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EXTRACT FROM BALLIOL CLUB BIARY kept by H.A.S.

1915 Spring Term

"The hymn at prayers a serious difficulty as the officers of the night (Boswell, Howell, Merrill, Hitchcock, Hofmeyr and Wood) all disclaim musical talent."

(The officers of the night were undergraduates each of whom took responsibility for one night a week)

Mention of J.H.H. at Sunday evening service in the club.

"JHH and I organised some experimental and very successful sports in the gym."

① "On Thursday I got down about 8.30 to find a regular state of pandemonium, the canteen flooded, baulks of timber flying about promiscuously, the library upset, and JHH calmly sitting writing in the office 'caring for none of these things'. I spat fire all round for a time and succeeded in producing some sort of order."

Summer Term

② "On Friday the much advertised trial of Jan Hendrik Hofmeyr took place and was reasonably successful. It became rather long-winded towards the end and some of them were getting a bit bored but the verdict of sentence was received with delighted cheers."

"Sunday. In the evening the service was rather badly attended. JHH spoke competing against a rival show outside (the Salvation Army Band). He was rather good if a trifle long."

"During the week had a preliminary discussion with JHH as to his taking over next year (i.e. after the summer). He has agreed to do so but it is difficult with his schools and will probably mean some curtailment of the Club's activities."

③ "JHH has consented definitely to take over next year and Paradise is to be secretary. The choice is as satisfactory as possible in the circumstances, but it will be idle to pretend that it is absolutely ideal. But at any rate he has the great merit of being very keen on the Club and is certainly a very capable person. But the task is no light one with so many of our officers going (to the Army)."

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