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a canoe. It had all looked so simple, watching other people from the tow-path. All you did was to shove the jolly old paddle into the water and the canoe just went, don't you know! I admit that we should have had a bit of practice beforehand, but we really hadn't had the time—cricket or work or something.

Well, anydow, the fact remains, we had not had any practice, and being seated astern it was my duty to steer our craft, which I immediately proceeded to do—into the bank on our right. What the bank was doing there at that particular moment I don't know—I'm sure I was steering a straight course. At all events our progress in that direction came to a sudden end.

However, having extricated ourselves from this awkward predicament we started off once more, amid the hearty cheers of several urchins assembled on the banks. Their cheering attained the proportions of a mighty roar as I quickly and skilfully steered our craft at full speed into the side of a large barge which was moored to the opposite bank.

A bad beginning, but even then all need not necessarily have been lost; that is to say if Burton had not lost his head at the critical moment. It was all Burton's fault—he had no right to attempt to turn round to see what I was doing. You cannot take liberties with a canoe, as if it were an ocean-going liner!

If he'd left things to me, I feel sure that we would ultimately have reached our destination, Henley, only a matter of fifty miles from here. True, our course might have been slightly zigzag—it might have resembled the course of a tacking yacht, but we *would* eventually have reached Henley! Of that I am convinced!

Still, Burton insisted on jumping round to see what I was doing—the canoe gave one or two sickly lurches, and there we were! On coming up for the third time I managed to scramble ashore—Burton was seated astride the upturned canoe.

I draw a veil over subsequent events—at any rate that was the end of the trip.

Now, Jobson knows very well that the mere mention of this trip annoys me, so why does he do it?

Oh, there goes Jobson again. I cannot write to music, so will have to give it up. I'll write and tell the Editor that I haven't got the time—I've just got ten minutes in which to catch the mail, so here goes . . . .

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## FOOTBALL NOTES.

As far as the 1st XV is concerned, the Rugby season—which has now given place to cricket—proved successful in many ways. The season passed without the loss of a single match. The following were the main fixtures, 1st XV:—

Milton versus	Senior Cadets	...	won	3—0
"	Senior Cadets	...	"	17—10
"	Queens	...	"	24—5
"	Plumtree (at Plumtree)	"	"	7—3
"	Plumtree (at Bulawayo)	"	"	12—0
"	Salisbury	...	"	8—0

Amongst the season's victories are two against Plumtree and one against Salisbury. At Plumtree the game was of a very equal nature save in the latter portion of the game when Plumtree were confined in a dangerous position within their own "twenty-five." On the occasion of Plumtree's visit to Bulawayo, however, there was no indecision whatever, as the score shows. It now fell to Milton's lot to meet Salisbury, in Bulawayo, in the final of the inter-school contest for the Honey Cup, and again Milton proved equal to the occasion.

In the Inter-Province junior contest Lewis, Thompson, McPhee, Waterworth, Huckle and Livingston played for Matabeleland, with Lewis as skipper. Each played a valuable part in the victory over Mashonaland by 14 points to 10. Huckle and Livingston were particularly outstanding. Wienand Ma. was honoured by his inclusion in the Matabeleland Senior team and justified his selection in the game at Salisbury.

Much of the success of the 1st XV is due to the untiring efforts of Wienand to get the best out of his men, and in this he no doubt succeeded. No better Captain could have been found in the school. The success of the team was further ensured by the consistent exercise and training in which every player took part most willingly.

Caps were awarded at the close of the season to Wienand, Thompson and Lewis, and a Special Cap awarded by Mr. D. Livingston of Umtali, for the most progressive player, fell curiously but deservedly to his own son J. Livingston.

The following is a brief survey of the players.

**A. C. WIENAND (CAPT.)**—Wienand, rightly selected "skipper" of the 1st XV, was by far the outstanding member of the pack, a hard worker in the scrum, yet with plenty of pace in the loose when occasion demanded. He controlled the team with admirable judgment and was a most inspiring leader. His ability to forge ahead with the ball often carried his side out of danger.

**J. LEWIS (VICE-CAPT.)**—Lewis, although a good full-back was no doubt more useful amongst the forwards. He showed his skill in the pack, in the line-out, and especially in dribbling movements and short passing amongst the forwards. He is a good place-kick. A little more dash would add much to his value.

**K. GOLDHAWK.**—After Wienand, Goldhawk was perhaps our sturdiest forward and although he seldom shone in any individual effort, he did invaluable work in the pack. He is a most unselfish player and never loses heart.

**W. SCOT-RUSSELL.**—Scot-Russell was a forward, not afraid of hard work who displayed wonderful "lasting" powers in the hardest of games. He shone in the loose as a fast and accurate dribbler.

**J. BLACKETT.**—Blackett was a forward who, in addition to heeling and hooking well, displayed much initiative at all times; he was a good "kick" and was largely responsible for the fine work of the pack.

**C. F. WATERWORTH.**—Waterworth was another sturdy forward, very useful in the loose and shone particularly in the "line-out" where his height gave him an advantage he was not slow to make use of.

**E. BARON.**—Baron was a hard worker amongst the forwards and wherever there was work to be done he was amongst the foremost and played intelligently at all times.

W. VILJOEN.—Although a forward, Viljoen was one of the most speedy members of the team. He occasionally put himself off-side by over-running the ball in the loose, but he showed great keenness and with a little more training he will develop into a dangerous man.

W. McPHEE.—Throughout the season, McPhee at full-back did particularly well. He might improve his fielding a little, and could be quicker. He cleared well and usually found "touch," in addition he tackled well and was seldom caught in possession of the ball. He has the making of a good full-back.

H. DAVIS (THREE-QUARTER).—A late discovery. He has the making of a really good wing—possesses a natural swerve which he should cultivate.

C. BURGESS (THREE-QUARTER).—Burgess did not quite fulfill the promise of last year. He has lost much of his pace and must make an effort to regain it. He has played in both wing and centre positions. He is stronger in attack than in defence.

N. HUCKLE (THREE-QUARTER).—One of the most promising centres the school has had. He is fast, and his handling has improved considerably, although his pass to the right is still weak. He has the ideal centre's gift of knowing how to "break."

J. M. LIVINGSTON (THREE-QUARTER).—He has learnt the game very quickly and will make a really good wing. He is fast and makes a real effort, even when the opening offered to him is not a good one.

J. THOMPSON (HALF-BACK).—A really "class" fly-half, his handling and his short punt to touch leave little to be desired. Perhaps he is inclined to do too much of the latter when in his opponents half, instead of opening up the game. He kicks well with either foot. He would be well advised to increase his pace.

W. DEMPSTER (HALF-BACK).—A plucky, hard working scrum-half, who put every ounce of energy he possessed into his game; got the ball away quickly and accurately, and tackled safely.

H. BARON (HALF-BACK).—Came into the team as scrum-half in the latter half of the season and has played a steady, sound game.

#### MILTON v. PLUMTREE.

Before the big match at Bulawayo, on Saturday, the 22nd July, the Milton and Plumtree School fifteens met. Earlier in the season Milton beat Plumtree by seven points to three. The Plumtree boys were therefore out to avenge this narrow defeat, and as was to be expected a very good game resulted.

In the first half Milton were continually on the attack, but although their halves did their duty towards the three-quarters the latter were always tackled in possession or else handled badly. Plumtree were very sorely pressed for a considerable time, and the attackers were finally rewarded when, from a line-out Blackett got possession and scored. Lewis, with a very fine kick, added the extra points, and Milton thus led by five points.

In ensuing play there was one incident well worthy of mention. A free-kick was given to Plumtree just over the half-way line. Lilford Ma. took the place kick, and the ball was sent beautifully straight to the posts. It struck the cross-bar, however, and rebounded back into the field.

After half-time the Plumtree boys did much better, and kept Milton defending for a long time. Several very smart three-quarter movements were initiated by the Plumtree halves, but the Milton back division was rather too fast, and the attacks failed. Plumtree in turn had to defend, and when in front of the Plumtree goal Huckle found an opening and neatly dropped a goal. Plumtree, faced with long odds, stuck gamely to their task and kept their opponents in midfield. Even here, however, they were not safe, for Livingston got possession on the Milton left wing, and cutting right across the field, out-distanced the Plumtree full-back, who brought him down just a second too late. The kick at goal failed. With Milton so far ahead, the game lost some of its interest.

When the whistle blew Milton had defeated Plumtree by 12 points (a goal, a dropped goal, and a try) to nil.

Yates, of Plumtree, broke his collar bone in the second half and had to retire. There was also a Plumtree casualty before the interval.

## MR. DE VILLIERS' COMMENTS.

Mr. de Villiers, the well-known Currie Cup referee, who refereed the school game, told a representative of *The Chronicle* that he considered the match as an exhibition of Rugby football was of a better class than many of the matches he had seen played in Rhodesia by the town clubs. Mr. de Villiers' criticism was more in the nature of instruction, although it was elicited from him that he considered the Milton forwards a very good pack who were both well-trained and well-instructed.

He found fault with both sides in the scrum. The packing he said might have been better, while both packs were guilty of the foot-up rule. The heeling of the Milton boys was very good on the whole, and better than that of their opponents.

Mr. de Villiers did not find much between the two back divisions but criticised both. The Milton threes did not pass the ball out quick enough, and were in this respect inferior to the Plumtree threes, who were very "nippy." The mistake made by the Plumtree three-quarters was that on the defence they lined out at too much of an angle. This was all right on the attack, said Mr. de Villiers, but for the purposes of defence the line should come up straight across the field, otherwise the attacking three-quarters had too much scope.

To the onlooker, the outstanding forwards in the Milton pack were Wienand in the line-outs, and Lewis and Viljoen in the loose, while several of the Plumtree forwards got through a lot of heavy work. At half-back Thompson, of Milton, played with all his usual coolness, always doing the right thing at the right moment. The Plumtree scrum half might have been better, but he erred on the right side, all his faults being due to over-keenness. In the back division, Huckle and Livingston, of Milton, and also the Plumtree left wing and his centre were very good on both attack and defence.

## MILTON v. SALISBURY.

The final for the Honey Cup between Milton and Salisbury School Rugby teams was played off before a large crowd on the Queen's grounds on Saturday afternoon the 12th August, when Milton, after a hard, clean game, won the Cup by 8 points (a try and a goal) to nil. There was some conjecture as to which was the heavier team, but there was probably not much to choose between them. The following were the teams:—

Milton: McPhee; Livingston, Huckle, Vials, and Burgess; Thompson and Dempster; Wienand (capt.), Lewis, Blackett, Goldhawk, Viljoen, Russell, Baron and Waterworth.

Salisbury High School: Strobel; Fitt, Baxter, Kirshner and Payne; Huddy and Allwright Ross (capt.); Gordon, Bryan, Olver, du Preez, Capell, Green and Ross.

The Salisbury boys kicked off from the town end, and for some minutes the visitors' three-quarters kept their opponents very busy, but the Milton backs met these attacks very effectively and nothing materialised. Play was combined more or less to midfield and was very fast. Livingston, of Milton, with a good kick to touch, brought the play well into the Salisbury half, and the Milton threes attacked strongly but wild passing nullified their efforts. A number of loose scrums ensued in the visitors' 25 until Strobel brought relief by finding touch. Dribbling rushes were frequent and distinctly good, Lewis, Waterworth and Wienand, of Milton, and Ross and Gordon, of Salisbury, being particularly conspicuous. A forward rush by Milton and fine touch kicking by Livingston brought Milton well down into their opponents' 25, but Kirshner drove them back by a lengthy return to touch. The Salisbury forwards pressed their opponents heavily for some time, until Huckle, with a fine kick, brought play once more into the Salisbury half. Although again repulsed Milton were not to be denied, and in a forward scramble Lewis dragged himself across the Salisbury line and scored. The kick failed.

After the kick-off Thompson of Milton, made a fine kick to touch. Some exciting play ensued near the Salisbury line, and by a smart piece of work after

a five yards' scrum, Waterworth scored. Lewis converted with a fine kick. For the rest of the half Milton's fine touch-finding baffled their opponents, and half-time was called with the score 8—0 in favour of Milton.

For some time after the opening of the second half the play was in mid-field, then Salisbury attacked and sorely pressed their opponents. The Milton forwards by some good work brought the play back to midfield. From a scrum the Salisbury half set his back line going very well, but Fitt, after a fine run was brought down. Milton then attacked with a similar movement, but nothing came of it. Both sides were now tiring, and play became very ragged. At this stage Milton were frequently penalised, and the game developed into a forward scramble which was every few minutes with a free kick to the visitors. It was noticeable, however, that the Salisbury boys were now more than holding their own and had their centres been more enterprising in breaking instead of leaving the whole of the work to the wings, they would probably have been able to register some points. A great improvement in the touch-finding by the Salisbury team also gave them frequent advantages which they failed to make use of. Altogether it was agreed that the better team won, although great credit was due to the Salisbury Boys for their great fight in the second half.

For the winners, Wienand, Waterworth and Lewis were the outstanding forwards, the halves. Dempster and Thompson, proved themselves a fine pair, and Huckle, Livingston and McPhee in the back division were conspicuous during the whole game.

For Salisbury, R. Ross, W. Gordon and J. Bryan worked hard in the forward line. Huddy in the scrum, was very fine, and Allwright at fly-half, consistently good. Baxter was very useful with his touchkicking, and Fitt on the wing made several fine attempts. Strobel was off his game, and has been seen to better advantage.

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## CRICKET NOTES.

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This year shows much promise of a good season. From the beginning, the 1st XI has practiced hard, and a visible improvement is evidenced.

Mr. Hall takes great interest in the cricket and has arranged the games very effectively. Three excellent nets have been put up; a complete outfit of new material is in use and this is always conducive to good cricket.

On Saturday, 14th October, we played a friendly game against Mr. C. P. Harvey's team. We did fairly well, losing by only nine runs. Playing against good bowlers and batsmen, it gave the new members of the team an opportunity for experience.

Our next match on Saturday, 28th October, was against a B.A.C. scratch team, and again we learnt much by the experience of playing against good men. We beat this team, which was stronger than the other, thus showing a considerable improvement.

In this match the outstanding feature was the bowling of Blackett M. who took 6 wickets for 54 runs. Though he has only a small break he varies his pace well. The remaining wickets were taken by Huckle (3 for 9). The School's fielding was very keen.

Blackett M. headed the batting with 29, Stevenson following him closely with 22. Both sides found great difficulty in getting the ball away, due to the good bowling and keen fielding.

### MILTON v. B.A.C. "A"

This match was played on the School Ground, on Saturday, November 4th. The School were in great fettle in this league fixture. B.A.C. batted first and

were all out for 60, mainly through the great bowling by Blackett M., who captured seven wickets at a fraction less than four runs each. Peddie played fine cricket in his not-out innings of 29, while Dreyer was the only other batsman to reach double figures. The Milton fielding was very keen, runs being difficult to get. Huckle held Dreyer off Blackett M. with a magnificent catch, and later on Lewis held a beauty off Lambert.

The Milton innings of 231 for five wickets was conspicuous for a fine display by Blackett M., who not out at 127, hit 13 fours. Thompson made many delightful strokes. The innings was opened by Thompson and Lewis. From the commencement runs came freely, the batsmen playing with great confidence. With only 20 runs on the board, Lewis was bowled by Barbour. Huckle then came in and helped himself to two fours and a six in successive strokes. He was sent back l.b.w., Blackett M., taking his place. From here onwards, the game became very fast, Blackett M. giving a fine performance ably assisted by Thompson. He had three lives, but nevertheless his innings was delightful. B.A.C. used no less than ten bowlers.

## Scores:—B.A.C. "A" 1st Innings.

Cook, b J. Blackett .....	3
Elliott, run out .....	3
Dreyer, c Huckle b G. Blackett	14
Peddie, not out .....	29
E. Barbour, b J. Blackett.....	0
Pinchin, c Lambert b G. Blackett	1
Rackham, c Lewis b Lambert...	1
Moorcroft, st Thompson b Blackett	0
F. Squair, b G. Blackett .....	2
M. Squair, b G. Blackett .....	1
Bennett, c Huckle b G. Blackett	1
Extras .....	5

Total ... 60

## MILTON 1st Innings.

J. Thompson, b Moorcroft .....	42
J. Lewis, b E. Barbour .....	7
N. Huckle, st Dreyer b E. Barbour	16
J. Blackett, not out .....	127
Burgess, b Dreyer .....	7
Goldhawk, run out .....	21
Stevenson, not out.....	4
Extras .....	1

Total (for 5 wickets) 231

## Bowling Analysis:—

	Wickets	Runs		Wickets	Runs
J. Blackett .....	2	13	Lambert .....	1	11
G. Blackett .....	7	27	Stevenson.....	0	4

The Match was finished on Saturday, November 11th.

On Friday, 17th November, our 1st and 2nd XI's played Plumtree, at Plumtree. A full report of the matches will appear in the next issue but we might here mention the performances of Hammond and B. Lanning of Plumtree 1st XI. The former made 71 not out, while the latter had a bowling average of 3.3. In our 1st XI, Stevenson's 2 wickets for 9 runs, and J. Blackett's 49 runs were also good. In the 2nd match, Patterson and Masterson's batting and bowling were very good, while in our 2nd, Hepker's batting and Waterworth's bowling were very creditable.

## COMMON ROOM GOSSIP.

Of recent acquisitions to the Staff, mention will doubtless be made elsewhere, but we cannot omit here a notice of Paddy. As to where he originated, the majority don't know, while the minority (of one) will not own up. Whatever his antecedents, genealogy, and habitat, he is very welcome, and has already endeared himself to us by his singular devotion to duty.

Motoring enthusiasts among us owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. H. for providing us with a car. Never has there been a more cogent argument in favour of walking as a bodily exercise, while local bootmakers are thriving upon the thickening of soles necessitated by an invitation to "go out for a run in the car." Fuel economy tests and speed trials have been held, and Mr. L. is prepared to state on oath that coming along the Matopo road the car went on nothing. As to the speed, no official figures are to hand, but we understand that down hill and with half-a-gale astern, the car goes "quite fast." Regarding this mad race for speed, it is a significant fact that Mr. M. has given up the contest, and sold his motor-bike, while it is also freely rumoured that the want of a buyer is the only impediment to Mr. G. selling his motor-bike, whole or in parts.

There has been unusual activity in the woodwork shop lately, and the mails have consequently attained their pristine regularity.

Our Stock-Jobber writes, "Much uneasiness prevails on 'Change in re Exam. Shares, for while J. C. Alphas stand fairly firm with a very slight upward tendency, Matric. Preferred are subject to constant fluctuation. So great is this unsteadiness that the publication of prices quoted would not go far to discover a solution. Among the influences reported to be working in the dark against a hardening of the market are the political situation and the labour difficulty. An approach to par need not be looked for at the moment, but it is barely possible that certain eventualities may arise in the coming six weeks to restore the equilibrium between bull and bear."

"Tailor and Cutter" writes, "Owing to the sultry weather experienced lately, the Engineering Staff have been seen on deck." We may also add that George can now suspend himself.

The figures in the School Referendum on the great Constitutional question were R. G.—107. Union—52. Voting was confined to the Upper School.

It is noteworthy how closely these figures reflect the comparative voting strength of the two Political Parties in Bulawayo as disclosed by the actual Referendum figures.

## DEBATING NOTES.

The session has been one of varying interest for the Society. Several interesting debates have been held and the Junior debates were something of a surprise in that they gave evidence of a real debating ability among the Juniors. We went to press early last term and some notes were left over; these are duly reported in this issue. We cannot give notes on all debates held this session for the same reason.

On 9th June a debate with the Eveline was held, the motion was—"That a lawyer is not justified in defending a client whom he knows to be guilty." The Eveline supported, and the Milton opposed the motion. There were present members from both schools, besides many others; Archdeacon Harker and Mr. Martyn Green kindly acted as adjudicators.

The following were the speakers:—

*Eveline.*

Proposer—Miss Carnegie.

Seconder—Miss Russell.

Other speakers—

Miss Robertson,

Miss Dicks,

Miss Swart,

Miss Steven,

Miss Blackburn,

Miss Theron.

*Milton.*

Opposer—Mr. Campbell.

Seconder—Mr. Baron.

Other speakers—

Mr. Scot-Russell,

Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Holder,

Mr. Briers,

Mr. Dickman,

Mr. Levin.

Miss Dicks and Mr. Dickman tied for Miss Langdon's Prize, whereupon the judges offered an additional prize. On putting it to the vote, Milton won the debate by 96 votes to 87.

This meeting concluded the 1st session of 1922.

The debates were of a fairly mixed character, and were interspersed with literary evenings. There were two inter-school debates, which were won by Plumtree in the one case, and in the other, as already mentioned, by the Milton.

Among questions argued, we note the question of the colour bar, the extension of the franchise to natives, and mind versus matter. On the whole, the debating was fair, and on most occasions there was a good attendance.

The Hat nights, as usual, were productive of much merriment, the extempore speeches of many members being exceedingly free. We would like to mention that "Twelfth Night" was read, and offered much pleasure to all those present. The parts were ably taken, and the speeches well rendered.

The Juniors held two evenings, one literary and the second a debate,

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Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarerd  
 By centuries of rain and blasting storm,  
 Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,  
 No backward look thy spreading fame has marred.  
 Forth went thy sons when jealous races warred,  
 Died at Latema, and 'mid Flanders' corn,  
 While Achi Baba grim and battle worn  
 O'er Milton graves eternally keeps guard.  
 Proud were the man whose noble name you bear  
 Could he behold the inmates of your walls.  
 O'er half a continent thy summons calls  
 Fathers to place their sons in Milton care.  
 Throughout this land thy cry rings loud and long  
 "Oh, quit yourselves like men. Be strong, be strong!"

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### CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

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Owing to various circumstances the activities of the club have not been very great this half-year. Nevertheless, we have had six general meetings, a Velox printing demonstration, and two competitions.

In the first competition, J. Mills was awarded the first prize, presented by Lennon, Ltd., while the second prize, presented by the school, was won by A. Arber.

The prize in the second competition was won by W. Scott-Russell.

The printing demonstration, kindly given by Mr. Fuller, in our dark-room, was highly instructive and much appreciated.

We are anticipating that some good entries will be submitted in the forth-coming holiday competition.

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LITTLE BOY—"Please, teacher, I've lost my rubber."

TEACHER—"Well, use the little boy's behind."

## RIP VAN WINKLE MODERNISED.

When 15 years old I was a scholar at the Milton High School. I can well remember how crowded the classrooms used to be, and how many of the boarders, too, were living in little cottages all along Borrow street. At that time there was much talk of Rhodesia entering the Union, of the building of an upper school, and of a Beit Hall for concerts and assembly.

One day I cycled to the Matopos, and while in the hills, by accident I took a dose of "Union Destroyer" instead of "Rhodesia Restorer." It nearly had the desired effect for I went into a kind of a stupor. Gradually I regained my senses and prepared to return to Bulawayo, but my cycle was no longer serviceable. At first I thought that someone had stolen my cycle and left this heap of scrap-iron in exchange; but my conjecture was wrong, for by scraping off the rust in places, I could just recognise my one time serviceable machine. I walked to the Terminus intending to go by train to Bulawayo. Instead of the old wood and iron sheds and meagre platform I used to know so well, I now found an up-to-date station, with all its various offices and a platform as long as the one I remembered in Bulawayo. A bell rang, and looking to my left I saw two aeroplanes emerge from a hanger and start off in different directions. One, I learned, was the Plumtree Post and the other the Shangani Express Delivery. Having purchased a ticket, I entered a compartment, where, although the train was crowded, I was given plenty of room. Looking into a mirror I saw the reason, for my face was covered with a short, straggly growth of hair, and my clothes were tattered and dirty. All this time the train was going at an alarming rate, though my fellow travellers seemed quite undisturbed. I timidly enquired why we were going so fast and I was gruffly answered with, "Fast! Why she's only doing 50; on the Livingstone and Salisbury lines they do 60 easily." I thought the man's humour very out of place as I alighted from the train at—but surely this couldn't be Bulawayo. True, the old red buildings were there, but the rest—vanished!!! The platforms were numbered from one to twelve; trains were entering and leaving, several at a time; the station was wholly roofed in; there was a café at one end, in the middle a bookstall; advertising windows for shops; crowds of people coming and going, and everywhere a hubbub of noise.

I rubbed my eyes and pinched myself to see if I were awake or dreaming. At last I got out of the station and whistled for a taxi, but a man wearing goggles and a flying kit, said he would "glide" me to the school for less than the