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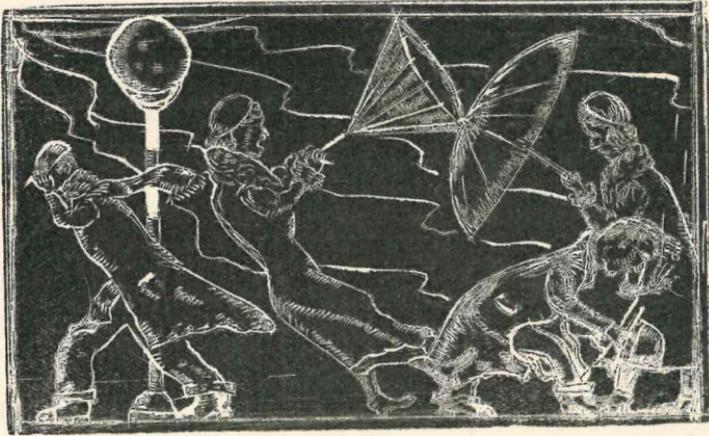
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## School Notes.

The Scholarship Fund has made a most promising start, and two hundred and twenty-five pounds have been invested in National Savings Certificates. Of this sum the Appeal has brought in £74 17s. 3d., the Plays £55 3s. 1d., and the Sale £72 1s. 4d. To all those who helped to produce this total the School is very grateful. There is at the end of the magazine a list of those whose subscriptions to the fund were received after December 1st, and we should like to remind those who have not yet subscribed that the fund is still open.

Mr. Edwards, who took Mr. Williams' place last term, left us at the end of January. We were sorry to lose him, but are glad that he has obtained a permanent post, and wish him every success. We welcome Mr. Stephens, who came at very short notice.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Williams is once more restored to health, and hope he will soon be with us again.

At the end of last term Miss Evans who had been a member of the English Staff for just over three years, left, and we wish her happiness in her new role as Mrs. Kendell. Her place has been taken by Miss Gillmour, to whom we offer a hearty welcome. Miss Spencer left us temporarily at

Christmas to spend six months in Paris. We are looking forward to her return next term, and hope that she is enjoying life in the capital of Europe.

Contributions to the magazine are still far too few in number, and except for entries to the competitions, were confined to members of the VIth Form. For the literary competition, there were fifteen entries, and the prize is awarded to P. Williamson; D. Higgins was second. There were only four entries for the pictorial competition, and the prize is awarded to W. Scholey.

We thank all those who sent in contributions, and hope that their number may increase.

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## House Notes.

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### ATHENS.

The House takes this opportunity to congratulate all Athenians who have been accepted into Training Colleges this term, and to wish them success in their careers after School. We also take the opportunity to thank all those members of the House, the girls who employed themselves in the Housecraft Room, and the boys who were occupied in the workshops, for their efforts towards the Sale of Work, which proved to be a great success in its initial attempt. The Athenians had a good array of various products on their stall, and compared favourably with the output of the other Houses.

Unfortunately, both the Work and Games Cups seem quite out of our reach this term; the former, largely due to the number of detentions piled up as usual by certain individuals from the lower part of the Middle School, and the Games Cup owing to an unusual widespread lack of talent on the field. True, the 1st XV. includes four Athenian boys, but the Seniors have so far been defeated in each of their matches. The Juniors, too, appear to have quite a strong team when complete, but the full fifteen members rarely turn up, and they have suffered similar defeats. However, even if the Work and Games Cups are beyond hope this term, the Sports Cup comes up for competition early in the Summer Term, and we urge all likely athletes to do their best in an endeavour to put up a better fight than usual on Sports Day.

During the last few terms, the sale of School Magazines has become a question of great importance. At one time, the Athenian boys ordered as many as thirty-six magazines; the number has gradually dwindled, and this term has reached twenty-four. Taking into account the fact that several boys and girls have brothers or sisters at School, which naturally excludes certain members of the House, it should still be possible for more people to buy the magazine, and we hope that next term will see an increased demand, and a return to the former level.

### CARTHAGE.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new House Mistress, Miss Henderson, and hope she will enjoy her stay with us, taking with her when she leaves us memories of the high aspirations and successes of the House. The girls have already benefited from her tuition on the Hockey field.

Last term, much to our surprise, we were the best House for work, but we regret to report were among the highest for detentions. Nay, girls! 'twas not you, the detention getters were confined to a small section of the boys, who are this term, we know, trying to keep their names from among Friday morning's black list. We have great hopes of winning the Work Cup this term.

Last year Thebes just wrested the Sports Cup from us; it is now the bounden duty of every Carthaginian to help get it back; we must not be satisfied until the Sports Cup adorns the scholastic interior of Geography two.

The Easter holidays are before us, and it will not rain every day, green fields and bye-paths are plentiful, so practice hard, then when that fateful day in May arrives our neighbours will look at us in awe and know the result to be a foregone conclusion. "Adieu mes amis, et bon voyage."

### ROME.

At the end of last term we held our House Party. It was a great success. Special mention must be made of the Senior Girls and Boys who arranged entertainments. West and Boaden performed a comedy sketch. West, as the Fat Lady, and Boaden, as the Thin Lady, were highly amusing. M. Mann, G. Hardman and T. Turgoose acted a dumb show. G. Hardman was a most seductive Spanish lady, M. Mann a very realistic "heavy" father, and T. Turgoose a most non-chalant lover. The Juniors recitations also showed promise.

The Detention List seems to have shortened this term, but this cannot be maintained without continuous effort.

The chances this year of winning the Games Cup seem to be remote. The Seniors, both girls and boys, have done badly. The Juniors have made more effort, but with indifferent results. Among the senior girls, at any rate, there is lack of enthusiasm, especially when they are required to turn out to dinner-hour practices. We comfort ourselves, unwisely perhaps, by saying that some Houses always run "to brawn." Rome is not one of these. Can it possibly be that she runs to "brain"?

Last term we praised the girls for the work they did for the School Sale, but we feel that the boys ought to be praised too. Between their efforts, £11 has already been given to the Head, and there is still about £1 in hand.

Next term the Sports will be held. We hope that Rome will practice hard and put up a good show.

Cook, the boys' House Captain, has just sat for his Cambridge Scholarship. We are sure all the House will join with us in wishing him every success. Perhaps this is the "b-i-n" referred to previously!

### SPARTA.

The Easter Term, always uneventful, is the bane of the House representative, who can, on this occasion, find very little to write about except last term's House Party, House games, and detentions.

The House Party last term was a very enjoyable function. The programme for the evening was very well arranged, and everything went with a swing and without a hitch from beginning to end. Undoubtedly the Spartans owe their thanks to the House Master and Mistress, and to the House Captains, for organising the Party.

This term, at any rate up to the time of writing, no Senior House matches have been played, though by the time these notes appear in print, both Senior boys and girls will have met Athens and Troy.

Detentions provide little material for this record. Sparta has had neither an outstandingly large nor an incredibly small list of detentions. It must be hoped that this average state of affairs will alter for the better, and then Sparta's prestige will go up, and more could then be written on the subject of "Detentions."

Mention must be made (last but not least) of the efforts made by Spartan girls with regard to last term's Sale of Work. These efforts resulted in the gain of just over £27.

And now for a last word on the Magazine itself. Spartans are asked to buy more magazines next term, and so, as we have been so often told, they will be thicker, and the grouse that "they are too thin" will no longer be justified.

### THEBES.

The House matches played this term speak well for Thebes, the Junior boys being, as yet, undefeated. The Senior teams, although less successful, are very keen, and we hope that their efforts will enable them to gain a few more victories.

The detention list is still lamentably high, mainly owing to the indiscretions of members of the Lower School, but so far this term we have not had to suspend any of the offenders from the House.

Many Thebans seem to be suffering from impecuniosity, and this is reflected in the small number of magazines ordered. We hope, however, that this state is only temporary, and that those members, who have not bought magazines this term, will be amongst the first to order them next term.

It is hoped that all Thebans will have a good holiday, and that they will return to school, next term, filled with the determination to work hard in preparation for the July examinations.

### TROY.

Detentions! Detentions! Detentions! It is usual to leave the mention of detentions until the end of the notes, but their amazing number insists that they have first place. They must stop. It is also very noticeable but not surprising that those with most detentions are below half-way in the Form.

The Juniors bear the brunt of the games, having won all their matches. Both boys and girls seem deficient in Seniors, and have to recourse to Juniors to provide a team at all. Consequently it is not surprising that they are not so successful, although the Senior girls have not yet had a chance to prove their worth this term.

Work in the House went well last term and our success at the Sale of Work crowned our efforts. As there is not to be another for five years, we hope the House has not settled down and proposed to do nothing. Work will begin on a new venture next term.

Reaction seems to have set in after the surprising activity of last term. Little has been done in the House this term, even games practices have been few. Next term we hope for a burst of fresh energy to gain the Sports Cup. Well, there is no harm in hoping.

Getting magazine money is like getting blood out of a stone. We wish that everyone in the House would make an effort to produce their money at the right time without so much grumbling. Remember, the more copies sold, the bigger the magazine will be.



## School Societies.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY.

This term has been rather unsatisfactory with regard to work and keenness, especially in the case of the Art Section. And so, with some reluctance, it has been decided to close down the Society for next term. This decision has

also been influenced by the fact that the Summer Term is always slack. It is hoped that the loss of the Society for a term may make members more keen when it re-opens, and make them put more value on the Clubs.

With regard to the Art Club, it is possible that the very keen members may be allowed to get on with any work which they wish to do, and sketching expeditions may be organised. And now for the news of the term. At the beginning of this term the following were created full members : Walker, U.Vb; M. Parkes, Va; M. George, Va. Attendance was quite good at this time, and the Sketching Section was recommenced, portraits being drawn every Monday.

Mention must be made of the very interesting illustrated lecture given by Mr. Leadley this term on Leonardo da Vinci. This lecture was well attended, and deservedly, by full members of the Art Club and those of the Sixth Forms who were sufficiently interested.

These notes must be closed with the hope that when the Arts and Crafts Society again springs into existence, it will arouse the enthusiasm which it had in the past.

### FIELD CLUB.

This term the Senior and Junior Sections of the Field Club have definitely functioned as separate organisations. The Junior Section has made a very promising start with R. Sewell (U.IVa) as President; H. Lindley (U.IVb) as Secretary; and a Committee of Form Representatives.

Three meetings of this section have been held this term, and these have been well attended.

At the first meeting on March 5th, Lindley read a paper on "Strange Plants." On March 12th three papers were read: "Romance in the Rivers," by Knutton (U.IIIa), "Great Biologists," by Phillips (U.IVa), and "The Life of Pasteur," by Barker (U.IIIa). The third meeting was on March 19th, when Miller (U.IIIa) read a paper on "Misers of Nature," Currans (U.IIIa) read one on "Eggs," and Hawkesworth (U.IIIa) one on "Spiders."

The Senior Section has only held one meeting so far this term, on March 13th, when papers were read on "Colour and Form in Animals," by Youel (U.VI.Sc.) and on "Plant and Animal Associations," by Howdle (U.VI.Sc.). Both speakers dealt very well with their subjects in the time at their disposal, and it is regrettable that the audience was not larger.

### SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the term took the form of a hurriedly arranged, but not the less successful, programme of short stories by the Upper VI. Literary, to which a large audience was attracted.

The second meeting was held on February 18th, when a debate was held on the motion "That the U.S.A. and the British Empire acting in unison could maintain world peace." Cook, T. Redgate and Higgins proposed the motion, and Kitson, Greenall and E. Stopforth opposed. So high was the level of debating that there was not even time for the prescribed speakers to finish their arguments, and as the majority of the audience had to leave early, the vote which was against the motion, can hardly be considered indicative of the feelings of the house.

The VI. Remove provided a novel programme at the third meeting, and from behind a screen on the platform each of the Form read one of the poems of A. P. Herbert. Although all the speakers were not distinct, the idea itself was an excellent one.

On March 4, Collins, Upper VI. Literary, gave an evening on "Browning." After reading some comments on Browning's work, dramatic interpretations of several poems were given, in which Rowlinson and Prudence Crockett ably assisted.

At the next meeting, on March 12, Horner of the Science VI. gave a lecture on "Colour" to the largest audience of the term, with many interesting and amusing illustrations of colour illusion.

The Vth Forms entertained the Society for the last meeting of the Term. Upper Va and Va gave scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," in which West gave a good interpretation of Shylock, and Upper Vb and V Remove gave scenes from "Henry V" which were heartily appreciated.

The Society will hold its usual Social on Monday, April 8, when the VI. Literary will present "Antony and Cleopatra."

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### JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Junior Literary Society has been well attended this term, the record attendance being eighty. This was at the sixth meeting when a small play was presented by Form U.IIIa, entitled "Incorrigible," by A. J. Talbot. It dealt with the discouragements which every would-be author has

to contend with, and imagined such discouraging incidents in the life of Bunyan, Moses and Shakespeare. This play was enjoyed greatly.

Many debates were held and it was decided that it is better to be fat than thin; that Mr. Lloyd George was the greatest living man; that films do not do more harm than good; that modern inventions have increased our happiness and that Professionalism does not ruin true sportsmanship.

There are yet two meetings at one of which a play about Cromwell will be presented by Forms U.IVa and B. At the last meeting small plays written by members of the Society will be presented.

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## Orchestra Notes.

The Orchestra accompanied the Christmas Plays, "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Rising Generation." At the first the Orchestra played: Folk Tune arranged by P. Fletcher, "Water Music" by Handel, Minuet from "Bourgeois Gentilhomme" by Lulli; Gavotte from "Mignon" by Thomas; and Mazurka from "Coppelia" by Delibes. The "Norwegian Dances" by Mullen, Romance from the "Queen of France," by Haydn, Allegro and Minuet from "Fire Music" by Handel, "Valley of Poppies" by Ancliffe, and a piano solo "Wedding Day" by D. Howitt, were played at "The Rising Generation."

The Junior members are improving steadily with regular practice, and are finding the music less difficult. We have acquired no new members, but the Orchestra led by the Senior members, has shown a marked improvement, which we hope will continue in the future.

The Orchestra is now practising in full swing the music for the Senior Literary Society's play, "Antony and Cleopatra." The music for this play is: the Overture to "La Rosaura," by A. Scarlatti; selections from "Cavaliere Rusticana," by Mascagni, and the "Folk Tune and Fiddle Dance," by P. E. Fletcher.

Although we have had many changes in the Orchestra's personnel, time and pitch are well observed, and the music is performed with considerable attention to expression.

## Scout Notes.

At the end of last term the Scouts held a Camp-fire in the School field. Many musical items were arranged by the Seniors, but unfortunately they were not all able to attend, and we were deprived of what would have been a highly enjoyable musical programme. We were, however, very relieved by the absence of Cook, who had offered to croon. He was, however, fortunately detained by a rehearsal. The Scouts who were able to attend did their best, singing with vigour if not with harmony. They were helped by a very efficient orchestra, composed of Youel with his mouth-organ, and numerous combs.

The attendances have been good, several new members having been recruited. The older Scouts, who were busy with rehearsals for the School plays last term, have returned. A large amount of work has been done, especially by the new members, who have been very keen. Several tests have been held, covering all Tenderfoot and Second Class work, in which the Springbok and Curlew patrols have come out first. In the Individual Tests Langford and O. Hargreaves were top, while several new members showed promise of good work in the future. The Patrol Leaders are to be congratulated on their excellent work in organising these tests and marking them.

Taking advantage of the use of the Gymnasium, which we have had the use of this term, we have introduced games of handball, which generally result in a few goals, but numerous bruises, as the chief idea of the Scouts seems to be to pile as many Scouts as possible on the top of a football. A Patrol Competition was held, which resulted in a win for the Owl Patrol. Later a match was played between the Patrol Leaders and the Staff, helped by some of the older Scouts. A keenly contested game resulted in a win for the Staff by 3 goals to 2. The scorers for the Patrol Leaders were Mangham and Kitson, while Hollingsworth and Lawson did good work in the defence. The Staff having won the toss, decided to play towards the Gasworks end, and were soon leading by a goal scored by Mr. Collister. They later scored through Atkinson and Mr. Collister again. Although the Staff obtained most goals, they also received most injuries, and were later seen using the appropriate Scout methods to heal their numerous bruises and cuts. This match proved to be the high-light of a rather uneventful term.

## Guides.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Gillmour, who joined us at the beginning of the term.

The Christmas Stocking Trail proved a great success; about a hundred stockings, provided by the Guides of the district, were distributed among the poorer children of Wath.

We also made a collection of Christmas cards which we sent to one of the Lone Guides.

March 1st, the birthday of the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide, was held as "Thinking Day," when we especially considered the Guide Movement throughout the world.

An enjoyable time was spent on March 2nd in the National School, when a Conference was held for Patrol Leaders and their Seconds. Tea was provided, and Miss Cartwright presided over the Conference.

Although we have had a moderate attendance this term, we could do with still more recruits.

With the approach of warmer weather, we have begun to look forward to the Summer Camp, which, we understand, is to be held somewhere on the East Coast.

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## The School Plays.

### THE RISING GENERATION.

If one is to judge the production of "The Rising Generation" from the expressions on the faces of the audience, then it was most decidedly a great success. The more mature members of the audience gave expressions of assent and "hear, hear's" when any part of the play provided a burlesque to show the idiosyncrasies of real life, "when youth comes knocking at the door."

On the side of "Youth" are ranged Walter Morrell, as played by Lake and his sister Selina (Irene Atkinson), Warwick Entwhistle (Thompson) an ardent disciple of Morrell, and his sister Winnie (Monica Hayes) with her friend Vane (Kathleen Buckley), not forgetting the modest captain of the second eleven and embarrassed lover, Breese (Ankers).

On the other side are the worldly wise parents, Mr. and Mrs. Entwhistle (Preston and Phoebe Sanderson), Mr. Morrell (Peace) and Puddiffer (Alwyn), The Cook (Evelyn Stopforth), and Mr. Andrews (Youel), the orchid grower.

The parental Entwhistles have just arrived back from the depths of unknown Africa after being away for three years; it is the beginning of their son and daughter's holiday from School. Warwick gives his parents half an hour's notice that he has invited two friends to stay with him. Winnie just arrives with her friend Vane, followed by Breese then to crown everything Warwick's other pal, Walter Morrell, arrives with his sister. Accommodation in the house is small and the parents decide to take a holiday. The young people are, however, unsuccessful in their attempt to keep a perfectly normal household, the finances run short, the parrot dies, the bath runs over, the Cook leaves, a cricket ball in flight from Entwhistle's garden breaks Mr. Andrews' green-house, his prize orchid and his gardener's head. The children are soon fed up and ready to let their parents take charge again. Just before Mr. and Mrs. Entwhistle arrive back, Mr. Morrell has come in search of Walter and Selina, who have really run away from home; Mr. Morrell is very angry, and gives vent to his anger on Mr. Andrews, whom he takes for Mr. Entwhistle. Everything is soon explained, and Mr. Entwhistle invites "Youth" to dine with him.

All the players played their parts well and showed they had all taken a great deal of time and trouble to bring their respective parts to perfection.

Special mention must, however, be made of Alwyn, who played the part of the tactful butler with an art rarely seen in amateur productions, causing roars of laughter in his handling of the "party." Evelyn Stopforth, as the Cook, played the part of a domestic admirably. "Who could tell her what to do?" Puddiffer, "Oh, dear, No!"

Lucy Senior as the little old lady, grannie Entwhistle entered dramatically at the end, and said that Mr. and Mrs. Entwhistle had left her home without saying they were going, and they had therefore no respect for their elders. One would like to add at this stage that "Youth," though shown incompetent on the stage, would not be so in real life!



“SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.”

Little was left to be desired in the production of “She Stoops to Conquer.” The play was enjoyed by all, especially the subtle plot-mongering of Tony Lumpkin, a part which suited Greenall to perfection. He kept the play lively, introducing much action and noise into the performance. How much his part was appreciated can be seen from an expression heard from various members of the audience when he came on the stage, “He’s here again”; they would then sit well back and prepare themselves for a good laugh.

Fitch, as Mr. Hardcastle, was great; his part could not have been improved upon, and he and Rowlinson, as Sir Charles Marlowe, made an ideal pair: their acting “behind” the screen whilst listening to the lovers made the audience laugh till their jaws ached.

The ever serious, fashionable, and proud Mrs. Hardcastle was most ably played by Monica Frost, her pampering of her son Tony, and her matching of him with his cousin Con, the disappearance of the jewels, and her appeals to the “highwayman” from the horse pond were much appreciated by the audience.

Clare Jackson acted a rather difficult part well, her words were heard clearly and distinctly at the back of the hall. She incorporated the parts of barmaid and Miss Hardcastle so as to bring out the deception undergone by young Marlowe, a part played well by Cook; his embarrassment in front of the ladies caused much amusement, despite all the efforts of Hastings, played by Collins, to bring him "out of his shell." Collins showed great discretion in suiting his action to his dialogue.

Miss Neville was acted exceedingly well by Molly Smith: she was just the right type to take the part of Tony's rather subdued cousin.

Prudence Crockett, as the maid, played a small part, but her acting was good, her entrances and her exits were a feature of the play.

On the whole it was a difficult play well performed and constituted a good two hours' entertainment. It was a pity that the fog on the Friday night performance of the play stopped many from coming to see it who otherwise would have been. Some people had walked miles to see it, and their verdict was that it had been well worth their while.

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## The Sale.

Last term, on the nights of the Plays, we held a very successful "Sale of Work." Each House tried hard to make the effort worth while. Many people were agreeably surprised to see such a large number of attractive exhibits, and they showed their appreciation in a practical way—we mean that they responded nobly when we asked them to "come and buy." Judging by the pretty and useful sewn and knitted goods, many girls had been "sitting on cushions, sewing fine seams"; we began to think that, perhaps, "a woman's place is still in the home—sometimes." The boys, too, showed surprising initiative in metalwork and woodwork. We had a very attractive array on Wednesday night, a display which pleased us very much. As we are true subjects of our "Nation of shopkeepers," our pleasure increased as our stores diminished. We thank all masters, mistresses, girls, boys and customers who helped to make this sale such a huge success. By this, our first attempt, we made, altogether, **£72 ls. 4d.**

## Football.

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“A” XV. v. Doncaster G.S. Home.

Result : Won by 12 points to 8.

The School fielded an “A” XV. against Doncaster 1st XV., and managed to pull off the victory. Ankers lost the toss and Lake kicked off uphill. The play at first was confined to mid-field though the heavier Doncaster forwards got the ball back from the scrums and line-outs. Doncaster were the first to score with a goal. The School fought back hard and the forwards took the ball up into well within the Doncaster twenty-five. From a scrum the ball was heeled and Bunn buffeted his way through to score an unconverted try. Doncaster immediately replied with an unconverted try.

After the interval the School showed superiority and brilliance both fore and aft, and some first class movements were witnessed. The Doncaster full back, by good hard tackling and long touch finding, prevented the School from running up a high score ; the score was, however, one goal and one try. Greenall this half was left “a ne rien faire.”

1st XV. v. Hemsworth G.S. Away.

Result : Lost by 14 points to 3.

The Hemsworth ground for this match rose much above expectations. For a mud bath it was ideal, for playing that most excellent and invigorating game of “Rugger” its assets were nil. It was most decidedly a game dominated by both sets of forwards, and the Hemsworth pack being heavier than that of the School, gave them the advantage by which they won the game. In the opening stages of the game, the School drew first blood, after a brilliant run by Horn on the downhill wing. The kick at goal failed. Hemsworth retaliated strongly, and only the first time tackling and kicking methods of Greenall kept them at bay. A penalty awarded to Hemsworth inside the School twenty-five left the School one point down at half-time.

When play was resumed the School team was wholly on the defensive, and was penned for the rest of the game in their own half. The Hemsworth tries were kept down to two, and the School was still fighting back hard at the end.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth. Home.

Result : Lost by 9 points to 3.

Before the kick-off the referee warned each team not to be tackled in possession of the ball owing to the hard state of the ground. The warning, however, fell on deaf ears, with disastrous results for the School, one player being off for the latter half of the game. Lake kicked off for the School downhill and play was immediately forced into the Hemsworth twenty-five. Good resolute tackling on the part of the Hemsworth backs kept the School threes and forwards out; the threes experienced some of their best moves of the season and good handling of the ball showed that practice at dinner times pays. Scholey got over to score an unconverted try, and the School were very unlucky not to have had more by half-time.

On resuming the Hemsworth pack took control of the game and dictated the play. Hemsworth scored one try which was converted, and Heath scored one penalty goal. The score exaggerates the run of the play : a draw would have been a more fitting result.

1st XV. v. Barnsley G.S. Away.

Result : Lost by 3 points to nil.

Ever since the School have had fixtures with Barnsley the powers that be have decreed that it must rain when they meet, and rain it did. With a pitch a good Sunday afternoon's walk away from the School, and the elements in their worst of moods, it was no wonder that the players were damped both morally and physically before the kick-off. Six hardy spectators stood on the touch-line at the beginning, but these had disappeared long before the end. Ankers lost the toss and Lake kicked off for the School. The ball was kept absolutely in the tight, the threes found it utterly impossible to handle, and not one single three-quarter movement was witnessed during the whole course of the game. There was no score at half-time, and play was switched over at once.

A scrum was a consolation, while the threes stood out in the open, mummified by the cold wind and rain. From a scramble Barnsley scored a try which was not converted. Everybody was glad when the final whistle came, and it said a great deal for the constitutions of the School players when they all turned up on the following Monday, but probably their "milk diet" explains that.

2nd XV. v. Hemsworth. Feb. 9th.

Result : Draw, 6 points each.

The ground at Hemsworth was in a very bad condition, and after a few minutes' play the surface cut up so badly that both sets of forwards found it impossible to gain a firm footing in the proper scrums, while three-quarter work was hopeless in the conditions which prevailed. Throughout, play on the whole was very scrappy, and "soccer" tactics were often employed by both sides to little effect. However, Wath defended stubbornly against a heavier pack, and Brown, at full-back, broke up several Hemsworth runs by quick intervention and good kicks. Hemsworth scored two unconverted tries, but Wath retaliated, and replied with a try by Andrews and a penalty goal kicked by Whittacker, to make the scores level.

2nd XV. v. Barnsley. Feb. 16th.

Result : Won, 34 points to nil.

Having won the away game by a substantial margin of 25 points, Wath hoped to complete their first "double" of the season at the expense of Barnsley. The Barnsley team again proved inferior in every department, and taking advantage of their poor tackling and bad positional play, Cook ran through to score three tries for Wath, playing up the slope. Before the interval other tries were added by Rowlinson and Ward. On the resumption, however, the Barnsley pack played with greater vigour and determination, and the home backs subsequently saw little of the ball. However, the Wath threes still looked more dangerous than the Barnsley backs, and added further tries to gain a convincing victory.

## Hockey.

1st. XI. v. Mexborough.

Result : Lost 3--2.

Having scratched the previous matches we were extremely surprised to experience a pleasant Saturday morning. The School lost the toss, the opposing team choosing to play uphill first. After a few minutes' play the School scored, but the Mexborough centre-forward shortly after scored. Then A. Nortcliffe dribbled the ball cleverly down the field and scored again for the School.

The play during the second half was much quicker, and within a few minutes the Mexborough forwards had rushed down the field and "shot" two more goals. Yet the two teams were quite evenly matched, and we all enjoyed the first match of the term. L. Valentine and H. Rhodes played well.

## 1st XI. v. Hemsworth.

Result : Lost 2—1.

The School played uphill first, and within a short time the Hemsworth forwards scored. Then a slight accident occurred which deprived the School of a half-back till half-time. N. Langford, however, dribbled the ball up the field, and C. Jackson scored from a pass from the right. E. Hague and M. Ronan played outstandingly well during this half of the game.

After half-time the play had considerably improved, probably as a result of the enthusiastic support from the touch-line. Although the Hemsworth forwards again succeeded in scoring, the ball was the greater part of the time in the opposing goal circle, and several attempts were made by the school forwards to score. P. Crockett and M. Mann were outstanding among the School team.

## 1st XI. v. Doncaster.

Result : Lost 4—2.

Played at Doncaster, the ground was extremely muddy and we found it difficult to keep on our feet. Having rarely beaten the Doncaster team, the School team were suffering from an "inferiority complex," but nevertheless the game was by no means one-sided. The Doncaster forwards were certainly superior to the School forwards, and our defence were utterly unable to check the opposing left wing. In the first half A. Nortcliffe scored for the School, while in the second half C. Jackson scored. The School forwards, although able to rush the ball up the field, were, as usual, much too slow at "shooting." E. Rawlin and J. Turgoose played well.

## 1st XI. v. Thorne.

Result : Draw 0—0.

Played at home, the game was very even. The School won the toss and elected to play uphill first. The backs defended hard and prevented the Thorne forwards from scoring.

After half-time the School team were almost confident of victory, since they were playing down-hill. Several corners were given to the School team, but the opportunities failed to produce any definite results. The School forwards definitely showed their need for "shooting" practice.

## 2nd XI. v. Mexborough.

Result : Lost 2—1.

A fairly even game ! The School team played well against a very strong team. The School scored the first goal but Mexborough soon equalised. In the second half Mexborough scored again, and won a well-fought game.

## 2nd XI. v. Hemsworth.

Result : Won 6—1.

The School team played very well. Three goals were shot in the first half, two of them being for the School. In the second half the School scored four more goals and made sure of victory.



## A Visit to the Zoological Museum of Sheffield University.

On Tuesday, 19th March, at 2 p.m., a party of biological students of the Science VI., accompanied by Mr. Stephens, left the Woodman for Sheffield University.

At 3 p.m. we arrived at the University, and were conducted to the museum, where we found specimens and models of all creatures, big and small, from the Protozoa to the Mammalia.

Immediately after our entry, we came face to face with the jaws and teeth of different types of vertebrates. We were able to compare and contrast teeth in the form of simple cones, with the chewing, grinding teeth of horses and sheep, and the dentition of the Carnivorous animals.

Passing from dentition, we were attracted by the skeletons and forms of many animals. As you know, the vertebrate skeleton has the same fundamental ground-plan, but most skeletons present interesting modifications according to adaptation. Here we found numerous examples of modification. In the seal's skeleton we saw how the shortness of the bones of the arm formed a fin, while the arms and feathers of the penguin had become modified for swimming rather than flight. In the ostrich we noted the absence of a keel and a strong pectoral girdle as compared with a flying bird. Also we noticed the length in the arm of a gorilla and chimpanzee as compared with a man's arm.

Of tremendous importance and interest to our party were models showing the evolution of the foot of a horse, and equally instructive were models of the embryology of amphioxus, the frog, and the chick.

In another section of the museum we saw a great number of worms, including all types of parasites. Here we also found a specimen of the hermit crab along with its companion the sea-anemone.

At about 5.30 p.m. we concluded a thoroughly delightful and instructive tour. After thanking the professor, we had tea in Sheffield and then returned home.

## The Sea.

In a limitless sky of softest azure, downy white powder-puffs of clouds detached themselves from a fat white mother puff and, urged on by gentle breezes, frolicked into nothingness. The sea had changed her gown. That capricious lady never wears the same gown twice. Her skirts were deepest emerald. An emerald vastness, set with shimmering spangles of gold, its edges a silver fringe that was the beach. Last night she had been a Spanish dancer, swirling skirts, now midnight blue, flirting their lining of white foam ruffles, as the dance flicked her draperies to and fro upon the beach. The moon spilled a mantilla of golden spangles on her dark gown, and the stars winked down in mischievous joy at the mad abandon of the Spanish dancer.

P. WILLIAMSON, Va.

## Anticipation.

(or, "Waiting for the S.C. Pass List.")

From a horrible dream I awoke with a start,  
The day was Saturday, so said my heart,  
With haggard eyes and with a drawn face,  
I began to dress at a terrible pace.

I listened intently for every sound,  
With my ear pressed closely towards the ground,  
Footsteps approached, coming nearer and nearer,  
Now I could hear them, clearer and clearer.

A knock at the door set my heart beating fast,  
The result, it really had come at last,  
My eyes, they turned towards the floor,  
There, was a flat packet pushed under the door.

I tore open the flap and regarded the book,  
And scarcely dare open it inside to look,  
Taking courage, I turned through its pages at last,  
And found to my joy, my Certif. I had passed !

L. SENIOR, L.V.I.L.

"The tennis courts are made, farewell to the spade,  
and the bullying shouts of the foremen, self-made."

Finished at last, the seemingly impossible has been accomplished, and henceforth the wretched schoolboy can pass his dinner hour as he wishes. Still gloomy thoughts fill his mind as he makes his way past the place where honest workmen are putting the finishing touches to his

handiwork. What a price has been paid for this. And to what end? So that girls, who have not got the slightest idea how to play tennis, may spend their leisure time in girlish amusement. Do not say the age of chivalry has passed. How often has he been dragged reluctantly from the rugger ball, or from a comfortable corner in the library where he was doing last night's homework.

What a price! But suddenly his heart swells with a feeling of pride. He is looking forward to the time when he will be a grandfather—when he will be able to say, if the school is still standing then, "Look at that beautiful piece of work, my boys, just look at it. I made that, and I was only your age, too."

HISTORIAN.

## An Incident in the School Plays, 1934

The lights went out; the whole room was plunged into darkness, except where a faint glimmer illuminated the stage, upon which all eyes were fixed. Presently figures could be seen moving to and fro and eerie voices could be heard. One of the figures, recognised only by his loud, vigorous accents, was seen to stoop to the floor. Peering round the hat of an obese lady who sat immediately in front of me I endeavoured to ascertain the purpose of his mysterious fumbling on the floor, thinking, like the rest of the audience, it was part of the performance, duly rehearsed beforehand. Only afterwards did I learn that X—, a prominent member of the cast, had lost his wig in the dark.

D. HIGGINS (Lower VI.Lit.).

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## Auld Reekie.

The city of Edinburgh, capital of Scotland, and with innumerable historic connections, is often referred to as "the Athens of the North"—this is partly on account of its site on several hills, and partly because of its architecture.

The lofty eminence known as Arthur's Seat towers above the Palace of Holyrood House, where each year the Lord High Commissioner of Scotland takes up residence for a period of about a fortnight, during the holding of the great religious assemblies, to which come clergy from the remotest parishes of Scotland, as well as the highest Church officials.

Holyrood is connected to the equally famous Castle by the way known as the Royal Mile, a practically straight road, which incidentally passes through the oldest quarter of the city, the Canongate, with its dark closes and tall, gloomy tenements. The Castle has come especially into prominence since the War because of the presence of the National Shrine. Here each Scottish regiment is commemorated by an individual volume of names placed on a slab before a background of high-relief depicting war scenes. Here, too, most of the regimental flags have come to rest, and hang in tattered but splendid magnificence. In a beaten steel casket, mounted on a beautiful pediment built into the native rock at the highest point of the Shrine, reposes the Roll of Honour presented by the King. The outside of the Shrine has a dignified and sombre appearance very fitting to its purpose.

A company of a Scottish regiment is always garrisoned at the Castle, and men of the same regiment take guard at Holyrood. Another notable feature of the Castle is the "time-gun" in the Half-Moon Battery on the Castle-wall. At one o'clock every day, this special gun is fired by electrical contact with the National Observatory on the outskirts of the city. A further matter of interest in this connection is the "time-ball" at the top of the Nelson Monument on Calton Hill.

An interesting construction on this hill is the almost Parthenon-like erection which it possesses. To commemorate the Crimean War, a monumental building was commenced, but proved too much for the public purse, so was left unfinished, and became known as "Scotland's Folly."

The Scott Monument is a noticeable feature of Princes Street, the main thoroughfare which runs directly east-west.

The monument with its slender spire seems to strive upward over the surrounding high buildings, and just succeeds in doing so.

The name "Auld Reekie" was given because of the pall of smoke which is often seen hanging over the city. It is also partly due to the "haar" or sea-fog, which rolls inland from the Firth of Forth, and always seems most reluctant to depart.

A city of ancient memories, modernised in many respects, but retaining charms and interests which endear it to the heart of every Scot!

J. LOWCOCK, Lower VI. Lit.

### My Ambition.

To be a bard  
It is so hard,  
Yet I will persevere,  
I'll always try,  
And ne'er say die,  
For what have I to fear ?

It is too sad  
My verse is bad,  
But still my heart is gay,  
For with my news  
I can amuse  
My friends where'er I stay.

It seems my verse  
Grows worse and worse,  
But that's a mere detail,  
It all combines,  
With other lines  
To help me spin my tale.

E. STOPFORTH, L.VI.L.

### Parody on Gray's Elegy.

The porter tolls the knell of parting day,  
The studious herd thinks slowly of its spree,  
The scholars homeward plod their weary way,  
And leave the school to darkness, thankfully.

Soon all the classrooms of the school are left,  
And all the air a peaceful silence holds ;  
Save where some scholars, of their books bereft  
Are murmuring French within their narrow folds.

Let not the teacher mock their useful toil,  
Their amorous joys and destiny obscure,  
Nor 'xaminers read with a disdainful smile  
The short and simple answers of the poor.

F. ABSON, L.VI.L

