry, Luniz, Myburgh and Reynolds. Three-quarters: Ashburner, Peiser, Ricketts and Cooper. Halves: Williams (Captain) and Clarke. Full Back: J. Bester.

After a rather chilly journey in the train, the team reached Plumtree, only to find that the weather conditions were such as to make play almost impossible.

The Milton Captain won the toss and elected to play against the wind. From the kick-off the play was hard until half-time.

The ball seemed to fly from one side of the field to the other—kicking touch at length seemed to be the only remedy, and some ground was gained in this way. Plumtree pressed so well in spite of their loss weight, that the ball was kept for some time in the centre of the field, until, finally, a rush being made, their forwards somehow got through with the ball and scored a try, which, however, was not converted. The Plumtree play was excellent, and their backing-up splendid.

In the Milton three-quarter line, the play of all was excellent, especially Peiser, while Williams at half certainly did his utmost to win the match.

The forward play was good, Rabinowitz, Johnstone, Joss, and Myburgh all doing splendid work, and Bester at full-back played a splendid game, putting in some beautiful touch-kicks. After half-time the play was even harder, but owing to the cold, piercing wind, it was hardly to be expected that the smaller boys could keep up, and so, when the ball burst before time was up, everyone was glad to have a rest.

Banks, of Plumtree, played very well, as also did Furze; the former scored for Plumtree their second try.

The play now, however, was in the hands of Milton. They pressed hard, and finally, owing mostly to the excellent play of Williams and Peiser, the former succeeded in making a try. Shortly afterwards, a penalty-kick being given to Milton, Williams succeeded in making a beautiful drop goal.

The final score was as follows:

Plumtree (2 tries)	-	6 points.
Milton (1 try and 1 penalty goal)	-	6 points.

J. M. DE LANGE.

We should like to say something ourselves about last season's football. We then had a much stronger team than we now have,

as there were so many more seniors in the school. We secured the Cup, kindly given by Messrs. Haddon and Sly for the winners of the School Rugby League in Rhodesia. On that occasion Gwelo also competed, but have scratched this year, on the ground that they are too weak to enter. But we should like to urge them to enter again, as we too are much weaker than before. Of some of those who comprised our team last year, mention is made in the Old Boys' Notes.

THE EDITOR.

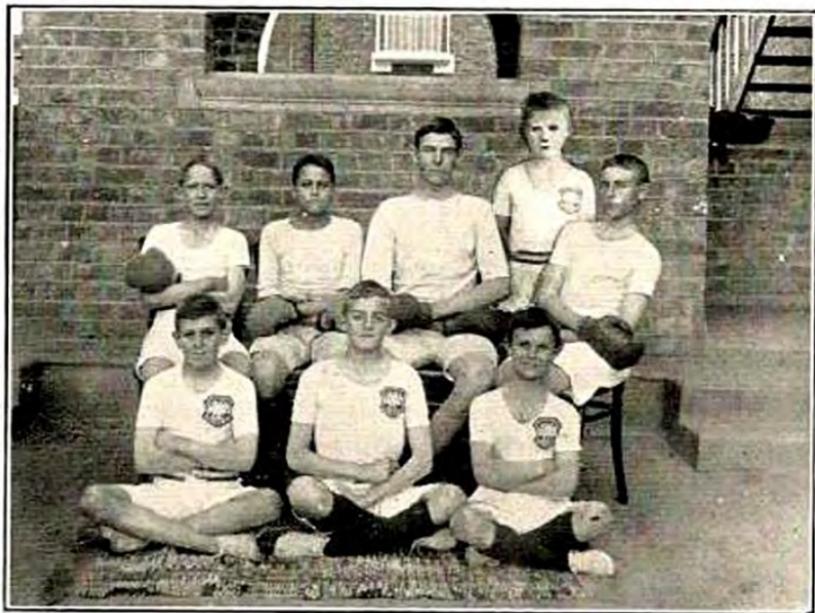
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## GYMNASIUM.

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A Gymnasium has been started at the school under the instruction of Mr. de Beer. At the competition held recently between the schools of Rhodesia, in the first few exercises the Milton school was doing very well, when unhappily our leader, Reynolds, dislocated his thumb, in one of the parallel bar exercises. So we now had only three competitors to make the points for us against four in each of the other schools. Next to Gordon, Reynolds was our best man; therefore, this mishap quite lost us any chance of securing the cup. However, one of our number, Gordon, secured the medal for the best gymnast in all the teams. As the *Bulawayo Chronicle* said, the judge could have had no difficulty in picking

GROUP OF GYMNASTS AND BOXERS.  
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Ashburner, Ricketts, Barry, Campbell, Johnstone,  
Clark, Reynolds, Gordon.