

fifty boys in it, some staying, perhaps, three or four years. These sixth form boys are distributed among the different houses, about five in each. Fagging is only in the senior, and among boys low in the senior forms. Each sixth form has, for an average, half a dozen fags; and should one house not have sufficient members of the sixth form, a boy from the fifth form is given the authority of a sixth. Otherwise there would be a superabundance of fags in that house.

The college in the senior department, and sometimes in the junior, has usually three divisions: the classical, for preparing boys for the universities; the modern, for preparing boys for business, etc.; the military and engineering, for future army officers, architects, &c. Each of these have third, fourth, fifth and sixth forms. These are often divided up into A, B, C, and if there are more than thirty in a class, there will be made two exactly equivalent forms. The competition in cricket and other games among these forms, sometimes approaches in excitement to the games between the houses. But for the three departments, the sixth form is generally merged into one:

Fagging consists generally in fielding out at the cricket nets for the first, second and third elevens of the college. If you hold a catch, bowl a man, or get hurt, you need not put in your full time. It also consists in reading matter to your "master," in cleaning his boots, making his coffee, and making toast in winter months over a small fire, two pieces being made by each of the five fags, week about, for their own sixth. There will often be five fags toasting at once, besides many fifth form boys making toast for themselves.

At Clifton, the sixth form have the power of flogging, but an appeal is always possible to your house master. Breach of discipline, "cheek" to the sixth form, and cutting games, are reasons for being flogged.

It is done with canes at night after prayers, either one cut or two being allowed to each sixth form boy. As far as flogging a fag was concerned, at my school, it needed the agreement of only half the sixth form of the house, but to flog a fifth form man there had to be entire agreement.

I remember well a notice was given out that nothing should be thrown into the public waste boxes save paper only. The order was generally neglected. Tinned meats, broken glass, ink bottles, and above all an egg were thrown in. When the steward found the egg it was reported, and the delinquent was to be flogged on the agreement of four to five of the sixth form men. The culprit, as it happened, was a fag. The only one of the sixth in his favour argued against his being flogged on the ground that the decomposition of the "egg" was really what was "egging" on the flogging, while the other things in the waste-boxes were forbidden to be thrown in quite as much. He gained the day, the fag was spared.