

60 mostly to find out how much we had retained of all the cramming we had done during the year. We generally dreaded the day, but we were pretty well grounded in our work, and well on in the next year's duties.

There were some amusing incidents in these examinations. One in particular, on a certain question was asked in oriental arithmetic. It passed around the whole class, until it got to the last boy, who gave the correct answer immediately. The Inspector put his hand in his pocket, drew out a shilling and gave it to the boy. This boy was not looked upon by the master as by any means the smartest ~~boy~~ in the class, but when the returns came out, ~~this boy~~ was at the top of the list.

On another being examined in history we were asked the ^{name} of a certain king who was ^{surnamed} ~~Crookshanks~~ ^{Richard}. We could not remember, but one boy had an inkling that it had something to do with the legs, so he answered Panty-legs.

Richard Crockshanks

61 The inspector accepted this.

One day on being lined up to go into school after the recess, I and my fellow scholar had a discussion about a French halfpenny that he shewed me. We were not supposed to talk after the bell had rung. But the master had seen us through the window, & when we got inside, he inquired what our discussion had been about. We told him a French half penny: Well you can stay in after school and translate a Latin exercise. ~~Well~~ We were not very quick at this matter so we chanced the device of translating one that we had done the previous week. Nothing was said, however, when we shewed him our work the next morning and there was no indication given that he had recognized the substituted exercise. Some how we had heard that lady teachers were not required to have a knowledge of Algebra. On a particular day the Head teacher was away, & the school left in charge of the Head mistress. He decided