

Harpur Trust Estate, that estate from which, in the general belief, fabulous wealth was derived. (They would be surprised if they knew how inadequate that revenue really was for the work of the Schools). At any rate, nothing worth speaking of had been done by the Schools for the estate, and a scheme for a Boys' Club had now been started. The Governors had generously granted a house, and he hoped that O.Bs would give not only subscriptions, but personal service.

A third way in which O.Bs might help was in getting together information about openings for useful work in professions and businesses all over the world; and a fourth point he had to make was that he would like to welcome more sons of O.Bs at the School.

#### THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. R. W. Poole, the President of the O.Bs' Club, proposed this, the last toast on the list. He had the distinction and the honour, he said, of being at School for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years with Sir Walter Braithwaite, who was in the football XV., the cricket XI., and Head of the School—three great positions (applause). Mr. Phillpotts had once told him that there were three Heads of the School who he remembered as having conferred lasting honour and dignity on the School by the influence which they exerted and by the way they graced their position. One of the three was their Chairman that evening (loud applause). Mr. Phillpotts was a very good judge (applause). Sir Walter had always been proud of his School; his School had always been proud of him. To no school did they yield pride of place either, among the living or dead. Since he left the School their Chairman had done it great honour. Others had done it honour, but it had been his privilege to do it especial honour, and for that they thanked him.

In dealing with schools in this country they had to consider many people, and first, perhaps, came the mothers of boys, then the boys themselves. There were also the masters, of whom most likely they had more touching and tender reminiscences (laughter). Then they had to consider the Headmaster and the Head Boy, whose position was one of great honour and responsibility, and he could assure them that Lieut.-General Braithwaite never failed in that position. Lastly there were the Old Boys to consider, because the reputation of the School depended upon not only those who were there, but upon those who still carried on the traditions after they had gone.

In conclusion, Mr. Poole let some of the company into a little secret. Sir Walter Braithwaite's nickname at School was "Braces" (laughter), and he had never let them down (laughter). He hoped they would never let their "Braces" down (laughter and applause).

Musical honours followed, and the Chairman, in returning thanks, said that at the end of the war he had the honour to command an Army Corps in the Fourth Army. That Army Corps consisted of 120,000 men, and he had a thousand guns under his command, but the proudest moment of his life—and the most nervous one—was the first occasion on which he rose to read the prayers, the first morning after he was made Head of the School (laughter and applause).

Thereafter, for nearly an hour, the O.Bs. were engaged in conversation, and all agreed that the gathering had proved one of the most enjoyable.

## Concerning O.Bs.

An Old Bedfordian Dinner was held at the Union Club, Alexandria, on June 21st. The following O.Bs. were present:—Major Alwyn-Foster, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. (1909), Lieut.-Col. T. E. Bisdee, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.L.I. (1907), Capt. R. S. Brander, R.A.S.C. (1907), Capt. J. H. Cleveland, R.A.M.C. (1907), Major A. W. Dobbin, D.S.O., R.G.A. (1899), Capt. A. E. Dryman, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. (1902), Capt. D. B. Foster, 13th Middlesex (1913), Major A. R. L. Kelham, O.B.E., D.S.O., Egyptian Police (1884), Lieut. W. S. Magrath (1907). Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from His Excellency N. T. Borton Pasha, G.M.C., Postmaster-General, Egypt (1887), K. R. McPherson, Egyptian State Railway, Capt. Goddard, R.A.S.C., and Capt. Warne, R.A.S.C. The chair was taken by Fl Bimbashi Kelham, O.B.E., D.C.M., the oldest member present, who proposed the health of the School; this toast was enthusiastically received. Lieut.-Col. Bisdee, D.S.O., M.C., then proposed the health of the Chairman, and thanked him for having arranged the meeting.

M. O. Carter (Balliol) and P. Liesching (Brasenose) passed with distinction in the shortened "Greats" Course at Oxford.

## School Notes.

Mrs. Piercy has kindly presented to the School a small statue of Sir William Harpur, a challenge shield, and a relief map of Bedfordshire—all being the work of the late Mr. Hawkins Piercy.

An extra 'half' was granted on Thursday, July 8th, for Chapman's Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

## O. T. C.

### HOUSE CORPS COMPETITION.

(July 9th).

Possible marks	...	...	...	...	120
1. St. Peter's	.....				97
2. Bromham	.....				96
3. Ashburnham	.....				95
4. Paulo-Pontine	.....				84
5. Crescent	.....				83
6. St. Cuthbert's	.....				73

Judges: Capt. Pottle, Adjt., Depot Beds. and Herts. Regt.; Lieut. Coe, Beds. and Herts. Regt.

## Bisley, 1920.

The meteorological conditions prevailing during the Public Schools' days at Bisley this year were undoubtedly the worst that the writer can remember since the transfer from Wimbledon to the present venue in 1890. Yet, in spite of all, our team showed distinctly good form—in more senses than one. Our score in the "Ashburton" was 75 points above the highest total made during practice at Millbrook this year, a good augury for the future. Probably two, if not three, members of the team will figure in the prize list for the "Gale" and

Polden," whilst Ewing had distinctly hard lines in not annexing the Spencer Cup. Full details:—

ASHBURTON SHIELD.  
200 YARDS.

Cadet Landale ...	4	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	4	=39
Lance-Corpl. Oatts ...	5	3	3	3	5	5	5	4	4	5	=42
Sergt. Wheeler ...	5	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	=44	
Corpl. Ewing ...	4	3	5	4	5	5	3	5	5	=44	
Cadet Duhan ...	5	4	4	5	4	5	3	3	4	5	=42
Sapper Glendinning ...	4	4	2	5	5	5	3	4	5	4	=41
Sapper Colman ...	4	5	4	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	=36
Sergt. Morphy ...	2	2	2	3	4	5	4	5	5	5	=37

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500 YARDS.

Cadet Landale ...	4	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	4	=39
Lance-Corpl. Oatts ...	3	5	5	4	5	5	4	5	0	5	=41
Sergt. Wheeler ...	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	0	=39	
Corpl. Ewing ...	2	4	5	5	4	5	3	5	3	2	=38
Cadet Duhan ...	0	2	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	=34
Sapper Glendinning ...	4	4	5	4	4	4	2	0	3	=34	
Sapper Colman ...	3	4	2	5	2	3	2	4	5	3	=33
Sergt. Morphy ...	3	5	4	5	3	3	4	5	RR	=32	

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Totals (in order named): 83, 83, 83, 82, 76, 75, 69, 69; grand total, 620.\*

Black figures signify a "central" bull.  
R signifies riqchet.

SPENCER CUP.

Corpl. J. M. M. Ewing 5 5 5 5 4 5 5 2 5 4=45†  
\* 35th place out of 53 teams.

† Equal 4th place, winning a Bronze Medal.

We congratulate Corpl. Ewing on winning a prize value £5, kindly given by J. B. Jenkins, Esq., O.B., captain of the Shooting VIII. in 1897, for the highest aggregate score at Bisley this year.

THE VETERAN.

Through the forethought of those in charge of the shooting team, our journey to the famous ranges was done in comfort, and our welfare on arrival was looked after in the shape of a substantial lunch, before we proceeded to the tedious drawing of stores and arranging our tents.

On Tuesday the real business began when we shot for the "Gale and Polden" prizes, at 200 yards in the morning, and at 500 yards in the afternoon, and again in the evening. Odd moments were filled in with a keen inspection of the Bazaar lines, where everything in connection with the rifle can be bought.

Wednesday morning broke with a promise of finer weather—so far we had had continuous rain—but, alas, the rain resumed operations before noon, and continued more or less all day. The gathering for the "Ashburton" shoot was worth going a long way to see, some 55 school teams being gathered from all parts of the country; even the Scotch teams considered their long journey fully justified. A long line of blackboards—some ornamented with more or less elaborate school crests—displayed the scores of each team, chalked up in rotation by the "spare man"; thus one can get a good idea of how things are going.

The Eight are to be congratulated on their improvement at a crucial moment. They shot together as a team should, and did, to a great extent, what they were told. One member was unfortunate in damaging his rifle, which naturally made a great difference to his shooting.

It was a unique experience for most of us, and a pleasant time to everyone, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by Major Columbine and Capt. Garrett; no hurry, no trouble, and not a single hitch in the whole programme.

J. M. M. E.

RESULTS OF SHREWSBURY RACES.

Year	Date	Water	Winners	Won by	Time	Wnr's St.	Toss won by	B. Av.	S. Av.	Ousel.
<b>A, in Fours.</b>										
1895	June 20	Ouse	Bedford	4 lengths	5.51	Inside	Bedford	10-12	10-10	n.s. 128
1896	June 10	Severn	Bedford	7 seconds		Back	Bedford	11-0½	10-3	n.s. 16
<b>B, in Eights.</b>										
1897	July 7	Ouse	Bedford	¾ length		Outside	Shrewsbury	11-6½	10-7½	n.s. 51
1898	June 29	Severn	Bedford	7 seconds		Front	Shrewsbury	10-13	...	80
1899	June 20	Ouse	Bedford	3 lengths	5.38	Outside	Shrewsbury	10-0	10-8½	110
1900	June 23	Severn	Shrewsbury	a long second		Front	Shrewsbury	10-5	11-1	141
1901	June 22	Ouse	Shrewsbury	1½ lengths		Inside	Shrewsbury	10-11	11-3	170
1902	June 18	Severn	Shrewsbury	70 yards		Back	Bedford	10-0½	10-13½	196
1903	June 18	Ouse	Shrewsbury	over ¼ length		Inside	Shrewsbury	10-6½	11-5	222
1904	June 15	Severn	Shrewsbury	over 1 second	5.20	Front	Shrewsbury	11-5½	11-7½	247
1905	June 17	Ouse	Bedford	¾ feet		Inside	Bedford	11-5½	10-12	273
1906	June 21	Severn	Shrewsbury	6 seconds	5.18	Front	Bedford	11-6½	10-8½	299
1907	June 20	Ouse	Bedford	just under a length	5.29½	Inside	Bedford	10-9½	11-4½	324
1908	June 12	Severn	Bedford	3 seconds	5.10	Front	Bedford	10-11½	11-1	345
1909	June 17	Ouse	Bedford	¾ lengths	5.33½	Inside	Bedford	11-2	11-1	369
1910	June 16	Severn	Bedford	8 seconds	5.5	Front	Bedford	11-1½	11-1½	389
1911	June 14	Ouse	Bedford	4 lengths		Outside	Shrewsbury	11-1½	10-10½	407
1912	No Race									
1913	No Race									
1914	June 18	Severn	Shrewsbury	6 seconds	5.23	Front	Shrewsbury	11-2½	11-6½	457
1914	July 2	Henley	Shrewsbury	3 lengths	7.48	Berks.		10-13½	11-3½	458
1915	June 24	Ouse	Bedford	¾ lengths	5.40	Outside	Shrewsbury	10-3½	10-8½	471
1916	June 22	Severn	Bedford	8½ seconds	5.25	Front	Bedford	11-1½	10-12	487
1917	No Race									
1918	June 20	Henley	Bedford	¾ lengths	5.55	Berks.		10-12	10-7	514
1919	July 5	Henley	Shrewsbury	1½ lengths	7.20	Berks.		11-2½	11-0½	528
1920	June 30	Henley	Shrewsbury	2½ lengths	8.2	Bucks.		10-13½	10-13½	543