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EDITORIAL.

SINCE our last issue of the Miltonian several very interesting happenings have taken place in Bulawayo. The foundation stone of the Matabeleland War Memorial has been laid next to the Municipal buildings by Captain E. B. Towse, V.C.— a most interesting character and one in whom one sees symbolised the heroism which has made our great Empire what it is. The cadets of all the schools were present. The War Memorial will indeed be a beautiful building if it is going to be as it is pictured and will make everyone who enters it think of the great Sacrifices of those who fought and died for the cause of Humanity and Freedom.

Captain Towse had visited the School previously when he gave

the whole a very short but inspiring address, after which he requested that the boys might be allowed to cease work for that day. This the headmaster permitted after the night's work had been set.

A beautiful memorial has been dedicated to the Old Boys and Masters of the Bulawayo Schools who fought and died for their King and Country. This has now been erected in the Church of St. John the Baptist and more about it will be found on another page.

The fourth Rhodesian Eisteddfod will have taken place by the time this issue goes to press and we all hope that these Festivals will continue without interruption in the future.

It is proposed to hold in June this year another British Imperial Conference, similar to the one of

Tired, dusty and thirsty we return home, very happy in the knowledge that we have upheld the honour of the School by winning our first match.

CRICKET NOTES.

The past cricket season has been one of good fortune. We won both our matches against St Georges, lost once to Plumtree, and beat them once, for the first time in two and-a-half years.

The following is a summary of the matches:—

20th November. Against St George's. Won by 5 wickets and 42 runs.

St George's batting first, produced 77 runs, of which Norvall contributed 23. In our first innings we only just managed to pass our opponents total, making 78, F. Streak being top scorer with 28. St George's, in their second innings compiled 49, of which Forder made 17. In our second innings, the first two wickets fell for 7, but Fletcher and de Beer pulled the match out of the fire by making 25 not out, and 37 respectively. The fifth wicket fell for 90, Milton winning by 5 wickets and 42.

February 26th 1921. Against B.A.C. "B" Team. Won by 4 wickets and 71.

We batted first, Peiser and Wood opening. This pair put on 84 for the first wicket, Peiser making 48 and Wood 33. The

advent of Dreyer at the wicket was the cause of 31 being knocked up in about ten minuets by some good, hard hitting. We declared at 145. B.A.C. put up 74, of which Paul and Hancock each contributed 15.

March 14th 1921. Against Plumtree. Won by 10 wickets.

Plumtree batted first, and their first 6 wickets fell for 15 runs. Thanks to Hammond and White, however, Plumtree brought their total up to 58, the former making 26 and the latter 14. Our bowling was good, Streak taking 4 wickets for 31, Peiser 3 for 14 and Wood 3 for 7. Our first innings produced 74, Lewis and Thompson being chief scorers with 21 and 17 to their credit respectively.

For Plumtree Lilford took 3 for 3, White 2 for 15, and Townsend 3 for 36. In their second venture Plumtree failed to score freely, and were all out for 30, leaving Milton with 14 runs to get, which we obtained without the loss of a wicket.

March 26th 1921. Against Plumtree. Lost by 86 runs.

In this match Plumtree again batted first, but this time no rot set in, they making the very respectable total of 188, of which Rackham contributed 41, Townsend 36, H. Lovemore 37 and Lewis 18. In our first innings we only made 102, F. Streak making 29, G. Peiser 22 and J. Blackett 22.

Plumtree putting us in again, we were disposed of for the creditable

score of 151. Dreyer compiling 40, by some excellent hitting, Peiser 39, Blackett 30, and R. Huckle 19.

This left Plumtree with 65 to win, but the light being bad and the hour late, they obtained their victory on the first innings.

April 2nd 1921. Against St George's. Won by 5 wickets and 15 runs.

St George's batted first, and their first 3 wickets fell for 5 runs.

After this however, they pulled up, but were all dismissed for 84, Bull contributing 49. Following on, we had made 50 when play was stopped for lunch. Afterwards, however, despite several showers of rain, play was resumed and we brought our total to 99 for 5 wickets when rain again intervened for good and all.

Blackett was top scorer with 44.

Of the five matches played last season, four were won, and one lost. The second team played four matches during last season, won two and lost two.

Bowling Averages, 1920—21.

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W Wood	14	—	33	10	3.3
G Peiser	63	16	173	24	7.20
F Dreyer	28	4	65	7	9.28
F Streak	95.8	19	247	23	10.73

Batting Averages—1920-'21.

Batsman	No. of Innings	Times not out	Highest Score	Total	Av'ges
G Peiser	8	—	48	167	20'87
J Blackett	8	2	*44	119	19'83
W Wood	9	1	36	121	15'12
F Dreyer	9	—	40	121	13'33
J Lewis	7	1	21	72	12'
F Streak	8	—	29	85	10'62
R Huckle	8	3	19	42	8'4
N Huckle	5	3	*6	13	6'5
J Thompson	5	1	*17	32	6'4

A RHODESIAN SUNSET.

As in other countries, so in Rhodesia the sunsets vary, but the most common sunset in Rhodesia is a brilliant spectacle of lurid light, like to a fiery, velvet couch on which the monarch orb sinks to rest. The sun, however, often sets without any bright ostentation; owing to it being obscured by clouds, but the former manner of setting is more typical and therefore worthier of description. As the sun slowly nears the West a radiance begins to overspread the Western heavens, and the lower the sun sinks, the more is the cheerful glow reflected in the sky. At last the full glory of the sunset is seen, and the deep reds and yellows diffusing a fiery light in the West and tinging the few clouds with a slight touch of colour, look like some tinted image painted by a

only 72 had voted for the allocation of the prize for the best speech, the number of votes for the Bill numbered no less than 115.

There being no further Business, the Meeting then adjourned.

The thanks of the Society are due to Messrs. de Beer, Livingston, Hutchinson, Guiton and Houlding for taking the Chair at meetings, and especially to Mr. de Beer for providing the prizes which add so much to the interest of debates and literary evenings.

MILTON 1st XV. BEFORE PLUMTREE.

(With apologies to W. Shakespeare.)

Once more unto the scrum, dear
lads, once more,
Or strew the field with all our
Milton dead!
In theory there's nothing so be-
comes a man
As modest stillness and humility:
But when the whistle's blast
blows in our ears,
Then imitate the action of the
springboks;
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the
blood
Disguise fair nature with hard
favoured rage:
Then lend the eye a terrible
aspect;
Now set the teeth, and stretch the
nostril wide;

Get your wind and collar low
every one of your opponents!

On, on, Miltonians,
Whose rugby's fet from the
famous springboks;
Uphold the prestige of your team;
now prove

That rugby is the king of games.
Let us swear

That you are worth your coaching
Uphold the glorious Milton name
And e'er remember "Play the
game."

"JOESPEARE"

Preparations for the Bulawayo Agricultural Show.

Show time has always been the busiest time of the year for the woodwork classes.

By means of the combined efforts of our excellent woodwork instructor, Mr Wilkinson, and his able pupils, models which it would seem almost impossible for any young worker in wood to make at all, are completed in a fortnight or even in a shorter period of time.

The furniture made by some of the amateur carpenters would do credit even to an experienced artisan, and these zealous workers are quite justified in being proud of their achievements. The models and the furniture made this year reach a much higher standard than they have ever done and very great enthusiasm has been shown throughout by the boys,

watching eternally around the grave of him who died for the benefit of his countrymen. The British South Africa Company has made it especially convenient for any tourist to visit the grave of C. J. Rhodes, in that a branch of the Railway extends to within eight miles of the spot. The hills themselves are very interesting to see for they are huge rocks balanced on top of one another which look as if a mere touch would send them hurtling to the bases of their respective kopjes.

The long winding road from the Terminus Hotel to the Grave is never lacking in variety. There is a large park containing many kinds of rare and interesting animals, which Rhodes collected from all parts of S. Africa.

Here and there along the first few miles one sees one of these and there are also beautiful avenues of trees both large and small.

The Matopo Hills are a sight to journey far to see especially for the magnificent panorama which one sees from the site of Rhodes' grave.

The awe inspiring grandeur of this scene makes one's heart overflow with gratitude to those pioneers who explored this country for us. They denied themselves all luxuries and comforts and gave up their life—all for those who were to follow them.

It is our privilege to live in a country so dearly bought and it is our duty to see that the name

of Rhodesia is never tarnished, and to see that we may all say when we review our lives, that we have done our best for the advancement and future prosperity of Rhodesia.

GRATEFUL.

THE PLUMTREE MATCHES.

On the 2nd of May our 1st. and 2nd. XV's travelled by goods train to Plumtree to try conclusions with our rivals there. Before leaving Bulawayo we had heard rumours of their prowess, which our experiences justified. Our 1st. won after a hard game by 1 try to nil.

That they won at all was due to the staying powers of our forwards and the determined tackling of our backs, notably Dreyer. Our 2nd lost by 21 points to a heavier and speedier side.

We had hopes of doing better in the return matches in Bulawayo on the 21st, but for the first time in our short history our 1st XV had to bow down before the feet of Plumtree. The event is so recent that we are still a little sore about it, but we must console ourselves with the thought that we learn more of the things that matter by losing such a game as this was than by a succession of easy victories. And though there was an element of luck about both of the Plumtree scores we must admit that on the boys play our opponents were slightly the better side.

As every boy in the school was, or should have been, there, it is not necessary to attempt a description of the match. It may be well, however, to probe the causes of defeat a little deeper. Apart from the fact that Plumtree have now a better side than ever before we shall probably agree that our weakness lies in our wing threequarters, of which there has been this year a "plentiful lack" Burgess has the pace and the pluck for the position, but not yet the physique necessary for a vigorous game like this; while Stumbles, having been brought out of the pack to fill the gap through no wish of his own, cannot be blamed if his play did not come up to expectations.

Under the circumstances it was perhaps natural the centre and halves should show some reluctance to part with the ball, but it would certainly have been better to try the "kick and follow up" game rather than attempt, as they did to force a way through the ruck. In the defence both the centres and the halves got through a lot of gruelling work without turning a hair. As for the forwards, they did all the work that could be expected of them, and were superior to their opponents, particularly in the loose scrums.

It is doubtful if we ever had a better pack. They have proved, to our satisfaction at least, that eight forwards are better any day than seven plus a roving threequarter. Dreyer at full back was not on the top of his form,

his kicks often failing to find touch, but he never plays badly and his tackling was on this occasion as deadly as ever.

Moreover he has turned out to be a very successful captain, never sparing himself where he can help on the games.

On the same day the 2nd put up a good fight against their heavier opponents. They had obviously profited by their reverse at Plumtree, and when they have a little more experience of matches will learn that a low tackle is the easiest, the most effective, and the safest method of stopping a man, even when he is bigger than yourself. McPhee was a great success at full back, as were Vialls, N. Huckle and Dempster behind the scrum. The forwards have plenty of dash and with the lapse of time should prove worthy successors of our present 1st pack. Prominent among them was Swanson who, having had to give up his place in the 1st through much burning of the midnight oil, turned out and played a fine sporting game for the 2nd.

We congratulate Plumtree on their victories. We hope to beat them next time, and if they ever beat us again we are determined to make them play as hard for it as they did on this occasion. For there was hard work on the B.A.C. Ground on the 21st of May, and much gratitude towards the ladies who so kindly provided tea for four thirsty teams.