

Philip Alan Malt.

It is with very great regret we record that Philip Alan Malt died on the 20th July, 1937. An attack of pneumonia whilst on holiday in 1935 had revealed the existence of tuberculosis in one lung, but after a period in a sanatorium there was every expectation that he would make a complete recovery. A period of convalescence of perhaps another eighteen months was stated to be necessary, and characteristically making light of his misfortune "Pussy" utilised this to read for his M.A. degree. The hoped-for improvement was not, however, maintained, the second lung became affected and the end of a valiant struggle came with a suddenness tragic yet merciful a few days after he entered the Brompton Hospital. Posthumously there came notification that the M.A. degree had been awarded with distinction.

At School "Pussy" achieved distinction at Cricket and Fives. He was School Cricket captain in 1924 and was an imperturbable slow bowler and no mean left-handed bat. His cricket remained an asset to him in his chosen profession of schoolmaster but it was in the world of Fives that he achieved a national reputation. With H. K. Prout in 1929/30 and with E. L. Bailey in 1930/1, 1931/2 and 1932/3 he was winner of the Cyriax Cup, the Open Doubles Championship of Fives, and in 1933, 1934 and 1935 he won the Jesters' Cup, the Open Singles Championship. With his contemporaries in the Club he carried the Alleyn Old Boys' Fives Club to a position of pre-eminence in the game. He was a Committee member of the Rugby Fives Association, where his opinion always carried weight and his enthusiasm success. He represented the Association on innumerable occasions and was a member of the Surrey team when it won the County Championship.

Brilliant and light-hearted in his work and play "Pussy" never appeared to be trying, but his remarkable recoveries from near defeat belied this. In his unforgettable final championship match he four times scored aces to save the match point and win in the end. He lives in the minds of a multitude of friends as a very lovable person. In his presence formality could not endure and he could melt the most frigid atmosphere. Unaffected himself, he

could gently tilt at the faults of others. In sportsmanship he earned a reputation as unimpeachable as in his daily living; and his carefree genius was a most salutary corrective in any company.

W. A. Allcott.

The death at the age of twenty on July 8th of William Allcott, coming swiftly and suddenly to one who had previously enjoyed excellent health, free from illness of any sort, was a terrible blow to his parents and to all who knew him, by whom he was regarded with the highest esteem and affection.

Nature seemed to have equipped him with gifts, both physical and mental, of such a character that he appeared likely to win success equally on and off the playing field. To those of his nearer acquaintance his cheerful spirit and genuine keenness had always been an inspiration, whilst his parents, with whom there existed the highest mutual affection, have suffered an irreparable loss.

Allcott had been a member of the Old Boys' Athletic Club ever since leaving the School and had represented the Club in all its activities. His performances at games were frequently of the most brilliant character, and he was undoubtedly the cricket club's most promising fast bowler. His performance on the Torquay ground during the 1936 cricket tour, when he bowled brilliantly to take six wickets for 35 runs, becomes almost a tragic feat when it is realised that his death occurred this year on the very day that the 1937 touring side were to play Torquay. He would himself have been a member of that side had not his illness, fatal as it proved to be, developed but a week before the tour was fixed to commence.

*"Life, like a dome of many-coloured glass,
Stains the white radiance of eternity,
Until Death tramples it to fragments."*

Football Club.

The Football Club look forward to a continuance of the promising form shewn last season, when the two league sides did quite well in the re-arranged Southern Amateur League.