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## School Notes.

The past year has been one of transition, for although the war ended in July, 1945, the effects of its conclusion did not become apparent for many months afterwards.

This first complete year of peace has seen the return from the Forces of Mr. Grear and Mr. H. Smith, and the welcome arrival of many new members of the staff—Messrs. Eddowes, Michael, Dawson, Davis, Greatrix, Holmes, Bainbridge and Miss White ; while Mrs. Smith, Miss Jones, Miss Gibbs, Mr. Smith and Mr. Norcombe (who returned from his retirement to assist during the war) have left us.

All the School Societies have flourished and, thanks to the energetic example of Mr. Michael, the Dramatic Society has been able to resume its activities ; while a group of potential champions have started a Chess Club with the help of Mr. Orgill.

The School has also formed closer ties with its neighbours. We took part in the sports at Goole and held a debate at Mexborough, with whom we had an enjoyable Prefects' Party at Christmas.

All this promises well for the future, but probably the most auspicious event of the year was the visit of many members of the School to Holland, a visit which proved extremely successful and which has established a large body of enthusiastic "Pro-Hollanders" at Wath. We hope expeditions of this kind will continue to be made and increase in numbers until we have parties coming back with glowing reports of "our gallant Russian Allies." Then at last the School may be able to work in an age of uninterrupted peace in which the *Wathonian* will be published, not once, but as it used to be, three times a year.



DOREEN SENIOR (U.V.I.L.)

### School Prefects—1946—1947.

Oldfield, R. G.	Marie Dale
Addy, P. D.	Brenda Clarke
Cooke, C.	Eileen Hargreaves
Cutts, P. A.	Jean Hepworth
Evans, J. R.	Elizabeth Morley
Gibbons, D.	Pat. Kilner
Green, R.	Doris Morrell
Martin, M. T. W.	Sheila Bladen
Rowe, J. D. B.	Doreen Senior
Teale, J. G.	Anne Taylor
Woodcock, D. I.	

## Examination Successes.

### University Scholarships and Higher School Certificates.

- Margaret Richards—Miners' Welfare Scholarship ; County Major Scholarship—Bedford College, London.  
 Marjorie Myers—Miners' Welfare Scholarship ; County Major Scholarship—Birmingham University.  
 Colin Bradley—County Major Scholarship—Military Service.  
 Brian Machin—County Major Scholarship—Liverpool University.  
 Reginald Green—County Technological Scholarship—Deferred.  
 John D. B. Rowe—Open Exhibition, University College, Oxford.

### Higher School Certificate Examination.

The following were successful in obtaining Higher School Certificates :

D. P. Addy	R. Green	R. Plant
C. Bradley	L. Holling	F. Wagstaff
J. P. Cavill	R. K. Hurn	A. P. Walker
D. Clegg	B. Machin	Marjorie H. Myers
J. A. Donoghue	H. T. W. Martin	Margaret Richards
D. Gibbons	R. B. Oldfield	Jose M. Shaw

**School Certificates**—A total of 77 School Certificates were obtained by members of the Fifth Forms.



## House Notes.

### ATHENS.

*House Captains* : B. Clarke  
Wilks.

*Games Committee* : D. Beaumont  
Brown.

*Games Captains* :  
 S. Robson } *Senior.* J. Barnes }  
 Chappell } Gladman } *Junior.*

*Magazine Committee* : D. Haywood, Biram.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss White, Mr. Eddowes and Mr. Bainbridge ; and also to all newcomers, and we hope they will do their best to maintain the reputation of Athens.

This year, since September, has been somewhat disheartening to our newcomers, owing to the fact that the Senior and Junior rugby teams have been very unsuccessful. The hockey teams, however, have so far won three of their six matches.

Last year we were just beaten for the Debate Cup and Work Cup, and we had to remain aspiring seconds. Except for these two near misses we failed to bring off any other spectacular effects in our attempt to regain prestige in the sphere of work, although detentions have been reduced.

Finally, we wish to congratulate all those who were successful in Higher School and School Certificate Examinations.

WILKS (U.VI.Sc.)

### CARTHAGE.



<i>House Captains :</i>	M. Dale W. Staniforth.
<i>Magazine Committee :</i>	E. Thompson N. E. Oxley.
<i>Games Committee :</i>	J. Wright W. Staniforth.
<i>Library :</i>	J. Buck.

We are extremely happy to welcome Miss Smith as our new House Mistress, and we hope that her stay will be a long and happy one. We send our best wishes to Miss Gibbs, who has left us to take up a post at Falmouth. Also we welcome back Mr. Gear, a former Carthaginian House Master.

Carthaginians this year have excelled themselves by twice winning the Work Cup. However, at the moment, detentions are far too numerous. Boys please note this !

Carthage has not been very successful in the sphere of athletics, but both girls and boys have shown themselves to be willing sportsmen.

The second post-war House Party was a great success, due to the hard work put in by Mr. Leadley, Miss Smith, and the energetic House Party Committee.



Finally, we wish every success and God speed to past Carthaginians, and extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers who will, we know, keep the colours of Carthage, flying high.

OXLEY, N. E. (U.VI.Lit.)



### ROME.

*House Captains* : J. Kenworthy  
Teale.

*Rugby Captains* : *Senior* : Cutts.  
*Junior*: Hathaway

*Hockey Captains* :  
*Senior* : Alice Mann.  
*Junior* : Blanche Hillis

*Games Committee* : M. Kitchener, Petts.

Romans, by the astounding generosity of the all-powerful, you are to be allowed to retain your ears, and any other appendage which may happen to be clinging to your handsome heads. For have you not given your hearts to the noble cause? This the great gods declare to be sacrifice enough and ask us to pray that it may be kept up. Through you, once more the proud eagle has spread its mighty wings and proved its power to the lesser forms of life. Once again it has gracefully soared to its lofty eyrie at the top of the School, bearing in its claws the Summer Games Cup and the Deeks Memorial Trophy. The Work Cup was somehow dropped on the way, maybe because it was too overloaded with the detentions certain thoughtless plebeians seem to make a hobby of collecting.

The principal events this year have been the girls' Roman Days, and the dancing practices, which have provided work for the few Romans who profess any knowledge of music at all, a living for the local chiropodists, and enjoyment for all. These attempts at grace were in preparation for that traditional orgy, the ever-successful Roman House Party, of which the most enjoyed event was the unique pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," the like of which has never before been seen.

Rest not on your laurels too long though, Romans, but prepare to fight again to defend the trophies already adorning the Eagle's nest, and work hard that it may swoop down to retrieve the prey which once proved too heavy.

ADAMS, D. (L.VI.Sc.)



### SPARTA.

*Captains* : B. Morley, Addy.  
*Games Captains* : A. Leadley, Ogley.  
*Junior* : S. Sanders, Hodgson.  
*Games Committee*: J. Crooke, Lightley.  
*Magazine* : P. Kilner, Harrison.

Spartans, we cannot congratulate you on winning a single cup—not even the proverbial Work Cup! You should in fact, be rated soundly, because if that extra bit of effort had been forthcoming you would certainly have gained the Games Cup. Fancy losing two cups in one year, by half a point and a quarter of a point respectively! It was not, however, the fault of the Senior Cricket XI that we did not gain the latter, for they became the Senior Boys' Champions under Harrison's captaincy.

The Junior Rugby Team this year is so keen that certain members of the Sixth Form are given a whistle and a ball, and are dragged on to the field two dinner-hours each week, to referee its practice matches.

Spartans, let us approach all our activities in the future with this same keenness, then it matters not whether we gain or lose mere cups!

We offer our good wishes to all those who have left us, and hope that they will do well in the future. Especially would we wish all success to our former House Captain, J. Shaw, who is now studying at Manchester University.

Finally, we extend a hearty welcome to you newcomers to the House, for you form the Sparta of to-morrow!

BETTY MORLEY (U.VI.Lit.)



### TROY.

*House Captains* : C. Cook  
 P. Beardsall.  
*Games Committee* : C. Cook, M. Lisle.  
*Magazine Representatives* :  
 J. Kilner, P. Outram.  
*Games Captains* :  
*Senior* : D. Ryman, M. Lisle.  
*Junior* : M. Weston, M. Biggs.

This term we extend a hearty welcome to all new members of Troy, and wish all who have left us success in their future careers.

The Trojan horse appears to be catching up in the race. This last season we had the pleasure of gaining the Winter Sports Cup, and it is hoped that this achievement will be repeated this season. The games this season have produced some good results, and both Juniors and Seniors have pulled their weight.

The attendance of School Societies has been satisfactory, and it is hoped that our new members will take an active part in this branch of school life.

Detentions have decreased slightly; the girls are still holding on to their record of nearly nil. The boys are still very bad in this respect, and it is hoped they will show an improvement this next term.

We would like to extend our thanks to our House Masters and Mistresses and other members of the Staff for the help they have given us this term.

PAMELA BEARDSALL (L.VI.Lit.)

## Goole.

On June 4th, 1946, Wath entered an Inter-School Athletic Meeting, held at Goole Grammar School. We were one of five schools taking part, the others being Maltby, Thorne, Mexborough and Goole.

The proceedings started at 2.30 p.m. with a parade of all the members of the respective athletic teams, during which flags were presented to the team captains—our captain was Balding—by Colonel Sir Harold and Lady Wilberforce-Bell.

There were four shields in all—the Junior Shield, the Middles Shield, the Senior Shield, and the final Challenge Shield. At the end of the afternoon the order for these Shields was as follows :

<i>Junior Shield.</i>			<i>Middles Shield.</i>		
1	Goole	.. 16 points	1	Thorne	.. 29 points
2	Thorne	.. 14 "	2	Maltby	.. 17 "
3	Wath	.. 10 "	3	Goole	.. 15 "
4	Maltby	.. 7 "		Wath	.. 15 "
5	Mexborough	5 "	5	Mexborough	9 "

<i>Senior Shield.</i>			<i>Challenge Shield.</i>		
1 Thorne	..	28 points	1 Thorne	..	71 points
2 Goole	..	23 "	2 Goole	..	54 "
3 Wath	..	19 "	3 Wath	..	44 "
4 Maltby	..	11 "	4 Maltby	..	35 "
5 Mexborough		9 "	5 Mexborough		23 "

We came away with a sense of satisfaction at having attained third place in the first competition of this sort that we had entered.

TEALE, J. G. (U.VI.Lit.)

## Hockey Notes.

1st. XI.—M. Warburton (G); M. Evans (R.B.), J. Thompson (L.B.); E. Morley (R.H.), V. Rowley (C.H.), J. Shaw (L.H.); J. Wright (R.W.), M. Curran (R.I.), M. Tindall (C.F.), M. Hartley (capt.) (L.I.), V. Leneham (L.W.).

The above team played 12 matches, of which 8 were won, three were lost, and one was drawn. Last season the 2nd XI. played 10 matches, winning 6, losing 3, and drawing 1.

### Matches played :

1st XI. Ecclesfield	..	..	..	H	Won	3—0
Penistone	..	..	..	A	Lost	2—8
Rotherham	..	..	..	A	Won	1—0
Maltby	..	..	..	H	Lost	1—2
Mexborough	..	..	..	H	Won	2—1
Old Wathonians	..	..	..		Lost	1—2
Mexborough Tech.	..	..	..	A	Won	12—0
Rotherham	..	..	..	H	Drew	1—1
Mexborough	..	..	..	A	Won	3—2
Penistone	..	..	..	H	Won	1—0
Maltby	..	..	..	A	Won	2—0
Old Wathonians	..	..	..		Won	3—1

The School again did extremely well in the second annual tournament at Abbeydale, Sheffield; the First XI. gained second place in their section, while the Second, in theirs, came first.

Hockey colours were awarded to Betty Morley, Valerie Rowley, and Jean Wright.

Both teams have shown great enthusiasm and are eagerly looking forward to the tournament at Rotherham

early in 1947. They would like to thank Miss Maconochie and all other members of the staff who helped to make the season so successful.

JEAN WRIGHT (VI.Gen.)

## Rugger Notes.

The First XV. have been chosen from the following :—  
Lightley, Martin, Brown, Wilks, Teale, Cook, C. (vice-captain), Clegg, Staniforth, Addy, Oldfield (captain), Barrett, Fisher, Petts, Outram, Naylor and Woodcock.

The First XV. have displayed an admirable keenness and have at all times played with a vigorous enthusiasm. The forwards have shown endurance on some extremely heavy grounds, and have fed adequately a resourceful set of backs. Consequently the 1st XV have had, so far, a successful season, with especially praiseworthy efforts against Sheffield University "A" and Morley away, and against the Old Boys at home. 1st XV results :—

Goole 1st XV .. .. .	..	..	A	Drew	3—3
Hemsworth 1st XV. .. .. .	..	..	A	Lost	3—12
Barnsley 1st XV .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	21—0
Sheffield Univ. "A" .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	6—5
Morley 1st XV.. .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	8—5
Hemsworth 1st XV .. .. .	..	..	H	Drew	3—3
Old Boys .. .. .	..	..	..	Lost	10—12

The 2nd XV. have had an extremely successful season, and have proved to be the strongest 2nd XV the School has had for many seasons. The team remained undefeated until the Old Boys' match, when they met a much heavier and older team. 2nd XV. results :—

Goole .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	9—5
Hemsworth .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	17—14
Barnsley .. .. .	..	..	H	Won	36—0
Morley .. .. .	..	..	A	Won	12—6
Hemsworth .. .. .	..	..	H	Won	9—0
Old Boys .. .. .	..	..	H	Lost	5—8

The Under 15 XV. have had only two matches, beating Thorne, and losing to Hemsworth. They have, however, had several practice matches and have played with enthusiasm.

OLDFIELD, R. (U.VI.Lit.)

## Cricket Notes.

**1st XI.**—Team from: Machin, Wilks, Palmer, Bailey, Balding, Walker, Clegg, Hargreaves, Hibberd, Pownall, Brown, Petts, Holah, Sykes.

v. Thorne. Away. Lost.

Thorne 73 (Palmer 4 for 25); Wath 46 (Palmer 15, Wilks 14).

v. Maltby. Away. Drawn.

Maltby 79 for 6 wickets; Wath 33 for 7 wickets.

v. Maltby. Home. Drawn.

Maltby 58 (Machin 6 for 19); Wath 30 for 6 wickets.

v. Mexborough S.S. Home. Won.

Mexborough 28 (Palmer 4 for 7; Bailey 2 for 4); Wath 32 for 3 wickets (Hargreaves 18, Bailey 12).

v. Old Boys. Home. Won.

Wath 89 (Wilks 31; Balding 26); Old Boys 34 (Wilks 5 for 2; Bailey 3 for 9).

v. Thorne. Home. Won.

Thorne 111; Wath 112 for 6 wickets (Wilks 41 not out).

v. Woodlands. Home. Drawn.

Woodlands 109 (Bailey 6 for 34); Wath 56 for 8 wickets (Bailey 36).

Played 7; Won 3; Lost 1; Drawn 3.

**Under 14 XI.**—Team from: Morton, Burkinshaw, Rusby Jones, Scales, Hill, Maiden, James, Hathaway, Knutton Leather, Greenhough, Needham, Gaskell.

Played 2; Won 1; Lost 1.

Beat Mexborough; Lost to Woodlands.

BAILEY, B. (L.VI.Sc.)

## No. 1 Flight A.T.C.

Although there has only been one parade a week during the last year, the work got through by the regular attenders has been quite considerable.

New members this year were gladly welcomed, but alas! about a corresponding number of cadets seemed to disappear from the A.T.C. after the summer holidays, thus leaving us with about the same numbers as before.

The summer camp at Finningley was three parts a success, the other part being spent in "jankers," which to the uninitiated means polishing brasses, peeling potatoes, and most tedious of all, polishing wooden or linoed floors; in which latter aspect Finningley certainly seems to have more than its share.

However, even work can be fun in jovial company, much enlivened by jokes, in which a certain "Daniel" took a leading part. Despite all set-backs and even A.O.C.'s, a good time was had by all.

Many visits have been made to Finningley and all cadets have had an opportunity to fly. Cadets Chapell and Ryman also had the additional opportunity to go on a gliding course, which they were not slow to accept.

In conclusion, many thanks must go to F/O Pratt who ably arranged for camp and local visits. Valuable time and instruction have been given by Miss Henderson, F/O Lewis, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Smith, all of whom we sincerely thank.

CUTTS, P. A. (Upper VI.Sc.)



## Guide Notes.

The two Guide Companies running at the beginning of the year 1945-6 had to be converted into one owing to the departure of Miss Bovingdon, and the lack of other Guiders. The present Company is now about forty strong. Since the removal of the black-out obstacle, the Guide meetings have been held after School on Fridays, instead of, as formerly, during the dinner hour. The minor difficulty of washing-up was removed by a "gentlemanly agreement" with the Scouts, though it must be announced that their excuses have been nothing if not plausible.

Once again the Guides have been eager to raise money for the Tuberculosis Relief Fund by selling Christmas seals. £3 has also been raised for Guide Headquarters.

During the year the School Company has taken part in a parade to Wath Trinity Church with other Companies of the district. A Field Day was also arranged in the School grounds. Sports, including a potato race, a sack race, and an obstacle race took up most of the time, the School Guides covering themselves with glory by carrying off the trophy, a Red Cross box. A camp fire provided a fitting end to an enjoyable day.

The Friday meetings have been well attended on the whole, and there is a good number of enthusiastic recruits. With regard to the work of the Company, more second-class Guides would be welcome, while first-class appears to be only a very distant dream. It is hoped that both the quality and the quantity of the work done will be raised during the coming year.

SHEILA ROBSON (Upper VI.Lit.).

## Scout Notes.

Once again (probably for the last time) the Scouts held a harvest camp instead of the usual holiday camp. The camp site was a group of Nissen huts. As in the previous harvest camps, the worst jobs seemed to have been left for our expert handling. Practically all the first week was occupied in beetroot weeding (in a field the farmer had given up as lost). Needless to say, it was saved. The rest of the time was spent "turning" peas, most of which had not been separated from the good earth. Of course the Scouts dealt ably with this. Food was plentiful (much to the delight of "Pongo") and a "tuck shop" also proved a great success. The bleakness of the camp itself did not damp any spirits. Each night sing-songs were held, and a touch of humour was also added at meal times in which Mr. Black kindly played a leading part; sh— 1.... 2.... 3.... !!! The camp was a great success and was heartily enjoyed by everybody. The hayseed was won by Cavill, and the initiation was once again under the expert guidance of Spencer.

The Certificates gained at the district swimming gala were presented early in the term at a camp fire in Conisboro'. The Friday night meeting is now in full swing. The Juniors are keen and working well, while the Seniors are obeying the motto "Meliora Spectare" by keeping 1st Class in view. The latter half of the meetings are taken up alternately by P.T. and "bloodsports."



We extend our thanks to the Old Boys who help at the meetings, and to those who helped at camp, and also to Mrs. Gardener and her able staff for dealing with the unflinching hunger of the "mob."

BAILEY, B. (L.VI.Sc.).



## Chess Club Notes.

With the end of air-raids and such like diversions, a new warfare has arisen, wherein the old time cavalry has come to its own again and Knights go prancing around Castles while Kings and Queens skirmish with Bishops, and a new sort of foot-slogger, the Pawn. In other words, the Chess Club has started again, and this time with such earnestness that there are some 120 members. Begun on November 18th, a preliminary tournament in the Autumn Term resulted in a win for Carthage with an average score of 22.1 points. Athens had 17.8 points, Sparts 12 points, Rome 11.3 points, and Troy 10.3 points. The best individual scores were Baxter (V.B) 86 points, Frith 77 points, Leather 67 points, Waddington 62 points, and Townsend 48 points.

The chief difficulty in the way of more and better chess is, in the first place of course, time. Games are not completed in a short period possible for play, and have to be carried on the next day. We are also still short of sets, but thanks to the generous donations forthcoming from the masters and mistresses, also from the kitchen staff, and our own subscriptions, we have already four chess sets, also one draughts set for those few who are still unable to play the nobler game. We are this Spring Term engaged on two more tournaments, and hope before long to try our strength against some neighbouring club.

Cooper (VI General) has done wonderful work as secretary, ably helped by Biram, Buck, Rowe, Sims and Windle (the rest of the Committee).

## The Vith Form Discussion Group.

*Chairmen* : Rowe, D. Senior.

*Secretaries* : M. Dale, S. Robson.

*Treasurer* : Oxley.

Since last Easter the Group has been very active and has had many outside speakers. Most noteworthy among these were Mr. Pettifer, Clerk to the Doncaster Police Court ; Lady Mabel Smith ; Mlle. Honoré (a French student), and Miss Feltrjer (a Dutch student). Also at an inter-school debate, several members of the Sir Percy Jackson Grammar School were our visitors.

The Group has paid visits to several places of interest during the last few months. These include the West Riding County Council at Wakefield and the Parkgate Steel Works where a talk on "Nationalization" was exchanged between ourselves and the Management.

Several members represented the group at an Inter-School Conference in Sheffield last Easter. Here the problems of modern Russia, Germany, and the United Nations' Organization were discussed. As one of our delegates said : "It was an exhilarating experience."

Within the Group, discussion has often reached a high standard, with contributions both from the Literary and Scientific Sixths. Subjects discussed have included "The Contributions of Science to Humanity," "Religion," "Communism," "Democracy," "Vocations," "How I intend to bring up my children," and "The Atomic Bomb and its Results."

This year, 1946-7, the Group is much larger than in the previous year, and more points of view have been put forward. Nevertheless we miss the more intimate atmosphere of the smaller Group. We have been pleased to see that the younger masters have taken a lively interest in our discussions and that they have not felt our standard was too low.

The cups of tea before the meeting make for an informal atmosphere. Former members are cordially welcomed and their more mature points of view, orthodox and unorthodox, gratefully accepted. Opportunity for self-expression is provided within the Group, and practice is given in semi-public speaking. A very immediate result of this is the help it gives to members when they go for College interviews.

The group is entirely self-governing, and plans its own programmes. The machinery depends largely on the loyal

support of the Upper VIth form team of chairmen, secretaries, treasurer, and a local fatigue party for washing up.

SHEILA ROBSON (Upp.VI.Lit.)

MARIE DALE (U.VI.Lit.)

## Dramatic Society Notes.

Several meetings of both Senior and Junior Dramatic Societies were held this term and a start was made on the production of "She Stoops to Conquer," but had to be abandoned because of the restrictions of our stage.

However, after this initial disappointment, it was decided that the "Trial Scene" ("Merchant of Venice") and "Elizabeth Refuses" ("Pride and Prejudice") together with recitations from Shakespeare, should be prepared for an end of term concert.

A lecture on "Make-up" has had to be postponed until next term. The Society receives *Theatre Newsletter* every fortnight and copies of this may be seen in the library.

A promising start has been made in giving a public performance of these plays, and it is hoped our members will keep this up and be successful in the production of "Macbeth," which they hope to give next term.

The Society is indebted to Mr. Michael for his enthusiasm and hard work.

WENDY HARWOOD (L.VI.Lit.).



by Edward German ;  
Martin Shaw.

## Choir Notes.

The Choir has continued a vigorous if sporadic existence during the year. Saturday morning practices, often a breathless sequel to House Hockey have been fairly well attended.

The Speech Day performance was considered to have reached the usual high standard. The choir sang "On Wings of Song," by Mendelssohn ; "Aubade," by John Ireland ; "Who is Sylvia," "Glad Hearts Adventuring," by

The Christmas Concert gave an opportunity for the preparation of three of the less familiar Christmas carols,

together with Beethoven's "Minuet" and "Ring Out, Ye Crystal Spheres," by Martin Shaw. Their melody still vibrates in the memory. The presence of a boy soprano in an otherwise feminine choir was a welcome novelty on this occasion. The emergence of an encouraging fund of talent from the Middle School choristers was noted with pleasure, and offset the loss of several stalwarts, especially among the contraltos, who left in July.

The thanks of all members of the choir go, once more, to Miss Knowles for her patience and perseverance in training us, and to the accompanist, Margaret Buncall.

NANCY RITCHIE (Lower VI.Lit).

## Literary and Scientific Society.

*President* : D. P. Addy.      *Secretary* : D. A. Lightley.

So far this term we have endeavoured to adhere to a programme similar to the one arranged last year ; that is a four-weekly programme of a Science paper, a Literary paper, a paper by a member of the Staff, and lastly a Debate or Brains Trust.

This term papers have been delivered by Addy, Doris Morrell, Sykes, Doreen Senior and Nayler, Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Bainbridge, while we have also had a Brains Trust and a Debate.

The highlight of the term was an inter-school debate with Mexborough, at which we were represented by about 50 pupils. The motion : "That the world is growing better," was opposed by Wath, who were represented by Sheila Robson and Doris Morrell. The motion was carried by 70 votes to 50.

The support which was given to the debate at Mexborough was worthy of the occasion, but only in numbers, the support from the floor was pitiable. The same can be said about the support which was given to the debate on December 3rd on the motion : "That day-schools are, as educational institutions, preferable to boarding-schools." We would like to see not so much better attendance at future debates, but a much greater willingness to speak.

LIGHTLEY, D. A. (U.VI.Sc.).



## Art Club Notes.

The Art Club is still one of the most popular of the School Societies. The membership is large, but there is a predominance of the male, which seems to indicate that artistic enthusiasm is lacking amongst the fairer species.

By far the greater majority of the members prefer to make lino-cuts, oil-paintings, or models in clay and plaster.

Artistic endeavour appears to stimulate the musical propensities of the Club members, whose rendering of Fingal's Cave suggests that they might well form another School Choir or whistling orchestra.

DOREEN SENIOR (Upper VI. Lit.).

## Orchestra Notes.

The School Violin Class, conducted by Miss Langdale, is now in two separate sections, one for beginners, and the other for more advanced students. However, at the beginning of the Autumn Term, Miss Knowles started a small orchestra for violinists who had "graduated" from the lower classes. It consists at present of six violinists, one 'cellist and one pianist. The violinists are D. Sanderson, P. Hardy, D. Simms, P. Longden, A. Blow and S. Taylor, the 'cellist is Miss Knowles, and the pianist is H. Randerson. It holds its rehearsals in the Lecture room each Friday evening, and so far, has practised compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Handel and other composers in readiness for the end of term concert. As scenes are being given from the "Merchant of Venice," we are rehearsing the incidental music to the "Merchant of Venice" by Frederick Rosse.

LONGDEN, P. M. (IV.A.).

## Speech Day, 1946.

Speech Day last year was held on July 18th. After the singing of the National Anthem, the Orchestra played an "Eastern Dance" by Charles Woodhouse prior to the opening remarks of the Chairman, Mrs. E. Burtoft.

Then followed the Headmaster's report on the School's progress throughout the year. The choir then sang four songs before the official presentation of the Certificates and the address given by County Alderman T. Tomlinson, J.P. It is interesting to note that a party of pupils from the School was present at the investiture of Alderman Tomlinson as Chairman of the West Riding County Council at Wakefield.

The address was mainly concerned with the educational system in the light of new developments and the work of the County Council in this respect.

A vote of thanks proposed by Councillor W. Cutts, and seconded by Mr. E. Jackson, together with the customary rendering of the School Song, brought the day to a close.

WOODS, T. F. (U.VI.Lit.).

## Holland Trip—Second Party.

We, the second party, completed safely the greater part of our journey when we set foot on foreign soil at the "Hoek van Holland." After a short train journey we arrived at "Den Haag," where we were eventually given into the care of our hosts with coupons, instructions and Dutch currency.

From then onwards began a fortnight of gaiety with hardly a moment's rest. Visits to Amsterdam and Rotterdam by lorry were full and exciting days. The sights of the Hague—the Peace Palace and especially the Panorama Mesdag (a huge canvas, 14 x 36 metres, of Scheveningen in 1881) are things we shall not easily forget. The Zeiss Planetarium—something we English ought to have—was very interesting to budding astronomers, and even to those only mildly interested in star-gazing.

Parties, bathing, films, dancing, visits to the circus, the zoo (from which we all managed to escape!) and especially yachting seemed never-ending.

Several of us went to Meppel to see our Dutch guests, and had—in usual terms—"a super time." Some went to Staphorst (6 kilometres away), where everyone wears national costume—happy thoughts of a Dutch bicycle!

Two of the party spent an exciting week-end in Groningen with Miss Jansen, one of the Dutch leaders, where they saw, from a tower overlooking the market place, a mile-long parade of lorries, decorated in orange in honour of the Queen's birthday.

The last day was spent in last-minute shopping and hurried packing, a hurried departure from a crowded platform, and back to a wet England. The return journey was more unfortunate, however, for there was a 60 m.p.h. gale, and some nameless people disgraced themselves. Our last glimpse of the Hague was the lights of Scheveningen flashing as we sailed away.

The first party spent an equally exciting fortnight in Amsterdam, enjoying as much as we did the strange dishes prepared for us and the generosity and kindness of our hosts.

We have made many friends and will always be grateful to the W.F.A. who made the trips possible.

ENID M. THOMPSON (L.VI.Sc.).

## My Visit to Holland.

I am writing this as a representative of the first party. I was very excited when I arrived at Amsterdam, my destination. It was my first glimpse of a foreign city, and it seemed like an enchanted city to me.

I was introduced to my host, and as he wanted me to have a good impression of the country as a whole, he told me that he had planned a visit for us to 's Hertogenbosch, a town in the south of Holland, where his friend lived.

On Monday afternoon we set out, my host, two of his friends and I. He had told me that we were travelling by "autocar," and I, naturally, wondered where he would obtain a car. Imagine my surprise when he halted at the roadside on the Amsterdam—Utrecht road, and began thumbing the passing army lorries! But I was even more surprised when he told me that travelling by thumbing was quite common in Holland, to-day!

At last, an empty lorry drew up and the driver enquired our destination. We found that the lorry was only travelling as far as Utrecht so my host told me that we would have to change at Utrecht. This interested me, as I had heard of Utrecht, somewhat vaguely I confess, in my history lessons at school.

During the journey to Utrecht we passed through many villages, most of which were battle scarred. The lorry was driven at an alarming rate, and we were jolted so much that I began to think I would not arrive at Utrecht in one piece,

but I managed to keep one eye on the scenery. When I did land on solid ground I felt as if I was standing on a ship during a storm. I began to walk as if I was—very dizzy.

As we travelled through Utrecht (we had changed conveyances on the outskirts) I looked about me with great interest. Most of the town is very modern, but we also travelled through some ancient streets which were barely wide enough to admit a lorry. (I wonder what would happen if two lorries met ?) I saw two historical clock towers and the houses built in mediaeval times were still standing.

The country was flat and the roads were perfectly straight as far as eye could see, and soon it became monotonous. After what seemed a very long time, we came to a river. I thought it was the Rhine, but in actual fact it was the River Maas. The bridge across this river had been blown up by the retreating Germans, and now there was a pontoon bridge in place of it. I was extremely nervous while we were crossing this bridge because the wooden planks were not fastened down in any way, and as our lorry travelled over them they jumped up in a most alarming manner. I was very relieved when we reached the other side safely.

At last, we arrived at 's Hertogenbosch, and I suddenly thought of the expense. I puzzled over this disturbing thought until a happy idea struck me: "You thumb your way, you do not pay." We had travelled eighty-nine kilometres and all for nothing!

We stayed at 's Hertogenbosch for three days, travelling back to Amsterdam the following Friday.

At Hedel we managed to thumb an autocar which was going all the way to Amsterdam. It had been converted so that it could carry passengers in the back, and so I obtained a seat. By the way, they were wooden seats! We returned by the same route and once again I passed through Utrecht. With a great effort I remembered the date of the Treaty of Utrecht (1713), and now I do not think I shall ever forget it.

We arrived in Amsterdam in time for tea, tired but very happy.

I was very sorry to say good-bye to my new friends, and when I left them to begin my journey back to England, I felt very sad. This was the only time I felt unhappy during my stay in Holland.

BRENDA MADDRELL (V.A.).



## Junior Competition.

### My First Impressions of School.

It had always been my ambition to go to Wath Grammar School, and you can imagine my excitement when I learnt that I had passed the examination and was to attend the School of my dreams. I had heard a little about it from my friends, and I had also been inside when I took part in a concert, but I was not satisfied with this, and it was a very great day when I first entered the School as a pupil.

I awoke early that morning and sprang out of bed to find the weather exactly matched my joyful mood. It did not take me long to get into my new uniform and rush down to breakfast. I set off to school much too early, and in marvellous spirits. When I arrived I was eager to find my friends and talk about this wonderful day.

I shall never forget my first impression of assembly in the large hall, and how Mr. Ritchie made us realize how happy we could be at school. He told us what it meant to be a member of one of the "Houses," and of the way we must try to make our "House" best in the friendly rivalry in games, conduct and work. When we left the hall we no longer felt that we were strangers, but as if we were a small part in a large whole.

In the Form room I was among a maze of new books and new subjects. As I made out my time-table I wondered what it would be like to take such subjects as Algebra, French, and Science.

The building itself impressed me with its air of cleanliness and spaciousness, and the whole school seemed so much like the school-stories of which I had read so many. The playing field and the hockey pitches were just like the ones in books.

Yes ! it was just like a book.

JEAN ARMSTRONG (I.A. Sparta).

## Middle School Competition.

### How the Bulldog got its Snub Nose.

Long ago all bulldogs had noses the same shape as any other dog, although they were rather less intelligent than the others.

One day a small bulldog who was noted for asking silly questions was walking in the forest. Near the path were

some trees which had been blown over by the wind. At the sight of this spectacle he sat down to wonder how they had been blown down. After a while the monkey who was well renowned for his tricks came swinging his way along the trees and asked him what his thoughts were. Said the bulldog: "I would like to know how those trees have been pushed over." The mischievous monkey replied: "That is easy, you must take a short run and bump them with your nose," and going to a decayed tree, pushed it over. The bulldog was astonished and stepped back and ran at a good solid tree and, failing to knock it over, kept on trying. When he was overcome by fatigue, the monkey took him to the pool and showed him his own reflection. In order to escape the bulldog's wrath he disappeared into the forest with a mocking laugh.

Since that day all bulldogs have had snub noses.

PAT WROE (III.A. Sparta).

## How the Cat got its "Meow."

Once upon a time there was a very small black and white kitten which could only purr and say "me." It said "me" to every question it was asked.

His mother asked him one day what he liked best, and the kitten answered "me." His mother then boxed his ears and he said "ow." His aunties, uncles, cousins, brothers, and sisters all asked him questions, and he answered "me." Then they all spanked him and he said "ow."

This procedure occurred so many times that if he was asked a question he would say "me" and then say "ow," and from that day forward all cats and kittens have said "meow."

W. HAMMOND (III.A., Troy).

## One Way Out.

"Pass up your entries, please for the magazine."

Nobody stirs—not a line to be seen!

"It should not be a case of compulsion or rule,

For remember, Form VI., you're now head of the School.

What! No response? I hate being imperious;

But I think just for once you could try to be serious!

Your talents, I trust, aren't so hopelessly lacking—

And even your brains might survive a mild racking."

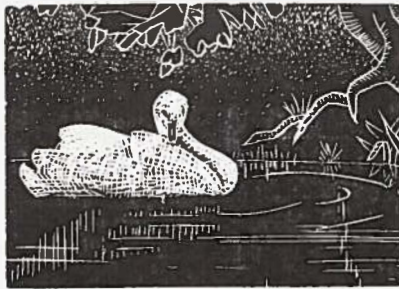
But still there's a silence, vast and profound ;  
Some stare at the ceiling, some gaze on the ground.  
"Mary ! Try something ! A poem ? or a fable ?"  
But Mary protests she's completely unable.  
The teacher, defeated, but not yielding quite,  
Flings out, "Right, then ; you've asked for it ! Homework  
to-night !"

MARY LISLE (VI.Gen.)

## Thoughts on Leaving School.

Sad thoughts that soon in this new-coming year  
My ordered life and friends of youth I leave,  
And as my stay gets short I now perceive  
The days we spend at school are very dear ;  
And though new sights and friends may fill my day,  
And faded be the longing to return,  
In dreams the years I spent at Wath-on-Dearne  
Will bridge the gulf that time puts in their way.  
I felt the same emotions years ago  
When first I came to School at Wath ; alack  
I then was filled with longings to go back  
To that dear school which taught me "yes" and "no."  
So, no doubt in the years that come along  
I'll sing again this very doleful song.

MARIE DALE (U.VI.Lit.)



A. DOBIE (S.4.)

## Nil Desperandum.

Oh thunderous roar, oh tall majestic god,  
 With what great awe do shivering mortals stand  
 To see thee crushing with thy merciless rod  
 The innocent beneath thy awful hand.

Oh mighty voice that through the tranquil air  
 Of countryside and village echoes fine.  
 Wath housewives see, returning to his lair,  
 The leader brave, with struggling, panting line.

Black eyes, moustache and purple tie awave,  
 Rejoice, alike, the sight of young and old,  
 Delinquents tremble, lab. taps confront the brave,  
 "The 'Cisco Kid" did someone whisper bold ?

Arise, Athenians, arise,  
 Mars has risen in thy skies.

SHEILA ROBSON (Upp. VI.Lit.)

## Rationing.

"Four units, please !"  
 The baker's wheeze  
 And with a sigh  
 We then reply :  
 "We've only three—  
 And friends for tea ;  
 What shall we do ?"  
 The baker : "Pooh,  
 No need to fret ;  
 We're not beat yet.  
 Just change some points."

The Sunday joints  
Are getting small ;  
And that's not all :  
The butter plate  
Has met its fate—  
It's empty now  
(Some say : "And how!")

"More sweets" they say  
"For Christmas Day—  
Only for young"—  
With lusty lung—  
"And very old,"  
Or so we're told.

I understand,  
(It's from first hand)  
In years to come,  
There may be some  
Elusive hope  
We shall not cope  
With ration books.  
"Three cheers !" say cooks.  
Ten years ? or five ? ?  
If we're alive !!

DOROTHY HAYWOOD (VI.Gen.)

## Random Writings.

1. Filing out of the Hall:  
"Lead out the pageant sad and slow  
As fits a universal woe."
2. School Certificate :  
"Say not the struggle naught availeth,  
The labour and the wounds are vain."

3. Mr. O——'s gown :  
    "A thing of shreds and patches."
4. First Team Forward :  
    "O lift me from the grass !  
    I die, I faint, I fall !"
5. During an English Lesson :  
    "My sleep had been embroidered with dim dreams."
6. School Orchestra :  
    " Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are  
    sweeter."
7. Bell for VIth Form games :  
    " 'Tis time to leave the books in dust  
    And oil the unus'd armour's rust."

## The River.

Oh away in the mountains, up in the sky,  
The river begins as a streamlet so shy ;  
A trickle of water, a spring forming fast,  
And so it begins a life, flowing past  
Green trees and bushes,  
As downwards it rushes  
    Away to the sea.

How long is the river ? and where does it flow ?  
Over hill and down dale full of fun and aglow ;  
Sparkling with sunshine all silvery and bright,  
The moon on it casting a shimmering light.  
It rushes and pushes through cranny and nook,  
Saying to itself "Goodbye, little brook,  
    I'm away to the sea."

HALLWORTH, D. (III.A).

## Harvesting.

Now the corn is ripe,  
In waving, rippling fields it stands.  
The farmer smokes his pipe,  
Glances at the sky, wrings his hands.

Here comes the bright red reaper,  
Both big and grand.  
There sits Jim like a lord.  
Now comes the band  
Of labourers swarthy and tanned.

See the rabbits run ;  
Hear the children shout.  
See the sheaves shoot out  
As though shot by a gun.

And now the harvest's home ;  
Hear the happy song ;  
See the glasses foam,  
The merriment lasts long.

DOREEN POULTON (I.A. Rome).

## Old Wathonians' Activities.

Many Old Students attended the Dance held in the Wath Pavilion in July, it being the first to be held by the Association since the War. The Annual matches against the School were held the following Saturday, and resulted in victories for the School.

The Old Boys' Rugby Club arranged a re-union outing on June 2nd, when they spent the day walking in Derbyshire.

### Promotions.

Ronald Clegg and Douglas Harwood, both serving in Burma have been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Vincent J. Ibbeson has been appointed 1st Assistant Carbonization Superintendent in the Gas Department of Birmingham Corporation.

John L. Cresswell was appointed Senior Master in Modern Languages at the County School for Boys, Hove, Sussex.

### **Successes.**

Kenneth Burton was awarded his B.A. Degree (2nd Class) in Bio-Chemistry.

Thos. Barry Wade obtained a pass in the 1st Division for the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

Philip Goodyear, obtained his B.Sc. Degree with 1st Class Honours.

Douglas Binns won 1st prize and medal for breadmaking in London City and Guilds Intermediate Exam.

### **News from Abroad.**

Major Kenneth Steer has been engaged in a section of the Control Commission in Germany, restoring works of art looted by the Germans.

Sergeant E. Glover has been preparing soldiers and members of the Women's Services at the Forces Study Centre in Berlin, for civilian life.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thompson have been over here, spending their four months leave from the Gold Coast Colony, where Thompson has been the Assistant District Commissioner in the Colony's Political Administration for 7 years. Mrs. Thompson, formerly Miss Nancy Midwood, has been teaching at Achimota College in Accra, which is a secondary school of 500 pupils.

Another Old Wathonian, Mrs. J. T. Gilbert, formerly Miss Winifred Charlesworth, has gone out to Jamaica to join her husband, who is in charge of the Meteorological Office in Kingstone.

G. GREGORY.

## **Old Wathonians' Comforts Fund.**

Owing to the demobilization of a great number of Old Students from the Forces and our inability to keep up with the rapidly-changing addresses of those still in the Forces, our activities have been somewhat restricted during the



past twelve months. However, we have sent magazines to as many Old Students as possible, where we were sure that the addresses were correct, and also a few books through Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons have been despatched to those serving abroad.

Whilst we are still anxious to keep in touch with those of our members still serving in the Forces, it seems that our work is drawing to its close and we shall very shortly have to wind up the Fund. We do this very regretfully, as during the War years we have done our best to send books and magazines to as many of our members as we could, and we enjoyed hearing from them all. However, now that so many of the Forces are returning, our work is almost finished, and we shall soon have nothing more strenuous left to do than rest on our laurels.

G. GREGORY.

## Births.

- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cartledge, a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Scholey, a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kitson (Muriel Parkes), a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Haigh (Doris Hanson), a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Carter (Molly Smith), a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lionel Lloyd (Marion Redgate), a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald V. Hughes, a son.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw (Joan M. Cutler) a daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall (Bessie Carter), a son.

## Marriages.

- W. D. Wither to Dorothy Green (W.G.S.).  
Brian Stopforth (W.G.S.) to Valerie M. Crowcroft.  
Denis G. Anabona to Jean Dook (W.G.S.).  
A. Lacy to Daisy Shone (W.G.S.).  
Kenneth Rock to Molly E. Cook (W.G.S.).  
Rev. I. M. Williams to Muriel M. Steer (W.G.S.).  
William Marsh to Doreen A. Curt (W.G.S.).





