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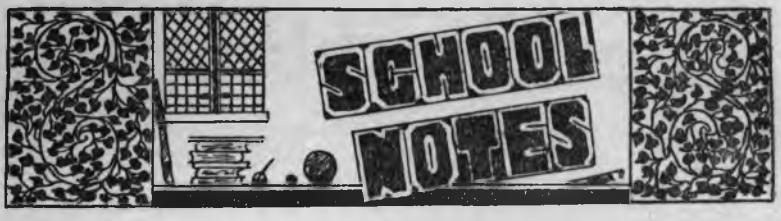

TERM began on the 11th September, with 610 boys. This figure is nearly twenty more than last year's record number.

On the first day of term, School was honoured by a short visit of a distinguished Old Boy and Governor—Sir Harold Derbyshire, M.C., K.C. He gave a talk to the VIths and Vths on travel to and from Calcutta, where he holds the office of Chief Justice of Bengal.

In the past School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, School acquitted itself very well. A record number of 29 boys, the total number of entrants, gained the latter examination; 65 School Certificates and 31 Matriculation Certificates were also gained, both numbers constituting records.

We offer our congratulations to H. Hindle and N. Bradshaw who were awarded State Scholarships. For this the School is to be given a half-holiday on Tuesday, 17th December.

On 1st October, representatives were sent to Bolton Grammar School to take part in the Schools' first inter-school swimming match. After a comparatively poor beginning, School managed to win by the narrow margin of 16 points to 13.
A report will be found elsewhere.

During the week 15th-19th October, Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was produced at the Grand Theatre by the Blackburn Amateurs. School was represented in the production by a number of Sixth Formers.

The Swimming Gala was held on Tuesday, 22nd October, a culmination of the visits of the junior forms to the Baths. A report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere.

Despite several days of very bad weather, very few of the House matches this term have had to be postponed.

Half-Term was celebrated from 31st October to 4th November, during which time the weather managed to keep moderately fine.

On Saturday, 9th November, His Worship the Mayor granted the School the traditional Mayor's Holiday. On the following day, the Sixth Form accompanied His Worship to Church.

On the 11th November, Armistice Day was celebrated in the usual way. Several Governors and Old Boys were present. A wreath was placed on the School War Memorial just before the Two Minutes' Silence.

We wish to thank those members of the Staff and School who have very kindly provided us with past numbers of the Magazine.

At the beginning of term we were greeted by the sight of new buildings coming into being on the top Ground. It was expected that these would be ready by Half-term, but, at the time of going to press, work is still being carried on.

At the end of last term, the final of the School Tennis Championship was played between F. E. Brown and H. Kent. Brilliant tennis was played by both players. We congratulate F. E. Brown on his victory.

On 6th November, the wedding of the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Scott was celebrated by the School by a holiday, granted throughout the country by Royal wish.

PREFECTS (1935-36).

Head Boy: E. Blackshaw.

Vice-Captains: F. E. Brown, R. A. Holden. K. S. Aspinall T. F. G. Ellis, R. N. Jacobson, D. Eccles, H. Hargreaves, T. S. Hindle, H. Ingham, H. Kent, J. Mason, L. G. Soady, R. B. Hinchley.

SALVETE.

To the following boys who entered the School this term we extend a most hearty welcome:—

DRAKE: K. H. Hill, R. A. McCarroll, S. J. Netwal, J. Smithies, G. Duckworth, C. Hodson, F. S. Moss, W. Tinsley, K. W. Craven, J. Charnley, E. Hindle, J. Ormerod, R. E. Whittle, H. G. Edmundson, H. Cunliffe.

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RALEIGH: H. Collins, H. Parkinson, A. Ashworth, C. Abbott, E. Ashton, J. Dent, G. S. Edwards, F. Haworth, K. Mather, J. Morris, F. S. Smith, G. F. Beardsworth, J. Cooper, H. W. Haworth, H. Mayhall, L. G. Sourbutts, S. B. Challen, L. Marsden, T. N. Brennand, R. G. Gollop, T. W. Oldham, W. Riding, W. Whitaker, D. J. Wooldridge, D. W. Anderson.

VALETE.

We extend our cordial wishes for the success in their new spheres to all those boys who left last term:—

H. HINDLE.—H.S.C., 1934; S.C. and M., 1932; State Scholarship.

T. C. LANG.—Prefect, 1934-5; H.S.C., 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932; Second Eleven Football Colours.

F. R. SKERMER.—Prefect, 1934-5; H.S.C., 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932; First Eleven Cricket Colours.

F. WILD.—Prefect, 1934-5; House Captain of Raleigh, 1934-5; H.S.C., 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932; School Captain of Cricket.

H. A. HEATHCOTE.—H.S.C., 1935; S.C. and M., 1933.

A. R. D. SMITH.—H.S.C., 1935; S.C. and M., 1933.

N. BRADSHAW.—Prefect, 1934-5; H.S.C. , 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932; County Major Scholarship, 1934; State Scholarship, 1935; "Demy" at Maudlin.

A. H. L. CLARKE.—Prefect; House Captain of Frobisher; H.S.C., 1933-5; S.C. and M., 1931; First Eleven Cricket Colours, 1934-5; Vice-Captain of School Cricket, 1935.

R. EXTON.—Prefect; H.S.C., 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932; Captain of School Football, 1934-5.

J. MULLINEAUX.—Prefect; House Captain of Grenville; Vice-Captain of School, 1934-5; H.S.C., 1933-5; S.C. and M., 1931; Captain of Second Elevent Football, 1934-5.

J. O'HARE.—Prefect; House Captain of Drake; H.S.C., 1933-5; S.C. and M., 1931; State Scholarship, 1934.

H. H. SHORROCK.—H.S.C., 1934-5; S.C. and M., 1932.

J. C. BERRYMAN.—H.S.C., 1935; S.C. and M., 1933.

H. ASPIN.—S.C., 1934; Second Eleven Football Colours.

W. H. BAMFORD.—S.C., 1934; M., 1935.

J. D. POMFRET.—S.C. and M., 1934.

R. WOODS.—S.C. and M., 1934.

N. D. MARGERISON.—S.C., 1934; M., 1935.

J. M. BELL.—S.C. and M., 1934.

A. A. SHARPLES.—S.C., 1934; M., 1935.

G. C. ALMOND.—S.C., 1934.

J. STIRRUP.—S.C. and M., 1934; First Eleven Cricket Colours.

G. K. TALBOT.—S.C. and M., 1934.

A. ANDERSON.—S.C., 1935.

N. Barton, S.C. 1934, M. 1935; J. H. Blackburn, Second Eleven Cricket Colours; T. H. Blenkhorn, S.C. 1934, M. 1935; T. Bolton, S.C. 1934; N. J. Holden, S.C. 1935; F. Joseph, S.C. 1935; W. Kenyon, S.C. 1935; G. A. Poole, S.C. 1935; E. A. Smith, S.C. 1934, M. 1935; R. P. Urry, S.C. 1934, M. 1935; J. Bradley, S.C. 1935; K. E. Bradley, First Eleven Football Colours, 1933-5; P. Fielden; F. Harling, S.C. 1934-5; R. Holden; J. Holden, S.C. and M. 1935; B. Martin; F. Nelson S.C. 1935; W. Nightingale; N. Peel; J. Ratcliffe; J. Reardon-Parker, S.C. 1934, M. 1935; R. E. Rennie, First Eleven Football Colours, 1934-5; K. Sharples; P. Southworth, Second Eleven Football Colours, 1934-5; J. Bolton; C. H. Cook; G. Doyle; W. Fielding; T. Haworth; F. H. Grime; H. Barker; H. R. Rowntree; M. Gregson; J. P. Robinson; D. M. D. Lambert; R. E. Severs.

THE MISTAKE.

MR. WILLIAM MURGATROYD was a man with a hobby. He was a crossword puzzle enthusiast; in fact, his great interest in life was crossword puzzles. And yet, despite the fact that he had sent in entries week after week for more years than he cared to remember, he had never won a prize. It was not through lack of enthusiasm or lack of consideration, for at every available moment Mr. Murgatroyd worked away at his puzzles; in the train, in his home, anywhere.

Then came the morning when his favourite newspaper offered a thousand pounds for the correct solution of a crossword puzzle. Mr. Murgatroyd solved the puzzle on the train to town. For some queer reason he felt that he was going to be lucky at last. It was not just enthusiasm, he seemed to " feel it in his bones " that he had solved it correctly. That evening, Mr Murgatroyd copied out the puzzle in ink, keeping the original pencilled copy for reference. He posted it at the pillar-box across the road, and waited patiently for the results to come out.

When he opened his paper on the fateful morning, however, his name was not among the list of winners. Gloomily he produced the pencilled copy and compared it with the correct solution. They were both alike! Then, his entry must have been absolutely correct, for both he and his wife had checked it over carefully with reference to the pencilled copy. He had certainly posted it, and the odds were all against its having become lost in the post.

Mr. Murgatroyd decided to write to the competition judges about the affair.

He was not going to let his legitimate share of the first prize go so easily.

When he arrived home, he produced writing materials and began.

Just as he was addressing the envelope, his son Thomas came barging into the room. When he saw what his father was doing, he burst out laughing.

" Dad," he said, " you mustn't use that ink, it's some special stuff I made for a stunt we were working off at school. It fades away entirely without leaving a trace, about two hours after it dries. You haven't used it before, have you?"

" Yes," replied Mr. Murgatroyd, sadly, " for my competition entry."

G.

A COINCIDENCE.

IT happened while I was on a walking tour in the Lake District. I arrived one night about ten at a cottage on the outskirts of a small village. After knocking rather timidly on the door and receiving no answer, I knocked again, resulting in the

appearance of an aged woman's head from a bedroom window. She asked what was the matter. So I explained that I was looking for a place to spend the night. She was very obliging and offered to put me up for the night. In a while I was comfortably settled in bed, thrilled at the thought of sleeping under the roof of so quaint a cottage. In the early morning I was awakened by the old woman descending the creaky old stairs, and by the chirping of the birds, who had their nests under the eaves of the thatched roof. A jolly good breakfast was soon awaiting me, into which I tucked with great enjoyment. On the point of leaving, my hostess offered me a drink of cider—rather unusual at that time of the morning. However, as I could see she was rather proud of her own brand, I sampled some. She brought it in a very peculiar shaped mug—a most unusual piece of crockery for a Lakeland cottage. At last I was able to start, forgetting all about the mug and the cider.

As the day was very clear and bright, the mist having cleared away from the fells, I decided to climb up and wander along the top ridges. While climbing up, I happened to look down into the valley, where a long, white road wound round the lower fells, and I saw what I imagined to be a man pushing a cart of some kind. Soon I began to descend and was able to distinguish him more clearly. He was a queer old chap indeed, dressed in the most ill-fitting clothes that one could choose to see, and was pushing a hand-cart containing all kinds of jumble and oddments. Wondering what he was doing there, I watched him disappear along the road.

As I had been climbing and walking since breakfast, I decided it was high time to find some farm where I could obtain a little refreshment, for I was only carrying a little chocolate with me. The best way to find a farm would be to follow the road instead of keeping to the fells. So I took the same direction which the queer old man had taken. After following the road for a few miles, I saw a farm which looked a likely place for obtaining refreshment. When I arrived I told them what I wanted. Soon I was enjoying a few sandwiches and a glass of home-made cider. As I was sitting there, I could not help looking round the room, at the old oak beams and the long-used yet homely furniture. But something took my eye instantly. On a shelf, near the door which led into the kitchen, stood a mug, identical with the one that I had used in the early part of my journey. It was rather peculiar to see such an ornament, if it could be called an ornament, on an insignificant shelf such as this, so I immediately drew the conclusion that it must have been placed there by someone, who had been examining it, and then had gone away in a hurry. I went out of my way to give the mug a closer scrutiny. There was no doubt about it, it was exactly the same as the other which I had seen and used.

As I continued my journey, many thoughts occupied my mind, but first and foremost was the extraordinary incident concerning the mug. I wondered whether they were the same, but how could it have travelled to the farm from the quaint old cottage? It was very funny, but I had a feeling that before the day was over I should know the truth. I spent the greater part of the afternoon exploring the surrounding fells, forcing my way through thick bracken and scrambling up and down screes. After a while I sat down, looking down upon the farm and the road, which led past it in the direction of the valley, where the cottage was situated in which I had spent the previous night. On examining the road more carefully I saw the old man again, still pushing his cart. He, too, probably, had stayed or called at the farm, because it would not have taken him all that time to go so far as he had gone, in spite of his slow pace. Perhaps, on account of seeing him again, I wondered if he and the mug were in any way connected. But how could they? It was now growing dusk as I made my way towards my previous lodging, where I had decided to stay again. When I arrived the old lady recognised me, in spite of the falling darkness. After expressing my desire to stay there again, she kindly asked me in and began to prepare a meal. Then came the greatest surprise that I had received during the day. In the room into which the old lady led me, sat the old man, this time without his cart. As fellow-travellers often do, we fell into conversation, exchanging views on the topics of the day—the main one at that time being the Test Match. It was astonishing to hear all he knew about it. When my hostess brought in the meal, he said he would have to be going, so he wished me a very good evening and departed. As he passed out, I could not help overhearing what he said to the old lady. He told her that he had been unable to sell the mug, but if he heard of any person who wanted such a thing, he would do his best to let her know. She told him he could keep it. He asked her why she had wanted to sell it. But as she began to tell him, they passed out of hearing, and left me to imagine the rest for myself.

J.O.

A REVISED DICTIONARY.

IN long-forsaken corners of the library the more ardent seekers-after-truth will chance upon several dusty and hefty tomes, festooned with cobwebs. Though of exceeding hugeness, these tomes have been called "The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary," "The Vest Pocket Dictionary," and other such seducing titles. These volumes, despite their titles, are rather too large for everyday use, and therefore I have prepared a "Revised Dictionary." This book will be ready on the 30th of

February next, and the curious will find further information on Page —. Below are several extracts from this dictionary:—

A—A is a sort of dried grass used to feed 'orses, etc.

B—Borstal. A famour public school. Noted for its courses in Housebreaking, Blackmail, Fraud and other accomplishments of the gentleman.

C—C is a large body of water. Found at Blackpool, and also used to put round ships.

D—Danzig—a place immortalized by the famous German folk song, "Danzig With My Shadow."

E—'Erbs—dried plants, etc. These 'erbs can be concocted into vile potions and used to cure Rheumatism, Pelmanism, Anachicism, and other pernicious ills.

F—Flower—substance used to make bread.

G—Gorgonzola—a cheese with varicose veins.

H—Ham—part of verb to be, i.e., I ham, You are, etc., etc.

K—Kuckoo—a bird. This bird puzzles naturalists because it does not lay its own eggs.

L—Licence—a thing granted to poets to enable them to write verses which do not rhyme.

M—Mussolini—famous Italian pacifist.

O—'Ops—a herb used in the preparation of the national beverage (for the benefit of those of tender years we might add that this is not Tea).

P—Parliament—a rest home situated on the banks of the Thames.

Q—Quartz—A liquid measure, i.e., 4 quartz = 1 gallon.

S—Shakespeare—famous playwright. He is remembered for his play on the joy of walking, e.g., "As You Hike It." He also wrote "Antimony and Cleopatra."

T—Tea—a beverage.

W—Whittingham—rest home for pupils who find the strain of School Certificate work too much for them.

J.S.G.

The above extracts are copyright and "must not be communicated to the public by loudspeakers or other means." To the first purchaser of "The Revised Dictionary" I will present, with my own lily-white hand, 1 pair of kippers (slightly overripe), 1 "Old Moore's Almanack" (Year 1896), and a pair of right-hand boxing gloves. Good-bye, Everybody!

EXTERMINATION AND USES OF WASPS.

ONE bright morning, as the striped citizens passed to and fro through the tiny hole which served as portal to their city, anthropomorphous fate overtook them.

Their brookside exit had, despite its scintillating, dew-bedecked screen of briars, been observed earlier in the day, whilst

they slept, by the individual who now suspended, with the aid of string, an old tin, containing burning paper, rag, and sulphur, and retired, leaving his odoriferous, obscene, igniferous, pendant pot before their door, to obviate traffic and exterminate the imprudent.

Later he returned to renew his perpetration and view its results.

Yet a third time he came, and now accompanied by an individual whose sleeves are bound at the wrists, whose trousers are bound at the ankles, whose collar is turned up, and who, with an air of supreme detachment, smokes a malodourous pipe.

They cross the brook, and, fumigating profusely, the newcomer lays about him with a small bat-shaped piece of wood, rapidly dispelling and fractionally effecting the decease of the cloud of ominously buzzing wasps which hovers over the impassible barrier. Vindictive attackers-in-the-rear are dealt with by his aide-de-camp, who looks on, with "conflicting emotions."

Now suffocating sulphurous smoke rises before the hole, whilst our killer digs rapidly, applying to those who come out such a force as to cause them irrecoverable lateral expansion.

Save for a trifling sting behind the ear, he discloses the round, grey-spangled walls of the city in safety. Now he changes his aggressive policy for one of "armed neutrality," and, whilst he re-charges his pipe, his supporter carried on. Then, once more taking up his "reeking tube and wooden shard," he regains the threshold, which is now an even mixture of striped corpses and sand. Reversing his pipe, he injects the smoke into the city until all the unwonted uproar gives place to a vilely reeking silence.

With commendable dexterity, he now transfers the city to a deep canvas bag, produced from his capacious pocket. Suspending this upon a stout pole, they retreat in good order, leaving dead, live, maimed, and whole upon the battlefield.

Some time later the two might have been observed indulging in the gentle art of angling. Had we been curious enough to examine their bait, we should have seen many obese, anæmic-looking grubs, which, he would have told us complacently, were wasp grubs.

Thus perish miserably the scions of a fierce, devoted line.

A SWIMMING MATCH WITH BOLTON SCHOOL.

ON Tuesday, the 1st October, a very interesting and enjoyable swimming match was held between School and Bolton School in the Bolton School Baths. It is specially noteworthy as it is the first of its kind.

In the many exciting events, it was thought that School would lose, for all the senior and most of the junior free-style events were lost. However, School improved, and won almost all the breast-stroke and back-stroke events, so that, although the seniors lost their squadron race, we won by the narrow margin of 16 points to 13.

The people who won their races were :—

Four Lengths Free-Style.—Briggs.

Two Lengths Free-Style.—Gerrard, Forrest.

Two Lengths Back-Stroke.—Browell, Gerrard, Hindle.

Two Lenths Breast-Stroke.—Collins, Sharpe, Simpson, Worden.

Junior Squadron.—Win for School.

Senior Squadron.—Loss for School.

It is hoped that these very enjoyable swimming matches will be continued. It is unfortunate, however, that School does not possess its own private baths, and we are not able to invite Bolton to a return match.

H. Ingham.
G. Browell.

THE PATH OF DUTY.

ONE day, some weeks ago, I was sucking a lollipop in deep meditation, when I was accosted by the Editor. Hastily swallowing the lollipop lest he should demand a suck, I asked him his business, and was not a little perturbed to discover that he required an article for the magazine. In vain did I try to bribe him with two half-used lollipops, four almost new pieces of spearmint, a large lump of putty, two pieces of string, and a half-share in a vocabulary note-book. He repudiated my offers with contumely and remained adamant.

Unable to alter his firm resolve, I returned home, and after consuming copious draughts of lemonade (or beer?—Ed.), I was visited by the necessary inspiration, and produced an articles full of bright humour and scintillating wit. (?—Ed.) My horror can therefore be judged when I say that, on presenting it to my relentless persecutor, I was informed that it was an exact if inferior paraphrase of what had been published two terms ago.

Rebuffed but not discouraged, I quickly produced a brilliant sonnet, "On a Rhodomontade Rhetorician from Rochdale," only to see it rejected on account of illegibility of writing. I attempted to re-write it but found, to my deep disgust and chagrin, that I could not decipher it myself.

Distinctly discomforted, I took more care over my next production—a Pindarie ode celebrating the latest victory of the

First Eleven. But, alas! how full of disappointments is our mortal span. All the Editor said was "Rotten!" in a laconic but expressive voice.

But worse was to come! I saw rejected, in an incredibly short time, "An Ode to Autumn," on the grounds that Keats had written one something like it; an original Piano Concerto, two Symphonies, and four excellent Recipes, on no grounds whatsoever.

I was now visibly discouraged. There was little time left at my disposal, so I hurriedly borrowed two wet towels and three-halfpence (for expenses) from the Editor and began to think.

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I am still thinking!

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I have not yet stopped thinking, but inspiration has not come.

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I have got it! A poem in *vers libre* (*très libre*), addressed to the *Albium Cepa*.

O,
Thou begetter of tears,
Thou shape so beautiful, comely, divine, and lovely:
Thou living embodiment
Of
Æsthetic inspiration,
Thou joy, thou ecstasy,
I love you, I love you!
And, my love, I weep,
I weep.

GUEUX.

THE CHATSWORTH CAMP. AUGUST 3RD—10TH, 1935.

FOLLOWING a tradition established last year, the School was again this summer represented at the North of England Schools' and Clubs' Camp in Derbyshire by three seniors. It seemed worth while to give those ignorant of this great social experiment a brief first-hand account of the Camp's aims and significance.

Starting from rather smaller beginnings in 1932, the Camp has this year brought together for a week 100 youths, among whom were equally represented the Secondary and Public Schools, the large industrial works, and the Men's Clubs, of North England. In each of the sections into which the Camp was divided, were thirteen or fourteen fellows, carefully chosen to represent all three groups, worked, played, ate, and slept together for one brief week. It was perhaps not with unmingled shame that we all realised how busy, in view of the relative numbers, we had contrived to keep the 40 or so stalwarts, who had so courageously undertaken the task of staffing the Camp!

Several of these gentlemen very quickly dispelled one's not unnatural hesitancy upon arrival at the site. After a brief survey of the circle of bell tents and groups of larger marquees, we betook ourselves to the marquee displaying the sign of the three brass balls. Here the "Bursar," a genial individual, about whom an incredible number of jokes was to be cracked during the week, relieved us of money and valuables of which there was no pressing need. We were then directed to the Camp Chief, and in "Michael," as all were calling him within a few hours, one felt instinctively that kindness, capacity and sincerity were blended to form a very fine gentleman. The few details of routine explained, we departed to our respective Section Leaders, who kindly instructed those ignorant of the gentle arts of palliasse-stuffing and blanket-folding.

Little was now needed beyond the acquaintance of our fellow-campers, and an equally welcome introduction to camp fare, to find us thoroughly at ease and ready to enjoy to the full this novel life.

In the evening the Concert provided by the old hands gave us a foretaste of the entertainment which all the really sensible individuals were glad to hear—and, not perhaps so willingly, to contribute to—during the next few days!

Sunday, our first full day, with the exception of the optional Camp Service, found us getting into the normal routine. In the morning were kit inspection, a light fatigue duty for each section, inter-sectional games, and optional bathing parade. Afternoons and evenings were nominally free, but many sections enjoyed keenly-contested games of cricket, and also of our unique variations on Soccer and Rugby—only too aptly known as "Crazy Football" and "Foot and Mouth" (or even more vividly "Tooth and Nail")! Nor must we omit mention of the Staff v. Camp game in the latter sport, in which Nature's gifts, allied to skill, enable one of the School's representatives to keep goal in worthy style for the victorious Camp!

Our natural interest was heightened by the news that a silver cup was to be awarded for points gained by sections for kit-inspection and competitive games. Many and wonderfully ingenious were the devices produced to catch the attention and praise of the inspection party, including even flag-poles, boot-racks, and intricate designs on ground-sheets. The ever-increasing skill and keenness with which games were conducted as the week proceeded, fittingly culminated in the great "cross-country" race, in which there was a record entry of over 150 runners! The Duke of Devonshire himself did us the honour of starting the race and of presenting the cup to the winning section.

Friday evening, too, as our last night in camp, produced notable divergencies from our usual programme. After a shortened concert, Michael was presented, on our behalf, with a book containing photographs of all Camp activities. We then emerged from the concert marquee to find that the camp-fire which had been built in the centre of the site was ablaze. To it we each added a pitch torch, and then stood or squatted around whilst Michael, in his quiet voice, talked to us.

From that talk, perhaps, most of us formulated our most characteristic impression of our Chief. During the week we had had ample opportunity of studying him, noting his gentleness and cheeriness, his sportsmanship, his unfailing politeness and kindness, and the source of it all—his religious belief, unostentatious, yet sincere and tolerant enough to interest and impress the most incredulous.

In his brief talk he reminded us first of all of our early hesitation and suspicion towards the other types and classes with whom we were being brought into contact. Involuntarily we each thought of the friends we had made—manual or skilled workers, public schoolboys, or professional men, and of the strange state of affairs in which one conversed one moment with a crane-worker in a large factory, and the next with a Scholar about to read Classics at Oxford! Michael showed us how, only a few days previously, we had been unable or unwilling to realise our mutual similarity under the cloak of superficial differences. But now, through constant contact, we had been shown our similar likes and dislikes. And so we had revised our former opinions of suspicion, disdain or envy. We had found that whether our new friends had more or less money, religion, or "social standing" than ourselves made not an atom of difference.

In brief, we had learnt a vitally important lesson. The world would tell us not to trust those with more—or less—money than ourselves. But we had been privileged to know better; to know that our "superiors" or "inferiors" were just like ourselves, to be trusted and liked just as much as those not separated from us by such superficial differences.

The great point was: were we going to accept and put into practice this great lesson? Dared we show that we recognised our fellows as such, and reject the common, fallacious ideas? To us of the rising generation was the task of putting things right; our unique opportunity had given us not only a privilege but a duty. Pray God, then, that by our attitude we might help to make the world a better place to live in!

E.B.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

THE commencement of a new School Year found us lacking the able guidance of our former Captains, O'Hare and Exton, both of whom have left us for the University. Let us take this opportunity of thanking them for their work in upholding the traditions of the House by wishing them every success in their new sphere.

Drake, as usual, has not played an outstanding part in football this term. From the four matches played by the First Team, in spite of the efforts of our Captain and Vice-Captain, Ainsworth and Bates, but one point has been gained. It is pleasing to note, however, that a welcome keenness has been apparent, and our defeats have not damped our ardour for the Robinson Cup Competition next term. The lack of success of the First Team has been remedied in some degree by the Second, which has three overwhelming victories to its credit. Here, again, keenness and enthusiasm have been evident, and in our Second Team lie our hopes for an outstanding First team of the none too distant future.

In the Swimming Gala held this term Fortune was more kind to us. Helped by the points gained during the year for certificates, we managed to secure second place, a very creditable performance. All the members of the team did well, and MacPhee, our Swimming Captain, is to be congratulated on a well-deserved success by winning the Senior Championship.

Turning to the scholastic side, we are pleased to be able to record that Drake occupies the leading position in the race for the Marsden Merit Cup. Drake at least can boast that, if outclassed in brawn, she is second to none in brain. At the time of writing we have a lead of 16 points, and thanks for this are due to the following:—Bury, F. (6b. Sc.) and Nightingale, S. M. (2c.,), 8 points each; Harrison, N. (Vb.), Lawson, H. (Vc.), and Haslam, E. (3c.), 7 points each; Pomfret, Games (4a.), 6 points; Evans, W. J. (Vb.), and Catlow, B. F. (4c.), 5 points each; Halliwell, J. (Va.), 3 points; Bates, M. (6b. Sc.), Shackleton, E. (U.V.), Aspin, N. (3d.), Netreval, S. J. (2a.), and Jackson, A. (Tr.), 2 points each; Charnock, H. (V.c.) and Hindle, E. (2d.),1 point each.

Our lead would be even greater if certain forms in the Lower School would pull their weight, and if such boys as Young, F. (who has featured here before) and Forrest, E., had not seen fit to be "on report." Let the forms in the Lower School strive to emulate Vb., where Harrison and Evans between them have captured every point for the House. If they really try then we can safely say that the Marsden Merit Cup is our for another year.

FROBISHER.

IF moderation is a virtue, Frobisher's performance last year was surely the acme of virtuousness. True, we won the Football Cup, and were runners-up for the Cricket Cup. But to set off against these feats we have to record failures in Swimming and the Marsden Merit Cup. The Sports result was satisfactory. As an isolated case, these achievements are in the aggregate quite creditable, but, unfortunately, they only serve to indicate that Frobisher has got into a rut. For the results of the previous year were very similar, and things appear to be going the same way again this year. It would appear that, since Fortune has favoured us of late with considerable talent in the realms of Football and Cricket, the remainder of the House is content to rest on the laurels thus won. More enthusiasm in other activities in other activities would not come amiss.

To a deplorable low total of points accruing from lengths swum by beginners, we were only able to add two in the Gala itself. This last catastrophe was due to the poor number of entrants, and to the failure of many of these swim when the time came. But let us tender thanks to the gallant few who, under the captaincy of Fishwick, swam creditably without much reward.

Much more cheering are the football prospects. The statement that the 1st XI. (captained by Jepson) is as yet undefeated loses much of its weight when it is realised that miserable weather has limited the number of our matches to three. Yet the obvious merit of the team warrants our confident expectations of gaining the Robinson Cup for the seventh time in the thirteen years of its existence. Our encounter with Howard was awaited with much interest, since the combined teams included no less than nine members of the School 1st XI. Our victory by a margin of nine goals was flattering, but deserved.

The Marsden Merit results to date make dismal reading. Twenty-four points have been obtained by Yates, H., 6; Frinder, W. H. and Wetherell, F. (5 each); Kirby, G., 3; Maxwell, W., 2; Dewhurst, T., Farrell, F., and Haworth, J. (1 each), whom we thank. He who has subtracted from the meagre total by being on report, cannot fail to realise that his efforts are strongly to be deprecated.

F.E.B.

GRENVILLE.

LAST term we said good-bye to J. Mullineaux, who has been our House Captain and also Football Captain for the past two years. He has taken up residence at St. Anselm's Hall, Manchester, and we wish him every success in his future career.

In the Sports last July Grenville did not come out with much success; we reached fourth position, which cannot be considered a result to be proud of. However, in cricket we succeeded in gaining the Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup—a proud achievement!

This term's activities are summed up under three headings—Swimming, Football, and the Merit Cup. The Gala brought forward the more amphibious section of the House, whose noble efforts enabled the House to occupy third position, only one point separating us from the second House. This result is a definite improvement on last year's effort, but we are still far from winning the cup; let us hope that next yet we shall have better success. The football record of our First Eleven is certainly very cheering. Three matches out of the four have been won. We hope that in the Robinson Cup matches this form will be upheld.

For the past few years the final Marsden Merit List has usually found Grenville in the lower half of the list. This term Grenville has slowly wakened up to the fact that points must be won, with a result that we now occupy second position. It seems a long time since we were top of the list. How about doing it this year? Where are our latent geniuses? We thank the following for their much appreciated efforts:—Worden, H., 8; Grenhalgh, G. E., and Varey, J. E., 7 each; O'Hare, F., and Riley, W. E., 6 each; Barker, W. A., and Hunt, J. K., 3 each; Shearer, I. B., and Walsh, L. D., 2 each; Brown, A. H., Edgar, A., Fortune, A. S., Hindle, H. G., Lightbown, J. K., Ninniss, W. E., and Smith, C. W., 1 each. On Report: Halliwell, P.

R. A. HOLDEN.

HAWKINS.

AT the end of last year the House lost Lang, its Football and Swimming Captain, and to their loss was added, shortly after the beginning of term, that of Bury, who was to have succeeded Lang in the latter capacity. With both go our thanks for services rendered to the House, and sincere wishes for success in their new spheres.

Once again we commenced the Football season without a single member of the School Eleven in our team, and once again, defying all prophecy, our representatives have proceeded on their victorious way. The First Eleven, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Ormerod, has proved its solid consistency by dropping only one point in three matches. The Junior team, true to its own inimitable tradition, has on each occasion fielded at full strength, and (quite incidentally) made short work of all opposition. We confidently hope that next term we shall again

stand at the head of the House League Table. Next term, too, brings forth the competition for the Robinson Cup, for which we put us a good fight last year, and also the Forbes Cup, which our Under 14 XI. is beginning to regard as its exclusive property!

So far, so good. Yet it must be transparently clear to the merest intellect that a House which is content to built up a reputation upon the football field and neglect other School activities, is not a healthy one. Hawkins appears to be approaching this state. One can hardly accept without examination a position which would appear to indicate an almost total absence of intellect in a House of more than one hundred members. The numbers of people who last year gained one or two points only belies this view. Can we not, then, see a really determined and sustained effort to raise the House to a more elevated position in the Merit Competition?

Similarly with swimming. That there are many excellent swimmers in the House is an indisputable fact. And while we thank those who gained points at the Gala, we can but deprecate in the strongest terms the slackness of those others who promised to swim, but who neither took the trouble to train, nor, in some instances, even exerted themselves to put in an appearance upon the evening of the competition. A drastic revision of the conception of loyalty to the House is necessary if we are to remedy these failures and half-successes.

The following have contributed to our meagre total of points in the Merit Competition, and to them we would express our sincere thanks :—Bradley, H., Cardlin, A., 6 points each; Walne, L. A., 5 points; Wilson, J. E., Croft, J. B., Prest, J., 4 points each; Miller, D., 3 points; Ratcliffe, S., Eaton, J. L., East, P., 2 points each; Grundy, H. F., Bolton, A., Gerrard, A. J., Jepson, E. A., Little, C. M. K., 1 point each.

One small crumb of comfort we gain from the fact that as yet no misguided members of the House has turned his activities towards annulling the efforts of the above-mentioned.

E. Blackshaw.

HOWARD.

HAVING suffered no further losses in House personnel at the end of last term, our first duty is to welcome our new Prefects, D. Eccles and J. Mason.

So far this term, success in the various House activities has not come to us in the degrees we had hoped. First of all we must open with some mention of the Swimming Gala, although, from a Howard point of view, this event might better be passed over in discreet silence. The Gala is an event in which Howard has rarely shone, and once again we have to report a continuance of

this gloomy record. The House may be unfortunate in possessing few really outstanding swimmers, but it was disgraceful that so many of the entrants should have decided at the last minute not to appear at all. *The Swimming Captain was so badly let down* by these people that he was even unable to raise a team for the Squadron Race. This kind of thing must not occur again, Howardites!

With regard to Football, our hopes at the beginning of the term have not yet been justified, though two Houses have still, of course, to be met. Under the captaincy of Mason, also School Football Captain, and vice-captaincy of Eccles, and containing five members of a phenomenally strong 1st XI., the House team had every prospect of a fine season. However, so high is the standard of School Football this year, that most of the other Houses, too, have been able to turn out strong sides, some of which are rather better balanced than ours, containing, as it does, several rather weak positions. The greatest of these weaknesses has been, till now, that of goal—unfortunately, a key position. The House does not seem to have anyone of the right size and age with an aptitude for this position; consequently, young and inexperienced juniors have had to be tried, with the result that two heavy defeats have been suffered, which in no way represented the true ability of the side. Thus, with two Houses still to be met, each of the two elevens has won one and lost two matches, the second string having been disappointing, too.

Last, but by no means of least importance, comes the Merit Cup Competition. In this department of House activities it is steadiness and consistency that bring results rather than sudden bursts of brilliance; and it is such consistency that members of the House seem to lack at the present time. With 41 points from four fortnights, we hold the respectable, but hardly inspiring, position of fourth in the table. This state of affairs could be much improved if a few of those who have shown their ability to gain occasional points would apply themselves just that little bit extra, so that they might bring in points regularly. Will all these "border-line cases" please try to obtain those extra points next term?

Meanwhile, we cordially thank the following who have helped in a greater or less degree to make up our total of points:—Read, J. (II.d), 8 points; Mather, H. F. (III.a), 7 points; Robinson, L. K. (V.a.), 6 points; Harwood, J. A. D. (III.c), 4 points; Burras, J. R. (IV.c), and Leaver, H. (IV.c.), 3 points each; Crossley, E. (III.b), Griffiths, A. A. (Trans.), and Thornber, H. H. (Rem.), 2 points each; Baker, F. (VI.b Sc.), Edwards, C. (III.d.), King, R. (II.a)), Lord, J. (Upp. Vth), and Reader, W. D. (Upp. Vth), 1 point each.

One member of the House has so far been "On Report."

K.S.A.

RALEIGH.

AT the end of last term we took leave of F. Wild and F. Skermer, our House Captain and Vice-Captain. They will both be missed greatly this year in School and at Lammack. Wild goes to Cambridge and Skermer to Oxford, taking with them our best wishes for their success in the future.

At the beginning of this term, H. Hargreaves, T. S. Hindle and H. Ingham were appointed Prefects, whilst at the House meeting H. Ingham was elected House Captain, with T. S. Hindle Vice-Captain, and S. T. Simpson was re-elected Football Captain.

The achievements of the House this term afford striking contrasts; we have won the "Rodolf Feilden" Swimming Cup for the third year in succession, but both in the Marsden Merit Cup and in the Football League we occupy the last place. It is to be hoped , however, that these two last positions will be greatly improved before long.

Our swimming performance is most praiseworthy, especially when we consider that several of our stars of the previous year have left, but their places were admirably filled by others. We thank all those who took part in the Gala, those who gained points by swimming their lengths, half and quarter miles, and also Mr. Miller for the encouragement which he has given the House.

Yet, although the House possesses many fine swimmers, it possesses little else. The other members seem to do as little as possible for the House, either in School or on the playing fields.

Our low position in the Football table is partly due to the fact that many prominent players of our last year's team have left, but it is also due to there being many people in the Upper and Middle School who refuse to play for the Second Eleven. It is hoped that in the future there will be a greater response to the many efforts of Simpson.

Our similar position in the Marsden Merit Cup Competition is very unworthy of a House with a tradition such as ours has gained. For many years we have occupied a good position in this competition. We ask all members of the House to try their utmost to attempt to equal the record of past years.

We heartily thank those few people who have gained points this term, and hope that the number will be increased:—Lewney, G. (II.c), 4 points; Abel, H. (Rem.), 3 points; Walsh, G. P. (V.d), and Lea, F. (Rem.), 2 points; Holden, T. (VI.b Mod.), Duckworth, S. (VI.b Mod.), Robinson, F. N. (V.a), Simpson, T. S. (V.a), Mayo, H. S. (III.a), Haymes, J. D. (III.b.), and Mayhall, N. (II.b), one point each.

H. INGHAM.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT.

IT has proved of interest and value in the past to compare the season's achievements with those of the past, and such comparison of statistics is this year peculiarly illuminating. At the time of writing, the First Eleven has won all but one of its eight matches against school teams. The only falling-off from this extraordinarily high standard was the unfortunate reverse in the first game of the season. Since then the team has already won more matches than was the case in the whole of the previous season. In doing so, they have returned a goal average which is truly remarkable. In these eight matches, only seven goals have been conceded, whilst no less than fifty-four stand to our credit! Again, this latter number already exceeds by a comfortable margin that for the whole of last season. These figures indicate unusual strength in defence and attack alike, and it might be not amiss to mention briefly the players who have contributed to so successful a record.

The School was fortunate to retain from last season Ainsworth, who worthily upholds our tradition of steady and dependable goal-keeping. The backs, Barritt and Jepson, have improved almost unbelievably upon their already fine performances. With the valuable assitance of Eccles, a fearless and determined centre half-back, they have stemmed every attack. A notable consequence has been the increased attention which the wing halves have been enabled to concentrate upon the task of feeding their forwards. The example of the Captain, Mason, in keenness and doggedness has communicated itself to the whole team, and to no member more than Thomas, who also figures as goal-scorer. In the attack, whilst Cowell, with his uncanny shooting ability and skill in positioning, has in large measure enjoyed a personal triumph, he would no doubt be the last to deny the excellent support he has received from Shaw and Vipond, whose tactical skill is a pleasure to observe. Curtis, at outside-right, and our two left wingmen, Walsh and Briggs, have well justified the support given by their halves.

Altogether a most workmanlike and efficient combination, supplementing by skill and determination its lack of weight and inches, and one which we hope may progress from strength to strength.

E.B.

School v. Preston Catholic College.

September 21st. At Preston.

Team: Ainsworth; Barritt, Ormerod; Thomas, Eccles, Mason; Curtis, Shaw, Dewhurst (J.), Vipond, Walsh.

School pressed strongly on the kick-off, and was rewarded by good goals from Shaw and Dewhurst. The second half was crammed with thrills. Preston were awarded a penalty, from which they scored; Walsh increased School's lead to 3—1; Preston finally rallied to win, scoring three quick goals, despite Ainsworth's superb goal-keeping.

Final: School, 3; Preston C.C., 4.

School v. Burnley Grammar School.

September 28th. At Lammack.

Team: Ainsworth; Barritt, Jepson; Thomas, Eccles, Mason; Curtis, Shaw, Dewhurst (J.), Vipond, Walsh.

School was soon on the offensive, and goals came through Curtis, Shaw, and Dewhurst (2). The defence remained sound, and the only feature of the second half was another goal by Curtis. In this game, the combination of the School attack augured well for the future.

Final: School, 5; Burnley G.S., 0.

School v. Clitheroe Grammar School.

October 5th. At Lammack.

Team: Ainsworth; Barritt, Jepson; Thomas, Eccles, Mason; Curtis, Shaw, Cowell, Dewhurst (J.), Walsh. (Vipond injured.)

School pressed hard from the start, and in the first half at least there was a steady succession of goals. The order was Cowell, Shaw, Cowell (2), and Curtis. As in the previous week, the defence was rarely tested, and the only second-half goal was scored by Walsh.

Final: School, 8; Clitheroe G.S., 0.

School v. Wigan Grammar School.

October 12th. At Wigan.

Team: Vipond replaced Dewhurst (J.).

Early pressure foretold School's decided superiority, the advantage of sun and wind balancing fairly evenly that of the slope of the ground. Quick goals from Shaw, Vipond and Thomas had great effect, and additions by Curtis and Thomas gave a lead that Wigan could do little reduce. The attacking in the second half was rewarded by good goals from Curtis and Cowell.

Final: School, 7; Wigan, 1.

School v. Manchester Grammar School.

October 26th. Lammack.

Team: Simpson for Eccles (injured).

A thrustful School XI. combined smoothly against formidable opponents, whilst the defence, though rarely tested, remained firm. A perfect revel of goals was shared by Cowell (5), Curtis (2), Shaw, Thomas, and Vipond. The only discordant note in such a merited victory was the meagre attendance "representing" the School on the touchline.

Final: School, 10; Manchester G.S., 1.

School v. Accrington Grammar School.

November 2nd. At Accrington.

Team: Eccles replaced Simpson.

Shocking weather conditions made skilful football impossible. Accrington were slightly better in the first half, but, failing to take advantage of their superiority, were unable to score. In the second half a lively School attack went on to net three goals through Walsh, Curtis and Cowell, while an excellent School defence held out a good Accrington forward line.

Final: School, 3; Accrington G.S., 0.

School v. Hulme Grammar School.

November 9th. At Lammack.

Team: Briggs deputised for Walsh (injured).

School were quicker and more effective on the ball than their opponents, and at half-time had established a seven-goal lead. On the restart followed a perfect revel of goals, smart opportunism by Cowell realising 12 goals—surely a School record. Other scorers were Shaw (3) and Vipond.

Final: School, 16; Hulme G.S., 0.

School v. Bolton School.

November 16th. At Bolton.

Team: Same.

Once again School were faced with a bigger and heavier team—a very real advantage on a "sticky" pitch. Cowell soon headed a goal from Curtis' corner kick, and shortly before half-time repeated this performance. Meanwhile, despite an injury to Mason, the defence repelled constant Bolton attacks. Just as the final whistle went, Bolton secured a consolation goal making School's victory their narrowest this season.

Final: School, 2; Bolton S., 1.

First Eleven Goal Scorers.

Table.

Name.	Matches Played.	Goals Scored.
Cowell	6	24
Curtis	8	8
Shaw	8	8
Dewhurst (J.)	3	5
Thomas	8	3
Walsh	6	3
Vipond	7	3

SECOND ELEVEN.

We have commenced the season well indeed, being beaten twice in nine matches, scoring 76 goals against 14. The most outstanding scores have been 18—1 and 16—0 against Bolton and Hulme respectively. As usual, many changes have taken place, especially in the forward line. Briggs and Dewhurst (J.), each very tricky players possessing a good strong shot, are the most promising of our forwards. Of the wing-forwards, Brown on the left and Parkinson on the right have played in most matches. Other forwards who have played are Tomlinson, Cowburn and Dewhurst (T.), the latter having recently played very well at outside-right. There has been little change in the half-backs, Simpson in the centre, Bradley on the right, and Forrest on the left, who, by the way, would be much more effective if he could concentrate on the ball and not on the man. Collins has played very well indeed at right-back, but he must bear in mind that first-time kicks are much more preferable to dribbling. Bates, as custodian, has played very consistently, especially when hard pressed. He is a "tower" of strength, which, I am sure, many a centre-forward has regretted meeting. Last, but not least, we have enjoyed the services of Kerry on the line, who has told us many a tale of his relations, especially those who live in Manchester.

On the whole our team-work has been good, but there is still room for improvement. Let us remember Mr. Harper's words, " When not in possession, be in position."

J.O.

Second Eleven Results.

Saturday, Sept. 21st. At Preston. School v. Preston C.C. Lost 3—4.

Saturday, Sept. 28th. At Burnley. School v. Burnley G.S. Won 8—2,

Saturday, Oct. 5th. At Clitheroe. School v. Clitheroe R.G.S. Won 6—0.

Saturday, Oct. 12th. At Lammack. School v. Wigan G.S.
Won 11—2.
Saturday, Oct. 19th. At Lammack. School v. Nelson Sec. S.
Won 3—0.
Saturday, Oct. 26th. At Manchester. School v. Manchester G.S.
Won 9—1.
Saturday, Nov. 2nd. At Lammack. School v. Accrington G.S.
Lost 2—4.
Saturday, Nov. 16th. At Lammack. School v. Bolton School.
Won 16—0 (Tomlinson 7).
Saturday, Nov. 16th. At Lammack. School v. Bolton School.
Won 18—1 (Tomlinson 9).

THE THIRD ELEVEN.

The playing record of the Third Eleven in School matches has been very satisfactory; perhaps the best performance was the scoring of twelve goals against Manchester G.S. Third Eleven. Another pleasing result was the victory against Burnley G.S. Third Eleven by four goals to three.

The composition of the team has been fairly constant; good service has been rendered by Bradshaw in goal, Fishwick and Greenwood at back, Haslam, Doman and Browell at half-back, and by Smith, Greenhalgh, Aspden and Lord among the forwards.

As we are only half-way through the Football season, we can look forward to improvement in our standard of play by the development of team-work which has been handicapped by too many enforced changes from selected teams.

I.B.H.

Results.

September 21st. (Home).
School, 6; Church Institute Juniors, 0.
September 28th. (Home).
School, 4; Burnley G.S., 3.
October 5th. (Away).
School, 5; Colne Juniors, 7.
October 12th. (Home).
School, 5; Cathedral Scouts, 7.
October 19th. (Home).
School, 4; Nelson Sec. S., 3.
October 26th. (Home).
School, 3; Griffin Celtic, 4.
November 9th. (Home).
School, 12; Manchester G.S., 3.
November 16th. (Away).
School, 0; Chorley G.S., 2.

UNDER FOURTEEN XI.

September 21st. (Away).
School, 3; Preston C.C., 2.

September 28th. (Away).
School, 6; Burnley G.S., 7.

October 12th. (Away).
School, 5; Wigan G.S., 10.

October 26th. (Away).
School, 3; Manchester G.S., 7.

November 9th. (Away).
School, 2; Clitheroe R.G.S., 1.

November 16th. (At Lammack).
School, 3; Bolton School, 1.

THE CHESS CLUB.

THE School Chess Club once more flourishes. Last year, as I had occasion to remark, support was feeble, but this term has seen many new students of the game. In addition, the Senior Section, which meets at 4 p.m. in the Radcliffe Room, is under the capable wing of Dr. Tyler.

Two leagues have been formed and are now well under way.

In addition, a Knock-out Competition is in progress, to determine the holder of the Chess Shield for the year. This has now reached an interesting stage.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shaw continues to supervise the Junior Section, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for his services.

At the time of writing this article, the School had played only one match, viz., against Burnley G.S., which was won by three games to two, with one game halved. In this match the following represented the School:—Marland, J. C.; Stephenson, G.; Hindle, T. S.; Mason, J.; Haslam, I. B.; and Jacobson, R. N.

J.C.M.

THE AIR CLUB.

THIS latest venture has had the support of about thirty members, who, with patience and dexterity, have been building a variety of model aircraft, ranging from paper gliders to a Hawker Super Fury. The material for this last model was very kindly given by an Old Boy of the School who is intersted in aeronautics. For the rest, we have subscribed to purchase Balsa wood and the other essentials. A number of

original designs have been drawn, and we are still anxiously waiting to see whether the finished models will be capable of flight.

It has been possible to hold one outdoor meeting, when a few enthusiasts launched their craft experimentally. Next term we shall probably be more active in this direction.

H.T.

SCHOOL BOXING CLUB.

AT last, the above has renewed its activities for the coming year. We are now on our third session, and, with the helpful co-operation of Mr. Williams, hope to make it the best yet. In previous years the club has enjoyed popularity with the Middle and Lower Schools. As a result, suitable matching of partners in the heavier weights has been difficult to arrange. Now, then, you Vth and VIth Formers, let us see what you are willing to do in order that the "noble art" may flourish in such a large School as ours.

Remember the night and the time: Every Thursday from 4 p.m. until 5-15 p.m.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

YET another School Society, in response perhaps to the appeals of last year, began the term with a more encouraging measure of support. A record number attended the opening session to determine details of procedure. It was decided to make out a programme for the term, and a copy of this was later distributed to each member. Usually a recital has been devoted to one work, or to excerpts from the works of one composer; occasionally, too, there has been a contrast in composers or styles.

Probably the most popular type of medium has so far been the Pianoforte Concerto. Those of Schumann and of Mozart in A, of Bach in D minor, and of Beethoven in G major, have all been performed in their entirety. It is, we think, safe to forecast that one at least of these will figure in the last Recital of term, the programme of which is to be decided by popular choice. Many, too, have found that concentration upon chamber music has not been without its reward; quartets by Schubert and Mozart, and two of Beethoven's sonatas, have afforded deep enjoyment, while Brahms' Clarinet Quintet is awaited with interest.

In the symphonic sphere we have heard almost all of Schubert's greatest work—the fine C major Symphony,—while Dvorak's "New World" is a pleasure yet to come. Finally, the light-hearted programme, comprising Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture" and a selection of Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," met with universal approbation.

Attendances this term have been consistently higher than in either of the two previous years in the history of the Society, and we all trust that Mr. Claydon will accept this fact as evidencing our interest and grateful appreciation.

E.B.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

THE Annual Sports were held this year on two days, as last year, viz., on Wednesday and Friday, July 10th and 12th. We were favoured with fine weather, and the ground was in good condition.

This year the winning House was Raleigh with 49½ points; Hawkins were second with 40 points.

The Senior Victor Ludorum was won by T. F. Bury, of Hawkins; the Junior Victor Ludorum was won by G. M. Hindle, of Raleigh.

The Staff must be duly thanked for the efficient manner in which they conducted the proceedings.

Results.

100 yards (open): 1, Bury, T. F. (Hk.); 2, Reardon-Parker, J. (R.); 3, Eccles, D. (Ho.).

100 yards (under 16): 1, Barritt, R. (F.); 2, Lynch, H. (Hk.); 3, Walsh, L. D. (G).

100 yards (under 14): 1, Prince, J. W. (F.); 2, Radley, N. (G.); 3, Hindle, G. M. (R.).

220 yards (open): 1, Bury, T. F. (Hk.); 2, Eccles, D. (Ho.); 3, Berryman, J. (Hk.).

220 yards (under 16): 1, Barritt, R. (F.); 2, Curtis, H. (F.); 3, Bradshaw, A. J. (F.).

220 yards (under 14): 1, Stirrup, K. (F.); 2, Mallinson, G. A. (D.); 3, Edwardson, T. H. (Hk.).

Quarter-mile (open): 1, Tattersall, A. J. (R.); 2, Mullineaux, J. (G.); 3, Heathcote, H. A. (D.).

Quarter-mile (under 16): 1, Thomas, E. (Ho.); 2, Tomlinson, H. (G.); 3, Walsh, L. D. (G.).

Quarter-mile (under 14): 1, Mallinson, G. A. (D.); 2, Radley, N. (G.); 3, Pomfret, J. (R.).

Half-mile (open): 1, Ormerod, J. (Hk.); 2, Mullineaux, J. (G.); 3, O'Hare, J. (D.).

Half-mile (under 16): 1, Thomas, E. (Ho.); 2, Cook, C. H. (Ho.); 3, Lynch, H. (Hk.).

Half-mile (under 14): 1, Brown, K. H. (R.); 2, Pomfret, J. (R.); 3, Simpson, A. H. (R.).

One Mile (open): 1, Heathcote, H. A. (D.); 2, Tyson, R. J. (G.); 3, Mullineaux, J. (G.).

Long Jump (open): 1, Skermer, F. (R.); 2, Reardon-Parker, J. (R.); 3, Clarke, A. H. L. (F.).

Long Jump (under 16): 1, Thomas, E. (Ho.); 2, Barritt, R. (F.); 3, Barnes, D. (Ho.).

Long Jump (under 14): 1, Hindle, G. M. (R.); 2, Birtwell, W. (G.); 3, Hoole, J. (G.).

High Jump (open): 1, Skermer, F. (R.) and Tattersall, A. J. (R.); 3, Reardon-Parker, J. (R.).

High Jump (under 16): 1, Barnes, D. (Ho.) and Sagar, J. (G.) and Parkinson, J. (Ho.).

High Jump (under 14): 1, Mallinson, G. (D.) and Hindle, G. M. (R.); 3, Pomfret, F. (Ho.).

Cricket Ball (open): 1, Shaw, F. (Ho.); 2, Ormerod, J. (Hk.); 3, Berry, T. F. (Hk.).

Cricket Ball (under 16): 1, Smith, H. (F.); 2, Fortune, A. S. (G.); 3, Walsh, L. D. (G.).

Cricket Ball (under 14): 1, Hindle, G. M. (R.); 2, Holden, R. (F.); 3, Mallinson, G. A. (D).

House Relay (Senior): 1, Hawkins; 2, Howard; 3, Drake.

House Relay (under 16): 1, Grenville; 2, Howard; 3, Frobisher.

House Relay (under 14): 1, Drake; 2, Frobisher; 3, Hawkins.

House Tug-of-War: 1, Raleigh; 2, Howard.

F.H.D.

THE SWIMMING GALA.

THE annual Swimming Gala was held this year on 22nd October. Since last year's experiment of holding the Gala during the evening at Belper Street Baths proved such a success, it was repeated this year. All homework was cancelled and thus everyone was rendered able to attend. All available seats were occupied, and once again the Gala proved a great success.

Entries this year were fairly numerous, and the programme began with heats of various events: One-length Junior Championship; Two-lengths Senior Championship; One Breadth; Two-lengths Backstroke; Egg and Spoon Race; Inter-House Squadron Race; One-length Breaststroke.

These were followed by the Diving, and the first three in this event were: Pennell, L. (R.); Derbyshire, C. C. (Hk.); Sharpe, J. F. (Hk.).

The first three in the One Breadth Final were: J. Walmsley (G.); K. Duxbury (R.); B. R. Kerry (G.).

D. B. MacPhee (D.) won the Two-lengths Senior Championship, and G. G. Browell (Hk.) and H. Collins (R.) were second and third respectively. J. Ellam won the Old Boys' Race, with H. Moorcroft second and T. Bolton third.

This year the novelty Candle Race was included for the second time, the object being to swim one length carrying a lighted candle, and deposit the candle, still alight, at the other end. The first three in this race were C. B. Walsh (R.); L. Pennell (R.), and J. W. Moizer (F.).

The Two-lengths Backstroke Race was won by G. G. Browell (Hk.), with H. Collins (R.) and H. Ingham (R.) second and third. G. M. Hindle (R.), A. Gerrard (Hk.) and E. Forrest (D.) were the first three in the Junior Championship.

The first three in the Egg and Spoon Race were J. D. Haymes (R.), I. R. Gibbons (G.) and J. S. Mortimer (F.).

J. M. Hindle (R.), H. Worden (G.), and A. H. Simpson (R.) were the first three in the One-length Breaststroke.

In the final of the Inter-House Squadron Race, Raleigh came in first, with Drake and Hawkins second and third respectively.

Congratulations go to Raleigh on winning the " Rodolph Feilden " Challenge Cup; also to D. MacPhee on winning the Senior " Forrest " Swimming Cup, and to G. M. Hindle on winning the Junior " Forrest " Swimming Cup. F.H.D.

ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Society held its first meeting on October 10th, when the motion " That this House deplores the misplaced zeal of the Minister of Transport " was proposed by Jacobson and Marland, and opposed by Brown and Mason. In addition to serious consideration of the traffic problem, the humorous element was well to the fore in discussion upon the aesthetic merits of " Beacons " and other evidences of the Minister's zeal. Following an initial hesitancy, exchanges in open debate were brisk, and the Minister was eventually completely vindicated.

More general interest was taken in a debate on November 14th, on the motion " That of two evils, Fascism and Communism, Fascism is the lesser." We were very fortunate in having the services of two members of the Staff. Interesting and effective speeches by Mr. Williams—for the motion—and by Mr. Claydon—who opposed—were much appreciated. The seconders were Jacobson and Hinchley respectively. In open debate the motion suffered much adverse criticism, especial attention not unnaturally being directed to the alleged results of the Fascist system in international relations. Eventually the motion was fairly heavily defeated.

In conclusion, it may be remarked that suggested topics for future debates would be welcomed. A good deal of care and time is spent on the choice and advertisement of suitably interesting motions, and helpful criticism would be carefully considered.

E.B.

SCHOOL BRANCH OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

THE School Branch of the League was given an encouraging start when, on September 26th, some fifty people attended to hear Mr. Eastwood's brilliant exposition of the history of the Abyssinian crisis. Tracing the dispute from its earliest sources, the speaker was well qualified to deliver his verdict, and to direct attention to the unending efforts of the League to secure a peaceful settlement. Interest was evinced by the questions asked, the number of which would doubtless have been yet greater but for the sudden realisation of the lateness of the hour!

Under the auspices of the Society, a talk was given by Mr. Loadman on October 17th, his subject being "Through Northern Europe with Camera and Rucsac." The attendance, disappointingly small as it was, brought perhaps the one advantage of making the talk much more intimate. Certainly the loss was to those who neglected to attend, for rarely has a more interesting and fascinating talk been heard in the Radcliffe Room. This epic yet delightfully amusing narration was further enhanced by the production and circulation of a large number of beautiful photographs. One can here but reiterate the unanimous request of all present that the same speaker should at some not very distant date give us a similar address.

It is hoped later in term to hold a special debate dealing with the League and current politics. Everyone is cordially invited to come along and air his views. This should be a unique opportunity, since all (probably!) will be given a hearing!

E.B.

THE SCOUT GROUP.

THE FALCON AND KESTREL TROOPS' SUMMER CAMP.

ON Wednesday, July 17th, a party of fourteen Falcons, ten Kestrels, five Eagles and five Officers (assorted) bade a temporary farewell to Blackburn and parents, and were conveyed, with accuracy if not speed, by rail to Ampleforth, near York, for nine days of life under canvas. The site was perfect in almost every respect; it offered us woodlands, open fields, bracken-covered hills and, perhaps to most of us the greatest attraction of all, a lake. We were, indeed, so far embedded in the

heart of the country that parents, friends and the District Commissioner found us only with the greatest difficulty. With our sojourn at Ampleforth coincided a spell of very fine weather, broken only by one night of rain—which occasion one misguided Scout must needs choose to leave his shorts outside the tent. Towards the end of camp, several Scouts decided to allow the sun to bronze their epidermis, but failed to achieve anything more than a vivid lobster colour and an uncomfortable burning to be assuaged only by copious anointments of olive oil.

We took full advantage of the opportunities offered by our site. The bracken afforded good cover for a game of flag-raiding —it was tall enough to offer complete concealment, and, apart from occasional exclamations as concealed beds of nettles made their presence felt, there was little evidence of human movement. Tracking and a treasure hunt—the treasure consisting of various specimens of leaves, insects and other phenomena—were also indulged in.

Bathing parades were held regularly each day, and the boats on the lake—the property of Ampleforth College, whom we had to thank for much—were a very popular attraction. Fishing attracted one or two Scouts, and Kilshaw caught one magnificent specimen. He was, however, so long in making up his mind as to what he should do with his fish that it finally disappeared into one of the A.S.M.'s pyjamas: when the said A.S.M. discovered it, he made a short speech, after which the fish was seen no more. The culmination of our aquatic activities was a Swimming Gala, held on Wednesday, July 24th, in which the Otters, appropriately enough, were the victors.

It was decided that, having at our disposal trees and a lake, we might have an attempt at raft-building. After much expenditure of energy and of sisal it was discovered that, however much like the illustrations in " Robinson Crusoe " our efforts might appear, they had one minor drawback: they steadily refused to float with any crew aboard. This was considered most unsporting and un-raft-like, and, in consequence, raft-building was eventually abandoned.

Sunday was Visitors' Day, and we were pleased to welcome quite a large number of parents, who discovered us despite our inaccessibility. Sports were held in the afternoon, and the Otters again distingdished themselves.

Two excursions took place, one to York and one to Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay and Scarborough. At York a tour of the Minster was undertaken under the guidance of one of the officials and many points of antiquarian interest demonstrated. After

lunch on the city walls we invaded the Railway Museum, where a lively interest was displayed in the real locomotives to which we had free access. The major part of the afternoon was devoted to a visit to Rowntree's Chocolate Works, where the various processes in the manufacture of sweetmeats and cocoa were shown to us. So engrossed did some of our members seem that it was feared at times that they might literally be absorbed in the machinery. The motor coach took us home in time for an evening meal, for which, in spite of Messrs. Rowntree's generosity, there was some appetite. Incidentally, the excursion almost failed to take place, for the driver of the coach could not find us, and when at last we discovered his 'bus, we could not find him. The second excursion included a visit to the ruined Abbey at Whitby, after which we proceeded to Robin Hood's Bay, and then to Scarborough, where a tea of fish and chips was demolished with a skill and ease obviously born of long practice.

A Patrol Competition was held throughout Camp, points being awarded upon daily inspection, discharge of duties, and success in games. The keenness of most Scouts was evident, although there were, as there always must be, one or two Scouts who preferred to allow others to do most of the work. Towards the end of Camp, the desire to produce a shining row of dixies seemed to develop to the extent of a veritable passion in most patrols. Several useful gadgets were evolved, in the form of plate-racks, knife-racks, cup-racks; in fact, racks for every imaginable purpose. There were, of course, some who showed their wit in sticking a twig into the ground and calling it variously a boot-scraper, hat-rack, or rest for ladies when not in use; their delicate fantasy, however, was discouraged. The final result of the Patrol Competition was: Hawks, 182; Swifts, 165; Peewits, 156; Otters, 142.

The Eagles present did not enter the competition, as they were more or less a band apart. This small and valiant band of campers proved a very valuable body, especially for tasks of special responsibility, such as preparing the supper and keeping a watchful eye upon camp in the absence of other Scouts, which involved displaying the peculiar charm of our encampment to the District Commissioner.

We had three Camp Fires, and the lustiness of our voices proved a satisfactory index to the jovial spirit prevailing. Throughout the health of the camp was excellent, except for occasional cuts and scratches. The general tone was one of cheerfulness and willingness, and I think we shall remember it as a happy holiday as well as a period of useful Scout work.

THE EAGLE TROOP SUMMER CAMP.

FIVE of the nine summer camps since 1927 have been held in the Lake District; enthusiasm about three of these five has been damped by the most unseasonable weather, and still they remain among the troop's most pleasurable recollections of camp-life. The worse the external conditions that prevail, the cheerier becomes the spirit that fights against them. So it was at Stonethwaite this year. Rain in torrents had to be endured, and the " grin-and-bear-it " spirit of every patrol even surprised the officers.

Half-way through our mudlark, three patrols had to evacuate their tents and ford the swollen mountain streams in order to reach the barn which offered certain shelter, and other things too. The wild life there was so strongly resented that on the following night we were all under canvas again. The rain had stopped to allow us the unspoilt enjoyment of a chara excursion to Carlisle, via the hilly Brampton country. There was no hesitation in sampling whatever was offered us during a tour of Carr's Biscuit Works, but few were so gorged that they did not conclude the afternoon with a fish and chip repast. Some lingered to appreciate Carlisle Cathedral, but there were a few Philistines who preferred to shop. At 6 we boarded the chara again and were taken through Cockermouth to Bassenthwaite. There we played ducks and drakes until the approaching dusk reminded us that our beds were at Stonethwaite.

We must do the weather no injustice, but recall that broiling sunshine exhausted some of those who climbed up Greenup Edge to High White Stones on the third day of camp. The more energetic continued the trek on to the Langdale Pikes, and were rewarded with a very clear view from there before taking the Langstrath route back to camp.

There was one other day which opened with sufficient sunshine to warrant an extensive climb being undertaken. Scafell was our objective, but when we began to lunch at Esk House most of us felt that England's two highest peaks were out of reach for that day at least. Throughout the long ascent from Stockley Bridge rain had been beating through our capes and through everything else we were wearing. However, just when we were most despondent the rain ceased, the sun shone, and our course was resumed. Of the sixteen who reached the summit of Scafell Pike, eleven stalwarts scrambled on up Lord's Rake and admired the Irish Sea from the top of Scafell. This was a great day, and those who participated can look back on their achievement with justifiable pride. Those who did not participate exerted themselves less strenuously by taking a gentle walk up Castle Crag.

On another afternoon sports of a not very serious nature were held. The Wolves had obvious physical advantages and won almost every event; in the tug-of-war they even showed their contempt for the officers.

In the Patrol Competition the Curlews entirely belied their reputation of the preceding six months by establishing an early lead and increasing it each day. This was a very good performance, and a bitter pill for the Foxes to have to swallow. Nevertheless, the Foxes have worked hard and consistently throughout the year and no one will begrudge P.L. Lightbown the Scout Cup when it is presented on Speech Day.

Perhaps the most memorable feature of this year's summer camp was the introduction of several visitors. With the Wolves and Curlews there lived two good companions from one of the distressed areas of South Wales. The officers reached the alarming total of eight; apart from five familiar faces, there was Jim Schollick, on furlough from the English College at Lisbon; Charlie Croasdale, fresh from the Sahara, and his Sunkist Californian friend, popularly known as "Big Bill America." Some mention should also be made of that very accommodating guest which carried more than half the troop to Church Parade. This mechanical monster was the object of all our affections.

The Chief Scout has repeatedly told us that only the worst weather is a stern enough test for good Scouting. Having endured the test and come through smiling, we expect the sun to work overtime for us next year.

GROUP NOTES.

THIS term we reached our high-water mark in a rather appropriate place when we won the de Pennington Bowl at the Association Gala. Nobody can explain why we have not captured this trophy before, but our success on this occasion must certainly be ascribed to good team work. Eight members of the Group helped to compile the total of points that gave us an easy lead over last yea'rs holders, who were runners-up. Special praise must be given to the Relay team, who defeated by inches the team which earlier in the evening had won the County Trophy for Blackburn. Donald MacPhee had a triumphant evening, participating in three victories. The Cubs also triumphed over all opposition, but, alas, there was no cup for them to carry home.

There have been attempts to unite or oppose the three troops in a wide game, but the weather has thwarted us again and again.

We believe it has rained each Tuesday evening of this term; certainly November 5th was no exception, but some thirty Scouts and Cubs refused to be daunted in their determination to remember Guy Fawkes with proper and established ceremony. A pile of impressive dimensions was raised in Horncliffe playground, and after three gallons of paraffin had been amply sprinkled on it, it blazed to our complete satisfaction and to the utter discomfort of the Guy who surmounted it. There was still a persistent flicker when the faithful few appeared to brush up the debris on Wednesday morning.

This mention of the faithful few reminds one that the real strength of the Group seems to be not in its abnormally large numbers, but in that nucleus of each troop which attends troop evenings regularly and regards Scouting as its first and chief hobby and recreation. The slackness of some among us is especially deplorable, and the plea of excessive homework is offered far more often than the facts justify. Surely it is time we resolved to be content only with the highest standard of efficiency. In particular, the Courts of Honour ought to realise the responsibility in this respect.

Apart from troop meetings, special attention has been given this term to First Aid and Photography. Each Friday Corporal Layfield, of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, instructs a class who will be examined for the Ambulance Badge in December. From this class will be chosen the team to represent us in the Competition for the Derby Shield next term.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Tyson have been unravelling the mysteries of the camera art in a dark sanctum which, in spite of the limitations of space, has afforded us room enough to produce some fine enlargements. Although this is a season of the year when very few continue to take snaps, here is an excellent opportunity for many Scouts to learn how to photograph successfully and print economically.

The Christmas Good Turn is to be attempted again with little change from last year's arrangements, when we were able to distribute parcels to more than a hundred needy families. The Secretary of the Parents' Committee has reported the magnificent profit of almost £17 on the Bridge and Whist Drive held on November 7th. That leaves us in no fear about the payment of the big meat bill, and a balance will be available for a little else beside, but the parcels will chiefly depend for the variety of their contents on the generosity of Cubs, Scouts and parents who bring us plum puddings, fruit, eggs, disused toys and clothes. Each member of the Croup is expected to turn up at Horncliffe on December 23rd, when a parcel will be given him to deliver.

The Annual Dance is to take place on December 19th. We hope that tickets will be sold out by the time this magazine is in print, but if you have not obtained one already, apply immediately and you may be lucky. The music is to be provided by the well-known band of a former member of the Group, Eddie McGarry.

Owing to the accumulation of work in connection with the Dance and Good Turn there will be no Christmas Party this year. Instead, we propose to celebrate in festal fashion the Chief's birthday in February.

There is so much pressure on our space this term that we hold over until next the conclusion of the Group's history, of which the first instalment appeared in the July number. Gaps still remain in that earlier compilation, and if any Scout of the 1915-1925 generation can help in this matter, his assistance will be appreciated.

THE CUB PACK.

THIS year numbers have declined because the Cub Pack is drawn from two forms only, but the decrease is more than compensated by the keenness and good spirit of the present members.

The first of this term's notable activities was a flour-chase; we enjoyed it chiefly because the trail became " dead," and later, with much irony, the hares were constrained to retrace their steps and appreciate the abrupt ending of clues. Wherever a speck of flour was found upon the muddy path through Billinge Wood, we broke into a war dance and yelled " Olle! Olle!" in wild derision.

Next, the powers that be insisted upon our competing in the Blackburn Swimming Gala. We did, feeling that it was a good turn to occupy the nether end of the final list; however, driven by excitement, we won and inspired our Big Brothers to achieve a similar, though less emphatic result.

Such an outstanding event could only be celebrated in one way: a feed; we therefore fed; we fed in no half-hearted fashion and then played football to relieve the congestion. The drinking of our festal liquor, Thea Sinensis, pressed into service the Troop's best china. This called forth great amusement and even greater fears for the safety of the tea-cups.

Now we take rest; yet it is only " le recueil pour le sursaut," as we are preparing for our Great Work; the failure or fulfilment of this lies within the shrouds of the Spring Term.

THE KESTREL TROOP.

THIS term we are eighteen strong and working in three patrols of six. A good proportion of each Troop evening has been spent on second class work, which had been neglected owing to the manifold activities of the Summer Term. We hope by the end of term to have all the leaders and seconds in possession of the badge.

The general level of keenness in the Troop has been good, and there have been few avoidabl absences. The pursuit of the second-class badge has led to queer scenes, and we remember with mixed feelings the mysterious dishes produced upon the Yellow Hills at dead of night by eager would-be cooks, with the flickering flames and dense smoke clouds rising from the dead but damp piles of moist bracken and twigs, successfully ignited (though not with two matches) by determined fire-lighters. Out of doors we have played the Falcons at football and played our part in the pyrotechnic display which celebrated November 5th. Indoors, too, we have had many games, and treasure has been sought by candle light. Altogether we may look back upon a most enjoyable and successful term.

THE FALCON TROOP.

ALTHOUGH Winter Terms are usually noted for their climatic misbehaviour, and this one has conducted itself no better than most, we are fortunate in not having been confined entirely to indoor work. We spent one evening upon a fire-lighting competition, and the following, with greatly varying success, on a trail. Upon another occasion we played a game of flag raiding in the darkness of the school yards. Most of our work, however, has been in Horncliffe, and, although we are below strength, the interest shown proves our work effective. Courses are being worked through systematically on Morse and ambulance work of second-class standard. Our four recruits are working hard for their Tenderfoot badge, and all seem to show promise of making good Scouts.

By general request the Patrol Item has been re-introduced, but only upon alternate Saturdays. The items produced have been remarkable for the originality of the material and the ingenious use made of the property basket. It has been, on the whole, an uneventful term, the only occasion when we came into the public eye at all being our football match against the Kestrels —a victory. Still, although we have been silent, we have not been sleeping.

THE EAGLE TROOP.

HERE, in the senior troop, where one expects an example to be set, the attendance bogey has baulked us throughout the term. . The worst offenders are the newcomers from the junior troops, and we cannot urge them too strongly either to advance with us or to leave the ranks altogether. Since July six of the most valued members of the troop have exchanged the leisurely existence of a Sixth-former for the ardours of a professional career: two have gone into banks, two into the borough's electricity department, one into the G.P.O., and one into a paper mill. We wish them all well in the serious business of life and look forward to seeing them whenever they can be with us.

Badge work has been the basis for troop programmes during this winter session. After too long a lapse Morse signalling has been revived. More proficiency badges have been gained than during a similar period for many years, and in particular our congratulations are due to 2nd Maxwell on gaining the first all-round cords in the troop since 1933. There is an increasing desire to gain the First-class badge, and in the case of the most ambitious not to rest on their laurels until they are King's Scouts. Half a dozen are already working for the Pathfinder's Badge and refusing to be discouraged by the complicated topography of the Blackburn area.

Apart from the practical programmes, whose content has ranged from bridge-building to the identification of liquids by their smell, we have also had a snapshot exhibition, in which the photographic talents of P.L. Lightbown and Scout Fortune were most clearly in evidence, and a Guest Night when the junior Patrol Leaders joined us in games old and new and welcomed back among us the former Falcon S.M. Mr. Mayhew was in his best form with one of his eerie yarns.

We would like to be offered the opportunity of visiting some mills and other factories. Will O.B.'s who could extend us such a privilege please note?

A ROVER CREW?

THERE unfortunately comes a day in the life of every Scout when he feels he has outgrown his Troop and cannot usefully continue in it, so he drifts away and is lost to the Scout Movement. That is why Rovering was started, to arrest the drift and retain in the Group those who think the companionship of Scouting is still worth while.

For years we have talked of our need of a Rover Section, but no leader was available, and nothing was done until this present term. Now we can say that four meetings have been held, and in January a decision will be made whether to register ourselves as a Crew or disband. At present it seems likely that the latter alternative will be rejected.

If any old Scout is interested in this latest development and would like further information, the G.S.M., whose address is the Grammar School, would be very willing to answer his enquiries.

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6. "The knightly growth that came and went," by A.H.W. —a very short story, in some ways an experiment.

7. "Changes in the last Fifteen Years"—a book with absolutely nothing in it, by W.R.E.

8. "Me Miserum," by E.B.—a long tale.

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The following books have been presented to the School Library:—

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CONVIVIAL CHRISTMAS

and a

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

In so doing, may the aforesaid

EDITOR AND STAFF

respectfully beg to ask

the above-mentioned

READERS

if they have

PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS?

ROGER MUIR ODDIE.

WITHIN a few weeks of the publication of our last issue we learned with regret of the death of one of our best known and most popular members, Mr. R. Muir Oddie, of Norwood, Infirmary Road, Blackburn. He died, after an illness of fairly long duration, in a Frodsham nursing home, on Friday, July 26, at the comparatively early age of 53.

Though not in the public eye of late, until a few years ago there were few branches of public service in which he was not interested or with which he was not connected. With his passing the Association has lost a valuable member, and the town a worthy citizen, who realised to the full the true meaning of "Disce Prodesse."

The sixth son of the late Alderman J. W. Oddie, J.P., a cotton manufacturer, he entered the Grammar School in 1891, and remained there until 1896, when he went to St. Cuthbert's College, Worksop. On leaving school he spent two years in the office of Mr. Malam Brothers, Clerk to the Borough Magistrates, Blackburn, after which he entered the Town Clerk's office and served his articles as a Solicitor, partly with the late Sir Robert Fox and partly with the late Sir Lewis Beard. After serving seven years as Assistant Solicitor he began practice on his own account in Blackburn, and built up, along with his partner, Mr. A. B. Roebuck, a large litigious and general practice and took an active part in the public life of the town.

He entered the Blackburn Town Council at a by-election in June, 1921, as a representative of Park Ward, retiring in 1929 on account of pressure of business. For some time he was Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, succeeding to the Chairmanship in 1928.

The public work in which he was most interested and from which he derived the greatest pleasure was that connected with the old Board of Guardians, to which body he was elected in 1919. As Chairman of the Infirmary Committee of the Board, he devoted an immense amount of time to the children's work. He was a Director of the firm of Messrs. John Oddie & Son, Cotton Manufacturers, of Britannia and Syke Mills, Blackburn, a firm founded by his Grandfather, the late Mr. John Oddie. For one year, in 1928, he occupied the position of President of the Blackburn Textile Society. He was also Honorary Secretary and Honorary Solicitor for the Blackburn Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Chairman of the Central Lancashire Association for Mental Welfare. Among other offices he held were Vice-Chairman of the Central Conservative Club, Hon. Secretary of the Old Police Court Mission, President of the Lower Darwen Conservative Club, and the representative of the Corporation on the Board of Trustees of the Yates Charity.

Oddie was a very keen Churchman and regularly attended the Cathedral and All Saints' Church. He was also a Past Master of Victory Lodge of Freemasons.

From November, 1925, to November, 1930, he was a Governor of the Grammar School as a representative of the Blackburn Town Council, and regularly attended the Meetings of the Board of Governors.

In August, 1912, Oddie married Miss H. Mitcheson, a daughter of the late Mr. T. Mitcheson, Solicitor, of Heckmondwike, and Clerk to the Liversedge Urban District Council. His brother-in-law, Mr. G. G. Mitcheson, was returned to the House of Commons for South-West St. Pancras in October, 1931, as a Conservative. Mrs. Oddie and four daughters survive.

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In a tribute to Mr. Oddie, the Association chairman, Mr. Henry Whittaker, relates how he first met him in the Town Clerk's office. "I was associated with him there for about six years, during which time we never had a wrong word. Oddie was of a most likeable disposition, and a great favourite with all those with whom he came in contact. I have never seen him in a temper all the years I have known him. He always had a genuine regard and a feeling of sympathy for those down and out, and helped the under-dog whenever he could. Had he lived he would undoubtedly soon have occupied the position of Chairman of this Association. He would certainly have maintained the highest traditions of the office and enhanced its prestige."

ERNEST T. CUNLIFFE.

ANOTHER O.B. whose passing was mourned by a wide circle of friends, which included many Old Blackburnians of all ages, was Mr. Ernest T. Cunliffe, who died early in August at his home, the Castle Hotel, at the age of 52. After leaving school Mr. Cunliffe took up architecture and had a hand in designing many of Blackburn's well-known buildings, notably the new Fire Station.

During the War he served with the Canadian Red Cross Division, and was awarded the Canadian O.B.E. for his services.

During his younger days Mr. Cunliffe was keenly interested in sport. He played football for the Crosshill Club, of which he was secretary and its representative on the committee of the Lancashire Amateur League.

Although of late years his activities were restricted by the failure of his eyesight, Mr. Cunliffe remained of a cheerful and likeable disposition, and few men had more friends among the business and professional men of Blackburn.

A widow and one daughter are left.

ANNUAL MEETING.

NO news, they say, is good news. If this be true, this year's annual meeting must be counted as one of the most cheering that has ever been held. Apart from the election of officers and the placing of the late vice-chairman, Mr. C. M.

Parkinson, on the list of vice-presidents, the only business other than reports was the presentation of prizes to the winner and runner-up in the Tennis Tournament, Messrs. H. G. Dean and G. Norcross. After the business came supper, and after supper—well, more of that later.

The attendance was in the neighbourhood of forty.

LET'S TALK SHOP.

Comments Over The Counter.

WHETHER agreeing or disagreeing with the policy of financial control by the Bank of England, no O.B. will grudge congratulations to Mr. Basil G. Catterns on his selection to the deputy-governorship of the " Old Lady."

Mr. Catterns entered the service of the Bank in 1908, and after serving as deputy-principal of the Discount Office became chief cashier in March, 1929. His election to the Court of Directors last year marked the continuation of a policy of recruiting the board in part from members of the staff of the bank. He was the fourth official to be thus elected, but the first to pass direct from the post of chief cashier to the Court.

Those who have been in the habit of attending the Annual Dinners recently will remember that a short time ago he paid us a visit. At the time he was chief cashier, and in that capacity his signature was in great demand (and still is) by others besides autograph fiends, since it has a cash value, varying according to the colour of the paper on which it is written : red, ten shillings;; green, twenty; and white—well, name your own price.

We now await with eagerness the day when he follows in the footsteps of the illustrious " Monty," to whom we feel sure he will make a worthy successor.

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WE are pleased to record the honour conferred by his colleagues of the Blackburn Town Council on O.B. Reuben Culshaw, the Independent member who has put into practice the school motto in the interests of St. Silas' Ward for so long. Though raised to the aldermanic bench, we already have proof that he by no means intends to be " shelved." In Association matters, too, Alderman Culshaw takes a very active interest and can be relied upon to provide stimulating matter in committee.

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THE Rev. Frank W. Haworth, B.Sc., has been appointed Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester.

MR. Frank Bleasdale has gained the Diploma in Bacteriological Technique of the Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory Assistants' Association. For the past eleven years he has been laboratory technician at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn.

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THE degree of B.Sc. (external) of London University has been gained by Joseph Speight. He left school in 1928, and has since been on the staff of the Blackburn Education Authority.

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ANOTHER successful candidate for the same degree (in Physics) is R. R. Davies, who is at the Manchester works of I.C.I., Ltd.

UNIVERSITY INTERLUDE.

Salutations From The Seats of Learning.

Victoria University,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

At the beginning of a new session the writer of such an epistle as this must needs do two things at the outset, bid good-bye to those leaving us, and welcome those who are amongst us for the first time. We bid good-bye to Pearson with regret and wish him good hunting elsewhere. We welcome with open arms five O.B.'s who had the good sense to come to Manchester. Two, Hindle and Mullineaux, have already settled down in Anselm; the others are working. Allsup, so far, relaxes as to play for the Dentals at Soccer.

Having disposed of these we can now turn to the "old hands." Cropper has returned from France and seems none the worse for his trip. Unfortunately, he has his finals at the end of this year, and therefore has to work, on occasions. Calvert has been trying to effect some sort of reforms in the Medical School. We are'nt quite sure in what direction they lie; but we are quite sure they are needed. One sees Littlewood and Mellor rarely; we think they are working. The rest are to be seen even more rarely; we don't know what they are doing.

In a letter from Manchester there is inevitably some remark about the weather. The Freshers' baptism was—well, adequate! They breasted the waves, however, and, as we have already said, are progressing swimmingly. Terminals present the chief difficulty at the moment. But "time and the hour run through the

roughest day," as somebody once said—we're hoping the days of miracles are still with us.

That would seem to have disposed of all the material available for this term's letter, so with the usual good wishes for the continued prosperity of "The Blackburnian," and of everything connected with School, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

O.B.'s (Manchester).

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17th November, 1935.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

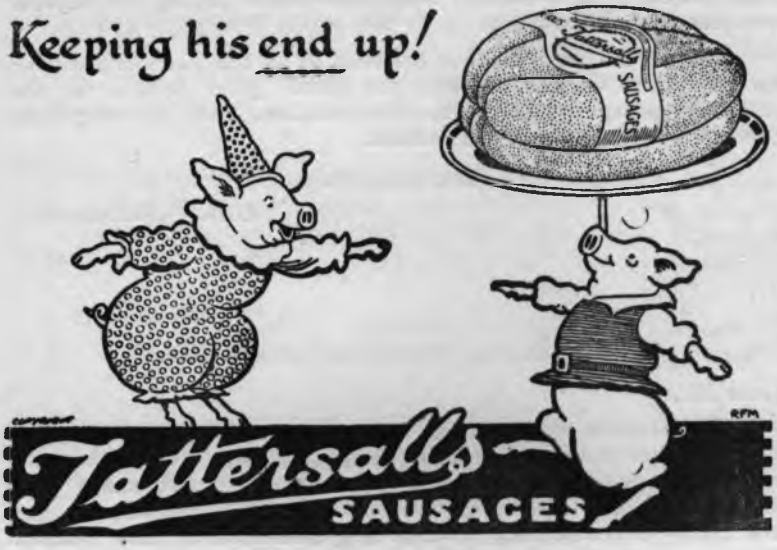
Dear Sir,

We returned to Cambridge in October to find that changes, of which we had had some warning during the May Term, had been carried out with unaccustomed vigour, so that it was a very unfamiliar Cambridge which met our eager gaze. These changes are most overwhelming in the neighbourhood of the Market Square. Both King's and Caius have completed hostels, and the old Guildhall is being pulled down to make way for a more becoming building which is to replace it.

But Cambridge itself has not really changed. We found the same old crowd of Freshers wandering about the place, and amongst them we were very pleased to find Wild, who we welcome to Cambridge. Our only regret is that the school is not sending more men to swell the ranks of the Cambridge Old Blackburnians, for our numbers are now reduced to seven. However, we are consoled by the news that several people are coming up for school exams. in December, and we take this opportunity of wishing them the best of luck and of hoping that they will join us next October.

As usual, Old Blackburnians have been taking as active part in Cambridge life. Collins, our new President, has been playing Soccer for the Hall, Aspin has divided his efforts between Chess and Rugby, and Hindle, who has had to give up rowing because of labs., now seems to have dedicated his life to squash—at which he is defeated at regular intervals by the greater experience of Collins and Aspin, who also indulge in this sport when they are not otherwise engaged.

Holden seems to be enjoying the well-deserved fruits of his past successes and is also to be seen on the squash courts, while Slater appears to be aspiring to still higher honours in mathematics.



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R. F. M.

Wild, who seems to have had no trouble in settling down to life in Cambridge, spends the greater part of his time struggling with something called physiology ! but has found time to turn out with the Downing soccer team on several occasions and to throw very pleasant lunches for the benefit of other Blackburnians.

May we close by wishing the School and "The Blackburnian" still greater success.

We are,

Yours sincerely,

O.B.'s (Cantab).

NEIGHBOURS WITH THE NIBLICK.

Honours Even At Clitheroe.

ON the athletic side, the principal item of interest this issue was a golf match on the Clitheroe links against Clitheroe G.S.O.B., on August 9th. When the match was first arranged it was intended to make the fixture an annual event, and judging from the success which attended the venture it seems likely that this intention will be carried out in years to come. K. Scott captained the team, which won three games and halved two, thus forcing a drawn match. Afterwards our team were the guests at supper of the Clitheroe team, and a very enjoyable day was crowned by an excellent evening. We tender our hospitality to the O.Cs, and hope to meet them again next year.

Here are the results in detail:—

H. M. Naylor and J. Turnbull, 1; E. C. Jones and J. W. Widdup, 0; R. Duckworth and K. Scott, ½; W. L. Crossley and G. Haworth, ½; G. H. Yates and C. J. Pickering, 1; E. S. Jepson and C. S. Pickering, 0; C. L. Clark and A. C. Greenwood, 0; H. Whittaker and A. Gorse, 1.

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ANOTHER innovation this year was the inclusion in the School Annual Swimming .Gala of an Old Boys' Race Unlike its brother at the Annual Sports, it attracted some attention, in fact, four entries. The winner was J. Ellam, who thus wins a set of cuff links given by the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr. G. N. Forbes. So it seems as if this is another activity which has come to stay for a while.

K.F.

IF YER KNOWS OF A BETTER 'OLE—

The Football Club Seek Pastures New.

POLITICIANS are not the only people who have raised the cry, "Three acres and a cow." The latest exponents of the theory are our own dear Football Club. They want three acres, and if they can sell the cow for enough money to buy another three acres they would be doubly pleased. In fact, if they could get hold of six acres they would never even raise the slightest objection to a double deficiency on the bovine side.

In other words, they want a football field.

At present they are struggling along under difficulties on the Pleasington Playing Fields, and in the meantime hoping that either

(a) Some munificent O.B. (or B.s) will realise that his generosity would be well placed in providing a ground becoming to the dignity of that august body;

or

(b) the same of similar M.O.B. (or B.s) will advance a loan for the purchase of the said ground;

or

(c) some other gent. (or gents.) not necessarily an O.B. (or B.s) will do (a) or (b).

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Failing any immediate prospect of this, the club is nosing round elsewhere to see if it is possible to float similar loan for said purpose.

Now, gentlemen, you must realise that there is no better and safer investment in this country than a few square feet of solid muck. Here is your opportunity to behave like either

(a) a gentleman

or

(b) a financier.

You cannot be both, but let us hope you will be one. We trust we can rely upon your support if it is needed.

While nosing round for money, they are also nosing round for land, and have some in view which might prove eminently suitable, so may we once again ask you to be ready with your cheque book when the prospectors arrive complete with prospectus.

DRAMATIC SECTION.

The "P" Is Silent As In "Raspberry."

THE Dramatic Society wishes to announce that it is presenting "Leave It To Psmith," a farce in three acts, by Ian Hay and P. G. Wodehouse, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 16th, 17th and 18th April, 1936, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Limbrick.

A Patrons' List is being opened, and the Honorary Secretary, at 18, Strawberry Bank, Blackburn, would welcome communications from persons who would like to become patrons.

It is desired also to draw the attention of the members to the fact that the Society will require several ushers, etc., when the play is presented, and would be pleased if some of our members, who, though not interested in the active side of the Society, would be willing to offer their services on all or any of the three nights of the play. Members of the Association, especially new ones, should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, if they are at all interested in any branch of Amateur Theatricals, and they will then be circularised of all future events.

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INN——AND OUT!

What Happened To Seven In Big School.

IT would seem compatible with custom to commence this article by discoursing at large on licensed houses. As Shakespeare (I hope) said, "They have their exits and their entrances," and although he was not referring to what are vulgarly termed "pubs," the quotation is quite apt, and that is all that really matters. In view of the fact that you are probably fully aware

of the front doors, back doors, secret entrances, and possibly exits of most public-houses, I may now leave my introduction and turn to weightier matters.

Cast back your mind to the month of October in the year 1934! Our Association held a Meeting—an Annual General Meeting—and our Dramatic Society held its first effort. Do you remember? The play presented was "Thread o'Scarlet," by J. J. Bell. Of course, you simply can't forget now! The scene was laid in—a room in an inn!!

Bring on the good old mind to October, 1935. Another General Meeting is held. Bless my soul—these Meetings are more Annual than hay fever!! The Dramatic Society decided to present another play, and in order to make their fellow brethren of the Old School Tie feel more at ease, resolved to present "A Night at an Inn," by Lord Dunsany. Naturally, the scene was—a room in an inn!!!

You arrived in Big Hall for the Meeting, and, looking for the War Memorial, discovered that it had gone. Instead weird-looking curtains hung limply everywhere. Of course, it dawned upon one that the School was beng decorated. Nothing of the sort! The stage manager had simply made a few simple preparations prior to letting his imagination run riot. He was preparing an unexpected surprise (pleasant, we hope!) for the attending five thousand.

The Meeting eventually finished. Supper was served while the Dramatic Section dressed and made up. The play commenced at last, and (reverting to Bill Shakespeare), we had our entrances and exits thus:—

The Toff		A. Harrison.
Sniggers	Three Seamen	A. Henshaw.
Bill		J. Banister.
Albert		B. G. Counsell.
1st Priest of Klesh		H. S. Marsden.
2nd Priest of Klesh		G. Pickup.
3rd Priest of Klesh / Klesh himself		R. J. Smith.

The play was produced by B. G. Counsell, and the stage management undertaken by G. Pickup. W. T. Dean was in charge of the lighting.

After the play had ended, B. M. Holden proposed, and G. N. Forbes seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dramatic Section, to which J. Banister replied on behalf of our Society. Then, after we had sung "Forty Years On" and the National Anthem, the Meeting dispersed. This was our cue for pulling down our scenery and packing it away, a task in which E. C. Marsden kindly assisted. After a short space of time all was in normal

order, and it was then unanimously decided to feed the inner men. We adjourned to a heavily-laden table, placed before a beautifully warm fire, and enjoyed a very pleasant eat, drink, smoke, and chat for about the space of one hour, when finally we dispersed, eagerly awaiting our next little effort.

Before leaving this running commentary, if such it may be called, let us recall, and if possible retain, fleeting memories of amusing incidents, such as " Bani " trying to sing " Lullaby of Broadway " being threatened by Allan with words of " Remember what happened to poor old Jim in Malta "; or our intense satisfaction in discovering that the former tenant of the inn had forgotten to remove all his stock; or all the foul glue-cum-size-cum-heaven-knows-what with which Geoff had lined (unintentionally, we hope !) the inside of Klesh's head, and which, adhering to the fair locks of Reg (alias Klesh), melted when he sat with his back to the fire and dripped down the poor lad's neck !

We have never failed to get the maximum amount of fun out of any of our shows, nor do we intend to. If you want fun and are interested in our lines, you are our man—we give you a cordial invitation to join us. Do not forget, " the more the merrier," and remember also that experience is not necessary.

Before finally closing down, may we express our gratitude and thanks to the Grammar School Scouts for the kindly loan of their curtaining, without which our " stage " would have been an impossibility.

ONSECT.

R. I. P.

Here lies the body of a Debating Section, mouldering in a wormy bed, until that day of resurrection when sufficient Members signify their interest in debating.

What Are You Going To Do About It?

BRINGING UP THE HEAVIES.

Big Guns On The West Park Front.

BY the time this reaches you, honourable members, all that will remain of the annual offensive in Big School upon Turkey and its allies, to wit, the Annual Dinner, will be the last dying pains of a bout of indigestion. All, we say: but perhaps not all; we hope you will also have retained one or two pleasant memories of the principal guests. If you don't, the blame can't be placed on us, for you must admit that we have done our best

for you this year. Besides bringing you what our lesser contemporaries of the cinematic and theatrical world might refer to as a " big box-office attraction," we have, in the persons of Lord Derby, Sir W. Prescott and Dr. C. Norwood, three worthy representatives of the very things which constitute the life of things around us—air, land, and water.

It will need no explanation to show why Lord Derby represents Land, and little to demonstrate the aquatic claim of Sir William, since he is chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board.

Rather more obscure is the designation of Dr. Norwood. By reason of his former position as Headmaster of Harrow he has been a great talker. Lest, however, you hastily jump to the conclusion that this label indicates merely his ability to liberate much of the sort of air which is always qualified by an adjective denoting warmth, may we hasten to add in admitting this fact that his is of the type that always stimulates and often has a fruitful effect upon the ground over which it blows. In short, his reputation is that of a provocative thinker and forceful speaker.

As regards the physical structure of our guests as conceived in our headlines, we can only speak with authority on one of them. In the other two cases we merely hazard a shrewd guess—and what does it matter, anyway?

Lord Derby's connection with the School needs no comment—his ancestors *were* the School. While Sir William Prescott is not an old boy of the School, he is a worthy son of the town over which it stands, and Dr. Norwood has close family connections with a district not many miles away.

On the whole they are an excellent trio, to whom we have looked forward to listen. In our next we hope to give some permanent record of their visit.

YE OLDE FOOTE BALLE CLUBBE.

Clippings From Ye Captaine's Cabin.

UP to the time of going to press, " honours even so far " is the state of affairs with the Association Football Club's First XI. This means that out of a total of eight League games, four have been won and four lost. In Cup matches success has not been encountered, for n the Salford and Manchester Hospitals Cup, First Round, they were defeated at home by the odd goal in nine by Burnley G.S.O.B.s, while in the preliminary round of the Lancashire Amateur League Cup they were beaten 6—2 by the Old Stretfordians. They were by no means disgraced, however, for the game was played under bad conditions with the

ground under water. The pain of this defeat was somewhat lessened by the warm hospitality of the Old Stretfordians at the hot-pot which followed.

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THE Second XI has done rather better, for,,not counting two matches (one home and one away) of which the result has been mislaid, six wins are recorded against one defeat.

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THE Third XI has done almost as well, for out of a total of seven games, four have been wins, one a draw, and two defeats.

Details :—

First XI.—

Bolton C.I.O.Bs. Away. Lost 1—4.
Bolton C.I.O.Bs. Home. Won 7—3.
Bury G.S.O.Bs. Away. Lost 0—6.
Bolton N.A.L.G.O. Home. Lost 2—3.
Haslingden G.S.O.Bs. Away. Won 5—3.
Old Rivingtonians. Home. Won 3—1.
Darwen Sunnyhurst. Away. Won 3—2.
Blackburn Crosshill. Home. Lost 2—4.

Second XI.—

Bolton C.I.O.Bs. Away. Won 13—0.
Bury G.S.O.Bs. Home. Lost 4—6.
Bolton N.A.L.G.O. Away. Won 5—1.
Preston G.S.O.Bs. Home. Won 8—1.
Bley G.S.O.Bs. Away.
Leyland Road S.S. Home.
Old Rivingtonians. Away. Won 10—0.
Queen's Park Hospital. Home. Won 3—2.
Blackburn Crosshill. Home. Won 8—1.

Third XI.—

Clitheroe Grammar School. Away. Won 3—2.
Blackburn St. Mary's College. Home. Won 7—1.
Accrington Grammar School. Home. Lost 3—5.
Darwen Corinthians. Away. Won 7—3.
Preston G.S.O.Bs. Home. Won 4—3.
Preston J.T.O.Bs. Away. Drew 2—2.
Heywood G.S.O.Bs. Home. Lost 2—3.

THE annual Boxing Day match will take place as usual on the Harrison Playing Fields, kicking off at 10-45 a.m. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the committee, price 6d. each. Owing to family ties, W. T. Whewell will be unable to attend, while business prevents R. H. Taylor from being present, but H. Brogden has very kindly promised to bring along a team; this he will call the "H. Brogden XI." On New Year's Day,and kicking off at the same time, will be the match with Blackburn Technical College. The net proceeds in both cases will be for charities.

In closing, it is pointed out that new players are always welcome; those interested are asked to get in touch with any member of the Committee.

ON the social side there has been the first dance of the season, which took place in the Co-operative Emporium in October. About 220 people as a result are waiting eagerly for the next, which will take place in March.

"TOP HAT, WHITE TIE AND TAILS."

WITHOUT becoming either boring, insincere, or theatrical, it is almost impossible to say anything about a dance except that "a good time was had by all." It is one of those things in life to be experienced rather than talked about, and that is why we propose to say no more about the Association's Annual Dance beyond the fact that this description has fitted the function in the past. That it will do so again we have no doubt, so remember to keep your diary open for 10th January, 1936, when we hope to see you in the Co-op. Assembly Rooms. Tickets, as usual, will be obtainable from Committee-men or the Secretary, 5/- each.

DEAD LETTER BOX.

SIX Old Blackburnians whose names appear below are at present residing at addresses of which the Secretary is unaware. If any member who reads this can put him in touch with the aforesaid untraceables he will earn that official's undying gratitude. For identification purposes we append their last-known abodes:—

O. E. Harvey, late of Sandringham School, Southport ;
T. Calvert, late of Wesley House, Pembroke ;
W. Sanderson, late of 74, Coddington Street, Blackburn ;
E. H. Hindle, late of 6, Sawrey Street, Blackburn ;
H. Sutton, late of Allenby, Arterial Road, Blackburn ;
H. Mercer, late of Ingledene, Whalley.

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We trust that this information is of interest to you, and if you are able to pass it on to any other Old Boys, many of whom are not now at the addresses in our records, we shall be extremely grateful.

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Sales in School of Nos. 46, 47, 48	30	15	6
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Advertisements	44	2	0
Bank Interest	0	3	0
Balance brought forward	48	12	5
	£155	10	5

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Contribution to the Jubilee Fund	5	0	0
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EDITORIAL.

WITH this number, " The Blackburnian " celebrates its seventeenth birthday. Since 1919, when it was first instituted, it has seen many changes, both in its personnel and in its own appearance.

At first, the position of Editor was filled by members of the staff, but as time went on, it was felt that this office should be handed over to a member of the School. From the moment that that change actually took place " The Blackburnian " became more than ever before a magazine written " for the School by the School." It is this point that we would like to emphasise. This has never been a magazine giving a list of School events, and nothing more; a great part of its material consists of literary articles contributed by independent members of the School; and without this valuable help, the magazine could not possibly exist in its present state.

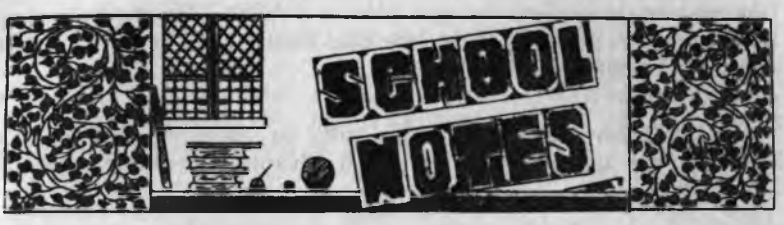
In times past, editors have not lacked from year to year a sufficient number of contributions from which to make a good and sufficient selection, and it appeared that the various contributors were pleased to " do their bit." During the past few terms, however, the reverse has been the case. There has been a very noticeable decrease in supplies, so that the problem has become not so much what articles to omit, but rather how to procure more, in order to produce a magazine of the now customary size and quality.

It would seem that the literary geniuses of the School are shy —that they prefer to hide their light under a bushel. After a little consideration, it will be clear that this odd behaviour profits neither the light itself nor those whom it is meant to serve.

We have heard, also, of those who do not wish their friends to know that they have stooped so low as to write articles for the magazine, when, after all, there is the usual weekly crop of boring essays to be done as well. It seems to be considered "infra dig." to intrude into the realms of literary art unless there is some urgent necessity to do so. As a reply to this, one need only refer the embryo author to the whole range of the world's literature, all of which was written without outside compulsion of any kind.

But whatever the cause of this alarming paucity of articles, we should like to see it remedied during the years to come. Each term it is announced, both by word of mouth and by poster advertisement, that articles are needed; and when the response is practically nil, the result is that those in charge begin to lose hope.

May we, then, in this our last Editorial, ask the School for its whole-hearted and unstinted support, so that Editors of the future may not be placed in so awkward and so unhappy a position. It should always be borne in mind that the magazine is just as much a part of School activity as are Cricket and Football, and is deserving of just as much support.



TERM began on Thursday, April 30th, and will end on July 16th.

Last term we lost the services of Mr. W. A. Claydon, who had been with us since September, 1931. An appreciation of his work was published in our last issue, and we publish elsewhere in this number a photograph, unavoidably left over from last term. Mr. Claydon's place has been taken by Mr. Blenkinsop, who, unfortunately, could not take over his duties at the beginning of term, owing to illness; now that he is with us, we wish him every success in his work here.

It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of the Very Reverend the Provost of Blackburn, John Sinker, who died on April 24th, and was buried at Salesbury on April 28th. A wreath was sent from the School on behalf of the Staff and the Boys. As a Governor of the School, the Provost took a deep interest in all its activities, and was well liked on all sides. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his relatives and friends.

This term, just previous to half-term, the School learned with pleasurable surprise of the honour bestowed upon one of its Governors, when the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Mr. J. W. Marsden, J.P., Chairman of the Governors, by the Chancellor of the University of Manchester. Those who know anything of his valuable work in educational and other spheres in the town will not doubt that the honour was well deserved. His considerable abilities were also recognised in 1929, when he was elected Chairman of Ryland's Library, Manchester.

Another Old Boy has been in the news recently—Professor J. Garstang, the eminent archæologist, and Professor of Archæology at Liverpool University. This year he discovered at Jericho the remains of a civilised community stated by experts to be nearly 9,000 years old. This discovery means that 2,000 years have been added to the calendar of civilisation.

Empire Day this year fell on Sunday, May 24th, and therefore the customary service was not held in School. On the following day, however, portions of the late Earl Beatty's message to schools were read after Morning Prayers.

Half-Term lasted from May 30th to June 3rd, but as the weather was again unkind, not much advantage could be taken of the respite.

The Annual Sports took place this year on Thursday, May 28th. Although the day was not quite so warm as it has been in previous years, it was quite suited to the matter in hand. A more detailed report will be found elsewhere.

Although the weather has on several occasions proved unkind, the Cricket elevens have shown good form, and we hope that this will be continued to the end of term.

The Sixth Form Tennis Tournament, now a recognised annual event, is taking place this term. The number of competitors has proved gratifying to the organisers; it is only to be hoped that the Final will be as interesting as it was last year.

School swimming has been continued this term, and the results of the regular visits to the baths should be seen at the Gala next term.

On Saturday, June 13th, the School as a whole visited the North-East Lancashire Exhibition, which had been opened by the Earl of Derby on the previous Wednesday. All those who attended had a very enjoyable and interesting morning.

SALVETE.

To the following boys who entered the School last term we extend a most hearty welcome:—

A. Tattersall, A. C. Morris, R. Miller.

VALETE.

We extend our cordial wishes for the success in their new spheres to all those boys who left last term :—

Vipond, R. (1st XI. Football, 1935-36; S.C. and M., 1933; H.S.C., 1935).

Shaw, F. (1st XI. Football, 1934-36; 1st XI. Cricket, 1935; S.C. and M., 1934).

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"The Rydeian."
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"Ex Montibus."
"The Bordenian."

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

DID any of you regular readers ever have any dealings with an editor? If not, then this will be, as it were, an eye-opener for you. As a class, editors are the most jealous people that one could possibly meet. If anyone at all approaches their preconceived ideas of their own literary ability, then they band together to exterminate him; and he, who was of late a budding

genius of letters, discouraged by the frequent returns of his manuscripts together with the Editor's rejection slip, throws up the sponge and becomes a milkman, or a dustman, or anything that will serve as the outlet for his innate ambition.

To give an example of what I mean, let me quote my own case. There can be no doubt that I am a genius, but the Editor will persist in making me keep my light under a bushel. In the course of my career I have written a tragedy, a drama, a comedy, and a romance, as well as an epic poem, a philosophical poem, as well as several noteworthy lyrics. I know that if they had been submitted to Messrs. Blackwell, Whitewell and Livewell they would have made their (and incidentally my) fortunes. But loyalty to the School, inspired by the Head's reiterated boosting of the magazine, induced me to submit them to various School Editors. Did I receive any thanks? Decidedly not! I was grossly insulted. I was asked condescendingly by the Editor what form I was in? He said that he had always thought I was in the Sixth, but now he wasn't so sure, seeing that I had the mentality of a First-former. Now, definitely hurt, I am going to put my case to you and ask you to prove them wrong.

Here are a few examples of my work. First a lyric:—

Lo! deep in a forest where nobody goes,
There lives a pretty fairy with little pink toes;
She sings and she dances, she washes and sews
All the elfins of fairyland's nice little clothes.

Her name, it is either Sweet-Pea or Cow-Slip;
And shaped like Cupid's is her nether lip;
And o'er the ditches her feet twinkle and trip,
While her cap is made of an orange's pip.

But she has a secret which no one must know,
And in fear and trembling does she ever go.
She does not seem worried by a mortal foe.
But no one must e'er know! Ah! no one must know!

What I want you to realise is its extreme simplicity. [Simplicity is right.—Ed.] Why, a child could have written it. [I should say he has.—Ed.] But owing to the Editor's foul jealousy, you have been denied the pleasure and privilege of reading it, and many like it. [Thank goodness.—Ed.]

I once submitted an epic of some 10,000 lines long, written in irregular blank verse. The following extract will suffice to show its extremely high quality:—

" The hero staggered and stumbled through the stubble-stalks
(alliteration)
As a wasp,
Smitten by some human's fell fury, falls
Lightly, and mortally
Wounded, buzzing in ire to the ground. (Homerii Simile).
He smiled sadly.
Blood bubbled and burbled from his lips (onomatopœia),
For he was dying.
But the lightning in his eyes flashed (metaphor),
Flashed the lightning his eyes (Miltonic Inversion),
While the sun of his soul (mixed metaphor)
Spread slowly over his face (sustained metaphor),
Which normally was the colour of fat, but
Was now like the sunset.
But the Bullet (personification) bit still more keenly
Into his side, and he fell
Fainting." (Alliteration).

When I tell you that this was kept up for 10,000 lines, you will realise that I have not under-estimated my true worth.

It has just struck me that perhaps you, like your Editor, are blind and hostile to worth. But that will not pain me a jot. I will rest content that I cannot be kept down and realise that Keats was once ridiculed, but rose supreme. Perhaps not to-day, nor to-morrow, nor next week, nor next month, nor next year, but at least sooner or later (later, I hope—Ed.) the world will realise the true worth of the genius whom they have hitherto despised, and I will be appreciated. Perhaps, happy thought, I will be studied for Higher School Certificate one day. You never can tell, can you?

I put my trust in you, and I hope you will vindicate me. If you do not, I do not mind at all. In that case I realise that you have no real critical abilities, and I am sorry for you.

HOLIDAY HINTS.

WITH the summer holidays so near, perhaps the following may be of some interest and help:—

HINTS ON FISHING.

For a learner to begin the sport of angling, he needs a fairly good roach rod, valued at about 7/6, a reel, obtainable for 3/6, several complete lines, i.e., catgut, hook, float, and sinker on a split bamboo, and a line about 20 yards in length. One of the

popular novice's fish is the roach. This may be caught on ordinary bread paste, i.e., bread and water, mixed to form a sticky paste; or maggots obtainable from shops where fishing tackle is sold.

When you have acquired more experience, a trout or pike is very good sport. A trout can be caught on fly bait, i.e., a small hook with artificial coverings to represent a fly; it can also be caught on red worm, but not the kind found in every garden.

Having taken to fishing in earnest, if the angler wants a thrill he must catch a pike. Pike can be caught on two things, live roach or spoon, the former being the most used; it is on a needle arrangement with plenty of barbs embedded in it. The spoon bait is shaped like the hollow of a spoon, with trailing barbs, the hollow of the spoon attracting the attention of the pike.

A.K.

A CYCLING CLUB.

A school like ours, to which a great number of bicycles are brought daily, many of which are too good for this purpose of everyday use, ought to have a cycling club. There are enough boys of all sizes to make a club with sections of about twenty in each. These sections ought to be formed so that boys of the same age are in the same section.

The greater part of the reckless cyclists on the road do not belong to a club; a club will train the boys to be good, steady riders, and will teach them "road sense." Also, motorists have more regard for clubs than they have for lone cyclists. I am a keen cyclist, and have ridden alone and with a club. A club makes cycling fifty per cent. better and more enjoyable. It is time that the School had its own Cycling Club.

K. Brown (IV.A).

1815—1936.

(A version of Lamartine's "Epitaph," written in memory of French prisoners-of-war in England).

Here sleep, the jetsam of this earthly strife,
Brave sons of war, born 'neath a fairer sky;
Although 'twas England's chains they bore in life,
In death, 'tis in her generous earth they lie.

No longer there the breast with passion burns,
And hate with life's last breath its end doth find;
In that last home, all to Death's peace returns,
Friend's dust and foe's commingled by the wind.

Hark! from earth's tomb to us their voice hath said:
" How vain on earth to conquer and to slay!
Thy glory, 'tis a dream, so sheath thy blade;
O man, one hour, and all must pass away!"

ANON.

A STRANGE STORY.

ONE day, when I had finished taking passengers around the bay at 6d. a trip in my blue-and-white speed-boat, the " Hawk," I was overhauling her. When I had finished, I went for tea and a chat with some " old salts."

An old man came up to me, and said in quavering voice, " Have you a motor-boat, laddie?" " Well, I have a speed-boat," I replied doubtfully, for I thought that it was a funny time to have a trip around the bay, as there was a storm brewing. " Can you take me round the bay?" he asked; " I want to have a look at the spot where the ' Louisiana ' sank in 1688."

I was not short of money, but as he promised to pay me £1, I reluctantly agreed. I got out the " Hawk," and told him to jump in. He said that he was very interested in old wrecks. Still thinking it very queer, I started the engine. We started, and the rain did too. The " Hawk " is a calm-water boat, but she stood the trough manfully. I told my passenger in the back seat to put on an oilskin. He refused, saying that he would not catch cold.

It was now growing dark, and I switched on our small searchlight. Suddenly, I heard faint cries of " Help!" I circled round, and then the searchlight revealed two small figures clinging to a buoy. I went to them, and managed to get them aboard. They sat in the front with me, and I turned around and made back for the shore. I helped the two boys out, and they told me their story. They were the great-great-grandsons of the commander of the " Louisiana," and had wanted to see where the ship had sunk. They had only gone in a rowing-boat, and had started fishing. They had forgotten the time, until the storm sank their boat.

" Well," I said, " there is an old man in the back who also came to see the spot where the ' Louisiana ' sank. Let me introduce you." I moved over to the side of the quay, and got in the back seat. There was a bulge in the oilskin at one end. " That's him," I said to myself. I lifted the oilskin—there was no one there!

N. REDMAYNE (IV.A).

SPRING.

There is a season of the year
  Which everyone loves best,
When tender leaves begin to peer,
  Each bird to build a nest;
When song is heard from every tree,
  And in each grassy bower
The primrose and anemone
  Welcome the April shower.

But often comes a biting wind
  A-blowing from the east,
And often seem the skies unkind
  As though the spring had ceased;
Yet by-and-by the skies are blue,
  The clouds all fly away,
And then we know that it is true
  That Spring has come to stay.

ANON. (IV.A).

DESOLATION.

THE scene was laid on the coast of Cornwall when the sullen, grey seas were battering themselves against the bare, black rocks. It was mid-winter, and the few stunted bushes which had survived the storm, which even now was raging, looked ragged and forlorn. What was left of the path safety-rail at the top of the cliff leaned sadly towards the sea. The Abbey ruins were silhouetted blackly against the cold grey of the dawn. Out at sea a worn-out clipper was fighting gamely against the fury of the elements. Who would have thought that this battered hulk was the trim vessel they had admired so much at Plymouth?

BOB DICKENS (Charlie's brother).

THE SEA.

O restless Sea! where are thy secrets hid?
  Thy mighty waves do lash this rock-bound coast.
Do wind and sea conspire against mankind
  To make his anguish their triumphal boast?

Oft have I seen thee on a summer's day,
  When all around was bright and calm and still,
And little children played upon the shore,
  Without a fear of any harm or ill!

But now what contrast does mine eye behold!
The tempest roars, the winds rise more and more—
In place of peace, there is but warfare now,
And weeping women wait upon the shore.

J. E. Varey (IV.a).

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

So high a standard has been set by the Dramatic Society in the Easter Plays of recent years, that it is becoming a platitude to say by how much the latest performance excelled the preceding one, which in its turn, etc. . . . . Let us then be content with saying that this year's presentation of Arnold Ridley's farce, " Third Time Lucky," was a really competent piece of work which afforded a full measure of enjoyment to audiences and players alike.

All the characters sustained their parts well. The chief character, the Rev. Arthur Fear, was played by F. E. Brown, and the fact that he was the outstanding figure in an excellent cast is by no means wholly due to the importance of his part. He seemed to revel in his study of the meek, nervous and rather " soft " parson so dear to farce and caricature, who has an aptitude for putting his foot in things, but also one for drawing it cleverly out, to the great discomfiture of the villains of the piece.

The part of Jennifer, the Rector's ward, who is responsible for many of her guardian's troubles, but who is romantically united with him in the end, was played by H. P. Gibbons. And it would not be too much to say that he made the best " girl " that we have ever seen in a School play. His wide experience in Speech Day representations and in musical festivals, of course, gave him a big advantage, and though not possessed of a loud voice, his ability to " throw " it was a prominent feature of his work. He not only looked the part, which is difficult when portraying the opposite sex, but entered whole-heartedly into it, which is no less difficult when one has to play love scenes with a school-fellow!

Blackshaw was once again the villain-in-chief. The champion of law and order seems—dare we say it?—perfectly cut out for these nefarious parts. In his study of Captain Crowther he, with the help of some excellent make-up, achieved an even greater degree of sleekness and sliminess than last year.

K. Ainsworth, always at home in the Gordon Harker type of part, was extremely funny as the burglar, proving an excellent foil to Brown. But when he made his entrance in Bishop's array he had the audience in uproar, and he proceeded to commit a series of ludicrous " faux pas " with a brazen indifference which reduced

the audience to tears. It is to be trusted that his peculiar fittedness for the part of a law-breaker, together with his incongruity in clerical garb, are in no way a reflection on his character off the stage.

The rest of the characters were no less convincing, though the extent of their parts offered less scope. Eccles seemed quite natural in a fairly straight part; though second in villainy only to Blackshaw, he was somehow a more sympathetic character, and one could understand his almost successful deception of Jennifer; but, then, perhaps we know him too well! Hargreaves, Browell and Stephenson in the parts of Mrs. Clutterbuck, Mrs. Scratton and Mrs. Gordon Startwright respectively, all made convincing old or middle-aged ladies—no easy matter! Hargreaves was homely and motherly, Browell flurried and excited, Stephenson fussy and very much dumbfounded by the conduct of " her " bishop—all admirably suited to their characters. Lawson, as Mrs. Scratton's son, Vincent, made a very convincing young rascal whose sniffing and by-play with his pistol afforded an amusing side-action. Lastly, but by no means least, Jacobson was the perfect villainous butler, and was almost frightening with his side-blinds and sallow complexion. May we say about him what was said about another butler in another Easter play, viz., that he need never be unemployed, for even should he be unable to find a post as a butler, he will surely be able to find a living on the seamy side of life.

In conclusion, we must not forget the producers, Dr. Tyler, Mr. Williams and Mr. Collier, who, together with those others behind the stage, helped to make this year's School Play truly a " roaring " success.

A.J.W.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

THE first event of importance during the course of the term was the Sports, and in this, as was expected, Drake played no very distinguished part. Entries were somewhat meagre, except among the juniors, and the great majority of those who did enter did not seem to think it necessary to train. Consequently Sports Day saw us filling fifth position with a total of 25 points. Of these, three were gained in the Under XIV events, and none at all in the Open, and so our thanks are due to the under 16 competitors—Greenwood, Harrison (F.), Bell, Metcalfe and Carmichael—for preventing us being credited with a truly deplorable total.

In the cricket competition our record, while far from being outstanding, is by no means disgraceful. Our first match with Howard was ruined by the weather; and our second, with Frobisher, we lost, after being in a winning position for a great part of the game, by but one wicket. The two remaining matches played, with Raleigh and Hawkins, were drawn, and in each case time alone prevented us from winning. A feature of these matches has been the splendid batting of the team. If the bowling had been on the same level we should, in all probability, have been able to record three victories.

Our lead in the Marsden Merit Competition has been adequately maintained. The School work of the House has been a very gratifying feature throughout the year, and, provided all goes well in the examinations, we should retain the Cup once again. At present we have a lead of over 70 points. We thank the following for the points gained during the term :—

Bury, F. (VI.b.Sc.) and Haslam, E. (III.c), 6 points each (the maximum); Pomfret, Jas. (IV.a) and Smith, W. A. (IV.b), 5 points each; Nightingale, S. M., 4; Catlow, B. F. (IV.c), Houghton, J. (III.a), Houghton, E. J. (III.d) and Hindle, E. (II.d), 3; Evans, W. J. (V.b), Rawson, H. (V.c) and Dark, J. F. (V.d), 2; Fletcher, R. H. (VI.b.Mod.), Harrison, N. (V.b), Whalley, H. (Rem.) and Duckworth, C. (II.b), 1 point each.

Finally, to all who are about to leave us, we offer our heartiest wishes for success in future life.

H.K.

FROBISHER.

"GAUDEAMUS igitur, victores dum sumus." The keynote of this report must be one of jubilation, for after taking the Football Cup last term, which, incidentally, is becoming a matter of course, we proceeded this term to accomplish the unprecedented feat (in Frobisher's history for many years, at least) of winning the Sports Cup, and continued our triumphant progress by establishing a strong position in the Cricket Competition.

The Robinson Cup Final was reached by an easy path, and in it we overcame Grenville in an enjoyable game.

Cricket matches have been rare, but up to the time of writing, maximum points have been obtained, though Drake gave us a fright. With the aid of a little determination, our talented team ought to enable us to gain the Triple Crown of Sports.

The Athletic Sports victory was, however, the most splendid of all. The Tug-of-War event, which concluded the meeting, provided an intriguing position, the scores prior to it of Grenville, Howard and ourselves being 44, 44, and 37, with 8 points at stake in the tug. A strong team tugged its way to the final to meet the inevitable opponent Grenville, whose team struggled manfully, but was unfortunate enough once more to have to play second fiddle. Thanks are here accorded to all who made the issue so successful by scoring points, and especially to Curtis and Barritt for fine performances in their respective sections.

In the foregoing the House may find the theme of self-congratulation predominant, but Frobisher House Captains in the past have had ample cause for complaint, and have often given vent to their feelings in no mean terms. A little patting of our own backs is, then, not out of place when merited; in any event, we are not likely to sink into the mire of smug self-complacency whilst the Marsden Merit Cup results remain persistently so depressing. Immediately after my comment, in the last report, on an improvement, a slump set in, and is still in effect. The only hope of escape from the ignominy of a final position at the foot of the table is an end-of-term rally which will lift us above our nearest neighbour, Raleigh. The margin is not so great; in fact, considering the number of points obtainable in the July examinations, quite easily surmountable. Points accruing from the first three fortnights are due to the efforts of: Hindle, T., Moulding, E., and Wetherell, F., 3 each; Maxwell, W., 2; Dixon, R., Jepson, J. W., Tattersall, A., and Walker, E., 1 each. A " grand " total of 15.

No one appears to have been on report—" for small mercies, then . . . . ."

Next year, I hope, we shall do something to surprise those who make comments about brawn, but no brain; this year we must admit it, but a little smile is, I think, permissible at the same time.

F.E.B.

GRENVILLE.

WHEN last term's report was written our football teams were in the finals for the Robinson and Forbes Cup Competitions; we regret that we cannot record a win in either of these matches. The First XI. was severely beaten by

Frobisher, while the Under 14 XI. met a similar fate, though not quite so disastrously, against Raleigh. We do, however, congratulate both teams on having gone so far in the competitions.

The Summer Term has brought cricket once more, and so far we have played two games. We opened the season with Frobisher as our opponents and we were defeated, thus making our retention of the Cricket Cup somewhat precarious. Against Raleigh the results were more favourable: their score was passed with several of our wickets in hand. It is to be hoped that the only trophy which we possess will not pass from our hands.

Our chances of gaining the Sports Shield were thought to be rather negligible, but Sports Day brought many pleasant and unexpected successes. First, we must congratulate Harris on becoming the Senior Victor Ludorum, a reward reaped by his ardent training. Then the senior and junior relay teams came in with first places, thus giving a formidable number of points. In fact, the final pull in the Tug-of-War was the event which decided the contest for the Shield. Once more we were opposed by Frobisher, and once more their superior weight won the day! Thus we have to be satisfied with gaining a worthy second place in the event, fully confident that the winning House had to fight for its laurels. But all the activities of the House have not resulted in a second place. The Grenvillites of Horncliffe, who excelled themselves in their sports, tied with Drake for the possession of the Cup; we congratulate them most cordially.

Grenville's position in the Marsden Merit list still remains the same. The usual stalwarts who raised us to second place last term have enabled us to hold this position. It seems a pity, however, that Drake cannot be displaced from their leadership just for the want of extra support from other members of the House. We thank those whose names appear below for their efforts in gaining points for the House. The clean sheet as regards report cards has not been spoilt; this certainly is an achievement!

Reviewing the past year, this House has won few trophies, but our position seems to have been one of "runners-up." Next year we must make that extra push which converts second places into firsts.

Greenhalgh, G. E., 5 points; O'Hare, F., 4 points; Hunt, J. K., Ninniss, W. E., Shearer, I. B., Varey, J. F., 3 points each; Edgar, A., Lightbown, J. K., Worden, H., 2 points each; Brown, A. H., Crossley, J., Eccles, F., and Hindle, H. G., 1 point each.

R.A.H.

HAWKINS.

IN spite of the appeals for better support in the previous terms' reports, Hawkins has moved no higher in the Merit List, and unless a really great effort has been made in terminal and State examinations alike, we seemed destined to occupy an extremely inglorious third or even fourth position.

However, since this is the last report of the year, one must, I suppose, attempt to adopt a less pessimistic tone. The annual Sports were this year decided before half-term. Entries, in the under 16 class especially, were disappointingly few; nevertheless, hopes of good results on the day were entertained. These were so far realised, that if we could but have won the Tug-of-War, instead of being pulled in the semi-final, we should have won the Shield by the same narrow margin which made Frobisher successful. An examination of points gained is illuminating. Two-thirds of our total were gained by seniors, the remainder by under 14 competitors; in spite of the efforts of a few stalwarts, no points at all were gained in the under 16 class. It is perhaps invidious to single out the achievements of Ormerod and Browell, yet the example of the former, in particular, at Lammack during the year is well worthy of emulation. There is in the House a great deal of excellent material, and consistent practice in all branches of sport should yield next year a greater measure of success.

On the cricket field Soady has again captained a strong XI. Our first match was cancelled, and of the others, though we were perhaps fortunate to defeat Howard, our victory against Frobisher was very convincing, and a strong Grenville side beat us only in a last wicket stand. The captain and team are to be heartily congratulated on winning our only trophy this year, the Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup.

Finally, I should like to express on behalf of the many seniors leaving School this summer our best wishes for the future of the House. The appointment of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hunt as Housemasters surpassed our highest hopes; give them your loyal support, Hawkins, and results will soon be forthcoming.

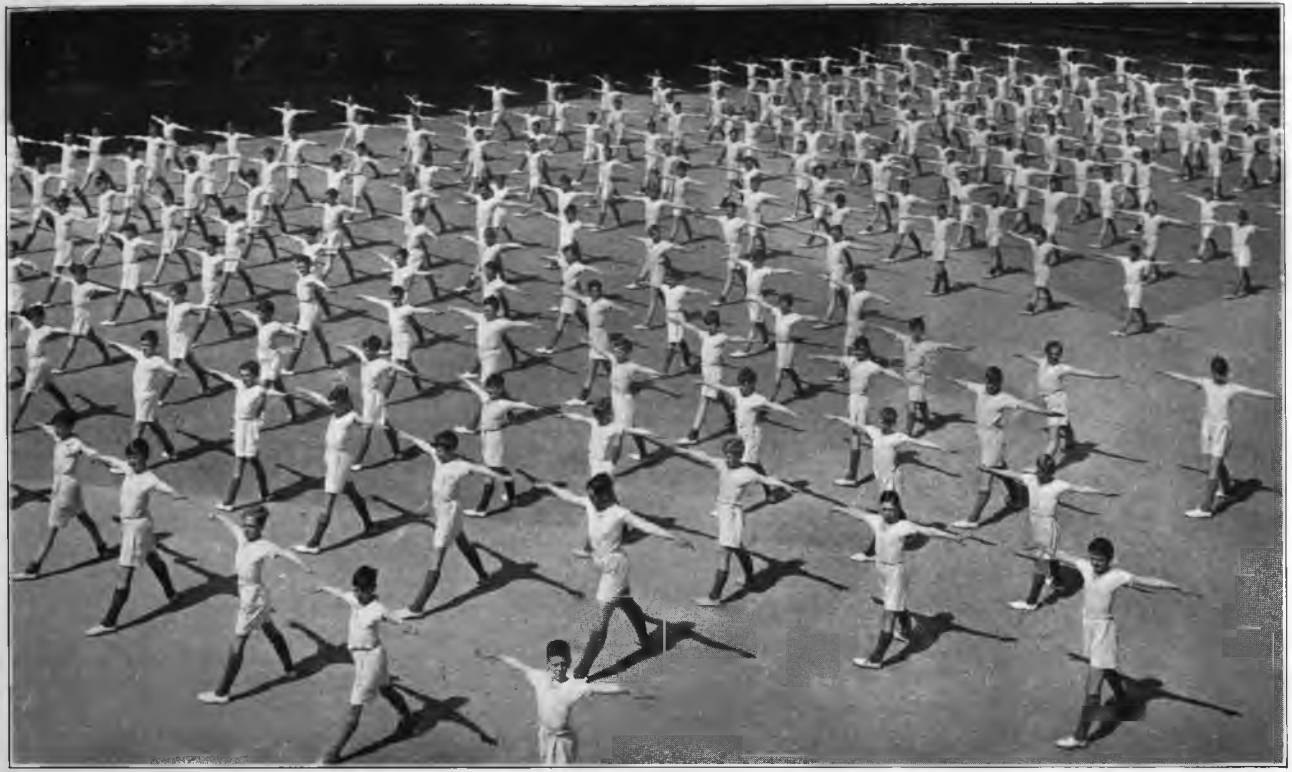
Appended are the points gained so far this term in the Merit Competition :—

Cardlin, A., 8 points (a consistently good performance); Hargreaves, J. J., 5 points; Grundy, H. F., Walne, L. A., and Ratcliffe, D. S., 4 points each; Croft, J. B., 3 points; Hirst, H., Westall, R., Kenyon, N. B., and Ratcliffe, S., 2 points each; Gracey, N., Bradley, H., Gerrard, A. J., and Mantell, P. K., 1 point each.

E. BLACKSHAW.

1st XI. CRICKET, 1936.

Standing: H. Smith, E. Thomas, H. Ingham, H. Bradley, G. H. Walker.
Seated: D. Eccles, T. S. Simpson, L. G. Soady (Captain), L. D. Walsh, J. W. Jepson.
In *Front: K. R. Parkinson and E. V. Aspden.*



MASSED PHYSICAL TRAINING—MIDDLE SCHOOL.

HOWARD.

"THE slings and arrows of outrageous fortune . . . . ." It has frequently been our lot, in recent times, to have little to record in this report, save failures, accompanied by loud entreaties for a greater keenness in House activities. Once more we are unable to report any complete success, but on this occasion the sole cause for complaint is our deplorable ill-luck. Truly, Fortune seems to have dealt scurvily with Howard this term!

This outburst against Providence is occasioned primarily by our tantalising experience in the Athletic Sports which took place early enough this year to feature in this account. Before the event, though naturally hoping for a fairly good result, we hardly expected to wrest the Sports Shield from the possession of Houses with apparently more talent than our own. But we reckoned without the general keenness, the consistent training and the will to win shown by the House's representatives. As a result, after the first batch of events had taken place on the Tuesday evening, we had established a comfortable lead over the other Houses and seemed to have every chance of maintaining, even of increasing it. However, the Fates decreed otherwise! In the very first event on the Thursday afternoon, Thomas, one of our chief hopes, sprained his ankle and was unable to take further part in the proceedings. Even so, others continued to win points, so that Howard was in the lead right up to the last event, the Tug-of-War, which enabled Frobisher to snatch the Shield from our grasp by the infinitesimal margin of one point! Misfortune, indeed, to have come so near to victory under such a handicap as was entailed by the loss of Thomas. While preferring not to single out particular individuals for mention, we cannot omit to congratulate Widdup on his fine performance in winning the Junior Victor Ludorum. Apart from some excellent work in individual events, his final spurt which just failed to gain second place for us in the Under Fourteen House Relay Race (after our being well behind as a result of the first three laps) was a really magnificent effort. Thus Howard just failed to win the Sports; yet far from being a disgraceful failure, it was rather, we would presume to say, a moral victory, and we heartily congratulate all those who took part in it with such effort and keenness.

In Cricket, too, we have had some bad luck at times. After dismissing Hawkins for 47, we failed by one run to equal their total! Against Raleigh we lost by 13 runs after sending our opponents back for 62, though here our batting was weakened by the absence of Thomas. But against Frobisher our fortunes changed at last, and a really splendid performance was accomplished in defeating a hitherto unbeaten side. At last we found

form with the bat and reached the total of 103, of which Eccles made 35. Frobisher were then dismissed for 58, due in no small way to the wicket-keeping of Eccles. Outstanding features of the season's cricket have been the excellent bowling of Robinson, supported by that of Parkinson, the reliable batting of Thomas, and some fine work behind the stumps by Eccles, under whose captaincy a keen side has hardly had the success it deserved. Moreover, there is good augury for the future in the promising junior talent which is being discovered, thanks to Mr. Collier's interest and encouragement.

The destination of the Merit Cup is already a foregone conclusion, and it is only in a more or less formal sense that we urge all our point-winners and examination candidates to help at least to maintain our present position. We only hope that a bigger effort will be made next year to regain this honour. This term having been so short, we append a list of the year's point-winners up to the time of writing:—

Mather, H. F. (III.a), 21 points; Robinson, L. K. (V.a), 20; Burras, J. R. (IV.c) and Griffiths, A. A. (Trans.), 15 points each; Read, J. (II.d), 13 points; Harwood, J. A. D. (III.c), 9; Thornber, H. H. (Rem.), 8; Crossley, E. (III.b) and Reader, W. D. (Upper Vth), 7 each; Leaver, H. (IV.c) and Price, A. (V.c), 6 each; King, R. (II.a), 5; Gabbutt, D. (III.c), 3; Dugdale, A. (V.b), 2; Baker, F. (VI.b.Sc.), Bentley, J. I. (IV.a), Edwards, C. (III.d), Hadfield, J. W. (IV.b), Lord, J. (Upper Vth), Morgan, J. (II.a), and Redman, J. A. (Trans.), 1 each. All these we cordially thank, hoping that they and others will appear regularly in next year's lists.

Finally, as we conclude this our last report, may we express the wish that Howard will, in the near future, revive its old and glorious traditions? There seems plenty of promise in our youthful members, and it is to be hoped that they, and all those who remain, will strive their utmost to bring Howard to the fore once again in all the activities of School life.

K. S. Aspinall

RALEIGH.

THE activities of the House this year have been for the most part disappointing, for since we gained the Swimming Cup last October nothing of note has been achieved. In the Marsden Merit Cup Competition we are challenging Frobisher for the lowest place in the table, and unless the members of the House try their utmost, it seems likely that we shall occupy this very undignified position at the end of the School year.

Our performance at the Sports offers a striking contrast to last year, when we succeeded in winning the Sports Trophy. Our entries were far fewer than those of any other House. Yet the majority of those who entered are to be congratulated on the very fine show they put up, of whom Collins deserves special mention.

The cricket team, under the captaincy of Simpson, has had a fairly successful season, for of the four matches played, one has been won, two drawn, and one lost. The team, however, has shown that its batting strength is adequate and that its greatest need is a good change bowler to relieve the opening bowlers.

The following gained points this term and are to be thanked for their efforts:—Lewney (II.c), 4 points; Walsh, G. P. (V.d), Abel, H. (Rem.), and Haymes (III.b), 3 points each; Rowland (V.a), 2 points; Bradshaw and Mayo (both of III.a), 1 point each.

It is pleasing to note that no one has so far been "On Report."

Since this term concludes the House activities for a year which can in no way be said to have been successful, one must look to the future in the hope that some whole-hearted effort will be made to restore the House to its former prestige. In this attempt all the members who are leaving at the end of this term wish the House the very best of success.

Finally, to all those members of the House who are leaving this term we give our best wishes for their success in the future, whatever occupation they may take up.

H.I.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

THE Seventeenth Annual Athletic Sports were held on Tuesday and Thursday, May 26th and 28th. These dates are much earlier than those in previous years, and are well before examination time.

In the midst of a spell of rather wet weather, Fortune favoured us with a fine, sunny day. The ground was in splendid condition, and a more ideal day would have been difficult to find.

This year the winning House was Frobisher, with 45 points; Grenville and Howard were second by a very narrow margin, each having 44 points.

The Senior Victor Ludorum was won by N. Harris, a well-deserving winner; the Junior Victor Ludorum was won by A. Widdup.

Our thanks are due to the Staff for their customary efficiency in carrying out the proceedings.

Results.

100 Yards (Open): 1, R. Barritt (F.); 2, G. Browell (Hk.); 3, H. Collins (R.).

100 Yards (under 16): 1, H. Curtis (F.); 2, F. Harrison (D.); 3, D. Barnes (Ho.).

100 Yards (under 14): 1, A. Widdup (Ho.); 2, H. Francis (F.); 3, A. Carolin (Hk.).

220 Yards (open): 1, R. Barritt (F.); 2, H. Collins (R.); 3, G. Browell (Hk.).

220 Yards (under 16): 1, H. Curtis (F.); 2, F. Harrison (D.); 3, D. Barnes (Ho.).

220 Yards (under 14): 1, A. Widdup (Ho.); 2, H. Francis (F.); 3, A. Worden (G.).

Quarter-Mile (open): 1, E. Thomas (Ho.); 2, H. Tomlinson (G.); 3, H. Lynch (Hk.).

Quarter-Mile (under 16): 1, E. L. Robinson (Ho.); 2, C. Greenwood (D.); 3, H. Curtis (F.).

Quarter-Mile (under 14): 1, A. Emmett (R.); 2, A. Kilshaw (G.); 3, F. Pomfret (D.).

Half-Mile (open): 1, N. Harris (G.); 2, H. Tomlinson (G.); 3, J. Ormerod (Hk.).

Half-Mile (under 16): 1, H. Curtis (F.); 2, R. Marsden (Ho.); 3, N. Metcalfe (D.).

Half-Mile (under 14): 1, K. Brown (R.); 2, A. Emmett (R.); 3, D. Miller (Hk.).

Mile (open): 1, N. Harris (G.); 2, T. Ormerod (Hk.); 3, E. Thomas (Ho.).

Long Jump (open): 1, H. Collins (R.); 2, G. Browell (Hk.); 3, R. Barritt (F.).

Long Jump (under 16): 1, W. Mellody (R.); 2, L. K. Robinson (Ho.); 3, D. Barnes (Ho.).

Long Jump (under 14): 1, A. Widdup (Ho.); 2, A. Carolin (Hk.); 3, N. Aspin (D.).

High Jump (open): 1, G. Browell (Hk.); 2, N. Harris (G.); 3, H. Collins (R.), Hargreaves (R.).

High Jump (under 16): 1, C. Greenwood (D.); 2, S. Bell (D.); 3, D. Barnes (Ho.).

High Jump (under 14): 1, Hayton (D.); 2, Pomfret (Ho.); 3, C. H. Singleton (Hk.).

Cricket Ball (open): 1, H. Smith (F.); 2, J. Ormerod (Hk.); 3, L. D. Walsh (G.).

Cricket Ball (under 16): 1, R. Marsden (Ho.); 2, F. Harrison (D.); 3, H. Curtis (F.).

Cricket Ball (under 14): 1, A. Widdup (Ho.); 2, C. Little (Hk.); 3, K. Brown (R.).

House Relay (open): 1, Grenville; 2, Hawkins; 3, Frobisher.

House Relay (under 16): 1, Drake; 2, Howard; 3, Frobisher.

House Relay (under 14): 1, Grenville; 2, Hawkins; 3, Howard.

Tug-of-War: 1, Frobisher; 2, Grenville.

Total Points:—Frobisher, 45; Grenville, 44; Howard, 44; Hawkins, 37; Drake, 25; Raleigh, 22.

F.H.D.

CRICKET CONUNDRUMS.

Question: When does a bowler display cowardice?

Answer: When he takes leg bail.

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Q.: Why does the appearance of a hastily-got-together team convey the impression that the members are suffering from, say, itch?

A.: Because they are a " scratch lot."

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Q.: To what might a " sticky " wicket be attributed?

A.: To the sun's influence on the " pitch."

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Q.: When is a fielder like a timorous horse?

A.: When he shies.

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Q.: What fielder is like a freak of nature?

A.: Square leg.

Q.: You talk of "punishing the bowling," i.e., the ball; but state an instance of the bat being punished also.

A.: When it is caned, of course.

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Q.: Which is the tallest and lankiest fielder?

A.: The long slip (of a chap).

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Q.: What is the difference between dairymen and poor catches?

A.: The former finger butter, and the latter butter fingers.

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Q.: Besides being lost, to what further mishaps is the ball liable?

A.: It often breaks, gets twisted, and occasionally smashed beyond bounds.

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Q.: What is the difference between a rash partner at the wicket, and a policeman?

A.: The former is liable to run you out, and the latter to run you in.

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Q.: When does "marriage" come in on the cricket field?

A.: When the bats are "spliced."

F. H. Duckworth (VI.B.Mod.).

THE FIRST ELEVEN.

ALTHOUGH the School team is this year a very strong one, they have by no means had things all their own way. Out of a total of eight matches one has been drawn and two lost. Only one match, that against Burnley Grammar School at Lammack, has had to be cancelled owing to bad weather conditions, although on more than one occasion it has appeared that matches would have to be abandoned.

The team possesses some very good members, both batters and bowlers, but owing to constant irritating, but nevertheless necessary changes and alterations, the fullest advantage has not been taken of these. The work in the field has been exceptionally keen this season, and, no doubt, has done much to gain the five victories recorded.

The most important match now remaining on the fixture card is, of course, that against the Old Boys. If the team can keep to its present standard, or even improve upon it, there is no doubt that they will put up a very good fight in this annual struggle.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORTS.

School v. Nelson Secondary School.

May 2nd. At Lammack.

Soady won the toss and sent Nelson in to bat first. They were, however, soon dismissed for a total of 40 runs, due chiefly to the bowling of Walsh, who opened the season well by taking 6 wickets for 24 runs.

After the interval School went in to bat, and passed their opponents' total with a loss of only 5 wickets. The innings was declared after 8 wickets had fallen with a total of 87 runs on the board.

School, 87 for 8; Nelson Secondary School, 40.

School v. The Nomads.

May 7th. On the Meadows.

Soady won the toss for School and decided to put the Nomads in to bat first. After batting for just over two hours the Nomads declared with 125 runs on the board.

After a poor opening School's chances began to look very dismal; it was not until after five wickets had fallen that 50 appeared on the board. Smith, with a fine demonstration of forceful batting, added a well-needed 32 to the School's score. Parkinson, coming in a few moments before close of play to partner Eccles, put the School's win beyond all possible doubt with a fine boundary shot.

School, 127 for 8; The Nomads, 125 for 9.

School v. Cowley G.S.

May 9th. At St. Helens.

School batted first and quickly began to pile up runs. The feature of the innings was a magnificent stand by Soady and Ingham, which produced 79 runs before Ingham was dismissed by Merrick with 47 to his credit. Shortly after the interval Soady decided to declare his innings when only 5 wickets had fallen.

Cowley opened their innings faced with the task of making 140 runs in 2 hours, but thanks to the excellence of the School's bowling, and in particular of that of Walsh, they were dismissed in just over an hour with a total of 56 runs.

School, 140 for 5; Cowley G.S., 56.

School v. Burnley G.S.

May 16th. At Burnley.

Burnley batted first, and at the end of two hours' play were dismissed for a total of 133 runs; the most noteworthy bowling was that of Jepson, who took 4 wickets for 11 runs, with 6 maiden overs out of a total of 11.

An early shock came soon after the beginning of the School innings, when Ingham was run out with 21 on the board. A moment later Soady was also dismissed with the addition of 1 to the School's total. This seemed to be School's unlucky day, wickets being seemingly given away. Thomas, who was making his first appearance with the team, justified his inclusion by being the highest scorer at 23.

School, 80; Burnley G.S., 133.

School v. Clitheroe R.G.S.

May 23rd. At Lammack.

The School, opening under unfavourable weather conditions, sustained an early reverse when H. Ingham was run out without a run being registered. Soady and Walsh by steady batting retrieved the situation, and when Soady was dismissed Jepson joined Walsh, who was batting confidently. When Jepson left at 57 there was danger of a collapse, the wickets of Simpson and Smith falling quickly and Walsh having to retire hurt. However, Thomas (33) and Parkinson gained a grip on the bowling, and the School's innings was declared at the total of 118 for 5.

Clitheroe started badly, losing one wicket for no runs off the first ball of the innings. The School's bowling and fielding were keen, and Clitheroe were finally dismissed for 42, Bradley returning the excellent analysis of 7 for 13.

School, 118 for 5; Clitheroe R.G.S., 42.

School v. Arnold School.

May 27th. At Blackpool.

School opened the batting, and after a slow opening the first-wicket stand of Soady and Ingham produced an invaluable 50 before the latter was cleverly caught when attempting to clear the boundary. Walsh came in and settled down to the bowling, finally being dismissed for 38; it was during this innings that Soady was bowled after having scored 31. After this runs came slowly, the only batsman of note being Thomas, who scored 20. Soady decided to declare the innings when the School total amounted to 152 with 8 wickets fallen.

Arnold School began their innings shortly before the interval, and, due to the excellence of the School bowling, runs came slowly. All the School bowlers returned good averages, the best being Jepson (2 for 5), Smith (2 for 8), and Walsh (3 for 20). Stumps were drawn when Arnold School were 69 for 9, and the match was declared a draw.

School, 152 for 8; Arnold School, 69 for 9.

School v. Bolton School.

June 6th. At Bolton.

Bolton batted first. With the ball rising sharply on a wet wicket, their first two batsmen were dismissed without a run being scored. The remaining batsmen, however, seemed to master the bowling very quickly, with the exception of that of Walsh and Bradley. With a total of 144 runs on the board, Bolton declared when eight wickets had fallen.

Like that of their opponents, School's innings opened disastrously when Soady was dismissed without scoring. After that wickets fell cheaply until Walsh came in, partnered a little later by Smith, who between them piled up 71 runs. When Smith had been unluckily caught when trying to clear the boundary, the remaining wickets fell with the addition of only seven runs, giving a total of 103.

School, 103; Bolton School, 144 for 8.

FIRST XI. AVERAGES.

Batting.

	No of In'gs.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Av'ge.
Walsh	8	1	43*	153	21.85
Ingham	7	—	47	150	21.42
Soady	7	—	59	145	20.7
Smith	8	1	38	107	15.28
Jepson	8	—	19	66	8.25
Simpson	8	—	25	51	6.37
Also batted—					
Thomas	3	1	33*	76	38
Parkinson	6	3	50*	71	23.66
Eccles	6	3	23*	56	18.6
Aspden	3	0	38	43	14.3

Bowling.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.
Walsh	77.3	9	191	33	5.78
Bradley	64	14	150	16	9.37
Also bowled—					
Jepson	27	7	54	9	6
Simpson	4	0	14	2	7
Smith	32	6	77	5	15.4
Aspden	16.1	2	45	4	11.2

SECOND XI. REPORT.

We opened the season well by gaining an easy victory over Cowley at Lammack. Batting first, we recovered after losing the first three wickets for four runs to register 112 at the close of the innings. This achievement was mainly due to the splendid batting of Ellis and Aspden, who scored 19 and 47 respectively. In reply to our total Cowley were all out for 70, Robinson taking five wickets for 27 and Thomas four for 21.

The following week at Lammack we were not so fortunate and were defeated by 14 runs at the hands of Burnley, but our bowling showed that it was not to be despised. Our ill-luck was continued at Clitheroe, where we were defeated by seven runs, neither side making more than fifty in spite of a badly-needed 20 by Ellis. The play, however, on both sides was poor and our team showed that more understanding between our batsmen was necessary for improvement. Arnold House easily defeated us at Lammack, but Robinson, taking six wickets for 28, was again our best bowler. In reply, Curtis, scoring 20, showed brilliant form in batting, and although we were again defeated play was much better.

Eager for another victory, we dismissed Bolton in our next match for 95, Robinson taking six for 28. In reply we quickly hit up 102 for 8 wickets (declared), Ormerod scoring 39 and Phœnix 20 not out.

Robinson has proved himself the best bowler of the team, having taken twenty-five wickets in five matches. Ormerod is the best all-round player, however, and to him, Ellis and Curtis must go the batting honours. We hope that in our remaining games we can put up as good a performance, if not better, as we did against Cowley and Bolton.

F.J.M.

RESULTS.

May 9th—

School v. Cowley (at Lammack). Cowley, 70; School, 112.

May 16th—

School v. Burnley (at Lammack). Burnley, 78; School, 64.

May 23rd—

School v. Clitheroe (at Clitheroe). Clitheroe, 50; School, 43.

May 27th—

School v. Arnold House (at Lammack). Arnold House, 95; School 72.

June 6th—

School v. Bolton (at Lammack). Bolton, 95; School, 102 for 8 (declared).

LEADING AVERAGES.

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Inns.	Av'ge.
Ormerod	3	0	48	39	16
Ellis	4	0	60	20	15
Curtis	4	0	49	20	12.25
Bradshaw	3	1	18	8	9
Browell	4	1	22	9	7.33
Phœnix	4	1	21	20*	7
Holden	5	0	29	10	5.8

*Denotes not out.

Bowling.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.
Robinson	41.4	7	115	25	4.6
Phœnix	14.1	3	40	6	6.67
Ormerod	19	4	41	5	8.2
Cowburn	23.3	8	33	4	8.25
Curtis	26.2	10	43	3	14.3
Harrison	15	3	31	2	15.5

THE AIR CLUB.

THIS has been quite an interesting term. Not the least hectic of its high-spots has been Gabbutt's indoor flying. Careering around the manual room at a steady five miles a fortnight, to the danger of life and spectacles, his model was dodged more or less effectively by the more active members. Eventually it finished its doubtful career by dashing into the blackboard and dropping into a most brilliantly and thoughtfully-placed waste-paper basket.

Parkinson's Pylon gets bigger every day. He has now completed the wing (colossal!).

We have had news of great gliding records running into minutes by Tommy Hindle. However, we haven't seen much of Tommy this term. Will any person or persons who can give information as to . . . . . (not Whitehall 1212).

We sent a number of models to the N.-E. Lancs. Industries Exhibition. Among them were twin planes by Gabbutt and Whittle, a nice Bulldog by Harris, and (mirabile dictu!) the accursed Hawker Super Fury.

Pennell has cold-shouldered and handed-the-lemon to twin-pushers, and is now, we believe, working on Parkinson lines.

Our enterprising juniors push ahead steadily with Puss-Moths and what-nots.

And so to another term (without me, fortunately or unfortunately, whichever way you look at it).

J.A.H.

SCOUT GROUP.

EASTER CONCERT.

THE Group's annual concert was held in the School on the last Thursday and Saturday of the Easter term. The concert followed traditional lines, each section of the Group presenting one item.

The Falcon Troop commenced with an Indian playlet, effectively produced and well acted by the boys in sympathetic parts. The make-up was very convincing on those parts of the body which had not escaped the maker-up's attention, though the fierce war paint of the medicine man did not show up so impressively on the dimly-lighted stage as in the bright lights of the dressing room, where it was a source of wonder and delight to all beholders.

There followed a short interlude by Group Officers, in which "Rajah," a newcomer to the Group, made a most welcome equine addition to our personnel. The feats performed were miraculous, and the carcase itself, designed by the Eagle A.S.M., was a work of art.

The Cubs next presented a delightful play founded on a historical legend. The setting and costumes were particularly effective and speak of Herculean labours in production, whilst the players had obviously been most carefully rehearsed in their lines and actions. The Cubs are to be congratulated on putting on a most enjoyable and highly-polished performance.

A short camp fire concluded the first half of the evening, and the songs and yells included were such as would normally be heard among Scouts and their camps.

The second part of the programme commenced with a wireless skit by the Kestrels. The first part of this introduced our only female characters of the evening, who played their difficult parts with some success, though a certain angularity of limb and awkwardness of movement were inevitable. The rest of the item, a parody of the " Saturday Magazine," seemed to be enjoyed as much by the actors as the audience.

The Eagle Troop followed with a one-act melodrama by no means easy to put over convincingly. It speaks very well for the actors that their efforts were rewarded by the closest attention on the part of the audience, and that there were no unseemly giggles, which can so often spoil the effect of a play of this type in the hands of amateurs.

To wind up the evening, the Four M's once more gave us selections from their repertoire of dance music, which were, as always, well received.

THE EASTER HIKE.

The tradition of the Scout Group's Easter hike dates back to 1928, when it replaced the old P.L.'s Easter camp, but we are still exploring the Lake District! 1936 actually saw the seventh of the series, and on a fine April morning nine Scouts and the Kestrel A.S.M caught—in view of the lethargy of two of our number an apt word—an early train from Blackburn. The railway company were singularly thoughtful, at Oxenholme, where we changed, going to the length of asking other passengers to vacate two compartments so that we should not be disturbed! The hike itself started from Ambleside, and although it has been suggested that our route is of no interest to anyone else, yet for the benefit of one or two members of our party who, most un-Scoutlike, don't seem to know where they went, it might be given. Past Sweden Bridge we went up Scandale, dropping down on the other side to Brotherswater and the head of Ullswater, where we camped by the water's edge in the same field that the 1929 hike used. The next day was warm as we toiled up the long valley to Grisedale Tarn below Helvellyn. Here a stone commemorates Wordsworth's parting from someone, but the A.S.M. didn't seem to know about this—anyhow he sat on the top of the stone, eating his lunch and saying nothing. It is to be hoped that some of the Scouts were more intellectually minded. Our path led down to the Grasmere vale, where we camped in the Easdale corner. Next morning was inclined to be cold, but the sun shone intermittently, and on starting one

of the seniors, exhibiting a hill-climbing performance which the A.S.M. admired but seemed to have no desire to emulate, led almost the whole party rapidly up the wrong side of Easdale. Here a hailstorm attacked us from below; unkind, to say the least. However, we achieved Stickle Tarn at length and then dropped sharply down Mill Beck past Dungeon Ghyll waterfall to Stool End at the head of Great Langdale, where we camped. Our daily mileage seemed to be rather like the Mock Turtle's lessons. On the following morning we ascended the Band to Three Tarns, whence the track fell sharply into Green Hole; our smallest member fell a bit too sharply into a small, but icy beck, but he was picked out, dried, and his wounds bound up by our first-aid expert, and generally comforted by the loan of a jacket about ten sizes too big. At Lincove Beck there are some fine green pools of great depth. Authority usually seems to disapprove of small boys throwing large stones into deep pools, but this time there was no authority to stop us, and we spent some time here. Lovers of the Lakes, anxious to nose out the least sign of vandalism, will be comforted to hear that the pools did not appear to have suffered at our hands. That night we fed at Brotherkeld Farm—and did we eat! It was almost as if—begging the A.S.M.'s pardon—we had been starved for the last four days. Afterwards some of us regaled a motor-cyclist from London, who was camping in the same field, with cocoa, and in return were treated to exciting though improbable stories of motor-cycling in France.

The fifth day was short and uneventful, and we camped in Dunnerdale, after noting with disapproval the Forestry Commission's attempt to convert this open valley into a coniferous forest. The last day was our only wet day, and as we climbed over Walna Scar we got thoroughly damp. It was noted that a wet tent weighs rather more than a dry one. At Torver, with the aid of a well-placed sixpence, we got a fire in the waiting-room, so that by the time our train came in, we were more or less dry. In the train the A.S.M. made up his accounts: perhaps he had been starving us; anyhow, there was sufficient cash left for a most opulent feed at Carnforth, where we had an hour's wait. And so the train took us, with many stops and changes, back to Blackburn, where we parted, some of us at least looking forward to next Easter.

WHITSUN CAMP.

THE Whitsun Camp at Tinkerfield was once again most successful and we were very fortunate with our weather, considering the experience of those who went further south in search of sunshine. After erecting the tents in bitter cold and

wet, we found the skies clearing, and the sun came out to be our companion over the week-end. Scattered showers of rain and hail only served to prevent the constant sunshine becoming monotonous.

On the Sunday we had an excursion in the morning to Doeford Bridge, which was followed, after a restful afternoon, by a wide game in the evening. Sunday also saw the lamentable fate of a most agile and energetic fowl destined, alas! for the oven. But over the miseries which accompanied the plucking and dressing of this unfortunate bird it were better to draw a veil. Sufficient to say it duly arrived on the table and was thoroughly enjoyed by those privileged to partake.

Monday was occupied in tree-felling and wide games; and on the Tuesday we broke camp, not without regrets, and returned home after lunch. After we left, it rained.

EAGLE TROOP.

THE Troop's activities this term have been energetic and punctuated with Pete's inimitable buzz and roar; but we are not yet sure if we could trust the Troop to send a message further than we could hear them. Some of our more assiduous students we have seen but seldom, but our two King's Scouts show that Scouting has not been neglected, whilst our Interpreters prove that work and play can be combined to the advantage of both.

The number of those who propose to sacrifice ten days of their short summer holiday by coming to camp is not at present large, but we are hoping that, by appealing to their smaller, but keener brethren in the junior troops, we shall yet be able to give those who wish to take advantage of it a thoroughly good holiday in the Lake District.

FALCON TROOP.

THANKS to the good behaviour of the weather on Saturday evenings this term, we have been able to spend most of our time out-of-doors. We have on several occasions made use of the Yellow Hills as a terrain for wide games, and on one occasion we invaded the Park in the guise of cargo-boats and cruisers. Our wide games have been enjoyable and successful,

W. A. Claydon, M.A. (Oxon.)
(Senior English Master, 1931-36.)

although scouts still seem inclined to place excessively great faith in the safety of numbers, and to disregard the possibilities of natural protection provided by the country. We hope, however, that gradually we shall learn to make full use of cover and cunning.

Our indoor work has been devoted chiefly to preparation for and discussions on camping. An adequate contingent represented the Troop at the Whitsun camp at Tinkerfield, which proved very enjoyable. We are now looking forward to our Summer camp in Herefordshire.

KESTREL TROOP.

THIS term we have been scouting out of doors as far as possible. We have been to the Yellow Hills, to Hurst Green, and on bicycles have pursued the Duke of York around Ramsgreave, whither he had fled on his motor-cycle.

We were well represented at the Whitsun camp, and are busy making ready for our summer camp in Herefordshire. In the intervals of our amusements we still pass tests, and a commendable enthusiasm has been shown by some of our senior members in going out for week-ends, despite the weather, and learning for themselves how the game of scouting is played.

THE LIBRARY.

THE following has been presented to the Library:—
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FOR SOME TIME NOW
there has been
A MOVEMENT AFOOT
to form
A ROVER CREW
in connection with
THE SCHOOL SCOUT GROUP.
As yet, support has been only slight,
but this is probably due to
lack of publicity.
FORMER MEMBERS
of the Group would be
WARMLY WELCOMED,
but
OTHER OLD BOYS
are also eligible.
ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED
are therefore requested to
GET IN TOUCH
with
THE GROUP SCOUTMASTER
at the School,
who will be very pleased
to supply
FURTHER INFORMATION.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. G. Whittaker.

WE extend the sympathies of the Association to our Chairman, Mr. Henry Whittaker, on the death of his brother, the Rev. George Whittaker, M.A., R.N., chaplain at the Royal Naval Dockyard at Simonstown, South Africa, at the age of 46. He was buried at sea.

Leaving Blackburn Grammar School, Mr. Whittaker graduated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, in 1911, and spent nearly two years at Ridley Hall Theological Training College, being ordained in Exeter Cathedral in December, 1912.

While at Cambridge, Mr. Whittaker rowed bow for four years in the Peterhouse boat, and for a few days in the trial eights in the University boats.

After serving curacies at Tiverton and Birmingham, he joined the Navy as a temporary chaplain during the War, and saw active service in the Mediterranean, the Baltic, and at Murmansk (Russia).

When the war was over he accepted a permanent chaplaincy, and has served in several ships. He also acted as Chaplain at the Royal Naval Barracks, Shotley, and to the 2nd Cruiser Squadron. In 1934 he was appointed chaplain at Simonstown. He leaves a widow and four children.

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Mr. A. H. W. Riley.

It is with regret we have to record the death, at the early age of forty, of Mr. Alfred H. W. Riley, an O.B., who was one of Blackburn's best-known solicitors. Occurring as the result of a relapse after a comparatively short illness, his sudden passing came as a painful shock not only to his professional colleagues, but to a wide circle of friends in business over a large area.

After leaving school, Mr. Riley, who came of a family several of whose members were numbered in the legal profession, was articled to his father. A period of war service in Egypt and Salonica interrupted his legal training, but he was admitted a solicitor in 1920, passing his final examination with honours. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, being a Past Grand Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge.

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The Rev. Provost Sinker.

If somewhat belated, may we offer our sympathy to the relatives of the late Provost, the Rev. J. Sinker, who was an honorary vice-president of the Association, and a familiar figure at our functions, with always something to talk about which, even if not of a startling or revolutionary nature, was often humorous and always interesting.

FROM UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENTS.

King's College,
Cambridge,
June, 1936.

To the Editor of " The Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

For us, the enjoyment of the greater part of this term has been marred by the realisation that examinations were drawing nearer. Most of our time, therefore, has been spent in preparation for them, and leaving us little time to spare for pursuits more suitable to the time of the year. Hence we feel that we are justified in giving only a brief account of our activities, so that we shall leave more space for our contemporaries to tell of the exploits of two idle summer months.

In sport, it has been left to the latest recruit to our ranks to carry on the tradition. After doing quite well in Soccer in previous terms, Wild has now distinguished himself by winning his First Eleven cricket colours at Downing, and has also done quite creditably in his Mays. We congratulate him heartily on a successful first year.

Aspin and Collins have been working hard for Part II, but, in spite of this, Aspin has found time for tennis and the river, and Collins is often to be seen drinking tea or coffee, according to the time of the day, in The Dot.

Holden has been working hard for his Civil Service examination, which has still to take place, and in which we wish him the best of luck. Nevertheless, he has been playing quite a lot of tennis. Hindle has divided his time between work, tennis, squash, and the river.

Probably the most enjoyable event of the term was a Saturday afternoon river party which Mrs. Braithwaite arranged. In glorious weather we went by punt and canoe up to Granchester, where we took tea and the waters.

Here lack of further material forces us to a standstill, so with apologies, and every good wish for the continued success of the School and the " Blackburnian,"

We are,
Yours sincerely,
O.B.'s (Cantab.)

Magdalen College,
Oxford,
June 29th.

Dear Sir,

" We came to Oxford in the light of a spring-coloured afternoon," ready to taste to the full the joys of the summer term, and though inclement weather curtailed the social activities of Eights Week, yet we have from the beginning of May the remembrance of Oxford at her best—memories of unforgettable afternoons above Cumner, of magical evenings on the Cher. Commemoration Week, too, passed off in a brilliant heat-wave. The beautiful O.U.D.S. production of " As You Like It " in Magdalen Grove, the brilliant Encænia, the mist-garlanded twilights with which the last week provided us—these are a small part of our heritage from this term.

We were pleased to see the Headmaster for a short time during his flying visit to Oxford, and several old members of the society, notably Dr. Brown and J. Haworth, have also honoured us with their company on various occasions during the term. We were glad to welcome Smith back from his successful term's teaching at Bolton School, although of him and of our other senior members we have seen little. Pollard has added Dorothy Sayers to his list of lions (or should we say lionesses?) and has learned from another source that " the gods approve the depth and not the tumult of the soul."

Clarke and Skermer have been playing cricket while O'Hare and Taylor both performed in Eights. We must hasten to congratulate the latter who, by his excellent rowing for New College, has qualified to wear the pink ensemble of the Leander Club. Exton has been working hard and we charitably assume that this is also the cause of Birtwell's and Pomfret's cloistered existences. Birtwell, we have heard, has become even further involved in his life-work, and may soon be setting out to convert the heathen on a foreign strand. Duckworth and Bradshaw celebrated the former's departure in characteristic fashion by having the honour of being the first members of the society to attend the Merton Commemoration Ball where, it is rumoured, they gained a doubtful distinction as artist's models.

We have all been on the river, and one at least in it; most of us have played tennis; most of us, we hope, have worked.

In conclusion, may we wish that we shall be able to have several new members next term to share these activities and that the School and " The Blackburnian " may continue to flourish.

Yours sincerely,
O.B's (Oxon.).

SNAPS FROM SEVERAL SIDES.

CONFERRED—Honorary degree of M.A. at the Victoria University of Manchester on Mr. J. W. Marsden, P.P., an Old Boy and Chairman of the Governors. A high honour, well deserved, and for which we offer our whole-hearted congratulations.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS—All-Britain, and English provincial, for semi-professional dance bands, won by O.B. Eddie McGarry and his band, at Blackpool, in May. Highest honour in its class. Leader and orchestra a popular combination with East Lancashire dancers, and not the least with those who have sampled his rhythm at the Association's recent winter functions.

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MARRIED—Squads of O.B.'s everywhere, among whom we notice John Ainsworth, City Treasurer and Chamberlain of Plymouth, to Miss M. Cooke, of Wakefield; now living at Torr Lane, Hartley, Plymouth. John C. Aspden, M.A., assistant to the Director of Education, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Miss I. Greenwood, of Blackburn; now residing at Heaton, Newcastle. John B. Ellison, M.A., of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wimborne, Dorset, to Miss F. Howarth, of Blackburn; residence, Wimborne; and Dr. Ben Holden, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., to Miss L. Hargreaves, of Blackburn; to be found in practice at Park Lane, Macclesfield.

". . . . . THE WALRUS SAID . . . . . "

or

How the Dramatic Society Left It to Psmith.

WHATEVER may have been the observations which the bland old sea-beast held ready under his moustache, we of the Dramatic Society are sure that our replies would bear only on one subject, our recent production of " Leave it to Psmith," and from some quarters, at least, they would be in emphatic terms. As, however, our little adventure (the second) is now viewed from some distance, and both audience and Society have (we hope) fully recovered, to the Old Bill of the Sea we will (again we hope), " without fear or favour, affection or ill-will, a true presentment make, and a true verdict give, on all such matters and things as are here given in charge."

Right from the start, apparently, we must have had a Jonah aboard. Our production dates, though the best available, were unfortunate. Then, within a fortnight of these, our producer, Terry Harrison, was taken ill, and Bernard C. Counsell, Junr., was dragged away from his dusty tomes to take charge of production for a second year—rather a formidable task! Clifford Derbyshire, who was playing the part of Lord Chipstead, found he was compelled to abandon his part at the Dress Rehearsal, through circumstances outside his control. Fortunately, Terry had recovered sufficiently by then to fill the breach. Believe us, the trouble, work, and ill-luck which we had with " Leave it to Psmith " would have broken the heart of the Sphinx.

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For our cast we would refer you to last term's magazine. We welcome to our number Kathleen L'E. Heppard, Marjorie Taylor, Denis Miller, Tom B. King, Clifford C. Derbyshire, J. Donald Forbes, Arthur Youds, J. S. Duxbury and William S. Hindle.

We owe a great deal this year to our patrons, the list of whom is here reproduced.

President ..... Sir WM. THOM, K.B.E.

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(*We regret that the name of Councillor Hare was inadvertently omitted from our Programme.)

Stage management was once more undertaken by Geoffrey Pickup, assisted by Donald McPhee and Derrick Phœnix, to whom we are extremely grateful. T. Robert Thompson provided effects and properties, and William T. Dean was our indispensable electrician. Jim McLellan, who took charge of refreshments, performed his task admirably, and our thanks are due to him and his staff. (We still wonder how they sold ice-cream on Thursday!). We would like also to express our appreciation and thanks to all who assisted at the door, and to all those people who so willingly rendered services for the benefit of our production, including the anonymous donor of boxes of chocolates for the ladies. Mr. W. Crumblehulme was kind enough to come from Bolton on Thursday night and criticise the play for the benefit of the production. We regret the criticism is lost. (Who said " Liar "?) We thank, and hope to see more of Mr. Crumblehulme.

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For the frigidity of the Gym. on Thursday night we humbly apologise, and for the equatorial atmosphere on Friday and Saturday. Indeed, for all our faults, errors and faux pas, we crave pardon, and beseech you to remember we are only in our second year, and hope to profit by our mistakes. Perhaps, therefore, if you are kind enough (or even unkind enough) to send in criticisms, we may please even you next year.

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As regards the pièce de résistance—our accounts. You are doubtless very anxious as to the financial result of our play. We only know this—our secretary-cum-treasurer was last seen several weeks ago, heading for the coast with tons of luggage. Of this, therefore, more anon. . . . . .

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Incidentally, we do need more members willing to act as

Ushers and Doormen,
Cast Manager,
Call Boy,
Makers-up,
Stage Assistants,
And last, but not least,
Actors.

Send in your names, if you are at all interested. Only fossils need digging out!

To sum up: if only in view of the experience gained, the project can hardly be termed a " misadventure." Our greatest need is support, in particular from individual members of the Association, the larger portion of whom on this occasion, to put it frankly, did not do all they might have done. If this support is not forthcoming for the future, the time will come when the verdict will have to be, if not " suicide," at least " death from natural causes." Let us hope that this state of affairs is a long way off; and in the meantime, to end on a more cheerful note, let's propose a vote of thanks in the form of a toast:—

" GENTLEMEN, to those without whom we as a Society cannot exist—THE LADIES."

ONSECT.

SUMMARY FROM THE SOCCER STAFF.

THE First XI has not had quite so successful a season from the point of view of position in the League. Their final position was 10th, Bury G.S.O.B. being top of the Northern Section. Once more the Second XI finished 3rd in their League. The details are as follows:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
First XI	30	10	15	5
Second XI	26	16	8	2
Third XI	17	5	10	2

The following officials have been elected:—Chairman, W. K. Forbes; Hon. Secretary, G. E. Wilson; Hon. Treasurer, F. A. Astley; Hon. Team Secretary, W. Green; Hon. Auditor, J. E. Sagar; and the following members will serve on the Committee: H. Mellor, E. S. Haworth, A. Briggs, W. Fawcett, W. Robinson and F. Shaw.

Three teams will again be fielded next season, and any players leaving School will be welcomed.

G.E.W.

ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA.

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All interested should communicate with the Hon. Athletic Secretary, Ken. Forbes, " Briercliffe," Blackburn.

STILL US.

THE activities of the Association tend to grow, both in number and importance, year by year, and it is our intention to continue to expand in accordance with the increase in our membership, and consequent increase in interests. The following are already firmly established in each year's programme: DINNER, DANCE, GOLF COMPETITION for the Judge Walmesley Cup, FOOTBALL and CRICKET MATCHES v. the School, PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES, DEBATING and DRAMATIC SOCIETY, TENNIS TOURNAMENT, and the OLD BLACKBURNIAN section of the School Magazine. The Old Blackburnians' Football Club provides full fixtures for several teams, and is a valuable adjunct to the Association.

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We trust that this information is of interest to you, and if you are able to pass it on to any other Old Boys, many of whom are not now at the addresses in our records, we shall be extremely grateful.

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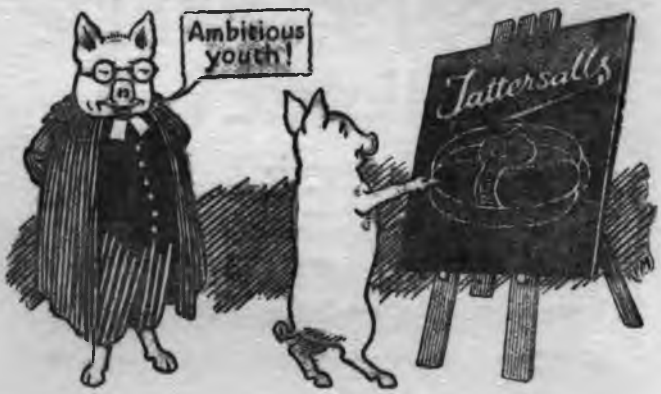

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EDITORIAL.

THIS term has witnessed an event which will long remain in our minds. The Coronation of our King and his reigning Consort, on May 12th, presented a spectacle which will not be quickly forgotten. Those who were not so fortunate as to be present at the Coronation procession, have been enabled, for the first time in history, to view on the screen, in colour and full detail, that magnificent array which accompanied the King and Queen through the streets of London.

On Coronation Day countless thousands, in the privacy of their homes, were able, through the wireless broadcast of the proceedings, to form a vivid picture of the scene. The British Broadcasting Corporation promised a word-picture of London on Coronation Day and of the ceremony in Westminster Abbey, and no one will hesitate to affirm that the magnitude of the planning, and the magnificent results which it produced, could not have been pre-imagined. The whole system worked without hitch, and, great as have been the achievements of British broadcasting in the past, this triumph may surely be said to surpass them all.

For the first time in history a King has spoken to his peoples on his Coronation Day, and innumerable hosts throughout the world have heard a new-crowned monarch express his pledge to discharge faithfully, with the help of God, the trust and responsibility which, in his own words, is " grave and constant."

The Coronation has also shown, more clearly than ever before, the remarkable popularity of our King and Queen. The endless roll of cheers as the King passed by, and the repeated clamour for the King outside Buckingham Palace, have shown, better than anything else could have done, the Empire's constant faith in the strength of our democracy. *Vox populi, vox Dei.* May God guide our King in the heavy responsibility which rests upon his shoulders.

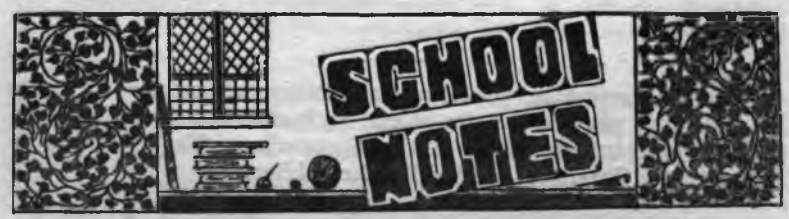
But amid the cheering and exultation the thought comes to us that this Coronation was once destined not for King George, but for his elder brother. He it was who, but for the unhappy end of his reign, would on Coronation Day have been receiving this very applause which now rings in our ears. And as the procession passes by we notice another prominent figure, who last December guided our country through one of the greatest crises ever seen in its history. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, will ever be remembered with admiration for the tactful way in which he dealt with something which has not, for centuries past, fallen to the lot of any other Prime Minister—the abdication of a monarch. Among the many messages of admiration and congratulation which have poured in from all parts of the world at his recent resignation from the Premiership, scarce one fails to applaud his magnificent handling of such a tense and momentous situation. Stanley Baldwin

has retired from office amid great respect and admiration. Yet he has not that quality which we call genius. It is his stolid perseverance and a good portion of sound English common-sense which has brought him to his present position of prestige.

But perhaps the most pathetic figure which we see in the procession is Queen Mary. As she rides past with her grandchildren, the Princesses, we realize what a consolation they must be to her after the sorrow she has suffered during the past eighteen months. In January, 1936, the whole nation rose up in sympathy with her on the loss of our King, "George the well-beloved," *beatae memoriae,* and hard were the hearts that could not pity her at the sudden end of such a long and perfect union. She commends to us her son Edward, but, after a reign of little more than ten months, there comes that crushing blow, his abdication. How thankful must she have been to the Prime Minister for the skill with which he preserved the strength and honour of the monarchy, and set King George VI upon a throne firmer than ever, apparent in the cheering crowds on Coronation Day.

And finally comes the long-awaited Coronation coach, drawn by the famous Windsor Greys, standing out in its splendour even among the gay and glittering uniforms surrounding it, and our King and Queen pass through mile after mile of cheering subjects. Already he has won the hearts of his people, and we have definite hopes that he will follow in his father's footsteps and become, as he did, "George the well-beloved." In the acclamation of our new-crowned King, the "Blackburnian" joins with the whole Empire in the shout, "Long live the King!" We pray for the continued prosperity of the Crown, and we would fittingly add the closing words of our School song,

Semper sit in flore.



TERM began on Thursday, April 15th, and will end on Thursday, July 15th.

Half-term was prolonged to a week owing to Coronation celebrations. As a souvenir of the Coronation of Their Majesties each boy was presented with a china beaker, specially prepared for the occasion.

The School Scout Group has twice been honoured by its representation in London—by King's Scout H. F. Grundy at the St. George's Day celebrations at Windsor Castle, and by King's Scout F. H. Duckworth at the Coronation.

During half-term the School Scout Group camped in the grounds of Browsholme Hall, Bashall Eaves, by kind permission of the owner, Colonel Parker.

The Annual Sports were held on Thursday, May 27th, and we were fortunate enough to have a really fine day. A more detailed report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere.

This term the School cricket elevens have put up a very creditable performance, which we hope will be maintained during the remaining matches.

This term the usual Tennis Tournament is again in progress, and we are eagerly awaiting the final heat. There have been a good number of entries, and the heats have now narrowed the contest down to the semi-final.

An innovation has been seen this term in the inception of a Boxing Tournament. This also has had quite a number of entrants and is now nearing the final. Boxing classes are normally held every Thursday, under the guidance of Mr. Hunt.

At the end of last term the Sixth Form Dramatic Society presented a play by Karel Capek, entitled " R.U.R." (" Rossum's Universal Robots "). The performances were well attended, and a more detailed report will be found elsewhere.

At the beginning of term six Cornish elms (one for each House) were planted on the West Park-road front of the playground, in commemoration of the Coronation. The trees are in line with the flag-mast erected for the Jubilee.

IN MEMORIAM.

In May the School suffered a heavy loss by the death of Alderman Grimshaw, J.P., who had been on the Board of Governors for many years. He was a prominent educationist and sportsman, and one of the most popular of Blackburn's public men.

His place on the Board of Governors has been filled by Councillor R. H. G. Horne, one of the younger members of the

Town Council, whose appointment is all the more interesting since he is an Old Boy of the School.

Later, however, the School was to sustain another loss by the death of a second of its Governors and a famous leader, General Birtwistle. Distinguished soldier, successful business man, and keen social worker, General Birtwistle's place will not be easily filled. He was for many years a Governor of the School, and he was also an Old Boy. His name was famous not only in Lancashire towns, but also in connection with many national undertakings. At his death the whole town joined in mourning for the loss of such an eminent personage.

We were pleased to hear, a few weeks ago, of the success of Mr. Harold F. Brooks, M.A., B.Litt., an Old Boy, in writing a pamphlet entitled " A Bibliography of John Oldham, the Restoration Satirist." This piece of work has abviously entailed a great deal of time and trouble, and should prove a valuable contribution to the world of literature.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Brooks was a regular contributor to the " Blackburnian " while at School. Before he left us (1923) some very praiseworthy poetry of his was printed in the magazine—" Thoughts on Armistice Day ;" " The Judgment of Paris ;" " The Eagle and the Sun " (translated from Lamartine's Romance, " Jocelyn "). As an Old Boy he contributed two further poems—" Romance " and " The Trojan Women."

SALVETE.

We heartily welcome the following who entered the School this term :—

Webb, H. G. (Hawkins).

VALETE.

To the following, who left last term, we extend our cordial wishes for success in their new spheres :—

Dewhurst, J.—H.S.C., 1936; S.C. and M., 1934; First Eleven Football Colours, 1935-6.

Jepson, J. W.—S.C., 1936; First Eleven Football Colours, 1934-5; Captain of School Football, 1936-7; First Eleven Cricket Colours, 1935-6.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AGAIN the Middle School is put to shame by its representation almost wholly by IV.a. alone. It is disheartening to find that so small a percentage are willing to contribute their share to the School Magazine, and I would like to beg, for the benefit of next year's editor, an increased effort from this section of the School. It should be borne in mind that the juniors have equally as much right as the seniors to take part in the magazine, and we look for better response from them during the coming year.

LATE AUTUMN.

How keen the air this Autumn day,
When trees do shed their leaves around,
And hoary frost lies on the grass,
The robins chirruping on the ground.
Alas! how soon the days do go,
The ground will soon be thick with snow.

The morning sun peeps o'er the hill,
Glistening on the frosty ground.
The brook it wanders round a hill,
And there's a mill whose wheels go round.
The fading moon peeps at the sun,
Because its nightly work is done.

G. S. EDWARDS, III.c.

THE LITTLE OLD MAN.

GENERAL BLOOMBURY was the champion boaster and story-teller of the club. After finishing an extra-special "adventure," he turned around to me and said, "You must lead a quiet life; do you have no adventures like I do?" Not to be outdone by this boaster, I commenced the most fantastic yarn I had ever told.

"Last July holidays I was camping out with two of my friends at Bridscombe, a little village (there was no such place, as far as I knew) right in the heart of the country. I went into the village one day by means of a narrow path, and half-way there I met a silly old fellow with a long, flowing beard, who asked me to follow him, as his wife was ill and he did not know what to do. I followed him into a dingy little hut, and then, to my surprise, he locked the door and suddenly turned on me with a snarl. He forced me into a chair and told me that everyone that entered his hut had to die. I, of course, was not frightened by this talk, and when he stooped to pick up a large knife, I darted forward and was out of the door before he could catch me. The next day when I returned with my two friends the hut was empty, there was no old man in sight."

After I had finished my narrative, General Bloombury threw out his chest and said: "Do you know, Jim, I was hunting near that jolly old place and I met that old man, but he didn't take *me* in with his silly old tale about his sick wife!"

I wisely kept my mouth shut about the whole business.

F. FARRELL, IV.A.

IT was out in Arizona, way back in the nineties that it happened. The Red Dog saloon of Windy Mountain was doing well. It was one of those mushroom towns that spring up in a night near a goldfield, and which are surrounded by the tents of those who could not get lodgings in the town. This particular evening the saloon was packed, when in walked Smoky Travers fresh from the desert. That was nothing out of the ordinary, but when he walked up to the bar and said, "All your drinks on me, boys!" that was something to get excited about.

"No need to look excited, fellers," said Smoky; "I've struck it rich up Dead Man's Gully!"

"O yeah!" said Seth the barkeeper. "Let's see the colour of your dough, first."

There were then whistles of amazement when Smoky planked down a nugget of virgin gold upon the bar about the size of a walnut.

"Where did you get that, Dead Man's Gully?" questioned the prospectors.

D. V. Roberts, 3A.

"Sure," said Smoky.

"That's all we want to know," said Paul Logan, who besides being a prospector, although only a man of about 30, was an experienced gambler.

Well, to cut a long story short, Logan and the rest of them could not find a single speck of gold, except a few surface nuggets that were lying about. Logan, who was a foul schemer and swindler, thought of a plan to gain possession of Smoky's mine, and that night he gathered together some of his pals to give them the lay-out.

"Look here, boys," he said, "I know you would like to get rich quick. Well, if you do as I tell you and don't squeal to the sheriff, we'll soon be sitting pretty. My plan is to get that dumb guy Smoky and bump him off. Him having no relations, and us having first-hand knowledge, we can buy his mine quickly for a song."

So one night when Smoky was working in his mine after he had been to town, Logan and his gang were just tying their horses to a clump of pines, Dead Man's Gully being one of the only fertile places in the Arizona Desert. Smoky, who was working quietly, suddenly flung down his pick in amazement, for the gold had petered out. He was so overcome with anger and grief that he sat down on a rock, resting his head on his hands. Just at that moment a storm, which had been gathering all day, burst with a loud clap of thunder and a great flash of lightning, which struck the mine just as the crooks were about to enter. A lump of rock struck Smoky's head, and he knew no more till an hour after, when he came round. The first thing he saw when he opened his eyes was a streak of gold in the side of the mine passage. The lightning had opened it up. But that was not all, for on going outside, Smoky saw the seven crooks lying still upon the ground. So the lightning had done Smoky a double turn, by saving and opening up his mine.

K. LUSHER, IV.A.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

SCENE: A sitting-room in a judge's house. Mr. McKenrew, a judge, is sitting in an easy chair, reading, when the butler enters.

Butler: "You rang, sir?"

McKenrew: "Yes; get me a whisky-and-soda, please, and then you can have the rest of the evening off."

Butler: "I'd rather not, sir."

McKenrew: "Why?"

Butler: "I don't want to."

McKenrew: "But why not?"

Butler: "Well, sir! Farmer, the man you committed for a life sentence, has escaped."

THE ELEPHANT. H. F. Mather, 4A

McKenrew: "Oh! I see. You're afraid he'll harm me."

Butler: "Yes, sir."

McKenrew: "Never mind. I want you to go out."

Butler: "All right, sir!"

McKenrew settles himself in his chair and continues reading his book. A man comes in through the French window, but McKenrew does not so much as look up.

Farmer: "Now then, Mister McKenrew, the boot's on the other foot. You're not a judge and I'm not a prisoner in the dock. You're a man and I'm a man, and the only difference between us is a gun. (His voice rises higher). But why did you get me a life sentence? You knew I didn't do it."

McKenrew: "Yes, I knew!"

Farmer: "You what!"

McKenrew: "I knew."

Farmer: "Then why the —— did you send me to quod?"

McKenrew: "If you'll calm down I'll tell you a story. Once upon a time there was a detective who was hard on the trail of some dope smugglers. Now one of these dope smugglers discovered that the detective was following them, and next day his body was found in the Thames. On his wrist was a certain mark peculiar to the Snake Society, of which you were the only member out of prison, but I could not get enough proof to connect the mark with you, and so you escaped justice. It may interest you to know that that detective was my son. Now you understand why I took that chance of taking my revenge."

Farmer: "So that rat was your son! It's usual for the son to follow in the father's footsteps; but this time the father is going to follow the son."

McKenrew (rising and pouring himself a drink): "Would you like a drink?"

Farmer: "I don't mind if I do." (They drink).

(Suddenly a spasm of pain crosses the judge's face, and Farmer gets alarmed).

Farmer: "What's the matter?"

McKenrew: "Potassium cynanide—in drink—you will die."

Farmer: "I'll shoot you first, though!"

McKenrew: "Too—l-a-t-e!" (He slumps down in his chair).

(Farmer gets into a panic and dashes through the French window into the garden. McKenrew suddenly opens his eyes and sits up. At this moment the butler enters).

Butler: "I've just seen Farmer struggling in the grasp of some police and shouting, 'I'm poisoned! I'm dying!' My word, sir, you have had a narrow escape!"

McKenrew: "Yes, I have had a narrow escape; and before you go, will you get me a whisky-and-soda, please?"

Curtain.

S. Mayo, IV.A.

UPPER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.

A RUNNING COMMENTARY.

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You can probably hear the thunderous cry of "Heil!" greeting this statement.

Signor Baldwin has now operated one of the many switches before him, and a giant claw has gently grasped a huge Z-ray apparatus used, as you of course know, to cure what was once called "the common cold," and has placed it easily inside the gleaming 50-metres-long rocket.

Now His Highness will send this rocket on its way to the East. There she goes, off on her journey to Tokio-Peking, where she should arrive in about an hour's time.

The ceremony over, His Highness is boarding his luxurious airship, which now rises swiftly and leaves immediately for Nice.

Now I am afraid we must leave New London and join the World Programme from Everest.

Good-day, Planets. Good-day, Terra, from New London. Good-day.

L. C. GASKELL (VI.B. Sc.).

MIDSUMMER MUSING.

Noon . . . . .
soon
will the sun scorch
with its flaming torch
green dew-sphered grass
and joy rose-pink
in petals—we, alas!
not in the height do sink
of beauty and warmth, but cold
to the grave, ugly and old
we wither.
Whither?
Who knows?

F.E.B.

PLAY THE GAME!

" The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing-fields of Eton."
—*The Duke of Wellington.*

Whether you're a seasoned winner,
Or a young and raw beginner,
These words apply to each of you the same;
When the game's begun—you're in it,
Give your best each fleeting minute,
If you're winning, or you're losing—
PLAY THE GAME!

You all know our island story,
Whether you are young or hoary,
How Howard, Hawkins, Raleigh, brought us fame;
Drake—his skill at bowls when trying,
Phillip's great Armada spying,
Cried: " We'll finish, and we'll beat 'em—
PLAY THE GAME!"

When you fight Life's earnest battle
In this modern rush and rattle,
And the world withholds its praise and starts to blame,
You're not "out" until you're beaten,
"Queen Elizabeth's"—or Eton,
Keep the flag on high a-flying—

PLAY THE GAME!

M.W.

THE deep, velvety blackness of night, in which there was only the softness of the breeze on my cheek, a vague outline of trees, and a subdued murmur of running water. An owl slipped out of the darkness and swiftly melted into the dimness behind the hedge. A moment later I heard his mournful call from the woods.

Slowly a greyness began to creep over the star-spangled skies, and a faint pinkness appeared in the east. Now I could hear the twittering of flocks of swallows as they fed, high in the air.

Soon the eastern sky was aglow with the lambent hues of the rising sun, and every drop of dew scintillated brilliantly on the bejewelled briars in the golden light.

The air was filled with the faint sibilence of the rising breeze in the trees, and the silvery music of the brook.

Oh! the beauty of everything. The softness of the grass, the verdant hue of the trees, and the sweet-scented blossoms on the hedges; and yet, this incredible beauty of morning had been countless times before, and to what purpose? What does it all mean?

IL PENSEROSO.

TREES.

A CURRENT rumour states that a "Tree" Duty will shortly have to be undertaken by the prefects at break, and this is the reason for the appearance of this article. At a second glance in the top yard, it is seen that there is a row of seven trees of which one is much larger than the other six. One hoary veteran with whitened trunk (this is not the Zoo talk on elephants) apparently has reached its maximum height. One asks M—— why one tree is so much larger than the rest, and he replies in the vernacular that "that theer tree" is a "flagpow," which was "bout" by the School to commemorate "t' Jubilee." I must have been absent at the time, suffering from my annual attack of "Scholcertis."

However, these trees will certainly in the future have a large share in the School's activities. I cannot say that " from under their welcome shade, selected individuals will view the cricket in 2000 A.D." (no, I am not G.B.S. of " Back to Methusaleh " fame), as this would need eyes with X-ray properties, but competition over their growth can well be imagined as follows :—

" The Blackburnian," 2000 A.D.

Tree Notes.

The Drake tree is now leading in the annual length race by 0.01ins. over the Frobisher tree.

Raleigh (whose tree was smashed by lightning recently) have now decided to join with Hawkins in a " Ralkins " tree, on the condition that a Raleighite has to water the tree daily for the next twenty years.

The School returned from the Summer holidays two weeks earlier than usual in order to tend the trees. (Boo-hoo).

We hear that—

Howard's new Housemaster will be Mr. Diggitup, M.A. (hons. pruning), the well-known local amateur gardener.

A protest has been registered against last year's winners of the Tree Shield by another house, because of some doubt as to the legitimacy of the ruler employed in the judging.

" Love Bug."

P.S.—So far the Love Bug has left the trees strictly alone.

CRAZY TUNES.

ON the beach at Bali-Bali I heard the Japanese Sandman singing a serenade to a wealthy widow. There was certainly something in the air when these foolish things were said. Stars and even pennies began falling from heaven. The Japanese Sandman had no regrets, but would sooner have played at one, two, button your shoe. He said he had got her under his skin, but she only replied, " Oh! you nasty man," and immediately shuffled off to Buffalo. There she met South American Joe in a small hold. " Fancy meeting a lady down south," he said. " Somebody has stolen my girl; let's go to the chapel in the moonlight, if the moonlight hasn't turned to dust." Such was the beginning of a fine romance. Now in spite of March winds and April showers they often watch magnolias in the moonlight, in their little grey home in the west.

THE PEN OR THE SUM?

HAVING reached a fairly mature age, one begins to think seriously of life in general, and higher scholastic advancement in particular. A momentous decision awaits the would-be entrant into the upper realms of schooling—does he possess the mechanical brain or the mind of the intellectual? Is he attracted by the intriguing mechanism and product of the Kipps apparatus, or are his thoughts accentuated by that finesse which distinguishes the classical mind from that which can remember how to find the area of a circle?

To advertise would be "de trop"; to persuade would be undignified, and advice would be ignored—but an unbiassed discussion of his chances will serve as a guidance and also as a successful piece of propaganda.

If this boy has an ambition to grow a beard (not needing to wear a collar and tie), he must learn his logarithm tables off by heart, and demonstrate centrifugal force by throwing himself about incessantly as all true scientists do. Possible careers for these gentlemen of few words are varied, and only continued concentration is essential. He can become an expert in statistics (counting how much slower the average green caterpillar would have to run if it had a broken leg and a headache). He can also become an electrician (ultra-modern plumber), for which he must be humorous, or at least be able to speak back to any "live wire"—(beg pardon, that was a bad thing). Sometimes these electricians make wireless transmitters, but this also is a bad thing, and consequently it is kept very secret, and in dark corners.

I would advise the perplexed one to become one of these symetrically-minded gentry, if he is able to mutter secrets under his breath, recite formulæ henceforth unknown, and prepare water by freezing solid synthetic steam (which is made by heating the Oxide of Hydrogen). But if he ever feels the urge to let himself go, to breathe in deeply and then to breathe out; if he ever thinks that he would like to write a book, or even read one—let him join the moderns, and see the world from above, and let him pass by the chemistry laboratories with an indulgent smile. [Very well put.—Ed.] He must needs refrain from using a Key to Virgil, published by one Kelly (let him get a more reliable crib), and let him learn what happened when Cæsar had exhorted his men at the end of the unseen.

In fairness I must add that Science has turned out some good men; but then, if they had been at all repentant they would have thrown themselves out. To choose is difficult, but let ambition guide you with the pointers of desire—would you rather burst into the world of literature, and see your name in bright lights as an author [Query.—Ed.] or would you prefer to apply yourself dili-

gently to heating test-tubes over flames until ultimately there will be an explosion, you will see bright lights, and the world will know your name with a sigh, and say, "Ah, yes! For he was a jolly good fellow."

But what could be more suitable than concluding the question by Shakespeare's verse which never occurred in the famous play "As You Like It"—and thus I end:—

"How now, my friend,
Wherefore look so glum?
You've only got to choose between
The goose-quill and the sum."

J.R.

PÆAN FOR PILLOW.

Full swift and fond astern, so easy
In flight, a-soar, free-sailing seagulls,
Half-wheeling, screaming curves in crazy
Glides, suggested sleep that lulls
Tired men to slumber, men self-fed,
Not coaxing, following others to exist,
But men of eight-hour feather-bed
Wherein they grasp an ill-earned rest.

Aware by day of rich or poor,
The blessings of God are abundantly clear—
Unconscious bliss at night affords
Communistic relief to equality near.

King Tonda snored on a golden couch,
Mind-racked by dreams after pigs and ale,
Of a farded mask, a gorgon snout,
That chased his slaves through a grinning vale.

Each one of these on pallet bare
Had weary bones laid down at length,
And having subsisted on poorer fare,
Oblivion's ease renewed their strength.

It seems that sleep too little is sung,
Unbarded the blanket, no ode for the sheet;
Of hot-water bottle and mattress well-sprung,
How very few verses of praise do we meet!

F.E.B.

THE SECOND ODYSSEY OF EXPLORATOR VI.b. M.

FOF some weeks before, it had been discussed, and now at last we were almost ready to ride to Liverpool for the week-end. The only drawback was the weather; it had been pouring during the morning, but happily by mid-day it had abated to mere spots driven by a strong south-west wind. Complete with capes, a change of clothes, and a civilised mackintosh for wear in Liverpool, we set off.

All went well, and since the road was mainly downhill as far as Preston, we did not waste much time; the wind seemed to increase in violence by the time Hutton was reached, and just beyond that village I saw a peculiar being, grovelling in the mud of a stream close to the road. I looked behind, but Wonk (my brother) was still there, and only then did we distinguish a Boy Scout in the muddy person of that creature. He had had the worst of a mêlee in a Scout game, and had been left to stew in his own juice (rather callous, we thought, because the juice was not as warm as it might be).

We slowly dragged along the seemingly interminable miles to Burscough, where, it is related, there was a man " wot hung hissel' wi' a pig." The story goes that a man, while carrying a pig to market, rested it on the canal bridge, but the pig jumped over, and the man was strangled by the rope around his neck. So next time you pass through Burscough, just mention this highly-interesting fact to your companions, and display your knowledge of local legends.

To continue, we arrived at Ormskirk, then Aughton, and at last we were riding on the new bypass, with its partly-completed cycle-tracks. From this new road we continued along a slightly older one, which cuts out Maghull, and very quickly we reached Aintree, the home of the Grand National. We crossed several miles of very dull streets and at last reached grandma's, a trifle worn, but not much the worse for wear.

After a hurried tea, we changed and took the tram for the Pierhead, and from that vantage-point we watched the shipping. By a rare stroke of fortune we learnt that there were seven mine-sweepers, open to the public, in the Canning Dock, and so we inspected them minutely. After an argument on the respective merits of Egremont and Rock Ferry, we took the ferry-boat " Thurstaston " to the latter place and prepared to identify any boats which passed. To illustrate what a cosmopolitan port Liverpool is, the first two ships that we saw were an American timber vessel and a small but attractive motor-vessel, the " Mary," from Rotterdam. Cammell Laird's shipyards were passed at a distance, and at length we reached Rock Ferry on a rising tide. Within a cable's length of us (we were going all nautical by this time) was

the "Conway," a relic of Nelson's time, now used as a training ship, and it was quite funny to hear several "Conway" boys criticising the rowing of some "Indefatigable" boys from another "wooden wall" higher up the river.

On the return journey the ferry took us down the river close to the Birkenhead shore, passing within a hundred yards of Cammell Laird's shipbuilding yards. In the first stocks was the "City of Capetown," almost ready for launching; next, according to some people close by us, "Those twin hulls are two of the new destroyers —I call it sheer barbarism," but these were hardly as complete as the "City of Capetown." Next to these two was a dirty grey, but efficient-looking destroyer in the re-fitting basin. We were told later that this has just returned from Mediterranean service for an overhaul.

The best sight of all, in our opinion, was the "Royal Oak." The recently-launched aircraft-carrier towered above all other vessels in the fitting-out basin; painted in service grey, with its table deck and advanced design, it was indeed an inspiring sight for all to see. We had looked forward to seeing this ship, and all too soon the ferry-boat changed its course and cut across to Liverpool, with its towering Liver Buildings, the home of so many shipping companies.

We did not appreciate the overhead railway, chiefly because there were not many ships in dock at the time. At last it was time to return to grandma's, and only then did we realise the intricacy of Liverpool's tram service—was it number 10 or number 15 that we had to take? After a heated argument we decided on number 10; but on reaching Kensington we became discouraged and realised that number 15 must have been the tram for Prince's Park, our destination. We walked back from Kensington, rather than risk another mistake.

The next day, after making several visits, we set out with the wind behind us, and averaged about fifteen miles per hour for nearly two hours. As luck would have it, we returned through the beautiful lanes and blossoming orchards near Croston, and reached home after an uneventful journey. At home, we learnt that pa had taken the road through Preston to meet us, so it would appear that if we had tried to dodge him, we could not have been more successful.

COUSINS.

BASHALL Hall was in a turmoil, but not of the nature to which it was accustomed. The beautiful half-fortified Dorsetshire mansion had experienced the terrors of Civil War, when it was held by the Royalists against the Ironsides. But now it was a domestic strife, occasioned by the dwelling under the

same roof of the aged Sir Henry Bashall's two nephews, Norman and Keith, cousins, but so different. Norman was open, frank, generous, yet discreet. Keith was diametrically opposite—crafty, sly and mean. Let it be understood, however, that Sir Henry Bashall knew nothing of the character of Keith, the latter being too cunning. He only knew of Norman's occasional natural high spirits—nothing in truth, but grossly exaggerated by his cousin, whom Sir Henry consulted for accounts of Norman's doings. Furthermore, Keith did not go to the trouble of soothing the old Knight's feelings, but fanned the spark into flame and then into passion, until Sir Henry's wrath was dire against Norman.

At last the crisis came. Norman and the local innkeeper's daughter were mutually in love. The innkeeper's daughter had a mother, long since dead, who was high-born. But her father was of "common" extraction. In due course the story of the affair leaked out. As usual, Sir Henry was not informed at all accurately of the happenings; Keith saw that such a catastrophe did not take place. The upshot was that the recalcitrant Norman was summoned to appear before his seething uncle in the latter's gloomy and foreboding study.

Norman, little suspecting what was to pass, walked with a light step and happy countenance to the door and knocked gently. His face fell somewhat at the ominous and curt command to enter. He went in, shut the door carefully, and turned to face his uncle, an enfeebled old man, sitting bent in a huge chair. His face, once handsome, showed years of care in the deep furrows lining it.

"Norman, who is this woman? Explain your conduct." The Knight's harsh words and cold tone cut Norman to the quick. Thereupon he quietly and fully explained the matter—an explanation which any reasonable man would have understood and accepted. But not so Sir Henry; narrowed by years of convention, he could not pardon the grave "offence" of his nephew associating so intimately with a "commoner." With darkened brow and twisted lip he uttered: "You a Bashall! A Bashall to marry an innkeeper's daughter! I will not have a woman of her stamp to rule Bashall Hall when I am gone! Are you decided in this matter?

With humble mien, but still dignified, Norman answered quietly, "Yes, Sir." "Then I will disinherit you. I will append a codicil to my will to the effect that your cousin inherits the money and property upon my death, and upon his death, but not till then, will you succeed to the estate."

"Very good, Sir." With that, Norman slowly went out. The old man, sorely shaken by his effort, rang for the butler. Sir Henry directed him to open the safe and find his will. This done, Sir Henry did as he had told Norman he would do. The butler and

the valet, who had also been summoned, witnessed his signature. Then, dismissing them both, he directed that Keith should be sent to him.

Sir Henry recounted the story of the stormy interview. The wily Keith smiled grimly to himself when he found that he was to be sole owner upon his feeble uncle's death.

This interview over, the old man asked Keith to bring his spectacles which had been left in the library, adjacent to the study. The devilishly cunning brain of Keith had already formulated an idea. The old fellow is nearly dead, thought he. The doctor had said, any sudden shock . . . .

As he retraced his footsteps, his eyes rested upon the tremendous oaken door of the study. A sudden shock . . . . . Opening the door quietly, he saw the old man dozing in the chair. His mind decided, with all his force he sent the door crashing back to its closed position. With a cry Sir Henry leaped up, then collapsed—dead. All this Keith saw in the fraction of a second. A moment later, his skull was cleft in two by the point of the enormous mace, dislodged from its age-long position above the door by the latter's stunning crash. " At your death, the property will go to your cousin Norman . . . ."

Thus is righteousness avenged.

OUR (D)EFFECTIVE PREFECTS.

" EFFIE."—School Captain. Plays badminton. Apparently enjoys music recitals. Being a " State Scholar," can commonly be found with nothing to do.

" HORACE."—Vice Captain. Has somehow been elected Cricket Captain. Never so happy as when giving " punnies." Swims well in a nightshirt. Hobby: Net practices, but doesn't know what the net is for at football.

" ROGER."—Vice Captain. Supplies the prefects with ping-pong balls. A very effective robot. Appears ghostly in his white lab. jacket. Hobbies: Work and play.

" STAN."—Proposes to lead an expedition to the North Pole (if the sun keeps out), but was very nearly put off by a fall of snow during January. Has left the mathematical ranks to take up Biology (vide Borradaile). Smile famous among his " fans." Hobby: Listening to " hot " stuff on the wireless.

" JOE."—A doubtful character. One can never guess his next move. Makes a practice of writing in other people's books. Hobby: " Avinaquickun."

" GRIM " or " SHIMMY."—Full of unexpected remarks. Is liable to burst into song at any moment. One of the " Gang," whose conduct appears absolutely mad to everyone except themselves. Hobbies: Custodian of the School wireless and rhythm fan.

" WILF."—Second of the " Gang." Provides the brains for the homework. His knowledge, along with that of Richard, often serves to foil the masters. Always has a characteristic remark, such as, " So you've come, have you!" Hobby: " Avinaquickun."

" RICHARD."—Third of the " Gang." Always possessed with the idea that someone's " heckling " him. Remarks very ludicrous. Looks to " Wilf " for inspiration. Hobby: " Avinaquickun."

" HAROLD."—The Chief Puff. A good, steady lad and very promising. The foolery of the " Gang " has made him realise the blessedness of being sane. (Query!—Ed.) Hobbies: " Avinaquickun " and " Puff "-ing.

" GARRY."—Favourite watchword: " Shut up." Tries to be a tyrant, but is a good lad at the bottom. Another associate of the " Gang." Hobbies: " Avinaquickun " and increasing the sale of false teeth.

" PING."—The Coppull Flyer. A well-meaning lad. Has the misfortune of starting every day without the common benediction. Friend of " Shimmy." Hobbies: Wireless and dissection.

" SI EL."—The amiable Accringtonian. Another steady-going lad. Is rarely to be seen nowadays. Presumably is making a hobby of work. The perfect prefect. An example to his comrades.—(Query! Ed.)

" SPUD."—A coming light. Gets on well with the ladies. When he feels like it, he can be the terror of the master. Prides himself in his " craft " at ping-pong. Hobby: Dates (not historical). (Nor botanical!—Ed.)

" SHAMROCK."—The prefect parson. A tantalizing pupil for any master. Will make a dashing vicar in life to come. Everyone shudders when he laughs.

" SMASH."—No respecter of pride or person. Wounded in a Rugby scrum. Once left his tooth on the dressing room table in his hurry to get to School. Hobbies: Ping-pong and table-tennis; eating School dinner.

" FREDDY."—The Junior Prefect. Friendly with "Smash." Is practising ringing the bell daily (when he remembers). Says it improves his arm muscles.

" ZULU."

PLEASANT MEMORIES.

CRICKET has commenced once more; those who wish to see good cricket, particularly by Horacio Ingbacon, may repair to the well-mown meadowlands of Lammack, which, by the way, " are incomparable to Lords " (Professor Yates). Those of us who are constantly "ducking" have time to think of our previous battles on the Soccer field, and of our journeys to other schools. I will endeavour, as clearly as possible (or as clearly as the editor will allow me) [Quite correct.—Ed.], to describe one of these visits.

At 10-30 a.m. on Saturday morning, those of us who were chosen to represent the School team were allowed to relax in a magnificent rest-room specially equipped for our comfort. At 11 a.m. bottles of milk (or milk and water, chiefly water) were provided for those members who felt a little weary after a hard morning's work. After this, another rest was taken. At 12-30 a.m. a three-course luncheon was brought in, carefully prepared, with special attention to the presence of Vitamin C, by the head chef of the School kitchen.

Feeling somewhat refreshed, we were ready to begin our journey. When our "togs" had been brought, previously washed by the School laundry, we entered a luxurious coach, built and furnished to our own requirements. We then proceeded to our destination in perfect comfort. On our arrival we were shown into dressing-rooms, supplied with hot and cold showers and a private swimming pool—something similar to our own marble halls at Lammack. When we had changed, we approached the pitch to do or die. The game, as they always are, was played in a most gentlemanly manner; " I'm so sorry!" and " Beg pardon! My fault," were frequently heard.

After a bath we sat down to tea, the menu conforming to schoolboy taste. Speeches followed, each side congratulating the other on its fine performance. So we return home, planning a suitable welcome when our opponents visit us. (Wishing you luck!—Ed.).

THE EMPIRE YOUTH RALLY.

THE School was represented at the Empire Rally of Youth ndon by two members of the Sixth Form. The Rally took place during the extended Half-Term, on May 18th-19th, and they were thus able to spend almost four days in London. They journeyed down to London on the Monday and arrived late in the afternoon and so were able to look round the City. Only a few days after the Coronation, the Metropolis had lost little or none of its loyal fervour and there was still the atmosphere of affection

for the newly-crowned Sovereign and his family, which the British temperament rarely allows the world to see. They were kindly given hospitality in London by the Rev. Parry, whose son was a former pupil at our School, and they were made to feel at home in that strangely transfigured capital of the Empire.

They received from the Organising Committee invitations to a service in Westminster Abbey, the actual Rally in the Royal Albert Hall and tickets admitting them to the stand facing Buckingham Palace to witness the State Drive of their Majesties the King and Queen.

Transport was a little difficult in the " busless " City, but they managed to do a lot of travelling by train, tramcar and that efficient and novel way, by underground. The " Tubes " were in great demand by the numerous sightseers and fellow attenders of the Rally, and the School's contingent still has vivid recollections of the hours spent in tedious occupation of queuing up for tickets, and now regard waiting for lunch at " Break " as a mere " flea-bite " compared with the ones they were in.

On arrival at the Royal Albert Hall they were amazed at the marvellous spectacle; they were expecting a wonderfully colourful gathering of representatives of the future Empire and they were not disappointed. They will for ever hold the memory of that scene. They were in the Public School's Section and made the acquaintance of boys from other Public Schools; there were also present contingents from each of the Colonies and all the Youth Organisations in Great Britain.

The evening proved to be very interesting, especially the speech given by the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, who has since received an Earldom, and all present were agreeably surprised when H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester attended and spoke a few words on behalf of the King.

On the Wednesday morning it rained heavily and the State Drive was cancelled and they had to be content to see their Majesties drive past in a closed motor car.

In the afternoon they attended the service in the Abbey, which was still in its Coronation setting; the address was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The anthem rendered by the Choir Boys of Westminster School was the Coronation Anthem, by C. H. Parry, " I was glad when they said unto me." Fanfares and trumpets and gaily coloured robes helped to make the scene mediæval.

During the intervals of attending these events Rex. Parry, the son of their host, showed the boys round the more important sights of the City. They saw the Royal Academy, the Tower of London, including Crown Jewels, and B —— Tower, Westminster Abbey, Kensington Science Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, and everything one can see walking in the streets. Also

PREFECTS, 1936-7.

Back Row (left to right): C. L. Holden, W. Fishwick, A. Carpenter, A. J. Bradshaw, W. Grimbaldeston, H. Ryden, J. Shorrock H. Bates.

Front Row: F. Bury, T. S. Hindle, R. A. Holden. F. E. Brown (captain), the Headmaster, H. Ingham, H. Kent, J. Ormerod, R. Taylor.

FIRST XI. CRICKET TEAM, 1937.

Back Row (left to right): O. F. Phœnix, A. J. Bradshaw, R. Taylor (scorer), F. L. Askew, J. M. Butler.

Second Row: L. K. Robinson, J. Ormerod (vice-captain), H. Ingham (captain), H. Bradley, J. E. Forrest.

In Front: J. M. Dark, G. P. Walsh.

they managed to see a show at one of the famous London Theatres.

So, after a very crowded and enjoyable three days, on the Thursday, having been shown round Parry's present School at Hackney Downs, they departed from London, to arrive home back to reality—and School!—on Friday morning.

R. R.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

IN accordance with custom a play was performed by members of the VI. Form in the Gymnasium at the end of the Easter term. As usual the "R.U.R.," by Karel Capek, was given on two evenings, March 22nd and the 23rd. At the first performance boys of the School only were admitted, whilst the second was set apart for the Sixth Form and friends.

After the tremendous success of the play of the previous year great things were expected, and the audience, those, at least who went in a more serious frame of mind, were not disappointed. School, unfortunately went with the express purpose of laughing, and they laughed, but at the wrong time and usually missed the really funny parts of the play. They thoroughly enjoyed the familiar voice of Mitchell, the female make-up of Peter Holden and the attempts at love-making by F. E. Brown, whilst they did not appreciate the subtler points of the play. The audience on the second night, however, showed themselves to be far more appreciative of the dramatic skill of the actors.

Those who took the female characters (Holden, P., Bolton, A., Harrison N., and Hindle R.) changed their sex admirably, and their make-up was excellent, so excellent that School did not even recognise Harrison N., who took the part of a female robot.

Those who took the male characters, whether robots or as human beings gave a true interpretation of their parts. The effect, perhaps could have been heightened had the directors of the R.U.R. Company, Brown, F. E., Taylor, Grimbaldeston and Price been made to look older.

The story of the play is a purely imaginative one placed in a factory belonging to the company "Rossum's Universal Robots." This firm manufactures Robots who are capable of doing the same tasks as men. They manufacture so many that ultimately the robots who have outnumbered human beings revolt, killing all except one, Alquist, the clerk of works to R.U.R. The robots, although they are very like human beings do not know how to perpetuate their race and it seems likely that they will become extinct. They beg Alquist to tell them how they will be able to reproduce one another The plays ends with the falling in love of a robot and a robotess who depart as the Adam and Eve of a new race.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Blenkinsop and Mr. Collier for the care and time they gave to the production of the play, and to H. Ingham and O. F. Phœnix who were responsible for the stage management and lighting.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

THIS year has been noteworthy for the fact that for the first time for a number of years success has failed to reward our efforts either on the playing-field or in School. Last term both football teams were unable to carry off the victory, though the juniors appeared in the final of the Forbes Cup. This term the cricket eleven has failed to fulfil expectations, while our record in the Marsden Merit Cup competition has been steadily worsening throughout the year.

In the Sports, however, though we were unable to carry off the Shield, we have no cause to complain of our performance in obtaining second place. All sections of the House contributed to our position, and a number of records were broken by members of Drake. Greenwood is to be congratulated on his performance as runner-up to Collins for the Victor Ludorum.

What the record of the Cricket eleven would have been if the full quota of matches had been played, it is difficult to say. Only two matches have been finished, one being won, one lost, and rain spoiled a third match.

As for the Marsden Merit Cup competition, our fears that we should eventually finish in the bottom position have been realised. When one considers that last year, at this time, we were well in the lead, our record of this year is simply deplorable. A large section of the Middle School has not been pulling its weight. The contribution of the entire fourth forms this term has been but one single point. And as if this ignominious total was not enough, two members of the House have seen fit to score negative points by appearing on report.

Points have been obtained by the following:—

Harrison, N., and Proctor, W. H., 5 points; Pomfret, Jas., 4; Kenyon, F., 3; Lawson, H., Alstead, W., Haworth, G. B., Smithies, G., Hindle, E., Addison, F. S., 2 points each; and Dark, G. F., Houghton, G., Nightingale, S. M., and Entwistle, N. F., 1 point each.

Finally I would like to end this, my last report, by wishing the House every success in future years.

H. KENT.

FROBISHER.

MY last House report has, unfortunately, a rather disappointing tale to unfold. In every House competition we have been well in the running, have tried hard, yet success has eluded us.

The end of last term saw us rather surprisingly defeated in the Robinson Cup semi-final, and that put "paid" to our hopes of retaining the Soccer trophy.

We were unable this term to keep the Sports Cup—our reputation acquired from last year's success being insufficient, without the aid of the majority of our former crack runners, to win us the day—but we were not entirely without our glory. Clemes broke a 220yds. record, and the Tug-of-War team heaved its way to triumphant victory with the greatest of ease. But thanks are due to everybody who ran for Frobisher, especially those who gained the points which saved us, at least, from the ignominy of bottom position in the list.

This summer, as last, it seems we must be content with second place in the Cricket Competition. Hawkins' team and our own went steadily through their fixtures without defeat, until they met each other. The Frobisher XI (captained throughout the term by Fishwick), batting first, put up a useful score and had three Hawkins' wickets down for 11 runs. But the fourth-wicket partnership broke the back of our bowling and went on to win, and so it seems the Cricket Cup, too, is not for us this season.

In the Merit Cup competition our position has deteriorated from a narrow lead at the top to third place in three fortnights. The margin between the present position and the first Frobisher success in this sphere for some years is only slight, and it is hoped that it will be made up in the remaining fortnights and, above all, in the July Certificate and term-end examinations. Twenty-eight points have been obtained by:

Davison, E., 6 (the maximum); Yates, H., 5; Anderson, K., 4; Gaskell, L. C., McGowan, A., and Ryden, R. G., 3 each; Holden, R., 2; Bradley, H., and Heaton, R. E., 1 each.

A total of nine contributors! Where are all the Frobisher brains this summer?

For the rest, the new feature, House Boxing, has aroused some interest, and the Senior members at least are making themselves felt here. Bradshaw has reached the final of his class. As for Swimming, all that is known for certain is that members of the House are visiting the Baths, where, it is hoped, they are laying the foundation of a good performance in the Autumn Gala.

And so, with my best wishes for the future of Frobisher, I leave you.

F.E.B.

GRENVILLE.

WHEN last term's report was written the House football finals had yet to be played. These events took place at the end of the term and we rejoice to report that the House First and under 14 elevens have brought two trophies to the home camp. The Robinson Cup final was a well-fought, thrilling game, and our hopes rose when Kilshaw scored the first goal. An equaliser was soon scored by Raleigh but Kilshaw again put as ahead, we then held the lead to the end of the match. Final result 2—1. The Under 14 played Drake and they also were victorious with a score of 3—1, so we congratulate both teams on their splendid victories.

The Sports did not show Grenville to be up to last year's form, for we were placed fourth in the final list. Many of the points scored, however, were due to certain members of the House who did much diligent training, consequently they and the House reaped the benefit of their persistence, and we hope that others will follow their example in years to come.

Phœnix was elected Cricket Captain of a team which had varied success. The season opened with a match against Frobisher, who defeated us. Against a strong Hawkins team we suffered another reverse after having the game well in our favour. The match with Drake was abandoned owing to rain and we hope to play them later. We were, however, victorious against Howard and we have yet to play Raleigh.

The struggle for top place in the Marsden Merit Competition still continues, and the result will be in the balance till the end of term. We are close behind Raleigh, who are top at present. We wish success to all S.C. and H.S.C. candidates for a double reason. The following are to be thanked for their constant support. Rigby, D., Thompson, A. (6 pts.); Worden, H. (5 pts.); Walker, F. Mc.I., O'Hare, F. (3 pts.); Salter, J.R., Cunliffe, P. W., Varey, J. E. (2 pts.); Mayman, H., Shorrock, J. A., Riley, W. E., Ninniss, W. E., Danson, G., Lightbown, J. K., and Walmsley, J. (1 pt.).

On report:—Nixon, F.

All Grenvillites leaving this term will, I am sure, join me in wishing the House every success in its future activities and we close by re-echoing the Motto which was expressed at the last House meeting :—

"Vivat Domus Grenvillensis!"

R.A.H.

HAWKINS.

SPORT has been our main object this term, and on the whole we have come through with flying colours. We have particularly excelled ourselves in Cricket; we have played four matches, and won four clear victories; the fielding has been above

the usual standard for a House, and the keenness shewn has contributed much to our success. Bradley and Forrest have worked hard with the ball, while Gracey has shewn considerable promise with the bat. So once more the Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup is Hawkins'! I hope future teams will repeat our success.

Our efforts in the Sports were not quite so successful as on the Cricket field; we had a considerable number of entrants, and those who won points are to be congratulated on their efforts. I was pleased to see the team spirit shown in the Cricket Ball in all three events; we took 18 points out of a possible 21.

Hawkins' position in the Marsden Merit list still remains the same. The usual stalwarts have helped us to maintain this position. I notice with regret that the seniors gain a small percentage of our points; but there is some excuse in saying that we have very few members in the Lower Sixth. I should like to remind all who are taking Matriculation and H.S.C. at the end of term, that their success means valuable points for the House.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by our two House Masters, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Hunt, and to express on behalf of the seniors leaving School this summer, our best wishes for the future of the House.

Appended are the points gained so far this term in the Merit Competition :—

Walne, L. A. (V.b)and Allsup, N. (II.b), 6 points each (a consistently good performance); Walmsley, K. O. (III.c), 5 points; Carolin, A. (III.a), 4 points; Gracey, N. (VI.b Mod.), 3 points; Brown, A. S. (IV.c) and Ramsbottom, D. A. (IV.c), 2 points each; Jepson, E. A. (V.b), Barnes, W. (IV.d.), and Whalley, R. (III.c), 1 point each.

Throughout the year we have had a clear sheet as far as Report Cards are concerned.

J.O.

HOWARD.

ONCE again another School year is ending and we can look back upon our successes and our failures, although it is our regretful duty to record that this year our failures have far outnumbered our successes. In the realm of Sport we have passed through our worst season for many years. Enough has been said of football in previous reports. So far, our cricket team has gained one victory this year—against Drake—all the remaining games having been lost. No blame, however, can be attached to Robinson, our Cricket Captain, whose enthusiasm and untiring efforts in the face of many difficulties were an example to his side, and deserved a better reward.

In the School Sports the House did not fare as well as it might have done, and we ended up as wooden-spoonists with the grand total of 7½ points! Whether this was due to lack of training or enthusiasm it is hard to say, but it is to be hoped that a better performance is put up next year to restore the former prestige of the House.

Now to the most satisfactory part of the term's activities. Although we are fourth in the Merit List, we are not many points behind the top House. If only some members of Howard had shown greater determination, we should have been occupying a much better position. However, examinations are drawing near, and it is up to all seniors to remember that for every certificate gained, whether School Certificate, Matriculation or Higher School Certificate, points are awarded. So let us make our final effort. It is not too late and perhaps success will be ours.

Up to the time of writing no member of the House has disgraced himself by being "on report," and the following boys have gained points:—

Leaver, H. (Rem.), Crossley, E. (IV.b), Redman, T. A. (II.c), 4 points each; Mather, H. F. (IV.a) and Riley, C. (II.d), 3 points each; Dugdale, A. (VI.b Mod.), Park, D. G., Lamb, J. G. (Rem.), and Morris, A. C. (III.d.), 2 points each; Shorrock, D. (IV.b), Griffiths, A. A. (II.c.), and Shuttleworth, G. M. (Trans.), 1 point each.

H. RYDEN.

RALEIGH.

REVIEWING the House activities of the past year, we are able to record a far greater amount of success than we have enjoyed for many years. Once again there seems to be a definite enthusiasm shown by many members towards the House in general.

The interest of this term centres around the Sports and Cricket. As regards the former, we easily won the Sports Shield, whilst last year we were the bottom in this competition. For this success we thank all those who took part in the Sports, even if they did not win any event; and especially we thank Collins and Mellodey on winning the Senior and Junior Victor Ludorum Cups respectively. It was obvious from the show put up by the athletes of the House that they had trained very seriously, and the show they put up was a fine one indeed.

Although the House possesses some fine athletes, it has precious few cricketers. In batting there are far too many "rabbits," who follow each other in and out in rapid succession; whilst the bowlers are non-existent. So far, thanks to rain, we have gained one point, but, with luck, we may add to this before the end of term.

In the last and most important activity of the House, the Marsden Merit Cup Competition, our chances of success are good. I would take this opportunity of asking all those who are taking examinations at the end of this term to do their utmost and see if we cannot again win that trophy, which for years has eluded our grasp. We thank most heartily the following who have gained points this term:—

Walsh, G. P. (U.V.S.), 6 points; Ashton (IV.d), Mayhall (III.b), 4 points; Bradshaw, W. (IV.a), Fish (IV.d), Lewney (III.b), Field (II.a), 3 points; Abel (V.c), Mayo (IV.a), Haymes (IV.b), Taylor, F. S. (IV.c), 2 points; Dennison (VI.b. Mod.), Roberts, R. W. (IV.d), and Byron (Rem.), 1 point each.

H. INGHAM.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

THE School's Eighteenth Annual Athletic Sports were held this year on Wednesday and Thursday, May 26th and 27th.

Several preliminary events having taken place a few days earlier at School: Part I., consisting of the heats of certain events, took place on the Wednesday; and Part II., consisting of all the remaining events and finals, on the Thursday.

Unfortunately for all concerned, the weather on Wednesday proved to be particularly unfavourable, and it was to the accompaniment of a steady downpour of rain that Part I. of the Sports took place on that day.

On Thursday, however, as a most effective contrast, the weather was ideal for both the runners and the spectators, for, with a bright sun in the sky, the day proved not too hot for the former and not too cool for the latter. Hence, under most suitable conditions, the School did not fail to give a good account of itself—so much so, indeed, that no fewer than six School records were broken. These new records were obtained by the following boys:—

H. Collins.—220 Yards, open: 24-3/5 secs.
J. E. Clemes.—220 Yards, under 16: 25-2/5 secs.
F. Smith.—220 Yards, under 14: 27-2/5 secs.
J. A. Shorrock.—Quarter-Mile, under 16: 61 secs.

F. A. Isherwood.—Half-Mile, under 14: 2 mins. 41-4/5 secs.
C. Greenwood.—Mile, open: 5 mins. 6-2/5 secs.

This year the Inter-House Sport Shield was won by Raleigh with 57 points, Drake being second with 48 points, and Hawkins third with 41. Our congratulations are extended to Raleigh for this, their well-deserved victory.

The senior Victor Ludorum was won by H. Collins, and the junior Victor Ludorum by W. Mellodey, to both of whom we offer our warmest congratulations.

Once again our hearty thanks are due to the Staff for their customary efficiency in carrying out the proceedings.

RESULTS.

100 Yards (open): 1, H. Collins (R.); 2, H. L. Lynch (Hk.); 3, L. K. Robinson (Ho.) and K. Bradshaw (G.), tie.
100 Yards (under 16): 1, W. Mellodey (R.); 2, R. F. Norris (G.); 3, C. Ashton (R.).
100 Yards (under 14): 1, W. Tinsley (D.); 2, J. Smithies (D.); 3, A. Carolin (Hk.).
220 Yards (open): 1, H. Collins (R.); 2, H. Bates (D.); 3, O. F. Phœnix (G.).
220 Yards (under 16): 1, J. E. Clemes (F.); 2, K. Stirrup (F.); 3, R. S. Battersby (Hk.).
220 Yards (under 14): 1, F. Smith (R.); 2, T. P. Eastwood (G.); 3, G. I. Brown (D.).
Quarter-Mile (open): 1, H. Collins (R.); 2, P. N. Carmichael (D.); 3, O. F. Phœnix (G.).
Quarter-Mile (under 16): 1, J. A. Shorrock (G.); 2, W. Mellodey (R.); 3, W. Alstead (D.).
Quarter-Mile (under 14): 1, E. Moulding (F.); 2, D. Shaw (Hk.); 3, F. Smith (R.).
Half-Mile (open): 1, R. Taylor (G.); 2, O. F. Phœnix (G.); 3, H. F. Grundy (Hk.).
Half-Mile (under 16): 1, J. A. Shorrock (G.); 2, W. Mellodey (R.); 3, A. R. Tawton (R.).
Half-Mile (under 14): 1, F. A. Isherwood (D.); 2, J. Handby (Hk.); 3, D. Shaw (Hk.).
Mile (open): 1, C. Greenwood (D.); 2, J. Ormerod (Hk.); 3, R. Taylor (G.).
Long Jump (open): 1, H. Collins (R.); 2, C. Greenwood (D.); 3, G. Wilding (D.).
Long Jump (under 16): 1, W. Mellodey (R.); 2, G. M. Hindle (R.); 3, W. H. Clayton (Hk.).
Long Jump (under 14): 1, A. Carolin (Hk.); 2, G. T. Brown (D.); 3, H. Shorrock (G.).
High Jump (open): 1, C. Greenwood (D.); 2, H. Collins (R.); 3, F. E. Brown (Fr.) and W. Fishwick (Fr.), tie.

High Jump (under 16): 1, G. M. Hindle (R.) and W. Mellodey (R.), tie; 3, A. H. Waddington (F.).
High Jump (under 14): 1, A. Holden (F.); 2, J. G. Bell (Ho.); 3, F. Smith (R.).
Cricket Ball (open): 1, H. Bradley (Hk.); 2, J. Ormerod (Hk.); 3, J. E. Forrest (Hk.).
Cricket Ball (under 16): 1, T. H. Edwardson (Hk.); 2, N. Gracey (Hk.); 3, G. Doman (Hk.).
Cricket Ball (under 14): 1, H. G. Webb (Hk.); 2, A. Harwood (Ho.); 3, H. Shorrock (G.).
House Relay (open): 1, Drake; 2, Hawkins; 3, Howard.
House Relay (under 16): 1, Grenville; 2, Raleigh; 3, Frobisher.
House Relay (under 14): 1, Drake; 2, Grenville; 3, Frobisher.
Tug-of-War: 1, Frobisher; 2, Raleigh.
Total Points: Raleigh, 57; Drake, 48; Hawkins, 41; Grenville, 36½; Frobisher, 24, and Howard, 6.

N.H.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT.

OF the seven matches which should have been played up to the time of going to press, two—those against Clitheroe at Lammack, and Blackpool at Blackpool—have had to be cancelled, due to bad weather.

The cricket this year has never been really brilliant, and although we have, on almost every occasion, seen an excellent display of bowling by the School bowlers, this has usually been let down by bad fielding.

The batting, whilst seldom being spectacular, has been quite effective on the whole, and the first four batsmen are quite promising.

1ST XI. V. EAST LANCASHIRE NOMADS.

The Nomads batted first, and scored steadily and rapidly. They mastered the bowling completely, and finally declared at 181 for 2 wickets.

School now batted with a measure of success rather less than that of their opponents, and when time was up were 101 for 3 wickets. (Ingham, 49).

1st XI. v. Cowley School.

This match was played at Lammack; Cowley School batted first, and after being only 22 for the loss of 7 wickets, made a remarkable recovery, and were finally 136 all out. The School batting was rather feeble, and when time was up, School were 21 for six.

1st XI. v. Burnley Grammar School.

School batted first, and after an uneventful innings were all out for 90 runs.

Burnley's innings were completely dominated by the bowling of Bradley and Robinson, and Burnley were soon all out for 24. Bradley 5 for 11, Robinson 3 for 7.

The next match was a return match against Burnley, played at Lammack. Burnley achieved a total of 80 runs; the School batting completely collapsed, and soon 9 wickets were down for 27 runs. A last wicket stand brought the score up to 59. Robinson 6 for 29.

1st XI. v. East Lancashire Regiment.

Due to a score of 39 by Bradshaw and 23 by Mr. Sleep, School achieved a total of 110 runs.

East Lancashire Regiment passed this score easily, mainly because of their hard hitting.

Bradley 3 for 23.

1st XI. v. Clitheroe Grammar School.

Clitheroe batted first, and due to bad fielding made a score of 98.

School replied with 72 for 4 wickets, when the match was abandoned because of rain. Bradshaw 46; Robinson 3 for 28; Bury 5 for 26.

R.T.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Runs	Highest in Inns.	Times not out	Average
Ingham	5	77	49	0	15.4
Bradley	2	23	19	0	11.5
Bradshaw	5	66	46	0	11
Askew	5	34	16	0	6.8
Walsh	5	23	20	1	5.7
Forrest	2	10	9	0	5
Butler	3	15	13	0	5
Ormerod	4	2	1*	1	.66
Robinson	2	1	1	0	.5

Also Batted.

	Inns.	Runs	in Inns.	not out	Average
Fletcher	4	37	14*	3	37
Edwardson	1	2	2	0	2
Bury	1	14	14*	1	—
Phœnix	1	5	5*	1	—

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Bury	16	4	41	5	8.2
Bradley	66	29	101	12	8.6
Robinson	69	15	146	14	10.4
Forrest	26	6	58	4	14.5
Askew	8	0	25	1	25

SECOND XI. REPORT.

OUR first match of the season against Cowley was disastrous in more ways than one. First, our mode of conveyance decided to break down at Wigan resulting in our arrival at Cowley at four o'clock. Cowley batted first and were all out for 82 (Bury took six for 33) to which the School replied with a score of 44. At Lammack the following week we were more fortunate. Against Burnley we scored 72 runs after losing five wickets for two runs and due to a magnificent recovery staged by Dark, Wilkinson, Slater and Ainsworth. Thanks to magnificent bowling by Bury (5 for 12), Ainsworth (2 for 1) and Roy Holden (2 for 3), Burnley were all out for 28 runs. A fortnight later at Clitheroe, School declared the innings at 101 for 8 wickets, a score mainly achieved by Ainsworth (24), Fishwick (21 not out), and Edwardson (22 not out). Clitheroe replied with 91, out most successful bowler being Bury, who took 5 wickets for 33 runs. The following Wednesday saw our game at Lammack against Bolton, who batted first and were all out for 132, to which the opening batsmen contributed 67. Bury took 6 wickets for 27 and Ainsworth 4 for 45. School had made 109 for 9 wickets when time was called, of which Edwardson scored 46.

The return game against Burnley was played at Gawthorpe, Padiham, and due to magnificent bowling by Ainsworth (6 wickets for 8 runs), Phœnix (1 for 5) and Roy Holden (2 for 1), Burnley were out for 16. School started rather badly, losing 7 wickets for 8 runs, but Gracey and Ainsworth brought the score to 27 before being separated. The innings closed for 32 all out.

As we had plenty of time to spare, we each had a second innings. Burnley scored 45, to which we replied with 50.

The following Saturday we played Clitheroe at Lammack and again won by two wickets. We have still a few matches to play, and may our run of success continue.

R. FENDER.

RESULTS.

May 1st—
v. Cowley (at Cowley). Cowley, 82; School, 44.

May 8th—
v. Burnley (at Lammack). Burnley, 28; School, 72.

May 22nd—
v. Clitheroe (at Clitheroe). Clitheroe, 91; School, 101 for 8 (declared).

June 2nd—
v. Bolton (at Lammack). Bolton, 132; School, 109 for 9.

June 12th—
v. Burnley (at Padiham). Burnley, 16; School, 32.

June 19th—
v. Clitheroe (at Lammack). Clitheroe, 72; School, 74 for 8.

SECOND XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Inns.	Avge.
Edwardson	4	1	96	47	32.00
Ainsworth	6	1	59	24	11.80
Noble	6	2	46	15*	11.50
Dark	4	0	34	14	8.50
Bury	3	1	13	6*	6.50
Bentley	5	0	32	10	6.40
Slater	4	0	24	16	6.00
Fishwick	5	1	24	21*	6.00
Holden, Roy	6	0	34	15	5.66
Wilkinson	5	1	17	11	4.25

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Avge.
Bury	48.1	16	105	22	4.77
Holden, Roy	34.3	12	52	9	5.77
Ainsworth	62.3	24	113	18	6.31
Edwardson	19	6	45	2	22.50

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

THE STAMP CLUB.

OWING to the unusually fine weather experienced in the earlier half of the term, the attendances at the meetings of the Stamp Club have not been very great. The usual spirit of keenness and enthusiasm has, however, been prevalent and the new issues of stamps for the Coronation of King George VI. have imparted great interest and rivalry to various members of the Club.

In closing this the final report for the School year, we would like to take the opportunity of expressing our thanks to the President, Mr. Towle, for his leadership and the kind interest which he has shown in our organisation during the past School year.

J.E.M.

THE BOXING CLUB.

THE Club has again resumed its activities this term under the direction of Mr. Hunt and Mr. Gregory, who has refereed all the contests in connection with the Inter-House Boxing Competition. The contest was divided into six weight divisions:—

(1) 5st. 6lb. to 6st. 9lb.; (2) 6st. 10lb. to 8st.; (3) 8st. to 9st. 5lb.; (4) 9st. 6lb. to 10st. 4lb.; (5) 10st. 5lb. to 11st. 3lb.; (6) above 11st. 3lb.; and there was a total of 33 entrants. The finalists in their respective divisions are as follows:—

(1) Shaw v. Evans;
(2) Butcher v. Emmett;
(3) Ainsworth v. Sharpe;
(4) Barnes v. Shearer;
(5) Bradshaw v. Mercer;
(6) Greenwood v. Hindle;

and the finals will be fought on the 28th of June.

This competition has aroused much interest throughout the School, and it is to be hoped that it will be reflected in the number of members in the Club next term.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

AN innovation this term was the continuation of the Music Society meetings up to the Whitsun Holidays for a series of request concerts, which demonstrated the conservatism of our members' taste by the exclusion of all the recently-composed music we heard last term. The programme consisted more or less

of the " old favourites," and need not be detailed, the items being those whose names come most easily to the mind. (Query: To what extent did this last fact determine the selection?).

Of course, it proved very enjoyable to an audience whose numerical strength was at least what could be expected in the summer, and though the presence of the latter season has not been too conspicuous, it is the only factor to which can be assigned our tolerable reception of that monstrosity the Haydn " Toy " Symphony.

The one misgiving of the year has been the scarcity of support from the younger members of the Sixth: it is earnestly hoped that the Society will not decline on account of a lack of fresh blood to replace the departing veterans. Let the Sixths and Upper Fifths of next year be assured that here is something well worth preserving.

We are indebted to the following for loans of records throughout the year:—Miss Smith, Mr. D. G. Brock, Mr. L. D. Collier, Mr. M. Povah, T. S. Hindle, Blackburn Education Offices, and Mr. E. J. Popham, to whom our thanks are also due for his excellent presentation of the programme.

The next season will begin on September 14th, and as it is proposed to incorporate a certain amount of lighter material, Mr. Popham will be pleased to receive offers of loans of jazz, comic opera, etc.

F.E.B.

THE SCOUT GROUP.

EASTER CONCERT.

THIS year's concert took the form of a triple bill presented by the Group Officers, the Cubs, and the Scouts.

The first item, provided by the officers, was a Puppet Show, made possible largely by the efforts of Mr. Povah, who himself constructed the dolls, apparatus and stage, and even the curtains were home-dyed and made with the assistance of the Cubmaster. Two officers were in charge of the manipulation, whilst a third was responsible for the dialogue, and incidental music was provided by a gramophone.

The most charming turn was provided by a troupe of three dancing dolls who were obviously destined from the first for stardom, whilst the most popular turn proved to be a trapeze artiste whose display of muscle control and perfect balance (even when, in the heat of the moment, a limb became permanently dislocated) must have been the envy and despair of all budding gymnasts. In addition were presented Bingo the balancing boy, and two very tropical butterflies flitting from flower to flower. The whole was

compèred by an announcer in a very fine velvet cloak, who bravely endeavoured to walk with the dignity befitting his office.

The Cub Pack presented an original play based on the "Snow Queen" and very finely conceived and produced by theCubmaster. The Cubs are to be complimented on the way they entered into the spirit of the play and produced some very competent acting. The settings and costumes of the play were also quite obviously the result of much care and labour, and proved particularly effective.

The Scouts produced a show which was a combined effort of the three Troops. Roughly speaking, the Senior Troop provided the principals and the Juniors the chorus. This show took the form of a brief three-act pantomime, entitled "Ali Baba and the Forty Black Sheep," the script of which had been written by Mr. Milroy, who also undertook the production. The minimum of scenery was employed, but the costumes were elaborately gay and made a fine show on the stage. The Group horse made a welcome reappearance in the form of Jehoshophat and was well received by the audience.

A word of thanks is due to all parents and friends who assisted in the making-up and worked hard behind the scenes in other ways.

THE JUMBLE SALE.

EARLY in the summer term came the climax of six months' steady collecting of all those objects dear to the heart of former generations, but for which their successors had no use, and Cliffe Mount became for the nonce a home of lost causes. Ranged upon the mantels were row upon row of ornaments of which the best that can be said is that they were neither artistic nor useful. Mangles and gas-cookers filled the floor space. In rooms set apart for the purpose were piles of pictures, towers of toys, heaps of hats, shoals of shoes and great gatherings of garments of all descriptions. As the day approached, excitement grew and preparations proceeded for the transport of this marvellous miscellany to Bent Street. Thirty-six hours to go and our transport arrangements broke down. After feverish activity on the part of the G.S.M., an emergency night squad was formed and five lorry-loads of goods were conveyed in about three hours. Then came the parents, who set about the monumental task of reducing chaos to order. Finally preparations were completed and zero hour approached. Oh! what a charge they made! Noble three hundred! Like a plague of locusts they seethed around the stalls, which were in danger of collapse from the sheer weight of numbers. There followed two hours of glorious chaos, at the end of which not a garment remained, the boards were bare. Tea was provided and gratefully received, the room was cleared and the proceeds lodged in the bank. So ended an unforgettable day.

We should like to put on record here our deepest gratitude to all those who put in such an enormous amount of work and made such a success of the whole affair. It would be invidious to mention names, indeed, some were unknown by name, just gracious spirits in a wilderness, but we thank them all, here and now.

WHITSUNTIDE CAMP.

THIS year the camp was held on the estate of Colonel Parker, of Browsholme Hall, up the Hodder Valley. It was delightfully situated, conveniently near—though not too near—the road, by the side of a well-wooded stream. The weather this year treated us well after a series of five wet camps, and we enjoyed warm sunshine most of the time. We occupied our time fully either with games of foot or handball or with cricket, and during the day we had excursions on foot over the grand moorland country around.

On the Whit-Monday we took our lunch and rambled around the Hodder up to Whitewell and back over the tops. It was a lovely day and the course covered about ten miles. Even so, it proved too long for some of our weaker brethren, who fell by the wayside and returned by a shorter route. Only a few stalwarts finished the final lap over the hills, through thick heather and down to camp (after getting lost) by a strange route, which, however, proved welcome enough in leading us past an ice-cream stall, where all paused and were refreshed.

On the Sunday we were pleased to welcome many parents who came to inspect us and (perhaps) reassure themselves as to their offspring's safety. And might we here make one plea? Please, if you visit us in camp, don't bring too much tuck. When twenty cars arrive, all full of sweetmeats, for a camp of two dozen boys, it is apt to be hard on the camp fare, not to mention the disturbing effect upon those whose eyes are larger than their stomachs. The boys like sweets. We like them to have them, but, in moderation. After all, we get the blame if they return home green about the gills, and the camp cooking, which they have probably not sampled for twenty-four hours, is most unfairly accused.

Our best thanks to Colonel Parker for making possible so pleasant a camp.

EAGLE TROOP.

THE members of the Eagle Troop rallied around well for the Annual Concert at the end of last term, and to them were entrusted the leading parts in the pantomime. There was no Easter Camp this year, but we had our usual few days at Whitsun at Browsholme, where the Seniors showed their younger

brethren how to produce the best meals in the shortest time and how to run a patrol with the maximum efficiency and the minimum of effort.

We played our part in the Jumble Sale and provided not only the shock troops in the heat of the invasion, but also some of the best salesmen.

We have been fortunate in the weather this term for our weekly programmes and have had a good deal of outdoor exercise. Twice we have had wide games over towards the Yellow Hills and once in the Parks in a programme arranged by the Patrol Leaders.

We have had two visits from an old member of the Group, now in Nigeria, C. H. Croasdale, who on his first visit gave us a most entertaining account of the excitements attendant on a journey by car from Nigeria to Blackburn, and on the occasion of his second visit brought with him two Nigerian Scouters who had come over for the Coronation and who attended our Troop meeting.

We were represented in London on St. George's Day, at Windsor, by P.L. Grundy, and P.L. Duckworth was our representative at the Coronation.

Attendances have been, on the whole, better than usual for a summer term with the familiar distractions of cricket and exams. We do want to see, however, more keenness in some of the Scouts who should by now have gained their First Class and be well on their way to their King's Scout badge. They will be the leaders of the future and we must carry on our tradition of keen scouting in the future as we have done in the past.

Most of the Senior Troop will be going to Holland in August for the Jamboree, and for those unfortunate enough to have missed this chance, we have arranged a trek in the Western Highlands immediately at the end of term. On this occasion we are trying out a " trike " cart, kindly loaned by the Leeds Modern School Troop, who have already proved them a great success in trekking as far afield as the Rockies and French Canada.

KESTREL TROOP.

THE term has been one of considerable and varied activity. The weather has treated us, on the whole, fairly kindly, and we have been able to indulge in outdoor activities to a greater extent than usual. The Yellow Hills have once more witnessed stirring scenes as we conducted Flag Raids with energy and cunning, and the School grounds have served as a field for games of less scope, but hardly less excitement. Our exertions in the open-air have not, however, occasioned any relaxation of our work for tests, and we are especially pleased to be able to congratulate P.L. Harwood upon his achievement in gaining his First

Class badge. The industry of other Scouts in the direction of their Second Class badge is to be commended, and we expect to have several Scouts who have completed the series of tests before the end of the term.

Our P.L's have shown themselves very efficient, and their keenness in organising Patrol week-end camps is truly gratifying. The greater part of the Troop spent a week-end at Tinkerfield, thanks to the hospitality of Dr. Ramsay, and showed its delight in life under canvas in the really jolly spirit which prevailed, despite difficulty with fires and rain.

We have played the Falcons at cricket, once to be beaten, and once to draw; but we are hoping to have a victory in a third match, even if only as a reward for our perseverance.

It has been a distinctly successful term's work, and the Troop is proving itself to be really enthusiastic about all the varied aspects of Scouting, and to be desirous of making it much more than merely a pleasant occupation for one evening each week.

K.C.S.

FALCON TROOP.

THE last few weeks of the Easter Term were mainly occupied with the Concert, in which eight of the Troop took part as robbers in "Ali Baba." The weather this term has not always been settled enough for us to go further afield than the golf-course. But games in the playground have been very popular. One Patrol Leader has completed the Second Class tests, and several others have only one item to pass—Signalling, in most cases.

Eight of the Troop joined the other troops at the Whitsun Camp, and four are going to the Jamboree in Holland.

C.P.M.

THE LIBRARY.

THE following books have been presented to the Library:—

"Fossils"—Richard Swann Lull.

"Coming and Evolution of Life"—Henry E. Crampton.

"Smallest Living Things"—Gary N. Calkins. Presented by J. K. Brown (1927-35).

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REQUIESCAT.

Three Good Men and True.

NEVER within memory has it been our duty before, as it is in this issue, to record at one time the loss of no less than three honorary vice-presidents of the Association, Alderman W. H. Grimshaw, J.P., Brigadier-General A. Birtwistle, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., and Dr. A. A. P. Moffatt, all of whom have passed away within a short time of each other Their public service and the high regard in which they were universally held is to well-known to need further elaboration here. All that remains for us to do is to add in sympathy our tribute of respect.

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To fill the vacancy on the governors' board left by Alderman Grimshaw, Councillor R. H. G. Horne, an Old Boy, has been chosen. We offer our congratulations in the assurance that he will discharge hs duties to the best of his ability.

IN MEMORIAM.

Simonstown Ceremony.

A BRASS TABLET, mounted on teak from H.M.S. Afrikander, to the memory of the late Rev. George Whittaker, M.A., an Old Boy and a brother of our chairman, Mr. Henry Whittaker, who had been a Navy chaplain for nearly twenty years up to his death at Simonstown, South Africa, in June last year, was unveiled by the Archbishop of Capetown (the Rt. Rev. F. R. Phelps, D.D.) at a memorial service at His Majesty's Dockyard Church at Simonstown on April 4.

Mr. Whittaker was at school from 1900 to 1907.

The Church was filled to overflowing with Naval officers and men, officials and men from the Royal Dockyard and citizens of Simonstown including the Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir

Francis L. Tottenham), the Captain-in-Charge (Captain Smithwick, R.N.), the Resident Magistrate (Mr. Tyrel Kilpin) and Mrs. Phelps (Capetown).

The inscription on the tablet, after recording the death and burial of Mr. Whittaker, concludes: "This simple memorial is placed here by his many friends both ashore and afloat as a token of admiration and respect.

A man greatly beloved."

SINCE LAST TIME.

ONE of the Association's former secretaries, James B. Walmsley, who has been manager of the Formby branch of Williams Deacons Bank since 1932 has returned to Blackburn as manager of the bank's local branch where he entered the profession. We extend him a welcome, with the hope that he will again take active interest in the Association.

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TO another Old Boy in the banking profession, Bernard Cliff, has fallen the distinction of being the first manager of a new branch, in Victoria-street, Westminster, to which place the District Bank are transferring him from their Waterloo-place (London) office. A keen sportsman, he has played Football for our Association and others, and also cricket for local clubs, besides for his bank, which he has also represented at tennis and golf.

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FRESH ground, it is believed, is also being broken by O.B. Tommy Taylor, former head boy, and a master at Grange Boys' High School, Bradford, since 1934, with his appointment to the staff of the College of the Venerable Bede at Durham. Part of his work will be to develop a four-year course of physical education for students of Durham University who are preparing for the teaching profession. This is believed to be the first English University to offer facilities for an advanced course of this nature.

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W. Hayhurst, Borough Treasurer of St. Helens since 1935, and previously at Smethwick (Birmingham), has gone to Hampstead as Borough Treasurer.

J. S. Barnshaw, M.A., B.Sc., at present at Royds Hall Secondary School, Huddersfield, has been appointed Mathematics Master at Wolverhampton Grammar School. This, we believe, will mean that the blue, red and yellow doubles its strength at this Midland stronghold of learning, for when we last heard of Harry Brogden it was as History Master there.

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To W. K. Forbes, the mainstay of our Football Club, we offer our congratulations on his election as Chairman of the Lancashire Amateur Football League.

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Dr. H. J. Wade, B.Sc., has qualified M.D. by thesis, with commendation, at Manchester. He is at present a demonstrator in anatomy at Manchester University, after a distinguished career of prize-winning in the medical field.

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Geoffrey Pickup has completed all courses for his diploma in architecture at Manchester University. He has also satisfied the examiners in Part II. of the certificate in town and country planning.

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Other academic successes include the following Old Boys:—

Cambridge:—T. Hindle (King's College), graduated B.A. Modern languages Tripos, part 1; E. Blackshaw (Emmanuel College), first-class honours in German and second class honours French. Natural science tripos, part 1: F. Wild (Downing College), second-class honours. Preliminary examination, modern languages: K. S. Aspinall (Trinity Hall), first-class honours French and German; L. G. Soady (Trinity Hall), second-class honours (first division), French and Spanish.

Manchester:—A. Littlewood, graduated B.Sc., with second-class honours in the Honours School of Mathematics.

FROM THE UNIVERSITIES.

Oriel College,
Oxford.

To the Editor of "The Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Trinity term presents a difficult task to the writer of a report such as this, for with few organised meetings, and those badly attended, we tend to know little of the precise doings of other O.B.'s here. Their pursuits are, however, for the most part not difficult to imagine—perhaps in some measure it is better thus left. With characteristic earnestness Mason has sought the manifold delights of a newly-acquired skill in punting, and is making good, or at any rate, frequent, use of it. The second-year people, with the blasé air bred of familiarity with Oxford and of contempt for vaguely distant "schools," have taken their pleasures more soberly. Bradshaw, after wandering through bowers of bliss in Nonconformist churchyards, has given the fruits of his musings to all seekers of aesthetic pleasure. Clarke, we gather, has played cricket, but of his other activities we can say nothing. O'Hare was our only representative in "Eights," and he has since spurned the oar for the tennis racket. Skermer and Exton, too, have played some tennis, the former also paying occasional nocturnal visits to Parsons' Pleasure to bathe therein. Taylor has again been bellowing through a megaphone from the towpath, and we also caught a glimpse of his examining time-tables for a flying visit to the Continent, to row there between "Schools." With regard to the other people taking "finals"—Birtwell, Pomfret and Pollard—in default of any information concerning their activities, we can only hope they have passed a pleasant term. Our older members, J. L. Walsh and Varley, also seem to have buried themselves pretty effectively, whether in work or play we do not know; but B. M. Holden has continued to be sociable.

So ends another year, and with it this report, with every good wish for the future prosperity of the School.

Yours sincerely,
O.B.'s (Oxon.).

Downing College,
Cambridge.

To the Editor of "The Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Unlike Mr. H. G. Wells, I am unable to write of the shape of things to come, and so our letter of the Lent term did not contain an account of the Annual Dinner. Although only memories

remain, we should like to record the outstanding features of March 6th. We were fortunate in having as our Chief Guest Mr. H. Oldman, probably still well remembered by many at School. We were also pleased to welcome from Blackburn the Headmaster; Colonel T. C. Robinson; and Mr. Henry Whittaker, all of whom we hope spent an enjoyable evening.

Turning to matters of more recent date, we are glad to welcome back to our midst Collins after his strenuous term's work at Kendal. We should like to congratulate him on having secured a post, and wish him every success in his new life. The remaining members of the society have been working—at first steadily, then desperately, and finally frantically—for the various examinations which benevolent inquisitors design to test, we are sure, the ignorance, and not the intelligence, of unsuspecting candidates. By the time of publication the varying degrees of ignorance will have been made public, and we hope that they will be satisfactory to the individuals concerned. Our only energetic member this term was Soady, who continued to row for the Hall, the remainder preferring to watch his efforts from the banks.

With the end of another academic year we extend a welcome to all those who are coming up next year; and so in conclusion, Sir, we wish the " Old Blackburnian " every success.

Yours sincerely,

O.B.'s (Cantab.).

ANNUAL GOLF MATCH.

Record Entry and Triple Tie.

J. N. PREST, with a score of 74, was the winner of the seventh annual golf competition which this year was held on the Pleasington links, and was voted one of the " best ever." Entries were a record, numbering 35, which is an increase of seven on the previous highest. The course and the evening was ideal. For the second place, three competitors, E. C. Jones, K. Scott, and G. N. Forbes, tied, so a play-off was necessary, which resulted in a win for Jones, who was thus declared the runner-up.

Mr. T. T. Mercer, the oldest Old Boy present, handed over the Cup and tankards, and Mr. Boothway, captain of Pleasington, the sweep money.

The best cards returned were:—

Prest, J. N. (Pleasington)	94—20—74
Jones, E. C. (Pleasington)	79— 4—75

Scott, K. (Pleasington)	84— 9—75
Forbes, G. N. (Pleasington)	88—13—75
Marsden, P. H. (Pleasington)	85— 9—76
Dickinson, A. (Wilpshire)	86—10—76
Woolley, E. (Pleasington)	91—14—77
Caton, J. (Pleasington)	85— 8—77
Rutherford, J. (Wilpshire)	85— 7—78
Robinson, W. (Blackburn)	96—18 78
Naylor, H. M. (Pleasington	79— s.—79

LIBEL!

THE Third Annual Play of the Old Blackburnians' Association Amateur Dramatic Society was held in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd last. After two years of farce the Society decided this year in favour of drama. "Libel," by Edward Wooll, was selected and, if we may be allowed to tootle on our own trumpets, we feel that the play was well worth while. Excellently produced under great difficulties by Allan Henshaw, the play had a cast of actors who took to their parts like ducks to water.

Although our audience was small on Wednesday night, our reputation grew, and on Friday we played to a packed house. In spite of this, we fear the worst financially. Accounts are not available at the moment, but when all liabilities and assets are ascertained we can be relied upon to let you know the worst.

We have been fortunate enough, however, to secure the backing of the following people as patrons. These we thank most heartily for their kind support and interest, without which we could not exist:—The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Blackburn; the late Brig. Gen. Arthur Birtwistle, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P.; B. G. Counsell, Esq.; W. Coupe, Esq., J.P.; J. R. Crompton, Esq.; Captain G. S. Elliston, M.C., M.A., M.P., J.P.; Major J. H. G. Fielden, J.P.; W. Hare, Esq., F.C.A., J.P.; W. R. Hargreaves, Esq.; A. Holden, Esq., M.A., B.Sc.; W. Horrocks, Esq.; The Very Rev. W. Kay, D.S.O., M.C., M.A.; W. H. Marsden, Esq., F.S.A.A.; Mrs. H. H. Mortimer, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., M.R.S.T.; The Rev. Canon F. P. Nash, M.A.; The Very Rev. E. D. O'Connor, S.J., M.A., F.R.A.S., F.R.Met.Soc.; A. Pickup, Esq., A.R.I.B.A.; R. Porter, Esq., F.C.A.; Chas. S. Robinson, Esq.; H. Shackleton, Esq.; Sir W. D. Smiles, C.I.E., D.S.O., M.P.; J. Thompson, Esq.; W. Thompson, Esq.; Hy. Whittaker, Esq., F.S.A.

We were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress on the Wednesday night. Our Hónorary Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ormerod, welcomed the Mayor, and his Worship paid many compliments to our work in reply.

The Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Coupe, kindly presented the bouquets and chocolates to the ladies of our Company on Friday night.

We welcome to our number Neil Margerison, Alan Margerison, J. Philip M. Carr, John O. Hallmark, Ken Ryden, Geoffrey Ainsworth, Donlad McPhee, Ian McPhee, Jim McLellan, H. S. Marsden, John Cobham, Walter Maxwell, and our new leading lady, Miss Ida Leach. Geoff Pickup was Stage Manager once more, and presented us with a very excellent piece of staging. Jeffrey Briggs capably undertook the duties of Electrician in place of W. T. Dean who has left us for a post in Sheffield. Make-up was in the capable hands of Mr. W. A. Henshall, and Mr. D. B. Driscoll to whom we would like to tender our warmest thanks.

And the cast? Oh yes—we'd almost forgotten that. Let's see, it was :—

The Judge	J Oliver Hallmark.
Associate	Geoffrey Ainsworth.
Usher	Jack Banister.
Shorthand Writer	Donald McPhee.
The Plaintiff	Neil Margerison.
The Solictor to the Plaintiff	Kenneth Ryden.
King's Counsel	Denis Miller.
Junior Counsel	James McLellan.
The Defendants (represented by Solicitor)	Owen A. Holroyd.
King's Counsel	J. Philip M. Carr.
Junior Counsel	Terry Harrison.
Lady Enid Loddon	Ida Leach.
Major Brampton	Herbert S. Marsden.
Patrick Buckenham	J. Donald Forbes.
Emile Flordon	John Cobham.
General Winterton, C.B.	Alan Margerison
Millicent Winterton	Marjorie C. Crompton.
Captain Gerald Loddon	Ian McPhee.
Numero Quinze (No. 15)	Walter Maxwell
Flordon's Assistant	Reginald J. Smith.

[Editor's note :—Modesty, we presume, prevents the secretary, Mr. Bernard G. Counsell, junr., from recording his duties as house manager. As these were many and onerous, and carried out in his usual efficient manner, we feel bound to rectify his omission.]

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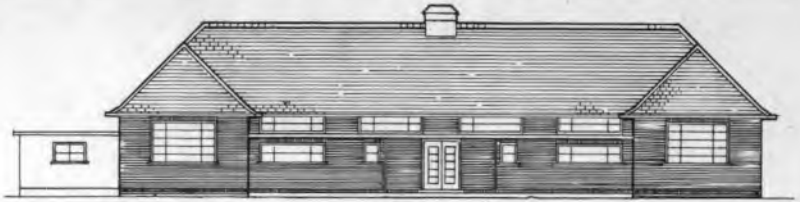

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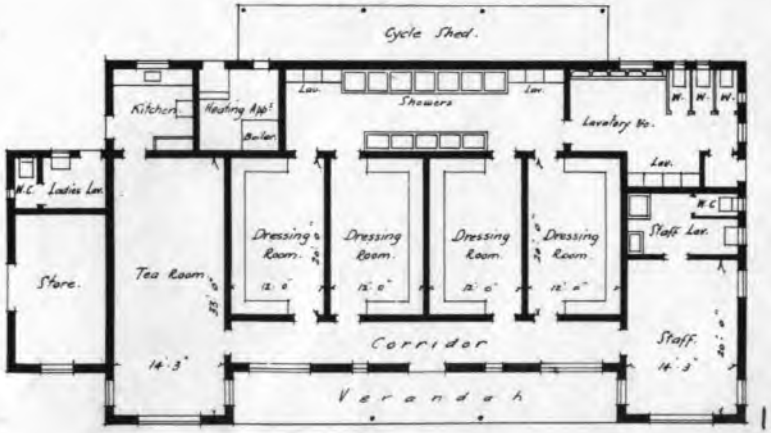

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EDITORIAL.

AS Editor of "The Blackburnian" for the coming year, I now find it my difficult duty to write the Editorial for my first issue of this magazine. It is a difficult task, not only because I am expected to "set the ball rolling" for this issue,—as indeed, for my whole year of office, but I must also endeavour to maintain the spotless reputation of this magazine and of all its past Editors, which, during the eighteen memorable years of the magazine's existence, has never in any slight respect been profaned. What a calamity, then, if, during the year 1937, such a splendid tradition should be wasted, and such a fine reputation should be lowered in the eyes of the School. . . .

I trust you will forgive me for commencing my Editorial on such a philosophical and tragic note, but I am convinced that very similar, if not identical, thoughts have occupied the mind of each of my predecessors as he set out on the harassing year of responsibility so closely linked with the Editorship of "The Blackburnian." For, after all, when we take into consideration the fact that this magazine has been available in School each term —regularly since 1919, we can but realise that by now it has become quite an integral part of our School life; indeed, it is now, in effect, a School institution rather than a mere journal. After eighteen years we are rightly proud of "The Blackburnian," and hence it is a great honour for me to endeavour to uphold its traditions for the coming year.

In this Editorial, I intend to bring before the notice of all the readers of this magazine a subject which must necessarily occupy a very prominent position in the minds of all present boys of the School, and, we hope, in the minds of many Old Boys and Parents as well. It is a subject of such great importance, indeed, that it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for me to do it justice by mere "words on a printed page." I am referring, of course, to the scheme for the erection of a new Sports Pavilion on the Harrison Playing Fields, Lammack. Before I plunge enthusiastically into this subject, however, I should like to say a few words about the facilities for sport in this School during past years.

The very first "sports pavilion" to be used by the School was an out-house at the rear of Witton Park Lodge, and rumour has it that on more than one occasion the old lady who resided there had to remove her washing before the First Eleven could "take the field." This was undoubtedly an amusing state of affairs, and, since that time, many drastic, or should I say revolutionary, changes have taken place with regard to our sport facilities.

Some twenty years ago, the Lammack Playing Fields were acquired as a result of a legacy bequeathed to the School by a former Chairman of Governors, Henry Harrison, Esq. These

playing fields, which, incidentally, are in constant use for organised games on every fine afternoon throughout term-time, are approximately twelve acres in extent, and I think I am safe in saying that they are admired and even envied by many other schools. Indeed, we do not conceal the fact that we are exceedingly proud of our playing field, and that we consider them to be fully worthy of the Grammar School. We regret, however, that we cannot speak so plausibly about our present Sports Pavilion, which, alas, is totally and indisputably inadequate. It is inadequate not only on the grounds that it is far too small, which is, of course, a grave handicap when we bear in mind the fact that the School has now a complement of over 600 boys, but the required facilities are, if not totally absent, extremely restricted. Perhaps you will understand more clearly when I point out the fact that this pavilion consists solely of two rooms which are in themselves quite small, and which must, of necessity, be employed jointly as changing and dressings rooms, groundsman's storerooms, and, in addition, as general "bath and wash-rooms." I could say quite a lot about the lack of washing facilities, but I will content myself by pointing out that the entire system embodies two hand-basins, two extremely small foot-baths, and a cold water supply which is for the most part frozen up and completely out of action during the winter months when it is most required.

I do not propose to dwell further upon the numerous inadequacies of our present pavilion, for I feel certain that, on the strength of what I have already said, you will agree with me when I say that it is not suitable for, nor worthy of, a Public School with 600 boys.

We need a new Sports Pavilion! A Pavilion which, to quote the words of our Headmaster, ". . . will be worthy of our School and our achievements, which we can be proud of, and which will remain on Lammack Playing Fields for many years to come."

The new Sports Pavilion, construction of which will probably be commenced early next year, will make provision for sufficient dressing-rooms, shower baths, washing facilities and store-rooms. In addition, it will include a kitchen and tea-room for the benefit of visiting teams from neighbouring schools, a complete heating system (which will ensure a constant supply of hot water), and a spacious cycle store.

As you will probably have already guessed, my Editorial so far has merely been dealing with the necessary preliminaries to something important; something which concerns all of you, and if you will give me your attention for a few moments longer I will reveal the secret—though I very much doubt if it will be much of a secret by the time the magazine enters your homes.

The cost of the Pavilion which I have tried to describe to you is estimated at about £3,000. Towards this sum, however,

£1,064 has already been most generously subscribed, and, with this magnificent encouragement in view, surely the project must appeal to all people who claim to be interested in the welfare of the School. As I have said above, by the time this magazine is in circulation, the terms of the Official Appeal will probably be well known to you all, so there is no need for me to say much in this respect. May it be sufficient for me to say that all donations to our Pavilion Fund, however small, will be most thankfully received and acknowledged; especially to our Old Boys and Parents do I address myself when I say that we need your help in this great project, and may some future issue of this magazine convey into your homes the welcome news of the completion of our new Sports Pavilion.

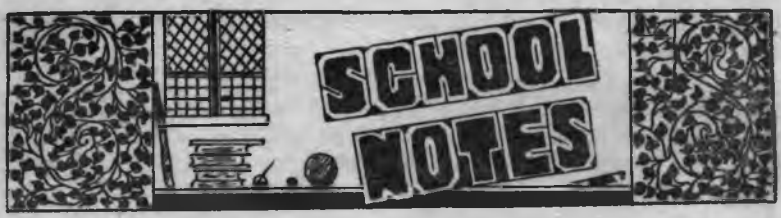
So I come to the conclusion of my Editorial for this term, and I proudly present my first issue of "The Blackburnian," hoping that wheresoever it goes it may carry my best wishes to Blackburnians past and present.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

— AND —

A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

N. Harrison.



THE Term began on the 8th September, with 627 boys on the roll; this total is four less than last year's record number.

W. Fishwick was appointed Head Boy for the coming year in succession to F. E. Brown. F. Bury and A. Carpenter were appointed Vice-Captains.

We extend heartiest congratulations to R. Taylor, W. Fishwick and A. Carpenter for winning State Scholarships in the 1937 Higher School Certificate Examination. To celebrate these achievements the School received a half-holiday on Monday, September 20th.

In the 1937 School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, the results were, as usual, very gratifying; 21 boys passed the latter examination, while 73 boys passed the School Certificate, 26 at Matriculation standard. These numbers compare very favourably with last year's totals.

At the end of last term Mr. C. P. Milroy, B.A., left us, to whom we extend our best wishes for the future. This term, in his place, we welcome Mr. E. A. Fairhurst, formerly Head Boy of Bolton School, who comes to us from the Carnegie Physical Training College, Leeds. We offer him our cordial wishes for his future stay here.

The weekly visits of the Lower School to the Swimming Baths during the latter half of the Summer term and the early part of this term culminated in the Annual Swimming Gala held in Belper Street Baths on October 19th. A report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Half-Term holiday was rather longer than usual this term, owing to an addition of several days which had been subtracted and carried forward from the Coronation holiday last term. It extended from October 29th to November 3rd (inclusive), when reasonably fair weather prevailed.

The Annual Armistice Day Service was held, as usual, this term in Big School. Several Governors and their friends were present, and a wreath was laid on the School War Memorial by Mr. Henry Whittaker, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, shortly before the Two Minutes' Silence.

On Saturday morning, November 13th, the School was granted a half-holiday in response to the customary request of the new Mayor. In the procession which accompanied His Worship to the Cathedral on the following morning, the School was represented by a party of Sixth Formers.

At the end of last term the final of the Sixth Form Tennis Championship was played on the Alexandra Meadows between F. E. Brown and H. L. Lynch. Both showed themselves to be extremely talented players, and we congratulate F. E. Brown on his well-won victory.

We are pleased to report that during the past term the School Football Elevens, though not breaking any records with regard to success, have undoubtedly maintained the good performance set up by last year's teams. In view of the remarkably-keen opposition, we consider this very creditable. A detailed report of their matches will be found elsewhere.

Although this term has not seen the initiation of any new School Societies, we are very pleased to report that no less than nine societies are active at the present time. The Debating Society, which last term had become temporarily silenced, has once more returned to a prominent position and is undoubtedly flourishing. We are also glad to report that no societies have been disbanded through lack of patronage. The reports of the activities of the various societies will be found elsewhere in this issue.

PREFECTS (1937-38).

Head Boy ... ... W. Fishwick.

Vice-Captains.—F. Bury, A. Carpenter, R. Taylor, A. J. Bradshaw, H. Bates, J. Shorrock, R. Richardson, O. F. Phoenix, J. Richardson, N. Hargreaves, F. H. Duckworth, A. Dugdale, T. Barnes, I. B. Shearer, R. L. Armstrong, L. K. Robinson.

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of Walter Abbott, who passed away suddenly on the 4th of December, 1937, after a short illness, in the Blackburn Royal Infirmary. Throughout the 18 years of his devoted service to the School he made many friends among those who encountered his cheery personality and sympathetic nature; and it was with deep regret that they heard of his death. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife and relations in their sudden bereavement and irreparable loss.

The School sent a wreath to the funeral, which took place on the 7th of December, at which the Headmaster, Mrs. Holden and six of the Senior Boys represented the School, paying their last tribute to a true friend.

SALVETE.

To the following boys who have entered the School during the past term we extend a most hearty welcome and wish them every success for the future:—

DRAKE.—E. T. Bailey, F. Dewhurst, R. Entwistle, A. M. Johnston, J. K. Addison, B. W. Booth, R. H. Ginger, T. P. Kenyon, C. Bainbridge, J. H. Butterfield, K. Lord, S. F. Banton, R. Coar, H. Fletcher, M. Riley.

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HAWKINS.—O. W. A. Kite, W. B. Duckworth, N. Bottomley, H. W. Duckworth, R. Hollinghurst, R. Robinson, J. H. Turner, J. Worral, H. Ainsworth, F. Clayton, W. H. Hartley, A. Parker, E. Stancliffe, H. Stancliffe, J. Whittaker, N. Bradley, S. Hartley, J. Noble, J. B. Turton, W. R. Blackburn, W. Davies, W. L. Hindle, J. Whalley, A. J. Graham, G. Sullivan.

HOWARD.—R. Almond, B. Heys, J. Markham, H. Simpson, H. Tomlinson, D. E. Almond, J. Duckworth, A. Hodgkinson, H. Ramsbottom, R. Whittaker, J. Brooks, J. Hodgkinson, A. Nuttall, F. B. Bullen, J. Dewhurst A. Lofthouse, F. M. Whittaker.

RALEIGH.—N. C. George, D. W. N. King, L. Coupe, S. M. Edwardson, W. H. Holt, J. D. Mercer F. Smith, D. Bleasdale, G. A. Fryer, S. A. Johnston, W. Riley, J. C. Wignall, W. Burgon, W. Hunt, S. Pilkington, G. Wilkinson, F. C. Buxton, B. Duckworth, M. Riding, E. Hodgson, T. Kenyon, J. F. Whittle.

VALETE.

To the following boys who have left the School since the last issue of "The Blackburnian," we extend our cordial wishes for success and happiness in their new spheres:—

F. E. BROWN: Head Boy, 1936-7; Vice-Captain, 1935-6; Prefect, 1934-7; House Captain of Frobisher, 1935-7; awarded an Open Entrance Scholarship in Mathematics to Queen's College, Cambridge; State Scholarship, 1936; H.S.C., 1935 and 1936; S.C. and M., 1933; First Eleven Football Colours, 1936-7.

W. GRIMBALDESTON: Prefect, 1936-7; H.S.C., 1936 and 37; "Eli Heyworth Memorial Scholarship" to Manchester University, 1937; S.C. and M., 1934.

R. A. HOLDEN: Vice-Captain, 1935-7; Prefect, 1934-7; Grenville House Captain, 1935-7; awarded the Tancred Studentship in Physic to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1937; H.S.C., 1935 and 36; S.C. and M., 1933; 2nd XI. Cricket Captain, 1936.

T. S. HINDLE: Prefect, 1935-7; State Scholarship, 1936; "Tattersall Exhibition" to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1937; H.S.C., 1935 and 36; S.C. and M., 1933.

H. INGHAM: Vice-Captain, 1936; Prefect, 1935-7; House Captain of Raleigh, 1935-7; awarded "James Irving" Scholarship and "John Lund Modern Foreign Language" Scholarship, to Wadham College, Oxford, 1937; School Cricket Captain, 1936; H.S.C., 1936 and 37; S.C. and M., 1934.

H. KENT: Prefect, 1935-7; House Captain of Drake, 1935-7; "James Irving" Scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1937; H.S.C., 1935, 36 and 37.

J. ORMEROD: Prefect, 1936-7; House Captain of Hawkins, 1936-7; Hawkins Football and Cricket Captain; Captain of School Football, 1936-7; Vice-Captain of School Cricket, 1936; S.C., 1934.

C. L. HOLDEN: Prefect, 1936-7; H.S.C., 1935 and 36; S.C. and M., 1934; "Burke Exhibition" to Manchester University, 1937.

H. RYDEN: Prefect, 1936-7; H.S.C., 1936 and 37; House Captain of Howard, 1936-7; S.C. and M., 1934.

H. Collins: H.S.C., 1937; "R. C. Radcliffe" Training College Scholarship, 1937; 1st XI Football Colours.

R. Isherwood: Awarded the "Harrison Exhibition" to Manchester University, 1937; H.S.C., 1937; S.C. and M., 1934; S.C., 1933.

J. P. Whittle: Blackburn County Borough Scholarship to Manchester University, 1937; H.S.C., 1937; S.C., 1935.

J. S. Gibson: Awarded the "John Lund Exhibition" to Manchester University, 1937; H.S.C., 1936 and 37; S.C., 1934.

H. F. Grundy: H.S.C., 1937; S.C. and M., 1935. H. Cronshaw: S.C. and M., 1935. J. F. Gabbutt: H.S.C., 1937; S.C. and M., 1935. R. H. Fletcher: S.C. and M., 1935. A. H. Brown: S.C. and M., 1936; S.C., 1935.

E. Shackleton: S.C., 1936. H. Hirst: S.C., 1936. T. Rogers: S.C., 1936. R. Westall: S.C. and M., 1936. N. Gracey: S.C. and M., 1936. A. Price: S.C. and M., 1936. H. L. Lynch: S.C., 1935 and 36. L. S. Pennell: S.C., 1936. B. Sharples: S.C., 1936. F. Ashworth: S.C. and M., 1937. P. N. Carmichael: S.C., 1936; S.C. and M., 1937. R. Fielden: S.C., 1937. A. S. Grove: S.C., 1937. K. P. Holden: S.C. and M., 1937. D. Horsfield: S.C., 1937. D. G. Park: S.C. and M., 1937; S.C., 1936. R.

Ratcliffe: S.C., 1937. J. Riley: S.C. and M., 1937. J. S. Sowerbutts: S.C., 1937. W. Thompson: S.C., 1937. S. W. Whiteside: S.C., 1937. H. Bradley: S.C., 1937. J. E. Forrest: S.C., 1937; 1st XI Colours, 1936-7. J. R. Halliwell: S.C., 1937. G. B. Haworth: S.C., 1937. J. Haworth: S.C. and M., 1937. T. Hindle: S.C. and M., 1937. K. Mercer: S.C., 1937. M. A. Mercer: S.C., 1937. N. Metcalf: 1st XI Colours, 1936-7. K. J. Hargreaves: S.C., 1937. R. Miller: S.C., 1937. F. Cherry, B. Harwood, J. R. Scholes, T. Whitehead, R. Haworth, W. A. Seed, D. Bullen, R. J. Carter, K. C. Cowburn, F. Naylor, J. Noble, A. Worswick, J. E. Butterfield, J. A. Love, G. Norris, J. W. Prince, A. Ratcliffe, C. Nightingale, H. Shorrock, J. H. Slater, H. Francis, H. Wild, W. Barnes, H. K. Elvin, C. MacPhee, F. Phillipson, W. J. Whitby, E. Howarth, P. N. Spencer, L. Eckersall, T. Robinson, F. N. Bridge, J. Horrocks.

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"Ex Montibus."
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"The Hoghtonian."
"Preston Catholic College Magazine."
"The Torch."
"The Cowleian."
"The Chorleian."

JUNIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

IT is with the greatest of pleasure that I am able to record the fact that I have received a great number of junior contributions for this term's issue of "The Blackburnian." As Editor I feel extremely gratified by this response, and I thank all contributors for their unanimous support. An increase in number, however, must necessarily lead to the exclusion of more contributions and to the consequent disappointment of their authors. In this respect I tender my sympathies to such authors and trust that they, nothing daunted, will "try again next time."—ED.

WELL DONE, JUNIORS!

A STRANGE CLUE.

MR. AUGUSTUS POSTHELWAITE was a quiet, meek, little man-about-town, but when it came to adventures he was the limit. A certain friend, who happened to be acquainted with this personage, related the following occurrence to me.

It happened that Mr. Posthelwaite visited a certain jeweller for the cleaning of his gold watch which recently had taken to stopping every five minutes. He had to wait for a certain length of time before being served, for a young lady with a very strange hat was considering the purchase of a diamond ring. At last she decided on quite a cheap one and went out of the shop. A number of diamond rings still lay on the counter, and, as the jeweller had repaired to the back of the shop for a moment, Mr. Postlethwaite was admiring them. On the jeweller's return he remarked on the fine stones in them, and was taken aback when the jeweller told him that they were worth several hundred pounds. Suddenly the jeweller gave a cry of alarm. "They are gone!" he cried, "Two of the best rings which I had out, and I believe I know who did it." At this he immediately rushed through the door shouting for police, and justice, and other things.

He returned shortly with a police officer, and pointed an accusing finger at Mr. Posthelwaite.

"He's your man, constable!" he cried. Well, the long and the short of it was that Mr. Posthelwaite was duly arrested and appeared in court the following day. After a very arduous and tedious hour of cross-examination he was allowed to go free on a verdict of not guilty. The only thing which he could tell the police about the young lady was that she wore a peculiar hat, for he had not seen her face, and the jeweller had not made a special note of it. A week or two later he was walking down the main thoroughfare when he noticed that same peculiar hat. At first he could not think where he had seen it before, then, like a flash, it came upon him. At once he hurried to the policeman on point duty at the cross-roads further along. It happened to be the same policeman who had arrested him. On hearing the words of Mr. Posthelwaite he immediately hurried after the aforesaid "hat" with Mr. Posthelwaite trying to keep pace. The lady was arrested, and convicted with no difficulty, for she was known to be a notorious jewel thief known as "Diamond Jane," and when Mr. Posthelwaite heard of her conviction he breathed a sigh of relief.

MR. "X," IV.C.

FAMOUS STAMPS AND COLLECTORS.

STAMP collecting is not, as it may seem, a boy's hobby only, for many famous men both past and present have collections of foreign stamps.

The late King George V. took a great pleasure and pride in his most excellent collection, and indeed possessed many valuable rarities. Probably the most outstanding part of his collection was a complete selection of the stamps of Great Britain and her Colonies. His Majesty was a Patron of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the thirty-second President of the United States, also takes a great interest in stamp collecting, and, starting as a boy, he has now a most valuable and extensive collection.

Ex-President Hoover, like all his relations, is yet another famous personage who has collected stamps from an early age; and so the hobby continues to attract men, women, and children in all walks of life.

Now for one or two stories of some stamps which are worth fortunes to their owners.

The most valuable in existence is the "one cent. British Guiana" stamp which was found among some old papers by a boy who sold it for half a crown. Since that time it has changed hands many times at rising prices, until it is now worth about six thousand pounds.

A freak orange Mauritius stamp dated 1847 and wrongly printed "Post Office" instead of "Post Paid," is also very valuable, being worth at least two thousand pounds.

A Spanish stamp dated 1851 is a further example of value resulting from a printing error, for, being printed blue instead of red, it is now worth over one thousand five hundred pounds.

To stamp collectors in the School, however, I would say: don't let my story lead you into thinking that many stamp treasures are hidden in old files, for by far the majority of valuable stamps have been bought by their owners at very high prices, and only in rare cases are they found by accident.

N. Barrett, IV.c.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

ONCE again this term I have received the usual lengthy lists of schoolboy howlers, from which I have selected a few of the best:—

"The Yellow Peril is a banana skin on the pavement."

"A cul-de-sac is a sack of coal in France."

"Elijah girded up his lions."

"A triangle is a figure with three sides and three angels."

"A volcano is a mountain where the creator smokes."

Selected from lists submitted by

H. Mayhall and G. Entwistle, IV.c.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

O, majestic, mystic mountains,
Wherein does thy glory lie?
Hosts of humans come to see thee,
For your beauties never die.

Is it in thine aged heights?
Towering o'er the island plain,
Sometimes snow-capped, sometimes misty,
Bathed in sun, or drenched by rain.

Is it in thy rugged slopes?
Deep ravine and winding trail?
Here and there a wind-swept pine tree,
Watching o'er a lonely vale.

Is it in thy rolling foothills?
Cones of pine and short, sweet grass?
Where the scent of larch and fir trees
Drifts across the mountain pass.

Is it in thy roaring streams?
Calling to the far-off seas,
With foaming falls and peaceful lakes,
Guarded by the towering trees.

Is it in thy wondrous glades?
Or awing splendour far and near?
Perhaps 'tis all these treasures rare,
Which bring men to thee, year by year.

P. HALLATT, IV.C.

AN ADVENTURE.

JIM sat on the side of a hill reading an adventure book. Suddenly he put his book aside and said to himself, "I wish something like that would happen to me."

While he had been thinking this a noise had been growing louder. It sounded like an aeroplane, and, as Jim looked up, he saw a queer-looking thing in the sky. It looked like a monstrous torpedo as it gleamed in the sun. The machine had been gradually drawing nearer, and Jim, following its progress with his eyes, saw it land a few hundred yards away from him. As soon as it came to rest four men got out and walked quickly away to a large house about a mile away. Jim was very interested, and went to have a look at the "torpedo," as he called it. There was not very much to see from the outside, and he wondered if he dare have a peep inside. He opened the door and

stepped quietly inside. He could see many funny looking instruments, and as he was making his way to the door again he saw, to his horror, the men were returning. He dashed through another door and found himself in a small cabin. The men returned, and one said, "Strap yourselves in. There will be a jar when we take off." Jim was terrified, and, when the man started off, he was thrown against the side of the cabin with a bang. Then he found that he had fallen asleep, and had rolled down the hillside, to be brought to a sudden standstill by a tree trunk.

J. TETLEY, IV.c.

A YARN OF THE WILD AND WOOLLY WEST.

IT was a hot, blistering day in Arizona, as Jim "Digger" Carey staggered into Pine City with his clothes rent and feet blistered. He went at once to Sheriff Dan Maxwell's office, knocked at the door, and entered. "Well," said Dan, "what brings you here?" Jim sank into a chair and replied, "Sheriff, I can tell you where to find 'The Black Terror.'" "What!" exploded Dan, "*you* can tell me where to find that blamed rustler we've been searching for for months?" "Yes," replied Jim. "Listen . . . .

"I was leading my mule over the cattle track when I came to a rise in the ground in which was a door, carefully concealed. I tied my mule to a nearby cactus and strode up to the door. On knocking, all I heard was a hollow echo, so I forced the lock and strode in. It opened into a tunnel, and instinctively I drew my gun as I walked cautiously down it. I must have walked nearly a mile before I saw a shaft of light ahead, and on coming to it I found a narrow opening through which I saw a beautiful green valley with about five hundred head of cattle peacefully grazing at the far end. I could also see a log cabin, with smoke gently curling from the chimney. Squeezing through the opening I approached, and saw a man drawing water from a well. I hailed him, and, dropping the bucket, he spun round and advanced towards me with drawn gun. I asked him the name of the ranch, and he replied, 'That's none of your business, and, besides, how did you get here?' I then told him of how I had discovered the tunnel, and he said, 'Well, I guess you will just have to see the boss.' 'Who's the boss,' I enquired. 'The Black Terror,' he said in an ugly tone. And so I was led to the ranch-house, which we entered, to find a little man, dressed in black, sitting at the table.

"'Huh!' he said, 'a prying fool,' and then, 'Take him away, Jake.' I was led away to an evil-smelling hut where my gun was removed and the door was locked. They had, however, overlooked my jack-knife, which was concealed in an inner pocket, so I at once began to cut my way through the straw-thatched roof,

and after about an hour's work I managed to scramble through. I dropped to the ground and crouched in readiness, afraid lest I had been heard. Silence reigned, however, so I ran for my life to the tunnel entrance at the far end of the valley. I was followed by angry shouts, and before long bullets were whistling about my ears like angry hornets. With nothing worse than a slight wound I reached the tunnel and safety—and so I got here."

"Well," said the Sheriff, "that sure is interestin'; and could you lead us there again?" "Sure," said Jim; and, after collecting all the available men in the town, Jim was soon galloping over the desert at the head of the Sheriff and his "posse."

Coming to the entrance of the tunnel they dismounted, and, drawing their .45's, they stalked down it and advanced towards the shack. They were greeted with a hail of lead, to which they replied from behind the nearest boulders. Eventually the white flag was hoisted over the cabin, and the handful of men staggered out. Lastly came the Terror, and, walking five yards or so, he drew his gun and, shouting "You won't get me alive," he shot himself through the brain.

The rest of his band were duly punished, and the rustled cattle returned to their rightful owners. Jim collected the reward for the capture of the rustlers, and was only sorry that he had not shot the Terror himself.

K. Bretherton, IV.c.

THE DENTIST'S CHAIR.

My mind goes back to ancient days—
  The Spanish Inquisition;
Upon the rack the victim pays
  The price of his sedition.
His pangs, however, can't compare
With tortures of the dentist's chair.

To Mr. Wrench, of Accrington,
  A monster fierce and ruthless,
I went; and sure as my name's known
  He left me nearly toothless!
I roared and raved, and tore his hair
When struggling in his awful chair.

"Will you have gas?" the monster said,
  "It makes the ordeal nicer."
I resolutely shook my head:
  "Such things I never try, sir!"
Gas would have deepened my despair
When quaking in that tearful chair.

The grinning demon then unpacked
A cruel pair of tweezers.
I paled and trembled, for I lacked
The courage that was Cæsar's.
'Twas like a nightmare sitting there,
And shivering in the dreadful chair.

Deep down the demon dentist dug,
With brutal force he acted,
Then gave a most terrific tug—
I yelled like one distracted!
"It's out!" cried he; I gave a glare,
Collapsing in that torture chair.

When I arrive at man's estate,
I'll never be apprenticed
To a vocation which I hate,
That of a surgeon dentist.
Such sights and scenes I could not bear,
A plague upon that horrid chair.

"THE MARTYR," IV.A.

EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

Jan. 28th, Tuesday.

This day did I go forth to see the Queen pass by in all her royal splendour. Odds, boddikins! but the ground was indeed muddy! The Queen rode through the streets in her great coach, which did put me in mind of Boadicea's Chariot. Then did she desire the coach to stop, but did forbear to step down from it on account of the mire. Then did I a mighty deed. Stepping forward as I were a lord, did I doff my new velvet doublet, which I bought dearly, and laid it down in the deep mud before the Queen. With a gracious smile on her lips, did she heavily tread upon my new garment while I stood shivering with bare shoulders. Then did I pick up my doublet, and had perforce to despatch it forthwith to the laundress.

Jan. 30th, Thursday.

I fear greatly I have caught a chill from standing bare on Tues., which causes me to keep to my bed these last two days. Jane constantly brings me obnoxious potions, and keeps hot my warming-pan.

Jan. 31st, Friday.

Alas, the doublet which did return from the laundress this day is useless, being now about two sizes too small. I am full tired of this life and all its disappointments. My chill grows worse.

Feb. 7th, Friday.

A messenger is arrived this day from Court to inform me that her most gracious Majesty intends to honour me with a knighthood. There is no mention of recompense for the loss of my doublet!

ANON., IV.A.

SENIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN this connection, as in the case of Junior contributions, I feel that, in view of the splendid response and the great number of Senior contributions which have poured in upon me this term, a word of thanks on my part will not be out of place. I am pleased to see that the general standard of contributions has improved, as well as their number.—ED.

A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where do flies go in the winter?
2. Why do we not laugh when we tickle ourselves?
3. Has an elephant a bone in its trunk?
4. Why do people walk in their sleep?
5. How long does money take to double itself at compound interest?
6. Why is an axe-handle curved?
7. Why cannot we sleep with our eyes open?

Now, come along you "wise guys," put your "thinking-caps" on and get that grey matter going.

So, you can't answer them, huh? Ah, well! skip it! the answers are on Page 231.

SAPIENS.

PARIS.

RECENTLY, a friend of mine visited that delightful village in France, where they try to blow things up, and introduce football into the Government, particularly left and right wings. He had never worn a blue cap with a silver badge, and so was fortunate in having a good point in his favour. He resembled the fraternity, however, in knowing no French. This to the uninitiated may be of no importance, but the fact remains that Frenchmen speak French, even to the people they like.

One morning he left his hotel to "faire une promenade," as it were, along one of the Boulevards. Paris has more than one, as they have more buses than we in Blackburn.

A young lady walked past him and hailed a taxi. As she was entering this vehicle she dropped a sheet of notepaper, and the taxi drew away before my friend could inform the lady. He picked up this "morceau de papier" (frightfully good), but as he could not catch the taxi, he still held it. Now, had the taxi been a Blackburn tram, he could have run to the next stop and waited for it.

This was a predicament, indeed; alone in Paris with this "morceau de papier." He could not read it, not because of his morals, but because it was written in French. Suppose it had international importance!

That evening he asked the hotel manager what all this writing on the wall, sorry,—paper meant. The Frenchman read it, and immediately exploded, throwing my friend out "sur le cou" (abominably clever). This was distinctly awkward, but a ray of hope beamed through the clouded horizon (note the brilliant metaphor), as he perceived a Frenchman, with whom he had become acquainted, and who could speak English. He asked him, man to man, what the writing was. The result was another explosion, while worthy man number two disappeared.

My friend then returned home, regarding all Frenchmen as "nasty men." After the holidays he took his "morceau de papier" to his "profeseur" (atrociously bright), (spelling also atrocious—Ed.), to show it to him if he promised that it would go no further. "Malheureusement" (fearfully pretty), another master, entered, and the boy had to wait another day. Again he attempted to unload the troublesome business from his mind (picturesque, these metaphors), but, alas, his face dropped (coined, but terribly emphatic),—great fatality—he had lost his "morceau de papier."

UNCLE BASIL, VI.B. (Modern).

A MASTERPIECE.

Have you heard these phrases before:—

1. "Now, Willy, shut that window or you'll spoil my parting."

2. "Now, I'm not going to preach to you."

3. "Come on, quickly, now, lad!"

4. "Well! I'll tell what I will do. I'll give you to-night's homework and to-morrow morning to finish off. Now, will that suit you?"

5. "Now, just get out the boy who did that; go on, get out whoever did it!"

6. "Rather jolly, eh!"

8. "Straighten up along here and lean off the back—a year in the Army is what you want."

"BUNNOCK."

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 228.

By Sapiens.

1. Most flies live their lives in spring and summer, then die. Some of them are fortunate enough to find a place where they can hide and obtain warmth. They hide in quiet places about the house, in out-buildings, in the fields and stables, where we should never dream of looking for them. They do not feed. They simply lie dormant, sleeping the cold days away. But an unexpected warm day in winter comes. The fly feels the extra warmth. It wakes him, makes him hungry, and sends him forth to seek for food. The warm day passes, and he may get back to safe hiding; but most likely he will not. Probably the cold will return and kill him. Very few flies manage to get through the winter. If they are not worn out and ready to die at the end of the summer, many of them are killed by a fungus. Those we see on the window-pane, swollen, with a little halo on the glass about them, have been killed in this way.

2. This is an exceedingly interesting question, because we cannot think about it without discovering a most important fact about our minds and the way in which they are made for use, for safety, and for the purposes of living. If we do not have this mighty key to mind and body, we shall never understand why it is that the same thing should make us laugh and squirm when someone else does it, and have no effect at all when we do it ourselves. The whole point and purpose of the feeling in our skins, and of what happens—such as laughing and squirming—when this feeling is aroused in particular ways, is that it gives us information about what is not ourselves, and leads us to protect ourselves. Our minds have so much power over the way in which our bodies reply to things, that when we know the cause of the feeling to be ourselves, and therefore nothing we need concern ourselves about, the body feels no inclination to behave as it does at other times. The results of tickling are what is called a reflex action, and we learn from this case that a reflex action is a reply to the outside world. If it is sought to call forth the reply by what we know not to be really the outside world—as when we tickle ourselves—then the body does not trouble. This shows how reflex actions are controlled by and adjusted to the needs of the body.

3. No, there are no bones at all in this strange organ that combines the purpose of the hand and the nose. The trunk is made up of a mass of muscles calculated to number about forty thousand.

4. There are two parts of our mind which control all our movements and actions. One part has to do with all those things which "we know we are doing"; while the other part things "without our knowing." We do quite a lot of things without being conscious of them. For instance, we do not think about

breathing, though we are always doing it. We do not think about our heart beating, although it never stops as long as we live; and there are some things we can learn to do so well as to be able to do them without thinking at all. Walking is one of these things. Now, acts of this kind are sometimes done by people in their sleep, and they can do them just as well asleep as awake, because the mind has got so used to looking after such acts that it does not require us to be conscious when doing them. So some people are found to walk in their sleep because one part of the mind is wide awake when the other is asleep. The curious thing about it is that, just because the walker is asleep and not conscious, he can walk over dangerous spots which would probably cause him to fall through nervousness if he were wide awake. As he is not conscious he generally walks safely, and remembers nothing about it.

5. The number of years an amount takes to double itself at any rate of Compound Interest not exceeding 10% per annum is approximately the number 70 divided by the rate per cent. of the interest. Thus £100 lent at Compound Interest at 5% would become £200 in about 70 ÷ 5, or 14 years.

6. There are several reasons why the handle of an axe is curved, and experience has shown that they are sound, for more work can be obtained from an axe with a curved handle than from one with a straight handle. In the first place the shape of a half-strung bow renders the handle stronger and less likely to snap when in use, as the double curve gives it added flexibility, enabling it to give in either direction under the strain of the woodman's blow. Then the curved handle enables the axe-head to be swung through a greater distance than if it were on a straight handle, so increasing its momentum. Finally, when the blow has been skilfully made and the blade is driven deep into a tree, the bent handle gives a better leverage for removing the axe. With the angle of the blade for a fulcrum, and the head of the blade for the weight, the bent handle obviously gives a longer arm, and therefore greater power than a straight handle would give.

7. To begin with, one reason why our eyes are shut during sleep is that it needs effort to keep our eyes open. When we get sleepy we relax that effort, and our eyelids drop under their own weight. But another question is, "Why would it keep a man awake to hold his eyes open in the light?" The reason is that light keeps us awake by exciting our brain, and when we want to go to sleep, of course, one of the first things we have to do is to shut our brain off from the outside world by darkness and by silence. So there are two answers to my question.

Well, there you are! Simple enough, isn't it?

DE PRÆFECTIS.

IT was with great rejoicing and jubilation that the Most Honourable and Ancient Brotherhood of Prefects said good-bye to some of its members at the end of last term. It was an immense joy to see them leave the "Den," but, alas! imagine the sorrow and mourning when some betook themselves back unto our hallowed halls—*Væ nobis, miseramus*!

However, it may be of interest to tthe School to read what has become of them. (All suggestions as to what ought to have happened to them are thoroughly justified.)

HORATIUS.—Has gone to Oxford. (Poor Oxford!) Wanted to become Leader of the League of Ovalvitas, and, after much argument as to whether he had been training on "Horloxo" for his pre-election campaign, was finally elected. Congratulations to Horatius Longus, King of the Milk Bottle.

JOSEPHUS.—Since Horace went to Oxford, Joe decided to go to Cambridge, presumably to pursue his "studies," together with "enjoyable" occupations—the which we will leave to those who know him to make out for themselves.

FRANCISUS EDUARDUS.—Once famous for brain and ability to play tennis and soccer. Seems to enjoy Cambridge after being a "gentleman of leisure" at School for a year.

ROGER.—Having won a Scholarship, has now joined the ranks of the idle rich. We mourn the loss of this "most efficient robot," and bewail the fact that we have now no ping-pong president, secretary, treasurer, etc.

STAN.—Due to his "talent" and "ability" to play ping-pong, our table and bats needed replacing at the beginning of term, to say nothing of the balls!

SPUDUS.—Somehow found his way to Saltley. Hope he finds new scope for his "dates" (see Vol. X., No. 54.). We hear that he has at last settled down to some intense swotting.

Alas! Alas! Two of our members, SI EL and PUFF, have ventured forth into the world and we, unfortunately, have lost touch with them.

But we are not completely absorbed in our jubilation, for we were plunged into mourning and the usual ceremonies and rituals (raggings and ejections, etc.) caused by the election of new Prefects. We feel that we must introduce them.

ROBBY.—Thinks he's good at ping-pong. Plays for "Meadows" or some such obscure club. Is generally hounded because he has failed to pay his subscription, but he must feel out of it, since he can't claim any part of the equipment.

CENTUS PHŒNIX.—Also prides himself on playing ping-pong. Takes delight in ringing bells. Other activity is manufacturing absurd drawings and remarks which he shamelessly pins to the notice board.

McSHIFTY.—Lives beyond "the Pale." Hopes to become an efficient linguist. Provides some of the brains of the Modern Sixth. Whiles away hours in the "Den." Enjoys "Rush" immensely.

MUSCLE-BOUND DUCK.—Is crafty with bat and ball. Famous for cunning serve. So baffling, he often baffles himself. Has been known to win points. "Rush" fan.

JENNY DRIBBLE-PUS.—Tries to be a tyrant in P.S. Has aspirations of becoming a dictator or something equally foolish. Hot on politics and debates. Most promising at ping-pong.

BARNZA.—Pugilist, hence "The Fighting Parson." Has lately taken up football. Hobbies: Ping-pong, and reads "Motor and Aeroplane" between points.

DICKSON.—Famous for voice and horrid wise-cracks. Delights in uttering such doubtful expressions as "Crab," "Crafty," "Keen, eh!" etc., etc., and in providing names for other members of the Most Honourable Brotherhood. Hobbies: Ping-pong, Table-tennis and Rush.

DUGY.—Chief activity is playing piano for various societies, and also for amusement of fans. In ping-pong has a most mesmerising serve—quite "cunning," actually.

RICHIE.—The senior "Dickson," brother to John. Famous for great style in ping-pong—very "crabby." One of the Gang (vide Vol. X., No. 54).

ARMY.—Rarely seen in the "Den," except during lunch hour. Somehow manages to survive after School dinner. It's said he attends music recitals! (Boo hoo!)

IGNOTUS.

A SUMMER MORNING.

THE ceaseless whispering of the waves below, and their gentle lapping on the old, mollusc-encrusted piles of the quay, floated up to me as I sat on the old mooring post, and took my thoughts from my unsuccessful fishing, leaving me in contemplation of the surrounding loveliness.

The rising sun threw long streams of pale golden light over the dark clouds on the distant horizon, and lit up the steep, heather-clad heights on either side of the narrow estuary; whilst the sunbeams made quaint shadows among the old houses of the quaint little town across the bay.

A few small boats swayed lazily at their moorings in the channel, their tall masts casting long, flickering shadows on the rippling waves.

The old quay itself bore relics of byegone days; a pile of slate, some timber, and a few rusted iron rails, suggested a former trade now lost. These evidences, however, were overgrown with various plants, bladder campion, mallow, and an occasional patch of pale sea holly readily taking root in the old timbers of the quay, and combining to give a pleasingly colourful effect.

From the village behind came the corvine conversation of the jackdaws.

A solitary cormorant was diving for his morning meal in the sunned water. He would submerge for incredibly long periods, and reappear at some distance, sometimes holding a small fish, which he would proceed to swallow whole.

In the shallow water over the sand banks, a stiff-legged heron was fishing, his spear-like beak poised in readiness.

The peaceful beauty of that summer morning filled me with a deep sense of pleasure, and the memory of it always bears the freshness of the morning itself. R.T.

"FUNDATRIX NOSTRA."

THERE was a strange loneliness about the school, and my solitary footsteps seemed to re-echo eerily along the corridor. Everything was perfectly normal, there was nothing out of place, yet, as I passed the empty rooms, and saw the shadows of desks, I thought how strange the silence was, and I subconsciously pictured black trees waving in the breeze of a cold winter night. It was a surprising thought, and I smiled at my foolishness, but even as I was smiling I heard an incessant humming sound which seemed to throb, and then becoming louder —that must be the wind. I could visualise the tall black trees, outlined against the dark sky; then again I heard the continuous humming. Suddenly I came back to life, and, for once, realism comforted me.

As I passed the library door I realised what the humming had been. It was that quiet, yet intriguing, sound made by the heating system, one which had always made me see islands in the middle of Asia when I used to learn geography. Even this recollection failed to change the atmosphere of mystery, and I was beginning to feel that I would like to run, or, perhaps, whistle "Tiger Rag" to dispel my feeling of solitude. I did whistle, only just audibly, but I was extremely surprised to find that my "Tiger Rag" had changed to Boccherini's "Minuet."

Trying my best to appear dignified, I opened the door to the Hall and began to walk towards the other side, but, suddenly, I stopped—here, I was not alone. I stopped, not because I wanted

to, but because my feet simply decided to cease functioning, and, suppressing a hysterical laugh, I turned. I think I was prepared for the worst, but I was horrified at the spectacle before me.

Seated on the Headmaster's Chair was a woman, in jewelled robes, gaunt of face, with a malicious gleam in her dark eyes. Around her stood a group of men, dressed in quaint, gaily-coloured costumes, who were listening attentively to all she said. They all appeared vaguely familiar to me, but at first I could not name them, then I remembered—they were Queen Elizabeth and her courtiers.

I was standing near the clock, and apparently had not been noticed, and, unable to move, as I was, I became aware of Her Majesty's conversation. She was angry.

"Where is Our Lord Chamberlain?" she demanded.

As a smallish man stepped forward, hiding his fear in a low bow, she continued, and the gleam in her eyes carried not only the power of her personality, but her true patriotism.

"My Lord," she said, curbing a little her temper, "'tis long since we commanded reform for Our country. We demanded schools throughout the land. Hast thou deigned to remember Our words?" And seeing his obvious nervousness, "Well, speak, man!"

"Your Majesty," he began, "may it please you, I have made arrangements for some schools to be founded, and in a small village, Blackburne by name, one has been started and awaits Your Majesty's charter."

Elizabeth then said, "My Lords, it pleases us to honour especially this village, where, in the distant future, Posterity will remember us kindly."

I seemed actually rooted to the spot, but, as the Queen finished speaking, I was possessed with a foolish thought, that the Hall was dark, and that perhaps Her Majesty would like some light. Thus I switched on the light, realizing, as I did so, the utter stupidity of my action, and, as the light dispelled the gloom, I looked in vain for the royal assembly.

A sudden reaction possessed me; and, as the power returned to my limbs, I took to my heels, dreading royal vengeance for listening unseen—strangely I never questioned the authenticity of my vision—nor do I yet.

Sometimes in the morning prayers I see the gleam in the Royal Lady's dark eyes, as she sees with pride the fulfilment of her prophecy. I once fancied her turn to her courtiers as if to say, "I told you so"—but in that I may have been mistaken.

J.R.

SUICIDE WHILE OF UNSOUND MIND . . . .

EVENING. The man in the death cell ceased his pacing and looked at the sunset. A lurid glow filled the west. He resumed his pacing. Red . . . . red . . . . blood . . . . blood . . . . Why had he killed him? The blood had flowed from his knife, pouring out . . . . red, unsightly, oozing and welling. He had not much money after all. Not enough to be worth the panic and fear of weeks of hair-breadth escapes, and then to be brought before the judge. How the judge must have shunned him as he brought out his absurd little cap and solemnly pronounced the words . . . . and to-morrow he must make the final reparation. He lived again the terrible nightmares to which he had been subjected. Walking through a sea of blood to the gallows, the feeling of the noose round his neck . . . . horror, worse than blood.

He shrugged his shoulders as if to banish the thoughts, and then began fumbling with a pack of cards. He cut . . . . ten of Hearts . . . . an almost wholly red card . . . . red . . . . mists of blood swam before his eyes . . . . but hadn't he heard something about that before? What was the fibre used? Ah! now he'd got it, cellulose. Yes, cellulose, and one of the most powerful explosives, tri-nitro-cellulose, is made from cellulose!

Quickly he wrenched a hollow piece of tubing from the cot, and began tearing out the red pips . . . . blood . . . . but this time it would be his own. He soaked the coloured fibre in water and drove the soggy mass into the tubing, tamping it with a piece of brush handle. When all was ready he held the tubing over a tiny oil heater. After a time it grew hot. He put his head close to it. Now he could escape the noose. Red, his downfall, would save him from that. Red blood . . . . he had spilt blood to get money . . . . he had been caught, sentenced to be hung, and was now going to escape that penalty through a few pieces of red cardboard. He could still see the blood trickling about his legs . . . . red . . . . red . . . . oblivion.

At that moment a terrible explosion rocked the walls of the prison and all the countryside. Alarmed guards, fearing that it was the signal for a prison outbreak, hurried to take up emergency stations. Rushing down the row of condemned cells, they were horrified to see the walls of one dripping red . . . . red . . . . red . . . .

He had cheated the hangman!

This story is based on fact, as William Kogut, a Polish lumberjack, committed suicide in this way in San Quentin Prison.

V., VI.B. Modern.

REMINISCENCE.

IT is Armistice Day, 1937—the flag droops limply from the flag-pole, as if waiting for some stray breeze to stir it. All is quiet save where a murmur of sound indicates the school at work.

The familiar sounds of the lesson fail to waken one boy, whose mind, oblivious of the speaking master, has wandered back to the origin of the flag, and he suddenly realises how the School has changed since his first appearance there. In place of the old rusty cannon down in the corner there, a new flagpole rises up resting on some soft green turf. Through the trampled and much worn grass, which borders the road, six young poplars rise, bringing back memories of Coronation Day and signifying the School's loyalty. In place of the old manual hut a long green-roofed building—the wood wing—stretches across the yard. From the gymnasium wall a new bicycle shelter tapers out outlining itself against the sky. The boy feels a pang of regret, not so much that the old has to give place to the new, but because he thinks of his quickly passing schooldays. He becomes aware, however, that the bell, which he has often felt so welcome, is ringing, accompanied with many sounds of movement, and, joining the rush of school-boys who are crowding out into the open air, he replies dreamily to his friends' commonplaces. Soon he finds himself entering the Assembly Hall for the Armistice Service. His pride in England's wartime glory swells at the passages of the address, and, erect and still, he faces the memorial while the wreath is placed there. He tries hard to honour those whose lives were lost in the Great War, and, with flushing face, he loyally sings the National Anthem.

So passes perhaps his last Armistice Day at School.

"BUNNOCK."

DESECRATION.

SCENE: The Radcliffe Room at the end of last term. There are present two ghosts—talking, unseen, to themselves above the long table, while about a dozen Sixth Formers are seated round the table.

Ghost of Queen Elizabeth: 'Tis bad, Edward, 'tis bad. For nigh on four centuries now, I've haunted this school, and this room has been my favourite haunt since 'twas built a mere thirty years ago. And now these—these coxcombs,—desecrate, I repeat, desecrate, these walls.

Ghost of Sir Edward Osbaldiston (Governor 1636-56): Desecration it is, your Majesty; Gadzooks! when youths—mere children, juggle with thousands of pounds in school—well, affairs have come to a pretty turn!

Ghost of Queen: Methinks thou'rt right, Edward. What strange money they use. Can this really be all it seems?

Ghost of Sir Edward: 'T must be. There can be no doubt on't. The school has become corrupt these past few years.—Listen!

A Sixth Former: There's £550 for you, young fellow; but just you wait, I'll get my revenge, I'll . . . .

Ghost of Queen Elizabeth: See, Edward. The varlet's using threats against the one who took his money.

Another Sixth Former (reading a card): That's jail for you, thank goodness. Well, If you will get drunk. . . .

Ghost of Sir Edward: The young lad's sent the other to jail i'faith. They seem to have all the power nowadays. Things have changed.

Yet Another Sixth Former: Ha, Ha! You don't seem to realise that you're all in my power. All the land in London worth owning is mine,—from Trafalgar Square to Mayfair. I'll break you all . . . . .

Ghost of Queen: The lad who owns London must be a great person. Odds Boddikins, do these schoolboys rule the world? He's even going to break the others on the rack it seems. 'Tis terrible . . . . . .

Oh, by the way, as you will probably have guessed, it was a game of Monopoly that was troubling our ghosts.

ANON., VI.A. MOD.

THIS WEEK'S BROADCAST TALK.

SWITCHING on the wireless the other day during a short period of indolence (!), I found two talks in progress, and changing from one to the other alternately, the result was something like this:—

(A and B are the two stations).

A: Professor Einstein will present a lecture on practical biology. At this very moment——

B: Mrs. Murgatroyd will give a talk to mothers on the care of babies——

A: Good afternoon, listeners. I intend this afternoon to say——

B: Good afternoon, mothers. My talk on the care of infants will consist of——

A: a talk on their inner organs and how they may best removed with——

B: a safety-pin. The knapkin should be carefully applied to the——

A: frog's back legs, and the abdomen slit with——

B: a baby's comforter. When carefully laid on its back its——

A: kidneys should be removed, and its stomach eased out of position with——

B: a warm bed-sock. Its feet should then be——

A: dissected in the normal way, and its pancreas placed——

B: beneath the pillow. Place a hot-water bottle——

A: under the left eyebrow, and carefully split the head——

B: rocking it with a gentle soothing motion and swinging——

A: the frog's backbone. Lay out all the entrails in a line, and the animal is now completely——

B: asleep, and should not awaken for some hours. Always keep in a warm room and warmly cover——

A: its brains in a pickling-jar. You may prepare a solution of——

B: babyfood, to be administered on——

A: the frog's inside. It will then dry up and——

B: will probably awaken with a loud shiek. Take some warm water and wash——

A: the liver and kidneys, takings care not to touch——

B: its tiny toes. Then dust, with Johnson's baby powder, its——

A: stomach and heart. Its brains should then be——

B: dressed in warm woollies, and finally wrapped in a thick shawl. Then place in its pram or cot——

A: where it may be left for some hours——

B: occasionally giving orange juice or gripewater if it stirs. It is now time to——

A: carry out further experiments on its entrails. I must now——

B: end my talk, with the warning that——

A: frogs must be frequently attended to and not left to——

B: cry their little hearts out. Goodbye, mothers, it is time to be——

A: saying, Goodbye listeners till we meet again——

B: in my talk next week.

"Avis Sapiens."

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

THE beginning of a new School year once more brings about changes in the House. At the end of last term we lost the services of two prefects, H. Kent and C. L. Holden. Both had rendered excellent service to his House, Kent having been House Captain for two years, for which service I record the appreciation of the members. To them and to J. E. Mitchell, who left us this term, we wish every success in the future, as also we do to all other members who left us last July. Many new members have entered the House this term, and to them is extended a hearty welcome, and we sincerely hope that they, in return, will serve their House loyally.

At the opening of the term two new prefects were appointed, J. E. Mitchell and F. H. Duckworth, whilst H. Bates, our Football Captain, became School Football Captain, congratulations being due to all. This, together with the fact that we had lost very few senior members, meant, I had hoped, that the House was to have a splendid year. However, I will not conceal my disappointment. Last year we occupied the unenviable position of having won no trophy whatever, and we seem to be heading for the same position again. In the Swimming Gala we certainly achieved nothing brilliant, whilst the football teams have fared none too well. However, in the latter respect there is enthusiasm, and, I believe, a good chance of success in the Robinson Cup next term, whilst I compliment the second eleven on the way in which they have turned out when asked to play. Similarly at the Gala it was not because of slackness that nothing was achieved by Greenwood's team, but because of the greater swimming ability of others. You all did your best, and for that we say "Thank you—may next year see greater success."

In other respects also there is still plenty of time to put ourselves into a more enviable position, for there are other honours to be won at Lammack, and a splendid chance to regain our former supremacy in the "Marsden" Merit List, which a short while ago we headed for three consecutive years.

May I also at this stage appeal to all, even if they have already contributed towards the Lammack Pavilion Fund, to save a little out of their Christmas gifts and bring it to School next term.

Finally, may I congratulate the following for gaining points in the Merit List, although next term I would like to see many of those single points increased, and, if possible, more points from the Fifth Formers :—Proctor, W. A. (VI.b. Mod.), 8 points (Spendid !); Johnston, A. M. (II.a), 6 points; Pomfret, James (VI.b Sc.), 4 points; Entwistle, H. F. (III.c), 3 points; Taylor, R. (Rem.), Smithies, J. (IV.a), Collings, H. D. G. (IV.b), Hindle,

E. (IV.b), McArdle, W. (III.a), 2 points each; and Smith, W. A. (U.V.S.), Brown, G. I. (V.a), Powell, G. (V.c), Livesey, R. (III.d), Butterfield, J. H. (II.c), Coar, R. (II.d), Harwood, J. B. (Trans.), 1 point each.

Two boys disgraced themselves by being on report—McCarthy, J. Y., and Edmundson, H. G.

So on to next term, when, with nobler efforts, we may bring still greater success to the House.

F. Bury.

FROBISHER.

OUR late House and School Captain, F. E. Brown, left us at the end of last term for Cambridge, where we all wish him every success in learning and in sport.

In the recent Swimming Gala we improved our position to third place, and actually tied for second place in the Inter-House Squadron Race. To the few who swam, and to those who gained certificates during term, we tender our thanks.

Football results are very pleasing this term, our First Eleven having beaten the other five Houses. The Second Eleven has lost one match and drawn one. The points obtained entitling us to a bye in next term's Robinson Cup competition, I think we ought to do well. Let boys under fourteen note that there is a Junior House competition also next term, and that any boys wishing to be considered for the team should give their names to a House Prefect.

A little-known activitiy of the School is Chess, and, since there is a probability of the House Chess competition being revived next term, would all chess players and would-be players please give their names to Bradshaw, A. J.?

In the Marsden Merit competition we have not fared very well, at present being in the fifth position. Further effort, particularly in the Middle School, would raise our position considerably.

We heartily congratulate the following who have gained points this term:—Yate, H., 8 points (maximum); Anderson, K., 5 points; Tattersall, A., Ashton, E. H., 4 points each; Heaton R. E., Davison, E., Bradley, H., Anderson, F.S., Watson, W. N., 2 points each; and Duckworth, J., Moulding, E., Armistead, W., Farrell, F., Dixon, P., 1 points each.

With points so hard to obtain, it is indeed unfortunate that J. W. Leach is "on report." I hope no members of this House will be so disgraced in the future.

W. Fishwick.

GRENVILLE.

AT the end of the last school year we lost our former House-Captain, R. A. Holden. We wish him every success, and would also extend this wish to all others who have left the House.

At the beginning of Term, O. F. Phœnix was elected swimming Captain, and I. B. Shearer, Football Captain.

Our football was quite commendable at the beginning of Term, but has since deteriorated somewhat, owing to the loss of part of our team. At present, we are just about holding our own on the football field.

The Swimming Gala at the beginning of Term was a melancholy echo of last year so far as Grenville was concerned. We obtained less points for length certificates, etc., than any other House, and but for the efforts of some of our juniors would have had a depressing position indeed. Clearly a more united effort is indicated so far as swimming is concerned.

After acquitting ourselves extremely well in the "Marsden" Merit List last year, we have now lapsed completely, and at the time of going to print, occupy the very unenviable sixth place.

Let us hope that the examinations and forthcoming Terms' results will improve on this considerably.

We wish to thank the following for the points (33), which we have gained.

Walker, M. Mc.I., (7 pts.); Clarke, D. D. (6 pts.); Thompson, A. (4 pts.); Darbyshire, L., Hunt, J.K., Varey, J.E. (3 pts.); Wiley, W.E., (2 pts.); O'Hare, F., Kilshaw, A., Lightbown, J. K., Ninniss, W. E., Radley, N. (1 pt.).

Our meagre total is further diminished by B. R. Kerry, who is "on report."

R.T.

HOWARD.

WE began the School year destitute of the able leadership of our House Captain, H. Ryden. We wish him every success in his future vocation. Having suffered no further losses, let us welcome our newly-appointed Prefects, T. Barnes, A. Dugdale and L. K. Robinson and also the new members of the House in the Junior School.

This year there has been a notable improvement in all our House activities. Though we failed to accomplish anything really brilliant at the Swimming Gala (this is becoming habit) we did, however advance one position.

Our Football Elevens have enjoyed a greater measure of success this Term, under the continued captaincy of L. K. Robinson. With regard to the First Eleven, the opening match pro-

vided a very inauspicious beginning. After leading, and then holding Raleigh to a draw, we faded out in the last ten minutes when two goals were scored against us. The second fixture was more favourable—we drew with Grenville. Our last three matches consituted a win, a defeat, and a draw. We defeated Hawkins 3—2, lost to Frobisher and drew with Drake 3—3. In the first match the Second Eleven met a similar fate, losing to Raleigh 4—6. After winning the next three matches, we entertained hopes of a very successful term of football, but in our last match due to the fact that we were playing with only nine men, we lost to Drake.

In the Marsden Merit Cup Competition, it is indeed pleasing to report that Howard occupies the leading position. We must congratulate those who have gained "positions" and we are very grateful for their valuable points. It is, however, regrettable that some of last year's regular contributors are failing us at this very important time, when every point is vital, since a majority of seven points is not very substantial. Let us hope then, that last year's contributors will soon retain their former standard and also that we may add many new names to the list in the next issue. The Juniors are to be specially congratulated, since rather less than half of the points gained have come from that quarter.

Some 59 points have been gained by: Watson, D. G. (Trans.), 8 points (the maximum); Bentley, J. I. (Up. Vth. Lat.) and Shuttleworth, G. M. (II.c), 7 points each; Harwood, J. A. D. (V.b.), Margerison, J. H. (Up. Vth. Lat.), and Whittaker, F. M. (II.d), 4 points each; Procter, C. L. (III.b), and Redman, J. A. (III.c), 3 points each; Crossley, E. (V.b), Dunkerley, W. B. (III.d), Huck, W. (Trans.), Mitchell, P. (Trans.), Morris, A. C. (IV.d), Sternberg, E. (IV.b), Thornber, H. H. (Up. Vth. Lc.), and Whittaker, R. (H.b), 2 points each; Almond, D. E. (II.b), Almond, R. (II.a), and Whittaker, J. B. (IV.b), 1 point each.

It will be very gratifying to the above to learn that no-one has thought it befitting to substract from their efforts by causing himself to be put "on report."

J.S.

HAWKINS.

LAST term we said good-bye to J. Ormerod, who has been our House Captain, Cricket Captain and also Football Captain for the past two years. He has taken up residence at Birmingham. We also lost Bradley, Forrest, and early this term our only prefect, Grimbaldeston. With all go our thanks for services rendered to the House, and sincere wishes for success in their new spheres. At the end of the Summer Term we ended in a blaze of glory by winning the Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup.

This term's activities are summed up under three headings —Football, Swimming, and the Merit Cup. Our position in the Football table is partly due to the fact that many prominent players of last year's team have left, but even though we have won but one match, we have not disgraced ourselves; indeed, there has been an inspiring keenness in all our matches. Being rather short of seniors, many of the juniors have been trained for next season's activities.

As regards Swimming, although we won the Gala (many thanks to those who pulled their weight so nobly), we failed to win the " Rodolph Feilden " Cup. This was due to our small number of points gained by certificates in the visits to the baths throughout the summer. Will all prospective swimmers of the length, half and quarter miles, remember this next summer?

For the past few years the Merit List has usually found Hawkins in the lower half of the list. This term the geniuses have wakened up, with the result that we occupy second position. Cannot we be top of the list at the end of the year? We thank the following for their much appreciated efforts:—Allsup, N., 6 points; Walmsley, K. O., Byrom, K., Carolin, A., Duckworth, W. B., 5 points each; Marsden, G. E., Whittaker, J., Hindle, W. L., Roberts, C., 4 points each; Handby, J., Ainsworth, H., 3 points each; Walne, L. A., 2; Sullivan, G., Summers, R. L., 1 point each.

J. F. SHARPE.

RALEIGH.

IN October last our House Captain and Vice-Captain left us to take up residence at Universities, H. Ingham going to Oxford and T. S. Hindle to Cambridge. We wish them every success in their new sphere.

Two new Prefects, J. Richardson and R. Richardson, were appointed at the beginning of the term. At the House Meeting, R. Richardson was elected House Captain in place of H. Ingham, and A Carpenter, Vice-Captain, in place of T. S. Hindle. For this season the Football Captain is J. Tomlinson, and the Vice-Captain is G. M. Hindle.

We wish to congratulate A. Carpenter, who has been awarded a State Scholarship and a County Major Scholarship on his results in the Higher School Certificate Examination last July.

We extend our heartiest welcome to the new members of the House, hoping for all their support in scholastic and sporting achievements.

In School activities this term we have met with a fair measure of success. We won the "Rodolph Feilden" Swimming Cup for the fifth consecutive year, obtained first place for the Marsden Merit Cup, and so far have only lost one Inter-House Football match.

Even though several good swimmers left us last term, we managed, under the able captaincy of G. M. Hindle, to win the Swimming Cup, but only by a small margin. We must remind the members of the House that points gained by Length, Quarter and Half-Mile Certificates count towards the total. Thanks are due to all those who procured such points last season.

Under the keen captaincy of J. Tomlinson, the football team has had the most successful term for many years; four matches have been played, three won and one lost. We hope this standard will continue and that the teams will do well in the Robinson Cup matches next term. We hope the fact that we were only beaten by a narrow margin in last year's final will spur us on to procure the trophy that has so long evaded us. The Under-Fourteen Eleven are reminded that they enter for the Forbes Cup Competition next term, and we wish them success.

Our former prestige has been regained by our recapture of the Marsden Merit Cup last year. So far this year we do not seem to be repeating this procedure, for the number of points gained is lower than those obtained last year at this period. So we would like everybody to try to put in a little extra effort to procure points, especially boys who are in the top half of their forms.

The following boys have to be thanked for their part in endeavouring to retain the Cup:—Bradshaw, W. (V.a), Lewney, G. (IV.c), 7 points; Ashton, E. (Rem.), Hodson, R. (III.b), 6 points; Edwardson, S .M. (II.a), 5 points; Mayhall, H. (IV.c), 4 points; Mayo, H. S. (V.a), 3 points; Field, H. (III.a), Fish, C. B. R. (Rem.), 2 points; Lever, P. S. (III.a), 1 point.

No member of the House so far has been "on report. This should continue, as in the past.

R.R.

THE SWIMMING GALA.

DEAFENING noise, ear-splitting cries, shrill whistles and encouraging shouts, when heard together help one to visualise the wild scenes of enthusiasm during the Swimming Gala, which was held at Belper Street Baths on Tuesday, the 19th of October. This, our eleventh annual Gala, proved a great success, because, homework being suspended, a jubilant crowd of boys and proud parents were present. "There was a sound of revelry by night"—and what revelry!

The preliminary heats having been swum off, we turned to the serious business of the evening.

The Diving was watched with much enthusiasm, and the divers were mercilessly, but encouragingly, criticised. Hindle, G. M. (R.); Gerrard, A. J. (Hk.); Sharpe, J. S. (Hk.)

The One Breadth was accomplished amongst much spluttering and almost superhuman efforts. Tickell, H. (Hk.); Shuttleworth, G. M. (Ho.); Mayhall, H. (R.).

The Two Lengths Senior Championship was a gruelling struggle. Gerrard, A. J. (Hk.); Hindle, G. M. (R.); Briggs, W. (Hk.).

The Old Boys' Race produced a great finish, excellent swimming being shown by all competitors. The swimmers were congratulated by the Headmaster. Ellam; Moorcroft; Pennell; MacPhee.

The Medley Race was another great success, the honours falling to Gerrard, A. J. (Hk.); Hindle, G. M. (R.); Briggs, W. (Hk.).

The Junior Championship showed that we have to expect great results from our swimmers in future years. The English Channel should indeed prove to be but a mere "silver streak." Mantell, P. K. (Hk.); Lightbown, J. K. (G.); Pickles, H. D. (F.).

The Egg and Spoon Race caused much laughter, some competitors experiencing difficulty in finding their spoons, others in collecting their "eggs," and still others in keeping calm, cool and collected. Harwood, J. A. D. (Ho.); Fellows, J. M. (R.); Prest, J. N. (D).

The Candle Race brought out many ingenious methods in holding candles and sticks, and judging by the amount of laughter it raised the event was a great success. A humorous interlude took place when a boy took up his position clad in a nightshirt and nightcap, complete with "L" plates and, apparently, cold feet. Haworth, N. G. (Ho.); Harwood, J. T. (R.); Simpson, A. H. (R.).

The One Length Breaststroke was yet another struggle. Lightbown, J. K. (G.); Anderson, D. W. (R.); Harwood, J. A. D. (Ho.).

But the Inter-House Squadron Race was, as everyone expected, a real ding-dong struggle for points. And talk of cheers —well, it has been rumoured that Belper-Street Baths are going to be re-roofed. 1, Hawkins; 2, Howard and Frobisher (dead-heat).

After all this was over and the tumult had subsided, a Water Polo Match was played between the Tiddlers and the Minnows. This event, in the second year of its innovation, was hailed with cheers, played during cheers, and altogether "moved and had its being" in cheers.

The star turn of the evening was the performance of a few lengths backstroke by Mr. Sharples, the holder of the Railway's Athletic Association 100 yards Backstroke Championship.

The honours of the evening went to:—

Raleigh—winners of the 'Rodolph Fielden" Challenge Cup.

Gerrard, A. J. (Hk.)—winner of the Senior "Forrest" Swimming Cup.

Mantell, P. K. (Hk.)—winner of the Junior "Forrest" Swimming Cup.

What a night!

J.E.V.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT.

WITH very few of last year's players left, several trials were held at the beginning of the term, which only helped to complicate the selection of the First Eleven, and left one in doubt as to whether two other teams could be raised. However, all doubts have been expelled.

As regards the First Eleven, a first experimental team was fielded against Burnley and suffered a heavy defeat. There was, however, a brighter side, for it revealed the necessary changes which have since proved successful in producing three wins and two drawn games. Unfortunately, one of the results of the game at Burnley has been the new experience of a "non-playing" Captain, Bates having had the misfortune to injure his knee. This has necessitated Fishwick, the Vice-Captain, adapting himself to the right full-back posion, which he has done splendidly.

Since the beginning of the season the attack suffered a great loss in the departure of Greatorex, until then our chief goal scorer, but Alstead has now stepped into the breach in this respect, while Joseph has proved a capable deputy. Hindle is now a permanency at full-back, whilst we seem to have found our best half-back line to be Wilding, Greenwood and Worden. The right wing, Robinson and Sharpe, is producing goals, and that is what we desire. For the outside-left position there is competition between Hoole and Askew, so we can be sure of them doing their best, and, to complete the team, Tomlinson is now defending the goal instead of Bates.

In conclusion, we must thank Mather for excellent services on the touch-line.

F.B.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

School v Burnley G.S.

September 25th. At Lammack.

Team:—Tomlinson; Shearer, Bates; Wilding, Fishwick, Hindle; Robinson, Greatorex, Greenwood, Alstead, Hoole.

Our first experimental team of the season had the unfortunate experience of playing a Burnley team which had last season's experience and their display magnified the School's lack of method and co-operation.

Half-time: School 0, Burnley 3.

There was little improvement in the second half although the defence put up a good fight and the forwards could steer the ball towards the Burnley goal, but then lacked shooting power. The Burnley attack added three more goals in addition to failing twice with penalties.

Final: School 0, Burnley 6.

School v. Preston C.C.

Team :—Tomlinson; Fishwick, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fender, Robinson, Wilding, Alstead, Greatorex, Hoole.

Play in the opening stages was even but after twenty minutes play Greatorex took advantage of a miskick by a Preston defender to give the School the lead. The School attack now combining well, took control of the game and further goals were scored by Alstead, Greatorex and Hoole (2).

Half-time: School 5, Preston 0.

A quick goal by Preston after the restart brought new interest to the game and for a time our defence was able to distinguish itself. A change was brought about when Robinson raced away down the wing and scored a brilliant goal. This was followed with goals by Alstead and Greatorex whilst Preston reduced their arrears. Altogether a great improvement on last week's display.

Final: School 8, Preston 2.

School v. Clitheroe R.G.S.

October 16th. At Lammack.

Team :—Tomlinson; Fishwick, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Worden; Robinson, Wilding, Alstead, Greatorex, Hoole.

In the opening stages of the game the School were surprisingly eager, and a quick goal was the result of Hoole's pass to Greatorex. The rest of the half contained nothing of importance

although Greatorex almost repeated his first success his shot grazing the crossbar.

This half saw Clitheroe pressing,—for the most part against a very capable defence. In the last quarter of an hour, however, the School made sure with further goals by Alstead and Hoole.

Final:—School 3, Clitheroe 0.

SCHOOL v. HULME G.S. (OLDHAM).

October 23rd. At Oldham.

Team:—Tomlinson; Fishwick, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Worden; Robinson, Wilding, Alstead, Joseph, Hoole.

From the start the School were defending and the forwards did little until Hoole collected a pass and sent it forward to Alstead for the latter to score. The opposition, rallied however, and equalised before half-time.

Half-time: School 1, Hulme 1.

In the second half the School forwards were more in the play and several attempts at scoring were made but the Hulme defence was in each case master of the situation.

Final: School 1, Hulme 1.

SCHOOL v. BURY G.S.

November 6th. At Lammack.

Team:—Tomlinson; Fishwick, Hindle; Wilding, Greenwood, Worden; Robinson, Sharpe, Alstead, Joseph, Askew.

A quick visiting side soon had the School eleven on the run and registered their superiority by scoring after 10 minutes. The School fought back, however, and a run by Wilding gave Robinson the chance to even accounts. A revival was however, stopped by injury to Tomlinson who retired injured, and Askew took his place in goal. More hard work by the School resulted in another goal, this time scored by Alstead.

Half-time: School 2, Bury 1.

On resuming play Tomlinson reappeared in goal and the School were able to concentrate on attack, further goals being scored by Alstead (2) and Robinson. The clever Bury team now went to pieces and only took up the initiative again when they scored on time after a defensive lapse.

Final: School 5, Bury 2.

SCHOOL v. BACUP AND RAWTENSTALL G.S.

November 13th. At Waterfoot.

Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding the match was not played.

SCHOOL v. BOLTON SCHOOL.

November 20th. At Lammack.

Team:—Tomlinson; Shearer, Hindle; Fishwick, Greenwood, Worden; Robinson, Ainsworth, Alstead, Sharpe, Askew.

Snow made conditions difficult and Bolton, after starting the offensive, scored;—only for the School to draw level with a goal from Robinson. Askew, who now appeared more at ease in the team, came along with another and Alstead before half-time gave the School a comfortable lead.

Half-time: School 3, Bolton 1.

The visitors commenced the second half in great style and soon wiped off the arrears. The School retaliated and claimed a goal by Robinson, but this was not allowed. The game was now even and the scoring remained unchanged at the end.

Final: School 3, Bolton 3.

GOAL SCORERS.

Alstead	8
Greatorex	4
Robinson	4
Hoole	3
Askew	1

SECOND ELEVEN REPORT.

AT the beginning of the year it was believed that the School would be unable to compile a strong second team, owing to the fact that such a lot of players from last year's teams have left. However, the results of the seven matches we have played up to date, six wins and only one defeat, show that the School has, after all, quite a good Second Eleven. The fact that only one of these matches was played at home must also be taken into consideration.

Our only defeat was that against Bury Grammar School at Bury. They defeated us 5—2. The score, however, by far over exaggerates Bury's superiority. The game was extremely even until the last ten minutes, when Bury scored three quick goals.

School's hardest game was probably that against Bolton at Bolton, where they won 2—1. It was a really ding-dong struggle until the last minute, Bolton never for one moment giving up the hope of gaining that equalising goal. However, School's defence held out and the team emerged victorious.

Perhaps the slackening off of the scoring in the last two games by the School is due to the fact that Askew is now playing in the First Eleven. It must be mentioned that in his first four matches Askew scored fifteen times for the second team. We wish him the same success in the First Eleven.

In the first five games School never scored less than six goals with a result that they have up-to-date a total of 41 goals against 15.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Saturday, Sept. 25th. At Burnley.
School v. Burnley G.S. Won, 7—0.
Saturday, Oct. 2nd. At Preston.
School v. Preston C.C. Won, 8—3.
Saturday, Oct. 9th. At Nelson.
School v. Nelston Secondary School. Won, 6—3.
Saturday, Oct. 16th. At Lammack.
School v. Clitheroe R.G.S. Won, 11—0.
Saturday, Oct. 23rd. At Lammack.
School v. Hulme G.S. (Oldham). Won, 6-3.
Saturday, Nov. 13th. At Bury.
School v. Bury G.S. Lost 2—5.
Saturday, Nov. 20th. At Bolton.
School v. Bolton School. Won, 2—1.

A.J.B.

THE THIRD ELEVEN.

THE record of the Third Eleven this season does not afford us any reason for a triumphant report. Up to date we have only won one match, that being against Nelson Secondary School, when we gained the victory by 5 goals to 2. We have also three draws to our credit: against Burnley G.S., 4—4; Cathedral Scouts, 3—3; and Rishton Parish Church, 2—2. But we cannot forget a crushing defeat suffered at the hands of Griffin Celtic, when we were beaten 9—1. Our opponents were superior in every way, especially in size and weight.

It is to be regretted that there does not seem to be any great desire among our budding footballers to gain a position in the team, but this may be caused by a deplorable lack of fixtures against other schools. However, we hope that this will be remedied next term, and there is no doubt that it will be followed by an increased standard of play.

T.B.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL THIRD ELEVEN.

Back Row (left to right): A. W. Cresswell, N. Aspin, A. Edgar, J. I. Bentley.
Seated: A. Byrom, E. Readhead, J. J. Hargreaves (Capt.), J. Halliwell, J. W. Hadfield.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL UNDER 14 ELEVEN.
Back Row (left to right): E. Moulding, E. Haslam, J. A. D. Harwood, A. Carolin.
Seated: J. Handley, F. Eddleston, D. Shaw (Capt.), F. S. Smith, J. K. Lightbown.
In Front: H. T. Pickles, J. S. Pomfret.

Results to Date.

Saturday, Sept. 25th. At Lammack.
School v. Burnley G.S. Drawn, 4—4.
Saturday, Oct. 9th. At Nelson.
School v. Nelson Secondary School. Won, 5—2.
Saturday, Oct. 10th. At Lammack.
School v. Cathedral Scouts. Drawn 3—3.
Saturday, Oct. 23rd. At Lammack.
School v. Rishton Parish Church. Drawn, 2—2.
Saturday, Nov. 13th. At Lammack.
School v. Griffin Celtic. Lost 1—9.

Under 14 XI. Results.

Saturday, Sept. 25th. At Burnley.
School v. Burnley G.S. Won 7—2.
Saturday, Oct. 2nd. At Preston.
School v. Preston C.C. Won 9—1.
Saturday, Oct. 16th. At Clitheroe.
School v. Clitheroe R.G.S. Won 3—0.
Saturday, November 6th. At Lammack.
School v. Bury G.S. Won 4—0.
Saturday, Nov. 20th. At Bolton.
School v. Bolton School. Won 4—1.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

First Elevens.

House.	Played	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	—Goals— For	Agst.	Pts.
Frobisher	5	5	—	—	32	10	10
Raleigh	5	3	2	—	22	12	6
Grenville	5	2	2	1	11	9	5
Howard	5	1	2	2	13	26	4
Drake	5	1	3	1	13	21	3
Hawkins	5	1	4	0	9	22	2

Second Elevens.

House.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn	—Goals— For	Agst.	Pts.
Frobisher	5	3	1	1	23	18	7
Howard	5	3	2	0	28	22	6
Raleigh	5	3	2	0	20	18	6
Drake	5	2	2	1	30	13	5
Grenville	5	2	2	1	14	18	5
Hawkins	5	0	4	1	15	41	1

FINAL POSITIONS.

		Points.
1.	Frobisher	17
2.	Raleigh	12
3.	Grenville	10
4.	Howard	10
5.	Drake	8
6.	Hawkins	3

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

JAZZ SOCIETY.

THIS term a new branch of the Music Society has been formed, under the auspices of Mr. Popham. As yet there have been three meetings, viz., "The Development of Jazz," "A Request Programme," and a "Blues Recital."

The first meeting attracted only a score of Jazz enthusiasts, but so popular did it prove that the other two were much better attended.

They were, indeed, such a success that many members were carried away by the spirit of the music, and attempted to emulate it. Therefore it is hoped that further meetings will be received and appreciated in a quieter manner.

Thanks are due to all who have kindly loaned records, and to Messrs. Popham and Povah, who have added greatly to the enjoyment of the programmes. A.A.

THE BOXING CLUB.

THE Club has once more resumed its activities under the direction of Mr. Hunt and Mr. Williams. Unfortunately, the enthusiasm that greeted the Inter-House Competition last term has by no means been reflected in this term's response. Senior boys should undoubtedly be keener, and it is to be hoped that more—both Juniors and Seniors—will attend our Monday night meetings next term in readiness for next year's competition.

The points gained for each House in last term's finals were: Frobisher, 12; Grenville, 8; Howard, 4; Drake, 4; Raleigh, 4; Hawkins, 4. Well done!

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE meetings held this Term, have, I am pleased to say, been well attended, largely due to the fact that many of last year's members are still at School. I should like to appeal, however, for still more support, in particular from the lower sixths, for it is on them that we depend next year. If we are assured of their interest and support, the other members are quite willing to have a rest and so give new members their chance.

So far this term, two plays have been read, namely:—"Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure;" and "Richard of Bordeaux" by Gordon Daviot. Undoubtedly each was a success and the casts were such that everyone present was given a chance of reading. The actual reading has reached the usual high standard, with no-one particularly outstanding. The newcomers from VI.a Mod. and VI.b. Mod. have done very well and will probably be represented in the cast of the school play next Easter. With regard to the latter, incidentally, a humorous play is theoretically due next time, but with the departure of Mitchell all the members are now more or less suited to serious parts, so we may see a departure from the usual type of play presented. We are, however, fortunate in having all last year's feminine part of the cast available and strengthened by the addition of Walne, so that source of worry should be absent.

There is still one more meeting to be held this term and on this occasion a play entitled "Dandy Dick" will be read. This is a candidate for next year's school play and we are hoping for a large attendance.

In conclusion I would like, on behalf of the Society, to thank Mr. Blenkinsop and Mr. Collier for their keen interest in our meetings, the former, arranging for the borrowing of books from the Drama League, and the latter, casting the plays. Unlike last year we would like the Society to function right to the end of the school-year, so I hope that there is no dwindling of interest.

F.B.

THE CHESS CLUB.

THIS Term the School team has had definite success in the way of Inter-School matches. Of the four played, School has won three against strong teams from Clitheroe, Accrington and Nelson, the other being lost against Bolton. The improvement in the School's team may perhaps be best understood from the fact that though Clitheroe defeated us 4—1, and

5—0 last year, this Term we defeated them 3—2. It is generally hoped that this success will be continued in our coming fixtures next Term.

It is to be regretted, however, that the enthusiasm in chess shown by the VIths. last year has abated somewhat. We here exhort boys who play chess or wish to learn chess to come along to the meetings in the Geography Room where Dr. Tyler or any of the School team will endeavour to improve their game. The School must have good players to fall back on when the absence or leaving of members depletes the School team. Junior chess enthusiasts are advised to go along to the Junior Chess Club which is held every Thursday under the guidance of Mr. Shaw.

We are pleased to report that the School is being successfully represented in the Lancashire Schools' Chess Championship by W. J. Evans, who has won his way into the quarter finals. We sincerely wish him every success in his next game in the championship.

Early next Term there will be held the usual Chess Shield championship. This is open to all boys in the School. It is hoped that there will be a large number of entries even exceeding last year's record total. House Captains are asked to see that individual Houses are well represented in this contest.

The following players have represented the School in the matches with other Schools: Bradshaw, A. J., Taylor, R. Fishwick, W., Evans, W. J., Wilding, J., O'Hare, F., Mayman, H.

RESULTS.

Bolton 3,	School 2.	Lost.
Clitheore 2,	School 3.	Won.
Accrington 1½,	School 4½.	Won.
Nelson 1½,	School 4½.	Won.
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All matches have been played at School.

A. J. BRADSHAW.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

THE School Music Society, under the auspices of Mr. Popham, has undoubtedly flourished during the past Term. For, as a result of the support of many members of our Fifth and Sixth Forms, considerably augmented by quite large parties of music-lovers from the High School, we have had

extremely good audiences at all our recitals. Our programme this Term has been both extensive and interesting.

We commenced the Term with a recital of Schubert's music very kindly presented by Mr. D. G. Brock. This recital, which proved most enjoyable, included several of Schubert's songs as well as his ever-popular "Unfinished" Symphony.

The session continued with a study of "The Structure of Music," which extended over a period of several weeks, and consisted of a series of short lectures presented by Mr. Popham which were illustrated by appropriate musical works. In this series we studied Fugue (which was illustrated solely by works of Bach), Canon, Sonata and Rondo form (illustrated by the "Eine Keine Nacht" music), and lastly Theme and Variation which was illustrated by the 4th movement of Brahms' 4th Symphony.

The next recital was devoted to a study of the way in which music may be used to convey a story—narrative music as it might be called. At this recital we heard "L' Appenti Sourcier," and "Till Eulenspeigels Merry Pranks."

At this stage in the programme, Mr. D. S. Miller, who is himself a great Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiast, very kindly consented to give us a recital of "The Gondoliers." In doing this, Mr. Miller actually gave us two recitals, the first being devoted to Act I. and the second to Act II. At the conclusion of this most interesting programme, Mr. Miller was warmly thanked by all present, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking him once again for his kindness.

The remainder of our Term's programme consisted of Mozart's "Jupiter Symphony," Dvorak's "Symphony No. 5," "The Scheherazade Suite" by Rimsky Korsakov, and "Symphony No. 56" by Tchaikovsky.

The prosperity of our Society during the part Term is a fitting tribute to Mr. Popham that his efforts should be so crowned.

THE STAMP CLUB.

ATTENDANCES at the meetings of the Stamp Club have not been very great this term. The usual spirt of keenness and enthusiasm has, however, been prevalent amongst the younger members. The noticeable absence of senior is no doubt due to the various other meetings and rehearsals held on Thursday evenings.

The only real excitement this Term was caused by the entrance of an "innocent" Fifth-Former with many fine Coro-

nation stamps, all of which were eagerly snapped up for ridiculous prices by the members present.

Mr. Towle usually honours us with his presence and show a keen interest which, I am sure, we all appreciate.

L.K.R.

SIXTH FORM SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

SO far this Term we have had two meetings and another is contemplated before Christmas. The first was held on October 25th, when Mr. Povah gave us an interesting lecture on Human Heredity. He told us of Mendel's experiments and theories and showed us, through the medium of the epidiascope, many interesting and amusing family trees illustrating the trend of various cakilitus through a family.

The second meeting, held on November 21st, was sparsely attended. On this occasion F. Wetherell talked to us about Mechanics in Music. He traced the evolution of stringed instruments from the earliest times, and explained the workings of keyboard instruments such as the organ, piano, and harpsichord.

The meetings will continue as usual next Term and we again remind all members of the Sixth Form that they are cordially invited to attend.

O.F.P.

ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS Term's report, I am glad to say, is a very heartening one. Interest in the Society, which was almost dead at this time last year, is now extremely good. All Sixth Forms have shared in this revival, and we are now in the happy position of being able to call upon more than twelve members to open a debate at any time.

The session was opened by a Hat Debate. Last year this was found to be an excellent way of bringing out our new "lights," and so it proved again. Included in this Hat Debate, which was continued a fortnight later in order that as many as possible should be able to speak, were such diverse subjects as the sleepiness of our civic authorities, Mussolini, the B.B.C., speed, Sunday cinemas, and the proposal for supervised homework inside School. This latter proposal was in the end defeated, after one member had pointed out that unless one had worked under difficulties in one's youth, and become accustomed to working on one's own then in later life it will be found rather difficult to do so

All these various topics were keenly discussed but most interest was caused by the debate on Sunday cinemas, and it was therefore decided to have another debate in which this question would be considered.

Thus at our next meeting we had before us the following motion: "That this House deplores all Sunday entertainments." It was proposed by Messrs. Duckworth and Salter and opposed by Messrs. Hargreaves and Harrison. In a keen debate many arguments for and against were produced, one member declared that Sunday was a day of worship and that entertainment was totally incompatible with it, whilst another desired complete freedom for the "masses" on that day. When the vote was taken the House was found to be equally divided on the question, the Chairman declining to exercise the prerogative.

N.H.

DANCE.

A DANCE which was held in the Big School on November 20th was a great success from every point of view. Daily reports on the sale of tickets led the buyers to expect "big things." Very few, perhaps it is true to say none, were disappointed. Mr. Collier is to be complimented on the efficient organisation.

The gentlemen were drawn from the Fifth and Sixth Forms chiefly, although many Old Boys and a few masters were present. The majority of the ladies were visitors from the High School.

Some people could dance—many couldn't—but, as one remarked, those who couldn't soon learned to keep on their feet (brute!).

Mrs. Maxwell, aided by Miss Coe, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Collier and other ladies, was responsible for the excellent supper arrangements.

Howard Gibbons' Band was in attendance, and the proceeds—nearly £9—went to the funds of the Y.W.C.A.

It is hoped to hold a Dance of the same kind, this time in aid of the Pavilion Fund, towards the end of January.

THE SCOUT GROUP.

THE HIGHLAND HIKE.

AT 11 p.m. on the night of July 15th the Preston train left Blackburn carrying ten of us with our kit and the two "trike" carts which were to be our faithful companions for a fortnight. We climbed Shap in the very early hours and

looked upon Stirling in the early morning sunlight. We were finally disgorged together with the Daily Mail (which had left London at 7-30 p.m. the previous day) on the platform at Ballachulish. It was 9-40 a.m. and a fine morning.

To accustom our feet to the Highland roads and to avoid two strenuous a day for a beginning, we camped in Glen Coe and walked up the glen in the afternoon. It was a fitting setting for the beginning of our hike and the massive heights of the Three Sisters and Bidean nam Bian smiled graciously on us under a cloudless sky on that glorious summer's day.

Friday dawned clear and we struck camp early to catch the morning bus to Kinlockleven, joining the two late-comers who had travelled up twenty-four hours behind us.

At Kinlockleven commenced the hike proper and we followed General Wade's old military road, winding steeply up the hillside and climbing 750 feet in the first mile before striking inland through the pass that led to Fort William. It was, by the map, a good 13 miles and we stopped for our lunch at the highest point of the pass by a dark brown peat stream. Lunch over, the carts were reloaded and we began the descent, but what a descent! For every hundred feet we descended there seemed a further hundred to climb, and the road was rocky, with loose boulders over which the carts, and our feet, bumped and crashed and slithered. After toiling for what seemed another ten miles we consulted the map to find that we were indisputably more than half way, but a long and weary road lay ahead. At 7 p.m. we at last entered Fort William and picked up our second box of rations which awaited us. So, fortunately, did Carl with his motor bike and he was hailed with delight as our saviour who was to find a camp site. He returned with the news that a site had been found, but three more weary miles ahead We arrived at last, moving as those who walk in a trance, pitched our tents and made a meal. That night we slept.

Saturday dawned clear once more for our assault on "the Ben." Battered feet were patched up with "Elastoplast," and we ascended by the pony track, lunching at about 3,000 feet. It was clear on top and we enjoyed a fair, though somewhat limited, view before descending precariously by the boulder slope and water slide to the head of Glen Nevis. Two of our party, to their sorrow, tried a barefoot descend. We were sorry for them, and noticed that on the homeward path they moved in a mysterious way like men in pain. From the head of the glen our way back to camp lay for five miles through what many believe to be the finest glen in Scotland.

We rested on the Sabbath and the rain fell. After swimming to safety with our tents we repitched them on comparatively dry

ground and waited for night to fall. It fell, and with it, much more rain.

Monday morning was spent in Fort William and a gale blew up to assist the rain in encompassing our destruction. Apart from a broken tent pole, however, we sustained little damage and by the afternoon the wind had blown away the clouds before we left Fort William by train for Lochailort. Here at five o'clock in the afternoon we assembled the carts and started the finest part of all the hike, down Loch Ailort side to Glen Uig. Six miles on the track we found the perfect camp site, the only patch of drained ground for miles. There was not a building or sign of human habitation in sight and we had a glorious view out to sea watching the sun set behind Rum, Eigg and the distant Carillius on Skye.

We were off early the next day through the remote village of Glen Uig to which there is no road, and on to Shiel Bridge at the foot of Loch Shiel, one of the most lovely of Scottish lochs. The track was the roughest we had experienced and at Acharacle we were weary unto death and could go no further. We crept into the hotel and ordered a large tea. Seldom has a meal been better appreciated and, when it was done it was unanimously decided that it was a duty to do the three miles further to Salen, where, as we slept, it rained.

Wednesday's trail lay along Loch Sunart to Strontian where we were to camp. A site was difficult to find but we found a patch of grassy land on the banks of a roaring river, which, the farmer said, would be all right unless the river rose. Fortunately it didn't.

Thursday we decided should see the end of our hiking, giving us an 18 mile stretch up through the pass and down Glen Tarbert to Loch Linnhe, across Corran Ferry to Onich (where we were deserted by the G.S.M.) and on to Ballachulish Ferry, whence we were to entrain for home.

With a day in hand we broke our journey on the Friday at Connel Ferry and spent half a day in Oban, buying gifts for our innocent and unsuspecting relatives. And so, on the Saturday, to the end of a truly memorable hike.

THE KIRKCUDBRIGHT CAMP.

OUR standing camp this summer was held four miles from Kirkcudbright in a field close to the sea.

There were twenty-two of us, mostly junior Scouts and older Cubs. We were very favoured in the weather, scarcely seeing any rain until the last day when our tentage was drenched before

we left. As the weather was so fine we enjoyed plenty of bathing and discovered a delightfully secluded bay where we could indulge in swimming and diving to our hearts content. There was also a genuine smuggler's cave which afforded opportunities for adventurous exploration.

For the greater part of the time we had as neighbours a Scottish Troop encamped nearby, with whom we had both cricket and football matches and a joint camp fire.

With the fine weather and bathing, this was essentially a holiday camp, though run on the patrol system, with each patrol doing all its own cooking. It should have formed an attractive introduction to camping for all those whose first camp it was and we hope we shall have them all with us next year.

THE WORLD JAMBOREE, 1937, VOGELENZANG, HOLLAND.

TWENTY-THREE members of the School Group formed part of the North-East Lancashire Contingent which attended the World Jamboree in Holland this summer. We left Blackburn on the evening of Thursday, July 29th, and, after a long, slow and tiring journey through the night, we arrived at Harwich and embarked on the S.S. Juliana. The crossing was grey and dim, and a few of our Scouts failed to present themselves at meals. We finally reached the Hook and proceeded by train to Vogelenzang. Weary and hungry, we discovered our camp site, pitched our tents and settled down to food and sleep.

On our site we discovered one hike-tent already pitched; this proved to belong to Nico van Duyvendyk, a Dutch Rover Scout, attached as interpreter to our part of the camp. Nico soon became a firm friend of our Scouts, and for some the friendship did not end with the Jamboree.

We awakened on the morning of the opening day of the Jamboree, Saturday, July 31st, to behold a whole city of tents, populated by Scouts of all nationalities; a city with its own theatre, its own market place, where all commodities might be purchased, its own bank and post office, its own police force, composed of Dutch Scouts, whose duties were concerned with traffic regulation rather than crime. The dominant feature of this vast camp was, however, the great arena, to which we repaired for the great March Past, followed by the Rally and the Official Opening by Her Majesty the Queen of Holland. The scene, with its blaze of national flags and its sea of waving hats, defies description in words. Our Chief thanked the Queen for her hospitality to the thousands of Scouts present.

After this stirring opening day, we settled down to a quieter life. Expeditions were arranged, one to Zandvoort for swimming in the sea; another to Haarlem, so that our Scouts might have the opportunity of seeing a typical Dutch town. Everywhere the courtesy and kindness of our hosts was apparent; in the restaurants interpreters were provided, and everyone seemed anxious to make a large, if undistinguished, collection of autographs.

We attended, as a contingent, one of the general Camp-fires, where we saw many unusual items, among which the most striking perhaps was a Chinese Dragon dance and some Tyrolean dancing. Sub-camp Camp-fires were held almost every evening, and, towards the end of the Jamboree, we organised an international Camp-fire of our own.

On the final Saturday of the Jamboree the North-East Lancashire Contingents presented in the arena a display entitled "Transport Through the Ages." In this we saw our Scouts in the guise of negroes of darkest hue—despite the effect of a broiling sun upon grease-paint; of passengers in a very primtive railway train—so primitive that it seemed doubtful whether it would ever complete its journey round the arena; of coolies, Chinese, and natives of many other nations. The display was a decided success, although we were weary and hot after it—and very grateful for the shower-baths provided.

We entered the arena only once more—for the closing of the Jamboree by our Chief. After a stirring March-past we all marched into the arena, and B.P. came into our midst. He spoke of the aims of the Jamboree, making one very moving reference to the fact that he might not see us all gathered together again. After presenting models of the Jacob's Staff—the Jamboree sign—to each nation present, the Chief dismissed us. But before we left, the arena rang with lusty cheers for our leader.

Those in charge of the arrangements for looking after us, and entertaining us, have our most sincere thanks. The main object of the Jamboree—fraternisation with Scouts of other nations and the formation of friendships—was certainly attained. We owe a debt of gratitude to the efforts of the Jamboree Committee, which enabled us to attend this World Camp, to which we shall look back with joy.

EAGLE TROOP.

OUR meetings this term have suffered considerably from poor attendances, though we have managed to get a fair amount done with those who have been present. Our main aim at present should be to get the First Class Cards which have been taken out filled up and as many as possible gaining the badge during the course of the year.

We hope to make some useful alterations to Horncliffe in the near future which should help us to keep it more tidy and Scout-like, and also to clean up Cliffe Mount.

Our best thanks to those who turned up to help at the Bridge Drive, and we are relying on everyone doing their bit for the Christmas Good Turn.

KESTREL TROOP.

THE strength of the Troop this term is higher than in previous years; this was the result of the arrival of a larger number of recruits than usual, and of the fact that we did not lose so many of our senior members to the Eagles. We have, therefore, been able to create a new Patrol, under P.L. Walsh—the Wood-pigeons. Work with four Patrols has proved very satisfactory; attendances have been so good that we very rarely found any Patrol seriously depleted.

We welcomed at the beginning of the term A.S.M. Walter Maxwell, whose knowledge of and enthusiasm for First Class work is benefiting our P.L.s and Seconds. Second Class work has been delayed a little by the influx of recruits, but they have lost little time in passing their Tenderfoot Tests, leaving the way clear for more advanced work.

The Troop meetings have not been occupied entirely with work. We have found time to search for the missing Horncliffe Jewels, and to engage in other treasure hunts, besides indulging in indoor games of various types.

We say farewell to Scout J. Holden, who has left our Troop to join the Leamington Road Troop, and bears with him our best wishes.

Keenness and efficiency have reached and have remained at a high level, and we look forward to a successful year's Scouting.

K.C.S.

FALCON TROOP.

THE influx of recruits has rather tied us down this term, and we have not been able to appreciate the facilities for wide games offered by the Yellow Hills as we would have wished. However, it is gratifying to note that all Tenderfoots are well on their way to being Second Class Scouts, and recruits are smackinb their lips at their first taste of Scouting, no doubt from the training they receive at the hands of those with an eye to their First Class Badge.

So next term we hope for good weather, when we can put our Scouting to the test.

E.A.F.

THE ANNUAL DANCE.

THE Scout Dance has been fixed for the night of Friday, February 25th, 1938, from 8 to 2. Eddie McGarry and his Band will provide the music. Make up your parties now for this dance, and remember that the number of tickets is limited. They will be ready early next term. First come, first served.

IN CAMP AT CHATSWORTH.

THIS year the School sent only one representative to the North of England Schools' and Clubs' Camp, which is a brother to the Duke of York's Camp held at Southwold. The camp site was the same as in previous years, pitched amid the picturesque woodlands of Chatsworth Park, the estate of the Duke of Devonshire.

Leaving behind the platforms of Manchester Victoria, crowded with scurrying parents and children (for it was Bank Holiday), I was soon travelling through delightful country. The line to Bakewell was a succession of tunnels; one minute a deep valley watered by a rocky stream, and the next—tree-covered slopes were visible from the carriage window. On my arrival at Camp I was introduced to the Chief (or rather I walked into his tent and introduced myself, according to custom). The next visit was to the Bursar's tent (decorated with three brass balls), where I banked surplus money, left my railway ticket, and was directed to my section. The Camp was divided into 15 sections, each section consisting of 14 boys, housed in two tents. Throughout the day boys arrived from many parts of the country, including 12 German boys who were to be our guests for the week.

We were exceedingly blessed by the sun, for it poured down on us every day. In spite of the heat many games of intersectional soccer, cricket, or rugger were played. Our mornings were fully occupied by breakfast, kit inspection, physical training and organised games. The most strenuous and exhilarating of the latter was a game called "Foot and Mouth." This is the Camp version of soccer-cum-rugger-cum-anything. There are no rules (except against biting and kicking in the face), no touchline, and each side hurls itself at its opponents—scientifically or otherwise,—endeavouring to put the ball into a square net set on a six-foot pole.

In the evenings we were entertained by a concert arranged and presented by the Staff. There was a break at 9-30 for milk and biscuits; then we returned to enjoy a "talkie." A Camp Fire was held on Friday night, when the usual camp songs were sung. we we then addressed by the Camp Chief; he told us why the Camp had been held and why we were such a mixed gathering—this latter to break down the barriers between class and to put into practice the Eleventh Commandment,—our Duty towards

our neighbour. We began the week as individuals and ended it as one huge family of 240 people—people who had learned to stand by one's neighbour, and to compete against each other in games where the thought of playing as a team was predominant.

J. ORMEROD.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION, SCOTLAND, 1938.

I HAVE been requested, by the organising body of the above, to draw readers' attention to the vastness and widespread interests of this coming Empire Exhibtion to be held in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, from May to October, 1938. I quote the following as extracts from a delightfull illustrated booklet of the Exhibition I have received:—

"Next year's Empire Exhibition will be the greatest held anywhere in the world since the famous British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924. In it Scotland is condensing one quarter of the earth's surface within a space of 175 acres . . . ."

"The Home Country will have its own vast pavilion—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the Irish Free State will also be there, along with our West African Colonies, Southern Rhodesia, Malaya, the West Indies, and the rest."

"Above it all will be the Tower,—a 300 feet skyscraper on the hill . . . . "

I might add that the photographs show the Exhibition to consist of many modern "glass" buildings not the least impressive being a splendid Concert Hall,—to say nothing of the Palace of Arts and the finest Amusement Park Britain has ever known.

Surely an Exhibition well worth visiting!

THE LIBRARY.

WE would like to acknowledge with thanks the following books which have been presented to the School Library since the last issue of "The Blackburnian":—

"Photo-Electric and Selenium Cells"—J. T. Fielding.
Presented by W. Grimbaldeston (1928-37).

"Complete Poems of Rupert Brooke."
Presented by W. H. Walker.

"Isles of the Island"—S. P. B. Mais.
Presented by J. Ormerod (1927-37).

" Wireless Telegraphy."

Presented by E. Shackleton (1928-37).

Also several extremely interesting books dealing with cricket in all its aspects.

Presented by Mrs. Carmichael.

DONATIONS.

During its eighteen years of financially sound existence, " The Blackburnian " has, on no less than eleven occasions, been able to render financial assistance to the various school concerns and societies in the form of donations. The following is a list of such donations, which has been included for the interest of our readers and to assure them that " The Blackburnian " is not organised on profit-making lines only :—

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1931—To Dramatic Society	4	14	0
1932—To Scout Plays	3	3	0
Total	£75	3	3

SCOUTS AT THE JAMBOREE

In the above photograph appear many members of the Contingent of School Scouts who were present this year at the Jamboree in Holland.

The Old Blackburnian.

A Review and Reminder of Old Boys' Activities.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association took place on November 16 in Big School. The agenda, if lengthy, contained no indication of anything startling, so perhaps this was the reason that only 26 members in addition to the chairman, Mr. Henry Whittaker, who presided, were present.

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The annual report was adopted, and the statement of accounts for the year, showing a loss of £2 3s. 8d., was accepted.

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The chairman announced that the guest of honour at the annual dinner this year would in all probability be Sir William Prescott, chairman of the Metropolitan Water Board (who had been prevented from attending in previous years, and Professor Walter Garstang, of Leeds University, who is an Old Boy of the School.

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Football Ground Appeal.

Mr. W. K. Forbes, reporting on the activities of the Football Club, said all felt now that it was time the Club had a ground of their own, and put forward a motion that a subscription list be opened and that all O.B's be circularised with an appeal for support. They had tried, he said, to get a ground before, but had been unsuccessful, and a scheme put forward for accommodation at Lammack, but this had hardly seemed suitable. Five or six hundred pounds would be required, of which they had about one hundred put aside. Their balance sheet compared favourably with that of any club in the Amateur League.

Mr. A. Holden, while sympathising with the scheme, said he felt it would divide the Association. There was another appeal to be discussed later in the evening on behalf of the School's new pavilion at Lammack.

Mr. D. Forbes observed that the position of the Football Club had been put forward before, but nothing had resulted. While in sympathy with the School appeal, he felt the Football Club's

position merited action. They had had players leaving them, not because their subscription was too big, but because they could get cheaper football elsewhere.

The motion was carried.

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New Golf Cup.

Following the report on the golf activities of the year, Mr. Whittaker announced that he was presenting a silver cup to be awarded at the discretion of the committee for golf. He wished the cup to be known as the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup, in honour of the knight of that name who was a governor of the School from 1567 to 1596, and who was also Attorney-General and Master of the Rolls.

Mr. Whittaker was thanked by Alderman R. Culshaw, Mr. A. Holden and Mr. P. H. Marsden.

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New Pavilion Appeal.

An appeal for support of the scheme in connection with the building of a new sports povilion on the School playing fields was made by Mr. A. Holden. Three thousand pounds was required, of which almost one-third had already been forthcoming. An appeal was to be sent out shortly when the scheme was officially launched, and he wanted the meeting to agree that all Old Boys be circularised. Building would, he hoped, be commenced next summer.

He felt that if this scheme was got out of the way, the matter of a new football ground would stand a better chance of support.

Mr. D. Forbes, on behalf of the football club, wished to point out that they were not in any way antagonistic; they appreciated the benefits already received at Lammack.

Mr. Holden's request was agreed to, Mr. Whittaker stating that the meeting could rest assured that the committee would deal with the two appeals in a business-like manner.

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Proposed Alteration of Colours.

A proposal to alter the dark blue of the Association colours to the lighter one in those of the School evoked long and, at times, amusing discussion. It was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of a sub-committee who would discuss the question fully and report back to a further meeting of the Association.

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Sir William Thom, K.B.E., was again elected President of the Association.

Refreshments, kindly prepared by Miss A. M. Coe and a band of helpers headed by Mr. and Mrs. Beresford (the School caretakers), were afterwards served, and the evening was brought to an enjoyable conclusion by the presentation by the Association Dramatic Society of a one-act play, described as "unpleasant but impossible," written by Mr. R. J. Smith, entitled "Blackout." The cast was Messrs. N. D. Margerison, D. Miller and E. C. Marsden, while the stage manager was Mr. J. McLellan.

RADIO listeners who heard the 'brief chronicle' talk in the North Regional programme on November 19 will be interested to learn that the Professor Manley of Durham University who gave such an interesting description of his preparations to study the celebrated helm wind which blows across the top of Cross Fell, in the Pennines near the Scottish Border, was none other than Gordon V. Manley, an old boy, who is head of the School of Geography (Durham Division) at Durham University. He has received a grant for meteorological research from the Leverhulme Research Trust which will enable him to spend 18 months investigating the cause of the wind, which is an easterly one which is accompanied by helm, or helmet cloud, on the summit of the fell.

Manley, who was at the School from 1910 to 1918 and who was familiarly known as "Poy," went to Manchester University, where he obtained his B.Sc. At Cambridge he graduated B.A., securing first-class honours in the Geographical Tripos, Part I (1922) and Part II (1923). Some five years ago he paid a visit to Greenland to undertake a special meteorological investigation.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH.

POSTPONED on the original date through rain, the annual Past v. Present match on the Alexandra Meadows turned out to be a game well worth waiting for. When finally it was played the Old Boys won only after one of the keenest finishes in recent years. After the School had declared at 149 for nine, they saw the Association pass the score with the last pair at the wickets, the winning hits being two lucky snicks to the boundary through the slips which almost went to hand.

H. Ingham, one of the School opening pair, had the satisfaction of reaching the half-century, while W. Green, for the Old Boys, fell only three short. A feature of the game was the smart wicket-keeping of A. J. Bradshaw, who stumped four of the Old Boys off the bowling of L. K. Robinson, who returned the game's best figures. Scores:—

Grammar School.

H. Ingham, st Eccles b Stirrup	51
A. J. Bradshaw, c Parkinson b Pilling	14
L. Askew, c Stirrup b Green	1
R. H. Fletcher, run out	1
J. Dark, b Stirrup	0
J. Ormerod, st Eccles b Stirrup	8
G. F. Walsh, not out	34
J. Forrest, st Eccles b Pilling	0
H. Bradley, b Green	16
L. K. Robinson, lbw b Stirrup	4
F. Bury, not out	16
Extras	4
Total (9wkts., dec.)	149

Old Boys.

R. S. Pilling, st Bradshaw b Robinson	7
D. Eccles, lbw b Bradley	14
T. L. Walsh, st Bradshaw b Robinson	2
A. P. Field, c Askew b Robinson	8
T. S. Simpson, lbw b Bradley	38
W. Green, c Ormerod b Bradley	47
A. H. Clarke, c Askew b Bradley	3
T. F. Bury, c Bradley b Robinson	29
J. Stirrup, st Bradshaw b Robinson	5
K. R. Parkinson, st Bradshaw b Robinson	0
O. F. Phoenix, not out	1
Extra	1
Total	155

Bowling.

For the Old Boys: W. Green, 12—3—29—2; R. S. Pilling, 7—1—26—2; J. Stirrup, 14—0—57—4; T. F. Bury, 3—1—11—0; T. L. Walsh, 3—1—8—0; K. R. Parkinson, 2—0—13—0.

For the School: H. Bradley, 12—2—41—4; L. K. Robinson, 13—0—69—6; J. Forrest, 4—1—17—0; F. Bury, 2—0—27—0.

FROM THE UNIVERSITIES.

University Union,
Manchester.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

We old hands at Manchester are extremely gratified (not to say surprised) to note the substantial increase in our numbers which has taken place this session. With open arms we welcome them all.

This year's "freshers" who are staying in Manchester have been so ill-advised as to choose Lancashire Independent College as their hall of residence. Our corresponding member had the pleasure of meeting them on the football field; he hopes to see them again. As for the old boys in Anselm, Hindle—known as "Harold"—is the recognised roué of the place; whereas Mullineux has finally proved himself mad, since we hear of him crawling up and down in the snow at Werneth Low. Sad, very. Which reminds me—some of us have finals this year, and I hear Calvert is working, too. One person, however, who never seems to work is that bloated plutocrat Mellor. (Forgive me, Billy!) He looks the picture of success when we meet him in the Union—it must be natural. Arnold is one of the world's workers—and heroes. He's decided to make sure of his degree by taking another. (Silence, long and awe-stricken).

But let's think of something more pleasant. Football, for instance. The School always seems to send Soccer players to Manchester (although, where those two at Lancashire learnt theirs is open to question). I think Allsup is still "on the ball" with the Dentals, and certainly the strength of Anselm lies in its full-back. Thus, we think, you will see that with us the world wags so far merrily; and as anything further we may have to say might be construed as indiscreet, we think we might with advantage close with the wish that the School may prosper, and hope in return that it may say a silent prayer for the poor wandering souls who sigh for the happy day when they will figure in the list of successes, and who sign themselves

O.B's (Manc.).

Emmanuel College,
Cambridge.

To the Editor of "The Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

At the end of last term the Society lost Collins, now teaching at Stroud, and Hindle, who has deserted us for a University whose superiority, we feel, lies only in its possession of a professor of the Twi dialect. With both go our best wishes for the future.

Mr. Braithwaite, now our only member of more than undergraduate status, still lends distinction to our meetings, and takes an unconcealed joy in raising constitutional points of a peculiarly-technical nature. Wild, our President, is easily recognisable as the only third-year man by his unremitting toil; whilst Hargreaves, another victim of self-imposed exile, has yet been observed to seek occasional distraction in the cinema, often in Hindle's company. The latter has duly regaled us all with hot tea and records. Soady continues to row, but (fortunately?) neglected to put this training to the test in a recent encounter with the Proctor's constables. Blackshaw maintains a depressingly-regular attendance at lectures each morning, but appears to consider himself thereby entitled to indulge in more varied and congenial activities for the rest of the day. Aspinall pursues his butterfly existence and makes full use of the strategic position of his lodgings.

All four freshmen have taken up squash. Brown, with his usual versatility, has joined to this sport bridge, soccer and work; Holden and Hindle, on the other hand, use it as their chief relaxation from dissection. Kent is often seen at the Union and (cause and effect?) has "gone all political," witness, too, his remarks in the college Debating Society.

Amongst other visitors (!) this term it has been pleasant to see B. M. Holden, T. Hindle, and Skermer, whilst the fact that Whewell and Lee played for the Corinthians against the University gave us an additional interest in the match.

In conclusion, sir, we should like to wish the School every success in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,
O.B.'s (Cantab.).

St. Peter's Hall,
Oxford,
November 25th, 1937.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Made conspicuous by their almost continual absence from our fortnightly gatherings, it makes it a most difficult task to ascertain the doings of those of our number who try to ignore our very existence. For the few who have managed, at some time or other, to attend our meetings, it has been quite interesting. Our one and only "fresher" this year, Ingham, has managed to settle down quite well. He has been seen to play soccer, and even on the towpath. We welcome him to our midst, with the only regret that if the influx of "freshers" doesn't increase in the next two

or three years, the O.U.O.B.A. will have become a mere phantom of the past. The other newcomer to our midst, Hindle (late of Cambridge), has been seen once or twice, even in the "Corn," pursuing, we suppose, an ardent study of all things Colonial. Taylor has taken to learning Hausa this year, in preparation for his future work in Nigeria. He is also seen occasionally on the towpath, urging a crew to better things. Birtwell has retired to the Wycliffe Hermitage and is very rarely seen at all.

Of the third-year men, much could be said—the ex-President, Bradshaw, has been heard to make certain remarks about beagling and squash. Pollard is engrossed in the teaching of infants somewhere in the far and distant Northlands. O'Hare works hard, and has actually said that he is coming home at Christmas. Pomfret and Exton are still playing soccer for their respective colleges. Clarke has neither been seen nor heard at any meetings this term, having retired to North Oxford for the purpose of study—so 'tis said. The Walsh brothers are pursuing their theological way at Ripon Hall. Skermer, it appears, is no longer interested in the oar, but has taken up water-polo and the hurling of the weight. Mason, we believe, is still playing soccer for Merton, and has even been seen playing billiards at the Union.

It only remains, sir, to wish the School even greater renown, and hope that "The Blackburnian" will maintain, and even surpass, the high standard it has always enjoyed.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

O.B.'s (Oxon.).

SINCE LAST TIME.

SAMUEL J. WALSH, of Blackburn, has obtained an executive position in London on the editorial and publications staff of Messrs. Stone & Cox, Ltd., publishers of insurance magazines and literature. Since leaving the School in 1928 he has been a meember of the clerical staff of the Refuge Assurance Co., Ltd., at Blackburn.

An Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute, he was for three years lecturer on insurance subjects at the Blackburn Municipal Technical College.

He has also occupied the position of hon. treasurer of the North Lancashire Insurance Institute.

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A. L. MARGERISON, LL.B., a member of the Town Clerk's staff at Blackburn, has been appointed, out of 70 applicants, to the post of junior assistant solicitor to the Town Clerk of Sheffield.

WILLIAM HARE, B.A. (Oxon.), only son of Councillor W. Hare, J.P., a former chairman of the Association, and vice-chairman of the School governors, has passed the final examination of chartered accountants.

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MR. T. LEECH, junior, has passed the chartered accountants' intermediate examination.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE most outstanding item we of the Dramatic Society have to report is the loss of the services of Mr. B. G. Counsell, Jnr. "Bernard" was not only the founder of the Society, but acted as Secretary, Treasurer, Producer, House Manager, General Ma nager, and filled all other vacant positions as only he knows how. We were all very sorry to receive his resignation, and desire to place on record our thanks and appreciation for all that he has done for the Society. We all wish him good luck in his new position at Hove.

Our second loss is one, a much less one, of 12s. 11½d. on our production of "Libel" in April. This financial loss, however, was more than compensated for by the very great success of the play, and the thanks of the committee are extended to all those who helped to make it one. Last, but not least, we desire to express our thanks to the audience for their support and appreciation. Our only additional request is that next time they might be twice the size.

On October 15th we presented a play, in one act, entitled "Blackout," to the members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. "Blackout" was written and produced by Mr. R. J. Smith, one of the original members of the Society. Stage management was in the capable hands of Mr. J. McLellan, and effects, etc., were by members of the committee. Judging from back stage, the play was received very well, and our thanks are due to the Author-Producer for a fine show. The cast was as follows:—

John Broadbent ..... N. D. MARGERISON.
Richard Forrester .... D. MILLER.
Edward Dykes (Broadbent's uncle) ... E. C. MARSDEN.

We are preparing to give a three-act play in the early part of the new year, and we extend a hearty welcome to anybody who would like to join us. We require people for stage, electrical, and house management, and, of course, acting. Now then! All you boys who have recently left school, what about joining our Society? There is no extra subscription, apart from membership of the Association, and so far we have been self-supporting.

AJAX.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

AFTER a disappointing start to the season the club now appears to be settling down and obtaining better results. Out of eleven matches played the First Eleven have won five, drawn one and lost five. Unfortunately, the Second Eleven record is not as good as usual, but has hopes of improving their results in the New Year. At the time of writing they have won three matches but lost six. The "A" Eleven, having played six games, have won two, drawn one and lost three. In the Lancashire Amateur Cup we met Old Cathinians at Liverpool, but did not take all our chances, and so lost the match by two goals to none.

Results are as follow :—

First Eleven.

Sept. 11—Accrington O.B. Away. Won, 3—2.
,, 18—Darwen Sunnyhurst. Home. Lost, 2—5.
,, 25—Preston G.S.O.B. Home. Lost, 1—7.
Oct. 2—Bury G.S.O.B. Away. Lost, 0—4.
,, 9—Old Farnworthians. Home. Lost, 1—2.
,, 16—Blackburn Crosshill. Away. Won, 4—2.
,, 23—Wigan & District M. & T.C. Home. Won, 9—1.
,, 30—Bolton S.S.O.B. Home. Drawn, 5—5.
Nov. 6—Old Cathinians. Away. Lost, 0—2.
,, 20—Bolton N.A.L.G.O. Home. Won, 6—5.
,, 27—Burnley G.S.O.B. Away. Won, 4—3.

Second Eleven.

Sept. 11—Accrington O.B. Home. Won, 2—1.
,, 18—Wigan and District M. & T.C. Away. Lost, 2—10.
,, 25—Preston G.S.O.B. Away. Lost, 2—3.
Oct. 2—Bury G.S.O.B. Home. Lost, 2—6.
,, 9—Old Farnworthians. Away. Lost, 1—4.
,, 16—Blackburn Crosshill. Home. Lost, 0—1.
,, 23—Leyland Road S.S. Away. Lost, 1—3.
,, 30—Bolton S.S.O.B. Away. Won, 5—1.
Nov. 13—Burnley G.S.O.B. Home. Won, 3—1.

"A" Eleven.

Oct. 9—Darwen Sunnyhurst 2nd XI. Home. Won, 6—2.
,, 16—Blackburn Crosshill 3rd XI. Away. Lost, 2—4.
,, 23—Blakey Moor O.B. Home. Won, 10—3.
,, 30—Cathedral Scouts. Away. Lost, 3—6.
Nov. 6—Darwen Corinthians. Home. Lost, 2—4.
,, 27—Heywood G.S.O.B. Away. Drawn, 1—1.

Finally, please remember our annual Boxing Day match at Lammack.

G.E.W.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

THE Editor wishes all his readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and respectfully expresses the hope they have paid their subscriptions.

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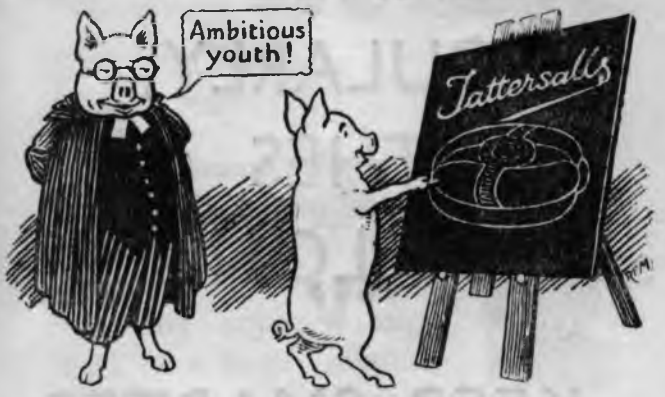

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EDITORIAL.

"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year,"—is an old, a well-established, and an unquestionably true statement of fact; to which I would add, an inspection of the School comes once in ten years, and a pavilion fund appeal may come once in a hundred years—or thereabouts It has been my good fortune, however, for both these comparatively rare and veritably important events to fall within my year of office as Editor of this Magazine. As a consequence of this most fortuitous circumstance, I have, so far at any rate, experienced no trouble whatsoever in the choice of suitable subject matter for my Editorial, in which respect I am more fortunate than many of my predecessors, who have often been obliged to write about comparatively abstract subjects.

With regard to the Pavilion Fund Appeal: since my last Editorial was devoted entirely to this subject, and since an extensive list of donations, together with a reproduction of the Appeal Form, is to be found elsewhere, in this issue, I feel that I can say little more on this subject. May I just point out that, in order to advance the handsome total which has already been most generously subscribed, donations are still required, and will be most gratefully received.

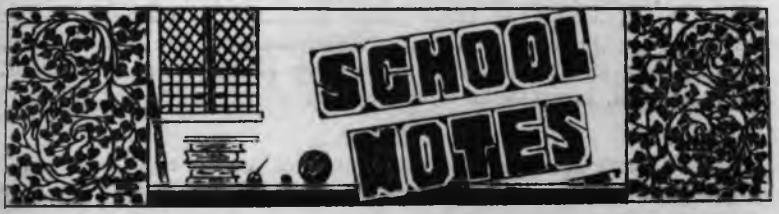
The impending arrival of a number of His Majesty's Inspectors, which event, as I have said before, occurs roughly once every ten years, caused considerable apprehension, and afforded a subject for much discussion and speculation throughout the School. Mingled with this feeling of general interest, there was, perhaps, the slightest trace of anxiety, for it is an indisputable fact that inspectors are not regarded in a very favourable light by the scholars in the schools they visit. This is no doubt due, to a large extent, to their reputed ability to ask awkward questions which, from the start, seem calculated to tax to the utmost the ingenuity of the "victim," who, if all goes according to plan, usually makes the most trivial errors which he would never dream of making under normal circumstances.

In this case, however, our anxiety was quickly dispelled, for the visitors, despite their serious intent, proved to be thoroughly pleasant and understanding. Indeed, the rather novel experience served, in no small degree, to displace many of the small monotonies of normal school routine.

It is worthy of note that their visit was not devoid of humorous incident. Especially amusing was the sight of a large number of small boys, each equipped with an autograph album and pencil, "standing on guard" outside the Radcliffe Room door on the last morning of the inspection.

It is, of course, impossible to estimate individual reactions to the visit of the inspectors, but such evidence as that afforded by the enthusiasm shown in the Community Singing display, lends ample support to our theory that the School as a whole did enjoy their visit. To those who are inclined to disagree, we would point out that they may be comforted by the knowledge that a similar experience will not be forthcoming for another ten years at least.

N. HARRISON.



THE present Spring Term commenced on Tuesday, January 11th, after a Christmas holiday which, lacking snow, doubtless made up for this in other respects.

The Annual Speech Day took place at the conclusion of the Christmas Term on Monday, December 20th. It consisted, as usual, of the Cathedral Service in the morning, and the Speech Night proceedings and the Distribution of Prizes in the evening. A detailed report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

We grieve to announce that since the last issue of "The Blackburnian," two former governors of our School have passed away.

On February 18th, Walter Illingworth, Esq., "a man of extraordinary personal charm," and a Governor of the School from 1920 to 1936, died at his home, "The Woodlands," Shear Bank Road.

On March 7th, Major Harold Eccles, J.P., a Governor of the School from 1910 to 1931, died at his home, "Sykes Holt," Balderstone.

The School extends its deepest sympathy to all friends and relatives of the above men, who will ever be remembered in our School.

Scholarships.

Since the last issue of "The Blackburnian," three of our prefects have reflected credit upon the School by obtaining scholarships.

W. Fishwick, the Head Boy, has been awarded a " Minor Scholarship " to Pembroke College, Cambridge, value £60 a year.

A. Carpenter, a Vice-Captain of the School, has been awarded an Exhibition to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, value £40 a year.

T. Barnes has been awarded a Foundation Entrance Scholarship in History to St. John's College, Durham; value £50 a year.

On behalf of the whole School we heartily congratulate the above boys on their splendid achievements, and we would point out that, including the three State Scholarships obtained in the last Higher School Certificate Examination, the scholarships obtained by the School this year have reached six in number. This, we feel, is no mean achievement.

This term saw the commencement of a new enterprise when the School undertook to " adopt " one of the Basque children evacuated from Bilbao and at present residing in this country at Watermillock. The actual progress of this scheme is reported elsewhere in this issue, and it will be continued until the Basque children are repatriated.

The Half-Term holiday was on Saturday morning, February 26th, and, through the kindness of Professor Stopford, we were also granted a holiday on the preceding Friday afternoon. (It will be remembered that Professor Stopford asked for a half-holiday to be granted when he officiated at the Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution).

Throughout the week February 28th to March 5th, a number of His Majesty's Inspectors were with us, to inspect the School, and in order that their inspection might be as extensive as possible during their visit, we missed the Annual Shrove Tuesday holiday, and were also called upon to return to School on the Wednesday afternoon. In compensation for the latter we received a half-holiday on the following Saturday morning, and, so that the tradition connected with the Shrove Tuesday holiday, which has been in existence since the 16th century, should not be broken, we were granted a holiday on Friday afternoon, March 4th.

On February 5th another School Dance took place in Big School, once again efficiently organised by Mr. L. D. Collier. The proceeds were devoted to the Pavilion Fund, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. It is intimated that another dance organised on these lines will take place in the near future.

The Annual Scout Dance was held in Big School on the evening of Friday, February 25th. The music was provided by Eddie McGarry's Broadcasting Band.

PREFECTS, 1938.

Head Boy ... ... W. Fishwick.

Vice-Captains: F. Bury and A. Carpenter.

Prefects: R. Taylor, A. J. Bradshaw, H. Bates, J. Shorrock, R. Richardson, O. F. Phoenix, J. Richardson, N. Hargreaves, F. H. Duckworth, A. Dugdale, T. Barnes, I. B. Shearer, L. K. Robinson, R. Wilkinson.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BLACKBURN

PAVILION APPEAL FUND.

List of Subscriptions to March 24th, 1938.

	£	s.	d.
Ellis Nuttall, M.A.	500	0	0
Major J. H. G. Feilden, J.P.	100	0	0
Mrs. W. H. Whalley	100	0	0
Mrs. Yerburgh	100	0	0
In Memoriam, J.W.M.	52	10	0
Sir Wm. Thom, K.B.E.	50	0	0
Rev. Herbert Whewell, M.A.	50	0	0
Sir H. Derbyshire, K.C.	26	5	0
Sir W. Forrest, O.B.E., J.P.	25	0	0
W. Hare, F.C.A.	25	0	0
A. Holden, M.A.	25	0	0
James Kay, J.P.	25	0	0
T. B. Lewis, M.A., F.S.A.	25	0	0
Henry Whittaker, F.S.A.	25	0	0
J. Wilcock Holgate	21	0	0
Frank Airey	20	0	0
Very Rev. Wm. Kay, D.S.O., M.A.	20	0	0
W. Thompson	15	15	0
"The Blackburnian" Mag.	10	10	0
W. R. Elliott, M.C., B.A.	10	10	0
John Leigh	10	10	0
J. W. Pullen, B.A.	10	10	0
T. C. Robinson, D.S.O., M.A.	10	10	0
Allan Walmsley, LL.B.	10	10	0
Prof. Walter Garstang, D.Sc.	10	0	0
Walter Illingworth	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
W. Duckworth	5	5	0
Miss E. W. Dunbar, M.A.	5	5	0
Messrs. Forbes	5	5	0
Basil M. Holden, B.A.	5	5	0
Roger A. Holden	5	5	0
Norman T. Holden, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.	5	5	0
Old Blackburnians' F.C.	5	5	0
G. G. Lewney, B.Sc.	5	5	0
T. C. Partington, M.A.	5	5	0
R. R. Porter, F.C.A.	5	5	0
C. A. Smith, M.A.	5	5	0
John Smith	5	5	0
T. Shaw, B.Sc.	5	5	0
Mrs. Thomas, O.B.E.	5	5	0
E. Towle, M.A.	5	5	0
A. H. Williams, M.A.	5	5	0
E. Woolley	5	5	0
G. T. Holden, B.Arch.	5	0	0
H. Burrows, A.C.A.	3	3	0
Miss M. Coe	3	3	0
T. Pomfret Kilner, F.R.C.S.	3	3	0
Canon F. P. Nash, M.A.	3	3	0
Jeffrey Ramsay, M.D., F.R.C.P.	3	3	0
H. L. Schollick, M.A.	3	3	0
B. Holden, B.A., F.R.C.S.	2	10	0

	£	s.	d.
W. S. Holden, M.B., Ch.B....	2	10	0
L. Bates, J.P.	2	2	0
Miss A. Holden	2	2	0
D. W. Hunt	2	2	0
N. Isherwood	2	2	0
H. Kennedy, M.Sc.	2	2	0
G. W. Martin, M.A.	2	2	0
J. W. Phillips	2	2	0
H. R. Rowntree	2	2	0
W. E. Thomas, M.A., M.Ed., LL.B.	2	2	0
F. Tyler, M.Sc., Ph.D.	2	2	0
B. C. Wilderspin, M.A.	2	2	0
E. Collins, B.A.	2	0	0
A. R. Earle, M.A.	2	0	0
T. Entwistle	2	0	0
Sir W. Smiles, M.P.	2	0	0
Anonymous	2	0	0
In Memoriam, W. Abbott ...	1	2	0
K. S. Aspinall	1	1	0
P. Bolton,M.A.	1	1	0
A. Briggs	1	1	0
H. Brogden, M.A.	1	1	0
A. H. Brown	1	1	0
J. P. M. Carr, LL.B.	1	1	0
W. A. Claydon, M.A.	1	1	0
G. D. Coe	1	1	0
L. D. Collier, M.A.	1	1	0
B. G. Counsell, Jun.	1	1	0
A. W. Cunliffe, B.A.	1	1	0
T. Dewhurst	1	1	0
G. F. Eastwood, B.A.	1	1	0
A. D. Gorse	1	1	0
T. S. Hindle	1	1	0
J. Holden	1	1	0
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R. J. G. Howarth	1	1	0
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H. King, B.Sc.	1	1	0
T. Naisby, M.A.	1	1	0
P. C. Northam, M.A.	1	1	0
J. O'Hare	1	1	0
R. S. Pilling	1	1	0
Miss Ramwell	1	1	0
J. E. Sagar	1	1	0
A. Scales, M.A.	1	1	0
W. Simm	1	1	0
T. Taylor, M.A.	1	1	0
J. I. Waddington, M.A.	1	1	0

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W. Armistead, M.A.	1	0	0
H. Ingham	1	0	0
R. Isherwood	1	0	0
T. Nightingale	1	0	0
H. M. Pollard, B.A.	1	0	0
F. Wild	1	0	0
F. A. Astley, A.S.A.A.	0	10	6
N. Bradshaw	0	10	6
D. P. Crowther	0	10	6
J. Hudson	0	10	6
J. W. Jepson	0	10	6
H. Kent	0	10	6
A. F. Marsden	0	10	6
E. J. C. and F. R. Skermer...	0	10	6
E. Thomas	0	10	6
F. Ashworth	0	10	0
H. Berry, M.A.	0	10	0
R. H. Boardman	0	10	0
F. E. Brown	0	10	0
S. W. Cliff	0	10	0
T. B. Coar	0	10	0
H. Cook, M.A.	0	10	0
S. Grundy, B.Sc.	0	10	0
I. B. Haslam	0	10	0
J. Haworth	0	10	0
C. & L. Isherwood	0	10	0
J. I. Mercer	0	10	0
G. & J. E. Mitchell	0	10	0
F. Naylor	0	10	0
F. J. Morris	0	10	0
J. C. Parkinson	0	10	0
A. Price	0	10	0
E. J. Sparks	0	10	0
W. W. Whittaker	0	10	0
Anonymous	0	10	0
Amounts under 10/-	4	3	0
Pavilion Dance Proceeds ...	15	0	0
School Subscriptions (parents and present boys, by Houses):			
Drake £21 16 6			
Frobisher 34 0 0			
Grenville 21 16 3			
Hawkins 28 10 3			
Howard 32 6 9			
Raleigh 25 17 0			
	164	6	9
TOTAL (on March 24)...	£1,676	11	3

SALVETE.

To the following boys who have entered the School since the last issue of the Magazine we extend a hearty welcome, and wish them every happiness and success for the future:—

Raleigh.—Blackwell, J., and Bradshaw, D. H.
Hawkins.—Bury, W. L.
Howard.—Haworth, H.

VALETE.

To the following boys, who have left the School during the past term, we extend our cordial wishes for success and happiness in their new spheres :—

J. E. Mitchell: S.C., 1935; H.S.C., 1937.

W. G. Greatorex: S.C. and M., 1937; Second XI. Football.

W. G. Johnston: S.C. and M., 1936.

G. Doman: S.C., 1937; Second XI. Football. T. H. Edwardson: S.C., 1937; Second XI. Cricket. W. A. Barker: S.C., 1936. R. Fender: S.C., 1935. H. P. Gibbons: S.C., 1935. A. Whittaker: S.C., 1936. J. Byrne: S.C., 1936. H. W. Brown: S.C., 1937. K. Bradshaw: S.C., 1937. J. E. Robson: S.C., 1936 and 1937. R. G. Ryden: S.C., 1937. J. J. Hargreaves: S.C., 1936. H. Leaver, A. Swindlehurst, F. Parkington, A. Widdup.

THE BASQUE CHILDREN'S FUND.

This term a praiseworthy fund has been inaugurated to help to support one of the Basque child refugees now residing at Watermillock, near Bolton.

The child is a boy named Rafael Guillemo Gómara, and comes from Baracaldo, near Bilbao.

The School is expected to contribute 10/- per week, i.e., about 1d. from each boy once every five weeks.

At the time of going to press, the following amounts have been collected :—

	s.	d.
6th Forms and Remove (2 Collections)	18	3½
5th Forms (2 Collections)	18	9½
4th Forms (1 Collection)	8	8
3rd Forms (1 Collection)	9	8
2nd Forms and Trans. (1 Collection)	9	1

W.F.

THE MAGAZINE PRIZES.

THE Magazine Prizes for articles published in the last issue of " The Blackburnian " were awarded as follows :—

Junior Magazine Prize:

Won by P. Hallatt, IV.c., the author of " The Rocky Mountains." Highly Commended, " The Dentist's Chair."

Senior Magazine Prize:

Won by J. Richardson, VI.a. Mod., the author of " Fundatrix Nostra." Highly Commended, " A Summer Evening " and " This Week's Broadcast Talk."

"MOONSHINE." A LINO-CUT. T. N. BRENNAND.

For the benefit of those of our readers who have not hitherto heard about the Magazine Competition, we would point out that each issue the Magazine Committee awards a prize of half a crown to the author of the best Junior contribution, and a prize of five shillings to the author of the best Senior contribution published. The articles are judged by a small committee of members of the staff.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Science School wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the gift of some valuable X-ray equipment by Dr. A. H. Gregson.

JUNIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE inflow of Junior Contributions, which attained such heights for the last issue of the Magazine, has, I am sorry to say, abated somewhat this term. Indeed, there has been quite a paucity of contributions for this issue. However, I suppose this is due to the fact that most boys, especially the Seniors, are particularly busy at this time of the year being called upon to devote their attentions to the numerous "end-of-term" functions—not forgetting the examinations

I take this opportunity of thanking all boys who have contributed to this Magazine, especially the artists who have submitted several very interesting lino-cuts for my consideration.—Ed.

TRAVELLING LONG AGO.

IF you had been alive in the year nineteen hundred and three, you might have seen—but probably you would not have seen—a little, old lady shutting a garden-gate behind her. It was a wet, stormy night, and this long-skirted female struggled in vain to keep her skirts from the puddles and her handbag dry.

She hurried down a long, winding lane overhung by tall trees which were one instant murky shadows, the next, horrible, black skeletons silhouetted against a brilliant flash of lightning. In the light shed by these flashes, a man following her was revealed.

At length she came to a railway-station, obtained her ticket, and entered a dismal waiting-room. The train steamed in, and the little lady, with the afore-mentioned man still following her, entered a compartment. The man had a peculiar-shaped parcel which he kept on his knee, while the lady placed her bag on the seat and prepared herself for a tedious journey. Suddenly there was a sharp click, and the gas jet was extinguished. A deep and stealthy silence followed.

At the next station the man left the train, and the lady entered another compartment, herself disembarking a few stations further down the line.

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In a house in the middle of the town our friend with the peculiar parcel was sitting in front of a blazing fire, and saying to another man in the room, "Yes, I put the light out with that 'Litex Ray' thing, and pinched the diamond from her bag. Here it is—a beauty!" He showed what appeared to be an enormous diamond, and, with eagerness, his friend took the stone and exclaimed, "Worth £20,000—we're rich for life!"

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In another house in another town a little old lady went upstairs and closed a bedroom door. The door reopened, a small young man came out, and, closing the door behind him, he ran downstairs to meet the owner of the house.

"Here's the diamond," he said. "Couruth's man put the light out and took the copy."

"Well!" said the owner of the house. "We'll get twenty thousand for this."

The door flew open, and half a dozen policemen rushed in. One said: "More like twenty years!"

G. DUCKWORTH, IV.A.

"OWD SHUTTLEWORTH."

OWD Shuttleworth was talking to his friend Jim Barnes. "Neaw, my wife's a' reight, Jim, but she's too much of a 'gimmy.'"

"Wod does tha meean, a 'gimmy'?" queried Jim.

"Aw, well, she's allus 'gimmy this' an' 'gimmy thad'; an' t' last time whoo axed me fer summat, whoo wouldn't be satisfied till I bowt her a motor-bike."

"Hev yo' two ever bin onywheer on id yet?"

"Aw, aye! An' I con remember when we went to Blackpoo'. We'd just geet to Preston when we were pulled up wi' t' policeman. 'Where's your number-plate?' he axed. 'Number-plate be blowed,' I sez. 'Wheer's t' wife an' t' side-car?' We landed in Blackpoo' a' reight, an' went in one o' these 'ere caffies fer summat t'eight. T' wife ordered sum peighs. 'I'll hev carrats,' I sez, 'cos peighs allus roll off mi knife.' Well, we geet hooam safe, an' var' near before I lit t' gas, wife 'ad gotten to bed. I axed 'er wod I'd to hev fer t' supper. She towd me as 'ow ther were some wattercress in t' kitchen. Well, I hed it, and then I geet to bed. In t' morning I eers t' wife sheawt upsteears thad I 'adn't etten t' wattercress. 'Oh, bud I 'ev,' I sheawts, 'an' it wer lovely.' 'Tha's done nowt o' t' sooart,' I heeard t' wife say, 'tha's etten chilthers' bluebells!'"

K.M., IV.A.

SPEECH DAY.

MONDAY, December 20th, was the occasion of the Annual Speech Day. During the morning the Staff and the Boys attended the Speech Day Service at the Cathedral. An address was delivered by the Provost, the Very Rev. William Kay.

In the evening, at King George's Hall, the prizes were distributed by Professor John S. B. Stopford, M.D., Sc.D., F.R.S., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester. The Mayor, Alderman James Fryars, J.P., presided, and Sir William Forrest, O.B.E., J.P., attended as Chairman of the Governors in succession to the late Mr. J. W. Marsden.

The Mayor, in his address, advised the boys to "work hard and play hard." He said that if they worked hard when they were young, they would reap their reward later.

Sir William Forrest made an appeal to all parents to co-operate with the Head Master in his difficult task.

The Head Master then made his report on the School's successes in the School Certificate and Matriculation Examinations,

and remarked that the change was to be welcomed which restored the School Certificate Examination to its rightful place. Higher School Certificate Examination results were then read, and the number of boys at the Universities stated.

Presenting the prizes, Professor Stopford referred to the attitudes of the three workmen with whom Sir Christopher Wren was reputed to have conversed during the building of St. Paul's Cathedral. They depicted three common attitudes to life: first, the man who said he was trimming a stone reminded him of people who had no purpose in life; secondly, the man who told the architect he was earning his living served as an example of those people who devoted themselves solely to their own interests; lastly, the third workman who replied that he did not know the architect, was not sure of the plan, but was doing his best; he had a purpose in life. He represented the real aim of education.

Councillor W. Hare, J.P., and Councillor W. E. Woolley, J.P., proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Professor Stopford and the Mayor.

The School Choral Society presented " Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," the conductor and musical producer being Dr. Herman Brearley, and with Mr. E. Romaine O'Malley as leader of the orchestra. Mimes and dramatic action were under the direction of Miss Ida Shaw. It was indeed a notable performance.

The evening closed with the singing of " Forty Years On " and the National Anthem.

SENIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

TEST?

DO any nineteen of the following, taking care not to write on both sides of the paper at once. (It will be noticed that answers are provided. These should be ignored, if possible).

1. Q.: What is a Haggis?

   A.: A Haggis is an undefined person or thing inhabiting Scotland. It has been defined as—

   (a) A name for a shepherd.

   (b) A small town in the east of Scotland.

   (c) The mascot of the Black Watch.

   (d) A Christmas culinary concoction.

2. Q.: What is a kiss?

   A.: A kiss is an anatomical juxtaposition of the two obicularis oris muscles in a state of contraction. 'Srite!

3. Q.: What is an alibi?

A.: An alibi is a thing whose bottom is continually dropping out. No, Marmaduke, I do not allude to a cheap bucket.

4. Q.: What is a Leguminosæ?

A.: A Leguminosæ is not, definitely not, a disease affecting the muscles of the lower limb; that is officially known as practical joking or, more commonly, legpulling. Leguminosæ is a wild, uncultivated plant growing, with a label, in the woolly wilds of the Grammar School Garden.

5. Q.: What is a report?

A.: A report is—

(a) That which comes out of a rifle just before the bullet.

(b) . . . . . well, you know.

RUSTLESS RUDOLPH.

THE CONFIRMED BACHELOR.

At Cupid's shrine I worshipped,
But now I only scoff.
I fell in love with a telephone girl;
Alas! She cut me off.

And then I met the chorus girl,
As stylish as a queen.
I asked her to be mine; she said:
"You're not in this scene!"

A girl behind the counter next
I tried, without demur.
She smiled, but said: "I am not in
The h'art department, sir!"

I thought I'd booked the cycling girl.
(I'd chosen her at random,
Being desperate). Alas! it seemed
She didn't care for "tandem"!

I might have gained the typist's hand,
But didn't try to win it,
Because I found she wrote—and talked—
A hundred words a minute!

A circus girl quite put me off.
When we'd arranged the thing,
She jilted me, but wrote to say
She was sticking to "the ring."

"BACHELOR," VI.B. Sc.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

ONE day, during a P.S., I noticed a pile of rather ancient magazines. I perused them in the hope of finding some reference to the Great War (1914-18). I was, however, unlucky, and I found that no volumes were less than 39 years old.

One example was, "The Horse and Cart," the Coronation Issue of Queen Elizabeth, 1558. In this issue there was a very interesting article on "the higher compression" gained by using grass instead of hay in ponies.

The oldest book I could find was a venerable-looking piece of stone which had the following words cut on its surface:—

"YE MOTORE CYCLE, B.C. 131."
FREE COPYE OF YE TRAFFICKE AXE.

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YE TRAFFICKE AXE, 131 B.C.

Worship not ye false God of Hysh-Peed, for he layeth many men low.

Better a brake on ye wheel than a brake on ye neck!

Respect lights of Ye Trafficke. When the Redde light showeth, then shall all men stop—Even Ye Terrible Ter-Ram.

Beware of Ye Ter-Ram, it stoppeth of a sudden and its Lynes are traps for the unwary.

Beware Ye likewise the Monster Skee-Id that lurketh in damp places and devoureth the ground from under men's feete.

Beware the Art Eariel Rhode that looketh fair and is yet bewitched by Magic Thirty Sines. The awful Kop lurks thereon.

Ye Ri-nos-Eros useth not his horn when darkness hath fallen —see that thou doest likewise.

Respect ye Ominous Buss. It pulleth out and pulleth up, and no man may know what it doeth next!

Respect Ye Venerable Hy-Wey Kode, and give freely of its Signals.

Then all men will respect thee and say, "Verily, he is a Lern-Er, for he useth Sygnals that other men wot not of."

Obey ye all ye above Laws and all will be well between ye Awfull Kops and Ye and ye Motore Cycle.

SANS DOUTE.

"In a Gondola." A Lino-cut. J. Morgan, IV.A.

"THE BEE COMPLEX."

SIR,

There has recently been brought to my notice a discrepancy in the social life of this particular community. As I write, indignation, fired by our recent lack of patriotism, urges my pen to greater eloquence in the struggle to regain our former self-respect and prestige. I refer, sir, to a recent Americanism which has set idle tongues wagging in the struggle for supremacy in the realm of spelling. In short, I am filled with righteous wrath as I see the effect which this "Bee Complex" has had upon our true English hearts.

I will recount, sir, an incident which, you will doubtless agree, is the result of the "Bee Complex" herewithin aforementioned.

While I was seeking intellectual inspiration in the library, I was accosted by a bespectacled youth, whose jaws were moving with cow-like monotony. You can imagine my horror when, speaking in a nasal tone, with no interruption of the mastication of his apparently perpetual meal, he said, "Saay, yuh think yuh're smart, but aal betcha can't spell parallelepiped."

After a moment's hesitation, during which time I realised how right he was, I first required the youth to cease his ruminations, and then I informed him that I had no intention of spelling the word, and that I had sufficient will-power to remain uninfluenced by the deplorable lapse of decorum which our Broadcasting Corporation has exhibited in its recent weekly Bees.

I hope, sir, that England will realise, before it is too late, the imminent demoralization which the people will suffer if this "Bee Consciousness" is not immediately exterminated. It will, I fear, be followed by a reaction in the form of a "Drone Complex," influenced by which, we shall lose sight of the need for correctness in spelling.

I see this matter with grave concern, being aware, as I am, of psychological effect of inability to spell; for I, personally, was haunted by that word, parallelepiped, in its many and divers forms until, finally, with a conscience far from clear, I sought correction from a mathematician. I trust, therefore, that you will leave no stone unturned in this matter, and that you will, metaphorically speaking, smoke-out these bees from the hive before you yourself are stung, as I was.—Yours, etc.,

J.R.

SHORT, SHORT STORY.

THE clock in the ivy-mantled tower struck the hour of three. The student in the library stirred in his chair. It was very hot. . . . A bee buzzed against the window-pane, beating its wings frantically in its desire to escape from the sultry atmosphere, ignoring the open space below it . . . it was very hot.

THE SCHOOL CHESS TEAM.
Standing: W. Fishwick, W. J. Evans, G. P. Walsh, R. Taylor.
Sitting: F. O'Hare, Dr. F. Tyler, J. Wilding, A. J. Bradshaw, H. Mayman.

The student leaned back in his chair . . . . how cool it would be on the river . . . . his hand fell idly to his side, striking the MS. he was studying as it fell. He turned wearily to his task. The Latin was so difficult to read because of the crabbed writing. Who was the writer? A monk, a prior—who knows? There was a jagged hole in the manuscript . . . . how had it been caused? The hole grew larger . . . . larger . . . . he was falling . . . falling . . . . the library vanished; in its place a cloistered square rose up. At a reading-desk was seated a young monk, laboriously copying an ancient MS. He ceased writing . . . . it was very hot . . . . he had been happy before he became a monk. Why had he? Fool that he was! He picked up his quill. Why should he copy this MS.? He stabbed viciously at it . . . . the bee buzzed louder than ever . . . . the student stirred in his chair . . . . going to sleep in the library . . . inexcusable . . . still—it was very hot.

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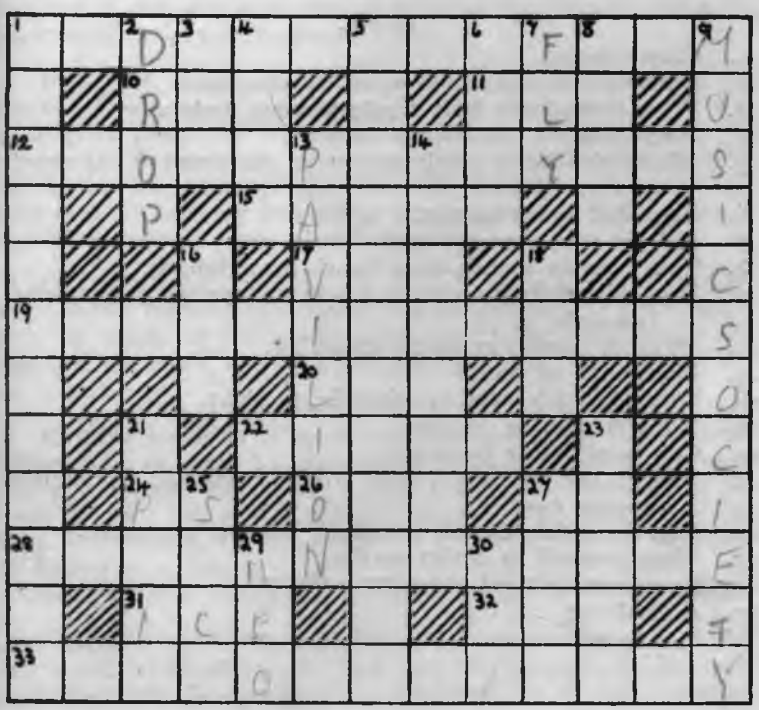
THIS TERM'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

CLUES.



Across.

1. Seat of modern learning. (2 words, 9, 4).
10. Neither conjunction nor contracted preposition, but only an implement of propulsion. (Reversed).
11. Was this tropical root planted before June?
12. The editorial is . . . . (3 words, 5, 4, 4).
15. A mix-up of a lad as.
17. Scouring vigour.
19 Are these worrying the treasurer? (2 words, 8, 5).
20. Remove a pennyworth of land.
22. Are all N. African chieftains mean?
24. The residents of this abbreviated establishment are saucy?
26. Result of heat to an object says the drunkard when displaced.
27. Stitch, scatter, or cut wood? No, merely a preposition.
28. The daring young man on the flying trapeze is either mountebank - - - (3 words, 2, 7, 4).
31. I notice a vowel and have hardened water.
32. This is completely surrounded by water.
33. Home of knowledge, rest and amusement. (2 words, 6, 7).

Down.

1. Class changes.
2. Did this kick get picked up at Twickenham?
3. When I am away from Abel's brother, I am able.
4. Much gambling by the auctioneer.
5. Would this horse need support at the theatre? (4 words, 4, 2, 1, 5).
6. Regarded by the egotist.
7. If I did this, I might reach Persia.
8. This measure sounds more Greek than Hebrew.
9. Does this school function play with ice toys and gramophones. (2 words, 5, 7).
13. Mythical establishment for changing.
14. Pluckiness, at sport?
16. This when advanced is scientific, in short.
18. We will soon be on this.
21. Command loftily (reversed).
23. Though not an arterial road, a very important thoroughfare in your case.
25. F in the middle creates a make of wireless apparatus.
27. Move yourself in circles maybe.
29. Romeo decapitated gives me nothing.
30. A small tag.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

ANOTHER term gone, and from this House's point of view an uneventful one. Both of our football teams have passed out of the Cup competitions. The Senior eleven was, on paper, one of the strongest in the School, but has now learned the lesson that in football the team counts more than the individual. About the Junior team I can say little, except that it is somewhat of a disgrace to the House when players do not appear on the field after having been chosen. I trust this will not happen another year.

In the Marsden Merit Competition we have not changed position, still being neither very good nor very bad. Our chances of achieving anything here have been lessened by the fact that we now get no points from VI.b., but we may possibly do well in examinations next July, so that a little more effort throughout the School in the next term could take us to a higher position. It is not very long ago since Drake collected anything over 16 points each fortnight, and there is no reason why this should not be repeated, if only the boys who lie between the 3rd and 10th positions would make a little greater effort.

Next term sees the advent of cricket and the running of the Sports. Our cricket team is of doubtful merit, and there will certainly be places for boys with enthusiasm and talent from the Vths and even the IVths, and I hope that all those who can play will do so. In the Sports last year we gained second place, and since then we have not lost any of our runners, so that we should do even better this year.

Our efforts towards the Pavilion Fund are, as the notice-board shows, certainly not costing the School much in green paint. Still, we thank all those who have voluntarily contributed, and hope that the many who have not, will have done so by the end of the term.

In other branches of sport the House was also represented. Although we no longer have a definite Chess team, we have several good players, and Evans, W. J., has reached the semi-final of the Chess Shield. We wish him final success. Two members of the House, Greenwood, C., and Brown, G. I., were chosen to represent the School in a Boxing match. To all those who represent the House in sports or gain points in the Merit List we express thanks.

The following have gained points this term:—Johnston, A. M. (2a), 7 points; Heath, J. E. (5c), and Nightingale, S. M. (4c), 5 points; Powell, G. (5c), 4 points; Entwistle, H. F. (3c), 3 points;

Hindle, E. (4b), and Grimshaw, N. (3a), 2 points; and the following 1 point each: Whittle, R. E. (4b), Addison, F. S. (4d), Kenyon, F. (3c), Ainsworth, R. E. (3d), Appleton, D. (3d), Shaw, H. (2a), Coar, R. (2d), Banks, I. G. (Tr.).

Young, F. (Rem.) diminished the total by being on Report.

F.B.

FROBISHER.

THIS term we have lost the services of Prefect Armstrong, who has been replaced by Wilkinson, R.

I record with pleasure that we are at present leading the Pavilion Fund Subscription List. Will all those who have not subscribed please do so now, so that we can keep our position?

Both our football teams are out of their respective competitions, the formerly unbeaten first eleven going down to Howard after a game lasting only an hour. We had, unfortunately, lost five of the team that played before Christmas. The Under 14 XI. has been defeated in the Forbes Cup Competition.

H. Ainsworth represented the School in a Boxing match against Macclesfield G.S. Next term there will be the annual Boxing Competition, in which I hope many members of the House will enter.

I believe that the Sports will take place quite early in the next term. It would perhaps be wise for those interested to begin their training during the holidays.

With next term comes Cricket and a chance of being more successful in the Gilbert Sames Cup Competition than last year, when we were second in the final placings.

The House is not doing very well in the Marsden Merit Competition, being fifth with 106 points. I notice that many boys who gained points last term have not done so this term. It is up to them and others to make up the gap between this House and the leaders.

The following have obtained points for us:—Yates, H., Anderson, K., 7 points; Farrell, F., 6 points; Campbell, J., Bradley, H., 3 points; Tattersall, A., Frankland, W., 2 points; Dixon, R., Davidson, E., Armistead, W., Ashton, E. H., 1 point.

No boy was "on report" this term.

W.F.

GRENVILLE.

SO far, at least, as the Marsden Merit Cup is concerned, this term has proved singularly inglorious to Grenville. Indeed, our only claim to distinction in this respect lies in having achieved the bottom place, and in being 18 points below the next

House. Apparently our intelligentsia have retired from active service!

Let us hope that next term sees a very great improvement on this ignominious feat.

Unenthusiastic though the House has been to exercise its brains on our behalf, it has been little more enthusiastic in its support of the Pavilion Fund, and several people have still not "paid up."

Our only representative in the Boxing Club, S. Leaver, has met with some measure of success.

As regards the Chess Shield Tournament, a member of our House, F. O'Hare, has reached the semi-final, and we wish him success in his remaining games.

Our football this term has been quite good. Our junior team reached the Forbes' Cup final after beating Hawkins 3—1 and Frobisher 5—2, only to be defeated by Howard in the final by three goals to two.

In the Robinson Cup games we have also had some success, having beaten Hawkins 12—0 and Raleigh 3—1.

Let us hope that we succeed in defeating Howard in the final.

The following people have gained over 21 points this term: F. O'Hare, 6 points; Riley, W. E., 4 points; Thompson, H., 3 points; Hoole, J., Radley, N., 2 points; Readhead, E., Darbyshire, L., Clarke, D. O., McKernan, 1 point.

On report: Miller, K., Phillips, G. S. H.

R. T.

HOWARD.

HAVING suffered no serious losses in House personnel at the end of last term, I take this opportunity of welcoming our new House member. This term has been one of glorious achievement for Howard in all activities. Until very recently we were in lonely splendour at the head of the House Subscription List for the Pavilion Fund, but are now second. The House, generally, responded readily to this worthy cause, and it is pleasing to record that everybody has now contributed something. But the Fund is still open and further contributions will be gratefully accepted.

In the realm of football, after several seasons of ignominious failures, we have finally emerged with flying colours. Having finished fourth in the league last term, the 1st Eleven was drawn to meet Drake in the first round of the Robinson Cup. We gained a deserving victory over them, 2—1, thereby passing into the semi-final to meet Frobisher. Having suffered a somewhat overwhelming defeat by this House last term, our hopes of victory were not too bright, but we avenged this defeat, emerging triumphant, with

a score of 2 goals to 1. Grenville are now our opponents in the final, and since we drew at our last encounter, a keen and interesting match is anticipated. Will all members of the House rally around and be present at the final of the Robinson Cup? Vocal support is an asset to any team and will be greatly appreciated. The 1st XI. doesn't possess much outstanding talent, but excellent team spirit and the able captaincy of Robinson has made up for this.

The Under 14 team has emulated the example of the 1st XI. Our 2nd team had a very successful season last term, and so we entertained high hopes of winning the Forbes Cup, which have materialised. In the first round we defeated Raleigh 4—1, and in the semi-final we beat Drake 4—2. Grenville were our opponents in this final, and after being two goals down at half-time, the team rallied to win 3—2. It proved an interesting final to the meagre group of enthusiastic spectators, and on the whole, our victory was merited. We must offer our congratulations to Whittaker and his team-mates.

In anticipation of our victory, I should like to congratulate and to thank the members of both teams for their great achievements.

In the Marsden Merit Cup Competition we have, up to the last fortnight, enjoyed the premier position. The meritorious standard of last term has been continued, but we would gladly welcome new point-winners. There are still some veterans who have not gained a point as yet this year. If they could regain their former positions, our hopes of success would certainly be well founded. We are now only two points behind the leaders, but our position would be much happier if one individual had not appeared on report twice! We trust he will not repeat this performance! The following have gained points. We thank them for their worthy efforts and at the same time congratulate them on having gained positions:

Bentley, J. I. (U.V.L.), Sternberg, E. (4b), 6 points each; Shuttleworth, M.G. (2c), 4 points; Almond, R. (2a), Margerison, J. H. (U.V.L.), Procter, C. L. (3b), Slater, W. R. (3a), Thornber, H. H. (U.V.S.), 3 points each; Almond, D. E. (2b), Gabbutt, D. (5b), Harwood, J. A. D. (5b), Huck, W. (Trans.), Nuttall, A. (2c), 2 points each; Dunkerley, W. B. (3d), Griffiths, A. A. (3a), Morris, A. C. (4d), Raynor, D. (3a), Walmsley, K. O. (4b), Whittaker, R. (2b), 1 point each.

Next term will bring with it the Sports, Cricket, and Inter-House Boxing Competitions. Last year our performance in the Sports was not very praiseworthy, so that in order to ensure a good result this year early training is essential. So begin training during the vacations, all you budding athletes! We trust the Cricket Captain will receive plenty of keen support. Last year we had only one entrant in the Boxing Competition. There are points to be gained in this activity, so please enter and gain a few points.

J.S.

HAWKINS.

THE event on which all eyes were eagerly turned this term was the Knock-out Competition for the Robinson Cup. We were drawn against Grenville in the last round, but our opponents proved the better side. This was partly the result of the small number of Seniors in the House; we cannot attribute our defeat to lack of support. The Juniors were also defeated by Grenville after a replay.

Mr. Kennedy thanks all boys and parents for the generous support given to the Pavilion Fund. At the time of writing we are running second, but we hope to rise to still greater heights.

Soon the Sports will be upon us. Here we advise members of the House to decide quickly for which events they wish to enter, and to start training early. Success can only be achieved by a united effort and a prevailing feeling of team spirit.

There has been a great improvement in our position in the Marsden Merit Cup, and, at the time of writing, we hold first place. Let us keep this up next term.

The following boys are to be congratulated upon gaining points for their House this term:—

Allsup, Duckworth, Hindle, 8 points each; Carolin, 6; Sullivan, Hondby, 5 each; Ainsworth, Whittaker, 4 each; Summers, 2; Walmsley, Forrest and Eaton, 1 each.

J. F. SHARPE.

RALEIGH.

AFTER a fairly uneventful term there is very little to report. At the end of last term our Football eleven, which played very well, finished up occupying the second place in the House Competition. On the strength of this we received a bye into the Second Round of the Robinson Cup Competition. In this round we were defeated 3—1 by Grenville after a valiant struggle. The Under 14 Eleven were drawn against Howard in the 1st Round of the Forbes Cup Competition, but they were beaten 4—1. So, after a very promising start, our football elevens failed to procure any laurels. We hope that in the future they will be more successful and will obtain the trophies for which they have battled in vain.

Our attempt to retain the Marsden Merit Cup so far has not been very convincing. We are still very much below our standard, and if we are to repeat our former achievements, there are a great number of points to be gained. Therefore we ask everyone to try his utmost to put in some extra work both during term-time and in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations.

The following boys are very gratefully thanked for having gained points for the House:—

Lewney, G. (4c), Hodson, R. (3b), 6 points; Bradshaw, W. (5a), Ashton, E. (Remove), Fish, C. B. R. (Remove), 5 points; Field, H. (3a), 4 points; Taylor, F. S. (5b), Pilkington, S. (2c), 3 points; Duckworth, B. (2d), 2 points; Mayo, H. S. (5a), Hindle, G. M. (5c), Edwardson, S. M. (2a), 1 point.

Again I am pleased to report that no one has yet impeded our effort for the Marsden Merit Cup by being "On Report."

We wish to remind boys that next term Cricket and the Athletic Sports take place. We have formerly shown no distinction on the cricket field, so let us this year make a united effort to strengthen the team. Also, since the Sports may be held early next term, we ask you all to begin training as soon as possible, and we wish to have a large number of entries. Early training is absolutely imperative if we are to entertain hopes of winning the Sports Shield.

R.R.

SEASON'S REPORT.

AS a whole, this season has been a quite satisfactory one for all the teams, excepting, perhaps, the 3rd XI. The 1st XI. has not this season lost many players and, consequently, we find that the team has gradually become more formidable and should give the Old Boys' XI. a good game at the end of the term. Throughout the term the defence has, excluding injuries, automatically selected itself match after match, and there is little to complain of in this department. In the forward line, however, there has been a good deal of shuffling about in the middle, and the School seems to stand in need of a really good centre-forward. Although a fair number of goals have been scored, the forwards have missed many chances, on some occasions particularly weak shooting, as at St. Anselm's, having cost the match; but, on the other hand, the passes from behind have not always been particularly accurate. Of the players themselves no more need be said, a more detailed description following.

THE FIRST ELEVEN.

Standing: F. Bury, H. Worden, L. K. Robinson, F. L. Askew, J. Tomlinson, H. F. Mather.
Sitting: G. M. Hindle, W. Fishwick, H. Bates (Capt.), C. Greenwood, I. B. Shearer.
In Front: J. F. Sharpe, J. Hoole.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

Standing: G. P. Walsh, J. Pomfret, A. Kilshaw, J. Wilding.
Sitting: T. Barnes, N. Aspin, R. Wilkinson (Captain), J. Tomlinson, W. Alstead.
In Front: G. M. Whalley, R. Holden.

The actual results of the 1st XI. matches since the last report have been varied. Preston G.S. and Manchester G.S. both inflicted defeats on their respective grounds, but the School had the satisfaction of levelling matches at Lammack in hard-fought games. Burnley G.S., Bolton G.S., and St. Anselm's Hall by result proved to be too good, but were a trifle lucky to get away with it. The rest of the games, however, ended satisfactorily from the School's point of view, and the full record of the 1st XI. for the season is :—

				—Goals—		
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Pts.
17 ...	8 ...	6 ...	3 ...	49 ...	39 ...	19

This shows a slight improvement on last year when over a similar period 12 points were obtained from 14 matches.

The 2nd XI. has certainly had a good season and has, strange to say, indulged in particularly heavy goal-scoring, the forwards suddenly becoming goal-shy when promoted. The record for the season is :—

				—Goals—		
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Pts.
17 ...	11 ...	5 ...	1 ...	95 ...	49 ...	23

Of the other two teams, the 3rd XI. has had a rather lean time, but the Under 14 XI. has been the most successful of them all, preserving an unbeaten record, this being a happy omen for future years.

F.B.

PEN-PORTRAITS OF THE FIRST XI.

BATES, H. (Goalkeeper and Captain).

He has been very unfortunate this season, an injured knee preventing him playing in many matches. He is now playing again, however, and seems to be playing with his former vigour. His agility more than makes up for his lack in height.

FISHWICK, W. F. (Left Half and Vice-Captain).

Played well in an unaccustomed position in the earlier part of the season. He is one of the most consistent members of the team. Has been improving his throw-ins lately and can now almost reach the goal-mouth. In his eagerness to help his forwards, however, he sometimes wanders out of position, and this has often caused great concern to his fellow-defenders.

HINDLE (Left Back).

A fine, two-footed player who has filled the left-back position with distinction. His positional play and brilliant tackling, especially the sliding tackle of which he is a wonderful exponent, are outstanding features of his play. He has recently been selected to play in the Lancashire Schools Trial game to be held in Manchester next month.

SHEARER (Right Back).

A dour defender. Came into the team towards the end of last term and has filled the right-back position successfully. Kicks well and is one of the few players who can go the full pace for ninety minutes. Inclined to become rather too impetuous in his tackling at times, and would do well to curb this tendency.

TOMLINSON (Goal and Left Back).

A splendid goalkeeper and a serviceable full-back. Possesses a powerful kick in his left foot which, on many occasions, has turned defence into attack. His lack of agility is compensated for by his remarkable anticipation.

GREENWOOD (Centre Half).

His fine physique is a great asset both to himself and the team. Is essentially a defensive player, but when occasion arises he can adapt himself well to the attacking rôle. Tackles well, and invariably takes the ball when in the air. His spectacular dribbles, however, sometimes cause great anxiety to his colleagues in defence.

SHARPE (Right Half).

A fine constructive half-back who supplies his forwards with beautiful, well-placed passes. His steadiness is invaluable in defence when that section of the team is under heavy pressure. He is also an excellent tackler.

ROBINSON (Outside Right).

A go-ahead type of forward who possesses a hard shot which, incidentally, is not always in the right direction. Sometimes, however, he indulges in delightful dribbles down the wing, and these occasionally produce goals.

AINSWORTH (Inside Right).

An ideal partner for Robinson. Came into the team at the commencement of the term and has now firmly established himself in the inside-right position. He is quick off the mark and thereby gains those extra yards on his opponents which are so valuable. Unselfish and rarely tries a shot.

ASKEW (Centre Forward or Outside Left).

Speedy and a natural left-footer. He centres well and is an effective shot, of which his forty goals in School games this season are ample evidence.

ALSTEAD (Centre Forward).

A good footballer who combines well with his inside-forwards. Has scored many of his goals by means of clever flicks with the head. One of the best shots in the School elevens, but his effectiveness is minimised on account of his slowness.

WORDEN (Inside Left).

A player of great promise. Came straight into 1st XI. football from last year's Under 14 XI., which he captained, and has played consistently well in every position he has since occupied. Is a useful shot, but prefers to make openings for others.

HOOLE (Outside Left).

An intelligent footballer who keeps a cool head at crucial moments. His centres frequently find his men and he seldom wastes a ball. Although only a lightweight, vigorous defenders hold no terrors for him.

H.B.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS.

SCHOOL v. PRESTON C.C.

January 15th. At Lammack.

Owing to bad weather conditions the match was cancelled.

SCHOOL v. BURNLEY G.S.

January 22nd. At Burnley.

Team.—Bates; Shearer, Tomlinson; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fishwick; Robinson, Worden, Alstead, Hindle, Askew.

Having been easily defeated at Lammack in the first match of the season by a strong Burnley team, the School were not very optimistic about the return game. Once on the field, however, they showed their determination to put up a good fight, and held their own in the first half, until a minute before the interval, when the Burnley right-wing rounded Tomlinson and put one past Bates, who had done well in keeping the opposition out for so long.

Half-time: School 0, Burnley 1.

The beginning of the second half saw the School, with the wind behind them, attack more strongly, but the arrears were not wiped out, due mostly to weak shooting. The Burnley attack, however, soon got into its stride again, and after twenty minutes' play added another goal. For the rest of the game the teams were evenly matched and there was no further score.

Final: School, 0; Burnley, 2.

SCHOOL v. ST. ANSELM'S HALL.

January 29th. At Manchester.

Team.—Bates; Shearer, Tomlinson; Fishwick, Hindle, Sharpe; Robinson, Worden, Greenwood, Joseph, Hoole.

After a few opening attacks by the opposition had been cleared by Shearer, the School half-backs sent the forwards towards St. Anselm's goalkeeper time after time, but not once was he seriously troubled. The forwards were good individually, but lacked cohesion, whilst their shooting-power was negligible. The School's strength was undoubtedly in the half-back line, where Hindle worked hard, Sharpe was splendid, and Fishwick the nearest to scoring when he hit the upright.

Half-time: School, 0; St. Anselm's Hall, 0.

The first quarter of an hour of the second half was a repetition of the first. The forwards were disappointing, Joseph missing two cosy chances, whilst Greenwood would have been much happier at centre-half. A draw seemed inevitable, when the Hall forwards made a sudden raid and a forward netted, but was off-side. This gave them heart, and aided by a strong wind they attacked repeatedly and ten minutes from the end got an easy goal, this being followed by a "gift" goal due to a misunderstanding between Bates and Hindle. In the closing minutes School pressed and forced several corners, but gained nothing. This was an interesting match which the School should have won.

Final: School, 0; St. Anselm's Hall, 2.

SCHOOL v. BURY G.S.

February 2nd. At Bury.

Team.—Bates; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Fishwick, Wilkinson; Robinson, Worden, Joseph, Ainsworth, Hoole.

That the game was to be a fast one was soon evident when Wilkinson scored just following the kick-off and soon after Bury replied. Another five minutes and Hoole turned in a centre from Robinson. The lead was not long held, however, and a Bury forward netted, after Bates had saved one shot, which, unluckily for the School, rebounded to the forward's feet. The battle was

now renewed and Ainsworth's attempt to score was successful. The School managed to hold their slender lead until the interval, Sharpe in the meantime missing a penalty.

Half-time: School, 3; Bury, 2.

Bury attacked vigorously at the commencement of the second half, but were kept out by Bates until he was beaten by a ground shot. Robinson tried to restore the lead, but the clearance took the School by surprise and Bury took the lead. Sharpe, trying to make amends for his miss from the penalty spot, failed with a long shot, but ten minutes from the end Hoole equalised.

Final: School, 4; Bury, 4.

SCHOOL v. HULME G.S.

February 5th. At Lammack.

Team.—Tomlinson; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fishwick; Robinson, Worden, Joseph, Ainsworth, Hoole.

The School kicked off aided by a slight wind, and gained an early lead when Hoole centred and Robinson put Worden through to register the first goal. This was followed by another when Ainsworth scored from another pass from Hoole. Hulme retaliated but the School halves brought up the ball again and Joseph headed another goal. Sharpe added another goal before half-time.

Half-time: School, 4; Hulme, 0.

The School were again on the attack in this half and Hoole broke through only to shoot at the goalkeeper. Further goals were added by Robinson and Joseph, the Hulme forwards never getting the better of the School defence.

Final: School, 6; Hulme, 0.

SCHOOL v. CLITHEROE R.G.S.

February 12th. At Clitheroe.

Team.—Tomlinson; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fishwick; Robinson, Ainsworth, Joseph, Worden, Hoole.

An extremely strong wind interfered with play from the start, and it was clear that there was not going to be much football. Clitheroe, with the wind aiding them in the first half, soon got on top and had scored three goals without reply at the interval.

Half-time: School, 0; Clitheroe, 3.

The second half began with Clitheroe obtaining another goal, and things looked black for the School. Undaunted, however, and now aided by the wind, they fought back and eventually won the game through goals scored by Joseph (3), Robinson, Ainsworth and Worden.

Final: School, 6; Clitheroe, 4.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER G.S.

February 19th. At Lammack.

Team.—Tomlinson; Shearer, Hindle, Wilkinson; Fishwick, Sharpe; Robinson, Ainsworth, Joseph, Worden, Hoole.

The game soon promised to be a good one between two equally-matched sides, and for a while neither set of forwards was allowed to become dangerous, although several attempts to score, by Hoole, were almost successful. The visitors combined well, and it was only through miskicks by their half-back line that Robinson obtained the School's first goal. The School just managed to keep the lead until the interval.

Half-time: School, 1; Manchester, 0.

Immediately after the restart a Manchester forward dashed through the School defence and levelled the scores. Play was now more or less even, with the School always threatening to regain their lead, Hoole especially being dangerous. Ten minutes from the end Joseph snatched the lead when the goalkeeper mishandled, and this lead was maintained to the end.

Final: School, 2; Manchester, 1.

SCHOOL v. BOLTON G.S.

February 23rd. At Bolton.

Team.—Tomlinson; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fishwick; Robinson, Ainsworth, Joseph, Worden, Hoole.

The teams appeared equally matched and a draw seemed likely. Unfortunately, however, Hindle collided with Tomlinson, who was clearing the ball from the goal-mouth, and Bolton were presented with the lead. For the rest of the half, play was even, Greenwood's missing of a penalty being the only thing of note.

Half-time: School, 0; Bolton, 1.

The second half commenced as in the last match, with one of the opposing forwards breaking through and scoring. Things now looked bad for the School, but Hoole scored with a brilliant shot from well out and eased the position. Hindle, however, had another piece of bad luck and put the ball through his own goal, and although Robinson scored another goal, School could not level the scores before the final whistle.

Final: School, 2; Bolton, 3.

SCHOOL v. BACUP AND RAWTENSTALL G.S.

March 12th. At Lammack.

Team.—Bates; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Wilkinson; Robinson, Worden, Askew, Ainsworth, Hoole.

The lively School attack opened the scoring through Hoole after Askew had failed to head in, but Bacup returned the pressure and equalised after twenty minutes. Three minutes later Bates misjudged a shot from a Bacup forward and the visitors took the lead, which they kept until the interval.

Half-time: School, 1; Bacup, 2.

After about five minutes' play Worden levelled the scores, but for a long time Bacup threatened to regain the lead, Bates having plenty of work to do. Robinson gave the School the lead with a good shot, though he failed later with a penalty, and the School just managed to keep their slender lead to the end. The honours on the School side this time went to the defence.

Final: School, 3; Bacup, 2.

SCHOOL v. PRESTON G.S.

March 19th. At Lammack.

Team.—Bates; Shearer, Hindle; Sharpe, Greenwood, Fishwick; Robinson, Ainsworth, Askew, Worden, Hoole.

The School forwards started in great style and had netted three times within the first ten minutes through Robinson, Worden and Ainsworth, the latter after Askew had headed against the crossbar from a corner. The Prestonians now settled down and play was equal until the interval.

Half-time: School, 3; Preston, 0.

In this half the School were now facing the wind which had previously aided them, and Preston soon reduced the arrears. A splendid shot by Robinson again turned the game more in the School's favour, but an injury to Fishwick hindered the School, and although Ainsworth headed through from Hoole's centre, Preston scored again near the end, clinching their slight superiority in this half.

Final: School, 5; Preston, 2.

The Team's Goal-scorers:—

Robinson, 11; Alstead, 9; Hoole, 7; Joseph, 6; Ainsworth, 4; Greatorex, 4; Worden, 4; Askew, 1; Sharpe, 1; Wilkinson, 1.

SECOND XI. REPORT.

THE team opened the season exceptionally well, winning the first five matches very easily, although four of them were on unknown grounds. Our first defeat came at Bury; we avenged ourselves, however, in the return match at Lammack.

The team work has been very creditable, in spite of the fact that there has been a continuous call on our resources to meet the demands of the 1st XI. The forwards have in no way been goal-shy and have been a constant source of worry to the opposing defences.

During this last term we have lost several of our former members to the 1st XI., and the new players who have been promoted from the 3rd XI. have not disgraced themselves.

Of 18 matches played we have won 12, drawn 1, lost 5, and have, so far, scored 99 goals against 51. As opponents in the next and last match of the season we have Accrington, and we hope that we will make these 99 goals into 100, without any further loss of goals.

RESULTS.

January 22nd. At Lammack:
School, 5; Burnley G.S., 5.

February 5th. At Oldham:
School, 5; Hulme G.S., 1.

February 12th. At Clitheroe:
School, 7; Clitheroe R.G.S., 2.

February 19th. At Manchester:
School, 1; Manchester G.S., 2.

February 23rd. At Lammack:
School, 12; Bolton G.S., 0.

March 5th. At Lammack:
School, 4; Bury G.S., 3.

March 12th. At Lammack:
School, 10; Old Blackburnians "A," 5.

March 19th. At Lammack:
School, 3; Preston G.S., 5.

R.W.

THIRD XI. REPORT.

THE Third XI. has not accomplished much since the beginning of term. The main disadvantage lies in the fact that the team, although clever, lacks height and weight. Aspin and Hadfield have been promoted to the 2nd XI., and since then the search for new talent has not produced the results that one would expect from a School of our size. Surely there is someone who is willing to come forth and help the team? Since the team is so young, one can expect the 3rd XI. of 1938-9 to better this year's results, with the experience they have received in playing teams superior in height and weight.

RESULTS.

January 22nd. At Burnley:
School, 0; Burnley G.S., 2.
January 29th. At Lammack:
School, 5; Clayton & Goodfellow's, 2.
February 5th. At Lammack.
School, 2; Commercial Juniors, 10.
February 12th. At Lammack:
School, 2; Chorley G.S., 6.
February 19th. At Lammack:
School, 1; Manchester G.S., 2.
February 26th. At Pleckgate:
School, 2; Cathedral Scouts, 7.

J.I.B.

UNDER 14 XI.

RESULTS.

January 22nd. At Lammack:
School, 4; Burnley, 3.
February 12th. At Lammack:
School, 3; Clitheroe R.G.S., 1.
February 23rd. At Lammack:
School, 3; Bolton School, 1.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

CHESS REPORT.

THIS term ends a highly-successful season for the School Chess Club. The popularity of the game has increased steadily, so that now there are nearly forty boys in the club, many of whom are very enthusiastic and play at every available opportunity after school.

Owing to this increased popularity it was decided to divide the boys, as near as possible in degree of playing strength, into two divisions and let them play one another for a league championship. The first division has been completed, resulting in a tie between Evans, W. J., and O'Hare, F., at the top of the table. The full results are given at the end of the report.

As usual, the tournament for the Chess Shield has been played this term. It has not been concluded yet, but the finalists will be G. P. Walsh and W. J. Evans or F. O'Hare.

The School team has had considerable success in the games with other schools. Only one of the eight played has been lost. We congratulate one of the team, W. J. Evans, who has done so well in the Lancashire Junior Championship, in which he reached

the semi-final before being defeated, after a great struggle, by the last year's champion.

Once again we invite would-be learners to come along to the meetings, where Dr. Tyler or any of the team will be glad to help to the best of their ability.

Results of games with other schools this term are as follows:—

January 24th. Away, at Nelson:
Nelson S.S., $2\frac{1}{2}$; School, $3\frac{1}{2}$. Win.

January 27th. Away, at Bolton:
Bolton School, $2\frac{1}{2}$; School, $2\frac{1}{2}$. Draw.

February 7th. At home:
Bury G.S., 1; School, 4. Win.

February 18th. Away, at Clitheroe:
Clitheroe R.G.S., $\frac{1}{2}$; School, $4\frac{1}{2}$. Win.

In these matches the School has been represented by the following:—Bradshaw, A. J., Taylor, R., Fishwick, W., Evans, W. J., Wilding, J., Mayman, H., O'Hare, F.

CHESS LEAGUE RESULTS.

	Barker	Bradshaw	Evans	Fishwick	Gollop	Mayman	Mellodey	O'Hare	Taylor	Wilding	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Evans	L	W	—	D	W	W	W	D	W	D	5	3	1	13
O'Hare	D	D	D	W	W	W	D	—	D	W	4	5	—	13
Bradshaw ...	W	—	L	D	W	L	W	D	W	W	5	2	2	12
Barker	—	L	W	L	L	W	W	D	W	W	5	1	3	11
Wilding.....	L	L	D	W	W	W	W	L	D	—	4	2	3	11
Mayman ...	L	W	L	W	W	—	W	L	W	L	5	—	4	10
Fishwick ...	W	D	D	—	L	L	W	L	D	L	2	3	4	7
Gollop	W	L	L	W	—	L	L	L	D	L	2	1	6	5
Taylor	L	L	L	D	D	L	D	D	—	D	—	5	4	5
Mellodey ...	L	L	L	L	W	L	—	D	D	L	1	2	6	4

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

ACTIVITIES this term have solely taken the form of rehearsals for the School Play at the end of the term. The Play being given this time is "Dandy Dick," by Arthur W. Pinero, and it is under the joint production of Messrs. Blenkinsop, Collier and Stuart. Most of the difficulties encountered have been overcome, but there will be a greater expenditure on costumes than usual, and so a charge is being made, which we hope will also finally aid the Pavilion Fund. The meetings in the Radcliffe Room will probably be continued next term, when bigger parts will be given to those who are not so well known.

F.B.

SCHOOL BRANCH OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

THE Sixth Form has been privileged to hear, this term, a speaker direct from Union Headquarters in London, Mr. T. C. Archer. Mr. Archer has visited us before in a similar capacity and is well known for his strong support for the League. In his talk, Mr. Archer traced the history of the League from its inception to the present day, showing clearly that the Powers have hardly supported it at all in cases of emergency. Without the motive power even the most perfect machine is useless, and consequently its achievements have been small, though when it has been properly supported it has reaped a rich return.

The whole foundation of modern society, he said, is based on law, a law supported by force, and all our privileges are based on the security resulting from its observance. How then could we expect nations to be friendly to one another in the anarchy prevalent to-day? Nations must have security before they are willing to give anything away. The only way to obtain this security is through the League of Nations and collective action; whilst the present anarchic system continued, it was only natural that nations should arm in their own defence. If Britain gave the lead in a return to the League, there would be a very good chance of the great majority of the world following. To persuade the Government that a British League policy would have sufficient national support was the work of the League of Nations Union; it cannot do it without an increased membership.

In connection with this latter point, Mr. Archer mentioned that a Youth Group (age limit 16-30) had been formed in Blackburn, and advised his audience to join it. Many promises were made to do so, but very few have followed it up, even with enquiries. I hope this will act as a reminder, and that more will come forward. I will gladly furnish full particulars.

I have received notice from Headquarters this month of a Poster Competition to be held by the Union. Entries have to be in by April 20th, and prizes range from £5 to 7/6. There is a special class for those under 16. As for subjects, anything concerned with the League of Nations is permissible. Mr. Hunt has kindly consented to furnish anyone interested with full particulars.

N. HARGREAVES.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

SO far this term we have had only one meeting, when R. Taylor presented us with a paper on the subject of "Evolution." He described the historical aspect, and enumerated proofs of Evolution, according to archæological and morphological evidence, the theories of Darwin and Lamarck being stated. He described also the evolution of the horse and the gold-fish.

It is hoped that W. Grimbaldeston will be able to come nearer the end of term and speak on "Cathode Rays."

The programme for next term includes a talk on "Bee-keeping" by N. Harrison, together with a practical demonstration if the weather permits.

BOXING CLUB.

ONCE more the Boxing Club has resumed its activities. This term great enthusiasm has been shown, especially amongst those of Middle School, owing to a contest being arranged with Macclesfield Grammar School. This contest took place at Macclesfield on March 9th. Though the result was not brilliant—School being defeated in two bouts and the other three being declared drawn—it is to be hoped that more Inter-School contests will be arranged in the future.

Those selected to box at Macclesfield were:—Brown, G. I.; Beardsworth, G. F.; Emmett, A.; Ainsworth, H.; Shearer, I. B. On account of Macclesfield being unable to accommodate their weights, Shaw, D., and Greenwood, C., were unfortunately denied their chance of boxing for the School. Barnes, T., was also unfortunate in this respect, as he had to sit for a Scholarship examination at Durham at the time of the contest.

Next term the annual Inter-House Competition will take place and it is to be hoped there will be no lack of support.

If you have not already entered your name in the lists, do so now!

THE SCRIPTURE UNION.

DURING this term the School branch of the Scripture Union has been revived, and the response from the School has been most encouraging. The membership now stands at 21, and is open to every boy in School.

The object of the Union is to promote a spiritual fellowship in the School, based upon individual prayer and Bible study. The Scripture Union provides a systematic plan of Bible study, under which each member devotes a few minutes each day to reading God's Word, in conjunction with the Daily Notes issued by the Union.

It is intended to hold frequent meetings, conducted, as far as far as possible, by the members. For our first meeting the Rev. W. F. Clarke, Precentor at the Cathedral, presided, and he gave an interesting address, stressing the objects of the Scripture Union and the powerful influence which it could exert in the School.

Let each one of us pray that God may bless our efforts during the coming term.

T.B.

ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS term a new kind of debate was tried for the first time. It was under the name of a Balloon Debate, and the idea is that a number of persons are in a balloon which is, unfortunately, falling; there is only sufficient gas to support one person, and so the occupants have to give their reasons as to why they are most worthy to be saved.

In this instance the persons occupying the balloon were widely different in their interests. They were Shirley Temple, Viscount Swinton, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Mr. Anthony Eden, and Josef Stalin. The last named was awarded his safe-conduct after a careful plea on his behalf by J. Richardson.

Towards the close of last term, after the report had been written, a joint debate was held with the High School. The motion under discussion was: "That this House considers that a literary is better than a scientific education." In a debate in which the deserts of Saskatchewan figured prominently, School was represented by Messrs. Wetherell and Rothwell.

There has been another new enterprise embarked upon this term. A number of members have combined to form a Discussion Group, and have considered such questions as Communism, Fascism, and British foreign policy. One very encouraging feature has been the notable contributions by the Lower Sixth.

N.H.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

ONCE again throughout the past term the School Music Society, under the auspices and organisation of Mr. E. J. Popham, has provided Tuesday evening gramophone recitals for the enjoyment of music lovers in the School and visitors from the High School. Attendances at our recitals have at all times been good, which fact can only be attributed to the skilful and interesting way in which our term's programme has been arranged by Mr. Popham, to whom we are extremely grateful for his consideration and enthusiasm which form such an integral part of our Society's well-being.

Our programme this term has been most extensive in covering much of the ground in the musical world.

Our activities commenced with a recital of Brahms' Fourth Symphony in its entirety, which was followed the next week with Mozart's Piano Concerto in A minor, together with Overture, "Leonora No. 3," by Beethoven.

Our next four consecutive recitals are of particular note, for through them the study of Grand Opera was seriously introduced into the Music Society's "curriculum" for the first time since its inception. The recitals were devoted to the opera "Othello," by Verdi, and were given in the School Biology Laboratory, where the libretto was projected on to the screen by means of the epidiascope. Each recital was devoted to one act of the opera, and in addition to the words on the screen, printed synopses of each act were provided by Mr. Popham. There can be no doubt that the "Othello" recitals were a great success.

Our programme continued with Symphonies No. 3 and No. 9 by Beethoven, and the Overture, "The Wasp," by Vaughan Williams.

At this stage in the proceedings Mr. D. S. Miller very kindly came forward and gave us one of his ever-popular Gilbert and Sullivan recitals. This particular recital was devoted to Act I. of "The Mikado," which, enhanced by Mr. Miller's entertaining description of the plot and action in the opera, proved extremely enjoyable for all present. The recital of Act II. of this opera is to be given by Mr. Miller before the end of the term, and I am sure we all feel that this continuation cannot come too soon. These excellent Gilbert and Sullivan recitals prove a welcome change from our more serious "studies."

Our next recital was devoted to Beethoven's ever-popular Symphony No. 5, after which, the last recital before going into print was given by Mr. C. Marsden. Mr. Marsden very kindly consented to come to School and give us a recital of the complete Symphony No. 2, by Sibelius. This Symphony was accompanied by a very detailed analysis of the work by Mr. Marsden, to whom

we are most grateful for his kindness and consideration in giving us such a delightful recital.

Besides Mr. Miller's concluding recital before the end of term, there will also be an Elgar Programme on the last Tuesday of term, and so we will have come to the end of our splendid term's programme. Recitals recommence on September 13th, 1938.

N.H.

STAMP CLUB.

I AM pleased to be able to say that the attendances at the Stamp Club have been greatly augmented this term, in spite of the fact that rehearsals for Plays and other School activities have often subtracted from our numbers. Many new members have brought along their specimens, and much brisk " swapping " has been carried on. Juniors comprise the majority of our members, but that is only to be expected, as they possess so much more leisure than the Seniors.

We are greatly indebted to our President, Mr. Towle, for not only does he bring his catalogues for general use, but he also takes an active interest in the actual business done.

P.H.

PERIODICAL CLUB.

THE Periodical Club resumed its activities under the auspices of Mr. Blenkinsop. As usual, members of the Sixth Form contributed 2d. per week, for which they received four periodicals. The number of members at the beginning of term was 32, but, unfortunately, declined toward the end.

The periodicals in circulation were :—

" The Listener " (2 copies).
" News Review " (2 copies).
" Punch " (2 copies).
" Spectator."
" Amateur Photographer."
" John o' London's Weekly."
" Wireless World."
" Amateur Wireless "
" Stamp Monthly."
" Popular Science."
" Practical Mechanics."
" Les Annales."

THE SCOUT GROUP.

THE Scout Group, as usual, did their Good Turn at Christmas by distributing nearly 200lbs. of beef, and other foodstuffs in proportion, to about 300 persons whose circumstances would not allow of their buying such necessities for themselves. Most of the Group turned up to help in delivering the parcels and also brought their private contributions of puddings and fruit. Our deepest thanks are owed to them and their parents for giving such assistance. We were glad to hear from the organization through which we obtain the addresses to which the parcels are to be sent that our parcels were " the best they had ever seen."

This term has seen the reorganisation of the Group into two instead of three Troops, which now meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. By this means we have abolished the system by which a boy who had earned his Patrol Leader's stripes in a Junior troop, had to part with them on transferring to the Senior troop. Also we find that a genuine inter-troop patrol competition will be much more easily organised with two parallel troops. At present the Wednesday night troop is over-full, but there are vacancies for boys who would like to join the Tuesday night troop.

The Annual Scout Dance on February 25th was this year a great success. Numbers were rather less than usual, which, while reducing the profit made, increased the comfort and enjoyment of the dancers. The Ladies' Committee made a very fine job of the catering and the supper was most successful. To them our sincerest thanks are due. A word of thanks also is due to the Parks' gardening staff, who provided and arranged many of the decorations which make the dance much more enjoyable and conceal, to a great extent, the scholarly appearance of the buildings.

There will be no Camp at Easter, but at Whitsuntide it is hoped to run both a Standing Camp and a Hike in the Pennine country with two trike carts similar to those we used in the Highlands last summer, and which we are having built to our own specification.

Owing to the fact that there will be only two members of the staff available in the summer this year, it is likely that there will be no camp apart from the one at Kandersteg. It is hoped, however, to make some compensation for this by running several week-end camps during the term.

G.M.M.

EAGLE TROOP.

THE results of our reorganisation begin to show themselves. The Patrol " Comp." is now in full swing, and judging by the interest shown, we were wise to change over. We have added considerably to our equipment, and hope shortly to fit-up the Dark Room.

The lighter nights are anxiously awaited, as we feel we can relax a little from a winter programme which has been one of hard work and good results. The Concert now approaches us, and after that—well, out into the open we go.

PANTHER TROOP.

FOR the first time the Panther Troop records its activities. With the reorganisation of the School Group at the beginning of the term, a Troop came into being which met on Wednesdays and contained members of all the former School troops, senior and junior. As we shared the traditions of all the old troops, but followed in succession to no single one of them, it was felt that we should find our own name and build our own character. Hence the appearance of the Panther Troop.

We began with thirty-five members and five patrols, and, as this number is the maximum with which we can work efficiently, we have had to refuse, regretfully but firmly, admission to several who wished to become recruits. With so large a number, we find ourselves somewhat cramped in Horncliffe Assembly Room, particularly as attendances have been very good throughout the term.

Fortunately, with the gracious co-operation of the weather, we have contrived on most evenings to find games which would take us into the open air. Wide games have, in fact, formed a considerable part of our weekly programmes, whether in the form of treasure hunts, searches for anarchists or Indians, or battles between cargo-boats and cruisers. One game was, indeed, so wide that two whole patrols managed somehow to get lost for a whole evening, taking with them a succulent " treasure " for which they were to have contended with the remainder of the Troop. To their credit be it said that the treasure was returned the next day intact, to be employed in a later game. We have also played games involving signalling, and feel that the interest in Morse has been stimulated by the demonstration of its practical possibilities.

In our work we have tended to stress more and more the use of the Patrol as a unit for instruction. Patrol Leaders have shown themselves willing to accept responsibility and efficient in instruction, though there are always one or two Scouts who seem reluctant to exert themselves during " Patrol Work." There is, however, throughout a spirit of keenness—in a Troop of this size there is no room for slackness—and it is pleasing to see that the differences in age (and size) among our Scouts have not proved themselves an obstacle to satisfactory work.

We should like, in conclusion, to thank the Head Master for permission to use the Sixth Form Study as an extra room in which to work, and our A.S.M.s for their hard work towards the success of the Troop's activities.

K.C.S.

THE LIBRARY.

WE wish to acknowledge with thanks the following books which have been presented to the School Library since the last issue of " The Blackburnian " :—

" Experimental Physiology " (E. Sharpey-Schafer).
Presented by J. E. Mitchell (1930—37).

" Shakespearean Comedy " (H. B. Charlton).
Presented by J. F. Gabbutt (1929—37).

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Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Sales in School of Nos. 52-4	27	3	0
Old Blackburnians' Association	35	9	0
Advertisements to date	48	16	6
Bank Interest	0	6	3
Balance brought forward	63	16	2
	£175	16	2

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THE LATE MAJOR ECCLES.

WE offer our sympathy to the family of the late Major H. Eccles, J.P., of Sykes Holt, Balderstone, who, as a governor of the School was a vice-president of the Association.

MR. P. S. RENNISON.

WE congratulate Mr. Philip Sidney Rennison, Deputy Town Clerk of Bolton, on his appointment as Clerk of Swindon.

A native of Blackburn, Mr. Rennison served his articles with his father, Mr. Edward Rennison, of Blackburn. He qualified in 1928 and took an active part in the firm of Messrs. E. Rennison and Son, of which his father and brother are partners.

He was appointed assistant solicitor to Blackburn Corporation in 1930, and three years later went to Bolton.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Rennison was well known in Lancashire League cricket circles and was wicket-keeper for the East Lancashire Club for five years. He was formerly a playing member of Blackburn Rugby Club, and was a keen angler.

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FROM THE UNIVERSITIES.

St. Peter's Hall,

Oxford,

March, 1938.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Among many varied and important events of the term, the annual dinner on February 25th stands out pre-eminent. Though those present numbered comparatively few, yet the occasion was most enjoyable and was voted one of the Association's most suc-

cessful dinners. We were very fortunate in obtaining as our chief guest Mr. Edmund C. Blunden, Fellow and Tutor of Merton College, Oxford. Among the guests who attended were the Head Master, Colonel Robinson and Mr. Henry Whittaker, from Blackburn; Mr. Geoffrey Duckworth from Bournemouth, Mr. James Howarth from Belfast, Mr. B. M. Holden from his scholastic duties in London, and last but not least, the two representatives from Cambridge, Mr. E. Blackshaw and Mr. R. A. Holden.

Replying to the toast of "The Guests," Mr. Blunden laid great emphasis on the troubles and trials of the life of a tutor of a certain undergraduate of Merton, and also made us realise how different the world would be if other countries were to institute such organisations as "Old Boys' Associations."

The ex-President (Mr. N. Bradshaw, of Magdalen) proposed the toast of "The Old Boys," which was replied to, in their usual inimitable styles, by Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Blackshaw.

The Secretary then proposed the toast of "The School," to which the Head Master replied, supported by Colonel Robinson. Mr. Holden exhorted the O.U.O.B.A. to support the New Pavilion Fund.

As for life in general up here, the only thing that has surpassed itself has been the weather, not by the usual gales and floods, but by brilliant sunshine. Of the deeds—and misdeeds—of the individual members, much could be said. Our two prospective Colonials, Taylor and Hindle, are determined to enjoy life while they can, and intend, so 'tis said, to get as much snow and ice as possible. Of the Walsh brothers, T.L. still imbibes a certain beverage at 11 a.m. in the Cadena, whilst both of them still pursue their placid theological way. Birtwell has hardly been seen this term, and at the time of writing, we learn that his father has died. May we express, on behalf of the O.U.O.B.A., our sympathy with Mr. Birtwell and the members of his family. Pomfret still plays soccer, and also manages to attend our meetings quite frequently. Pollard is, as far as we know, still enjoying life at St. Peter's, York.

For our third-year members, schools draw nigh. Bradshaw still plays squash; O'Hare has actually done 11½ hours' work on two consecutive days. Exton (may the gods forgive his college authorities) is still up. Clarke has developed a really beautiful copy-hand, and is usually far away when wanted most. Skermer, it appears, does work occasionally, that is, when not hurling his weights about at the Q.U.A.C.

Mason has changed his sport—temporarily, at least—to coxing the Merton II. boat from Iffley to Haystacks Corner. He has even been known to miss trains and to make a speech. Ingham is taking groups this term—best of luck, Horace—but we hope

that in future he will make a better attempt to conform to the traditions of the O.U.O.B.A., when the President has deemed it advisable to declare meetings informal.

Of our senior members, Professor Garstang was unable to get to the dinner, owing to an attack of bronchitis (developed, sad to relate, after the Blackburn O.B.s' dinner), and Henry Schollick is so busy in his world of books, that it is doubtful whether he realises that excavations have been going on next to Blackwells. That, sir, completes the list of members, but lastly, I would like to make an appeal to those senior members of the School, who might be contemplating "going up to a University." It would, indeed, make our hearts glad to see a continuous stream of "freshers" each year, coming up to swell the ranks of the O.U.O.B.A. Thus will Oxford, the O.U.O.B.A., and above all the School, benefit and flourish.

Wishing all the best that can be wished to the School and the "Old Blackburnian,"

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

O.B's (Oxon.).

[May we respectfully point out to our Oxford correspondent that even the mildest of editorial tempers are liable to become frayed when contributors ignore the time-honoured tradition of writing on one side of the paper only?—Editor, "Old Blackburnian."]

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Emmanuel College,

Cambridge.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Whilst the vagaries of the movable feasts allow us this year to give your readers some account of a function so comparatively recent as the C.U.O.B. Dinner, we feel it only fair to issue a warning that in so doing we deprive ourselves of what is usually the staple material of our Easter Term letter.

In view of the unfortunate illness of Mr. Smith, to whose visit we had all been looking forward, we were indeed fortunate to have with us so admirable a Guest of Honour as Mr. Williams.

Owing to influenza epidemics, Saturday morning school and other causes, the attendance was rather smaller than last year, but all present appeared to spend an enjoyable evening. Col. Robinson, Mr. Whittaker, the Rev. J. Thompson, and the Headmaster—the last-named admirably concealing any apprehension he may have entertained on the score of the following week's General Inspection —were once again welcome guests, as were also the Oxford representatives, Skermer and Mason, and Slater, Aspin and W. S. Hindle. It is hoped to see them all, together with many of this year's enforced absentees, at the Dinner next year.

As to more general activities, sir, we have but little to add to last term's report. Our Downing members appear to maintain their regularity in attendances at " labs.," and perhaps part of the calm superiority of Holden and Hindle to " vivas." may be attributed to the same cause. Hindle has again played chess and Holden the violin for Caius. Aspinall and Blackshaw maintain, in face of much sarcasm, their old interest in the L.N.W.—and hope that the School can still translate the initials! The former, in fact, is now Librarian of the University Branch. No one seems exactly to know how Soady spends the afternoons he now has free from rowing; perhaps a hint at the approach of Part I. is the most charitable solution. Brown and Kent still meet regularly on the squash courts, and continue to show an interest in politics.

Most of the undergraduate members have during term enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Thompson and/or Mr. Braithwaite, and would like to place on record their appreciation of this continued interest in the Society.

With every good wish for the School and "The Blackburnian,"

We remain, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

O.B's (Cantab.).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE Dramatic Society continues to improve its position, and is becoming a very useful branch of the Association. Having now got a very good team together, and feeling in a position to attempt almost any type of play, no matter how difficult, we decided that this year we would give the three-act comedy, " Youth At The Helm," in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on the 16th, 17th and 18th March. Though our first-night audience was not all that we could desire in regard to numbers, the subsequent occasions yielded much better patronage, and all thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Production was by Denis B. Driscoll, the cast being :—

Fitch ..... Allan Henshaw.
William ..... T. B. King.
Dorothy Wilson (a Typist) ..... Edith Blackledge.
Office Boy ..... F. Davies.
Randolph Warrender ..... E. C. Marsden.
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Roberts (of the Board of Trade) ..... J. McLellan.

Among the rest who rendered yeoman service might be mentioned the Stage Manager, J. McLellan; the Assistant Stage Manager; and the Electricians, R. Tyson and P. Harrison.

We must also acknowleoge with gratitude the assistance we have received from Mr. H. Whittaker, our chairman, from numerous patrons, and from the ladies who have assisted us as members of the cast, in making curtains for the stage, and in preparing and serving refreshments.

The Society hopes that "Youth At The Helm" will contribute something towards the governors' New Pavilion Fund, but as these notes have had to be written before all the bills in connection with the play have been received, it is not yet possible to say what the financial result of the play will be.

For the future, we should welcome the assistance of other members of the Association, particularly those who have recently left the School. A comparatively small dramatic society such as this provides an excellent introduction to amateur theatricals, and we need more potential actors and stage workers. Anyone who saw the enthusiasm of the stage gang and electricians, who have what are at first sight the most thankless tasks, would be convinced that, however successful the play may be, the people on and behind the stage get far more entertainment than the audience.

J.P.M.C.

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FOOTBALL CLUB.

WITH the 1937-38 season drawing to a close, we note with mixed feelings the position of our first and second teams in the Northern Section of the Lancashire Amateur League. On March 19, the first eleven lay eighth in the table with the following record:—Played 21, won 7, lost 11, drawn 3, 60 goals for, 76 goals against, and 17 points; while the second eleven held fourth place, having played 16 matches, of which they had won seven, lost seven, and drawn two; having scored 40 goals against 42; and their points total 16.

The "A" Team, however, cannot be said to have enjoyed even this modest degree of success. It will be noticed from the fixtures that they have not had the pleasure of winning a game in the second half of the season. One of the reasons for this state of affairs is that this eleven has often to trun out short of players; we do, therefore, take this opportunity of thanking those players who turn out regularly, and appeal at the same time for new members to come forward to swell our active ranks.

Details since our last issue are:—

First Eleven.

Dec. 11—Old Burmunians. Away. Drawn, 4—4.
,, 18—Preston J.T.S.O.B. Home. Lost, 2—4.
,, 27—J. Lee's XI. Home. Won, 4—2.
Jan. 1—Blackburn Technical College. Away. Lost, 1—7.
,, 8—Accrington O.B. Home. Won, 3—1.
,, 15—Darwen Sunnyhurst. Away. Won, 8—1.
,, 22—Preston G.S.O.B. Away. Lost, 2—6.
,, 29—Bury G.S.O.B. Home. Lost, 1—4.
Feb. 5—Old Farnworthians. Away. Lost, 1—3.
,, 12—Blackburn Crosshill. Home. Won, 4—1.
,, 19—Wigan M. & T.C. Away. Won, 2—0.
,, 26—Bolton S.S.O.B. Away. Drawn, 1—1.
Mar. 5—Burnley G.S.O.B. Home. Lost, 2—3.
,, 12—Bolton N.A.L.G.O. Away. Lost, 4—7.
,, 19—Nelson Town. Away. Lost, 3—6.

Second Eleven.

Dec. 11—Old Burmunians. Home. Won, 4—1.
,, 18—Preston J.T.S.O.B. Away. Lost, 2—5.
Jan. 8—Accrington O.B. Away. Won, 5—3.
,, 15—Leyland Road S.S. Home. Drawn, 4—4.
,, 22—Preston G.S.O.B. Home. Drawn, 2—2.
,, 29—Bury G.S.O.B. Away. Drawn, 2—2.
Feb. 5—Old Farnworthians. Home. Won, 4—1.

,, 12—Blackburn Crosshill. Away. Lost, 1—5.
,, 19—Wigan M. & T.C. Home. Lost, 2—3.
,, 26—Bolton S.S.O.B. Home. Won, 3—2.
Mar. 5—Burnley G.S.O.B. Away. Lost, 2—4.

"A" Eleven.

Dec. 4—Nelson S.S. Home. Drawn, 2—2.
Jan. 8—Blackburn Crosshill. Home. Lost, 2—8.
,, 22—Cathedral Scouts. Home. Lost, 0—2.
,, 29—Blakey Moor Old Boys. Away. Lost, 3—8.
Feb. 12—Darwen Corinthians. Away. Lost, 1—5.
Mar. 12—Grammar School 2nd XI. Home. Lost, 5—10.

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The match at Lammack on Boxing Day against J. Lee's XI. was a very good game and witnessed by a large crowd. We were very sorry that Jack Lee was unable to play owing to illness, and Harry Brogden captained the team.

On New Year's Day we played Blackburn Technical College at Pleckgate, and were beaten, but the large margin was due to some extent to the fact that the O.Bs. played with ten men most of the game.

We would like to offer our congratulations to G. M. Hindle, the School captain, who was selected to play for the Lancashire County School Boys' XI. against Cheshire County School Boys' XI. at Urmston Grammar School Ground, Urmston, on April 2nd.

The Old Boys are joining the Blackburn Technical College on their soccer tour to the Isle of Man at Easter, and anyone interested should communicate with the undersigned.

New Ground.

We have not yet been able to fix up for a ground of our own, but the Committee are still working with this object in view; should anyone know of a site of land suitable for a sports field, we would only be too pleased to hear of it, so that our rather deferred ambition can be realised at last.

According to alteration of rule our A.G.M. for season 1937/38 will be held just prior to the opening of the season 1938/39.

W. K. FORBES, Chairman.

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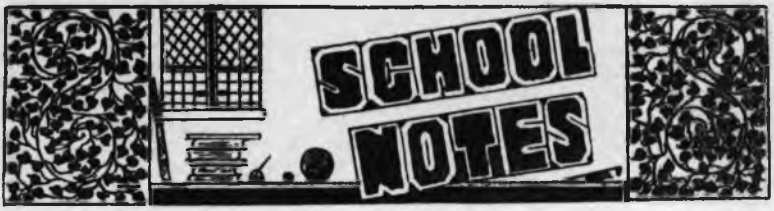
EDITORIAL.

FOR a long time we have sought inspiration for this Editorial, pondering over the choice of a suitable subject, and considering, in turn, each of the several difficulties which immediately present themselves. For example—to quote but a few of the awkward questions which must be answered before setting pen to paper—should we discuss some topical subject? should we utter the usual platitudes? or should we, setting aside the so-called Editorial Dignity, attempt to be humorous? After much thought, however, we have decided that none of these courses appeals to us in our present frame of mind, and hence we are simply going to say—" Goodbye."

For by the time you receive this issue of the Magazine, our year of office as Editor will be ended, and we shall have handed over the reins, as it were, to our most worthy successor.

It is, of course, only natural that we should feel somewhat of sorrow and regret in resigning the duties which, during the past year, it has been our great pleasure and honour to perform. For, indeed, we assure you with all sincerity that it has afforded us no small measure of happiness to be able to present the past three issues of the Blackburnian; and if we may feel that you have enjoyed the fruits of our labours, then our reward is complete and our pleasure augmented. And so, in hoping that we have fully upheld the fine traditions of our School Magazine, we say goodbye to Blackburnian's past and present, and extend our best wishes to all who may have the honour of being future Editors.

N. HARRISON.



THE Summer Term commenced on Thursday, the 28th of April, the Half Term holiday extending from Saturday, May 28th, to Thursday, June 2nd, inclusive.

This Term saw the conclusion of the weekly collections taken to enable the adoption by the School of one of the Basque refugees, evacuated from Bilbao, and at present living at Watermillock, near Bolton.

The total sum collected during the last two terms amounted to £6 16s. 1d.

The Annual Sports were held this Term on Wednesday and Thursday, May 25th and 26th. A detailed account of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in this issue.

On May 17th, their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth made a tour of inspection of the towns and cities of North Lancashire, and in so doing paid a memorable visit to Blackburn. Our School had the honour of taking part in the welcoming of their Majesties, and, with the exception of our Head Boy, who took up his position in the special stand erected in front of the Town Hall, all the boys witnessed the Royal Procession as it wended its way along Preston New Road. A wonderful sight, which will be long remembered by all witnesses.

On Saturday, June 11th, a Flannel Dance, organised by Mr. L. D. Collier, and in aid of the Pavilion Fund, took place in Big School. This dance proved to be a great success.

PREFECTS, 1938.

Head Boy. ..... W. Fishwick.

Vice-Captains : F. Bury and A. Carpenter.

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We apologise for any inadvertent omissions from this list.

DR. HERMAN BREARLEY.

THE staff of any school must, of necessity, change; but behind this continuous change there is always a select band of those who are always with us. It is, indeed, a blow to lose one of these.

This term we have learned, with dismay and sincere regret, that Dr. Brearley, our music master, will not be with us in the coming year.

Dr. Brearley gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists in 1896, and in 1909 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Music. He has been with us now for almost twenty-one years. Increasing and more arduous duties at the Cathedral, where he is choirmaster and organist, and at Manchester, where he has had conferred on him the honour of Professorship of the Royal College of Music and where he is also now the Hallé Chorus Master, have, unfortunately for us, enforced his retirement from school duties.

Dr. Brearley shewed every boy whom he taught something of the supreme beauties of music—he inculcated the ideas of its loveliness into their minds, with the result that they became eager to learn more of the subject. The little concerts which he held regularly at the end of each term for the various forms were always eagerly awaited by the boys.

As a chorister for five years at Blackburn Cathedral, Dr. Brearley instilled into me a love of music which can never fade, and for which I shall always be extremely grateful. It has given him the utmost satisfaction and pleasure to receive from many old boys of the School, letters appreciative of the fact that the seeds implanted by him have borne fruit in later life.

The Speech Night concerts organised by him have always been eagerly anticipated by the boys of the School, and many Gilbert and Sullivan operas have been performed in a highly-successful manner, to the keen enjoyment of responsive audiences.

Dr. Brearley has done more for music in Blackburn during the past twenty years than one would have believed possible. His choral and orchestral concerts have been thoroughly appreciated by all music lovers, and without his unceasing and untiring efforts, musical taste in Blackburn would, indeed, have sunk to a low level.

We wish him every possible success in his new and difficult duties, and he leaves behind him a position which it will not be easy to fill, and a name which will long be remembered.

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VALETE.

To the following boys, who left the School during, or at the end of, the Spring Term, we extend our best wishes for the future:

R. L. Armstrong: Prefect, 1937-8; S.C. and M., 1936.
K. Gill: S.C. and M., 1937; S.C., 1936.
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A. Brindle: S.C., 1937; 2nd Eleven Football Colours.
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SALVETE.

To the following boys, who have entered the School since the last issue of the Magazine, we extend a hearty welcome:—

I. M. Boggin (R.), D. M. Rippingale (Fr.).

THE MAGAZINE PRIZES.

The Magazine Prizes for articles published in the last issue of "The Blackburnian" were awarded as follows:—

Junior Magazine Prize.

Won by J. Morgan, IV.a, for his Lino-Cut, "In a Gondola."

Senior Magazine Prize.

Won by J. E. Varey, VI.B. Mod., the author of "Short, Short Story."

For the benefit of those readers who have not hitherto heard about the Magazine Competition, we would point out that each issue the Magazine Committee awards a prize of half-a-crown to the author of the best Junior Contribution, and a prize of five shillings to the author of the best Senior Contribution published. The articles are judged by a small committee of members of the staff.

JUNIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

THIS term we thank the Juniors most heartily for their splendid response in submitting such a large number of contributions for our approval. Entries from IV.b. and IV.c. have been especially numerous, and we would take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all responsible. An increase in number, however, must necessarily lead to our selecting

for publication only the very best articles, and therefore we tender our sympathy to all disappointed authors, and trust that they will "try again next time."

During our past year as Editor, we have had ample opportunity of examining many kinds of magazine articles submitted for our consideration. All differing in subject-matter, form, and style; some good, and some (sadly enough) fit only for permanent residence in the waste-paper basket. Bearing these thoughts in mind, and also the fact that an article, which has obviously taken its author much time and trouble to compose, is often found to be unsuitable, we are prompted to say a very few words as to the essentials and points to remember in writing magazine articles.

With regard to the *Choice of Subjects,* one can obviously say very little, chiefly on account of the exceedingly vast field of choice which presents itself to the prospective author. Whether your article is "dramatic" or humorous, in the form of prose or poetry, the point to stress is—remember to choose a subject which will be of *interest* to the large circle of readers of the Magazine which, incidentally, comprises parents and masters as well as other boys.

Remember also that space in the Magazine is limited, and, therefore, keep in mind the *Length* of your article. It is most distressing to have to reject as useless a perfectly good article, simply on account of its excessive length.

Now, lastly,—but by no means least,—PLEASE remember to write on ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY. If you neglect to do this, someone has to rewrite your article in the correct way, which is *not* a welcome task.—ED.

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Not too short and not too long,
Head erect and muscles strong,
Piercing eye, unbending will—
When defeated, smiling still.

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Stern, yet kind, with dauntless heart,
Does not brag, or put on side,
And he never bowls a wide.

When a player has bad luck,
Muffs a catch or gets a duck,
Does our captain rave and growl?
Shout and storm with angry scowl?

Nay, his smile is still serene,
On his brow no frown is seen.
Still his voice no wrath displays,
Still his eye no scorn betrays.

Just a word of sympathy,
" Better luck next time," says he;
So we strive to do our best,
With redoubled zeal and zest.

H. MAYHALL, IV.C.

AN EXCITING INTERLUDE.

ONE winter's evening, I was sitting by the fire interested in a book, whilst the wind whistled round the walls of the house, but it held no terrors for me. After a while there was a peculiar knocking sound, more distinct than that of the wind. The sound grew gradually louder, and I began to wonder what it could be, thinking at first it was somebody in the house. Then the handle of the door rattled. I felt very scared, but, summoning up my courage, I jumped out of my chair, and tiptoed towards the door. I jerked it open suddenly—nobody there! I looked up and down the passage—it was empty. The small window at the end was slightly open, but not enough for anybody to climb through. I waited . . . nothing moved—a board creaked! I jumped back with the shock, the shadow moved nearer and nearer . . . it touched my legs. I shouted in terror. Then I put my hand down . . . it was the cat! It must have jumped through the partly open window, out of the cold, and the window must have caused the knocking I heard. I returned to my reading, relieved.

G. HORSFIELD, IV.B.

Were there cars in Shakespeare's time? No? Then what do you make of these lines taken from the great poet's works?

i. To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first. (From " Henry VIII.") Seems to me there is motoring wisdom there!
ii. Horns do make one mad. ("Merry Wives of Windsor.")
iii. O, how the wheel becomes it. (" Hamlet.")
iv. Whence is that knocking? (" Macbeth.")
v. The Battery once again. (" Henry V.")
vi. A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse! ("Richard III.")

You see the car had broken down again!

W.W., IV.B.

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Standing: O. F. Phœnix, H. Ainsworth, R. Taylor, J. Butler, T. C. Slater.
Sitting: F. L. Askew, F. Bury, L. K. Robinson (captain), A. J. Bradshaw, G. P. Walsh.
In Front: R. Holden, J. I. Bentley.

THE PREFECTS, 1938.

Standing: N. Hargreaves, T. Barnes, O. F. Phœnix, F. H. Duckworth, J. Richardson, A. Dugdale, L. K. Robinson, R. Wilkinson.

Sitting: I. B. Shearer, J. Shorrock, R. Taylor, W. Fishwick (Head Boy), The Headmaster, F. Bury, H. Bates, A. J. Bradshaw, R. Richardson

AT LAMMACK.

To the west behind yon hill,
Where the ball is never still,
Where I've seen so many a thrill,
Lies Lammack.

When the ball is soaring high,
Highly in the bright blue sky,
There the fielders madly cry—
"Catch it!"

When the batsmen run so fast,
All the watching crowd, so vast,
On one thing their eyes do cast,—
The scoreboard.

Now the game is nearly ending,
And the play is always mending,
There the cries are madly rending,—
B.G.S. have won again.

A. Baxendale, IV.c.

GERMAN SCHOOLS.

ENGLISH schools differ very much from German ones. One of the chief differences is that there are more kinds of schools in Germany than in England. There is first the elementary school which every child, no matter to which social class he belongs, has to attend when he is six years old. He cannot enter the elementary school which his parents prefer, but has to go to the school which is in the district in which they live. If the father has enough money to be able to pay the school fees of a secondary school, the boy can go to one of these when he is ten years old. Otherwise he has to remain at the elementary school until he is fourteen.

When a boy leaves the elementary school he may choose which secondary school he will attend. Whilst in England there is a difference between a Grammar School and a Public School, there is in Germany a whole series of schools, which have different names according to the subjects taught. It is interesting that there are only a few boarding and private schools.

The names of the forms are also different from the English. Reports are only based on classwork and not on examination results. The marks are not a percentage, as in England, but they are expressed by "One"—Very Good; "Two"—Good; "Three"—Satisfactory; "Four"—Poor.

Every day is a half-holiday, and there is a holiday on Saturdays and, naturally, Sundays. The lessons start at eight

o'clock in the morning, and finish at quarter-past one in the afternoon. Every day there are six, and in a week thirty, lessons. The reason for a free afternoon every day is that nearly everybody is in the Hitler Youth Movement and has to attend meetings very often. Also many lessons are utilised to discuss Nazi problems and ideas. On Saturdays those who are not in the Hitler Youth Movement have to go to school, where they learn about National Socialism, the wrongs of Communism, and racial problems. Thus, in Germany, schools and youth education have become more or less an important political factor.

E. STERNBERG, IV.B.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in *pencil* but not in *ink*.
My second is in *iron* but not in *zinc*.
My third is in *inch* and also in *mile*.
My fourth is in *brick* but not in *tile*.
My fifth is in *key* and also in *lock*.
My sixth is in *share* but not in *stock*.
My last is in *tall* but not in *small*.
My whole is a sport enjoyed by all.

P.M. IV.B.

DURING THE YEAR.

Sometime this year,
We're hoping here,
To have a new Pavilion.
£1,000 is all we need, but
It seems like half a million.

And now we have a pleasant task,
A penny each is all they ask,
To help a poor Basque refugee,
That's why we pay this minute fee.

The big School Sports were won by Drake,
But Howard did them try to shake.
The honours of the day were won
By Sherwood and by Robinson.

One day this term we went to cheer,
To see the Head who knows no fear,
The King and Queen went quickly past
A scene whose memories long will last.

J.B.W. and R.W. (IV.B.).

THE HIDDEN CITY.

THE familiar shout of "Contact" echoed over the searchlight-lit aerodrome in India, and Tim Williams and Chunky Rogers, his mechanic, were off on their reconnaissance flight to locate the position of Mohammed Khan, who, report stated, was massing his troops to rebel against the British somewhere on the Tibetan frontier. After an hour's flying, a heavy storm came on, so suddenly that Tim had all his work cut out to keep the 'plane in the air and, to make matters worse, the engine failed. Tim, white with anxiety, was unable to keep the nosediving plane in control. They managed to don their parachutes and did the only thing possible,—leapt for it, landing safely. Removing their parachutes, they sat and talked for a while, Chunky suggesting that they should look around. "Why, its pitch black" cried Tim, "I suggest that we endeavour to snatch a few hours' sleep between these boulders." They settled down, but were soon awakened by a party of men who, without warning, attacked them. Being badly outnumbered they were captured and led away. Later they were taken before a man who, as Chunky later remarked was like Boris Karloff at his worst. Beckoning them to come closer they advanced towards him closely followed by the two guards. "Do you know who I am" he asked in a sibilant tone, and before they had time to reply he continued, "I am the Vulture, alias Mohammed Khan." "You traitor," cried Tim, "the British will get you yet." Mohammed Khan's face became contorted with rage. "I, the Vulture, descendant of Kings, will destroy these Britishers and rule the world,". he screamed. Then, calmly he commanded the guards to take the Chums to the torture chamber. As they were passing, one of the men at the door managed to put a note into Tim's hand which read "Be ready for events and do not fear, X38." After they had been in the chamber for the remainder of that day, the guard who had handed Tim the note again appeared and asking for complete silence, told the Chums to follow him, handing each a revolver. Proceeding along a dimly lit passage they soon overpowered the guard, bound him and then proceeded to capture Mohammed Khan. This accomplished, the rebel was rushed away and put in a 'plane X38 had got in readiness for any emergency. The Chums jumped in, and away the 'plane went, eventually landing at the aerodrome. Tim and Chunky were highly complimented for their bravery together with X38, who turned out to be a British Secret Service agent. Many other thrilling adventures came their way but both are agreed that the one in the "Hidden City" was by far the most exciting.

J. B. TURTON, II.C.

TWILIGHT.

The moon is coming out,
The stars begin to peep,
The light is quickly fading
The birds have gone to sleep.

The streets are quiet and peaceful,
Hardly a sound is heard,
Hushed is the shout of children
Hushed is the song of a bird.

J.P., IV.C.

From the usual lengthy list of jokes and schoolboy howlers we have selected the following:—

A circle is a round line with no kinks in it, joined up so as not to show where it begins.

A Soviet is a cloth used by waiters in hotels.

Moths eat least of all because they eat holes.

A sinister person is a woman who is not married.

(Selected from lists submitted by Oddsockz, and S.S. Jaguar, IV.C.

A MONDAY MORNING FEELING.

One Monday morning I awake,
With, "Hurry up, you're nearly late."
"Oh! dash the school!" I sadly cry,
And then right out of bed I fly.

I quickly wash my hands and face,
Then down the stairs I madly race,
I swill down lumps of egg with tea,
Then grab my books, and out I flee.

I never stop till I reach school,
Then, "Dash!" I cry, "I am a fool!"
I thought something was queer to-day,
I quite forgot its holiday!"

G.S.E. and R.G.G. (IV.B.).

A FEW LIMERICKS.

A right-handed man named Wright,
In writing " write " always wrote "rite "
When he meant to write right;
If he'd written " write " right,
Wright would not have wrought rot writing " rite."

Some charming selections from Strauss
A pianist played at our hauss,
Though we shouted " Encore,"
And clamoured for more,
The neighbours did nothing but grauss.

A barber who lived in Batavia,
Was known for his fearless behavia;
An enormous baboon,
Approached his saloon,
But he murmured, " I'm blowed if I'll shavia."

J.E., IV.c.

A COMMENTARY ON A BOXING MATCH.

WELL, f-f-olks, the boxers are in the r-ring now, and in a few min-min, and almost immediately they will start. Clang ! the boxers are in the mid-mid, are in a clinch. They're out, they're in the mid-mid, the middle of the ring. Brown's down, one, two, th-th, five, six, seven—he's up again ! They're both slog-slog-slog,-taking great punishment. Smith's down, one, tw-tw-four, fi-fi-, seven, eight, he's on his fe-fe-, he's up again ! Oh ! what a figh-figh,-oh ! what a scrap. Brown's down, he's up, do-do-do,- he's up. Now they're in a clin-clin, a clinch. Oh ! what a-a-Clang ! Whew ! round up. I think Smi-Smi-Smi-, I think it was Brown's round. Clang ! They're already at one another. They're slog-slog-slog-, boxing splendidly, Brown's down, one, tw-two, thr-thr-, five six. He's up, he's do-do-,he's up. This is a figh-figh-, a scrap,-and no mistake. Brown's down again ! One, tw-tw-, four, fi-fi-, seven, Clang !

E. HINDLE. IV.B.

SPORTS DAY.

ONCE more we are approaching the end of a Summer Term, and our 19th Annual Sports are already a thing of the past. Weather conditions during the preliminary events on June 1st proved ideal,—though the weather on the day itself was not quite so pleasing.

Results.

100 Yards (Open): 1, L. K. Robinson (Ho.); 2, H. Ainsworth (Fr.); 3, W. Mellodey (Ra.).
100 Yards (Under 16): 1, E. Dewurst (Fr.) and E. Ashton (Ra.); 3, G. I. Brown (Dr.).
100 Yards (Under 14): 1, P. B. Sherwood (Dr.); 2, H. G. Edmundson (Dr.); 3, D. Edgar (Ra.).
200 Yards (Open): 1, L. K. Robinson (Ho.); 2, H. Ainsworth (Fr.); 3, W. Mellodey (Ra.).
200 Yards (Under 16): 1, E. Dewhurst (Fr.); 2, H. Worden (Gr.); 3, E. Ashton (Ra.).
200 Yards (Under 14): 1, P. B. Sherwood (Dr.); 2, F. Hunt (Ho.); 3, G. R. Hacking (Fr.).
440 Yards (Open): 1, O. F. Phœnix (Gr.); 2, W. Mellodey (Ra.); 3, G. P. Walsh (Ra.).
440 Yards (Under 16): 1, C. S. Butcher (Fr.); 2, A. Emmett (Ra.); 3, E. Moulding (Fr.).
440 Yards (Under 14): 1, P. B. Sherwood (Dr.); 2, J. E. Cave (Ra.); 3, R. E. Ainsworth (Dr.).
Half Mile (Open): 1, R. Taylor (Gr.); 2, O. F. Phœnix (Gr.); 3, F. H. Duckworth (Dr.).
Half Mile (Under 16): 1, J. Mather (Ra.); 2, C. D. Ryden (Ha.); 3, E. Moulding (Fr.).
Half Mile (Under (14): 1, P. B. Sherwood (Dr.); 2, R. E. Ainsworth (Dr.); 3, J. Walsh (Gr.).
One Mile (Open): 1, R. Taylor (Gr.); 2, O. F. Phœnix (Gr.); 3, F. H. Duckworth (Dr.).
Long Jump (Open): 1, L. K. Robinson (Ho.); 2, O. F. Phœnix (Gr.); 3, W. Mellodey (Ra.).
Long Jump (Under 16): 1, F. W. Bentley (Dr.); 2, E. Ashton (Ra.); 3, A. Carolin (Ha.).
Long Jump (Under 14): 1, H. G. Edmundson (Dr.); 2, A. Holden (Fr.); 3, N. H. Wilson (Gr.).
High Jump (Open): 1, C. Greenwood (Dr.); 2, L. K. Robinson (Ho) and W. Mellodey (Ra.).
High Jump (Under 16): 1, J. G. Bell (Ho.); 2, J. B. Croft (Ha.) and F. Pomfret (Ho.).
High Jump (Under 14): 1, R. Walsh (Ho.); 2, A. Holden (Fr.) and F. Smith (Ra.).
Cricket Ball (Open): 1, G. M. Hindle (Ra.); 2, F. Bury (Dr.); 3, J. I. Bentley (Ho.).
Cricket Ball (Under 16): 1, C. D. Ryden (Ha.); 2, H. G. Webb (Ha.); 3, J. A. D. Harwood (Ho.).
Cricket Ball (Under 14): 1, P. C. Hallatt (Ho.); 2, J. S. Pomfret (Gr.); 3, L. Sharples (Gr.).
House Relay (Open): 1, Frobisher; 2, Howard; 3, Drake.
House Relay (Under 16): 1, Raleigh; 2, Drake; 3, Frobisher.

House Relay (Under 14): 1, Howard; 2, Drake; 3, Frobisher.
Tug-of-War: 1, Frobisher; 2, Drake.

The honours of the day fell to:—

L. K. Robinson (Ho.)—Senior Victor Ludorum.

P. B. Sherwood (Dr.)—Junior Victor Ludorum, and to Drake, the winners of the Inter-House Sports Shield.

Total Points:—Drake, 58; Howard, 47½; Frobisher, 45½; Raleigh, 38½; Grenville, 31; Hawkins, 10½.

J.E.V.

SENIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

IRREVOCABLE.

NEXT Term I shall not buy a magazine. No,—though you may accuse me of lacking indulgence and enthusiasm,—the fact is my mind is made up. For I have decided that beyond all shadow of doubt, my sixpence could be more profitably spent elsewhere,—hence my irrevocable decision. For I ask you, gentlemen, what is there in our school magazine which merits my parting with sixpence for its purchase I submit that among its many pages the only contents worth glancing at are the photographs. Yes, I will admit that I examine the photographs pretty closely; usually I even check the names underneath, but the cruel fact remains, gentlemen—do you consider this fast fleeting pleasure to be worth sixpence? Perhaps, in all fairness, I had better mention the general articles and contributions, for I invariably find something interesting there,—always something amusing too, but, even so, do you consider that six pennies . . . . . Oh yes, I almost overlooked the School Society Reports. I will admit that I experience some peculiar thrill in reading them and an indescribable sense of pleasure in reading the one I myself, helped to write;—but I ask you, gentlemen, sixpence . . . . . Oh yes, I nearly forgot to mention the Football Reports. I certainly enjoy reading them,—and then there's Cricket in the summer issue, not to mention the Swimming Report, Sports' Day, and the House Reports, and . . . . . .

I say, you really must excuse me,—I'm off to order my Magazine.

TEDIOR.

DIAPASON.

WHEN old Franz Weissler died in the city of Leiden, there passed away a figure of legendary powers to the surrounding country—indeed to the whole of the little province in Saxony of which Leiden was the beautiful capital. For Franz was the organist of the Gothic Cathedral of Leiden, a tre-

mendous, massive, severe edifice; overpowering in its grandeur; chilling in its vastness; an everlasting monument to God and to the labour of devotion which had raised the great pile. Leiden without the cathedral was unthinkable; it dominated the countryside with its mute power, but, far more, it represented the people of Leiden—their strength, unity, devotion; and, greatest of all, the cathedral represented the art of the people.

But the cathedral without its organ would be as a man without soul. It was a magnificent instrument, fashioned by men who loved their art. The great organ was unique among those of the province, with its four manuals of ivory keys and two octaves of polished oaken pedals. It was famed for its mellowness of tone and for the rapidity of the response—a feature sadly lacking in the usually crude action of the average organ of the period.

Yes, Leiden without the cathedral was unthinkable, and the cathedral without the organ would be an empty shell; but the organ without old Franz Weissler would be a power dormant, a creature inanimate. And so believed the good people of Leiden. But Franz went the way of mortal man after being the soul of the organ for half a century. A first it seemed impossible—he was not a mortal man to the simple people. To them the being who charmed and thrilled their hearts, who drew inspired celestial sounds from his instrument, sounds which brought peace and happiness into their lives—he could not be mortal. Gradually the awful truth grew upon them, and they were a people stunned. Many hearts were heavy when the kindly old maestro was laid to rest.

When Franz Weissler had gone to Leiden as a young man, he was thought to be unmarried. But he had left a sick wife and baby boy far away in Bavaria. Frau Weissler died, and the baby was brought up by kindly neighbours, to whom Franz made frequent visits. As his son grew older, Franz tried to impart the knowledge which he himself had. But, to the intense grief of the skilled organist, his son was not at all receptive; in fact, the boy was a disappointment in everything to poor Franz. Uncontrollable and ill-tempered, the boy fell in with gangs of wastrels, and in time became identified as a ne'er-do-well.

The only beautiful part of young Weissler's life was his loving devotion to the woman he married. Her mind was as pure as his was black—not that there was no good in him, but the want of a mother to care for him had led him into evil ways. A fit of drinking, worse than usual, ended his short and sordid life; his little son and beautiful wife were left to live in dire poverty.

In due course the widow and her young son came to Leiden a short time after Franz's death. The poor woman knew nothing of her connection with Franz, but supported herself and little Carl by making beautiful lace. And under her influence Carl grew up with a beautiful mind.

The young must succeed the old, and someone had to replace old Franz. As befits a musician of virtuosity, he had many pupils. The most promising of these, a worthy young man named Ernst Grossen, was chosen to bear the onerous burden of upholding the splendid tradition The man was talented, gifted, but not inspired, never rising to the heights of genius. How the people of Leiden longed for another Franz Weissler !

As the good Herr Grossen walked pompously into the cathedral one morning some ten years after the death of old Franz, his doubting senses recorded the impression that the organ was being played. He stood still, and listened again. Yes ! The music became louder. And now his astonishment turned to anger. Who could be desecrating his wonderful instrument? Just about to climb up wrathfully to the organ loft, a mighty, compelling influence rooted him to the spot. Herr Grossen knew what it was—the Bach prelude and fugue in E minor, played as he had never heard it played before. Never had its simple, plaintive beauty affected him so much. Ah ! yes it had, but only when old Franz, his master, had played it. And Franz, his master, was dead, never to play again.

Suddenly he realised that the great pedal fugue was about to begin ; the deep, sonorous, powerful notes vibrated and echoed through the vast building : the rumblings of fate, the very voice of God. Herr Grossen stood transfixed beneath the organ loft. His ears greedily consumed those valiant tones as the pedaller played the fugue faultlessly, inspired. At last it was finished, and, slowly and trembling with wonder, Herr Grossen mounted the steps. His features expressed thoughts of frank unbelief when he reached the organ. Then the look turned to one of affrighted amazement as a little boy, no more than eleven years of age, began to touch the keys with the hand of a master, and the powerful harmony of a Bach chorale diffused throughout the cathedral.

Herr Grossen gazed at the pedals. Rhythmically they descended with sureness and accuracy, carrying their message to the booming sixteen-foot diapasons. Then Herr Grossen's eyes became glazed in a fixed stare at the little boy's feet.

You see, he could not reach the pedals.

" And through remembering reeds
Ancient airs and murmurs creep."

F.W.

I SEE A THRILLER.

THE day ! At last it had arrived ! Anticipation was at its height, for that night, that very night, we were to go to see that famous play, " Who? " A murder as baffling as any of Thorndyke's, a thriller as exciting as Drummond at his best—but, what matters it, all the world has seen it, and it is perhaps

most aptly summed up in an Americanised caption, "One of the year's Biggest Thrills ! !"

To school I went, and with an added zest I pursued my studies in order that the night should come on apace.

Evening came, and at length—what transport of delight I felt when in glaring lights I saw the title of the play above the theatre. From the murky night we went straight to our reserved seats, and, as I sank down on luxurious buoyancy, what a contrast to the world outside ! There was distance, immeasurable distance, between garish street lamps and neon signs, and the soft, subdued and diffused light here; between harsh noise and rumble of traffic, and the melodious notes of the orchestra; between bitter cold and murky darkness and—but the curtain is rising, and now the long-awaited moment has arrived !

The play begins—all eyes on the stage—and now the plot proceeds and becomes yet more enthralling. I, from my place, watch the different expressions on the faces of the audience. The sedate business man, who knows his job, forgets himself; the small and sticky boy ceases to munch sweets, and gazes, awestruck and, truth to tell, half-frightened; the middle-aged lady, with all the cares of a household, loses them; all gaze, enthralled with the genius of a master who can hold the attention of thousands by dialogue, action, and, above all, suspense. I am rudely awakened by the confident stage-whisper of a small man behind me who holds a theory which I know is incorrect. I smile at his weakness and lose myself once more in deep attention.

But as the action proceeds, I find, to my chagrin, that the little man was right, but, even though disappointed, my own nerves tingle at the climax, and I nearly join in the vociferous cheering of the fat boy near to me as the villain is at last exposed. The shout of "Eee, tha' bad un" from the gallery, as the murderer breaks loose and tries to stab the hero, provokes me to laughter, and both startles and gratifies the actors. But, all, is over, and when I stand up for the National Anthem, I feel that my evening has indeed been well spent.

We leave the theatre, taxis roll up, private cars arrive, opulence is driven home in state, our family take the humble 'bus, and, as we journey home, meditate upon—

"Villainy vanquished and virtue triumphant."

V.

IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS.

THE scene is a bedroom in a village called Cherry Burk in a district called Whiteburn. In this bedroom is a sleeping person who might be called a large small boy,—or possibly a small large youth, who, incidentally, suffers under the name of "Kard," not because he wouldn't rather have a name like "Smythe," or even a commonplace "Smith," but for the

very good reason that his father was also called Kard. Besides the bed stands a large red alarm clock with a particularly ugly face. Suddenly it happened. That same thing which had happened 274 times since the clock had been bought. There was a little click, a momentary silence, and then an ear-shattering clanging as the clock jumped about all over the chair. The result was identical with all previous occurences. The sound-waves drifted, in no uncertain manner, through one open window and into that of the bedroom next door; the lady wherein gave a convulsive jump, and her husband automatically muttered something about "that blank clock."

But the youth slept as if nothing had happened. It wasn't until the second minute that the bell began to take any effect inside his drowsy cranium. Then he turned over and leered into the white dial. He just murmured, "So what?" He had outwitted the wretched thing again by setting it to ring an hour earlier for the express purpose of being able to say,—"So what?" Ten minutes passed before he realised that he was leering, not at a clock which indicated ten past seven, but at a rotten little instrument registering ten past eight. The explanation came in a flash which jolted his whole cerebral cavity,—a very vivid picture of a younger sister squeaking words to the effect that she would "have her own back."

From then on everything went smoothly except for the fact that he stubbed his toe on the foot of the bed, found a hole in his sock, lost his stud, and broke his shoe-lace; and so, eventually, he rushed through the gate, just in time to catch the bus. As he sprang aboard, the conductor turned to him and said in a voice full of reproach, "Five standing. Sorry, but you'll 'ave to git off."

Nothing for it but to "git off" and wait for the next bus. There was always the chance that the fellow down the road might give him a lift to school with his son. The thought hardly passed from his mind when the car began to glide up the road. Joyfully he watched it stop, and a voice hailed him to jump in. No second bidding was necessary; after all a lift was a lift, and within half a minute he was riding in the corner seat, blissfully ignorant of his surroundings. Suddenly his non-existent thoughts (if there are such things), were shattered by a harsh spluttering and crackling from the engine.

A bare five minutes later Kard was catching a bus, and so he arrived at school—twenty minutes late. When he arrived, however, he espied a large crowd, and, well,—to cut a long story short, it appeared that there had been a bad fire in the night, and from where he stood he could see a mass of blackened ruins.

A flash of hope swept through him; he could almost smell his text books burning; but his joy was curtailed when another youth, —looking infinitely miserable came up and said in a dull monotone, "Bad luck for us; our wing was saved and we're carrying on as usual!"

Kard heard the words and then stood staring into the other's blank face. "It never rains put it pours," he murmured philosophically, and then, as if to crown everything, it really did rain,— in fact it poured, as the two boys walked dejectedly towards the only block of buildings remaining.

SICKSBEESIENZ.

"NOUS SOMMES SEIZE."

WHEN the 10-47 left Blackburn for Euston on the 6th of last April it contained a party of 13 Sixth Formers who were departing to spend nine days in Belgium attended by Mr. and Mrs. Collier. The party consisted of I. B. Shearer, N. Hargreaves, J. Richardson, L. K. Robinson, R. Wilkinson, R. Hindle, P. Holden, H. Lawson, J. E. Varey, L. A. Walne, G. M. Whalley, W. H. Clayton, and J. E. Clemes, all armed with suitcases and a determination to enjoy themselves enormously. The day was very fine, and the journey correspondingly pleasant. In London, after a short ride by Underground, we emerged into daylight at Charing Cross and went, by way of Trafalgar Square, St. James' Park, and Whitehall, to the Houses of Parliament. Here unexpectedly attractive preparations had been made for our reception by the Members for Blackburn, Captain Elliston and Sir Walter Smiles, who very kindly arranged that four of our party should go into the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons, where the debate in progress was about "Staggered" Holidays. The rest went to listen to the Duke of Montrose attacking the Government in the House of Lords on the subject of oil. Afterwards Sir Walter and Captain Elliston gave us a munificent tea in a room overlooking the Terrace, and we learned later from the Press report of all this in the "Northern Daily Telegraph" that some of the party had the definite intention of becoming Members of Parliament themselves later on. After a walk up the Embankment as far as Blackfriars we took another tube to Liverpool Street, and near there had supper. At this meal we met Miss Gaukrodger, the friend of Mrs. Collier's, who went with us on the expedition, and from now on we reminded ourselves periodically that "Nous sommes seize."

We had arranged to take the Harwich boat direct to Antwerp, but, owing to a breakdown somewhere, the L.N.E.R. sent us to

the Hook of Holland instead. Nobody minded much, though the journey the next morning across Holland to Antwerp was slow and rather tedious. The boat journey was, of course, fascinating, and some people went to bed very, very late. In Antwerp we ate a large and welcome breakfast and spent about three hours seeing the sights and smelling the smells of our first Belgian city.

Our plans took us on to Brussels for lunch, and here for three days we were installed in the Hotel Pélican, near enough to the Gare du Nord for people to find their way to it easily if they got slightly lost on shopping expeditions. In the afternoon we went out in quest of "atmosphere," and we were all fascinated very much by the extremely fine streets, shops, squares, and Brussels' odd little statue, and each man exerted his French to the extent of buying his stamps at the Bureau de Poste. After dinner we were too exhausted to want to do much, so we went to a one hour "News" Cinema close to the hotel, and then to bed early.

On Friday after breakfast and after Mr. Collier had distributed the morning's requirements of pocket money, we set out to do some intensive sightseeing, and before lunch inspected, amongst other places, some of the inner Boulevards, the Eglise de Ste. Gudule, and the Hotel de Ville. The climb to the top of the latter's tower seemed almost endless, but the view from it was well worth the trouble, and we felt now that we were beginning to be at home in this charming city. We went by tram in the afternoon to Laeken, where the King's country home is situated on the outskirts of Brussels amongst pleasantly leafy surroundings. Our photographers made us sit in a group for a long time—until the sun appeared—on the steps of the monument to Queen Victoria's Uncle Leopold, the first King of the Belgians. In the evening we sat in another group in the Dress Circle of one of the theatres and saw "La Veuve Joyeuse." Everybody enjoyed this immensely, both on account of the music, which was, of course, more or less familiar, and because most of the French was distinct enough to be understood quite easily.

Peter was very pleased with himself and his French on Saturday morning because he succeeded in extracting the right change from a flag-selling lady outside the hotel who did not seem to want to give him enough. Mr. Collier's views about Peter's grammar on this occasion are perhaps better not recorded; it was, after all, Peter's birthday. We spent the morning visiting the Palais de Justice, where a pleasant little guide showed us a quantity of interesting rooms and conducted us up 525 stairs to the dome, from which, of course, there is another grand view. Then till lunch time most of the party went swimming in a large bath decorated with a kind of grotto. Here Ian appears to have had a short

contretemps about his pants. In the afternoon we made an expedition to Waterloo, where the " Panorama de la Bataille " and the monument were interesting, but as the wind was extremely cold we were not anxious to stay there very long. On the return we missed the train back to Brussels, thanks to a combination of mishaps. Peter's views about Mr. Collier's phraseology on this occasion were recorded. Distressingly we were too late back in Brussels for Mrs. Collier to do a very important piece of shopping. John Richardson kindly soothed Mr. and Mrs. Collier and Miss Gaukrodger in the train on the way back by teaching them a new card game. That evening we went to a cinema to see a somewhat involved French film about eighteenth-century Russia.

Sunday morning we left the Hotel Pélican, where we had been very well housed and fed, and found our train for Namur. The country on the way was flattish, but pleasant, and decorated handsomely with fruit-blossom and the little red farmhouses that stand about in fields all over Belgium. Namur proved interesting, but the morning was chilly. We visited the Cathedral, when the Palm Sunday High Mass was in progress, and later, after a perhaps vulgarly large lunch at a restaurant near the station, we climbed to the top of the Citadel Hill. The view from here up the two river valleys is delightful, and the fine cool afternoon made it all the clearer. We found another little tower to climb (more steps), and afterwards we scattered to do some shopping. Keith did succeed, it is believed, in leaving Namur with the cigars he wanted.

The next little train journey, to Dinant, took us into the hilly country of the Ardennes; the railway runs all the way close to the river Meuse. The situation of Dinant itself delighted all of us. Our hotel, in a little square containing a bandstand, looked across the river at the hill which rises steeply on the other side. We could see the bridge, too, and the church with the bulbous tower, standing under the Citadel rock, was only just out of sight. We developed a great affection for this hotel, and several of us very much want to visit it again. It fed us magnificently, and gave us a great deal of space per person both in our bedrooms and downstairs in the restaurant, where we not only ate but amused ourselves afterwards.

Monday we " did " the sights of Dinant by visiting first the local grotto and then the Citadel, in both of which painstaking guides told us very horrible stories about the German occupation in 1914. After lunch a large motor-boat took us up the river to Anseremme and back, and then people scattered for private fun. Most people were seen later up and down the river in canoes, from which they emerged at dinner-time happy though rather wet. After dinner that evening the party had a " Divertissement d'une manière sportive," involving a certain amount of whist,

and various games, including a treasure-hunt, which entailed a kind of race all round the town in search of information.

On Tuesday we went out for the whole day to Rochefort and the immense grottoes of Han. None of us will ever forget the experience of a two hours' walk underground through a long succession of caves of varying sizes, many of them thickly decorated with very beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. One comes out into daylight again in a boat. (We shall probably not forget, either, that the upper ones are called stalactites because they have to hold on *tight* in order not to fall down, and the others are stalagmites because they *might* reach up to the roof if they tried for long enough.) There was time in Dinant before lunch for canoeing again. That evening, after dinner and some more whist, the party gave a great deal of unexpected pleasure to Mr. and Mrs. Collier.

It was sad to leave Dinant the next morning. We all felt now that the holiday was nearly over. The best possible use of two hours was made in Brussels (Mrs. Collier did succeed in doing that piece of shopping at last), and a small squad went to the picture museum. In the train on the way to Bruges, Ian and Mrs. Collier had a short argument on matters of taste. At Bruges there was clearly too much to see properly in the short time we had to spend there. We therefore selected for inspection the Cathedral, the Grand Place, the Beffroi and the Chapelle du Saint Sang. Convenient motor-boats took us for about half an hour up and down the main canals and provided us with an agreeable way of obtaining a view of what is most characteristic in Bruges. We could not climb the Belfry as it was, unfortunately, closed, perhaps disappointing the two Johns, Varey and Clemes, who had by this time counted up the number of stairs we had climbed in Belgium to nearly five thousand.

The last morning, Thursday, April 14th, we took train to Ostend and the morning boat to Dover. The sea was not particularly rough, although we saw some other people being unhappy. One at least of our party took the precaution of going below in good time.

The journey up from Dover was a tedious succession of late or overcrowded trains and very irregular feeding—in London we found the rush hour mixed up with a great deal of Easter holiday traffic—and we reached Blackburn very tired indeed not long before midnight.

After the foregoing account it is needless to add how much every member of the party enjoyed himself and enlarged his understanding of other people and places. We are all firmly resolved to go abroad again as soon as possible.

FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET.

THE First Eleven has so far had a most successful season, having won four matches, drawn one, and lost one. The success must be attributed to the high standard of batting and bowling maintained, and to the usually steady, if not brilliant, fielding. The match results are as follows:—

v. Burnley Grammar School.

Played at Burnley on May 7th.

School batted first, and displayed the batting qualities of the team by knocking 179 before the last wicket fell.

Burnley then lost a wicket for only five runs before the tea interval. Although our opponents batted well, they never mastered the bowling and were all out for 115. Bradshaw 38, Holden 39, Robinson 47.

Ainsworth 3 for 20, Robinson 4 for 33, Phœnix 2 for 7.

v. East Lancs. Nomads.

Played on Alexandra Meadows, May 19th.

The Nomads batted first, and were clearly superior to the bowling. Scoring rapidly, they eventually declared at 145 for 8.

The Nomads' bowling proved too good for the School batsmen, and they were all out for 75.

Holden 4 for 24.

v. Clitheroe Grammar School.

Played at Lammack, on May 21st

Clitheroe batted first, and after losing their first wicket to Ainsworth with the total at 10, recovered for a while, until Robinson took the second wicket at 32. Robinson's bowling now mastered the visitors completely, and he took the remaining 8 wickets at 38, 39, 39, 42, 42, 53, 54, 54 runs respectively.

School also lost wickets rapidly and had four wickets down when the visitors' score was passed.

Holden, 24; Robinson, 9 for 16; Ainsworth, 1 for 8.

v. Technical College.

Played at Lammack, May 28th.

School batted first, and did not appear very confident, though a final score of 122 was attained.

The visitors now batted in forceful style and had made 93 for four when time was called and the match declared a draw.

Holden, 36; Ainsworth, 22; Bury, 3 for 19.

v. Arnold School.

Played at Lammack, June 8th.

The visitors batted first, and quickly met with a reverse, losing a wicket to Bury in the second over of the match off his first ball, when only two runs were scored. Wickets now fell rapidly before Bury and Robinson, who took the remaining seven between them, one batsman being "run out." The final score was 58.

School batting left much to be desired, and but for a 25 by Holden the match might have been lost. The innings was declared at 59 for 9.

Bury, 6 for 17; Robinson, 3 for 21.

v. Burnley Grammar School.

Played at Lammack, June 11th.

School batted first, and redeemed the poor batting of the last match by making 134 in less than two hours, largely due to 61 by Bradshaw. The innings was declared at 134 for 8.

The visitors' innings was most uneventful, wickets falling regularly for low scores, and finally they were all out for 60.

Robinson, 4 for 17; Ainsworth, 2 for 7; Holden, 2 for 8; Phoenix, 1 for 7.

PEN-PORTRAITS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

Robinson (Captain).—Is an excellent cricketer and a good example as a captain. His bowling, though expensive on occasions, is relied upon to get wickets, and he is also a forceful bat.

(O.F.P.).

Bury (Vice-Captain).—An excellent bowler capable of capturing many wickets. As a batsman he provides bright and amusing cricket and often laments his inability to qualify in the batting averages.

Bradshaw.—An invaluable member of the eleven. A fine batsman capable of reaching the heights, but a trifle inconsistent. His work behind the stumps is reliable, but he must learn to curb his impatience.

Askew.—A splendid partner for Bradshaw, and although he never achieves any outstanding performances, his steadiness is praiseworthy.

Walsh.—Has disappointed this season. He is known to be a fine bat, but must conquer his nervousness.

Holden.—An enterprising young batsman and an excellent fielder. Has bowled on occasions with some measure of success.

Phoenix.—His batting has improved considerably, whilst his fielding is beyond reproach. Unfortunately, his bowling, for which he was primarily considered, has not proved as effective as one might have wished.

Ainsworth.—A reliable opening bowler, but is apt to become erratic after his first few overs. His fielding is excellent, but his batting is inclined to be somewhat patchy.

Slater.—A useful all-rounder who thrives in times of crisis. His fielding has been a feature in almost every match, and although he is quite good with the ball, he has not yet been called upon to exploit his talents.

Butler.—This player has an excellent eye and usually attains double figures. He must, however, improve his fielding if he is to prove an asset to his side.

Others called upon:—

Marsden.—Has shewn himself capable of both enterprising and dour cricket in the elevens.

Bentley.—An admirably steady batsman and an excellent fielder. He must, however, learn how to call and run between the wickets.

Dark.—He is known to be quite useful with the bat, but has not encountered much success this season.

Pott.—He is another player who has failed to distinguish himself in the 1st XI., but his fielding is extremely reliable.

L.K.R.

FORM 2B FOOTBALL ELEVEN, WINNERS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CUP.
Standing: S. A. Johnston, N. E. Guest, N. Voaden, R. Whittaker, E. Stancliffe
Sitting: D. E. Almond, G. A. Fryers, D. Bleasdale (captain), K. Shorrock, E. Mercer.
In Front: J. Whittaker, N. F. Clayton.

THE VICTOR LUDORUM WINNERS, 1938.
L. K. Robinson (Senior), Mr. A. H. Williams (Games Master), P. B. Sherwood (Junior).

Bowling Averages.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av'ge.
Robinson	50	8	184	24	7.7
Holden	26	8	59	6	9.8
Bury	43	8	115	11	10.5
Ainsworth	44	12	86	7	12.3
Phoenix	23	6	44	3	14.7

Batting Averages.

Batsman.	No. of Inn'gs.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
Holden	6	0	137	39	22.8
Bradshaw	6	0	121	61	20.2
Robinson	6	0	84	47	14.0
Slater	4	1	39	17	13.0
Phoenix	6	1	51	18	10.2
Askew	6	0	60	15	10.0
Butler	6	1	40	15	8.0
Ainsworth	6	0	34	22	5.7
Walsh	4	0	17	10	4.43

Also batted: Bury, Dark, Pott, Bentley and Marsden.

SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET.

THIS term's cricket has been very successful. We have played four matches, winning three and drawing one. A match against Bolton, at Bolton, was never started, the pitch being waterlogged.

The first match was at home to Burnley, which we won by 3 runs and 1 wicket. A hard-hit 14 by Brown, who went No. 10, undoubtedly helped us to win this match.

The next match, at Clitheroe, was notable for three "run outs" and an innings of 35 by Bentley—so far the highest score this term in 2nd XI. cricket. We won this by 1 run and 2 wickets.

The match against Blackpool was played on a wet wicket, and low scores resulted. When the game was abandoned because of rain the School was batting with seven wickets down.

The next match, at Burnley, was notable for some fine bowling by Crossley (8 for 24), and a long innings by Wilkinson (33 not out).

We have still two matches to play.

W.F.

Results.

The teams are in the order of the innings.

Burnley G.S., 50; School, 53 for 9. Won.
Clitheroe R.G.S., 83; School, 84 for 8. Won.
Blackpool G.S., 68; School, 36 for 7. Drawn.
Burnley G.S., 85; School, 97 for 8. Won.

Batting Averages.

Batsman.	No. of Inn'gs.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
Wilkinson	4	2	42	33*	21
West	4	1	44	25	14.66
Bentley	3	0	37	35	12.33
Marsden	3	1	24	20*	12.00
Baxter	4	0	36	15	9.00
Brown	4	0	25	14	6.25
Pott	2	0	9	9	4·5
Fishwick	4	1	10	5*	3·33

(*) Not out.

The following also batted:—Crossley (3 innings), Butler (2 innings), Kite (1 innings), Dark (3 innings), Margerison (1 innings).

Bowling Averages.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av'ge.
Crossley	41	11	77	16	4.81
Butler	9.3	2	27	4	6.75
Brown	40.2	9	91	11	8.27
Dark	19	4	34	4	8.5
Dawson	19	6	37	1	37

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

THIS term, although the shortest, has been the most eventful from our point of view. To amend for our poor show in the Merit list we were victorious in the Sports and have had a fair amount of success in the Cricket Competition. The results from the fortnightly mark-sheets have been disappointing, only seven boys having obtained points so far this term, and all we can now strive for is to avoid dropping to the bottom position.

The beginning of the Sports found some hopeful but very few confident of success; this probably being due to the enforced absence of C. Greenwood through illness. To compensate for this, our juniors performed magnificently and gained a large share

of the points. Outstanding among them was P. B. Sherwood, who won four events and the Junior Victor Ludorum, an extremely fine performance for which we offer our congratulations. The relay teams took a place in each event, although none gained first place; whilst the tug-of-war team, reaching the final for the first time for many years, had to bow before the superior weight of the Frobisher team. All told, we turned out victors by a margin of about ten points—a very pleasing state of affairs. In the Horncliffe Sports we were not so successful, gaining fourth place, but a few points more would have made the position look much better.

The Cricket team has, this season, beaten Raleigh and Hawkins and lost to Howard so far, thus leaving us with a chance of being runners-up in the competition. The match against Raleigh was won quite comfortably, but there was always a danger of a draw with Hawkins, victory being reached with only a few minutes more to play. Against Howard, however, we gave a poor display, the batting being particularly weak.

The Chess Shield was won this year by a member of the House, W. J. Evans, who has since left. Once more we offer our congratulations.

The end of this term will probably mean big changes in the personnel of the House. To all those who are leaving we wish every success in their new spheres of life.

The following boys gained points in the fortnightly lists this term :—Johnston, A. M. (2a), 3 points; Powell, G. (V.c.), McArdle, W. (3a), and Coar, R. (2d), 2 points each; Houghton, J. (V.a), Collings, H. D. G. (4d), and Rushton, R. S. (3a), 1 point each.

Bullock, A. N. W. (Trans.), has been on report.

F.B.

FROBISHER.

THIS has not been a very successful term for Frobisher, from the point of view of gaining trophies.

In the Sports we were quite successful, considering the fact that we had no outstanding athlete. We were third, one point below Howard. In the tug-of-war we were, as usual, the winners; while in the other team events, the relays, we finished first in the senior relay and were placed third in each of the others.

In the Gilbert Sames Cricket Competition we have 3 points, having won one match, drawn another (abandoned) and lost the third. If we can win our remaining two matches, we will share the cup with Howard. A little determination and keener fielding and we might pull it off.

I notice that only one boy has entered the boxing competition, which we easily won last year. Surely more than one boy is interested!

We have not improved our position in the Merit list since last term, and are still lying fourth. There are, I believe, two more fortnights to go in which we might gain quite a lot of points, especially from the 3rds and 4ths, who have not done too well.

The following boys are to be congratulated for the points they have gained:—Yates, H., Anderson, K., 4 points; McLeod, G., Ormerod, R., Tattersall, A., 2 points; Ashton, E. H., Bradley, H., Dixon, R., Campbell, G. B., Heaton, R. E., Farrell, F., Pickles, H. D., 1 point.

No boys have yet been on report. Keep it up!

W.F.

GRENVILLE.

AT the beginning of this term, O. F. Phoenix was elected Cricket captain, and F. L. Askew vice-captain. Due largely to our shortage of batsmen, we have lost the only match we have played, so far.

The Sports did nothing to lighten the gloom which appears to have settled over Grenville. We achieved fifth position, despite the fact that in our junior events we had quite a large number of entries. The fact that there were only three entrants for the open events speaks for itself.

So far as the Marsden Merit Cup is concerned, the gloom is impenetrable. We are still at the bottom of the list, with less than half the points of the leading House, and thirty less than the fifth.

If this all-round inefficiency continues, Grenville will achieve the distinction of holding bottom place in everything, the sole remaining glory being that we won the Senior Football Cup.

To postulate some amazing coincidence collecting a greater number of inefficients in Grenville than in any other House, places too great a strain on my imagination at least. The only other solution is general slackness. Let us pull ourselves together, and strive to assert ourselves in the Swimming Gala next term. After a long holiday, perhaps the House as a whole will work better. Let us hope so.

We thank the following for points gained this term:—F. O'Hare, M. T. Kernan (3 points); P. W. Cunliffe, W. E. Riley (2 points); A. Thompson (1 point).

On report: G. S. H. Phillips.

R.T.

HAWKINS.

THE end of term brings with it the task of sitting down to add one more House report to the "goodly pile," so with a willing heart and ready hand we take up the pen. To commence, cricket has been the main Inter-House activity

during the term, but although we have drawn only one match, we have still to play three more, so let us pull together and hope that we shall acquit ourselves well.

Now for a few words on the subject of the Sports, in which we ended up with the total of 10½ points. Whether this was due to lack of training or enthusiasm it is hard to say, but it is to be hoped that a better performance will be put up next year to restore the former prestige of the House.

Our greatest success this year has been in the Marsden Merit Cup. Although only holding second place, we are but a few points behind the leaders. It is up to the members of the House taking the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations to see that we have a few extra points to achieve first place.

In the lower forms, members of the House will be going to the Baths; we urge all our swimmers to try to obtain certificates for the length, quarter, and half-mile, as each certificate gained will help the House in the forthcoming Gala.

Appended are the points gained, so far, in the Marsden Merit Competition:—Duckworth and Allsup, 4 each; Carolin, A., 3; Jepson, Ainsworth, Sullivan, Whittaker, 2 each; Byrom, Pickering, Hindle, Jepson, Croft, Summers 1 each.

J. F. S.

HOWARD.

THIS term has been a worthy successor to the last. In all activities Howard has emerged with flying colours.

In the Sports we were second to Drake, while one of the House members accomplished the enviable feat of carrying off the Senior Victor Ludorum. We must congratulate L. K. Robinson on his splendid achievement. Every entrant gave of his best, and the final placings reflected great honour and credit on the House. The Howardites of Horncliffe once more did their share by winning the Horncliffe Sports Cup. For the past few years we have had a monopoly of this trophy, and the fact that our juniors are so successful points to future successes in the Senior Sports.

There has been a decided improvement in the standard of cricket this year and the House possesses a good all-round eleven. Under the continued captaincy of Robinson, the team has captured that much-coveted trophy, the Gilbert Sames Cup. Throughout the series of matches, the team has not once suffered defeat, and

the only point dropped was due to an abandoned match with Hawkins. Raleigh, Grenville, Drake and Frobisher all fell before us, and each victory was convincing. It is some considerable time since Howard won this trophy, and so we must congratulate Robinson and his fellow-members of the team on their grand achievement.

It is pleasing to record still another success. There is every likelihood that we shall gain the Marsden Merit Cup. Our lead has been maintained and we should win it, though this depends on the results of the examinations. To all who are taking examinations at the end of term, and especially the candidates for School Certificate and Higher School Certificate, may success be yours. And to all who are leaving at the end of term, I am sure the House members wish them every success in their future vocations.

The following have gained points in the Marsden Merit Cup Competition. We congratulate them and trust their efforts will be suitably rewarded:—

Sternberg, E. (4.b), 4 points; Almond, R. (2.a) and Bentley, J. I. (U.V.L.), 3 points each; Harwood, J. A. D. (5.b), Shuttleworth, G. M. (2.c), Thornber, H. H. (U.V.Sc.), and Walsh, B. (4.c), 2 points each; Duckworth, F. H. (5.c), Dunkerley, W. B. (3.c), Lofthouse, A. (2.d), Procter, C. L. (3.b), and Whittaker, R. (2.b), 1 point each.

In retrospect, the year has been a highly-successful one for Howard. The House now holds the Forbes Cup, the Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup, the Horncliffe Sports Cup, and probably the Marsden Merit Cup. Furthermore, the House reached the final of the Robinson Cup, was runner-up in the House Sports, Pavilion Subscription List, and also the Senior Sports. We have occasion to be proud of these many successes, "forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."

J. Shorrock.

RALEIGH.

After a fairly-short term we are approaching the end of the School year, and looking back, we see that it has not been over successful. The only achievement has been the winning of the Swimming Cup; if we hope to retain this, a good num-

ber of points must be gained by people obtaining Length, Quarter and Half-Mile Certificates—so Juniors and those who have not already gained the above, try to procure them before December next, to give us a good start in the Swimming Gala.

The Sports were held in May. We had quite a good number of entries, and although some people put in a lot of training, we were out of the running for the Shield. We finished up in the fourth position, thanks to the efforts of our athletes. In the Tug-of-War we were beaten 2—1 by Frobisher. We managed to pull them in the first tug, but they then won the next two tugs. Frobisher then went on to win the Tug-of-War unbeaten, and I am glad to say that we were the only House to pull them.

At the House Meeting, this term, Walsh, G. P., was elected Cricket Captain, and under his able lead the Cricket Eleven have done better this year than for a long time. The batting has improved considerably, and though we lack good change bowlers, the bowling has been quite good. We have played three matches, being beaten by Howard and losing one by a narrow margin to Drake. In a very exciting match we beat Frobisher by 28 runs. After knocking up 77, due to stands made by Duxbury and Fish, we left Frobisher $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours in which to pass our total. Owing to good bowling and fine team spirit, we got them all out for 49 with a quarter of an hour to spare. Walsh and Baxter shared the wickets.

I am sorry to report that our chances of winning the Marsden Merit Cup are nearly non-existent. We thank the boys who have consistently gained us points, and most of our points are obtained by them, but we want more boys to add their efforts to help us to win the trophy. So, will boys near the top of their form just put in that little extra work to pull them to the top?

The following boys gained points this term:—Bradshaw, W. (V.a), Ashton, E. (Rem.), Hodson, R. (III.b), 4 points (the maximum); Lewney, G. (IV.c), Duckworth, B. (II.d), 2 points; Hopwood, C. (V.c), Fish, C. B. R. (Rem.), Mayhall, H. (IV.c), Kirk, N. H. (III.d), Johnston, S. A. (II.b), Pilkington, S. (II.c), 1 point each.

We have been disgraced for the first time in many terms by one boy who got himself "On Report."

R.R.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

ONCE again the Dramatic Society excelled itself, this time Pinero's "Dandy Dick" was presented, and it received an excellent performance. The setting was good, the dressing all that could be desired, and the Victorian atmosphere was sustained throughout. On the "first night," noises off (peals of thunder) were not convincing, and in one particular scene the stage lighting was inadequate—but these are minor details.

Excellently chosen for the part of the Very Rev. Augustin Jedd, N. Hargreaves' portrayal improved with each scene. One could not help but notice the way he used his hands (most amateurs don't know what to do with them). He kept his emotions well in check; perhaps a little variety of voice would have been welcome, but he was an undoubted success.

Nothing but praise can be given to N. Harrison for his creation of the character of Georgiana Tidman. Word perfect, with complete command of the situation, he introduced just that amount of coarseness necessary to that sporting woman's character, a woman frequenter of the racecourse in Victorian 1890. He brought out the wit and sterling qualities of the character, and not a point was lost on the audience. Changing his sex admirably, he might have made a caricature of the part, but with skill he avoided this. All praise to him.

O. W. A. Kite played the part of Hannah Topping, the constable's wife; his Welsh accent helped him. On the whole, he was good, but in certain situations the Hannah Topping of 1890 would have been more concerned at her husband's accusations, and her grief would have been more pronounced. That is only a small detail, however; he was eminently suited to the part and his by-play was excellent.

The daughters, Salome (L. A. Walne) and Sheba (P. Holden) were both splendid. Theirs were difficult parts, and one could not but admire the dignity and poise of Salome and the sweetness of Sheba. Their voices only betrayed their sex.

Sir Tristram Mardon (K. H. Brown) played his part well, although at times he was too abrupt and sometimes indistinct.

Major Tarver (J. Richardson) and Mr. Darby (F. Bury), his friend, did not seem quite as easy in their respective parts. Also the major's valet ought to have known that an officer's belt is not worn below his buttons.

One of the best pieces of character acting was that of R. T. Norris as Hatcham the groom. He looked the part and was the part, but the part was not long enough.

Blore, the butler, created by H. Joseph, was unusual. One didn't expect that type of butler, and it was all the more interesting. His deference, his easy familiarity, and his "asides," were all to the life, and he is to be congratulated on his performance.

In conclusion, the producers are to be congratulated on their excellent choice of cast and the finished performance of this Victorian play.

ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS term only one debate has been held, but that, I am glad to say, was a very good one. The Society had been invited to the High School for a joint debate. The motion under discussion was: "That this house considers there is no such thing as a successful war."

School was represented by Hargreaves and Harrison, the former putting forward the proposition, the latter opposing.

For the proposition the argument was put forward that the human suffering and loss, together with the terrific economic difficulties that war brought in its train, were sufficient to render any war unsuccessful from the start. The opposition, however, held that a war was successful "if it achieved what it set out to achieve."

These two points of view raised considerable debate, and I believe every member of the School who went to this debate had some contribution to make. This spirit was especially encouraging in view of the fact that we had left the familiar privacy of the Radcliffe Room. The contributions made to the debate were, on the whole, sound and well-reasoned, and I can do no more than hope such a spirit will continue.

N. HARGREAVES.

SIXTH FORM SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

THIS term has witnessed only one meeting of the above Society, but it has been one of the most interesting so far. N. Harrison was the speaker, and the subject was "Bees and Bee-keeping." The different types of bees were explained and illustrated by means of the epidiascope. The various functions of the worker-bees, drones and queen bees were presented in logical form, together with examples of the way in which a bee-community establishes itself.

The second part of the lecture was devoted to the subject of bee-keeping and the speaker brought his own equipment to illustrate his explanations of its use.

The meeting was concluded by a vote of thanks to N. Harrison for his very interesting talk.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

THIS term our activities have not taken the usual form insofar as our weekly gramophone recitals are not to be continued until September 13th next term. We have, on the other hand, not been completely dormant, for on Saturday, June 11th, a small party of our members, accompanied by Mr. Popham and Mr. Stuart, spent a most enjoyable afternoon in the Blackpool Opera House, where Puccini's famous opera, "Madame Butterfly," was performed by the Vic-Wells Opera Company. The visit was much appreciated by everyone and served to stimulate further the growing interest taken by our Society in Grand Opera.

N. HARRISON.

The Chess, Boxing and Stamp Clubs beg to announce that although they have nothing to report this term, their activities will be once more renewed next term.

THE SCHOOL PLAY.

Left to right: J. Richardson, L. A. Walne, O. W. A. Kite, W. Fishwick, N. Hargreaves, N. Harrison, K. H. Brown, R. Norris, H. Joseph, P. Holden, F. Bury.

THE SCHOOL SCOUT GROUP.

THE EASTER CONCERT.

THE Easter Concert this year was a quadruple bill from the Scouts and a short turn from one of the officers. The plays chosen did not exceed the limitations of the stage with the exception of the "Luck of Penwithin," which involved more scene-shifting than was convenient in proportion to the length of its duration. This play, which opened the programme, described the assistance rendered by a troop of Scouts in the discovery of a family heirloom which was being sought by a gang of thugs employing the help of an incredibly miniature dwarf who spent half his time in a hamper, and towards the end appeared to be imitating the procedure adopted in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by the wicked Queen.

"Boadicea" was a farce, short and broad, in which the heroine succeeded very thoroughly in upsetting the dignity of the Roman Empire, though at the cost of her own life. It is doubtful if the School stage has ever known so unprepossessing a creature as was Boadicea on this occasion, whereas in contrast, the Roman governor nobly upheld the honour of his race.

"The Hat Trick" was very successful from its sheer simplicity of setting, and the casting was very effective. Grabs, the pawnbroker, had obviously made a close study of his Hebrew prototype, for to claim such acting as natural would be a doubtful compliment.

The programme closed with "The Life on the Ocean Wave," a tale of piracy on the high seas, which was obviously enjoyed as much by the actors as the audience. In this play the grace and charm of the female impersonators was much admired.

Finally, to keep up the prestige of the officers, one of our A.S.M's delighted the audience with some charcoal cartoons which were very well appreciated, particularly that of one of the star performers in the School play which had preceded ours.

The nett takings this year amounted to over £16, which was very creditable, and we thank all who supported us so well. In particular we would thank Mrs. Maxwell and her band of lady helpers who helped to raise our profits by the sale of refreshments and sweetmeats.

THE SEMER WATER CAMP.

IT had been hoped at Whitsuntide to run a hike through the Pennine country with our new "trike" carts, but as they were not available, we had to content ourselves with a semi-hike camp. The violent and unpleasant weather which ushered in June broke just in time for us to leave on the Friday and to arrive dry-shod in Wensleydale after an eight-mile tramp over the moors from Buckden. We had found a delightfully sheltered and remote site just above Semer Water, the largest natural lake in Yorkshire, and we were not troubled by rain in the daytime for the whole camp.

We had two full days out rambling over the moors and visiting Bainbridge, Hawes and Hardraw Scarr. We found how straight the Romans made their roads and how wearying they could be to walk. We traced across the moors a motor-cycle test route which our A.S.M. tried but failed to follow.

At length, on the Tuesday, which turned out to be a perfect day, we set off back across the moors and had a glorious walk back to the bus at Buckden, and thus home.

The carts, we hope, will be ready next year, when we shall be able to have a genuine hike, and we might go far afield to find finer country than this.

EAGLE TROOP REPORT.

THE Summer Term has gone down very well, considering the indifferent weather we have had. We started well with outdoor work, and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly with rope bridges and runways. Later in the term we were confined to the Scout Room, where we have spent useful hours in the Dark Room. But exams. are here, and they necessarily rob us of the Senior Scouts. However, we still continue, and while we enjoy ourselves we think of the unfortunates, wishing them "Good swotting and good luck in their exams."

To P.L. Joe Burras, who leaves us for a cadetship in the Merchant Service, we say, "Goodbye and pleasant sailings."

E.A.F.

PANTHER TROOP.

Summer Term, 1938.

THE term has been short, and the number of Troop meetings somewhat fewer than usual, but what we have lacked in time we have amply compensated in activity. We had our first experience of being confined by the weather to Horncliffe, this term, but we succeeded in proving that a troop of 35 Scouts can spend an evening in a small parade-room. Most of our work, however, has been done in the open-air, although we have had little time for wide games. An appreciable amount of Second Class work has been done, and one or two Scouts have presented themselves for various tests. In a Troop of our size, however, we feel that there should be a larger number of Second Class Scouts, and that there should be rather more interest in First Class work, which is a matter rather for private spare time than for troop meetings.

We had a visit from the District Commissioner, who presented warrants to two of our A.S.M's. Much of our time recently has been taken up by the collection of paper for the Good Turn we are doing for the Association; we hope that the financial result will be as good as the vast piles of paper stacked in Cliffe Mount appear to promise.

We welcome to our ranks one new recruit this term, Webb, who has begun his career by passing his Tenderfoot test within a week of joining—a good example in keenness. The attendance at meetings has maintained a high level, which speaks well for the keenness of the Troop in general, particularly of those who have been battling with School Certificate and other examinations.

K.C.S.

TINKERFIELD CAMP.

Whitsun, 1938.

ON the Saturday morning of half-term holiday, 26 Scouts of the Group went for a weekend under canvas at Tinkerfield. We were fortunate in having weather considerably better than that of the previous week, when it promised unceasing rain. What rain we experienced came at nights, and most of the daytime it was fine, even hot.

We found time to indulge in many really "Scouty" activities. Trails, wide games and, of course, the daily round of fire-lighting, cooking, and camp-craft, were valuable additions to Scouting

experience. We were surprised to find two of our members full of enthusiasm for cooking chickens. Most of us, however, found nothing amiss with the general run of camp fare.

We had a camp fire on our final evening, which produced some very enjoyable items, mainly throught out on the spur of the moment. We also met an old and ever-popular friend, "Old Kate." Our host, Dr. Ramsay, was present at this camp-fire, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We owe him a debt of gratitude for his hospitality and for the interest which he took in our work and our daily life at Tinkerfield.

There is one comment which should be made. The spirit throughout the camp was excellent, and there was not even the usual slight reluctance to be silent after "Lights Out."

K.C.S.

THE NATIONAL APPEAL.

SCOUTS and others will doubtless have followed in the Press the account of the National Appeal for funds to make the Movement self-supporting during the lifetime of Lord Baden Powell. Lord Nuffield has promised £50,000 conditionally if we can raise a similar sum by our own efforts. To this end the Scouts throughout the country are attempting to raise what they can, and we in Blackburn are having a collection of old newspapers.

We are also asking those who are interested to help us with subscriptions, which should be sent to the local Headquarters at 17, Richmond Terrace, and addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Blackburn and District Boy Scouts' Association.

THE LIBRARY.

NO books have been presented to the School Library during the past term.

The Old Blackburnian.

A Review and Reminder of Old Boys' Activities.

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GAUGING THE GULF STREAM.

Prof. Walter Garstang's Latest Venture.

AN interesting letter from Professor Walter Garstang has been received by the Chairman, Mr. Henry Whittaker—so interesting, indeed, that Mr. Whittaker decided to hand it on for publication. Always on the alert for the furtherance of the interests of the Association, Mr. Whittaker, it appears, had written to Professor Garstang upon a certain matter in connection with it. The reply which he has received was written on June 8, from aboard the R.M.S. Oropesa as it was arriving at Bermuda, where, according to the letter, Professor Garstang has gone to be present, by invitation of the American Oceanographic Institute, at the inauguration of a scheme to investigate the fluctuations of the Gulf Stream. Professor Garstang was instrumental in getting our Devonport Commissioners to finance this experiment (which will take five years) in conjunction with the American Oceanographic Institute, and the invitation is in recognition of his efforts. An English boat, the "Culver," has been bought and fitted for the purpose and, he states, is now on her way to Bermuda. Here it will meet an American ship, the "Atlantic," for the joint effort. He adds that he is looking forward to the venture with much interest.

May we, therefore, offer him our congratulations and express the wish that the investigation will yield satisfactory results. Perhaps in the future, too, we shall be able to hand on some account of the Professor's experiences which might prove interesting to us all.

FLYING FOR THE KING'S CUP.

O.B's Novel Experience.

OLD Blackburnians had more than a passing interest in the King's Cup Air Race this year, for one of their number, Mr. J. Ivor Waddington, entered as a passenger in a machine built to his own design at his own works, and piloted by Mr. C. F. Hughesdon. Though Mr. Waddington and his companion did not win the race, they put up a very creditable performance, leading for eight laps and retaining second position until the fifteenth.

Waddington studied aeronautical engineering at King's College, Cambridge, and in August, 1932, obtained the civil aviator's certificate of the Royal Aero Club. He completed his training in six days and passed the required test with the necessary three hours' solo flying, all in one day. Subsequently he under-

went a vocational course of instruction at the Royal Aircraft establishment at Farnborough. He is an Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In 1936 he and a partner, Mr. C. R. Chronander, built an entirely new type of baby plane which was modified for the King's Cup Race the following year, and the latter machine was the first of its size in the country to be built entirely of metal and to have a stressed skin covering.

But for pressure of work, politics also might have claimed him, for he had already been adopted as prospective Liberal candidate for West Derbyshire when pressure of business caused him to abandon the project.

WE TAKE OFF OUR HAT TO—

Mr. P. S. Rennison.

Scarcely had the ink dried upon our paragraph in our last issue congratulating Mr. Philip S. Rennison upon his appointment as Town Clerk of Swindon than it was announced that he had been appointed to that position at Bolton, where he had been as deputy since 1933.

Again, therefore, we offer him our congratulations.

Mr. Eddie McGarry.

Mr. Eddie McGarry, another old boy, once again has our felicitations for showing for the third time in succession that he leads the best semi-amateur dance band in the country. Against twenty-nine other bands from all over the country, he competed successfully for the trophy awarded annually at Blackpool.

Mr. J. Lee and Others.

Among the many Old Blackburnians to whom we have to offer our best wishes on their respective marriages is Mr. J. Lee, who gained his "blue" for football at Oxford, has played for those renowned amateurs the Corinthians, and has, in short, made quite a name for himself in amateur football.

And still more.

The names of several old boys appear in the Cambridge University Tripos lists issued recently.

Mr. F. Wild, of 14, Alexandra-road, of Downing College, has been successful in passing Part II Natural Sciences Tripos (Chemistry) with first-class honours, and thus graduates B.A.

Mr. K. S. Aspinall, of 29, Gib-lane, of Trinity Hall, has passed Part I of the Modern and Mediæval Languages Tripos with second class honours, first division in French, and second class honours, first division in German.

Mr. L. G. Soady, of 170, Revidge-road, of Trinity Hall, has gained Part I of the Modern and Mediæval Languages Tripos with second class honours, second division, in French, and second class honours, second division, in Spanish.

Mr. H. Hargreaves, of 82, Granville-road, of Downing College has passed Part I. Natural Sciences Tripos, with third class honours.

Mr. F. E. Brown, of 7, Cecilia-road, has gained first-class honours in the Mathematical Tripos, Part I. He is at Queen's College.

Other examination successes include:—

Mr. A. L. Littlewood, of 6, St. Silas's-road, Blackburn, of Manchester University, graduated B.Sc. in physics with second class honours. A year ago he obtained his honours degree in mathematics.

Mr. Alan Ashton, of Edgware-road, Blackburn, diploma of the Design School at the Royal College of Art, London.

Mr. Leslie Thornber, 66, New Bank-road, Blackburn, the intermediate examination, part 1, of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution.

Mr. Eric Stirrup, a member of the staff of the Blackburn Savings Bank, second place in the recent "Sir Thomas Jaffrey" examinations. These examinations are open to the staffs of Trustee Savings Banks and prizes are awarded to those taking first, second and third places.

Mr. Stirrup is already an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

Mr. G. H. Messenger, graduated B.A. with second-class honours in the final examinations of Part 2 of the Honours School of Hispanic Studies.

Mr. Herbert Gradwell, of Shaw Bridge House, Clitheroe, is this year's President of the Blackburn Rotary Club.

I am afraid that is all the news this term, and in closing may I express the wish that more freshers will be coming up to Oxford in the next few years, and that the School and "The Old Blackburnian" may continue to flourish as it truly deserves.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

O.B.'s (Oxon).

Emmanuel College,
Cambridge,
June, 1938.

To the Editor of "The Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

As we indicated in our last letter—though desiring no credit for that prophecy of the obvious—little material remains from which to eke out the chronicle of our activities since Easter.

The Society's one meeting of the term saw at long last the birth of a new constitution, of which we, or rather some of us, and the responsible (very) Select Committee in particular, are extremely proud. Others are merely relieved to learn that, amongst other amusing yet dangerous anomalies, a fraudulent or insufficiently-persevering Treasurer can now no longer legally make good the resultant financial deficiency according to the neckwear of members at meetings.

Individually, thanks to Authority's unworthy doubts as to our industry, we have one and all had before us during term an increasingly-vivid image of examinations. Not all of us—but whether from self-confidence, lack of imagination or other cause we do not presume to determine—have allowed that vision to chain us to our books. Most of us have played some tennis, Kent, to our regret, with disastrous results; Soady has blossomed forth, if we may use the term, as a bowler; whilst several have practised that entertainment (for the onlooker !) of punting, to which the Cam and Granta are by nature so evidently unsuited.

The claims of work, however, could not for ever be consigned to the muddy "depths" of these streams, and doubtless those interested will already have seen, even if in sadly-mangled version, the rewards of our varying degrees of labour. We would especially congratulate Wild and Brown upon their brilliant performances in Tripos exams., and confidently anticipate, from colleagues at other Universities as from present members of the School, further justification of the School's high reputation.

Yours sincerely,

O.B's. (Cantab.).

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EDITORIAL.

THE moment has arrived for us, despite some feelings of misgiving and apprehension, to offer for your praise or blame this our first issue of "The Blackburnian." Whatever be the verdict passed upon it, we shall do well to recollect that a publication of this nature holds up a mirror, as it were, to the body from which it emanates, and thereby gives a true reflection of the tone and character, as well as the literary ability, of its members. Previous Editors have often found themselves compelled to complain of the quality of the articles submitted for publication : we are no exception. It is the aim of every Editor to raise the standard of the Magazine to a level worthy of the traditions of this " ancient School." It *should* be the aim of every boy to exercise his imagination and use his ability to the utmost to produce articles worthy of publication in a first-rate Magazine. With such an ideal, our literary enthusiasts will be glad to learn that we have decided to abandon the practice of awarding Magazine Prizes; for this, to finer instincts, must always appear rather a mercenary method of attracting articles.

An article should afford both pleasure and profit to writer and reader alike, and, with this end is view, it must be original and the best work the writer can produce; it must not be mere repetition nor, as Juvenal puts it, " Crambe repetita." Too many boys on being asked to write an article demand a suitable subject. Well, everybody has a hobby—a ready-made subject. Every boy must encounter in "the trivial round, the common task," some experience, amusing or interesting, which, if faithfully related, would doubtless be of literary merit and thereby earn a place in these pages.

Twenty years ago the Editor of "The Blackburnian" hoped that the Magazine would form " a real link between past and present boys and masters of the School." And this wish can only be fulfilled by your whole-hearted support and co-operation.

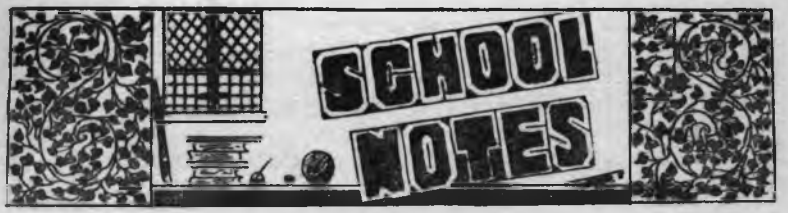
At the beginning of this Editorial we fully intended to write a literary piece of everlasting merit, a short essay of sublime style and composition, but, alas, " Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus !" It only remains for us to wish all our readers

A Very Merry Christmas

and

A Bright and Prosperous New Year.

J.E.V.



AT the beginning of this term on the 7th of September, the number on the rolls reached the greatest yet, 638, seven more than the record number of 1936.

F. Bury was appointed Head Boy in succession to W. Fishwick. R. Richardson and A. J. Bradshaw were appointed Vice-Captains.

Under the new ruling for the School Certificate Examinations, the results were very gratifying. Seventy boys passed the School Certificate Examination whilst 23 obtained Higher School Certificates.

At the end of last term, three of our masters left us—Dr. Herman Brearley, Mr. K. C. Stuart, and Mr. K. P. Davies. An appreciation of Dr. Brearley's work was given in the last number of the "Blackburnian." Mr. K. C. Stuart, M.A., has taken up the appointment of German master at Colchester Grammar School.

Mr. K. P. Davies, B.A., a temporary Master, has become Mathematical Master at Bristol Grammar School.

We are sure that the School joins with us in sending them a somewhat belated wish of success.

This term we also welcome four new masters—Mr. T. L. Duerden, Mus.Bac., Mr. R. Bennett, B.A., Mr. H. F. Cook, B.A., and Mr. K. L. Watson.

Mr. Duerden comes to fill the place of Music master, and, of course, needs no introduction, for he is of great repute.

Mr. Bennett was formerly of King's College, Cambridge, where he was a Wrangler in 1935. He comes to us from Stamford School where he held a Mathematical mastership.

Mr. Cook, formerly of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, was a Modern Language master at Lindisfarne College, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Mr. Watson comes from Exeter College, Oxford.

At the end of the last term, the Sixth Form Tennis Tournament Final was played in the Corporation Park between H. Mayman and R. Wilkinson. After an extremely good game, R Wilkinson was declared the winner. We congratulate both him and H. Mayman on their game.

The Swimming Gala was held in Belper Street Baths on October 18th. A full report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Half Term was from the 29th September to the 1st of November, inclusive. The weather left something to be desired.

A New Life Campaign was held in King George's Hall from October 16th to 31st, and Captain Reginald Wallis came to give the Sixth Form a lecture in connection with it on Tuesday, October the 25th. Entirely different from the expected exhortation, his address was well received by all present.

On October 3rd the School was startled to find portions of one of the Stands on Alexandra Meadows scattered on and about the buildings on the Upper Playground. Apparently about thirty feet of stand had been detached, but it had only temporarily damaged the roof of the Biology Laboratory in transit.

Armistice Day was once more kept in Big School, and a wreath was laid on the School War Memorial by Mr. Henry Whittaker, Chairman of the Old Boys' Association.

An American Tea is to be held in the School on Saturday, the 26th of November. If possible, a report will be included.

On Tuesday, the 22nd of November, a lecture on the effects of alcohol on the human body was given to the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms by Professor Weeks.

Two more School Dances have taken place this term, and in regard to them, we print the following letter:—

To the Editor of the "Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

On behalf of many of the people who have enjoyed the dances at School during the last year, I beg some of your space to thank very heartily indeed the ladies and boys whose work has made these dances possible.

We all know now something of the immense and generously given resources of Mrs. Maxwell; it is principally she whom we wish to thank. But there are also at least ten other ladies (who I am sure will forgive me if they are not mentioned by name) whose support has been unflagging and extremely valuable. By their work something like a tradition has already been built up for these dances. To the many boys who have spent spare time in preparing the Hall and Library, carrying chairs and crockery

about, and assisting with refreshments, I want to say that their efforts are by no means unappreciated. They will see the reward of their labours when the new Pavilion begins to be built.

The proceeds of all four dances held in 1938 go to the New Pavilion Fund, the profits from the first three of them totalled just over £31.

I would like to add that, although these dances have nearly always been full to capacity, there must be many boys, especially in the Fifth Forms, who can dance a little and would enjoy coming to one. For two shillings one can dance on a Saturday evening for four hours (7-15 to 11-15 p.m.), to Mr. H. H. Fielding's "New Oxford Band." Supper (a nice little meal) is included in the price. And one can dance with one's sister, or anybody else's sister who happens to be there.

The next dance has been arranged for January 21st, and tickets will be on sale just before the end of this term. Anyone wanting them can buy them from me any day at Break or 4-0 p.m.

I am, sir,

Yours very truly,

L. D. COLLIER.

All the Societies are now active, and their number has been increased by the recommencement of the Air Club. Reports on the various Societies are to be found elsewhere.

PREFECTS (1938—9).

Head Boy: F. Bury.

Vice-Captains: A. J. Bradshaw, R. Richardson.

H. L. Dennison, A. Dugdale, J. R. Salter, J. Shorrock, K. L. Barker, N. Harrison, H. Mayman, F. Wetherell, O. W. A. Kite, W. Mellodey, H. Ainsworth, J. F. Dark, James Pomfret.

IN MEMORIAM.

IT is with deep regret that we record the death of Albert Waddington. He was killed whilst cycling up Eanam on September 21st.

Entering the School as a Special Place Holder in 1933, he left to begin work as a clerk in the Market Department of the Town Hall. Whilst at School he was popular both with masters and boys due to his cheery personality and good-natured manner.

The School sent a wreath and a letter of condolence to his bereaved mother. H. Hacking and J. Mather represented the school at his funeral.

"Heaven gives its favourites—early death."

T.C.

ON Sunday, 30th October, Norman Bottomley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bottomley, died at his home after a short illness. Although thirteen years old he had already shown great promise and had gained special distinction by his performance in the Entrance Scholarship Examination. Conscientious in his work and happy among the many friends he had made during his short stay with us, he endeared himself to the hearts of all who knew him. We sympathise with the parents and relations in this, their irreparable loss, and we offer them our sincere condolences.

Floral tributes were sent by the School and his Form-mates; and the School was represented at the funeral by Mr. E. J. Popham, his Form-master, and O. W. A. Kite, his House Captain.

PAVILION APPEAL FUND (3rd LIST).

(DONATIONS TO 8TH OF DECEMBER, 1938).

	£	s.	d.
Acknowledged to June 17th, 1938	1834	17	1
James Haydock	5	5	0
William Tattersall & Sons	5	5	0
R. Bennett, B.A.	3	3	0
Capt. G. S. Elliston, M.P.	3	3	0
A. H. Gregson, M.B., Ch.B.	3	3	0
D. S. Miller	3	3	0
Mrs. C. S. Robinson	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown	1	1	0
S. R. Cave, M.A.	1	1	0
W. Hare, M.A.	1	1	0
T. Hindle, B.A.	1	1	0
J. Taylor, B.A.	1	1	0
D. Gabbutt	1	0	0
J. F. Gabbutt	1	0	0
E. Gwynne Jones	0	15	4
G. P. Walsh	0	11	1
W. E. T. Walsh, LL.B.	0	10	6
E. Howarth	0	10	0
E. Blackshaw (2nd Donation)	0	5	0
Proceeds of 3rd Pavilion Dance	8	5	0
Proceeds of Swimming Gala	6	0	0
Proceeds of American Tea	130	19	10
	£2,014	17	10

SALVETE.

Drake.—Baron, K., Wales, G., Almond, J. Gabbott, E. M., Horsefield, H. B., Parker, R., Sharples, A. W., Barker, J., Cowpe, H., Holden, R., Livesey, J. B., Smith, E., Anderton, J. I., Harwood, J. S., Kay, H. G., Talbot, A., Ablin, E. H., Holden, F., Mayo, R. A., Ratcliffe, P., Connell, J. J., Park, K., Williams, G. H., Riding, R. B., Emmett, B. M.

Frobisher.—Aspden, A., Goldsborough, J. A., Lazenby, W. C., Phillips, J., Shorrock, K., Wood, J. C., Blackshaw, R., Cunliffe, C., Houghton, R., Payne, F., Smith, F., Crompton, J. G., Kenyon, A. G., Tweddle, J. C., Benfield, P. A., Hutchinson, F., Nelson, F., Readfern, L., Jackson, G. C., Whalley, H.

Grenville.—Jones, K. D., Hodson, D., Bayley, J., Gregory, E., Liverseege, H. S., Ranson, R. D., Wallace, J., Bradburn, H., Earnshaw, S., Hughes, J., Ramsbottom, B., Walling, J. B., Haworth, L., Rhodes, J. M. E., Thompson, W., Duckworth, F., Latus, J., Nowell, R., Sherrington, L., Davies, J. A., Hacking, K. M., Howarth, E., Stephenson, J. C., Hodson, D.

Hawkins.—Birtwistle, R., Haslam, G., Mitchell, P. W. D., Wilson, T. R., Buttle, J. W., Gibson, H., King, J., Reid, J. J., White, C. F., Dowell, J. W., Holden, E., Trengove, R. C., Farnworth, J., Lightbown, A., Parkinson, E., Smith, S.

Howard.—Sharples, J., Clayton, A., Haworth, G. H., Morgan, R. C., Rigby, J. H., Whalley, A., Carr, E., Gregson, D., Lang, E., ,Riley, W., Wignall, R. D., Sharratt A. W., Holland, J. A., Harrison, A., Mangham, B., Mangham, K., Warner, F., Hamm, R. N. L., Holden, R. B., Simpson, R.

Raleigh.—Shirlaw, D. I., Crompton, F., Hindle, T., Osbaldeston, A., Ross, W., Whalley, R. F., Comberbach, E., Hampshire, A., Lightbown, A., Schofield, S., Wilson, R., Duckworth, R. H., Isherwood, J. E., Smith, J. L., Haworth, K., Martin, R., Pilkington, H., Ainsworth, J., Harrison, R.

VALETE.

To the following boys who have left the School since the last issue of " The Blackburnian," we extend our cordial wishes for success and happiness in their new sphere :—

W. Fishwick: Head Boy, 1937—8; Prefect, 1936—8; House Captain of Frobisher, 1937—8; Open Entrance Scholarship in Natural Sciences, for three years, to Pembroke College, Cambridge; State Scholarship, 1937; H.S.C., 1936 and 1937; S.C. and M., 1934; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1937—8.

A. Carpenter: Vice-Captain, 1937—8; Prefect, 1936—8; Open Entrance Scholarship in Natural Sciences, for three years, to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; State Scholarship, 1937; County Major Scholarship, 1937; H.S.C., 1936 and 1937; S.C. and M., 1934.

T. Barnes: Prefect, 1937—8; Open Entrance Scholarship in History, for three years, to St. John's College, Durham; H.S.C., 1938; S.C. and M., 1935; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1937—8.

H. Bates: Prefect, 1936—8; H.S.C., 1937 and 1938; S.C. and M., 1935; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1937—8; Football Captain, 1937—8.

F. H. Duckworth: Prefect, 1937—8; Editor of "The Blackburnian, 1936—7; H.S.C., 1937 and 1938; S.C. and M., 1935.

N. Hargreaves: Prefect, 1937—8; H.S.C., 1938; S.C., 1935.

O. F. Phœnix: Prefect, 1937—8; H.S.C., 1938; S.C., 1935; 1st XI. Cricket Colours, 1937—38.

R. Richardson: Prefect, 1937—8; House Captain of Raleigh, 1937—38; H.S.C., 1936, 1937 and 1938; S.C., 1934.

L. K. Robinson: Prefect, 1937—8; S.C., 1936; Ist XI. Cricket Colours, 1937—8; Cricket Captain, 1937—8; Ist XI. Football Colours, 1937—8.

I. B. Shearer: Prefect, 1937—8; H.S.C., 1937 and 1938; S.C. and M., 1935; Ist XI. Football Colours, 1937—8.

R. Taylor: Prefect, 1936—8; House Captain of Grenville, 1937—38; State Scholarship, 1937; H.S.C., 1936 and 1937; S.C. and M., 1934.

R. Wilkinson: Prefect, 1937—8; H.S.C., 1938; S.C., 1936; Ist XI. Football Colours, 1937—8.

A. Bolton: H.S.C., 1938; S.C. and M., 1936. L. C. Gaskell: H.S.C., 1938; S.C. and M., 1936. R. Hindle: H.S.C., 1938; S.C., 1935. H. Lawson: H.S.C., 1938; S.C. and M., 1936.

W. Alstead: S.C. and M., 1937; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1936—7. W. J. Evans: S.C. and M., 1936. N. Redmayne: S.C. and M., 1937. A. H. Waddington: S.C. and M., 1937. F. McI. Walker: S.C. and M., 1937. G. P. Walsh: S.C. and M., 1937; Ist XI. Cricket Colours, 1937—8; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1937—8. J. Wilding: S.C. and M., 1936; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1936—7.

A. Abel: S.C., 1936. R. P. Bolton: S.C., 1938. F. S. Brown: S.C., 1937. L. Butterworth: S.C., 1937. J. E. Clemes: S.C., 1937. G. Danson: S.C., 1937. D. Gabbutt: S.C., 1938. A. J. Gerrard: S.C., 1938. L. G. Gollop: S.C., 1936. J. W. Hadfield: S.C., 1938; 3rd XI. Football, 1936—7. A. E. Haworth: S.C., 1937. J. Hoole: S.C., 1938; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1937—

8. G. T. Hunt: S.C., 1936. H. C. Jones: S.C., 1937. J. G. Lamb: S.C., 1938. R. Lawes: S.C., 1938. R. F. Norris: S.C., 1937. Jack Pomfret: S.C., 1937; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1937—8. J. F. Sharpe: S.C., 1937; House Captain of Hawkins, 1937—8; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1937—8. A. H. Simpson: S.C., 1938. G. Watson: S.C., 1937. G. M. Whalley: S.C., 1937; 2nd XI. Football Colours, 1937—8. H. Whalley: S.C., 1938.

A. Ashworth, W. J. Baxter, C. S. Butcher, J. M. Butler, A. Byrom, B. F. Catlow, A. W. Cresswell: 3rd XI. Football, 1937—8. W. R. Dawson, F. Forrest. N. G. Haworth. H. Heys, F. A. Isherwood, B. R. Kerry, J. Y. McCarthy, A. C. Morris, K. Stirrup, N. S. Sutton, A. R. Tawton, J. Tomlinson: 1st XI. Football Colours, 1937—8. T. E. Turner, J. Walmsley, F. Wardleworth.

D. H. Bradshaw, W. Brooks, A. E. Flintoff, J. Hodkinson, W. B. Johnson, H. I. Leigh, N. Plant, C. A. Riley, P. B. Sherwood, J. B. Sherwood, B. Walker.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

WE beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—

"The Blackburn Girls' High School Magazine."
"The Blackpool Grammar School Magazine."
"The Boltonian."
"The Borlasian."
"The Brun."
"The Cowleian."
"The Chorleian."
"The Hoghtonian."
"The Hulmeian."
"The Lancastrian."
"Ex Montibus."
"The Preston Catholic College Magazine."
"The Quest."
"The Rydeian."
"The Supera."
"Ulula."
"The Wheel."

We apologise for any inadvertent omissions from this list.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

THE Blackburnian" is now in its twentieth year of publication, and we feel that our readers would be interested in the following selection culled from "The Blackburnian," December, 1919.—Vol. I., No. I.

THE EDITORIAL.

During the past five years, with its shortages and restrictions, it has been impossible to undertake production of a School Magazine. Consequently we have depended for a record of our activities upon odd scraps in the local Press, of varying length and still more varying accuracy. It is felt, however, that a School such as ours should have its own publication in which all our achievements, in School and on the playing fields may be recorded, and which shall serve in future years as a happy reminder of keen struggles, healthy rivalries, valued friendships, merry jests.

More than this, we wish "The Blackburnian" to form a real link between past and present boys and masters of the School, keeping the eyes of Old Blackburnians on the commonwealth they have left behind, and showing to the present generation something of the doings of their predecessors in their various spheres—academic, professional, commercial—for which they are preparing.

For these things to be accomplished it is necessary that the Magazine should have the hearty support of Blackburnians present and past, especially in the provision of news, reports, prose, and verse contributions.

SELECTIONS FROM "SCHOOL NOTES."

This term our number has reached the record figure of 350, divided into fifteen Forms.

Our hopes of having a Football Field for the School have at last been realised. Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Henry Harrison, a field of 12 acres has been bought at Lammack. On it five matches can be played at once. In spite of "Lancashire weather," many keen practice matches have been enjoyed, whilst both School elevens are to be congratulated on the form they have shown this season.

On November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the School assembled for a brief service. The King's request was read by the Headmaster, after which all stood and remained silent in remembrance of those who died that we might live. The hymn, "O God our help in ages past," was then sung, and the service closed with the National Anthem.

The introduction of the House system into the School at the beginning of the Term was hailed with an enthusiasm which has continued on the field and in the class-room.

At a General Meeting (of the newly-formed Old Boys' Association) on October 7th, 1919, it was decided that the Memorial to be erected to those who served, and to those who died in the Great War should take the form of a Sports Pavilion, to be erected on the Playing Fields of the School, and arrangements are now in full swing to make this a success. £3,000 is the sum aimed at.

Truly, history repeats itself!

CORRESPONDENCE.

Another letter from far afield was received from Noël E. Watson who attended the School from 1928—33, and who is now at the Bahrein Petroleum Co., Ltd., of Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf. He flew by Imperial Airways to his destination, and sends us the following account of his flight:—

"On Sunday morning (January 30th) we arrived at Waterloo Station at 7 a.m. to be met by a representative of the Imperial Airways. We were immediately relieved of all our baggage and conducted to the "guard's van" of the Imperial Airways' Special train, where our tickets and passports were checked and each passenger weighed together with his luggage. These preliminaries over, we were soon seated in the Pullman Car enjoying breakfast as we sped on to Southampton. A launch carried us to the flying-boat which was moored about two miles from the shore, and so, soon after reaching Southampton, we were seated in one of the world's most luxurious flying-boats.

"The doors were closed, and as soon as the four engines were tested, we taxied from the floating stage. Suddenly, the engines opened up, and we were skimming through the water at almost a hundred miles an hour, the hull throwing a great bow wave, and in a few seconds we were looking out of the large windows at the numerous ships lining the docks, the most interesting of which was the 'Queen Mary.'

"The severe storms which we encountered within a few minutes of the take-off, caused us to take the most westerly route over Jersey and St. Helier. Weather conditions, however, gradually worsened, and after a little less than two hours in the air, we were forced to land at Hourtin, a very deserted part of the west coast of France. A Customs Officer had to be sent for, as appar-

ently none was stationed there, and after waiting about an hour and a half a typical Frenchman appeared, complete with moustache and beret.

" The formalities were soon over, and we then started a car journey of fifty miles into Bordeaux, where we stayed for the night. The following morning we were called at 3 a.m., and after a hurried breakfast, left for Hourtin, and by daybreak we were once more aboard the flying-boat ready to take-off. After Hourtin, we crossed over the estuary of the Gironde, near Blaye, and very soon afterwards we were enjoying the rather unique experience of breakfasting high above the clouds whilst travelling at two hundred miles an hour.

Marseilles was reached in glorious sunshine, and after a short stop for refuelling we were soon in the air again en route for Rome. We flew inland over several small towns and rivers until we came out over the Gulf of St. Tropey, and headed for Corsica, which rises grim and sheer from the sea. It is here that you notice the glorious deep blue of the Mediterranean as compared with the grey-green colour of the English Channel. After leaving Corsica, we flew between two very famous islands—to the north lay the island of Elba, and to the south, Monte Cristo.

" We reached the coast of Italy, and could just distinguish Rome in the distance, but unfortunately the weather was too bad for us to land there, and so we continued down the coast of Italy to the beautiful Bay of Naples, and behind it Vesuvius, smoking against the sky. It was shortly after this that we encountered further violent storms. Lightning seemed to be flashing all around us, and the great flying-boat was tossed about just like a feather. One moment we would drop as much as two to three hundred feet, and the next moment shoot upwards almost vertically. To add to the noise caused by the engines as they raced against the storm, huge pieces of ice flew off the wings and hit the side of the 'plane with a resounding crack. However, we reached Brindisi safely, and stayed there for the night.

" Here, let me say a word or two concerning our landing. On stepping ashore, we were met by the Customs Officer accompanied by two armed guards, and shepherded to the Customs Office almost like a number of convicts. In addition to filling in the usual declaration form for dutiable goods, we were requested to complete a form dealing with all personal details, including an exact account of all the money we had in our possession. This being done, we had to enter a room, one by one, and witness the checking of our passports against the details laid down on the forms.

" Vernon Bartlett, who was one of the eight passengers, had rather an unpleasant experience. Apparently he is on Mussolini's

'black list,' and no sooner was this discovered, than all his baggage was seized, and he had to undergo the ordeal of being searched. After a period of cross-examination, he was finally permitted to stay the night in the hotel, provided he remained indoors. Accordingly, a watch was kept on the hotel to enforce this ruling.

"Dawn, the following morning, saw us taking off on what proved to be the most beautiful part of the journey. From Brindisi, we flew south-east over the Straits of Otranto, with the snow-capped ranges of the Griva Mountains lying to the east above the Albanian coast-line. Passing over the picturesque island of Corfu, and flying down the coast of Greece, we reached Corinth, a gigantic rift between two massive, snow-capped mountain ranges. Among the mountains on the left was Parnassus, the home of Apollo and the Muses, steep and thickly wooded, whilst on the right lay a strip of fertile coastland, behind which towered range upon range of mountains. Thus, we flew on, over country which really defies description, till we reached Athens, with its obvious land-marks the Acropolis, and Lycabettus, a bare sugar-loaf hill.

"After a short stop, we set off on the rather monotonous 'hop' across the Mediterranean Sea, the only intervening land being the barren island of Crete. A further four hours' flying brought us to Alexandria, whose two harbours below, crowded with ships of all countries, gave ample proof to its claim to be one of the busiest and most cosmopolitan harbours in the world.

"The remaining part of the journey needs little description, as for the most part, our course lay over miles and miles of barren desert, the only sign of life being occasional wandering bands of Arabs. We did, however, make a short stop at Tiberias, on the Sea of Gallilee, six hundred feet below sea level, and a further stop at Baghdad, before reaching Basrah, where we landed in complete darkness.

"Leaving early the following morning, we passed over the muddy estuary of the Tigris to the clear blue water of the Persian Gulf. So clear was the water, that all kinds of fish were plainly visible swimming about. And so, almost two hours after leaving Basrah, we alighted on the shallow water surrounding Bahrein, and sailed ashore in glorious sunshine, leaving the flying-boat to continue its journey half-way across the world, to Australia.

"During the whole of the journey, we had enjoyed every convenience;—full course meals served whilst flying; a stroll through the various cabins to relieve the monotony of several hours' sitting; or even a smoke in the room set aside for that pur-

pose in the tail of the flying-boat. I can assure you that such a trip by air has a special charm that gives you something to remember and talk about for a long time.

With every good wish and the best of success to the School.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Noël E. Watson.

Another letter received was from I. B. Shearer and A. Carpenter, who were chosen to represent the School at the Duke of York's Camp:—

THE DUKE OF YORK'S CAMP, 1938.

WHEN our present King was yet the Duke of York, he inaugurated a camp which bore his name, and in which for one week, a number of boys of all ages from 18 to 20 years, and coming from both industry and public schools all over the country, could meet together with a common purpose and interest—to enjoy a healthy and happy holiday by the sea. This camp has become an annual event and is now held at Southwold, on the eastern coast of Suffolk, where it is pitched on the common, and about ten minutes walk from the sea. This year the School had the honour of being represented by two Sixth Form boys, who were selected by the Headmaster, one from the science side, and one from the modern.

On Saturday, July 30th, at 11-45 a.m., the 409 boys who were to take part in the camp assembled at the Royal Mews, in Buckingham Palace, and here they were divided into twenty "sections," lettered A to T, each containing twenty boys, and in the charge of a section leader, who was a young man of about 25 (who had been several times to the camp as an ordinary camper or a deputy) and a deputy section leader, generally about 22 years old and who was also an old camper. The Staff also consisted of five "group leaders"—each in charge of four sections—, an entertainment's director with assistant, a bursar and assistant, a photographer and assistant, two cinema operators, two "barmen" to serve in the canteen, a doctor, two buglers, and about 15 "cooks." And last, but by no means least, there was the Camp Chief, Captain Patterson.

Before leaving the Mews we were taken in sections on a tour of inspection and were shown the horses, coaches and harness used for State occasions, a comprehensive museum collection of pieces of harness and armour worn by various kings and queens in the past, and the State Coach used for the Coronation.

We departed from Liverpool Street Station by a special train for Southwold at 4-30, and did the journey very quickly; but we were very surprised when the train stopped at 7-15 at Halesworth, where we found the rest of the journey had to be made by motor coaches as the railway had not yet penetrated as far as Southwold. The local transport company apparently did not have enough buses to take all of us at once, so one half went immediately to Southwold, while the remainder, section A—J, remained at Halesworth and consumed cake and tea. The trip by coach took about half an hour and we arrived in Southwold at 8-40, to be led immediately into the dining tent and given a hearty supper of ham, tomato and lettuce. As soon as this was finished we went to the other end of the camp site to the theatre tent for the first concert of the week.

Now we come to the daily routine. At 7-0 the buglers, " Pork and Beans," sound the Reveillé and we crawl out of our blankets, wash and dress. At a quarter to eight, two " G's" are sounded as warning, and at five minutes to the hour, one " G." is blown. At eight, we are invited, again by bugle, to " Come to the Cookhouse," in this case, the mess tent. This is a large marquee about 120 feet long and containing 20 tables for the boys, one per section, and three for the staff. The section-leaders feed, of course, with their sections. Breakfast consists of porridge, corn flakes or shredded wheat, followed by a fried dish, egg and bacon or sausage or tomato or scrambled egg, and bread and marmalade. After breakfast the camp has to be cleaned up and our bedding folded up. This consists of one ground-sheet, one paliasse (full of straw at the beginning of the week, and earwigs at the end !), one straw pillow and three large Army blankets. The sleeping quarters consisted of 10 marquees each holding two sections, complete with leaders and deputy. At 9-45 we are warned by " Pork and Beans " to " fall in," and this means camp prayers held in the theatre marquee, which last about quarter of an hour. This function being completed, the camp retires across the highway to another part of the common, about as big as Lammack, but much flatter ! Here, inter-section camp tournaments are held. These consist of a great assortment of weird and wonderful games such as are played in the school gym. There are straight relay races, three-legged relays, dribbling relays, obstacle races, and many ball games.

The games are generally over by about 11-30, and the camp then retires in sections down to the beach to bathe. The beach is shingly and steeply sloping, so that the water is about 6 feet deep at only 10 yards out, and even if the tide is out, one does not need to hike. Generally the weather was very good for bathing, but on Wednesday there was a heavy swell which threw the shingle about. A number of people were thrown about as well and

scratched—one person badly. Lunch is at 1-0 and consists of a salad, generally of boiled potato, ham, beef, or corned beef, or stew, tomato and lettuce; followed by a sweet. The afternoon is free, and many boys spend it lazing about the camp, others going for walks in groups of three or four. Most of the land round about seems to be common, so one may wander about as one feels inclined. One is strongly advised, however, not to do so as there are numerous dykes and ditches to be encountered.

In the afternoon, too, inter-section games of "foot and hand netball"—known variously as "foot and mouth" and "tooth and nail"—are frequently arranged. This games is a strange mixture of Rugger and Soccer, with the advantages of neither and the disadvantages of both—or vice-versa, depending on one's point of view. It is the camp's own game and no-one can be called a camper until he has played it—yet there is no compulsion. The goals consist of a net fixed on a stout wire frame, about 4 feet by 3 feet wide, supported on a pole about 7 to 10 feet from the ground. The ball—slightly smaller than a Soccer ball, and the same shape,—may be shot into this from either side, as into a giant shrimping net. Round the goal is a circle of about 15 feet radius inside which no-one is allowed except the "goalie." This is apparently the only rule in the game. All disputes are settled by a bounce-up, and there are no fouls or penalties.

Tea is at 4-30 and consists of bread and marmalade or jam, and cake in quantity, and after this function, the time is again free until 6-30 when there is another camp bathe. Then follows supper, at 7-30, and the instant this is over, a tremendous dash from the dining tent, at one end of which, is a very well-equipped stage. The concert contains many items by the boys,—mainly musical, and a number of choruses which are always sung with tremendous energy and gusto. This is followed by lantern slides of events of interest which have occured during the day, and then a film.

Throughout the week, a "Wild West" serial "The Phantom Rider" was shown, and several full-length films were shown, including "Dr. Syn," "Non-stop New York," "Good Morning Boys," and others. The projector and talkie equipment were lent by Gaumont British and were of first-class quality. The pictures were projected from behind the stage on to a screen which occupied the back of the stage.

When the show is over, camp prayers are taken by the camp chief, the National Anthem is sung and we retire, very tired, to our tents. We are allowed about half an hour to turn in, and then the electric lights are switched out. Warning of this is given by "The Last Post" from "Pork and Beans," followed after fifteen minutes by "Lights Out."

On the Tuesday of our stay we were honoured by a visit from His Majesty the King. He came ashore from the Royal Yacht during the morning bathe, at the point where the camp bathes are held. On this day, the population of Southwold seemed to be increased tenfold and policemen appeared as if by magic to control them! On his Majesty's arrival at the camp, which was filmed by News Reel reporters, he gave a short address to the members of the camp in the theatre. At lunch, a number of prominent members of the community were present, and each having been introduced, gave a short address. Several of these tended to speak longer than the three minutes allowed, and on the firing of the service revolver—used as time signal—were cheered and clapped off the rostrum before they had finished. In the afternoon a camp photograph was taken, with His Majesty in the place of honour in the centre, and a sing-song was held, His Majesty joining in the "Chestnut Tree" with the rest. The King returned to his yacht later in the afternoon after watching a game of "foot and mouth" in which the Staff beat the Camp by two goals to one.

The camp ended on Saturday, August 6th, when we were taken by coach to Halesworth and thence by special train to Liverpool Street Station, where Captain Patterson stood at the barrier and shook hands with us all as we left.

A.C. AND I.B.S.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

WHO are the Four Musketeers?

And of the Hon. Member who thought a "cynic" was a place for washing-up?

Who suggested that a suitable motto for the Prefects would be: "Their reward will be in Heaven"?

The answer: "Well! It certainly won't be on this cynical earth"?

That the Statue in the Radcliffe Room has been seen clad in its "winter woollies"?

Who originated the statement: "Hell hath no fury like a Prefect scorned"?

Who didn't know what a P.S. was?

That White Elephants are no longer as rare as we thought?

Who submitted an article, "A Hundred and One Excuses for not having done Homework"?

And what the Editor said . . . . . ?

Of the Housing Problem at B.G.S., only Six Houses for 638 boys?

Of the boys at the American Tea who wanted to know where the Puppy Show was?

That the entries submitted for the Magazine were so numerous that the Editor was kept up every night for a fortnight reading them? ? ? ? ? ? ? (ad infinitum).

MAGAZINE PRIZES.

The **Senior Magazine Prize** for articles published in "The Blackburnian" was won by F. Wetherell, the author of "Diapason."

No **Junior Magazine Prize** was awarded since the Members of the Committee agreed that no Junior article submitted was of sufficient literary standard. However J. B. Turton's, "The Hidden City," was honourably mentioned.

These Magazine Prizes are now to be discontinued (see Editorial).

JUNIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

AN AUTUMN DAY.

WHEN dawn breaks, an occasional rabbit and hare can be seen running across the fields towards their homes and young ones. A blackbird singing his happy song on the bough of an old oak tree, is trying to make people happy. As the day grows older a merry little breeze arises and whisks off the dry reddish-brown leaves from the trees, and the sycamore seeds go whirling about like little aeroplane propellers.

In the woods, if there is a pond, there will be the red-breasted fish, "tiddlers" and other interesting water-men. Then, as evening approaches, the rabbits' heads pop out of the burrows and all the woods and meadows are the scenes of merry jollity and frisking, while the silvery moon looks down on them, well pleased.

W. H. PICKERING.

THE ALPHABET.

A stands for Arthur, who had a Round Table.
B is for Brutus, to conspire he was able.
C for Columbus, who sailed out to the west.
D is for Drake who made a similar quest.
E for Elizabeth, our well-beloved Queen.
F is for Francis, Drake's first name, I ween.
G stands for George, "God save him," we shout.
H stands for Henry, and eight wives no doubt.

I is for Ireland, the island of green.
J is for Joan, the maid from Orlean.
K is for Katherine, Henry's first wife.
L stands for Lucifer, who tries to mar life.
M is for Margaret, the King's second daughter.
N stands for *Navy, which ploughs distant water.*
O stands for Oliver, of great "Round-head" fame.
P is for Parliament—always to blame.
Q is for Quaker, so precise and prim.
R stands for Robert, o' Burns' Nicht, ye ken?
S stands for Samson, who used not a sword.
T is for Thomas, follower of the Lord.
U stands for Unicorn, an emblem of Britain.
V for Victoria—the throne she did sit on.
W for Wilhelm, called Kaiser Bill.
X is for Xmas, a time of goodwill.
Y is for Yule-log we all try to get.
Z for the Zenith of this Alphabet.

H. DUCKWORTH, III.B

THE SPRINGBOK OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE sturdy Dutch farmers who settled in South Africa in the seventeenth century, found enormous herds of antelope roaming the grassy plains of this broad plateau country. One of the most numerous varieties was a small reddish-brown gazelle. They were very timid animals, and exceedingly swift. When alarmed they fled with great springing leaps, jumping, to the astonishment of everyone who saw them, as high as twelve or thirteen feet. Because of this ability, the Dutch named them springbok (springing buck).

Herds of these animals once covered the plains of South Africa for miles. Nibbling the grass short, they moved across the country like an enormous mowing machine. In time of drought, herds of springbok stampeded, racing for miles in search of water. Travelling in a great cloud of dust, they trampled everything in their path by sheer weight of numbers. It is said that even lions and other large game who got in the way of a stampeding herd would be forced to travel with it, sometimes for miles.

With the coming of the white men, armed with rifles, the springbok met the same fate as the buffalo which once roamed the western plains of America. They were slaughtered by the thousands, and to-day are found only within the enclosures of the large farms. Just as the American people have commemorated the buffalo on one of their coins, so have the people of South Africa recalled the early days of their country by depicting the springbok on a postage stamp.

H.F., IV.A.

We hope that the following is not the universal feeling in regard to Magazine contributions:—

We do not like our Latin a bit,
And Maths, its just a fag,
But it's easier to do all these
Than to write things for the Mag.

L.V., IV.c.

"FORM FOURS (C)."

THE question of marriage is rather serious, and when it arose in my mind, I picked a "beloved" with plenty of commonsense and money.

After the proposal I was warned by her mother to *Leaver*, but my determined Lancashire mind could not, or would not, be altered. Her father asked me what my wages were, I told him and he agreed to my proposal. That night I went to the *Sellers* in order that I might *Pickering*. I was nervous when I heard the church *Bell* ringing, but I bucked up and went through the ceremony without mishap. We decided to go to America for our honeymoon. We left *Lancaster* and embarked on the liner for the States. I threw a line and caught some *Fish* which I promptly took to the ship's cook who took one look, and told me its nose was too long and threw it out of the porthole to where it belonged.

When we arrived in America we went to the Wild West. Whilst I was there, there started an Indian Rising. One day I was in a Wood when I saw a *Redman* with a villainous *Clubb* in his hand; I dodged into a *Cave* and *Prest* against the rock wishing I had never left my comfy little *Chambers* in my lodgings in England. The Indian passed and I gave *Vent* to a joyful cry and ran back to my old weather-beaten *Riley* in which my wife was seated. I turned the crank, there was a deafening roar, and I bundled in and drove away towards the *East*. When we arrived in New York my old car blew up, neither of us were hurt, but we resolved to catch the next boat homewards and never go to America again.

R. Dobson, IV.c.

AT THE TOP OF HIS FORM.

Overheard in a Form-room.—

Master: "Who is going to see Pouishnoff to-night at the Public Hall?"

Bright Pupil: "Who is he fighting, sir?"

W.Y.S., IV.c.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

I sent an entry to the Ed.,
  An essay of my best,
I waited till the Mag. came out,
  And quickly bought with zest.

I opened my Mag. and scanned it through,
  And found my essay in red,
But just as I said, "Well done, my boy,"
  I slipped right out of bed.

This may not be a masterpiece,
  But I thought I'd have a go,
So if this poem foots the page,
  I hope you'll P.T.O.

N.A., IV.A.

"CRIME."

NIGHT had fallen. In a little attic, illuminated by the squalid light of a candle, paced a troubled boy. Suddenly, he halted "Shall I do it?"' he muttered. "No!" said his conscience. "Yes!" said the Devil. He crossed to the door and locked it. Sitting down at the table, he took his pen, and scanned the paper before him. He pondered. If his mother could see him now, engaged in crime, a base rogue and an unworthy cheat.

Ah! An unwelcome thought struck him. What would the Chief do to him, if the matter was ever brought to light? The horrible vision of countless punishments haunted his mind, and sent cold shivers creeping down his spine. The perspiration broke out upon his brow.

But no, he must not consider this thing, he must bear up, and do the job. Carefully he started writing; for a moment or so, with tongue protruding, he concentrated. All that could be heard was the scratching of his pen.

Then, suddenly, came a noise emanating from the landing. A weird howling and pattering. He looked about him, startled. "What was that?" he murmured. Then with an impulsive gesture, he swept the paper into a drawer, glided over to the door, and listened attentively; he heard stentorian breathing, and a scratching of feet.

Turning the key in the lock, he opened the door stealthily. There on the threshold stood—a dog! His dog. With a sigh of

relief he let it enter, relocked the door, and resumed work. After about ten minutes he put down his pen.

He gave vent to his feelings, and smiled. At last it was achieved.

The perfect forgery *of his mother's signature upon his School Report Book.*

J. B. VENT, IV.C.

PUZZLEM.

My first is in "front" but not "behind,"
My second is in "thought" but not in "mind,"
My third is in "cream" but not in "milk,"
My fourth is in "muslin" but not in "silk."

My fifth is in "furlong" but not in "mile,"
My sixth is in "growl" but not in "smile,"
My seventh is is "knuckle" but not in "fist,"
My eighth is in "turn" but not in "twist."

My last is in "creek" but not in "pool,"
And on the whole it's a form in the School.

By "TINKER," IV.C.

TO ERR IS HUMAN.

The Flying Fox is not a Fox.
It is a large bat.
A Titmouse is not a Mouse,
It is a small bird.
The Ladybird is not a Bird,
It is a beetle.
There is no Lead in a Lead Pencil,
It is graphite.
There is no Rice in Rice Paper,
It is made from wood pulp.
There is no Cork in Cork Legs,
The name comes from the inventor, Dr. Cork.
Table Salt is not Salt,
It is composed of chloride of sodium.
Panama Hats are not made in Panama,
They are manufactured in Ecuador.

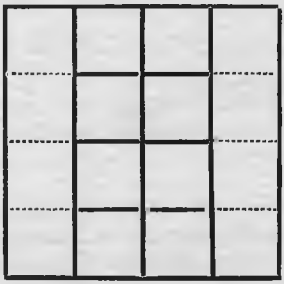
"It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of the truth."—John Locke.

J. CAVE, IV.C.

A MODEL RAILWAY.

WITH winter ahead of us we are now beginning to look for some hobby. Many boys, I am sure, have model railways which are not permanently fixed; so perhaps a few details on the subject would help.

For a start you require a large table (a discarded tennis table or trestle tables serve this purpose excellently). Now we come to the laying out of the track. The actual layout rests with the individual owner. When this has been set out, the track can be screwed down. A model town or village can be constructed so that the railway runs through it. Houses can be made from a piece of stiff paper by dividing it into sixteen squares, and then cutting along all the dotted lines which are shown in the diagram:



and folding it into the shape of a house, then gumming the ends. This can then be painted in appropriate colours. By using this simple structure as a basis a boy who is ingenious can make any other building. Roads can be made by painting on the table with some very dark colour. Fields can also be made in this manner, and hedges can be made by making paper pulp and putting it round the fields. When it is dry it can be painted. Signals are easily made out of plywood, and can be made from a lever frame. When the village or town has been completed, it can be floodlit by means of small bulbs which can be run off a battery. These lamps can either be fixed to the buildings or on standards.

J. REDMAN, IV.C.

SENIOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

SELECTED PLAYS FROM SHAKESPEARE; OR DRAMATIC IRONY.

Pioneering—"Love's Labour Lost."

Fire Drill—"Much Ado About Nothing."

Half-Term Weather—"The Tempest."

The New Pavilion—" A Midsummer Night's Dream " (now to be fulfilled).

The Ringer of the School Bell—" Time-man of Darren."

Lady Helpers at the American Tea—" The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Any School Dance—" Measure for Measure."

Football Reports—" The Winter's Tale."

Exams—" Comedy of Errors."

Speech Day—" All's Well that Ends Well."

Holidays—" As You Like It."

V.

FOOTBALL FEVER.

I must go up to Lammack again, to that field of mud and rain,
And all I ask is a wet ball as we play with might and main;
And the green turf and the white lines and the lashing rain abating,
And the " ref's " whistle in his mouth as his signal we're awaiting.

I must go up to Lammack again for the call of the muddy ball
Is a call that is dear to the ears of us, footballers all;
And all I ask is a windy day (with helping wind behind me),
And the splashed mud, and a keen game, and merry lads are we.

I must go up to Lammack again, to that happy dashing life,
Where the mud's so thick that we have to cut our laces with a knife;
And all I ask is a goal or two by which our team are the winners,
And a hot bath, and homework none, and huge and mighty dinners.

(With apologies to the famous poem by John Masefield.)

G.K., 6.B. Mod.

SAM AT SCHOOL.

(With apologies to Mr. Holloway).

At Queen Lizzie's Grammar School, Blackburn,
Lads were noted fer 'ard work and toil,
And one morning th' Ramsbottoms sent Albert,
The same chap that lions did maul.

On't first day there, Albert met Samuel,
Samuel Small were 'is name.
Now Sam was a bit of a terror
And always out for a game.

One day Samuel Small during th' lesson,
Were tootling a tune on 'is flute,
Albert thought 'im awfully wicked
When 'e was heard by 't master astute.

The master called 'm up t' front,
And you should 'ave 'eard what 'e said.
But Sam didn't take any notice,
So Sam up t' staffroom 'e led.

Sam saw that all t' masters were smokin',
And, feelin' a bit 'ot under t' collar,
'E thought to himself (just as anyone might),
" What wouldn't I give for a ' swaller '?"

Master said in a voice that was booming,
" Now just let us talk this thing out ";
And Sam nearly went under t' table,
'E were freetened of gettin' a clout.

Said Master, " I don't want any caning,"
And when they had talked over all,
Man who now in t' chair were reclining,
Said, " 'And o'er your flute, Sam Small."

So Sam put 'is 'and in 'is pocket,
And fetched out 'is flute, box and all,
And 'ad 'anded it over t' Master,
When it chanced that it 'appened to fall.

The Master were now really angry,
And spoke with a terrible growl,
Sam almost wished that 'e'd never been born,
When 'e saw that 'orrible scowl.

" Sam, Sam, pick up thy flute, lad,"
'E said, with a kind of a roar;
Sam said, " Tha let it drop, so thee pick it up,
Or it stays where it is on t' floor."

The Master was now fairly ragin',
He thought, " I'll make this lad squirm ";
" Sam, Sam, pick up th' flute, lad,
Or tha'll get Wednesdays for t' rest of the term."

Said Sam, " I don't want to be disrespectful,
But it were thee who let the thing drop,
And since its thine, whatever I say,
On t' floor it can bally well stop."

Realising that 'ard words was useless,
Master said, in tones soft and mellow:
" Come on, Sam lad, pick up th' flute,
Pick up th' flute, lad, there's a good fellow."

Sam, overcome by the pathos,
Said, " Since it's you, sir, I'll do what you say,"
And, stooping low under t' table,
'E picked up 'is flute straight away.

ANON. (purposely).

WHO?

HE entered bearing a branch. The foliage was withered. " Withered foliage?" I asked this strange person who reminded one of some Spanish Inquisitor of old. Perhaps it was his severe black dress, so becoming to his tall, angular figure, or perhaps it was because he appeared in some subtle way to hold the power of life and death.

" Will you partake of my humble country fare, sir?" I enquired of him. He refused home-made scones and a pot of warm tea.

" I should like a cup of water," he confessed—if so austere a personage can be said to confess.

He drank the water. The windows became filmed with frost in most becoming patterns.

Bidding me goodbye, he left his visiting card: " Mr. Jack Frost, commercial traveller in ice, snow and sleet, etc. Hoar frost our speciality."

W. RONG.

AURORA.

'Tis the hour when dawn is breaking,
The countryside is bathed in dew,
The distant sunrise from the Orient
Gilds the sea a shimmering hue.

The stars begin to lose their brightness,
The waning moon is fading fast,
In the east the sky has lightened
Though the west is yet o'ercast.

The fox is to his lair returning,
The prowling badger steals away,
The owl seeks out the old oak rafters
With the coming of the day.

The skylark in the heavens is singing
A greeting to th' approaching dawn;
Sunbeams dance on hill and valley—
Wake up! Rejoice! It is the morn.

O.W.A.K.

BOTANY OF THE B.G.S.

THOSE who are among the privileged, i.e., who are allowed to stroll, during the course of their daily search for nourishment, along the beautiful terrace (?) which adorns the south side of the School, will no doubt, during their meanderings, have observed wth wonder and awe the wonderful product of horticultural skill (I mean a garden) which runs along one side.

Not the least cause of the aforesaid awe and wonder are certain small pieces of white-painted wood, bearing mysterious hieroglyphics in black, which lie in dignified state before some tangled clumps of green vegetation.

If the earnest seeker after knowledge will closely examine these mysterious boards, he will see, after much deliberation, through the mud which covers them, the words, "Leguminosæ," "Libiatæ," and "Scrophularioæ" (what a word!) respectively.

If he be an ordinary man, he will instantly remove himself to a place not far distant and desperately call for a drink of water (or other liquid, according to his nature).

If he be of greater intellect, he will (as I did) betake himself to that place of quiet peace and rest—the library.

I then meditated upon my next step, as one wishing to be initiated into the mysteries of the botany of the B.G.S.

An idea came to me, and, negotiating the prostrate bodies of the cream of the B.G.S., I lifted down a heavy volume.

And lo! all my romantic thoughts were dispelled.

On turning to Labiatæ . . . . "a species including the Dead Nettle, the Common Hemp Nettle, and the White, Red, Yellow and Spotted varieties of Dead Nettle."

Feeling somewhat nettled (frightfully good, that), I turned to Leguminosæ.

At the first heading I received a shock. "Leguminosæ—the Pea and Bean Tribe."

"Evidently ours is a kitchen garden," I thought. This "tribe," I discovered, includes Suffocated Clover, Red Harrow, Sick Medick and Bitter Vetch. A very cheerful collection. It also includes Genista—Latin for Green-weed. The presence of this last species is exceedingly obvious.

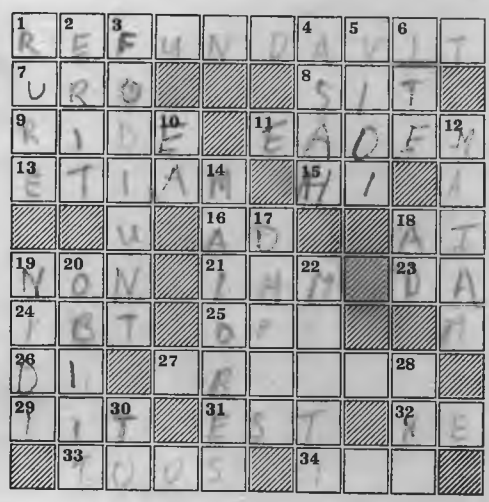
In despair I turned to Scrophul. etc. With a name like that, I thought, I can hardly be disappointed. Another heart-ache awaited me.

This species, I found, includes "the Toadflax, Cow-wheat and Monkey-flower." Very suggestive names indeed, I thought. The last sentence was a horrid insinuation, ". . . also includes Limosella, the Mud-wort. Limosella comes from the Latin 'limus,' mud, from the character of the place in which the plant grows. . . . "!

Such is the School garden.

ANSERES, VI.B. MODERN.

A LATIN CROSSWORD



Clues :—

Across.

1. All Queen Elizabeth did for us.
7. I burn.
8. Subjunctive sequence of 31 Across.
9. Laugh.
11. The same.
13. Also.
15. Those.
16. Preposition.
18. But.
19. Not.
21. Not then.
23. Give.
24. This is partly for you.
25. Help.
26. Shortened form of the gods.

27. She may catch you some day.
29. Opposite to " venit."
31. He is.
32. Used in Final Clauses.
33. Belonging to you.
34. This is neither soup nor Scotch broth.

Down.

1. In the country.
2. It will be.
3. *They* are doing this at Lammack at present. (Si venerint !)
4. A penny for your thoughts.
5. Veni, ———, vici.
6. Go.
10. Those things.
12. " Hic viridem Aeneas frondenti ex ilice ——" Vergil. (Could be termed goal-post !)
14. The seniors of the School could *perhaps* be termed thus.
17. You enjoy this at Christmas-time.
18. Same as 16 Across.
19. Of a nest.
20. " The Dear Departed."
22. Indirect object of much abuse.
28. —— Minervæ. (Go and tell your grandmother !)
30. Pronoun from 33. Across.

PHILOSOPHICUS.

PIONEERING.

IT is YOUR help we want. If a decent amount of support had been given by the Fifth and Sixth forms, the project would have been nearly, if not entirely, completed. As it is, Messrs. Williams and Hunt have, by herculean endeavour, half-completed the task. With YOUR help it can be finished soon.

Of the members of the School teams one can only speak with contempt. Their support, which ought to be automatic, has been conspicuous by its absence. This must be remedied.

The first week in January, weather permitting, has been set aside for digging, so that YOU can start the New Year well.

Do not forget—it is YOUR support we want.

T.C.

THE SWIMMING GALA.

The Twelfth Annual Swimming Gala was held in Belper Street Baths on October 18th. Homework was cancelled, to enable everyone to attend. A mighty gathering of parents and boys witnessed an excellent evening's entertainment.

The air, however, was tinged with melancholy, for Mr. Kay announced his retirement during the evening. He has given us ten invaluable years of service as Swimming Instructor. The fact that nearly 1,000 certificates have been gained during this period, 500 of which have been gained by boys whom Mr. Kay has taught to swim, is a far more eloquent testimonial of his ability than any words, however sincere, could be. The Headmaster made a speech, thanking Mr. Kay on behalf of the whole School, and presented him with a pipe and accompanying requisites as a token of our respect for his services.

Mr. Kay, in acknowledging the tributes, said he had received from the masters " whole-hearted co-operation " and from the boys " a splendid backing up of his efforts." It is not, we hope, redundant to re-echo the Headmaster's words, and we wish Mr. Kay a long and peaceful retirement, trusting that when he smokes the pipe he will think of the many happy hours spent in our company.

The preliminary events were first of all decided. As the night wore on the excitement increased, so that when we turned to the more serious business of the evening excitement was at fever-heat.

The diving was subjected to an encouraging, although exacting, criticism. Hindle, G. M., was first with 72 points gained for three beautifully-executed dives.

The novelty candle-race was productive of a great deal of laughter. Pyjamas of varying hues greatly amused the spectators, but when Greenwood appeared clad in an old-fashioned night-gown, instead of the orthodox pyjamas, the crowd roared. The originality shown by some of the competitors on the way they held the candle was really remarkable. Mortimer, J. S., was the first to place the lighted candle on the edge.

The egg-and-spoon race, wherein the " eggs " are ping-pong balls, was another huge success, judging by the mirth it provoked. Davison was the first to place the spoon with its fragile and, at times, elusive cargo past the winning post (metaphorically speaking).

A new innovation this year, the long plunge, justified its inclusion. Prest, J., won, but only just, for Hindle made a valiant attempt, failing only by a cat's whisker to pass Prest's mark of 39ft. 4ins.

Two entries only were received for the Old Boys Handicap Race—Ellam and Gerrard. The latter, after receiving a start,

won. Both swimmers were congratulated by the Headmaster, who presented the winner with a prize.

The One-breadth Race, for newcomers to the art, was won, after much splashing and shouting, plus a little swimming, by Campbell, N.

Amidst cheers that threatened to lift the roof, the Inter-House Squadron Race was won by Hawkins, followed by Raleigh and Drake.

The evening was concluded with a polo match between Blackburn Reserves and Darwen.

Hawkins were leading Raleigh by one point after the Gala, but when the points gained for proficiency in swimming " The Length," Quarter-mile and Half-mile were added, Raleigh were the winners of the " Rodolph Feilden " Challenge Cup.

Total Points :—

Raleigh, 71 pts.; Hawkins, 64 pts.; Frobisher, 44 pts.; Drake, 43 pts.; Grenville, 40 pts.; Howard, 29 pts.

We warmly congratulate Raleigh on winning the " Rodolph Feilden " Challenge Cup; Mantell, P. K., of Hawkins, on winning the senior " Forrest " Swimmng Cup; also Lancaster, W. B., of Hawkins, on winning the Junior " Forrest " Swimming Cup.

To Mr. Miller for the way in which he carried out the arrangements our special congratulations are due.

Altogether the evening was once more excellent.

Results—

One Length Junior Championship: 1, Lancaster, W. B. (Hk.); 2, Clarke, G. C. (Fro.); 3, Fellows, J. M. (Ra.).

Two Lengths Senior Championship: 1, Mantell, P. K. (Hk.); 2, Briggs, W. (Hk.); 3, Hindle, G. M. (Ra.).

One Breadth: 1, Campbell, H. (Ra.); 2, Fryar, G. A. (Ra.); 3, Smith, J. L. (Ra.).

Medley Race: 1, Lightbown, J. K. (Gr.); 2, Mantell, P. K. (Hk.); 3, Briggs, W. (Hk.).

Egg and Spoon Race: 1, Davison, E. (Fro.); 2, Appleton, D. (Dr.); 3, Fellows, J. M. (Ra).

Inter House Squadron: 1, Hawkins; 2, Raleigh; 3, Drake.

One Length Breast Stroke: 1, Anderson, D. W. (Ra.); 2, Edgar, D. (Ra.); 3, Lancaster, W. B. (Hk.).

Candle Race: 1, Mortimer, J. S. (Fro.); 2, Kilshaw, A. (Gr.); 3, Brown, G. I. (Dr.).

Diving: 1, Hindle, G. M. (Ra.); 2, Briggs, W. (Hk.); 3, Mantell, P. K. (Hk.).

Long Plunge: 1, Prest, J. (Dr.); 2, Hindle, G. M. (Ra.); 3, Harwood, J. A. D. (Ho.).

T.C.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT.

Christmas Term, 1938.

ONCE again we were confronted with the problem of filling vacancies caused by boys leaving, and to this end several trials were held. Mr. Goslin, Bolton Wanderers right-half, was engaged to coach the teams, and as a result of his tuition much progress was made, and considerable talent revealed itself.

As regards the 1st XI., an experimental team was fielded against Burnley and showed great promise by a 5—0 victory. Owing to an injury to Miller, however, the forward line had to be rearranged for the match against Preston C.C., and Slater was introduced at centre-forward. Once more a victory was registered, and Slater obtained a permanent place in the side, the defence remaining as yet unchanged. The team experienced its first reverse at Manchester, where only the outstanding effort of the defence averted a heavier defeat. It may be noted that this defeat followed the loss of Slater and a further rearrangement of the forward line.

Up to the time of writing, only two of seven matches have been lost, but the forward line has, unfortunately, shown signs of weakness, especially where hard tackling has been demanded. It is hoped, however, that this period of weakness will pass, and the forwards will regain their old tenacity and thrust. In conclusion, we must once again extend thanks to Mather for excellent services on the touchline.

C.G.

Sept. 24th. School v. Burnley G.S. At Lammack.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Miller, Ainsworth, Askew, Evans, Holden.

The first match of the season, although the School were only provided with an experimental team, proved a revelation in co-operation. Good shooting by Askew and Holden (2) soon put the School in the lead.

Half-time : School, 3; Burnley, 0.

When play was resumed, clever play on the part of the half-backs enabled the forwards to keep on the attack, and two more quick goals from Ainsworth gave the School a highly satisfactory victory.

Final: School, 5; Burnley, 0.

Oct. 1st. School v. Preston C.C. At Preston.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Ainsworth, Evans, Slater, Holden, Askew.

For this game Slater was introduced into the forward line, and proved a valuable addition. Evans scored two quick goals, and Askew was successful from a penalty award. Preston reduced the arrears, however, before the interval.

Half-time: School, 3; Preston, 2.

The second half was a very thrilling affair. Preston soon equalised, but were again struggling after Holden scored with a low drive. Once again our opponents equalised, but clever co-operation between Holden and Askew resulted in each scoring to give the School a very deserving win.

Final: School, 6; Preston, 4.

Oct. 8th. School v. Clitheroe R.G.S. At Lammack.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Miller, Evans, Slater, Holden, Askew.

The School began to attack immediately, and G. Hindle opened the scoring with a smashing shot from twenty yards range. Further goals from Askew, Holden and Slater (2) firmly established the School's superiority.

Half-time: School, 5; Clitheroe, 0.

The visitors' defence seemed a little more solid after the interval, and the efforts of our forwards were somewhat curtailed, but Askew's alacrity resulted in a further two goals. Our opponents secured their only goal towards the end from an isolated raid.

Final: School, 7; Clitheroe, 1.

Oct. 15th. School v. Hulme G.S. At Lammack.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Miller, Evans, Slater, Holden, Askew.

The School started very well indeed, and Slater soon opened the School's account. Hulme retaliated, and only Bradshaw's consistency enabled the School to hold their advantage. The left wing combination again worked smoothly, and Holden and Askew both scored very good goals.

Half-time: School, 3; Hulme, 0.

Another goal from the left wing, again by Holden, substantiated the School's lead, although our opponents scored cleverly shortly afterwards. Once again a most impressive display.

Final: School, 4; Hulme, 1.

Oct. 22nd. School v. Manchester G.S. At Manchester.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Miller, Evans, Ainsworth, Holden, Askew.

This match provided our first defeat, for despite the efforts of our defence—Greenwood in particular—Manchester succeeded in obtaining a substantial lead. Although several good saves by Bradshaw were outstanding, the home team were well ahead at the interval.

Half-time: School, 0; Manchester, 5.

Another goal by Manchester after 25 minutes further accentuated their superiority, although Ainsworth succeeding in scoring with a low shot shortly before the end.

Final: School, 1; Manchester, 6.

Nov. 5th. School v. Bolton School. At Lammack.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Ainsworth, Evans, Miller, Holden, Askew.

Once again the left wing provided an exhibition in combination play, and Askew and Holden were both successful. Greenwood, at centre-half, provided many openings, and Evans was soon rewarded. Bradshaw was well tried with a penalty shot which he saved brilliantly.

Half-time: School, 3; Bolton, 0.

Within two minutes of the restart, Askew put the School further ahead with a well-directed shot. Now the right wing took the initiative, centres from Ainsworth enabling Miller to score twice with well-timed shots. Bolton obtained their only goal just before the whistle.

Final: School, 6; Bolton, 1.

Nov. 12th. School v. Preston G.S. At Preston.

Team.—Bradshaw; Aspin, Hindle, H.; Worden, Greenwood, Hindle, G. M.; Ainsworth, Evans, Miller, Holden, Askew.

The game opened quietly, although good combination between Ainsworth and Miller nearly resulted in a goal. Only hard work

on the part of the defence, especially Hindle and Greenwood, kept out our eager opponents, who managed to score from a rebound.

Half-time: School, 0; Preston, 1.

Play in the second half was inclined to be rather scrappy, Aspin doing some stout work in keeping out the fast wing man. Preston scored again later, from a heated mix-up in the goal-mouth.

Final: School, 0; Preston, 2.

GOAL SCORERS.

Askew	9
Holden	8
Ainsworth	3
Evans	3
Slater	3
Miller	2
Hindle, G. M.	1

SECOND ELEVEN REPORT.

THE results of the matches played by the 2nd XI. so far have produced one surprise after another. We started well, winning comfortably at Burnley and Preston, but then came the surprise—a defeat by Clitheroe, which should easily have been a School victory. Chances were missed, and everyone seemed to put the ball anywhere except in the net; on the other hand, Clitheroe made the most of their chances, and this resulted in their victory, even if the deciding goal did coincide with the final whistle. The team seemed to benefit from this lesson and the week following, against Hulme G. S. saw an easy win for the School. But against Manchester G. S. we suffered another defeat after a very good match indeed.

Our matches against Bolton G. S. and Preston G. S. showed some very good team work, plenty of goal-scoring and the good use of opportunities; but after our visit to Preston came the greatest shock of all—the match against Nelson Secondary School Ist XI To put it gently, three factors contributed to the School's defeat: Firstly the unfavourable condition of the field; secondly the changes in our team; thirdly the fine football played by Nelson. The result of all these adverse conditions is only too obvious, and it was rather a sorry (but I hope a wiser) team which returned home from Nelson to bear the sad news. The return game should be interesting! Determination plus a little skill often turns a bad defeat into a victory.

In 8 matches, School have won 5, lost 3, and have scored 49 goals against 34.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Saturday, September 24th. At Burnley.
School v. Burnley G. S. Won 6—4.

Saturday, October 1st. At Preston.
School v. Preston C. C. Won 3—1.

Saturday, October 8th. At Lammack.
School v. Clitheroe R. G. S. Lost 2—3.

Saturday, October 15th. At Lammack.
School v. Hulme G. S. (Oldham). Won 12—1.

Saturday, October 22nd. At Lammack.
School v. Manchester G.S. Lost 4—5.

Saturday, November 5th. At Bolton.
School v. Bolton School. Won 11—2.

Saturday, November 12th. At Preston.
School v. Preston G. S. Won 8—2.

Saturday, November 19th. At Nelson.
School v. Nelson Secondary School. Lost 2—15.

A.D.

THE THIRD ELEVEN REPORT.

DESPITE the repeated changes which have once more been made in the team, its record is not discreditable. Of the five games which it has played up to the present, it has gained two victories, suffered two defeats and drawn one. Its most notable victory was against Chorley at Lammack, when the score was 7 goals to 1 in its favour, but the team was decisively defeated 2—6 by an overwhelming combination at Manchester.

The best team which has played this season was undoubtedly that which defeated Chorley. The defence, which in former matches had been weak was admirable, the half-backs fed their forwards as well as assisting in defence, whilst the prowess of the forwards can be judged by the final score.

The only criticism to be made of the team is the failure of its forwards to make the most of their chances when outside the goal area. It is essential for them to realise the importance of choosing a long drive at goal rather than to risk dribbling a few yards further so as to be able to tap the ball into the net. The dangers of this type of play are manifold and the percentage of goals scored is low.

However, provided that this fault is overcome there is no reason why the present Third Eleven should not win the remainder of its twelve fixtures.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Saturday, September 24th. At Lammack.
School v. Burnley G. S. Won 12—2.

Saturday, October 1st. At Lammack.
School v. Foster, Yates and Thom's Jun. XI. Draw. 6—6.

Saturday, October 22nd. At Manchester.
School v. Manchester G.S. Lost 2—6.

Saturday, November 5th. At Lammack.
School v. Cathedral Scouts. Lost 5—6.

Saturday, November 12th. At Lammack.
School v. Chorley G. S. Won 7—1.

J. H.

UNDER 14 XI. REPORT.

THE Under 14 XI. have won four of their six matches up-to-date. This is particularly encouraging in view of the fact that none of last year's team were left, around which could be built a solid eleven. However, now that the team is more or less settled, we hope they will enjoy a most successful season.

UNDER 14 XI. RESULTS.

Saturday, September 24th. At Burnley.
School v. Burnley G. S. Won 3—1.

Saturday, October 1st. At Preston.
School v. Preston C. C. Lost 0—2.

Saturday, October 8th. At Clitheroe.
School v. Clitheroe R. G. S. Lost 1—2.

Saturday, October 22nd. At Lammack.
School v. Manchester G. S. Won 3—1.

Saturday, November 5th. At Bolton.
School v. Bolton School. Lost 1—2.

Saturday, November 12th. At Lammack.
School v. St. Mary's College. Won 4—2.

HOUSE FOOTBALL.

OWING to bad weather, several matches were cancelled this this term. It was decided to count these matches as drawn games and the final table, including such points, now reads :—

House	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Points	
Raleigh	6	6	0	0	55	14	12 (+4)	16
Drake	7	4	2	1	41	34	9 (+3)	12
Grenville	6	3	2	1	20	21	7 (+4)	11
Howard	7	2	5	0	33	48	4 (+3)	7
Hawkins	5	1	4	0	16	28	2 (+5)	7
Frobisher	5	1	4	0	18	38	2 (+5)	7

F.B.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

ANOTHER School year started, and once again the House has provided four Prefects and the School Football Captain. The three new Prefects to be appointed were J. F. Dark, N. Harrison, and J. Pomfret, whilst C. Greenwood was elected to the latter honour. Finally, among the juniors, R. G. Barnes was made Captain of the School Under Fourteen Eleven. Congratulations, all of you! The above take the places vacated by H. Bates, who, after two years' invaluable service to the House as Prefect and Football Captain, has gone to Manchester University, and F. H. Duckworth, a Prefect last year, who is also at Manchester now. To them and all others who left in July last we send our best wishes for the future, whilst we welcome with equal sincerity our new members.

Returning to this term's activities, we achieved no great success in the Swimming Gala, although everyone did his very best, and we did better than was expected. Our football teams have not fared badly this season. The first eleven, after losing to Raleigh in the first match, recovered sufficiently to beat Hawkins and Howard and to take a point from Grenville. The second eleven, after a disastrous start, won the other two matches played and the result is that we have secured a bye in the Robinson Cup Competition, which is a very creditable performance. It appears that we are going to do quite well in sport this year, but remember that this is not enough—we must be the best. In the football competitions next term we wish our Senior and Under Fourteen Elevens the best of luck.

The last side of School life to be reviewed is the Marsden Merit Competition, in which, as last year, we are doing badly. It may be that the ability is lacking, but somehow I doubt it. Several boys this term have gained just one or two points, whilst others are content to lie in the third or fourth position in their form. Surely, with a little greater effort you could not only climb to the top, but stay there. However, all the following, who have gained

points, few or many, we thank, and express the wish that there will be more next term: West, E. (U.V.L.), 9 points; Harris, G. (4d), 7 points; Butler, K. A. (L.V.Sc.), and Johnston, A. M. (3a), 3 points each; Duckworth, G. (V.a), Barker, J. (2b), and Kenyon, F. (4c), 2 points each; Tinsley, W. (L.V.L.), Barnes, R. G. (4b), Vent, J. B. (4c), Baron, K. (3b), and Holden, F. (2d), 1 point each.

F. BURY.

FROBISHER.

AT the end of last year W. Fishwick, our late Head Boy, House Captain, House Football, Cricket and Swimming Captain, left us to continue his studies and sporting activities at Pembroke College, Cambridge. We do sincerely wish him every success in this the next stage of his career. The new Prefects this term are Ainsworth, H., Barker, K. L., and Wetherell, F.

The Swimming Gala was held as usual in October, and though we in Frobisher did not exactly cover ourselves with glory, we equalled our last year's final position of third, which, in view of the small number of entries, was a highly creditable performance.

At the House meeting at the beginning of term, Ainsworth, H., was chosen Football Captain. We have not done at all well in the way of football, in spite of the hard work by our captain to collect two strong elevens. The three matches played by the First Eleven have been easily lost, and it is just as well for the prestige of the House that the other two games were cancelled owing to the bad weather. However, we are considered as a very dark horse for the Robinson Cup!

Once again we in Frobisher have excelled ourselves in the usual way as far as the Marsden Merit Cup is concerned. One fortnight this term we actually gained one point, which was carefully given away by Pattison, M. (4d), who got himself On Report. (No points in a fortnight. Is this a record?) We are at present at the bottom of the table with twenty-two points, with an average of four points a fortnight, whereas the leaders have eighty-nine points, with an average of eighteen. It is high time that this slackness in the House was altered. Frobisher has not done well in the Merit Cup for years now, and, as our football team has now failed us, we must awake the dormant brains which must be somewhere in the house.

The following must be thanked for having got the House some points: Cunliffe, C. (2b), 6; Tattersall, A. (U.V.Sc.), 4; Gregory, H. (3c), Barlow, J. (3d), Goldsborough, J. A. (2a), 2 each; Walker, E. (U.V.L.), Wilson, J. P. (U.V.L.), Ormerod, R. (L.V.Sc.), Trinder, H. W. (V.a), Davison, E. (4a), Armistead, W. (4b), Jackson, G. C. (Tr.), 1 each. M. Pattison (4d) on report.

A.J.B.

HOWARD.

ONCE again a new School year has come and with it the customary changes. Robinson, L. K., has left us and he will be much missed in all activities at Lammack. Another prefect, Barnes, T., left us to take up residence at Durham. We thank these two and the others for services rendered to the House and wish them success in their new spheres. We welcome all new members of the House and hope they will do their share for Howard in future years.

The performance put up in the Swimming Gala was on the whole quite good. Although our final position was at the bottom of the list, the House squadron acquitted itself very well indeed, providing a most thrilling race. The Juniors also did their share, many coming very near to victory. We collected one point from the Gala, which was fittingly earned by the Swimming Captain, Harwood, J. A. D.

In Football, bad luck has dogged the First XI. From the four fixtures completed, two points have been accumulated. We were well beaten by Grenville, but the other two defeats by Hawkins and Drake might easily have been reversed, but for the fact that we lost the services of the Vice-Captain, Slater, T. C., and others could not fill their positions. The game against Raleigh was abandoned through inclement weather, and we defeated Frobisher quite handsomely. The Second XI. has played three matches, only just going down to Grenville, beating Hawkins, and in their last match being beaten by Drake, this defeat being largely due to absentees.

But next term's prospects are much brighter. Dugdale, A., the Football Captain, hopes to lead his team to victory in the Robinson Cup, and the Under Fourteen XI., which, if it comes up to expectations, should be strong and forceful. hopes to retain the Forbes Cup.

With regard to the Marsden Merit Cup, it was a general steadiness and consistency which gained us this much-coveted trophy last year. Needless to say, we are eager to emulate last year's splendid achievement by holding the Cup still another year. A very promising start has been made. New names have appeared on the list of point-winners, but some veterans have ceased to function. At the moment we occupy second place, not very many points behind the leading House.

We cordially thank and congratulate the following who have helped in the accumulation of some 64 points:—

Proctor, C. L. (4b), 10 points (the maximum—Well done!); Redman, J. A. (4c), 7 points; Whittaker, R. (3a), 6 points; Slater, W. R. (4a) and Whittaker, F. M. (3c), 4 points each;

SCHOOL THIRD ELEVEN.

Back row (left to right): A. Ainsworth, J. A. D. Harwood, C. H. Singleton, G. P. Hallows, W. A. Forrest.

Seated: E. M. Moulding, H. C. Eccles, J. V. Moizer (capt.), J. Halliwell, G. I. Brown,
In Front: F. Eddleston, G. B. Bryne (linesman), F. M. Whittaker.

SCHOOL UNDER 14 ELEVEN.

Back Row (left to right): J. Dewhurst, S. A. Johnson, D. Appleton, G. R. Hacking, L. Sharples, F. Nixon, N. Allsop.

Seated: S. Pilkington, F. Whittaker, R. G. Barnes (capt.), K. Shorrock, H. E. Edmondson.

Almond, D. E. (3a), Almond, R. (3a), Gregson, D. (2b), Johnson, N. L.V. Sc), Mackereth, J. P. (V.b.), Mangham, B. (2d), Riley, C. (4c), and Standing, E. (V.b), 3 points each; Huck, W. (2c), Lofthouse, A. (3c), and Markham, J. (3d), 2 points each; Bell, H. (4c), Harrison, A. (2d), and Sharratt, A. W. (2c), 1 point each.

No one has been On Report

J.S.

HAWKINS.

AT the end of last term, we were unfortunate to lose our House Captain, Sharpe, who also led last year's football and cricket teams. Such losses as this are always keenly felt, and it is up to every member of the House to play his own particular part as best he can if we are to put up a good show this year. This term we extend a welcome to all new members of the House.

At the commencement of this term D. Miller was elected Football Captain, and under him Hawkins have made quite a good start, getting off the mark with a splendid victory over last year's Robinson Cup finalists, Howard. We trust that this form will be maintained and reproduced during the cup-ties next term.

Congratulations to Raleigh on their victory over us in the Swimming Gala, under W. Briggs, Hawkins made a great bid for victory, actually leading in the Gala by one point, but lack of certificates lost us the ultimate victory. A little more co-operation from the rest of the House in the winning of certificates should ensure future success, for in P. K. Mantell, who won the Senior Championship, we have a worthy successor to Gerrard.

Due credit must go to Howard for their victory in the Marsden Merit Cup Competition last year. Hawkins were worthy runners-up, and I believe that this year, with a united effort from all quarters, we should win, so do your best Hawkins, both in term and in the examinations. So far this term we have held the leadership, and at present we have 71 points, for which we are indebted to the following:—Allsup, R., Lightbown, A., 8 points each (excellent!); Sullivan, G., 6 points; Carolin, A., Duckworth, W. B., Wilson, T. R., 5 points; Bury, W. L., Clayton, F., Duckworth, H. W., Mitchell, P. W. D., 4 points; Davies, W., Handby, J., Turner, J., 3 points; Hartley, W. H., Moran, H., 2 points; Dowell, J. W., Graham, A. J., Whalley, R., and Whittaker, J., 1 point.

O.W.A.K.

GRENVILLE.

AT the end of last term we said good-bye to our former House Captain, R. Taylor, who has devotedly served the House; we wish him, and all other Grenvillites who left last term, every success.

At the beginning of the term F. L. Askew was elected Football Captain and J. K. Lightbown Swimming Captain. On the football field our performance has been creditable and with a little more effort we may head the list.

With deep regret I report that at the Swimming Gala we descended to the unenviable position of fifth place. It remains for our other sporting members to retrieve the honour of the House next term by greater exertion on the football field, seeing that swimming successes appear to be beyond us; we always seem out of our depth.

Although in swimming the hoodoo on the House still continues, in the Marsden Merit Cup we have crept up to third place and out of the six members of the chess team three are from Grenville.

We wish to thank the following boys for the points we have gained this term:—Thompson, A., 3b, 10 points; O'Hare, F., Va, 7; Hindle, H. G., U.V.L., 6; Askew, F. L., U.V., Sc., 4; Walling, J. B., 2b; Riley, W. E., U.V.L.; Hacking, K. M. H., 3 points each; Lightbown, J. K., Vb, Chambers, N. W., 4c, Fox, W., 2c, Earnshaw, S., 2b, 2 points each; Holden, J. H., L.V.L., Thomas, G. R., L.V.Sc., Peel, R., 4b, Worden, H, L.V.L., Kendal, R., 3b, 1 point each. On report, Philips G.H.S. Grenvillites, let us abolish this hoodoo, relic of the dark ages and remember the motto—

"Vivat Domus Grenvillensis!"

J. S.

RALEIGH.

ONCE more the scholastic year has begun and with it have come many changes. Boys have left and some have come. To those who have left we extend our best wishes for the future, and we welcome those who have just joined us, hoping that they will support us in House activities as well as we have been supported in previous years.

Among those who left us at the end of last term are the Captain, R. Richardson, and the Vice-Captain, A. Carpenter, who are both continuing their studies at the University. We wish them every success in their new sphere of life.

Two new Prefects have been appointed, H. L. Dennison and W. Mellodey. J. Richardson and W. Mellodey were elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, whilst G. M. Hindle was elected Football and Swimming Captain.

The Swimming Gala was held this term, and, for the sixth consecutive year Raleigh have retained the " Rodolph Feilden " Swimming Cup. We offer our heartiest congratulations to those who helped to gain this victory, and hope that our successors will maintain the position of the House in this branch of sport.

On the football field we have had a very successful term, for out of three matches played both the First and Second Elevens have maintained an unbeaten record. Unfortunately bad weather has caused two matches to be abandoned. It is to be hoped that those who have been disappointed in not obtaining a place in either of the Elevens will give their support to the House next season as wholeheartedly as they have given it this. We hold the first position in the inter-House table, and consequently will receive a bye in the First Round of the Robinson Cup competition. Next term there is the Under-Fourteen House competition for the Forbes Cup, and it is hoped that the Juniors will be successful. To both Elevens we offer our best wishes and hopes for success in the coming competitions.

Having displayed our prowess in the " sporting world " we must now turn to the academic side of the House's activities. Here, unfortunately, we have not been very successful for we are now the fourth in the list. This is not good enough. It is early in the year as yet, and there is still time for us to take the lead and keep it. Will everyone, therefore, redouble his efforts in this direction and try to help the House to obtain that elusive trophy, the Marsden Merit Cup.

Unfortunately our efforts in this direction have been hindered by one boy being " on report." This must not occur again.

The following boys are to be congratulated for their share in obtaining points for the Marsden Merit Cup competition:—George, N. C. (L.V.L.), 10 points; Kenyon, T. (Tr.), Riding, W. (L.V.Sc.), 4 points each; Osbaldeston, A. (II.a), Smith, F. S. (V.b), 3 points each; Fryer, G. (III.c), Hodson, R. (IV.b), Mayhall, H. (V.b), 2 points each; Bleasdale, D. (III.b), Boggin, I. M. (V.b), Challen, S.B. (L.V.L.), Duckworth, R. H. (II.c), Fish, C. B. R. (U.V. Sc.), Haworth, K. (II.d), Marsden, L. (IV.d), each gaining one point.

W.M.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THE terms dramatic activities have been most satisfactory. The fact that three plays have been read shows that we have made the most of our time. The two old-fashioned plays—Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" (given last term) and Sheridan's "The Rivals"—have proved that there is no lack of talent. These older plays are assured a long life provided they are always read as well as they were then.

They will never grow dull while the characters are portrayed with such realism as at those two play-readings. Our congratulations are due to those who took humorous parts, for who could not be amused by the erroneous verbosity of Mrs. Malaprop, or the reckless vivacity of Tony Lumpkin? It is also encouraging to know that there is no lack of talent for female parts, which have been well represented. Indeed, the readings of all our members this term have been very promising, and this was particularly noticeable among our new members.

It is our belief that "The Rivals" is the only play of Sheridan which we have read, but nevertheless it is possible to summarise his style from this play alone, for it is his first and most famous. The play is named, according to Mrs. Oliphant, from Captain Absolute, who under the pseudonym of Ensign Beverley was actually his own rival. The strange and amusing adventures of Captain Absolute, in his endeavours to please the peculiar whims of Lydia Languish, prove to be most interesting reading. The "sentimental" scenes between Faulkland and Julia went to condemn the play when it was first performed in 1775, and were afterwards greatly curtailed.

"John Bull's Other Island" proved to be a most humorous play. Here, as in many of his other plays, Shaw creates a serious, and moral underlying meaning. Although we enjoy the episode with the pig, there is little doubt that Shaw meant his play to convey something more than the merely ludicrous. It was very pleasing to see the Lower Sixth reading this play in such a humorous and realistic manner, despite the difficulty with the Irish accent.

We should like to thank all members in the Lower Sixth for their whole-hearted response to our appeal for new members. It is most gratifying to see such a large number of you enjoying the play readings, and we are sure you will enjoy our future plays just as much. But now we must think of the play which we are going to present in Easter Term. It has not yet been chosen, so we know you will all eagerly turn up at the next meeting to inquire.

L.A.W.

THE ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS term we have been unfortunate to lose N. Hargreaves, who was always a vital speaker in debate and a most efficient secretary. On the credit side, however, we can report that the Society is stronger numerically than during last year, although as yet the Lower Sixth members are decidedly reticent—even timid (a feature not to be noted in their Private Studies). But one or two new members have already made great impressions upon the superannuated diehards, even to the extent of defeating the latter!

The first meeting of the Society this term was held in the Biology Laboratory on the 22nd of September, when T. S. Hindle gave an extremely interesting address on Russia. The epidiascope was used with great effect.

On the following day the first debate was held in the Radcliffe Room. The motion was: "That this house considers that the human race has progressed." O. W. A. Kite and N. Harrison proposed, and the Opposition was taken by F. Wetherell and L. A. Walne. The subject proved to be unwieldly and too vague, and it was misinterpreted by several speakers. A general keenness prevailed among the few present, the speech by Kite being one of his usual "controversial" efforts, and he eventually emerged triumphant. For, 7; Against, 5.

The motion: "That in England to-day leisure is abused rather than used," was debated on the 6th of October, the speakers being J. Salter and J. H. Margerison for, and J. A. Walne against. Although Margerison spoke very capably for the proposition, the motion was defeated by 17 votes to three.

A Hat Debate ocupied the next session on October 20th. Wider powers for prefects, the popularity of Blackpool, and the great difference in the size of the respective crowds which collected to see Royalty and to see Gracie Fields. The last subject brought forth an outstanding torrent of Communistic propaganda from a certain member, this member having to forsake his smug Toryism in order to make some attempt at a speech!

Another lecture, this time given by Mr. Watson, was held on the 10th of November. The subject was Germany, and we were presented in a delightfully informal manner with several internal aspects of Germany with which few people are acquainted.

The next motion before the House was: "That this House considers Speech Days to be a relic of the Victorian Era, out of keeping with this modern age." The debate was more amusing than any previous, and J. R. Halliwell and H. Fawcett made a fairly sound case for the proposition. Mr. Eastwood, however, completely turned the tables in an extremely logical speech, M. Hall seconding the Opposition. P. Holden and J. H. Margerison provided a little cynical side-play, and O. W. A. Kite gave us some more logic. The motion was defeated 8 to 6.

For the next term, we trust that the 6b. members will come out of their shells, for they will form the nucleus of the Society next year. Let us have good attendances, keen debates, and, above all, let us remember that the presentation of a speech is probably more important than the subject-matter.

In conclusion, let us thank Messrs. Watson and Hindle for their respective lectures, and Mr. Eastwood for his ever-present interest.

F. WETHERELL.

THE SIXTH FORM SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

TWO meetings of the Society have been held this term, both of which were well attended. We were privileged to hear, in the early part of the term, a lecture by Dr. F. Tyler on "The Structure of the Universe," an account of which may be found elsewhere in this magazine. Mr. Sleep acted as chairman, and 28 members heard the lecture delivered.

Shortly after half-term, a lecture on "Vitamins" was given by M. Hall, in which the history of the discovery of vitamins and their functions was ably and lucidly traced before a meeting of 15 members.

One other meeting of the Society is to be held this term, when H. Ainsworth will indicate the methods of modern car production. It is hoped that this lecture will create as much interest as have the others.

The officers for the coming year have been elected as follows: Dr. F. Tyler, President; N. Harrison, Student Chairman; H. Mayman, Secretary.

H.M.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE.

A Precis of Dr. Tyler's Lecture given to the S.F.SS.

MAN reaches his conclusions and has always done so, on the basis of probability. Therefore, by far the most natural concept of the universe which could be formed by the early speculators was that the earth was placed at the centre of a universe consisting of the sun, moon and stars—the latter forming a "back-cloth" of light. However, certain retrograde motions of the planets had to be explained by a system of epicycles due to Ptolemy (A.D. 150).

But the Greek philosophy, mighty as it was, did not stand for ever. During the Renaissance, that wonderful period of culture and consummate craftsmanship, the scientific brains grew disatisfied with the unaesthetic systems of Ptolemy. A radical break

from the Ptolemaic system was made by a Polish monk, Copernicus, who published a theory which held the sun to be at the centre of the universe (A.D. 1543). Kepler, with the aid of the telescope due to Galileo, confirmed the essentials of the Copernicean system.

It has been shown since the days of Copernicus that the sun is but a very average member of a family of millions of stars. The sun behaves as if it was a glowing mass of gas with an extremely high temperature. The well-known phenomena called sun-spots are merely vortices in the sun's surface with a periodicity of about 11 years. The charged matter ejected from the sun appears as "prominences" at total eclipes, and the corona is a tenuous atmosphere surrounding the sun.

As stated before, the sun is but a very average member of a huge family of stars. About 3,000 stars are visible to the naked eye on a clear night, and about one billion stars can be registered by camera using the 100-inch Mount Wilson telescope.

Stars are of various types, and these types are classified according to the spectra they produce. The two main classes are Giants and Dwarfs. Certain very faint stars have been observed which have been found to possess extremely high density. These stars represent the ultimate stage of stellar evolution. They are known as White Dwarfs.

The tract round the heavens call the Milky Way—due to its peculiar whiteness—was shown by Herschel to be a concentration of stars of very faint magnitude. Herschel came to the conclusion that the sun was situated at the centre of the system enveloped by the Milky Way.

Several nebulous clouds are present in the galaxy of stars, the clouds being identified by the spectroscope as clouds of glowing gas, very diffused matter in space. The clouds are not self-luminous, but illuminated by the light of the stars embedded in them. The presence of very fine dust causes an opaqueness in the nebulous clouds.

The nebulous clouds described above are exclusive to the galactic system. However, in the parts of the sky not embraced by the Milky Way, can be seen certain white nebulæ, which Sir W. Huggins in 1876 showed to possess spectra like those of stars. These white nebulæ are far more numerous than the green nebulæ belonging to the Milky Way. Lord Rosse in 1845 noticed that a certain white nebula had a definite spiral structure. This has been established as typical of the white nebulæ. By using very sensitive photo-cells, the extent of the light from the nebulæ has been investigated. The way in which the amount of light

varies gives an indication of the "life" of the universe—probably about 60,000 light years, which will undoubtedly last our time upon earth.

The velocities of the nebulæ in space can be determined by the Doppler drift. All of them have very high velocities, no star in our galaxy having a velocity less than 100 miles per second, and the greatest velocity measured is 24,300 miles per second.

It will be seen from the short account that the universe is too vast for mere man to understand. But its study provides a never-ending source of inspiration to the modern scientist.

F.W.

AIR CLUB.

ALL around us we find rapid progress in science and experiment, yet at the beginning of the Autumn term in the year of our Lord, 1938, we find Blackburn Grammar School without an Air Club.

Once before an Air Club was formed but it unfortunately took flight. We hope with sincerity that the new Air Club has come to stay.

The younger members are building Puss Moths and Junior Endurances, most of which are nearing completition. The senior members have completed various models of wing span about 30 inches. A model built by S. Challen crashed on a test flight, but on being reassembled flew splendidly. A Sky Scout completed by J. L. Eaton had a marvellous flight, but on coming for a perfect landing chose the untroubled waters of the park lake. The model, however, was retrieved and will be flying again in a day or two.

We have been greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm of all our members and the gratifying numbers which turn up at the weekly meetings.

We close this first report of the new Air Club reminding our members, of the R.A.F. Motto: "Per ardua ad astra."

J. SALTER.

CHESS CLUB.

THIS term we regret to have to say that there has been a marked decrease in the number of chess enthusiasts in the School. We trust that this lack of support will be remedied next term when the annual tournament for the Chess Shield, presented by the British Chess Federation, is to be held. The Friday night meetings at four o'clock are still being held in

the Geography room, and we ask all chess players, or boys who would like to learn the game, to come along, where Dr. Tyler or any of the Chess Team will be pleased to help in any way they can. However, we believe that after Christmas when our boys are no longer required at the Choral Society, they will be free to come to the meetings and so increase the attendance

Nevertheless, it is with great pleasure, we report that in spite of this temporary lack of playing members the School has enjoyed remarkable success in the matches played this term. Up to the time of writing this article, six matches have been played against the various Grammar Schools which are recorded later, of which the School has won five and drawn one. Each of the games won, was won by a large margin and also in view of the fact that we have lost the services of most of last year's team the results are highly satisfactory.

This term, as customary, a league table has been compiled for the regular members and is now nearing completion. The winner of this competition, if under eighteen, will compete in the Lancashire Boys' Chess Championship.

In the matches with other Schools, the School has been represented by the following:—Bradshaw, A. J., O'Hare, F., Barker, K. L., Mayman, H., Margerison, J., Mellodey, W., Salter, J.

The results of the matches are:—

Home: School 3, v. Nelson 3—Draw.
Away: School 5½ v. Clitheroe ½—Win.
Away: School 4½ v. Bolton ½—Win.
Home: School 5½ v. Burnley ½—Win.
Home: School 4½ v. Haslingden ½—Win.
Away: School 6 v. Accrington 0—Win.

Totals.—School: For 29, Against 5.

A.J.B.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

MONDAY evening about four o'clock! A goodly sound, emanating from the throats of sixty-odd schoolfellows, busy and enthusiastic in the work of preparation for Speech Day, is to be heard in Big Hall. The words from "The Pirates"—"We have missed our opportunity of escaping with impunity"—need not be taken literally by those who hear them, for they do not express the sentiments of our Choral Society. Six and twenty valiant men and true, with a host of "charming maidens," have discovered that admission to our company need not be compared with a visit to the dentist. We aim at a

membership of 40 tenors and basses, and we mean to get them. Volunteers from those of 15½ upwards are invited. Already there is a steady trickle of recruits, but there is room for a considerable torrent of willing singers who would follow in the paths of our Patron Saint—Paul Robeson!

After all, the world is full of willing people—those willing to work, and those willing to let 'em! We would dispel self-consciousness as a valid excuse for not coming forward. Men renowned for their power on the field of Lammack need no longer quake at the thoughts of a voice test, nor need the hearts of those of solely intellectual prowess fail them for fear at the thought of uttering a note.

What of the future? We shall continue with Act II. of "The Pirates" next term, and there will be vacancies for policemen and pirates. And may we not profitably engage in the preparation of a school concert, enlisting the co-operation of those who are instrumentalists and soloists of various sorts? And—who knows—the day may not be too far distant when we can attempt such a work as "The Messiah," which some Public Schools, numerically less than our own, perform with credit.

Our musical surgeon promises an entirely painless operation for those who, from grounds of shyness or diffidence of any sort, are reluctant to come forward. Any for whom deferred treatment is advisable, will be provided with free prescriptions to improve their condition. Consultations are offered in the School Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, at 10-45 a.m., or at other times by appointment.

"Musicus."

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

THIS term we are continuing the activities of the Christian Union in the School. Its object is to promote a spiritual interest and fellowship among the boys, by which all of us can benefit. The Scripture Union will be incorporated with it and any desired literature connected with this, such as the Scripture Union Membership Card, Notes on the S.U. Daily Portions, etc., will be obtained on request.

At the time of writing no meetings have been held, but it is intended to hold at least two before the end of term. As usual this is a specially busy term, and consequently we are confronted with the important problem of obtaining a suitable evening for meetings. Next term, however, Monday will probably be chosen, and the meetings will be held in the Assembly Hall, Horncliffe, unless otherwise announced.

These will be fortnightly, and a special speaker will be obtained once each month. We have a most attractive list of interesting speakers for next term, and it will certainly be to your personal benefit if you attend.

Meanwhile, remember this meeting in prayer, and—watch the notice board!

J.P., A.J.B.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

THROUGHOUT the past term, the activities of the School Music Society have been once more continued, and, under the auspices of Mr. Popham, our Tuesday evening Gramophone Recitals have been consistently well attended by members of the Sixth Form, together with a visiting party of music-lovers from the High School. Our programme this term has been most interesting and extensive.

The first recital on Tuesday, September the 13th, was devoted to a programme of Ballet Music, consisting of the suite from the "Ballet Sylvia," by Delibes, and Luigini's "Ballet Egyptien."

The next recital consisted of an analysis of orchestration, using as an outstanding example Schubert's "B Minor Symphony" (The Unfinished). This was followed by a programme of classical overtures, including, among others, Mozart's "Magic Flute," the thrilling "Barber of Seville," by Rossini, and the melodramatic "Der Freischütz," by Weber. This recital proved to be extremely enjoyable, largely owing to the human appeal of this popular music.

The simple classical symphonies of Haydn formed the material for the next recital, which paved the way for the great "G Minor Symphony" of Mozart, and carefree "Symphony No. 8," by Beethoven. This study of symphony was concluded by a recital of Brahm's "Symphony, No. 4, in E Minor."

In contrast, our next recital consisted of the "Peer Gynt Suites," by Grieg, and the magnificent tone-poem "The Swan of Tuonela," by Sibelius.

Our study of Grand Opera was resumed during the next four recitals, when Mr. Popham presented the complete recording of Mozart's famous opera "Don Giovanni," as performed by the Glyndebourne Opera Company. The high standard of the production and musical talent, together with the inherent interest associated with Mozart's works, all contributed to the great success of these recitals.

To the time of writing, one recital only remains, which is to consist of a number of Chopin's works, and will be presented by Mr. Cook on December the 13th.

We are indebted to Mr. Popham, whose enthusiasm and organisation have made such an enjoyable programme possible.

N. HARRISON.

THE STAMP CLUB.

THIS term the Stamp Club has renewed its activities vigorously, quite a considerable gathering of enthusiasts having met regularly every Monday at 4 p.m. in 4c. form-room. The number of Juniors present has been particularly encouraging, and in view of the fact that several other societies meet on Mondays, the absence of Seniors can scarcely be deplored.

Mr. Towle has kindly presided over our meetings, and has not only participated personally in our transactions, but has also brought along various catologues which have proved invaluable to us.

On the whole, many happy hours have been spent by the School philatelists, and we extend a cordial invitation to anyone interested in stamps to come along to 4c. on Mondays to swell our numbers.

P.H.

SCOUT GROUP.

KANDERSTEG.

FOR all the 21 Scouts who travelled to Switzerland in July the journey and the holiday formed a novel and unforgettable experience. We travelled overnight to London and by the mid-day boat to Ostend. We entrained at Ostend late in the afternoon and spent our second night in a train speeding through Luxembourg to Basle. There we broke our journey for a memorable breakfast of coffee, rolls and cherry jam.

A few, I think, were disappointed that the frontier regions of Switzerland were not noticeably different from those of France and that the high mountains were not at once apparent, but few of us will forget the last stage of the journey from Bene to Kandersteg as the train having skirted Lake Thun and left the Interlaken line, turned up the valley of the Kander and made its long slow climb up to the plateau upon which Kandersteg stands at a height of about 3,000 feet. The train makes the climb in a long figure of eight up and through the mountain side and it is a thrilling experience to look down from your carriage window upon a stretch of the permanent way a thousand feet below along which you had travelled only a few minutes before.

We of the second party arrived three days after our fellow-campers to find them on the platform already burned to a deep brown tan, or, in the case of the less fortunate, looking pink and uncomfortable, like underdone beef. Here, too, we had our first view of the Senni-kappi, a form of headgear peculiar to the Scouts International Châlet, which though doubtless decorative, was particularly useless as a protection from the elements. On our way

from the station we learnt of the attractions of the place, both natural and artificial, of the wonderful view of the "Castle" at sunset, of the attractive night life to be found in the Kander Bar when the day's complement of natural marvels had disappeared with the setting sun.

The life at the chalet was easy and attractive. We were allotted a kitchen to ourselves and slept in two large airy rooms on straw palliasses. There were few regulations and duties to interfere with our chosen activities and an abundance of foreign Scouts upon whom to practice our linguistic abilities. Occasional international disputes arose and when words failed us deeds sufficed to interpret our thoughts.

But the main object of our trip to Switzerland was to climb mountains, a fact which appeared to have escaped a few of our number at times, and in realising this object we had the finest of our experiences abroad. We did many good and energetic climbs, outstanding among which were the ascent of the Lötschen Pass (8,000 feet) involving a 3 a.m. start and the crossing of a glacier snowfield, the ascent of the Gemini and the return by the Uschenin-thal and a memorable excursion across the mountains through the pass of the Bondekrinde to Adelboden returning by Post-auto and rail.

On these excursions we took things easily and always called at the mountain chalets for fresh milk, making our Ovo-sport for a luncheon drink, with a metha-fuel stove. After the more strenuous excursions too, we decided we had deserved to dine out, and dine out we did at the Hotel Mon Repos where, if ever you should be in Kandersteg, we can recommend you to call or stay if your desire is for comfort and good living at a reasonable cost.

Besides the longer and more strenuous excursions there were the gentle climbs to the Deschinensee which we visited in the noon-day sun, and on our last evening, by moonlight; to the Blausee or Blue Lake, the tourist's paradise; or even to the swimming bath where one could lounge away an afternoon in drowsy somnolence.

At 10-10 p.m. on August 4th, the train from Milan to Paris came out of the Lötschbery tunnel and shortly afterwards drew up in the station where we were waiting accompanied by many of our new-found friends; Buffalo, Sam and "Trudy," whose fatal charms had attracted so many an English shilling from our English pockets to the cash drawer of her gift-house.

On our return we broke our journey at Paris and ascended the Eiffel Tower in the course of a sight-seeing tour. Although the whole 22 of our party were let loose to ramble at large through the city, not one failed to turn up for dinner at the Gare St. Lazare at the appointed hour and the return journey to London was uneventful.

Our train left London on the Saturday morning and most of the party spent the journey in a state of coma from which they could not be roused even by the most ingenious devices of infidels who sought to shatter their slumbers.. Of those who remained awake, how many, one wonders, as the train laboured slowly up the moorland track from Bolton allowed their thoughts to wander back to the long and curved ascent they had made but three weeks back to the sunlit plateau of the Kander.

GROUP NOTES.

DURING the summer holidays the annual Scout Sports were held at Troy where several of our number distinguished themselves both afoot and awheel.

At Troy, too, was held the Annual Competition week-end and our warmest congratulations go to F. M. Duckworth, who with his patrol, won for the School this competition for the first time for some years. The Cathedral, our keenest rivals, are to be congratulated on running us up so closely for second place.

This term a number of our old Scouts have joined forces with other old Scouts from the Cathedral Group to form a Rover Crew with Headquarters in Duke's Brow. If any Scouts who have left recently are interested in this Crew and have not heard of it through me or any of their former fellow-Scouts, I should be glad if they would write to me or see me at the School, when I can put them in touch with the Rover Leader.

This term the Group remains organised on the same lines as last year with two Troops meeting on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights. There are a very few vacancies still left in both Troops and if any boys are interested they should turn up without any further preliminaries at 7 o'clock on either Tuesday or Wednesday in Horncliffe.

An innovation this term is the Club Night, usually held on Fridays from 7—9 p.m. Attendance is voluntary. The following activities, it is hoped may get under way. Carpentry—we have a work bench and set of tools available for anyone who cares to use them. Photography—we have a dark room fully equipped with enlarger and all accessories including a portrait camera. Pewter work—Mr. Povah is ready to help with any who would like to work at this interesting hobby. Plaster casting from clay models can be done under Miss Roberts' instructions. We also have a ping-pong table and many card tables. The " Scout " Boy's Own Paper, will be bought and kept for reading in the officer's room. We want you to use this evening and any suggestions you have should be made. We'll listen.

EAGLE TROOP REPORT.

LAST term two Senior Scouts left us, and in their places we now have Scouts J. A. Harwood and D. Miller carrying on as Patrol Leaders. We congratulate them on their appointments and wish them every success with their work.

We also welcome two new recruits who have joined us from the Cubs. There are still, however, one or two vacancies which we should like to fill.

Work has settled down very well this term, and we look forward to meeting the Kestrels in a Patrol Competition and football match this term end.

E.A.F.

KESTREL TROOP.

THE Troop's first action this term was to change its name from Panther to Kestrel. Most of the weekly meetings have been held indoors, owing to bad weather. The Patrol Competition is in full swing, and a fair number of second-class badges have been gained.

Two Saturday afternoon wide games have played on the Yellow Hills, and an assortment of chops, steaks, chips and stews cooked there. We are looking forward to more outdoor activities next term.

R.B.

THE LIBRARY.

THE following books have been presented to the School Library:—

"Organic and Bio-Chemistry" (R. H. A. Plimmer).
Presented by W. Clavert.

"Experiment with Time" (J. W. Dunne).
Presented by F. E. Brown.

"A Text Book of Organic Chemistry" (Sir Julius Schmidt).
Presented by W. D. Reader.

"The Soul of Spain" (Havelock Ellis).
"The Wheel of Fire" (G. Wilson Knight).
Both presented by F. H. Duckworth.

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BLACKBURN RE-VISITED.

IT is a far cry back to 1866, and not often do we get the chance of meeting Old Boys whose connection with the School goes so far back; but during this summer we had this pleasure, when Mr. Alfred Constantine, who now lives at Richmond, Surrey, paid a return visit to the scenes of his youth. Mr. Constantine, it appears entered the School at this date, and remained there several years before proceeding to an establishment of learning which, he stated, was situated between Blackburn and Preston, in the Brindle direction, and which was known as Mintholme College. After a year or two here he entered a lawyer's office in Blackburn, but the law did not appeal to him and he then spent much time copying music. Later he was sent to his brother's hardware business in Birmingham where he spent most of his time until his retirement from business some 20 years ago.

Despite his fourscore years and two, Mr. Constantine remains surprisingly active and alert, and had much of interest to tell regarding the past. His chief sorrow seemed to be the sad state of affairs whch he found existed in regard to the old Grammar School in Freckleton Street, which contrasted in melancholy fashion with things as he remembered them. This glimpse of the past, however, he said, also provoked a flood of happy memories. Of these, he said, two were outstanding—the first was the occasion when his elder brother attempted to run away to sea, and the other was a mental picture of two assistant masters (whose names he believed to be Briggs and Stewart) who, at dinner time, would place two tumblers side by side, and then carefully measure exactly the same amount of claret into each, poured from a half bottle. Evidently, he added, the wine was a "fifty-fifty" partnership arrangement, and regarded as a luxury. Of the other masters, he well remembered Thomas and George Ainsworth, and with feelings of great regard. They were both thorough gentlemen, he added, and well adapted to lay a good scholastic foundation to the boys placed n their charge.

In a subsequent letter, Mr. Constantine adds:—"My affection for the old Grammar School will remain as long as I live. I greatly wish that the dear old Mother School could have been spared its present woeful appearance, and allowed to enjoy a more useful and honourable old age. However, I rejoice to know that from that old, dingy building there has grown the present famous Grammar School—a school that has educated boys so successfully that many have attained high positions in commerce and the professions. Its rank in the Grammar Schools of our country is very high, and my great hope is that 'Long may it flourish.'"

And to you, Mr. Constantine, may we on behalf of the School reciprocate that good wish.

NIGERIAN NOVITIATE.

THE following letter has been received from J. Taylor, who was at School during 1926-34, and who is now Assistant District Officer at Kabba Province, Lokoja, Nigeria. He gives an interesting description of his voyage and journey to his destination :—

" I had quite an enjoyable trip out, going ashore at Madeira and Las Palmas, and getting my first taste of tropic heat round by Cape Verde. Eventually I reached Lagos.

" After a day in Lagos, I reached Lokoja after about thirty-six hours' travelling, first by train, and then in an aged lorry which broke down twice on the way, and finally the silencer had to be collected from some distance back on the road, and wedged into place with a sardine—tin opener. Howver, Lokoja is a very pleasant place indeed. It is situated at the junction of the Niger and the Benue, and is surrounded by wooded hills. They even have a filtered water supply, a nine hole golf course, and a couple of tennis courts.

" Having unpacked there, and fixed up servants, etc., I expected a longish stay, but as I was stowing away the last of my sixteen packing cases, I got a message to say that I was going to a District Headquarters the following day. This involved repacking, and a journey downstream to Idah, and I'm still there, and expect to remain so for a few months.

" There's the District Officer and Assistant District Officer (myself) in the station; we are the only officials here, and we form one quarter of the white population. The rest is made up of traders and missionaries. Of the latter, one sees very little, but one of the traders has a short wave radio which keeps us in touch with the international situation, and, of course, with the progress of the Blackburn Rovers.

" As a green cadet, I expect to do routine office work for a few months. I'm local treasurer here, and I deal with correspondence and keep an eye on the market reports, etc. I also check the native treasurer's account monthly; this is my hardest task, as it takes about twenty hours, and has to be done as quickly as possible. I have also surveyed the prison, and calculated its cubic capacity (this involved quite a nice calculation in which pyramids figured largely), all because of a new regulation which lays down how much air each prisoner shall have.

"It is very cool here at present; we are in the season of heavy rains, and it comes down with a will. It manages to give good warning, though. The heavy rains are having their effect on the Niger, which has risen about fifteen feet in three weeks, and is now engaged in washing away various mud huts by the river side. This doesn't matter much, as a little cow dung, straw, and mud will soon make a new home for the occupants."

WE ARE PLEASED TO RECORD THAT——

MR. FRANK M. BRUCE, B.A. (Com.), a member of the Commerce Department at Blackburn Technical College, has been appointed head of that department in succession to Mr. W. Abbott.

Mr. Bruce captained the senior cricket team, and was vice-captain of football. He became opening batsman for East Lancashire C.C., joining the senior team at the age of 16. During the war he served in India. His entire teaching career has been spent in Blackburn. After leaving St. Mark's Training College, Chelsea, he taught at St. John's School for two years, and on returning from India became attached to the commerce and engineering staffs at the Technical College. He joined the full-time staff of the Commerce Department at the College in 1930.

MR. E. COLLINS, M.A., F.I.C., on the staff of Professor W. H. Roberts, of Liverpool, who is Public Analyst for for Blackburn, Clitheroe and other Lancashire towns, has been appointed Government chemist for the Island of Mauritius. Mr. Collins Graduated at Cambridge, and joined Professor Robert's staff four years ago.

MR. GEORGE E. WILSON, for several years the secretary of the Football Club, has been married to Miss Irene Messenger, a daughter of the late Dr. G. B. Messenger, of Blackburn. May we offer congratulations, and point out that his new address is 17, Lynwood Road, Blackburn.

S.O.S.

We understand
that the
Dramatic Society
is in
Great Need
of
Support.

Anyone who has seen
the Members of the Society at work,
or the results of that work,
cannot help but agree
that it would be
a great mistake
if its activities have to be curtailed or discontinued, owing to the unavoidable loss of the services of certain members.

We want others
who at present can more easily spare the time
To fill their places.

The position is serious.

Anyone interested and willing to serve in any capacity whatsoever, be it
Artistic,
Technical
or
Executive
are earnestly requested to write to the Association Secretary, Mr. H. Burrows, informing him how they wish so to do, and he will be glad to forward the offer to the proper quarter.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

Two Suggestions for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS this year promises to be a somewhat lengthy affair—a holiday extending indeed from Friday night until Wednesday.

Now, as this sort of thing only happens occasionally, it behoves one to make the most of it when it does occur.

In other words, start with a bang on Friday night.

On Friday night, you say? And how?

Well, far be it from us to dictate where you go or what you should do, but we suppose there's no harm in pointing out that **the Association is holding its Annual Dinner-Dance in the Emporium Ballroom, Northgate, from nine o'clock till two. H. Nuttall and his Band, directed by Mr. W. Thom, will provide the music; any committee member will provide a ticket for the sum of 8/6.**

To us, it seems an excellent way to start the ball rolling.

And if that's as far as you get, remember there's one important consideration in starting early—you've until Wednesday morning to recover.

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Of course, we expect you will have recovered long before this; at the worst, by, let us say, Tuesday morning.

In that case, a morning in the wine-like air of Lammack will do you good.

Thus come we to our second suggestion for your diary.

This year's annual Christmas match will take place at Lammack on Tuesday, December 27th, when, kicking-off at 10-45 a.m., the Old Boys' First XI. will oppose a strong Amateur XI. including Corinthian and Casual players.

Our old friend W. T. Whewell is likely to be with us again, so, what with him and several other "formidables," we can expect a full hour and a half's top-line struggle.

Following the match, there will be a lunch at the Castle Hotel, to which a general invitation is extended to Old Boys. Anyone wshing to join the luncheon party should inform Mr. Ken. Forbes before December 24th.

Teams will be published in the local Press at a later date.

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So if you don't enjoy yourself, you've only yourself to blame. We've done our best for you, we maintain; all that remains is to hope that you will follow our advice, and in so doing have what we now wish you— a **very Merry Christmas.**

GOLF COMPETITION.

THE eighth annual Golf Competition was played on the Wilpshire course on Wednesday, June 15th, and attracted 33 entries. Though this is not a record (we received 35 entries last year), the response can be deemed satisfactory.

There was an extra cup to play for this year, the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup, presented by our Chairman, Mr. H. Whittaker, for the best gross score.

An exceedingly high standard of golf was displayed, two players, A. M. Fairbrother, of Prestwich (82—11—71) and A. Haworth, of Wilpshire (84—13—71), forcing a tie. After playing off, A. M. Fairbrother won, one up, thus securing the Judge Walmysley Cup and tankard. Mr. Haworth, as runner-up, received a tankard.

L. R. Haworth (Wilpshire) returned the best gross score (76), and thus winning the Sir Gilbert Gerrard Cup and tankard.

Four players returned cards of 72 net: J. Rutherford (Wilpshre), 77—5—72; C. Clarke (Wilpshire), 88—16—72; R. Prest (Pleasington), 92—20—72, and J. Hubberstey (Blackburn), 81—9—72.

J. Rutherford proved to have the best return after playing off.

The complete list of returns is as follows:—

Walmsley, J. B. (Wilpshire), 86—8—78; Robinson, J. (Wilpshire), 96—20—76.

Hubberstey, J. (Blackburn), 81—9—72; Robinson, W. (Blackburn)—No Return.

King, T. B. (Pleasington), 104—20—84; Prest, R. (Pleasington), 92—20—72.

McArthur, R. W. (Clitheroe), 84—10—74; Kilner, W. (Clitheroe), 112—20—92.

Greenwood, A. C. (Wilpshire), 108—20—88; Livesey, L. (Wilpshire), 104—20—84.

Prest, J. N. (Pleasington)—No Return; Greenwood, J. (Blackburn) (Blackburn),—No Return.

Dickinson, A. (Wilpshire), 83—8—75; Haworth, L. R. (Wilpshire), 76—4—72.

Greenwood, L. (Wilpshire), 85—11—74; Turnbull, J. (Wilpshire)—No Return.

Fielding, H. H. (Wilpshire), 89—16—73; Fielding, J. B. (Wilpshire, 93—20—73.

Wilson, W. L. (R.L. St. Annes), 82—3—79; Sharples, J. (Wilpshire), 85—7—78.

Jepson, E. S. (Darwen), 91—8—83; Fairbrother, A. M. (Prestwich), 82—11—71.

Yates, G. H. (Blackburn), 87—8—79; Woolley, E. (Pleasington), 85—10—75.

Prest, T. (Blackburn)—No Return; Sagar, J. E.—No Return.

Rutherford, J. (Wilpshire), 77—5—72; Jones, E. C. (Pleasington), 84—4—80.

Crowther, D. P. (Davenport), 87—10—77; Dean, H. (Blackburn), 91—12—79.

Marsden, P. H. (Pleasington), 84—9—75.

Haworth, A. (Wilpshire), 84—13—71; Clarke, C. (Wilpshire), 88—16—72.

At the supper and presentation which followed, 44 people were present. The chairman presided, and we were very pleased to have with us he captain and president of the Wilpshire club, Messrs. L. Ryden and Porter-Hargreaves. It turned out that both were Old Boys, and though not members of our Association, they both promised to join immediately. Mr. W. L. Wilson, an Old Boy now residing at Preston, made a proposal, that was carried unanimously, namely, that if the Old Blackburnians had the necessary qualifications we should send a team representing the Association to compete for the "Halford-Hewitt" Golf Cup, a competition which is held each year in May at Deal, and is confined to Old Boys' Associations of Public Schools. The secretary was instructed to make further enquiries and report at a future meeting.

K.F.

Note: It is understood, in relation to the last-mentioned item, that further discussion revealed the project as impracticable, but the suggestion was put forward to enquire if some similar competition could not be organised within more local limits.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Crisis is Keynote at College.

Merton College, Oxford,
December, 1938

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

Term is drawing to a close in an atmosphere far different from that in which it began. Much to our surprise, we came back to Oxford on the appointed date, and found that here, as

everywhere else, the war scare had had its effect. Sandbags, gas-masks, trenches, A.R.P. posters all bore eloquent testimony to the strenuous times through which we had just passed.

Consequently, it was a harder task than usual to fall into the Oxford routine of lectures, tutorials and games. Nor was the settling-down process helped by the sight of the rather ugly edifice of the new Bodleian, at the corner of Broad Street. Further, the weather in June had been autumnal, but in October it was summer, and this was disturbing. Lastly, our academic calm was even more disturbed by a hard-fought by-election—the first after Munich

But everything passes, and as Munich and September faded into the past, as the weather became normal, as the by-election became a memory, and as one ceased to be terrified by new Bodley, now nearing completion, we resumed the even tenour of our way.

So, in commencement, what of Skermer? After an attempt at finals, which was rendered abortive by illness, he is in Oxford again. He is his massive self and determined to outwit the examiners this time. In his non-working hours he puts the weight for Oxford, a task for which he is admirably suited. And Bradshaw? Resplendent in B.A. gown, he has not had to become a scout—a subterfuge by which he intended to get another year in Oxford if everything else failed—and is busy reading a B.Litt. O'Hare, now adorning the Department of Educaton, has dropped the interests of hs undergraduate days, and has become interested in the psychology of the child mind, play production and such-like things. Walsh has been seen in Oxford, but has not been to any of the meetings, and his activities are unknown. Schollick, the oldest Old Boy here, has not appeared at the meetings, but, like Walsh, has been seen. Mason, now in his final year, is cultivating an air of profound knowledge with which to impress the examiners, but he has not been prevented from representing his college in every aspect of inter-college sport. Ingham, now in his second year, and ignorant of what awaits him, extends a hand of sympathy to people taking finals and a hand of patronage to those who have just come up. And (dare I say it?) he drinks—cider. Chamberlin, who came to Keble via Blackburn and Clitheroe, has made his presence felt in the short time he has been a member of our Society.

Our two freshers have settled down well. Taylor, of New College, expels the foul air of the labs. from his lungs by running, exercises his mind by playing chess. Sagar has created a precedent by working for Pass Mods before the 8th week of term.

Collectively, nothing has happened to us. There was an occasion just after half-term when something of the nature of a forced loan was required of us, but it did not preciptate a monetary crisis. Apart from that we have held our meetings and then gone our several ways.

That, sir, is the sum total of my news; so send I the best regards of O.B.'s in Oxford to the School and the O.B.'s Association.

Yours sincerely,
O.B. (Oxford.)

Queen's College,
Cambridge,
December, 1938.

To the Editor of "The Old Blackburnian."

Dear Sir,

So many things happen in term that as a rule by this stage its beginning is half forgotten; yet we are likely to remember for some time the crsis and the urgent messages from our colleges, first to bring gas-masks, then not to come up till further notice, and finally the astounded relief with which we resumed normal existence here. Not unnaturally there has been very considerable interest in politics this term, and the Government policy has taken many hard knocks in the Union and elsewhere. Veritably a wondrous pageant of information has passed by for all with ears to hear, Angell, Auden, Attlee, Stafford Cripps, George Lansbury, Mme. Tabouis, Wickham Steed, Seton-Watson, and others.

Aspinall, and Blackshaw (our president), maintain their interest in politics and are doing stalwart service for L.N.U. Amateur dramatics still claim some of Blackshaw's time, and this term he successfully took on the new role of producer.

During the summer vacation we received the good news that Wild had been elected to a Junior Demonstratorship and had won a Government research scholarship, which means that we shall have him with us for another three years whilst he isolates Vitamin A.

Our hard-working medicals were up for the Long Vacation term, but we gather that it provides little possibility of nervous breakdown and a good time was had by all. Afterwards, Hindle went with a Medical Society party to Russia, and we have been

regaled this term with tea and an interesting photographically-illustrated commentary. He and Holden have benefitted from a slight relaxation of the medical course by two afternoon's for squash.

Several of our number have recently acquired wireless sets and are somewhat less frequently to be seen, though Kent, we are pleased to see, is sufficiently recovered to play squash again. Soady plays also badminton; whilst Brown, after a brief but eventful spell of coxing, has returned to soccer. Hargreaves has put his energy into the post of college representative of C.I.C.C.U.

Our freshers are certainly setting a fast pace. In spite of labs., Fishwick has been indulging in soccer, Rugby and athletics; and Richardson has joined the O.T.C., and was followed shortly afterwards by Kent. Carpenter has an incredibly busy day, somehow finding time in the first year medical course to stroke a Caius eight every afternoon.

Soon we shall be welcoming the school candidates; and while on the subject, we would like to offer encouragement to their successors in the next few years who (we hope) are working hard at B.G.S.

With every wish for the continued success of "The Blackburnian."

We remain, Sir,
Yours,
O.B.'s (Cantab.).

FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANOTHER season is now in full swing, and once more we are running three teams. Results up to date have been rather disappointing, but the committee feel that the respective positions of the first and second elevens in the league tables are not a true reflection of the capabilities of the teams. Up to and including Saturday, November 26th, the state of affairs is:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Ag.	Pts.	Lge. Ptn.
First eleven	10	3	6	1	38	35	7	10th.
Second eleven ...	7	2	4	1	24	22	5	6th.

The third eleven are enjoying their friendly matches, and have an attractive fixture list, but a goalkeeper is urgently required if the three teams are to be run to the best advantage.

Needless to say, players in any position can be assured of a hearty welcome; so please, a big response.

In the preliminary round of the Lancashire Amateur Cup, we were drawn against Collegiate Old Boys, at Liverpool. A party went with the team and saw a first class game; Collegiate, however, were a shade too good for us.

F. Shaw, with nine goals, and J. E. Hargreaves, with eight goals, are the leading scorers in the First Eleven, and it is hoped that they will both add considerably to these figures before the next report is due.

Once more our thanks are due to the School for the use of Lammack for our Third Eleven matches. G.E.W.

TWO BRIGHT GLEAMS.

NOT so very long ago we were beginning to wonder if all our efforts to keep alive the interest of Old Boys in affairs of their school and Association were in vain; we were, in fact, beginning to lose heart.

Two incidents, however, have done much to restore our faith and prompt us to fresh exertions.

The first was a letter from Mr. K. Whalley, from a hotel at Grasmere, in July, in which he expresses his thanks for the magazine, adding " It was very thoughtful of you to send it. I always enjoy reading it; kindest regards, etc."

Well, we suppose that the credit should really go to the secretary for the way in which he attends to the despatch of all these magazines; and so, on his behalf (and also that of other officers of the Association) may we in our turn express our thanks to Mr. Whalley for this concrete expression of appreciation.

The second occasion for comfort comes from the Mayor's Parlour at Blackburn Town Hall. A certain gentleman, it seems, went there to see the civic authority on business. While awaiting his interview he looked round for something to read. The literary and journalistic cupboard was bare, however,—— except for one " bone "; a current copy of " The Blackburnian." Just a chance happening, no doubt; but one that is quite encouraging.

And this latter incident also brings forth another idea; doctors and dentists within our ranks, how about a current copy in your waiting rooms? It will do no harm, and would certainly be as diverting, we are sure, as the much-thumbed periodicals you are at present providing; besides which, who knows but that it might do the Association some good in return?

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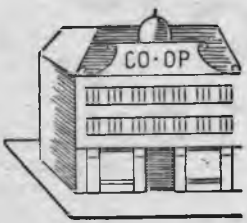

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EDITORIAL.

WE have the honour to present this magazine as a record, for posterity, of a Public School, a community of the future manhood of England, in a time of National Emergency. We trust that it will be read by future generations in the happier times of peace, and it is our fondest wish that they may judge us to have upheld the proud traditions of honour and service which have been set by our predecessors.

It is not for us to enumerate here the term's achievements, but rather let us attempt to sound the pulse of sentiment in the School, the reaction to the new conditions of wartime, and the hopes and preparations for the future.

We returned to School this term with deep and conflicting emotions. The suspense of waiting and the feeling of numbness which accompanied the final realization of a tragedy, were leading us to expect to see a world crumbling before our eyes. We were proud, then, to feel the strength of a united will in our companions. It was not the boasting strength of the uncertain or the delirious strength of the unfeeling, but it was a soothing, and calm silence of resolve. We felt that there had been a mass banishment of fear, and it seemed that, as a school, we had inherited the courage of our founders.

In spite of the changes necessitated by new restrictions and the additional duties of service to the State, School soon settled down to the same regular routine of work. It would be rash to claim that the outbreak of war had the effect of popularizing homework, or, indeed, any kind of scholastic work, but we do notice an atmosphere of eagerness to support any appeal for work of national importance. There is willing co-operation in even the least of schemes for attaining the proficiency to which we aspire as a nation. Air-raid drills have been made efficient by the commense-sense and seriousness of all concerned, lectures have been attended and duties performed regularly.

We feel, now, that we have the courage to look to the future. With the knowledge that we may look back upon the firm foundation of our youth, we are no longer beset with the uncertainty of doubt and fear. As we see that the School can carry on with so fixed a resolve, and a purpose so united, we feel that the Nation too has the strength for ultimate victory.

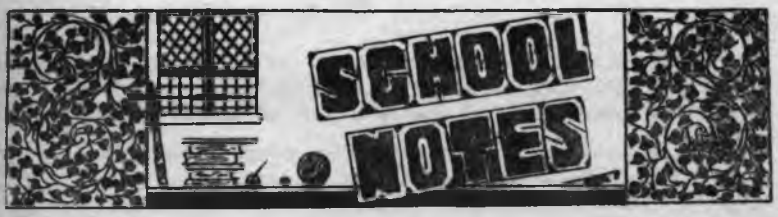
And so, in this, our first record of the School in wartime, we trust that future generations may deem us to have been worthy of our traditions. We would have them appreciate the resolution of the School at this time of war, the readiness to serve, and the courage to fight.

We would have them say of us—*Didicerunt prodesse.*

It only remains for us to wish our readers

A Merry Christmas
and
Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

J.R.



SCHOOL assembled for the Christmas Term on the 24th September, when 647 boys were present. This is again a record attendance.

J. Richardson was appointed Head Boy for the new School Year, in succession to F. Bury. N. Harrison and O. W. A. Kite were appointed Vice-Captains.

As is usual at the beginning of a School Year, there have been alterations to the Staff. Mr. D. W. Hunt, Mr. J. W. Pullen, Mr. S. Stephenson and Mr. D. S. Miller left us, Mr. Stephenson to go into retirement and the other three to enter the Services. We are happy to report that Mr. Miller is now with us again. Detailed news of these masters is to be found elsewhere.

We welcome to the Staff this term: Mr. A. D. Easton, of Carnegie Physical Training College, Leeds; Mr. J. Haworth, M.A., of Methodist College, Belfast; Mr. Jackson, from Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Miss M. C. Carter, of Reading University; and Mr. Marr, who was deputising for Mr. Miller.

We heartily congratulate F. Bury and K. L. Barker who won State Scholarships as a result of their performances in the Higher School Certificate Examination.

The results of the July Examinations for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate were again very gratifying; 109 boys gained School Certificates and 24 the Higher School Certificate. The former number is a record.

A new junior Sixth Form was created this term, to be known as the Lower Sixth.

We notice also that the Junior Assembly in the old Wood wing has been further extended this term to accommodate the increasing number of Middle School scholars.

At the end of last term the following Sports results were too late to be recorded in the " Blackburnian ":—

Cricket: The Gilbert Sames Cricket Cup was won by Drake.

Tennis: The Sixth Form Tennis Handicap Competition was won by H. Ainsworth, who beat A. Dugdale in the final.

A detailed report of the term's football will be found elsewhere.

The last School Dance was held on October 7th, when £5 was made for the Pavilion Fund. We are asked to point out that another of these delightful functions will be held on Dec. 23rd.

We are pleased to report that the eagerly-awaited pavilion is now approaching completion, and that the pioneering on Lammack is progressing favourably. We hear that the ground that has been so been so well ploughed there would make an admirable plot for the cultivation of home-grown produce.

Many of the numerous School Societies have flourished again this term in spite of the new restrictions of time and lighting.

Half-Term was from October 28th to October 31st, inclusive.

In response to the Head Boy's customary message of congratulation and reminder of our tradition, the Mayor granted a half-holiday which we celebrated on Saturday, November 18th. Prefects were once more privileged to attend His Worship in the procession on Mayor's Sunday.

The annual Armistice Day Service was held as usual this year, when Mr. Henry Whittaker laid a wreath on the School War Memorial.

We are proud to think that for those two minutes of silence our thoughts were not of the misery of the present but of the honour and glory of the past.

We prayed for the courage of those who died thus nobly some twenty years ago.

WAR NOTES.

We offer the following notes as a record of the School in wartime:

The first and immediate effect of the declaration of war on September 3rd was the closing of all schools for one week. Consequently the date of assembly for the Christmas Term was deferred one week.

On account of lighting restrictions for protection against air-raids, it was decided to change the School hours. To avoid travelling in the total darkness of the Black-out, School now closes at 3-0 p.m., and there is a half-hour interval at 12-25 p.m. for lunch, to be eaten on the premises.

Until our trench was completed, air-raid drills were carried out in temporary sheltered positions.

The School has responded in various ways to the appeal for National Service. Two masters, Messrs. Hunt and Pullen, are now on Active Service, and Mr. D. S. Miller is a Vice-Commandant in the Auxiliary Fire Service. Many other members of the Staff are doing work as Air Raid Wardens.

Prefects are working regularly at the headquarters of the Air Raid Precautions Ambulance Service in Blackburn. They are also attending lectures in First-Aid.

The Scouts' contribution to National Service may be found elsewhere.

Special prayers are being read each day at Morning Assembly.

Owing to the lighting restrictions of the Black-out it was found impossible to hold the annual Swimming Gala as usual this year.

The School trench was recently completed, and as soon as a plan of campaign could be devised a full air-raid drill was held in it. It was found to be a very broad and deep splinter-proof shelter of reinforced concrete, with good entrances and emergency exits. Further shelters have been constructed in the bicycle shed and in Horncliffe cellar.

STOP PRESS.

We are pleased to hear from the Royal Academical Institution of Belfast that our Junior Victor Ludorum of two years ago (Peter Sherwood) is very successful at his new school. He has gained distinction in athletics, cricket, tennis and scholastic work.

It has also come to our notice that an O.B., Mr. D. Kershaw, is now at School as a pupil teacher. We welcome him back among us, and wish him success in his career.

We regret to report that Captain Hunt, concerning whom an article appears in another part of the magazine, has been slightly wounded.

PREFECTS (1939-40).

Head Boy ..... J. Richardson.

Vice-Captains ... N. Harrison, O. W. A. Kite.

K. L. Barker, H. L. Dennison, E. Dewhurst, A. Dugdale, J. R. Gibbons, H. Hacking, J. Halliwell, J. T. Harwood, J. H. Margerison, H. Mayman, W. Mellodey, J. Pomfret, W. Proctor, J. E. Varey, L. A. Walne, F. Wetherell.

SALVETE.

WE extend a hearty welcome to the following boys who entered the School this term:—

Drake.—Carter, G., Eastwood, G. H., Taylor, E. W., Aspden, H., Eddie, A. G. F., Hargreaves, R., Miller, T. J., Tomlinson, T. E., Ashworth, R., Cook, H. E., Flint, J. M., Holden, E., Pickup, G., Bevan, H. C., Ormerod, T. E., Baron, H., Crellin, P. S., Grimshaw, R., Kenyon, J., Taylor, A. H.

Frobisher.—Hall, G. W., Mallick, P. N., Birtwistle, R., Edmundson, R., Haworth, A. P., Nelson, F., Townsend, G. M., Banks, R., Coward, C., Frankland, O., Holden, F., Pickup, R., Brogden, H., Pepper, H. J., Cross, R. N., Houghton, T. E., Leaver, D. R., Wilkinson, J. M., Jones, E. N.

Grenville.—Sharratt, D., Ryden, R., Stones, L. W., Carr, W. D., Fawcett, E., Hindle, A. E., Nixson, P., Walsh, H., Bobson, A. W., Croasdale, R., Harper, E. N., Lancaster, J. W., Prest, F., Yates, R., Colling, B., Looms, C. G. W., Berry, K., Crossley, C., Hartley, F., Peacock, T. B., Broadbent, M. E., Haydock, R. N., Kenyon, W. J., Finlay, D. J.

Hawkins.—Cox, E., Duckworth, A., Fielden, J. R., Ingham, H., Pomfret, R. J., Whittaker, J., Brookes, P. R., Edwards, J., Haymes, T. R., McMahon, G., Talbot, M., Ainsworth, P. P., Duckworth, J., Watt, J., Cooper, A. L., Eccles, J. E., Hesketh, W., Rawlinson, K., East, K. Y., Highton, J. P., Newsham, A., Ferguson, D. L., Hodgson, J.

Howard.—Lees, W., Eddleston, T. J., Rothwell, J. A., Lodge, J., Duxbury, F. K., Fletcher, A., Jones, R., Roberts, R. H., Wood, J., Wyche, J., Clayton, F., Ellison, W. K., Haworth, A., Mercer, F. B., Trickett, R. E., Whittle, J., Ainsworth, D. T., Benson, G. A. F., Eastham, K. G., Cowpe, E., Etherington, R., Harvey, A. McL., Robson, A. D., Power, K. G., Woods, J. R. V., Elliott, W. I.

Raleigh.—Leigh, A., Hargreaves, C. J. A., Law, J. C., Smith, H., Wright, A., Collow, C. K., Entwistle, R., Haworth, N., Ormisher, R., Waring, C. P. Bellis, J., Lee, P. B., Cragg, L. A., Greene, J. R., Harwood, J. G., Talbot, H., Grundy, J. K., Isherwood, M. L., Waddington, P. J., Unsworth, J. H.

VALETE.

THE following left us last term. We extend to them our best wishes for success in their new spheres:—

Bury, F.: Head Boy, 1938-9; Prefect, 1936-9; House Captain of Drake, 1938-9; S.C. and M., 1935; H.S.C., 1937-8-9; State Schol., 1939; 1st XI. Cricket Colours; Captain of School Cricket, 1938-9.

Bradshaw, A. J.: Vice-Captain, 1938-9; Prefect, 1936-9; House Captain of Frobisher; S.C. and M., 1934; H.S.C., 1936-7-8-9; 1st XI. Football and Cricket Colours.

Dark, J. F.: Prefect, 1938-9; S.C. and M., 1937; H.S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours.

Salter, J. R.: Prefect, 1938-9; House Captain of Grenville, 1938-9; H.S.C., 1938.

Shorrock, J.: Prefect, 1936-9; House Captain of Howard, 1937-9.

Brown, K. H.: S.C. and M., 1937.

Hall, F. M.: S.C., 1937; H.S.C., 1939.

Mather, J.: S.C., 1937; H.S.C., 1939.

Holden, P.: S.C. and M., 1936; H.S.C., 1938-9.

Graham, H. G.: S.C., 1937; H.S.C., 1939.

Cunliffe, A. W.: S.C., 1938. Emmett, A.: S.C., 1938. Forrest, W. A.: S.C., 1938. Greenwood, C.: School Football Captain, 1938-9; S.C., 1938; 1st XI. Football Colours, 1938; Hyland, G. F.: S.C., 1938. Kilshaw, A.: S.C., 1938. Pott, G.: S.C., 1938; 1st XI. Cricket Colours, 1939. Ryden, C. D.: S.C., 1938; 2nd XI. Football Colours. Smith, W. A.: S.C., 1938. Worsley, R.: S.C., 1938. Byrne, G. B.: S.C., 1938. Clayton, T.: Secretary of "The Blackburnian," 1938; S.C., 1938; 2nd XI. Football Colours. Collison, E.: S.C., 1938. Harris, T. S.: S.C., 1938. Houghton, J: S.C., 1938. Heaton, R. E.: S.C., 1938. Lusher, K. G.: S.C., 1938. Officer, G. W.: S.C., 1938. Radley, N.: S.C., 1938. Rogerson, J.: S.C., 1938. Whalley, A.: S.C., 1938. Wilkinson, G. T.: S.C., 1938.

Ainsworth, A.: S.C., 1939. Barlow, W. M.: S.C., 1939. Battersby, R. S.: S.C., 1939. Evans, J. E.: S.C., 1939. Heald, R.: S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Football Colours. Hull, T.: S.C., 1939. Marsden, A.: S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours, Pye, J.: S.C., 1939. Taylor, W. D.: S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Football Colours. West, E.: S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Cricket Colours. Brown, A. S.: S.C., 1939. Duckworth, F. H.: S.C., 1939; 1st XI. Football Colours. Edgar, A.: S.C., 1939; 2nd XI. Football Colours. Edwards, C.: S.C., 1939. Harper, E.: S.C., 1939. Ramsbottom, D. H.: S.C., 1939. Roberts, C.: S.C., 1939. Heath, J. E.: S.C., 1939. Hindle, G. M.; 1st XI. Football Colours. Stephenson, W.: S.C., 1939. Tattersall, A.: S.C., 1939. Boaler, D.: S.C., 1939. Cotton, R. A.: S.C., 1939. Netrval, S. J.: S.C., 1939. Baxendale, H.: S.C., 1939. Charnley, J.: S.C., 1939. Eaton, J. L.: S.C., 1939. Nightingale, S. M. Sternberg, E.: S.C., 1939. Eastwood, T. P.

Moran, H.; Moss, F. S.; Whittaker, F.; Wilson, W. A.; Ginsley, W.; Hardman, H.; Hayton, J.; Shaw, A.; Smith, E.; Shirlow, D. I.; Richmond, A.; Wareing, G. K.; Isherwood, P. S.; Walsh, R.; Shaw, F.; Whitaker, A.; Huck, W.; Phillips, G. H. S.

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"The Chorleian."
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"The Rydeian."
"The Winburnian."

We apologise for any inadvertent omissions from this list.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

August, 1914.

WE quote here from the School Diary, the Headmaster's (the late Mr. G. A. Stocks) brief record of the effect on School life of the declaration of war. We see in it the same spirit of eagerness to be of service as is being shown in the present emergency.

Third Term, 1914.

"We re-opened on the 17th September. The terrible subject of war has been our absorbing interest during the holidays. Many O.B.s have joined various branches of H.M. Forces, and many, who cannot yet leave home on service, are fitting themselves for defence by taking instruction in the Gymnasium two night a week. The Scouts, during August, had been trying to help the Public Service to the best of their ability.

"The O.B.s have held drilling parades, as many as four per week. Many have joined the Forces, about 110 in all . . . .

"Seven of the Sixth Form have attended the Hornby Range, and, with two others, have passed as "Hornby" marksmen. The Scouts have been collecting paper to sell for the benefit of the patriotic funds."

CAPTAIN D. W. HUNT.

MR. D. W. HUNT is now on Active Service "somewhere in France." He has been promoted Captain in his unit, the —— Battery, Royal Tank Regiment. Letters received from him are very cheery in tone, and he states that he is making great strides with colloquial French, a claim he will probably have to substantiate before the Modern Language members of the staff on his return. He sends his kindest remembrances to everyone, and is optimistic about being back with us ere long.

A.H.W.

CAPTAIN J. W. PULLEN.

IT is with deep regret that we report the absence from School this term of Mr. Pullen, now Captain Pullen. He was a member of the Reserves before the war, and on the outbreak of hostilities was drafted to Gibraltar, where he commenced his duties as Captain Pullen.

A letter has been received from him by the Headmaster, in which he sends his greetings to the School.

We extend our best wishes to Captain Pullen, and trust that we will have more correspondence from one who was so popular whilst he was in our midst.

MR. S. STEPHENSON.

WE have to record a great loss to the School in the retirement of Mr. S. Stephenson, who had rendered such valuable service since he became a member of the Staff in 1910.

As a token of its appreciation, the School presented Mr. Stephenson with a cigarette case and lighter at the close of the Summer Term last year. A present was also given to him by the Staff.

Mr. Stephenson's sons have been valuable members of our community, and are now rendering service to their country in His Majesty's Forces and exalting the name of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

We extend our most cordial wishes to Mr. Stephenson, and assure him that he will always be held in the highest esteem by the School.

VICE-COMMANDANT D. S. MILLER.

ON the outbreak of war, Mr. D. S. Miller, who has for some time been interested in fire-fighting work, was chosen for service with the Auxiliary Fire Brigade. He was trained as a fireman, and was soon promoted to the rank of Vice-

Commandant. His services, we hear, proved invaluable in this capacity. He assures us that the organisation is now fully efficient; and defies us to produce another body of men as smart as his own.

Now that the formation and training of the Corps no longer demands his full time, we are pleased to have him back among us.

THE KING'S CAMP, 1939.

FOR our memorable August week of the past summer, I had the supreme honour and pleasure of representing the School at the Boys' Camp—organised each year by His Majesty the King. It was suggested, on my return, that this magazine record should be written while the memory of the great occasion was still fresh in my mind; but I am convinced that the memories of that week,—all too short as it seemed to be, will never fade. For, indeed, to meet our own King and Queen, and to spend just a few days holiday with them as one, cheerful camp community is undoubtedly an experience which all the fortunate members of the camp will never forget.

As the King himself explained, the camp this year was essentially an experiment. Whereas in the past it had been held on the South Coast of England, it was transferred, this year, to the beautiful Highland country of Aberdeenshire, and to the heather-clad mountains of the valley of the River Dee, which afforded such admirable territory for our daily walking expeditions. Similarly the number of representative members was reduced from four hundred to two hundred, to make possible the radically altered programme of camp activities which His Majesty had so carefully planned. The estate of Abergeldie Castle, little more than half-a-mile from historic Balmoral Castle, was chosen as the "camp site," one representative being invited from each Public School and each large industrial or commercial firm in Great Britain.

The extent to which the camp succeeds each year in promoting a sense of understanding and friendship between boys in widely different walks of life, may be judged from the unmistakable camp spirit of comradeship which was the essence of the example set by His Majesty in his daily visits to the camp.

Our visit to Balmoral Castle for afternoon tea was, perhaps, one of the highlights of our holiday. On this occasion we were presented in turn to Their Majesties, who, despite the drizzling rain, awaited our arrival at the castle gates. The subsequent feast in the Royal ballroom, with Their Majesties and the two

charming Princesses at the high-table, was most impressive and enjoyable. May I say, in all respect, that we did ample justice to the contents of the " Royal larder " on this occasion.

Each morning at 7 o'clock we awakened to the remarkable " skirl of the 'pipes " as rendered by an enthusiastic and kilted member of a famous Scottish regiment. At this early hour, and outside one's bedroom window, the bagpipes sounded more " remarkable " than ever to a not entirely sympathetic ear. After a pleasing breakfast, our mornings were spent in the playing of inter-sectional sport fixtures, which, though often unorthodox as regards the rules of procedure, were invariably played with an enthusiasm and vigour which more than compensated for the lack of a watchful referee. In the afternoon, a long walk over the mountain slopes—amid the beauties of the lochs and heather, and perhaps with His Majesty as our energetic leader, passed the time most pleasantly.

Returning somewhat fatigued after our exertions, the evening could be spent in the camp theatre, where a three-hour programme of entertainment was presented each night. Modern films—including our own news-reel interpretation of " The Spreading Chestnut Tree," in addition to items of entertainment provided by members of the camp, afforded a programme of interest and irresistable humour which may well be imagined.

Probably the outstanding feature of camp entertainment which I remember most vividly was our Radio Broadcast, for which event Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Elizabeth paid a special evening visit to the theatre. I had the great honour of being chosen to perform on this broadcast programme—a thrill I shall certainly never forget, and an opportunity for which I shall be always grateful. This short performance before Royalty and before a small black microphone certainly augments my vivid memories of this truly wonderful camp.

I could recall, in detail, the many other events which happened in the brief course of that week, but which, for the purposes of record, must merely be mentioned in passing. The Sheep-Dog Trials on Balmoral Golf Course, the fascinating lectures by the son of Captain Scott and Professor Craig of Aberdeen University, and finally the gigantic bonfire lit by the King on the last night and preceded by his memorable farewell words to the assembled camp. Can one ever forget the thrilling strains of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem—sung on this occasion with heartfelt fervour as we rose to honour the man who had made such a camp possible, and whose friendliness and enthusiasm was reflected in tthe smallest integral features of the complete organisation.

And now—although nothing material remains, except a few photographic snapshots, to recall the holiday, do you wonder how the memories of such a week will always be fresh for the fortunate representatives to the King's Camp at Abergeldie Castle?

N. HARRISON.

SENIOR ARTICLES.

THE wealth of poetry submitted has afforded us much pleasure. We trust that similar enthusiasm will be shown in future issues.

REFLECTIONS.

Grey, cold, and sad! the day had only been
Half-wakened, or, weary, had cried itself to sleep,
And sank upon its bed like a poor, tired child between
Its sighs and tears, and then began to weep
Anew, till morning should bring comfort . . . darkness soon . . .

Street-lamps tried to gladden, night-lights of grey twilight,
Through tear-blurred, misted windows, and in the night,
Each moth and brown bird crept 'neath a black-wet leaf
Or wind-swept rafter, from the path of winter's dart
But not from the pangs of sorrow. For the heart,
From Nature's mould made mirror-clear, reflects
Her joys and sadness, smiles and tears, all aspects,
Like the pool black-glistening in the road at night,
With night-lights flickering in its depths of pain;
Or, blue-eyed and golden, flashing the beauty, the light
Of a summer's day, too full of joy to retain
Its tears, as they fell, sun-sparkled on the flower,
The smiling field, the skipping, dancing stream,
When all the earth was glad that sweet, short hour!
And happiness welled up in my heart, and tears
In my eyes.

RETROSPECT.

Down the glen, along the road,
Past the farm, beyond the forge,
There the mill stands, bleak and grim.
Water-wheel turns o'er the brim
Of rushing torrent from the gorge,
The fav'rite haunt of rat and toad.

The mill is old and useless now,
Dilapidated are its walls;
The wheel alone is whole, to show
How man has harnessed waterfalls.
The jovial miller once who stood
Before the door has passed away,
But still the village gets its food:
Old-fashioned ways have had their day.

And there the mill stands, all alone,
An emblem of another age
Before the cannons shook the ground,
And shells were whistling all around.
'Tis good to mind amidst the rage
Of modern life, times that are gone.

O.H.

"A PREFECT'S LOT IS . . . . . ."

I have seen a glorious strife,
One Englishman with broad back to the wall,
Defending 'gainst an onward surging mob
That fight like ravenous wolves, thirsting for his blood,
A PENNYWORTH OF BISCUITS.

TWO FORTS.

Dead-centre in some field of flying Hell
There stands a domed, war-full, earth-rooted fort,
From whose square-ventilated cell
Grim-pointed guns looked daggered at the heart
Of men who ran, kit-heavy, fear-light, and fell
In vain attempt to toll its concrete bell.

My fort, too, stands fearing none, but loving all,
Shell-casing keep of friendly being
Which beams out, two-eyed, love-aimed, through body's wall;
Yet, drawing back, awe-struck, on seeing
All around, a world of men who, striving, fall
With death-glazed eyes, soul-poisoned with life's gall.

JUNIOR ARTICLES.

THE SQUIRREL.

In Autumn when the leaves fall down,
And nuts are ripened, golden brown,
The squirrels making stores just now
As it leaps from bough to bough.

In Winter, when the cold blasts blow
And the ground is covered, white, with snow,
The squirrel sleeps in hollow trees,
Sheltered from the icy breeze.

When warm winds blow and Spring is here,
The squirrel wakens full of cheer,
At daybreak with the morning dew,
To leap about with life anew.

T. E. HOUGHTON, IId.

A TOPICAL QUEST.

AT last he had obtained it, after many hours of striving and worry. He was tired but triumphant. He had been to every possible place where they could be obtained, and he gleefully anticipated how he would in his turn scoff at the people who had jeered him when he had commenced his almost impossible quest. He would never again have to creep through the darkness, carefully avoiding the many obstacles which were placed in his path. In his pocket rested the object for which he had struggled so much. He felt it, wrapped in a piece of brown paper—it was his new flashlight battery!

P. W. CUNLIFFE, IVa.

HIS HOMECOMING ON A DARK NIGHT.

EVERYWHERE the cloak of darkness hung over the land; a ghostly silence reigned. Now and again this silence was broken by a car passing along the road, a 'bus, with its lights dimmed, stopping to pick up a passenger, or a freight train wearily pulling its load up a steep incline.

It was not the first dark night he had experienced. Lately the moon had been obscured by low clouds. For the last week he had been trudging Northwards, and to-night he hoped to reach his destination. He was now passing one of the most lonely stretches of the road. On either side of him the now leafless trees reached upwards, their branches and twigs seeming like the arteries and veins of the human body. He thought, as he walked, of his youth, when he had been happy. But now, he was older; life seemed more complicated to him. He wondered what the future still held for him.

A shadow, leaping across the path in front of him, and a sudden flash of light on his right, ended this reverie. A car, turning a corner in a by-road, had sent the shadows of some trees in front of him.

He now approached a stile, and, surmounting it, he struck across some fields. It seemed much darker here, and he kept losing the path he had known so well in his youth. He passed through a field gate to the main road. He crossed it, and strode swiftly along a dark lane, and approached a thatched cottage. He knocked timidly at the door, which was opened by an old lady—his mother. She recognised him and took him in. He was welcomed home—after fifteen years.

G., IVA.

THE BLACK-OUT IN SHAKESPEARE'S TIME.

Macbeth :—

" Is't night's predominance or the day's shame
That darkness does the face of earth entomb?"

The Merchant of Venice :—

" The moon shines bright! In such a night as this."

Julius Cæsar :—

" And yesterday the bird of night did sit,
Even at noon-day."

Henry IV :—

" For it was so dark that thou could'st not see thy hand."

Romeo and Juliet :—

" But soft! What light through yonder window breaks?"

(A.R.P. warden again.)

E. COMBERBACH, IIIc.

A BITTER PILL.

In the pale moonlight, on the Isle of Wight,
In a house, two burglars, creeping;
They had brought a bag to contain the swag.
Said one: " I think they're sleeping."
Then a safe they saw, with an iron door,
They started operating, but oh! it was aggravating,
Just then an old man passed close by them,
In the pale moonlight,
Unlocked the safe with fingers thin and frail,
What a bitter disappointment!
It was full of pills and ointment,
Do you wonder why the moon turned pale?

S. EDWARDSON, IV.A.

DRAMA!

SILENTLY the car glided to a standstill by the kerbside; the doors opened, and two men emerged on to the pavemen. Both were heavily muffled, and one was carrying a large case of peculiar shape.

"Have you got the works?" asked the larger of the two, in a strong American accent.

"Sure, boss," replied the other. "I have it here, right now.

"Good," came the curt reply.

The two men made their way to a large building with an imposing entrance at the other end of the street. They halted on the opposite side, and peered around, as if looking for some suitable spot; finally, the leader decided on a dark alley-way which he indicated by a jerk of his thumb. "In there, and keep out of sight as much as possible." The small man now commenced to take certain objects from the mysterious bag and build them up in the form of a tripod stand with a larger object on top. When all was ready the "boss" looked at his watch.

"Right," he said. "He'll be out any minute now. And remember, when he comes, get him. Don't miss."

"O.K. boss," replied the other.

"Now stand by. He'll be here any——there's someone behind that door now. He's coming out. It's him. Now S h-o-ooot!——and the camerman commenced to turn the handle.

O.H.

THE CALL OF DUTY.

THE Editor wants an article . . . .

The Editor wants an article . . . .

The Editor wants an article . . . .

The Editor—yes . . . .

Yes.

Ah! It dawns . . . light is breaking (can it?', it has broke!! (it can). A—hah! or words to that effect, Eureka (classical), which being translated for the benefit of those who ne compronne pah Latin, means "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party." But we digress. "Eureka," an idea, a poem in sound—what an idea! It ought to be framed in gold, it ought to be printed on sheet-iron leaflets and allowed to float gently down upon somewhere or other; it ought to be eternalised. it ought to be a classic, it ought to be—burnt.

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or words to that effect, as stated above, hereafter referred to as O.W.T.T.E.

What's that? The Editor agrees with my self-criticism? Yes, I thought it was pretty good myself. What do you say? It's the last part he agrees with. Well, that's different . . . . as we were saying,

The Editor wants an article . . . .

Once more, my friends, the Muse lays her hand upon my fevered brow, and hushes the whirlpool into which I am falling, my hands bound, my back against the wall and my nose on the grindstone. Poethry, poethry, inspiration!

To be or not to be, that is the question.

Whether 'tis better . . . .

I beg your pardon! I can't help it if the Editor has seen something like it before—I mean to say the same inspiration must have come to the other fellow. Anyway, who wrote the other thing? All right, no need to break my ear drums, I **have** heard of Shakespeare—once.

The Editor wants an article . . . .

But if the Muse deserts us, why stick so slavishly to her banner? Let us voyage into the Unknown, the Dread Beyond, let us break all the bonds which bind us to verse, and let us, in short, try the Drama.

Scene: It is a darksome might, the wind soughing eerily in the branches, the leaves rustling in the tempest. The exact locality is between the major clumps of Scrophularicae and trinitrophenylmethylnitramine in the Garden of Eden." A distant clock strikes twelve " (very conventional)) and

Enter the hero, Anunsus Pecting Formmate.

Anun: What a lovely night! The moon it shineth forth—but what is that I hear? If I mistake me not, the heavy footprint of one who approaches.

Enter the villain, Thatret Sherd Ead.

What ist, friend?

Thatret: Have you done your magazine article?

A Blight falls upon the scene, but on second view the audience find that it is only the

Curtain.

The Editor wants an article . . . .

I won't wait for judgment upon that piece of work. Let us return once more to our former haunts—once more Rhythym and Rhyme.

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Some.	(Cinch)
See	Hon.
Bee	Run
He	(Sting,
See	Sing),
Me	Fun?

The Editor wants to know where the rhythm is in that? Now, I ask yew, ladies and gentlemen, does that show a true appreciation of the value of pure sentiment in poetry—does that show the correct attitude to a work of art? I say, as I have always said before, No! What we want in this country is a breed of Editors who appreciate truly the value (who says I've said it before? Anyway, it's true). Must we continually suffer this despotism of pen and paper—of a truth, truly, verily, as the monkey said to the orang-outang. (No, Marmaduke, that was before your time, you wouldn't remember), 'The Pen is mightier than the Sword" (I've been trying to work that quotation in an article for years, and at last, at last, I repeat, I present it to you for the first and last time on this or on any other stage—

What's that, the Magazine has gone down to print? Well, I'd better get on with this article, or I won't have it finished for next time when (as usual and ad nauseum):

The Editor wants an article . . . .

With which terse remarks, I shut up.

DIGAME.

MARK ANTHONY'S FAMOUS SPEECH.

(As arranged for the films by Hiram P. Swizheimer).

Scene: The Forum, East 42nd Street, Rome.

Anthony:

Get a load of this, you palookas!
I'm here to plant Cæsar, not to write him no collar ads.
When a guy's tough his strong arm stuff sticks around in folk's head pieces
Long after he's all shot full of lead.
Vell, that's how it is with Cæsar,
Brutus says the poor dope was a chiseller;
That's certainly a laugh, for he's sure got what was coming to him!

Take a dekko, folks! He's been given the woiks!
Yet Brutus says Cæsar was a big shot.
And Brutus was no fall guy!
Sez me!
Boloney, folks! The guy's been taken for a ride sure!
And 'cause he got on some poor guy's noives,
The yellow rats have put him on the spot!
So get out your Morgan and Strothards, you cads!
Aw, shucks, Romans! Dish it out!

J. B. VENT, V.B.

FIRST ELEVEN REPORT.

Christmas Term, 1939.

ON returning to School this term, it was found that the prospects of a successful season were very good indeed. The team would be strengthened by seven of last year's "colours" and the vacancies would be filled by players who, last season, had rendered good service to the Second XI. At a meeting of the Sports Committee, Ainsworth and Askew were elected captain and vice-captain respectively. However, after only two games both Ainsworth and Askew left School, and this was a great loss to the team.

Although some games have had to be cancelled owing to the difficulties of travelling, we have managed to play four games to date. In these we have been very successful, having won three and drawn one. Our first game of the season, at Clitheroe, ended in a draw, but we won the other games against Burnley, Clitheroe and Bolton, which were played at Lammack. There is no reason why our success should not continue throughout the season.

As the results show, both the attack and the defence have played steadily. Unfortunately, Worden, the centre-half, has been unable to play owing to an injury, but Dugdale has filled his position very adequately. As for the attack, Eccles and Smith have successfully replaced Ainsworth and Askew, and recently this combination has had good results. Finally, I should like to thank all supporters for their encouraging attendance.

D. MILLER.

FIRST ELEVEN RESULTS

(Abridged Version).

September 23rd—1st XI. v. Clitheroe Grammar School.
At Clitheroe.

Team.—Hacking; Aspin, Hindle; Eccles, Bentley, Moulding; Carolin, Pomfret, Miller, Ainswortth, Askew.
Result: School, 2; Clitheroe, 2.

September 30th—1st XI. v. Burnley Grammar School.
At. Lammack.

Team.—Haslam; Aspin, Hindle; Dugdale, Worden, Fish; Carolin, Miller, Duxbury, Ainsworth, Askew.
Result: School, 4; Burnley, 3.

October 14th—1st XI. v. Clitheroe Grammar School.
At. Lammack.

Team.—Haslam; Aspin, Hindle; Bentley, Dugdale, Moulding; Carolin, Miller, Duxbury, Eccles, Smith.
Result: School, 5; Clitheroe, 1.

November 4th.—1st XI. v. Bolton Grammar School.
At. Lammack.

Team.—Haslam; Aspin, Hindle; Bentley, Dugdale, Moulding; Caroiln, Miller, Duxbury, Eccles, Smith.
Result: School, 8; Bolton, 5.

November 18th.—1st XI. v. Barrow-in-Furness Grammar School.
At. Lammack.

Team.—Hacking; Aspin, Hindle; Bentley, Dugdale, Moulding; Carolin, Miller, Duxbury, Halliwell, Smith.
Result: School, 6; Barrow, 1.

Goals: For, 25; Against, 12. Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 1.

SECOND XI. REPORT.

OWING to the late start of the season and also to the difficulties of transport for away matches, the 2nd XI. has played only three matches to date. The first of these was won by the School, and was quite a satisfactory performance, considering that it was the opening match of the season, also it was pleasing to note that the team played better together than might have been expected so early. The second match, again at Lammack, was unfortunately lost 10—7, a result which speaks for itself. However, it was just one of those days on which

1st XI.
Back Row: Moulding, E., Haslam, E., Worden, H., Hacking, G. M., Hindle, H. G.
Seated: Bentley, J. I., Aspin, N., Miller, D., Carolin, A., Dugdale, A.
In Front: Smith, F. S., Duxbury, K.

UNDER XIV. ELEVEN.

Back Row: Lord, K., Aspden, A., Dewhurst, J., Schofield, S.
Seated: Whittaker, R., Whittaker, F. M., Johnstone, S. A., Cresswell, R. G., Pilkington, S.
In Front: Lofthouse, A., Mercer, J. D., Shuttleworth, G. M.

things did not work out as they should have done, and also it was unfortunate that the opposing centre was an opportunist and a marksman, scoring six goals himself.

The third game, that against Bolton, at Bolton, was won by the School 2—1 after a hard struggle, in which School were usually the better team. Incidentally, this match was played on the Saturday morning—definitely a gratifying innovation.

The team itself seems to be more or less settled, and though it is early yet to make any prophecies, a fairly successful season seems likely. This is judging on performances to date and also the fact that more playing practice together will strengthen the defence and promote co-ordination among the forwards. The amount of individual ability in the team is quite as great as usual, which is another promising factor in the hope for a bright future.

The constitution of the team has necessarily varied throughout the term as the call to fill positions in the First Eleven has been appropriately answered. At the time of going to Press, however, the team reads as follows:—

Haslam; Harwood, Hallows; Lightbown, Fish, Leas; Harrison, Brown, Whittle, Pickles, Eddleston. Others called upon throughout the term being:—Durham, Pomfret, Hindle, Bell.

SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

September 30th.—2nd XI. v. Burnley Grammar School.
At Lammack.
Result: School, 6; Burnley, 2.

October 14th.—2nd XI. v. Clitheroe Grammar School.
At Lammack.
Result: School, 7; Clitheroe, 10.

November 4th.—2nd XI. v. Bolton Grammar School.
At. Bolton.
Result: School, 2; Bolton, 1.

November 18th.—2nd XI. v. Old Boys' "A" Team.
At Lammack.
Result: School, 1; Old Boys, 6.

Goals: For, 14; Against, 16. Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2.

THIRD ELEVEN.

WE had hoped for a good season this year, if only because the Third Eleven was at last to be considered seriously. Our intention had been to use it as a training-ground for next year's Second and perhaps even First Elevens, and with that end in view we had tabulated all those who looked as if they might perhaps show some talent, in the hope of giving some thirty or more a reasonable trial in a School Eleven. But curtailed fixtures have ruined our aims and pretty well ruined our season. After some useful trials, we began our Third Eleven games and met with success; and then found that we had singularly few fixtures left to try out our mass of promising material. But if the season has been so far disappointing for the players themeslves, it has, in spite of its inadequacy, not been entirely useless. We have at least some knowledge of those who can acquit themselves tolerably in a School Eleven.

H.F.C.

UNDER 14 XI. REPORT.

THE team this year was fortunate in having as its nucleus, four of last year's team, which has undoubtedly helped it to establish its excellent record. Of five games played four were won and one drawn, including a win of 3—1 against a team 12 months older. It is hoped that local fixtures can be arranged to keep the team together. The team has been drawn from:—Goal: J. Dewhurst. Backs: S. A. Johnston (captain), K. Lord, Schofield. Halves: A. Lofthouse, Ramsbottom, Pilkington, Aspden, K. Lord. Forwards: R. Whittaker, F. Whittaker, R. G. Cresswell, J. D. Mercer, G. Shuttleworth, F. Holden and Pilkington.

RESULTS.

October 14th.—Clitheroe (away). Won, 6—0.
Scorers: Cresswell 2, R. Whittaker 2, Holden, Mercer.

October 21st—St. Mary's Catholic College (home). Won, 9—2.
Scorers: Cresswell 3, Pilkington 2, Shuttleworth, R. Whittaker, Holden, Aspden.

November 4th.—Bolton School (away). Draw, 1—1.
Scorer: Shuttleworth.

November 11th.—St. Mary's Catholic College (home). Won, 9—0.
Scorers: Cresswell 4, R. Whittaker 3, Pilkington, Shuttleworth.

November 18th.—Barrow-in-Furness U.15 (home). Won, 3—1.
Scorers: Cresswell, Shuttleworth, Pilkington.

Goal Average: 28 For; 4 Against.

E.A.F.

HOUSE FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES.

A. House First Elevens —

House	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Pts.
Howard	5 ...	3 ...	1 ...	1 ...	7
Raleigh	5 ...	3 ...	1 ...	1 ...	7
Frobisher	5 ...	1 ...	3 ...	1 ...	5
Hawkins	5 ...	1 ...	2 ...	2 ...	4
Drake	5 ...	2 ...	0 ...	3 ...	4
Grenville	5 ...	1 ...	1 ...	3 ...	3

B. House Second Elevens—

House	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Pts.
Howard	5 ...	5 ...	0 ...	0 ...	10
Drake	5 ...	3 ...	0 ...	2 ...	6
Raleigh	5 ...	3 ...	0 ...	2 ...	6
Hawkins	5 ...	2 ...	1 ...	2 ...	5
Grenville	5 ...	1 ...	1 ...	3 ...	3
Frobisher	5 ...	0 ...	0 ...	5 ...	0

C. Combined League Table—

	House	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Pts.
1	Howard	10 ...	8 ...	1 ...	1 ...	17
2	Raleigh	10 ...	6 ...	1 ...	3 ...	13
3	Drake	10 ...	5 ...	0 ...	5 ...	10
4	Hawkins	10 ...	3 ...	3 ...	4 ...	9
5	Grenville	10 ...	2 ...	2 ...	6 ...	6
6	Frobisher	10 ...	1 ...	3 ...	6 ...	5

N. Harrison.

HOUSE REPORTS.

DRAKE.

IT gives me great pleasure to record, on behalf of all members of Drake, our House activities for the past term, which, to use a well-worn phrase, has proved to be "somewhat uneventful" from our point of view.

At the close of the Summer Term we bade farewell to F. Bury,—Head Boy, House Captain of Drake, and Captain of School and House Cricket. To one who has figured so prominently and with such marked success in both School and House activities over a period of years, we extend our heartfelt thanks and also our very best wishes. C. Greenwood, Captain of School and House Football, has also left us since the publication

of the last issue of the magazine; to him, also, we send our thanks and best wishes, as, indeed, to all members of Drake who have left us at the end of yet another School year.

With our ranks thus depleted, we have witnessed the inevitable change of House personnel—so irrevocably associated with the commencement of a new School year, and to our new members, whom have entered the junior forms this term, we extend a hearty welcome.

To deal, firstly, with our achievements in the realm of sport, it is most cheering to record an event of the Summer Term which has not yet received official mention in the magazine. I refer to the winning of the Gilbert Sames Cup by the House Cricket Eleven, which, under the leadership of F. Bury, rallied most nobly to the top of the Cricket League Table.

In the unaccustomed absence of the Swimming Gala, our sporting activities this term have necessarily been restricted to the sphere of football. The House First Eleven, under the able leadership of N. Aspin, who was unanimously elected House Football Captain at the beginning of the term, has fought its way through a period of numerous hazards and subsequent disappointments which have tended to oppose the spirit of vigour and determination portrayed by the Captain and members of the team. Matches against Frobisher and Grenville have been won, while the remaining three have been lost. This record, though certainly not meritorious, must be judged in the light of the departure of our effective stalwarts, Greenwood, Brown, and Eccles, which has necessarily proved to be a severe handicap and has notably affected our prospects for the future. Nevertheless, may we wish our team the best of luck for the Robinson Cup maches which lie ahead.

Concerning our progress in the sphere of scholastic achievement connected with the Marsden Merit Cup Competition, at the time of writing, we occupy the fourth position in the Competition Table. This, I suppose, may be described as a barely satisfactory state of affairs. To be quite candid, I should like to point out that it is now high time that Drake returned to the position of honour in this list which is watched with such intermingling feelings of pride and anxiety by all who remember our former prestige in this connection. The price of this achievement is obvious. It involves an appreciable amount of determined effort by all boys,—especially those who nearly pull it off each fortnight. To our new members, also, who, perhaps, have not yet realised the vital importance of this particular House endeavour, we addres these few words of heartfelt exhortation, and we trust that they will not hesitate to demonstrate their loyalty next term.

On behalf of all members of the House, I offer our heartiest congratulations and thanks to the following boys who have

gained points for us during the past term:—Appleton (L.V.S.); Butterfield (3a); Tomlinson (2a);—4 points each. Emmett (Trans),—3 points. Hodgson (U.L.V.); Aspin (U.V.S.); Baron (4b); Eastwood (3c); Kenyon (2d);—2 points each. Collings (6b Mod.); Duckworth, (6b Sc.); Cook (2b);—1 point each.

Total, correct to November 17th, 28 points.

N. HARRISON.

FROBISHER.

AT the end of last term we lost A. J. Bradshaw, our former House Captain. Bradshaw has proceeded to Cambridge, and with him go our best wishes for his future success.

This term we must congratulate E. Dewhurst and J. Halliwell on their appointments as Prefects.

This term's activities have been confined mainly to football. We were fortunate, at the beginning of the term, to have our Football Captain, H. Ainsworth, the School Captain. Under his able leadership the House XI. gained a victory over Howard, and, incidentally, Frobisher is the only House to have beaten Howard this term.

After this promising start we were unfortunate to lose Ainsworth. We must not, however, be selfish, and with him also go our best wishes.

With the loss of Ainsworth, E. Moulding was appointed Football Captain and he has proved himself to be a very capable leader. Considering the handicaps under which the House team has played, we cannot be disappointed with the results.

The same cannot be said of the 2nd XI. Their performance has been most disappointing. Let it suffice to say that, as a result of their efforts, Frobisher occupy the sixth position in the inter-House League Table.

This term is no exception to the Frobisher tradition as far as the Marsden Merit Cup is concerned; and with twenty-seven points we occupy the fifth position in the table. I am sure that, with a little effort, this could be altered. Make every effort to gain these valuable points, and, though it may seem strange, to see Frobisher gain the Marsden Merit Cup.

We are greatly indebted to the following for their attempts to place Frobisher at the top:—McLeod, J. (Va), 6 points; Dixon, R. (U.L.V.), 4 points; Hacking, G. R. (L.V.Sc.) 3 points; Birtwistle, R. (2a), Jackson, G. C. (2c), Shorrock, K. (4c), Trinder, W. H. (L.VI.), and Wilkinson, J. M. (2d), 2 points each; Collinson, R. B. (L.VI.), Cunliffe, C. (3a), Leaver, J. G. (Vb), and Rippingdale, D. M. (Tr.), 1 point each.

GRENVILLE.

AT the end of last year, our House Captain, J. Salter, left us after a year in office. We wish him, and all other members of our House who left School, all success in the future. This year the House supplies three Prefects and we congratulate J. E. Varey and I. R. Gibbons on their appointment to this honour.

As it was found impossible to hold a Swimming Gala this year, this term's sport activities have been confined solely to football, and I regret to report that our usual standard has neither been attained or maintained. Indeed, if it had not been for the kindly consideration of Frobisher, who occupy the bottom position in the League, we should have completely covered ourselves with glory. It may be that the loss of our Captain, F. L. Askew, who was always an inspiration to the side, partly accounts for this, but H. Worden, his successor, is confidently hoping for better things next term.

In the Marsden Merit Cup Competition we have been only moderately successful, and we are at present lying quite a good third. With a little more effort next term on the part of some of our members, especially those in the Middle School, we may easily head the list. To those people who have consistently gained points this term we extend our sincere thanks, expressing a hope that next term both the number of points and the number of those gaining them will be increased.

Ramsbottom, B. (3c), 6 points; Haydock, R. M. (Trans.), Hacking, K. M., 5 points each; Nixson, F. (L.V.L.), 3 points; O'Hare, F. (VIb. Mod.), Holden, M. (L.V.Sc.), Thompson, A. (4b), Croasdale, R. (2b), 2 points each; Chambers, N. (Vb), Ranson, R. (3d), Howarth, E. (2c), and Nixson, P. (2d), 1 point each.

H.M.

HAWKINS.

BY the close of the last School year Hawkins had gained possession of two School trophies, the Horncliffe Sports Cup and the Marsden Merit Cup. This success, long overdue, was the result of good all-round work by the entire House. I trust that it will be reproduced during the coming year.

It is customary to hold a swimming gala early in the Michaelmas term, but owing to the unfortunate circumstances in which School reassembled this term, with the consequent restrictions imposed on public entertainment, it was deemed advisable to postpone the gala. If it should take place later, Hawkins have in Briggs, Mantell and Lancaster, a combination which should prove hard to defeat.

We have played five football matches this term, in all of which the House has held its own. This fact is illustrated by our goal average, 27 for and 29 against. In the first match, we defeated Drake 6—5. Then we lost narrowly to Raleigh and Grenville. The last two matches with Howard and Frobisher were drawn. The match with Howard, the champions, produced 14 goals. We are quite optimistic about our chances in the Robinson Cup Competition next term.

At present we hold second place in the Marsden Merit Cup Competition. The examinations should furnish the opportunity to put a tighter grip on this trophy which will not easily be plucked from our grasp. We must not rest on our laurels, however. We must retain what we have, and obtain what we have not. The following people are rseponsible for our present total of 37 points:—

Buttle, J. W. (3b), 6; East, P. G. (L.V.L.), 5 (both commendable efforts); Davies, W. (4d), 4; Duckworth, H. W. (4b), Duckworth, W. B. (U.V.Sc.), Haslam, G. (3d.), King, J. (3a), 3 each; Highton, J. B. (trans), Hindle, W. L. ((4c), 2 each; Allsup, N. (Va), Carolin, A. (VI.B.M.), Duckworth, H. (L.V.L.), Gibson, H. (3b), Hartley, W. M. (4d), and Mantell, P. K. (U.V.L.), 1 each.

O. W. A. KITE.

HOWARD.

WITH pride and gladness take we up the pen
To praise the victories won at work and play:
As oft in years to come will it be told
True, unselfish, faithful to our House.
And to its name for sport on Lammack's fields,
O'er coming obstacles by the spirit of a team
And by determination, week to week,
Until the crown of victory was ours.
Or else perchance how others with the pen
And skill in mystic science or the arts,
No less did strive to exalt fair Howard's name,
Piling points by fortnights regular,
Until they reached, then passed some other House
Of transient glory and renown ephemeral.
'Twas constant and combined efficiency
That triumphed, and made good our hard-sought aims;
And we extend our hand in warmest praise
To those who played their parts, and played them well.
Yet converse have we held with wisest sage
Who warned us lest the shallowness of youth

Should cause us to let slip the well-won prize
And, ceasing toil, to rest in slothful ease.
Wherefore, you men of Howard, keep at your task,
In field and study. 'Tis no more we ask!

Proctor, C. L. (V6), and Etherington, R. (2d), 6 points each; Johnston, N. (U.V.Sc.), Almond, R. (4a), and Markham, J. (4d), 5 points each; Eddleston, J. T. (6b Sc.), Macfereth, J. P. (U.V.Lat.), Almond, D. E. (4a), Simpson, H. (4c), Clayton, A. (3d), all with 2 points each; and Riley, C. (Vb), Heys, B. (4a), Shuttleworth, G. M. (4a), Watson, D. G. (3a), and Mercer, F. B. (2b), with 1 point each, have brought the total to 42 points in three fortnights.

RALEIGH.

WE feel that our first duty in this House Report must be an expression of gratitude to G. Hindle, our Swimming, Sports and Football Captain, who left us at the end of last term. His services, for many years, have been invaluable, and we feel somewhat lost without his leadership.

We congratulate W. Mellodey and Duxbury on their appointment as House Football Captain and Vice-Captain respectively; and H. Hacking and J. T. Harwood, who have been elected Prefects.

In the Inter-House Football League, this term, we have done quite well. The First Team has won all matches except two, one lost against Howard, and the other drawn with Frobisher. Both these matches, may we modestly suggest, were played under adverse conditions. We gained thus a bye in the first round of next term's Robinson and Forbes Cup competitions.

In the Marsden Merit Cup Competition we are failing—and that badly. We are at the bottom of the list, with the ignominious total of nine points. No words of ours can adequately express our regret on seeing this decline of the intellectual prestige of the House. There was a time, not many years ago, when we were noted for our brains; but now, it seems, we are content to let the other houses struggle among themselves for this cup. To say the least, it will not do. We ask you now, while there are still two terms to go in this competition, to make every effort to win these fortnightly points.

In the meantime, we thank these stalwarts for the support for the support they have given in this sphere: Waring, C. P., 5 points; Hargreaves, C. F. A., 3 points; Bleasdale, D., Duckworth, B., Field, H., Holt, W. H., Lightbown, A., and Wilson, R., 2 points each; Hodson, R., Kenyon, T., Mayhall, H., Pilkington, H., Riding, M., and Smith H., 1 point each.

J.R.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

THE ELIZABETHAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

NEVER has the Society been so alive. Its forty members, presided over by our enthusiastic chairman, Mr. Eastwood, attend its meetings regularly, and debates, having previously been arranged by a Committee eager to maintain the best traditions of the Society, are conducted with fine spirit.

The first debate held this term took the novel form of a Challenge Debate. Messrs. Margerison and Richardson issued the challenge, and it was taken up by Messrs. Kite and Harrison, who according to the terms of the challenge nominated the subject for debate: "That, Under the Present Circumstances, the River Blakewater is More Useful and Important than the River Mersey." Richardson introduced a note of humour into the proceedings, but "cold water" was poured on the fantastic schemes of the proposition by a very sedate opposition who, nevertheless, gained the confidence of the House, and defeated the motion by 25 votes to 10.

On October 13th the motion "That Trial by Jury, as at Present Constituted, is a Farcical Procedure," was debated. Walne and Collings proposed and were opposed by Halliwell and O'Hare. Contructive speeches were forthcoming from both sides. The motion was defeated by 15 votes to 5.

After the debate suggestions were advanced by Messrs. Richardson and Margerison for the future running of the Society. After some discussion our chairman saw that the more useful ideas such as the keeping of minutes were adopted.

On Friday, the 27th October, our Chairman, Mr. Eastwood, was instituted as Mayor, and the members adopted the various rôles of aldermen and councillors at a meeting of the Town Council of the County Borough of Higher Blackburn in the Radcliffe Council Chamber.

The first item on the agenda was a resolution, very ably put by Councillor Sourbutts, "That, under the Present Circumstances, this House would Advocate the Continuance of General Weekday Entertainment on Sunday," and opposed by Alderman Margerison. Discussion followed fairly freely in the Council, but speeches were for the most part disjointed. After the respective summings up, the resolution was adopted by 25 votes to 10, three neutral.

Alderman Harrison now moved the resolution "That the Contents of our Municipal Dustbins Should be Sifted and All Valuable Material Preserved in Accordance with the Principal of the Conservation of Material in a Time of National Stress." In what has been the best delivered speech of the Debating Session,

Alderman Harrison showed himself fully conversant with all the technical phraseology of the scientist when he pointed out the duty of the Borough to use wisely what wealth, or potential wealth, it possessed. Councillor Dugdale replied convincingly in defending the right of the citizen to use what material he possessed in any manner he wished, even if that wish were to destroy it.

Discussion was rife in the Council and later heated. After two summings up, which contrasted unfavourably with the opening speeches, the resolution was adopted by 23 votes to 12, two members not exercising their privilege.

Four members of the Staff have kindly consented to be the principal speakers in a debate to be held in the near future. All members of the Society should take this opportunity of participating in what we hope will be the best debate of the year.

We are pleased to see ample evidence of ability in such new members as have spoken at the Debates, for it will be their duty in the near future to play the principal part in the maintenance of our position as the premier society in the School.

In conclusion, we would express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Eastwood who fulfils so ably, and at the same time so pleasantly, the onerous task of Chairman.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

THIS term the Society has been even more active than usual, despite the troubled times in which this School year began.

Several new members of the Sixth were warmly welcomed to the first play reading of the year: "A Bird in the Hand," by John Drinkwater, was well represented on Friday, October 20th. The play provided ample scope for the reading of several new members, and it was very much enjoyed by all. We are fortunate in obtaining voices for female parts and voices also suitable for "dude" characters which take such an important part in the modern comedy. Some of our members who heard this play on the radio will, no doubt, realise how well the members of the cast overcame difficulties of accent and dialect.

Sutton Vane's "Outward Bound" was presented on 3rd November. This play, besides achieving in its first act one of the most wonderful surprises of the theatre, is particularly distinguished by giving dramatic expression to that widespread speculation about the life hereafter which the Great War provoked. "Where are the dead?" was the question to which this play is a reply. "Outward Bound" is quite in keeping with the eerie seriousness of the subject, though the last scene shows an overworking of the romantic interest. The parts were sufficiently well

represented to keep us all in suspense on account of the weird atmosphere which was created.

Our third play-reading this term was "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. Thus this term has provided some very enjoyable reading. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Sixth. Remember, you are always welcome!

At this point I should like to express, on behalf of the Society, our sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Collier and Mr. Watson during the past year, especially in their production of the annual School Play, and we may rest assured that with their kind assistance our Society will continue to flourish in the coming year.

L.A.W.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

ONCE again it is my pleasant duty, as secretary of the Music Society to record our activities for the past term.

Our Tuesday evening gramophone recitals have, as usual, been regularly well attended by representative members from several forms throughout the School, though, in this connection, it is with regret that we report the fact that the small party of music-lovers from the High School is now unable to visit us each week, as has been the custom for many years. The radical readjustment of the time-table, arising from the present conditions, have made this unfortunate alteration necessary, and I am sure we all hope that before long we shall be able to welcome our visitors once more.

Our programme has been as extensively representative as it has been interesting, and for this we are greatly indebted to our president, Mr. Popham, whose untiring enthusiasm and kindness have made our recitals possible over a period of many terms. On behalf of all our members may I take this opportunity of offering him our warmest thanks. May he continue to be our president for many terms to come.

There follows an abridged version of our programme:—

Sept. 19—Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

,, 26—Overture "Fingal's Cave,"—Mendelssohn.
4th (Italian) Symphony,—Mendelssohn.

Oct. 3—5th Symphony,—Beethoven.

,, 10—New World Symphony,—Dvorak.

,, 17—Extracts from Act II. of "The Magic Flute,"—Mozart.

,, 24—Overture "Finlandia,"—Sibelius.
Nut Cracker Suite,—Tchaikovsky.

Nov. 7—Scheherazade Suite,—Rimsky Korsakov.

,, 14—Symphony No. 6,—Tchaikovsky.

There have also been two recitals of lighter music consisting of (1) An abridged version of "The Gondoliers." (2) A History of the Waltz.

N. HARRISON.

THE CHESS CLUB.

AS a result of the present conditions no School matches have been played this term, and the activity of the Chess Club has been restricted to the School premises.

The interest this term has been centered around the Chess League, containing two divisions.

The first division, consisting of eight members, is being keenly contested. F. O'Hare is as yet unbeaten and his ability should give him the first place in the table. The second place will probably be jointly held by H. Mayman and K. L. Barker, each having won five games, drawn one and lost one. The bottom two of this division, when completed, will be relegated to the second division, thus making two vacant places which will be filled by the top two of the second division.

The second division is not proceeding quite as quickly as it might do. May I ask those members who have played very few games to find time to play and help to complete the table? Of the few who have attempted to play their full quota of games, J. Bell and J. Pomfret seem to be outstanding. Bell has won five games out of six and Pomfret four games out of five.

It will be seen that, with one exception, the members of this league are from Upper VI. VIa. More support should be forthcoming from VIb and Lower VI. especially as next term we have the annual tournament for the Shield and Medal presented by the British Chess Federation. Let us hope that an abundant entry will be received.

K.L.B.

THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

EVERY Thursday after 3 p.m. in Big School there is a meeting of the Orchestral Society under the able directorship of Mr. Partington, which any member of the School may attend without subscription of money or risk of personal injury. Despite this fact, however, the number of our regular members is very small, a deplorable state of affairs for such a large and well-known School as ours. Surely, out of 647 boys, we should be able to muster quite a large orchestra; there must be some boys who are hiding their light under a bushel and

who could, if they wished, play some instrument sufficiently well to attend. It is far better putting in practice with other boys than slaving away alone at tedious exercises; the music is interesting, the meetings are certainly not too long, and in the background there is always the chance of achieving fame at a public appearance, at the School Play, for instance. So come on you fellows, pull your socks up, and let us see a far better turn-up next term.

STAMP CLUB.

SINCE half term, the Stamp Club has been meeting every Thursday night in the form room under the leadership of Mr. Towle. There has been a moderate attendance but we are hoping for more members as the Winter continues. There have not been many valuable stamps seen, but the new King George VI. issues proved very popular, while in some cases Coronations were in demand and many good bargains were obtained by beginners.

We know that there are many more collectors in the School (especially in the 3rd and 4th forms) and we should like them to attend next term.

J.S.

SCOUT GROUP.

SCOUT activities have seen considerable change since the outbreak of war. On the day on which war was declared at 11 in the morning, A.R.P. and First Aid Posts were staffed by Scouts within a couple of hours, and for the first few days of war a great deal of work—mainly messenger duties—was done.

Since then we have been busy acting as patients for First Aid Parties in their rehearsals, though, on constant instructions from London, the staffing of the control room in King George's Hall, which was allocated to us, has been abandoned. This was owing to insurance difficulties and a Government decision that only boys from 16-18 should be eligible for enrolment under the A.R.P. services.

A further war-time activity is the collection of waste paper, a national service which Scouts have undertaken throughout the country. Our area at the School is, roughly, the area enclosed by Shear Brow, Preston New Road, Dukes Brow and Revidge Road, together with Yew Tree and Lammack. Please save us your paper, and remember that 50% of all we take goes to the Red Cross.

Troop meetings have been abandoned except for occasional enrolment parades, owing to the fact that we may not use the School premises after black-out hours. To take the place of these meetings, the Troops are now appreciating the value of the

Patrol system, and most Patrols are managing to meet about once a week at the homes of the individual members. May I express the deep thanks of the Group Officers to parents who are allowing and even encouraging their boys to use their homes for this purpose.

Since the last issue of the magazine we have competed at Troy in the Annual Camping Week-end as part of the County Flag Competition, and at Belper Street in the Swimming Gala. In neither event did we finish as winners, though a very creditable performance by our Scouts saw us in the first three places on both occasions.

We have had a Whist Drive, held this time on a Wednesday afternoon, and particularly well supported under the circumstances. The money raised (about £6) has served to put the Group finances in order, and leaves a small surplus.

We hope to do what we can this year with regard to our annual Christmas Good Turn, though our contribution will not be as large as usual. To raise the funds, we are very kindly offered the proceeds of the next Dance to be held in School on December 23rd. We shall be glad of your support in this effort, and tickets, price 2/-, are available from any of the Scout Officers.

25th BIRTHDAY.

WE celebrated our 25th Birthday by an outing to Waddington. We left in the early afternoon and were favoured with perfect weather. A wide game was played in a wooded valley on the side of Waddington Fell, after which we all had a high tea of meat pies and chips, at which we were honoured with the presence of the Local Commissioner, Mr. J. Walmsley, of Waddington, and Mr. Robinson, Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Woodhouse, our District Officers from Blackburn.

After tea we finished with a game of rounders in which all joined, before returning by rail to Blackburn.

Our best thanks are due to the Group Committee for organising the tea arrangements.

SCOTCH HIKE.

A PARTY of ten spent a fortnight in the North-West Highlands under canvas, moving most days, and using our new "trike" cart.

We were favoured with very good weather on the whole, though we were well and truly drenched on two occasions.

We walked the length of Loch Maree, and called at Gairloch on our way to Red Point, our remotest site far from anywhere.

After a very heavy day along the coast to Diabaig we travelled by motor boat to Shieldag. Here and at Kishorn, our

next stop, we found remarkable hospitality and kindness, and visited Kyle of Lochalsh, whence we went to Applecross by the Stornaway boat.

Our last day's hike from Kishorn to Strathcarron was marred by constant heavy rain, but the hike was a memorable experience, which we hope we may repeat soon if war conditions do not prevent us.

EAGLE TROOP REPORT.

THE Troop this term has been reorganised into two sections to facilitate the holding of evening meetings, which has proved most satisfactory. Much good work has been done, and we must congratulate P.L. Miller on attaining his First Class.

We welcome five new recruits—Sharratt, F. Holden, K. Collow, F. M. H. Harper and K. Eastham—and hope that in spite of the present difficulties they will enter into the full spirit of the game.

KESTREL TROOP.

THE Troop has been unable to meet on Wednesday evenings this term owing to the black-out. Instead, each Patrol meets at the house of one of its members, and is visited occasionally by a Scouter. The scheme seems to be working fairly well.

The First Class Badge has been gained by P.L. Merrill, and several other Scouts are rapidly nearing this goal. Various Proficiency Badges have also been won, and Second Class work is continuing steadily.

The Troop is practically at full strength, though there is still room for one or two recruits.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following awards have been gained during the year:—

State Scholarships—F. Bury, K. L. Barker.

The Governors' Awards.

To " James Irving " Scholarships.

A. J. Bradshaw (£50 for three years, Queens' College, Cambridge).

K. S. Aspinall, B.A. (£50 for one year (extension), Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

To a " Tattersall " Scholarship.

H. G. Graham (£50 for three years, Oriel College, Oxford).

To a " Burke " Exhibition.

J. Shorrock (£25 for three years, Bede College, Durham).

To a " Harrison " Exhibition.

J. F. Dark (£25 for three years, University of Manchester).

To a " Lewis " Scholarship.

R. A. Holden (£50 for one year (renewal) Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge).

To Internal Scholarships—" John Cotton " Scholarships.

W. B. Lancaster, R. M. Dobson.

The "Peel Foundation" Scholarships.

To the " Eli Heyworth " Memorial University Scholarship.

A. J. Bradshaw (£50 for three years, Queens' College, Cambridge).

To the " J. E. Fielding " University Scholarship.

H. G. Graham (£50 for three years, Oriel College, Oxford).

To " Henry Harrison " Modern Language Scholarships.

J. S. Gibson (£50 for one year (renewed), University of Manchester).

H. Ingham (£50 for one year (renewed), Wadham College, Oxford).

To the " Robert Carr Radcliffe " Training College Scholarship.

J. R. Salter (£15 for two years, Loughborough Training College).

Blackburn County Borough Scholarships.

K. S. Aspinall, B.A. (£35 for one year, Trinity Hall, Cambridge).

A. J. Bradshaw (£35 for three years, Queens' College, Cambridge).

F. Bury (£50 for three years, King's College, Cambridge).

W. Calvert (£25 for one year, Manchester University).

H. G. Graham (£50 for three years, Oriel College, Oxford).

J. W. Lightbown, B.Sc. (£50 for one year, Manchester University).

Intermediate Scholarships awarded by the Blackburn Education Committee to sixth form pupils in an advanced course: maximum values, fees with £10 maintenance.

Renewals for one year:—

A. Abel, H. Ainsworth, A. Dugdale, H. Hacking, J. Halliwell, H. Mayman, W. Mellodey, F. Wetherell.

Awards.

(a) For one year.

F. L. Askew, E. Dewhurst (hon.).

(b) For two years.

W. Bradshaw, J. G. Bell, G. I. Brown, K. Duxbury, F. Farrell, I. R. Gibbons, G. Giles, F. Haworth, J. D. Haymes, C. Hodgson, W. E. Riley, D. Shorrock, G. Smith, E. Walker, W. N. Watson, W. G. S. Wilson.

THE UNIVERSITIES.

Entrants in October, 1939.

To Oxford.

H. G. Graham—Oriel College. Jurisprudence.

To Cambridge.

A. J. Bradshaw—Queens' College. Mathematics.
F. Bury—King's College. Mathematics.

To Durham.

J. Shorrock—Bede College. Divinity.

To Manchester.

F. L. Askew—Dentistry.
J. F. Dark—Medicine.
R. E. Heaton—Law.
G. Pott—Engineering.
D. H. Ramsbottom—Architecture.
R. Worsley—Medicine.

To Birmingham.

F. M. Hall—Medicine.

To Leeds.

W. A. Forrest—Dentistry.

To Training Colleges.

J. R. Salter—Loughborough.
N. Radley—Borough Road, London.

THE LIBRARY.

THE following books have been presented to the School Library:—

"Journal of the Chemical Society" (1936 and 1937).
"Elementary Qualitative Analysis."
Both presented by F. R. Skerner.

"Dona Clarines."
"Novelistas Espanoles Modernos."
Both presented by F. R. Skermer.

"History of English Literature."
Presented by H. G. Graham.

"Cromwell's Understudy."
Presented by J. R. Salter.

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OLD BLACKBURNIANS ASSOCIATION F.C.

THE season 1939—40 has been the most difficult experienced since I joined the committee in 1925. The cause first and foremost was the outbreak of war which happened when we had got fixtures arranged for our 1st and 2nd XI. in the Northern Section of the Lancashire Amateur League and for our " A " XI. the usual friendly fixtures.

The L.A.L. suspended all activities for the duration of hostilities so we had to obtain new fixtures for the club. The 1st XI. joined the Blackburn and District Combination First Division whilst the " A " XI. friendly games were transfered to our 2nd XI., and as about twelve to fifteen of our last season's players have joined the Army we are not able to run our " A " XI.

We have not fared any too well with our games regarding results but there is one great thing for which we have been highly complimented, namely, trying to keep the " Flag Flying " during these difficult times.

At the time of writing we have come up against another serious difficulty namely—Oh where tell us where can we play our 1st XI. home games!—we know a very appropriate answer in these times would be " Somewhere in Lancashire " but we would like something a little more definite than that, the reason being that we had arranged the majority of our home games on the " Grammar School Playing Fields " but have now been informed that we cannot play our 1st XI. fixtures there nor can we stage *" a match "* on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1939. We knew we could not play our customary opposition on Boxing Day this year but had hoped to play against an Army XI. at Lammack for a War Charity, but as the ground is not available we will have to endeavour to find another venue and if successful we trust you will give us your wholehearted support.

The charity match against Blackburn Technical College on their ground at Pleckgate on New Year's morning will take place and will be for the Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

We have arranged a dance to take place on Friday, December 22nd, 1939, in the Emporium Ballroom, and on account of existing conditions it will be from 6-30 p.m. until 11 p.m. and on this occasion we will make a collection, the proceeds to be devoted to sending parcels to the members of our Football Club serving in " His Majesty's Forces."

Finally, remember " GROUND WANTED " for playing our 1st XI. Home Games; if you can help communicate with the undernamed.

KEN FORBES (Chairman).

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES, ETC., 1938-9.

J. C. Aspden, M.A. (1920-27)—Appointed Director of Education of Margate.

J. Aspin, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (1926-33)—Graduated M.B., B.Chir., University of Cambridge.

K. S. Aspinall 1927-36)—Graduated B.A., 2nd. Cl. Mod. & Med. Lang.; Tripos. Part ii. (French and German), Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

T. Barnes (1935-38)—Passed the Intermediate Examination for B.A., St. John's College, Durham.

H. Bates (1929-38)—Passed the Intermediate Examination for the Degree of B.Sc., University of Manchester. Hulme Hall.

E. Blackshaw (1926-36)—Graduated B.A., 1st Class Hons. Mod. & Med Lang Tripos. Part ii. (French and German), Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
Appointed Assistant Master at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh.

H. F. Brooks, M.A., B.Litt. (1919-23)—Graduated Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford.

F. E. Brown (1929-36)—Passed Preliminary Examination in Maths., 2nd Year, with 1st Class Honours, Queens' College, Cambridge.

J. K. Brown (1927-35)—Passed Part i. (Pharmacology) of the 3rd M.B., Ch. B., University of Manchester.

A. Carpenter (1929-38)—Passed 1st Year Preliminary Examinaton for Part i. Nat. Sci. Tripos. 2nd Cl. Hons., Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

H. Collins (1935-37)—Passed Examination for the B. of E. Teachers' Certificate, Saltley College, Birmingham.
Appointed to Assistant Mastership under the Coventry Education Authority.

H. Cronshaw (1931-37)—Passed the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers.

H. Dixon (1931-35)—Passed Part i. of the Degree of B.Sc. (Engineering), University of London.

F. H. Duckworth (1933-39)—Passed the Intermediate Examination, University of Manchester.

Rev. J. E. Eastwood (1904-07)—Installed to a Canonry (Hon.) of Manchester Cathedral.

R. Field, Ph.C. (1926-31)—Appointed Senior Assistant to the City Hospital, Pharmacy Department, Nottingham.

W. Fishwick (1930-38)—Passed 2nd Year Preliminary Examination for Mech. Sci. Tripos. 2nd Class Hons., Pembroke College, Cambridge.

J. S. Gibson (1930-37)—Passed Part i., Hons., School of Mod. Langs., University of Manchester.

W. Grimbaldeston (1930-37)—Passed Part i. of the Degree of B.Sc. Tech. (Higher courses), Elect. Eng., University of Manchester.

H. F. Grundy (1931-37)—Passed the Intermediate Examination for the Degree of B.Sc., University of Manchester.

D. Harkness, B.Sc. (1922-29)—Appointed Lecturer in Maths. and Physics, Municipal Technical College, Huddersfield.

H. Hargreaves (1925-36)—Graduated 3rd Class Hons. Nat. Sci.: Tripos, Part i., Downing College, Cambridge.

N. Harris (1928-36)—Passed the 2nd Examination for the Degree of M.B., Ch.B., University of Manchester.

T. S. Hindle (1927-37)—Passed the Qualifying Examination in Anatomy and Physiology for M.B., B.Chir., Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

C. W. Harvey, B.Sc. (1920-25)—Appointed Lecturer in Mathematics in the Leicester College of Technology.

C. L. Holden (1929-37)—Passed Part ii.a (Botany) and Part ii.b Zoology) of 1st Examination for Degree of M.B., Ch.B., University of Manchester.

J. Holden (1931-36)—Graduated LL.B., University of Manchester.

R. A. Holden (1926-37)—Passed the Qualifying Examination in Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology for M.B., B.Chir., Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

R. Isherwood (1929-37)—Passed Part i., Hon. School of Chemistry, University of Manchester, Lanc. Ind. College.

F. H. Johnson (1929-34)—Passed the Intermediate Examination for the Degree of B.Sc., University of Manchester.

H. Kent (1934-37)—Passed 2nd Class, Div. i., Historical Tripos, Part i., Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

J. W. Lightbown (1929-36)—Graduated B.Sc., Pharmacy, University of Manchester.

A. Littlewood, B.Sc. (1927-34)—Appointed Test Officer, Meteorological Office.

G. Manley, M.A., B.Sc. (1910-18)—Appointed to a University Demonstratorship in Geography, University of Cambridge.

J. Mason (1932-36)—Graduated B.A. Hon. School of English Lang. and Lit., Merton College, Oxford.

R. W. McVity (1923-28)—Appointed Clerk to the Ashton Guardians' Committee.

W. Mellor (1927-34)—Passed Part i. of the Final M.B., Ch.B., Examination, University of Manchester.

I. M. MacPhee (1924-34)—Passed Part i. for Certificate in Town and Country Planning, University of Manchester.

F. J. Morris (1934-37)—Passed the Final Examination for the Diploma of the Associateship of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

J. O'Hare, B.A. (1929-35)—Passed Examination for Diploma of Education, Oriel College, University of Oxford.
Appointed Assistant Master at Preston Manor Grammar School, Wembley.

J. Ormerod (1929-37)—Passed Examination for B. of E. Teachers' Certificate, Saltley College, Birmingham.
Appointed to an Assistant Mastership under the Warwickshire Education Authority.

O. F. Phoenix (1928-38)—Passed the Intermediate Examination for the London University B.Sc. Degree in Engineering.

J. D. Pomfret (1927-35)—Passed Part i. Hons. School of Econ., Politics and Mod. Hist., University of Manchester.
Awarded Cobden Club Prize for Political Economy and Bursary to the Geneva School of International Studies.

W. D. Reader (1931-36)—Passed Part i. of Final Examination in Hons. for the Degree of LL.B., University of Manchester.

R. Richardson (1930-38)—Passed Preliminary Examination in Mechanical Sciences, 1st Year with 1st Class Honours, Queens' College, Cambridge.

L. K. Robinson (1931-38)—Passed the Intermediate Examination of the Hons. Degree of LL.B., University of Manchester.

A. Sauvain, B.A. (1918-26)—Appointed Education Secretary to the Ossett Education Authority.

R. J. Sharples (1926-31)—Passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

I. B. Shearer (1930-38)—Passed the Intermediate Examinatoin, University of Manchester.

F. R. Skermer (1928-35)—Graduated B.A., in Nat. Science., St. Peter's Hall, University of Oxford. .....

A. R. D. Smith (1928-35)—Passed the Final Qualifying Examination for the Diploma in Dental Surgery, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

L. G. Soady (1926-36)—Graduated B.A., 3rd Class Mod. and Med. Lang. Tripos, Part ii. (French and Spanish), Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

J. G. Speak (1925-32)—Passed the Examinations for Orthodontia and Junior Operative Dentistry for the Diploma in Dentistry, University of Manchester.

J. Tatlow (1925-29)—Appointed Chief Assistant Clerk to the Preston Borough Bench.

G. A. Thompson (1922-29)—Qualified L.R.C.P. (London), M.R.C.S. (England), University of Manchester.

J. Varley, B.A. (1923-33)—Appointed Assistant Master at Melville College, Edinburgh.

H. Walmsley (1922-33)—Passed Third Examination (Pathology and Bacteriology) for the Degree of M.B., Ch.B., University of Manchester.

Rev. H. Whewell, M.A. (1900-06)—Installed to a Canonry (Hon.) of Manchester Cathedral.

W. T. Whewell, M.A. (1917-24)—Appointed Assistant Master at the Haberdasher Aske's School, Hampstead.

J. P. Whittle (1931-37)—Passed Part i. (a) Honours School of Architecture, University of Manchester.

V. A. Winsor (1923-32)—Passed the Intermediate Examination of the Hospital Officers' Association.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Cambridge,

December 2nd, 1939.

(*To the Editor of the "Old Blackburnian."*)

Dear Sir,

The term which began so uncertainly has, so its seems to many, ended all too soon. Quite a large number will not return next term and wished to make the best of this term, and others who will come back are regretting lack of diligence to their work. The will to work has on the whole been practically non-existent, for only scientists and third year technicians are really certain of finishing this year in Cambridge. It is expected, too, that most of these finish their coures in two years instead of three.

Life here has not changed as much as might be expected; sport goes on, though more lightheartedly than formerly. Blues, of course, are not now given, although Oxford are to play us at Rugger at the end of the term. The tough, shall we say "reactionary," element has been sadly depleted, and, may the gods spare us, the Union Society at a debate voted that women should have the same rights as men in the University, including membership of the Union! This may have been due to the large influx from London University, including four hundred and fifty Bedford College women among others.

With a black-out such as exists here is is impossible to know what all our members are doing, but we gather that our Medicals, Holden, Hindle and Carpenter, are working hard for examinations at the end of term. Carpenter has also passed a *viva voce* examination, and also given up rowing. Bradshaw and Brown have been awarded Soccer Half-Colours at Queen's, while Bury seems to have obeyed the implied command of his name, for

nothing is known of him. Long-gowned Aspinall is with us still, but Hargreaves is not, having gone down after a short stay here. Joe Kent is perfecting himself at an odd game which Napoleon played, perhaps, and engineers Richardson and Fishwick are overworked, the latter finding time now and then to play Soccer or Rugger.

We believe, but are not sure, that Wild has done something rather good in the smelly field of Organic Chemistry.

We regret it but we are not holding a dinner this year.

We offer our good wishes to any freshers coming up for Schols. We hope to see some of them next term, for successful candidates are being allowed to come up in January.

The Society sends seasonal wishes to members of the School and Old Boys' Society.

Yours, etc.,

THE SECRETARY.

Owens College,
Manchester,
December, 1939.

(*To the Editor of the "Old Blackburnian."*)

Dear Sir,

Once again we take up the pen to chronicle the progress of Old Boys at Owens. With the coming of war, activities, both social and academic, were curtailed. At one time there was the grave possibility of the University closing down altogether, but fortunately the unusual character of the war (or should we say the National Emergency) rendered this unnecessary.

In spite of everything, however, the number of OBs. at Manchester continues to increase. This term we welcome Askew (Dentistry), Dark (Medicine), Holden (Law), Pott (Engineering) and Ramsbottom (Architecture).

As yet the country seems to be getting along quite well without the rest of us, but Pomfret is shortly to join the Fleet Air Arm with a commission; and Scholes, being a member of the O.T.C. may not remain with us much longer. Several others, who are on the brink if militia age do not seem over worried at the prospect of abandoning their studies.

MacPhee has left the University for a position with H.M. Office of Works, whilst hoping to finish his course at a later date.

Lightbown is to be heartily congratulated on obtaining the James Woolley Chemistry Research Scholarship.

Many people are unaware of the large number of O.Bs. at this University, who they are and what they are doing; so, in order to remedy this deficiency we propose to let them know.

Isherwood (R.), Johnson, Bates, and Grundy are budding chemists who speak of long hours in the lab. concocting pills calculated to kill or cure.

Brown, Hargreaves, and Holden (C. L.) comprise our medical force, Speak is our dentist, whilst Harrison and Isherwood (F.) are pharmaceutical students.

Whittle and Scholes study architecture. Reader and Robinson delve into the intricacies and formalities of the law and Shearer, Duckworth and Gibson, learn their foreign tongues under the guise of modern linguists. Calvert is studying medicine.

Having left no space in which to mention the various activities of the above mentioned students we will close in the hope that we might be privileged to do so at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

O.B's. (Manchester).

UNFORTUNATELY Oxford have not replied to the Editor's usual circular reminding Hon. Secretaries that Magazine time is round again. Obviously there must be some reason for this unpardonable sin.

Maybe Oxford has been evacuated to "Somewhere in England," so that they did not see the reminder.

Possibly all O.B.s at Oxford are in the Forces, so that there was no one left to write up the news.

Perhaps they were all working too hard—perhaps.

How, then, does this state of affairs come about. Maybe it was just too much trouble.

O.B. RESCUED BY WARSHIP.

OUR congratulations are offered to O.B. Joseph Burras, of 20, Shear Brow, who, as Apprentice Officer, was recently rescued from the sinking Liverpool steamer, "Ionian." Burras was picked up by a warship and landed safely at a north-east port.

CONCERNING ALL O.B.s.

INFORMATION is required as to the number of O.B.s serving with the Forces. Will anyone who can give news of such O.B.s please write to either—

Mr. H. Burrows,
Union Bank Chambers,
Church Street.

or

The Headmaster,
The Grammar School.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annnal Meeting is to be held on Friday, January 5th, at the Castle Hotel, Blackburn, to be followed by a Hot-Pot Supper. Particulars will be sent to members later.

OLD BLACKBURNIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st July, 1939.

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By Subscriptions	57	5	0
,, Loan and Bank Interest	6	15	1
,, Profit on Dance	14	0	0
	£78	0	1

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1939.

Liabilities.				£	s.	d.
Life Membership Fund—						
Balance at 31st July, 1938	316	11	6			
Additions: 7 at £3/3/0	22	1	0			
1 at £1/11/6	1	11	6			
				340	4	0
Subscriptions received in advance				1	7	6
Sundry Creditors				52	16	11
Accumulated Fund—						
Balance at 31st July, 1938	11	11	7			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	13	11	7			
				25	3	2
				£419	11	7

Assets.				£	s.	d.
Loans on Mortgage, County Borough of Blackburn				160	0	0
Blackburn Savings Bank				107	8	10
Lloyds Bank, Ltd.				140	1	1
District Bank, Ltd.				0	18	5
Cash in Hand				3	12	0
Accrued Interest				1	11	3
Addressing Machine and Cupboard	6	18	7			
Less: Depreciation	0	18	7			
				6	0	0
				£419	11	7

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Old Blackburnians' Association as above set forth, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In our opinion they represent a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association during the year ended 31st July, 1939.

(Signed) FRANK A. ASTLEY, A.S.A.A.
N. ISHERWOOD, A.C.A.

Blackburn, 21st November, 1939.

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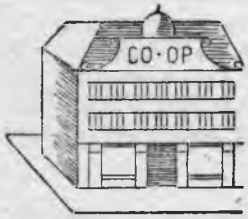

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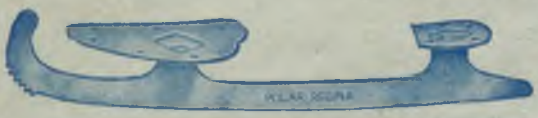

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