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EDITORIAL.

THE half-year has been characterised by quiet and steady progress in various directions.

The cricket season passed off very successfully, and the successes of the four teams who took the field during the season speaks well for the instruction given and for the general enthusiasm shown.

Rugby has taken the place of cricket and the success of the 1st XV in the matches played this season, augurs well for the remainder of the half-year.

The cadet corps now contains five platoons, ranging from the highest classes to the lowest. More about the activities of the cadets will be found elsewhere.

Preparations for the Eisteddfod are going on, and Mr. P. T. Robinson has already taken in hand the prospective athletes for the Inter-school sports.

An Old Boys' Association has been formed and promises to be a very successful society. It is, as can be seen on another page, running one or more rugby teams and the club is a strong link between past and present "Miltonians."

Congratulations are due to the successful candidates in the Matriculation, Junior Certificate and Beit examinations. Among these L. Townsend and B. Baron, who both passed the Matric are now at Rhodes University College, Grahamstown.

All boys are urged to support the school magazine, the price for which is 1/6 per copy.

N. CAMPBELL,
Editor.

CRICKET NOTES.

The second half season opened full of promise for Milton who on Saturday, 25th February, defeated Mr. Livingston's team by 7 wickets, 96 runs. The highest score on our opponents side was made by Mr. Walker who completed his half-century before being caught by Blackett off Wood.

Wood showed up especially in his match by his splendid bowling, taking 5 wickets for 21 runs. Our team played well; each of the five who batted reached double figures. Lewis and Thompson made a good partnership, the former having made 61 and the latter 48 when they retired.

On the 3rd March we played our second match against a team arranged by Dreyer and beat them. Score; Milton 208, Dreyer's Team 59.

On March 10th our 1st and 2nd XI's played Plumtree at Plumtree. The home teams were here victorious—beating both our 1st and 2nd XI's.

Our 1st was beaten in the first innings by 45, and in the second by 103. The scores being; Milton 1st innings 85, Plumtree 183; Milton 2nd Innings 108, Plumtree 211.

Thompson was our most prominent scorer in the first innings, contributing a useful 40. On our opponents score-sheet, Lilford topped the list with 42 to his credit. Wood as usual distinguished himself by his bowling taking 4 wickets for 75 in the first innings and

6 for 98 in the second. Blackett and Lewis were our best scorers in the second innings, making respectively 48 and 33.

Our second suffered defeat by 7 wickets and 10 runs. Dempster bowled well taking 5 wickets for 27 runs. Watterworth batted well and contributed our top score of 43, while Scot-Russell and Briers made a notable stand before the fall of the last wicket, making 38 between them.

Scores; Milton 1st Innings 105, Plumtree 132. Milton 2nd Innings 61, Plumtree 44 for 3 wickets.

Luck seemed against us for in our next match against Queens on March 18th, we were beaten by 17 runs. In the first innings Burgess' score of 20 topped the list, while in the second innings, Thompson and Wood in a useful partnership brought up the score considerably, the former making a steady 43 while the latter, playing steady cricket, made 66.

Score: 1st innings, Queen's 117, Milton 59, 2nd innings, Queen's 114, Milton 155.

Our defeat in the first match by Queens was however recompensed by the victories of our second and third elevens over St. Georges second and third.

In the second match, Milton won on the 1st innings by 27, the 2nd innings not having been completed. The outstanding player was Campbell who compiled 18 in the first innings and 22 (not out) in the second, Russell and Livingston were also to be noted for their last wicket partnership, where the

former made 11 and the latter 12, after which he succumbed to a ball from Sansom.

Score ; St. Georges 1st Innings 61, Milton 88, 2nd Innings St. Georges 104, Milton 60 for 4 wickets.

The third won their match by an innings and 4 runs, to which Reid was the highest contributor with a score of 51.

Score ; 1st Innings St. Georges 45, Milton 92, 2nd Innings .St. Georges 43.

Milton was represented in the Combined Schools' Team against Bulawayo on the 1st April by three members of our 1st XI, to wit: Wood, Thompson and Lewis. Both as a batsman and a bowler Wood excelled, while Thompson was handy behind the stumps, and Lewis' fielding was excellent.

The return match between Milton and St. Georges' 1st XI took place on Saturday, April 8th on the Queen's ground, which was in its usual Hubbardian state of perfection.

St. Georges batted first but the wicket being fast and Wood at the top of his form, they were dismissed for 61.

The match ended in a win for Milton on the 1st Innings by 66 runs. Time prevented Milton from winning the match on both Innings, the score being only 8 runs short to secure a win by 7 wickets.

It was a red-letter day for Wood who took 15 wickets for 90 runs, and scored 34 and 14 not out, the

top score in each Innings. Thompson was excellent behind the stumps. Wood was well supported by smart and sure fielding.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Bull who supplied very welcome refreshments for both thirsty teams.

Although Milton was defeated by Plumtree on Saturday, April 15th, they had at least the most successful cricketer on either side in W. Wood. His 8 wickets for 93 runs, and his Innings of 50 were both fine bits of work. The batting of Thompson for Milton was a feature, he making 31, while Rackham's knock of 71 for Plumtree was a fine effort. Lilford also gave a sound display for Plumtree in getting 32.

Scores ; Milton 1st Innings 126, Plumtree won by 37 on the 1st Innings.

This Saturday our 2nd XI also suffered defeat at the hands of the Plumtree XI, who beat them by 8 wickets and 75 runs. Hepker's score of 22 topped the Milton list, while of the visitors, Gilbert scored 56 and Lilford 43. Of our bowlers Lambert was easily the best in the 1st Innings, taking 7 wickets with an average of 4.3 runs per wicket.

Score ; 1st Innings, Plumtree 75, Milton 82, 2nd Innings, Plumtree 128 for 3 wickets, Milton 46.

Our heartiest thanks are due to Messrs. Philips and Bain for their kind presentation of bats for deserving players of Milton.

The first of Mr. Phillip's bats was won by H. Moll and the second by J. Hayward, while Mr. Bain's bat was awarded to W. Wood.

1st XI Batting Averages.

Name	No. of Innings	Runs	Times not out	Average
W. Wood	8	199	1	28'4
J. Thompson	9	226	1	28'2
J. Blackett	9	181	2	25'8
I. Lewis	9	167	2	23'8
K. Goldhawk	8	87	1	12'4
C. Burgess	7	57	1	9'5
N. Huckle	6	42	1	8'4
C. Watterworth	5	18	2	6
J. Rolfe	4	10	2	5
W. McPhee	5	24	0	4'8
H. Moll	7	13	1	2'1
N. Campbell	2	3	0	1'5
H. Davies	4	4	0	1
W. Stevenson	2	0	0	...

1st XI Bowling Averages.

Name	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. Wood	479	52	9'2
K. Goldhawk	158	14	11'2
W. McPhee	24	2	12
C. Burgess	28	2	14
H. Davies	65	4	16'2
J. Blackett	227	10	22'7

SECOND FIFTEEN PRACTICES BEFORE A MATCH.

A week before the second fifteen is due to play the fixture of the season, great excitement and anxiety prevail among the likely candidates for that team. At last a notice is posted on the board. Instantly a crowd surrounds it, and eager eyes peruse the notice. The probable team is announced, and the successful ones are jubilant. That afternoon the second fifteen is called out to practice. Scrumming round the goal-post first takes place, much to the agony of the poor centre-forward, who is beginning to wonder why second teams were ever invented. However, it only lasts half-an-hour, much to his relief, for he is feeling rather sore. Short-passing and dribbling is the next item on the programme, and for the next half-hour the forwards run up and down the field with the ball. "Enough for to-day," says the trainer, and a silent prayer is raised by the exhausted footballers. They run once round the field, though it is more a stagger than a run, and the first practice is over.

Next morning they are roused out of bed at the unearthly hour of six, to do some more training. They chase the leather cheerfully for an hour, resolutely putting the thoughts of that comfortable bed

tain over their sufferings. However we shall endeavour to narrate the events which happen after breakfast.

The culprits are drawn up before the stern-faced master who has already examined the case and pronounced his verdict—guilty. Even now he is passing his sentence, which is a gating for all concerned for the rest of the term and, as he speaks, longer and longer grow the faces of the unfortunates until they seem to be all face.

When they have expanded to their maximum length the master's stern visage relaxes into a smile and he pronounces the time honoured expression. . . . "April Fool."

—D. S. DICKMAN.

From Standard II.

"Why don't you learn boxing, Cyril?"

Shaw (3 ft. nothing), "Will I have to box Mr. Houlding?"

Roche (a note). "I can't play with you this afternoon because I have to take Miss Webster 25 lions."

Lethaby: Hereward kept William at bay for a long time and then William caught him bending.

Duly: "Their cruel Uncle smothered them with pillows, and gentle robins covered them with sawdust."

Henderson: "Pluto cleft a spasm in the earth."

RUGBY NOTES.

On the conclusion of the first term of school the cricket season ended with the Plumtree matches, and cricket gave place to rugby.

A very good fixture list has been drawn up for the first XV, and it is hoped that some local matches may be obtained for the second XV. also. There are amongst the boys playing some very keen and promising players and it is hoped that the season will pass off successfully. As the result of hard training the first XV., although comparatively light have proved themselves a formidable side. The forwards are the outstanding feature of the team, and taken as a whole are hard workers. Wienand (Capt.) and Lewis (Vice Capt.) together with Blackett are outstanding amongst the pack. Round the scrum Dempster does a lot of hard work whilst Thompson kicks well and uses his head with good results. Amongst the backs Livingston and Burgess have proved themselves speedy and useful on the wings and Huckle promises to make a dangerous centre. At full-back McPhee, when he has gained a little more experience will be an asset to the team. The school has made a good start in defeating the Senior Cadets twice and also the Queens Second XV, and it is to be hoped that with continual practice and training the season may pass off successfully.

Fuller Rugby Notes will follow in next issue.

The following are results up to date of going to press:—

1st XV. v. Senior Cadets—Win for Milton by 3-0.

1st XV. v. Senior Cadets—Win for Milton by 17-10.

1st XV. v. Queen's 2nd XV.—Win for Milton by 24-5.

1st XV. v. Plumtree 1st XV.—Win for Milton by 7-3.

2nd XV. v. Plumtree 2nd XV.—Win for Plumtree by 3-0.

Milton v. Plumtree.

Honey Cup—at Plumtree.

Milton won the toss, and as the result of some good forward play and some useful touch kicking carried the play into the Plumtree "twenty-five" and kept it there until Livingston wormed his way across the line and scored. Lewis made a very fair attempt to convert the try, but failed. Plumtree now attacked vigorously for a while, but were taken back again to their own "twenty-five" yet by the excellent defence they put up Milton failed to add to their score. During this stage Blackett made an excellent drop-kick that just went wide. Half-time came with Milton leading 3 points to nil. The second half opened and neither side wasted any time but settled to good hard play. The Milton forwards soon carried the play down the touch into the

Plumtree "twenty-five," and Thompson, having made one or two useful short touch kicks, carried the game near to the goal-line, but the Plumtree defence was too efficient and foiled some determined attempts at scoring. Eventually Thompson, with a very creditable drop-kick, added 4 points to the Milton score. Plumtree attacked in a most determined fashion, and Sharpe, almost unaided, scored a try for Plumtree close up to the posts, but the kick went very wide. For the remainder of the game the Plumtree side were hemmed in close to their goal-line, as the Milton forwards proved themselves superior and prevented Plumtree from getting the ball either from the scrum or the lineout. Milton thus finished the victors by 7 points to 3.

The game was without doubt the cleanest and hardest game of the season so far. Both teams were in excellent condition as the result of strenuous training and coaching. The tackling was good and infringements were few. The game was won by the Milton forwards amongst whom Wienand was in a class by himself. The Plumtree three-quarters were by far superior to the Milton back line, but their pack failed to get the ball for them. Plumtree played the New Zealand formation, five three-quarters and seven in the scrum, and although there is much to be said in favour of five three-quarters, the first essential is that the scrum is sufficiently strong to get the ball for them.

'Arberiztoθk

Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarred
 By centuries of rain and hasting 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!"

CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

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. Scot-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.

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