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EDITORIAL.

SINCE the last issue of the Magazine a feat which ranks among the great deeds of world has been accomplished. The successful flight of Colonel van Ryneveld and Major Brand has forged a new link between South Africa and the Mother Country. Bulawayo was one of the lucky, or rather, unlucky landing places, for the "Silver Queen II" crashed on our very racecourse in attempting to continue its flight to Capetown. One good result of the crash, at least to the School, was that Major Brand was enabled to lecture to

us on his flight as far as he had gone, and very interesting and fascinating did we find the lecture.

We have to notify the resignation of the previous editor, Mr. H. Lazarus, and I am sure that we all appreciate the time and labour that he spent in bringing out the issues of the last year.

Boys are earnestly asked to buy more copies of the magazine, as there is at present quite a large deficit owing to the Games Fund. This is due to the comparatively small number of copies of the previous issues sold.

B. BARON,
Editor.

them. There are still fourteen more of this list still to arrive, many of the books ordered being out of print. Col. J. B. Brady, D.S.O., has presented the school with a handsome set of volumes in the shape of Gibbon's "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire." These books being very instructive, do not attract the average schoolboy. Nevertheless, they will be invaluable as reference books. The total number of books is just on four hundred.

The library is open during the break from 10.55 to 11.10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. This short space of time is sufficiently long to enable those who wish to do so.

Unfortunately, through carelessness and neglect on the part of certain readers several books have been missing since last year. If all boys would see that the numbers of the books in y return are crossed off against their names, fewer books would go astray. Also, books should not be exchanged among readers, except with the consent of the Librarian.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MIGHTY DEAD.

To sunny Afric's shores he came
Was driven there for health,
And then staked out his diamond
claim,
Men say it was for wealth.

Was known as 'dreamer' through
the camp,
He sat with hands to head,

And dreamt of painting this vast
land
South Africa—all red.

Ambitious though those dreams
appear,
We've found that they've come
true.

His plan pursued he without fear,
And bravely saw them through.

O! Empire builder! would that we
Could carry on thy work,
And do our all for Britain's sake,
And doing, nothing shirk.

Proud should we be that this great
man
Was founder of our land.
May his memory forever fan
The flames of pride, so grand.

Great Rhodes, with all his hopes, is
gone,
No more shall we be led
By him. This is a tribute small
Unto the Mighty Dead.

N. CAMPBELL.

CRICKET.

The past cricket season has been one of varying fortune. We won both our matches against St. George's, and finished up third in the Junior League, but lost to Plumtree on three occasions. The future, however, is full of hope. There is considerable keenness among the younger players, and the faults that marred the play this year are so obvious that it should be easy to eliminate them from next season's teams. In particular, we must get rid of the

crouching stance at the wicket, with the chest towards the bowler—a position that makes it almost impossible to play the ball anywhere but to leg. The practice of going to sleep in the field, too, is one that must be discontinued. After all the cricket field is not a class room. Finally, it does not appear to be understood that in cricket, as in everything else that is worth doing, serious and consistent application is essential to success.

It is noteworthy that practically all the 1st XI. players come from Milton House. Where are the day boys? Unfortunately they have not been giving to the games the support that the school has the right to expect. Surely it is better to play cricket or football in the afternoons than to stroll about the town? And surely it is more interesting to watch a school game than the best League match of the season? So come along ye dwellers in the town, and don't leave it to the boarders to maintain the honour of the school!

The following is a summary of the matches:—

8th November. Against Plumtree. Lost by 42 runs.

We did well up to a certain point, and then unexpectedly collapsed. Plumtree batting first, were dismissed for 96, of which Campbell-Rodger contributed 33. Our first innings produced 103, W. Streak being 26 not out, and Hardman hitting freely for 25. In their second innings Plumtree

made 111, Campbell-Rodger being again top scorer with 48. On going in again Milton seemed likely to reach the necessary 105, but though Elworthy knocked up 27 and F. Streak 22, the whole side was out for 62. In this match our bowling was good, but the fielding was far from satisfactory.

15th November. Against St. George's. Won by 5 wickets.

An interesting match! After being 12 runs down on the first innings, we dismissed St. George's again for 65. Our second innings opened disastrously, three wickets falling for three runs. Then Elworthy came to the rescue, and partnered first by Brewer, and later by Swift, won the match without further loss.

24th February. Against Plumtree. Lost by 36 runs.

Thanks to some excellent batting by Swift and W. Streak there was only a difference of 9 on the first innings, and Plumtree being disposed of a second time for 68, prospects of a win were bright. Then the uncertainty of cricket became apparent. Elworthy was l b w. Swift was run out, and W. Streak hit his wicket, with the result that the whole side could only muster 41.

Swift was seen at his best in this match. Besides making top score (25) he took 5 wickets for 12, and brought off a remarkable catch when the ball was coming low down and very fast.

In spite of our reverse we had the usual cheery time at Plumtree,

the bathing in the dam particularly being much appreciated.

April 3rd. Against Plumtree. Lost by an innings.

Undoubtedly the better side won. Nevertheless a gratifying feature of the day's play was the plucky effort made by the whole team when faced by a deficit of nearly 200 on the first innings.

Plumtree had made 255—quite a remarkable score for a school XI. W. Streak, however, demonstrated that the bowling was by no means unplayable, and the others following his example, fought hard to avert an innings defeat. Dreyer hit up 36 in characteristic fashion, and the team generally gave a good and equal display. They failed to reach Plumtree's total by a few runs, but it was a match worth playing out to the bitter end.

April 10th. Against St. George's. Won by an innings and 14 runs.

St. George's having also succumbed to Plumtree by an innings, we anticipated a close finish in this the final match of the season. That we won with an innings in hand was due to a distinct improvement in our fielding and to some spirited batting by Elworthy and F. Streak. The former in making 72 gave more than one chance, but took full advantage of the opportunities offered by the bowling.

Of the eight matches played in the Junior League three were won, three lost and two drawn.

As already indicated we expect great things from the Juniors. The second XI. have played seven matches this year and lost one. The third have not been beaten. Wood, like Lord Roberts, is "a terror for his size," while Barbour, Campbell, Thompson and Strachan all show special promise, and, most important of all—they are keen.

Comments on the Players.

Barbour, E.—Has a useful pair of hands and promises to make a bowler, but must learn to play the ball and not "poke."

Blackett, J.—Quite a fair bat and a useful man at cover point.

Cowden, J.—Has improved his batting considerably, but lost his place in the team through slackness in the field.

De Beer.—A stylish, if somewhat leisurely player. With more practice he should make a really good bat. Showed up well behind the stumps when occasion offered.

Dicks, R.—Played himself into the 1st XI. by his brilliant last wicket partnership with Blackett in the first match against Queens, since when he has been one of our most reliable batsmen. His fielding, however, is below 1st XI. Standard.

Drake, F. A.—A loquacious wicket-keeper! Has the making of a good bat if he would only take himself seriously.

Dreyer, F.—Our big hitter. But even he cannot expect to hit every ball with impunity. In the field stops anything he can get his hands to.

Elworthy, L.—Tops the batting averages. His 72 against St. George's though not faultless, was a fine effort. As a bowler he is erratic.

Hardman, J. — A consistent scorer, but much too slow in the field.

Penman, D.—At the beginning of the season did excellent work as captain of the 2nd XI. When promoted to the 1st he maintained his reputation as a trier.

Smith, J.—The "find" of the year. Second only to Swift as a clever and energetic fielder, who loath to let the ball beat him to the boundary. Unfortunately, it was only towards the end of the season that he discovered he could bat.

Streak, W.—At the beginning of the year was regarded as the mainstay of our attack, but has not come up to expectations, being inclined to sacrifice everything to pace. His determined stand in the third Plumtree match, however, was one of the best things done during the season.

Streak, F.—Like his brother tries to bowl too fast. Has scored well at times, but will never be a batsman till he adopts a more natural stance.

Swift, P. (Captain).—A steady bat, an excellent change bowler and the best fielder in the team. As a captain his chief fault is a pardonable diffidence which prevents him making full use of his own bowling. Has taken many wickets during the season at small expense.

FOOTBALL.

The football season opened after Easter and is now in full swing. Up to the time of writing we have played two matches. The 1st XV. vanquished a scratch team of Bulawayo Juniors, and the second have proved too good for the Primary, who have not yet had time to learn the finer points of the game.

As with the cricket we find the greatest zest for the game among the junior players. But with more regular practice the 1st XV. ought to be a good side. Longden, Swift and Streak are still available in the back division, which has been further strengthened by the welcome return of Playford. There is also plenty of weight and pace among the forwards, so that although we cannot, perhaps, hope to continue last year's all-conquering career, which was made possible by war conditions, we hope to put in the field a team that will be hard to beat. It must be remembered, however, that football is essentially a game of combination, and that in consequence regular practice together is everything.