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BOATING.

Since the beginning of the term the Eight has done a considerable amount of work and is gradually getting together. It is quite unusual to have five old colours available, and consequently there has been considerable difficulty in making the best selections for the three vacant places. At present the crew consists of Nailor, bow; Hartnell, Bacon, Morrison, Hickie, te Water, Rogers, and Moore, stroke. The average weight is 11-st. 5-lbs. which is far more than most of our Eights have been able to scale of late years. There is no doubt about their strength, and if they can get well together they should develop good pace. At present the stroke is not properly rowed out, and in most cases the hands are not raised enough over the stretcher; hence the beginning of the stroke is apt to be missed. Numbers 7 and 5 still slide very badly. No. 6 has greatly improved on his form of last year, and is doing a lot of work. Stroke rows hard but must try to get more life into the beginning of the stroke. He should sit up more. Bow and Two feather under water and frequently cut the finish of the stroke too short.

It is very disappointing once more to have to give up all hopes of going to Henley, for the appearance of the Eight quite allows of the hope that they would compare favourably with former Eights that have gone there. The Army Examination again clashes with the Regatta and claims too many of us to make it possible to row a representative crew. The Boat Club has purchased two new pair-oared boats, which are a great addition, and very comfortable boats to row in.

With so many recruits to the club who have had no experience of rowing before, we would again urge on Seniors taking out boats the necessity of instructing beginners how to stop a boat quickly. In a few weeks' time the river will be very crowded, and it is most necessary to be able to manage the boats promptly and neatly.

To stop a boat when the oars are flat on the water, the wrists should be dropped and the handle of the oar raised to about the level of the chin, the oar being turned flat in the water and not square, until the way of the boat is nearly stopped. It takes some practice to do it quickly, and every boat should practise doing it two or three times a day. Another important point to remember is to come in to the landing stage slowly. Several oars were chipped or broken last year through forgetfulness of this duty.

SHOOTING.

On Wednesday, May 17th, the VIII opened their season with a match v. Highgate. Wind 6° R. Light, bright. Weather, fine.

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	200	500	Total
Sergt. Gordon	32	29	61
2nd Corpl. Miller	28	30	58
Cadet Ritchie	29	27	56
Sapper Radice	25	30	55
Sapper van Cuylenberg	24	29	53
Sapper Columbine ...	21	29	50
Cadet Pickett.....	21	20	41
Cadet Power	18	12	30
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	198	206	404
Highgate	190	200	390