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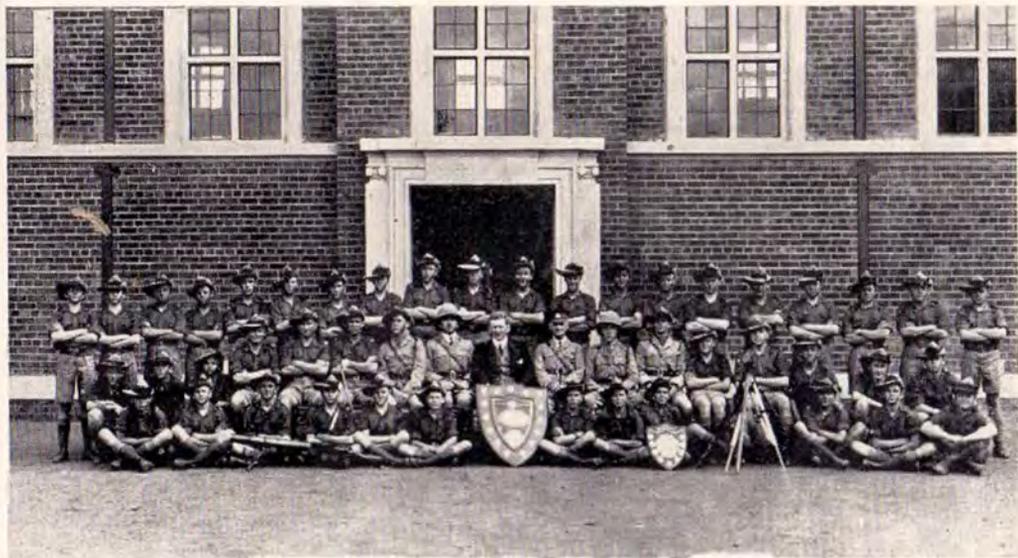
*Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarred
By centuries of rain and blasting storm,
Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,
No backward look thy spreading fame has marred.
Forth went thy sons when jealous races warred,
Died at Latema, and 'mid Flanders' corn,
While Achi Baba grim and battle 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's care.
Throughout thisland thy cry rings loud and long.
"Oh, quit yourselves like men. Be strong, be strong!"*

EDITORIAL.

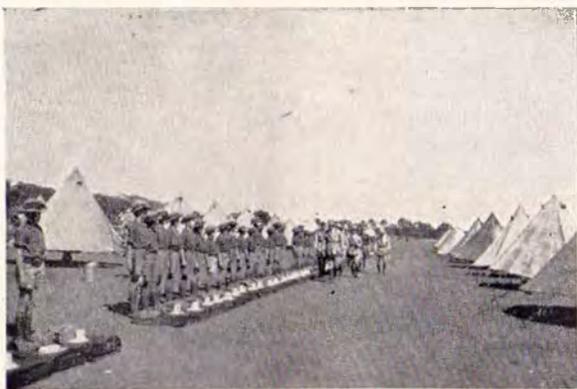
When this issue of "The Miltonian" appears the year will be drawing to a close and we can look back on most of our year's varied activities with pride and satisfaction.

Our cadets by winning the Director's Challenge Shield have proved themselves the best in Rhodesia. This Shield, we may mention, has been absent from our walls since 1919.

The Rugby teams have shown their mettle by winning almost



NO. 1 PLATOON, SIGNALLERS AND LEWIS GUNNERS



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CADET CAMP, GWELO, 1924

THE MOON.

Fair sights greet us in this our beautiful world, and pure thoughts uplift; but what is fairer than that of the moon sailing on its luminous way in a cloud-studded sky. The mystic lunar orb smiling dimly down upon us brings sweet contemplation which does not dwell in the realm of this world but rather one of ethereal happiness. Mystery and gentle passion reigns in its soft light; here spirits of a phantom age dance gladsomely, bathed in the clinging light of the Spirit of Love, materialistically called the moon.

The moon brings many pictures in its train.

To the mind of the poet it is the essence of all glorious inspiration. It lifts him above the mundane matters of a trivial world and transports him into a realm of beauty, love and happiness, where sorrow and remorse are aliens,—the Utopia of mortal man. There is no word of hate in this realm, men live together in undreamed-of bliss. In fact an ideal which is second only to the resplendent glories of Heaven.

To the mind of the artist it conveys a land of exquisite lights and shades, dimly-lit glens, the habitation of sprites and fairies, the abode of all things beautiful. Flickering shadows mid whispering pine trees; running streams laughing merrily on their way to the mighty ocean. All this and

more he sees in that dim light where nought is reality, but merely shadows from which the mind may draw any picture. The harsh contours of a rugged world are smoothed and all is hazily beautiful.

Surely the mighty Creator of the Universe looking down upon a moonlit earth, the souls of its inhabitants pure and uplifted, must feel no little pride that this was His handiwork. What pen can describe the infinite tranquillity, the velvet radiance of the moon; what soul is great enough to fathom its hidden secrets? This is what makes the moon so exquisite; 'tis the ever present mystery of its secrets, which, as we stand on the verge of them, uplift our hearts and makes us superhuman, bringing us ever nearer to the perfect state of the Ever Present, Divine Spirit, God.

J. DE SMIDT.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, June, 1924.

LONDON UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION. *Class II.*

Philip Baron,
Julius M. Greenfield,
David Kransdorff,
Harry Levin,
Bertram Theron.

CAPE MATRICULATION. *New Regulations.*

Cornelius Greenfield.

RUGBY NOTES.

The season has been one of varying fortune. True, we won seven out of nine fixtures, but it was not until the last three matches that the Fifteen really got going together.

The Plumtree matches provided the usual strenuous struggles. We won both Haddon & Sly Cup fixtures, but lost to Plumtree in the first round of the Honey Cup Competition after a great fight.

Of this match the "Bulawayo Chronicle" correspondent in his report, wrote: "Rarely has there been witnessed a sterner struggle than that of the second half. . . . A more splendidly sporting game it would be difficult to see anywhere."

Senior and Junior "Cake" matches were instituted this year and provided some very keen games, especially among the seniors. Mr. Campbell must be thanked for beginning these, and also for very kindly providing the cakes. The results of the games were:—

Senior—Baron's XV. beat Anton's XV. 8—5.

Baron's XV. beat Brown's XV. 8—5.

Junior—Rosen's XV. beat Dennison's XV. 12—0.

Rosen's XV. beat Hayward's XV. 29—0.

The following is a list of 1st XV. matches played:—

April 12—v. Raylton II. Won 66—0.

May 3—v. Raylton II. Won 27—3

10—v. Queens II. Won 15—5.

17—v. Plumtree. Won 8—0.

July 26—v. Queens II. Lost 0—6.

Aug. 2—v. Plumtree. Lost 5—8.

9—v. Kings II. Won 25—0.

23—v. Bulawayo Juniors.

Won 8—3.

Sept. 3—v. Plumtree. Won 21—11

By our victory over the Bulawayo Juniors we regained possession of the "Tod Suttie" Cup.

The second and third XV.'s played and won the following matches:—

May 17—Milton II. v. Plumtree II.

22 0

Milton III. v. Plumtree III.

23 6

Aug. 2—Milton II. v. Plumtree II.

31 11

Milton III. v. Plumtree III.

10 3

On August 9th an Under 15 Milton team played the Matopos School and went down to heavier opponents by 7 pts. to 25.

Livingston, Burgess, Levin, Short and G. Dennison were selected to represent Matabeleland Juniors v. Mashonaland Juniors on August 16th.

We are indebted to "Skipper" of the now defunct "Rhodesian" for his welcome criticism which follows.

"AS OTHERS SEE US"

- MILTON 1924 -

SOME IMPRESSIONS
OF THE
- 1ST XV -



- LIVINGSTON -



- BISSETT -



- LEVIN -



- DENNISON -
- C -



- VILDORN -



- PERRY -



- THOMPSON -
(CAPTAIN)



- BURGESS -
(VICE-CAPTAIN)



- McCAY -



- BARON -



- GOLDHAWK -



- DE BENC -



- DENNISON -
- G -



- SHORT -

TRUSSARDI

MILTON RUGBY.

BY "THE SKIPPER."

The call upon me by the Editor with the request "to tell us in the "Miltonian" what you consider wrong with our Rugger" came as a pleasurable surprise, as complaints had been made to the Editor of "The Rhodesian" that my attitude towards Milton was considered hostile. The charge, of course, was unfounded. What I did, was to combat the attempt to undermine the traditional Milton game, which is to the mind of the most competent judges of the game in Great Britain and South Africa, the proper formation in which to play Rugby, viz. : eight forwards and four three-quarters.

It is true that some years ago, under the able coaching of the late Mr. H. D. Keigwin, Milton adopted the New Zealand formation of seven forwards, a five-eighth and four threequarters—not five threequarters, mark you—with pronounced success. It was the material at his disposal, which led him to do so. There were only seven really good forwards, amongst whom were the late Harold Ricketts, Leslie Playford and Rupert Cranswick, while backs are plentiful. To-day, I am sure, he would have persevered with the normal formation, while his coaching would have eliminated the tendency to individualise, such as we find it.

All those who saw Plumtree and Salisbury play, could see the

improvement in Plumtree back play, due in no small measure to dropping the five-threequarter game.

After having seen most of your matches, I put my finger on the weakness of your play in the Honey Cup Match at Plumtree, without seeing the game. The fault was not with the team, but with individuals.

When a team is successful the credit must go to the Captain, as director of operations. So too must he accept responsibility when his team goes down to a weaker side, or one of equal strength. In his position he must be able to curb players who have a tendency to individualise, and if, as in this instance, he is an outstanding player, he must overcome the natural desire to individualise himself. Team work suffered considerably in most games through Thompson underestimating the ability of some of his threequarters, which led him to rely too much upon himself and one outstanding threequarter.

Where he treated his backs on level terms, as in the King's game recently, they rose to the occasion, and not only played good football but encouraged the forwards to rise to the occasion too. The opposition in this game was good except for the full back, but a good full back could not have prevented all the scores.

Milton worked like a well oiled machine, and their methods seemed to carry a real objective. Thompson almost forgot there

were such things as "touch" lines, he opened up the game to such an extent that we found Milton registering two tries from their own twenty-five. The game was a model on which to work.

The backs certainly proved themselves, but there was not enough of "snap" in the passing and they need to study position more closely. Your forwards were good, but they could not handle the ball well enough, nor did they impart sufficient dash into their rushes.

Since the above was written Milton journeyed to Plumtree and reversed in no uncertain manner the result of the Honey Cup fixture. I am most sorry that I could not see the game. Eye witnesses tell me that Thompson opened up the game splendidly, that in consequence his whole team played up to him, proving that individualism has little, very little place in Rugby Football. The try which was scored from "blindsides" was a masterpiece, and showed that considerable thought had been given to the game.

Now Rugby Football needs a great deal of hard thinking, and in selecting your captain, with no reference to your present captain, this must be borne in mind.

Might I suggest a few means of improving your game.

Commander Davies' book on the game is in your Library. It contains an almost unlimited supply of information and valu-

able hints. Several of you should read it together, one player reading aloud to others, while a blackboard should be handy for illustrating points. Methods of play should be discussed with your coach, the whole team must know plans laid down, and there should be alternative plans of campaign for each match. If one plan fails, the Captain by a prearranged signal switches on to the alternative. Every member of the team must keep his eyes open to spot opposition tactics so that they may be counteracted with the least possible delay, or to notice any weakness in their defence. For instance, the opposing full back may lose position or prove very nervous, your whole team should be apprised of the fact, and should play at him. A side is easily demoralised if their full back fails them.

Just one last word. At the commencement of next season try to arrange for some old Rugby player to lecture you with the aid of a blackboard, and have "post mortems" of your first few games. You will find this a great help.

Again we would ask all parents and boys to support, as far as they are able, advertisers in this Magazine. Without the income derived from the advertisements the Magazine would prove a distinct loss, and it is therefore 'up to us' to show our appreciation of the advertisers' support by extending them our own patronage.

forms for the J.C. and applications for the Old Age Pensions would be filled up at the same time. Quality is better than quantity, however, so that one homework period per night would prove sufficient. Here! here!

The methods of self-government for the ideal school-boy may be thrashed out by the Debating Society, as the author of this soliloquy desires no enemies.

In order that readers may refresh their wearied selves 'mong pastures new, the question of games has been left to the end. It is, perhaps, needless to say every type of game will be provided to suit the varied tastes of His Royal Highness "the school-boy," from Timbuctu and Push-ball for the "harum-scarums," to ping-pong and marbles for the less energetic. "Jerks" will frequently be indulged in, while a large bath will be provided for aquatic sports.

"If a man's grasp were as big as his reach,
There would no heaven be."

The ideal School must therefore remain a fantasy for dreamers. Nevertheless, Schools may be vastly improved.

And now that the writer has returned from the realms of Infinity A.D., he will proceed with his marking. Already his views on this subject are becoming more rational.

F.G.J.

COMMON ROOM GOSSIP.

We welcome in the Common Room Messrs. Jackson, Downing and G. H. Leonard, in the places of Mrs. Milligan and Messrs. Hall and Loveridge who have been transferred. Mr. Mitchell has returned from leave. It is with deep regret that we have to record the loss of Sixpence at the Hostel.

The Common Room is quite busy these days. Some of us think of writing a book on the country. Unfortunately the number of the Staff eligible is rather limited, since some of us have been here more than three weeks. However, we bear up wonderfully well, for we always take a short week-end and study the psychology of the native. Then again there are excursions to the Khami to be arranged. Taking it all round we are thankful when bed time comes.

In the realm of sport Mr. Campbell holds the Common Room record for the Golf Course. So does Mr. Downing, but in another direction. The foursomes champions are Messrs. Leonard and George. A week ago we played the Plumtree champions, and beat them. With Mr. Mitchell now here to give us what he terms "a swishy one," or as we might say, "one out of the bag," we should be irresistible. We shall see.

The atmosphere of the Common Room needs looking to. The proper atmosphere is a most

necessary thing. It is impossible to work in an antagonistic atmosphere. We trust that when the Hostel is re-decorated, that this vexed question be elucidated. We would suggest that a vorticist artist be called in, and a mixture of Gallic, Hellenic, Latin, and Pure Mathematics be worked into his scheme. Then I think we could rub along very well, and do heaps of work.

We are very glad to record the fact that Mr. Campbell has again donned the buskin. He is, at present, keeping the Common Room flag flying on the boards of the local theatre, where he is playing to enthusiastic audiences.

It has always been we believe, an axiom that it is impossible to get something for nothing. We are in the proud and happy position of being able to intimate to all that it is possible to get something for nothing. It has been done. Three times, we believe. We go further and say it will be done again. And somebody else will be done, too. Anyone who wishes may obtain this secret of right-up-to-the-minute finance on application to the Common Room, where there are those we believe, who are fully conversant with the method employed.

There is a rumour that George's bus is going to be dug out and put on the road again. The Common Room is looking forward to some nice healthy walks.

THE FÊTE.

On April 22nd a fête was held in the school grounds with a view to raising funds to pay for the new grand piano, and to help the Old Boys' War Memorial Fund. The result was a great success, over £200 being realized.

There were cocoa-nut slices, Houpla stalls, shooting galleries, clock golf, dips, "listening-in," Pyrotechnic displays and stalls for everything from native curios to vegetables.

A special feature of the day was the Circus, of which two shows, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, were given. This was organised by Messrs Ramsay and Campbell, and the parts were all taken by various boys of whom S. Fiander and Ger. Lock were the most prominent. In connection with the circus our thanks are due also to the Misses E. and M. McNeill for their help.

During the day L. Levy's Jazz Orchestra played selections in various parts of the grounds, and when they were not in action the Bulawayo Municipal Band was playing.

We would record our very grateful thanks to the ladies of the Staff—School and Domestic—for their lengthy and sustained efforts which resulted in the fine show of articles for sale in the Beit Hall; also to the other members of the Staff and the strangers who helped to make the affair the success it was.