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EDITORIAL.

The second time has come when the term, consumed in its various energies has entreated us to compile a record of its doings and sayings. The success of the last issue was undoubted, all copies, except four being sold. We also noted with interest that the local paper, without permission or promptings, whatsoever, reprinted a large part of our last issue.

We regret that Forms IIc. and IIIb. are not represented in this issue, contributions from these forms being very scarce. Other forms have contributed abundantly, IIa. in particular.

The clerk of the weather has not been particularly favourable to us this term. The very hot sun made it necessary to water the wicket, whilst later the weather was so wet that the ground became sodden.

The school is looking forward to a Summer Term Concert under the direction of Mr. Appleby. We hope it will prove as big a success as the Christmas Concert.

This term the school has acquired several new amenities. Among them is a cinematograph with which interesting educational shows are given in the Geography Room. Two new cups have been added to the trophies list, namely—Relay Cup and Boxing Cup. New nets and new cricket equipment have been acquired and of which full use is being made on the school field.

We hope you will find this magazine as interesting as our first number, and that it will be as successful.
SCHOOL NOTES.

SCHOOL PREFECTS.
L. Callf, C. Drabble, S. Smeathers.


SALVETE.

Alston.  Inglis.  Jessop, J.  Jessop, M.A.

We would like to thank Ald. G. Henson for his goodness in presenting us with the Relay Cup for our Annual Competitions.

We would also thank Mrs. Lay for her generous gift of the Cup for Boxing Competitions.

We are indebted to Supt. Jones for the kind gift of an excellent starting pistol for sports.

We are all pleased with the purchase of the School Cinema. It is an excellent Ensign machine, and we look forward to some good shows in the winter.

The coin collection and the stamp collection are both gradually growing and becoming of increasing interest.

We are all pleased to hear of Mrs. Lay's recovery from her recent illness.

We congratulate Mr. Hole on his marriage, and wish him and his wife every happiness.


Prizes for holiday work are announced as follows:—

Miss Cook's English Prize. An essay on one of the following:—a. Gypsies.  b. Romances of Discovery.  c. Oliver Cromwell.

Art Prize. Seniors.—a. A group of houses, cottages or farm buildings.

Juniors.—A climbing plant.

Drawings may be in pen and ink or water colour.
VALE ATQUE AVE.

The Chairman of the School Governors, Mr. George Henson, County Alderman, announced his resignation at a Governors’ Meeting held at the School, on June 13th.

On the proposal of Mr. J. Pendered, C.C., seconded by Mr. Allebone, C.A., the Governors decided to record in the Minutes their appreciation of the long and valued work which Mr. Henson had done. Miss Tinkler (Head Mistress of the High School) spoke of the regret which would be felt on losing his services as Chairman and mentioned what a good friend he had always been to the cause of education in Wellingborough. On behalf of the Grammar School, I desired to be associated with these remarks. It is true that our School has had an opened existence of barely three years, but Mr. Henson was on the scene long before that.

We shall always look back to Mr. Henson’s unfailing interest and approachableness during these early, vital, years of the School’s life, and long remember him as our first Chairman. We all wish him many years of happiness and comfort in his retirement.

The vacancy thus caused was filled at the same meeting by the unanimous appointment of Mr. Hedger Edwards, Chairman of the Wellingborough Urban District Council. In Mr. Edwards we know we shall have the benefit of a store of practical experience and knowledge. We offer him a very sincere welcome.

F. C. Lay.

CRICKET NOTES.

The cricket in the school is improving, though it has a long way yet to go before it attains a standard of which one can be proud. Three main divisions are apparent this year, corresponding to the second, third, and fourth forms respectively. Each division is represented by an eleven which plays representative matches: an ‘under 15½’ eleven, an ‘under 14’ eleven, and, what is a pleasing innovation this year, an eleven composed of boys from the second forms, known as the ‘Scorpions.’ Keenness is prevalent in all three divisions, and the normal school cricket as played twice a week by every boy, presents a higher level of bowling, batting, and fielding than obtained last year. The importance of two things however does not seem to be appreciated fully, namely accuracy of length in bowling, and steadiness in batting.
House rivalry promises to be keener than ever this year. The House matches start on Wednesday, July 19th, and some good scores and well contested games are anticipated.

In representative cricket the School so far has met with quite fair success. Three matches have been won, two lost, and one drawn. The following is an account of the matches played.

' Under 14 ' v. Kettering G. S. ' under 14.'

Played at Wellingborough on Wednesday, May 31st.
Kettering batted first, and after a poor start due to effective bowling by Partridge and Collins, were all out for 49, Partridge taking 5 wickets for 9 runs. The School fielding was moderately good. School started badly, being 6 wickets down for 35, but Sawford supplied the necessary steadiness at the right moment and it was chiefly due to his 23 that the Kettering total was eventually passed with 3 wickets standing.

Result—Won by 3 wickets.

' Under 15½ ' v. Blackfriars 2nd XI.

Played at Laxton, Saturday, June 3rd.
A disappointing result as we ought to have won quite easily. The Blackfriars batting was weak, but a last wicket stand of 47 brought their score to 85. Our batting was patchy and we were all out for 81. Slack fielding and dropped catches cost us many runs.

Result—Lost 85 to 81.

Parents' Match.

Played at Wellingborough, Saturday, June 10th.
In spite of hopes the Parents' team did not provide the School with sufficient opposition. Drabble bowled dead on the wicket to take 8 wickets for 8. The Parents' total of 49 was passed with 8 wickets in hand. The School batting was fair and the fielding moderately good. An enjoyable afternoon was spent and it is hoped that the Parents' will visit the School with a stronger eleven next year.

Result—Won by 8 wickets.

' Under 15½ ' v. Kettering G. S. ' under 15½.'

Played at Wellingborough, Tuesday, June 13th.
This match was unfortunately spoilt by rain. We batted first and by steady batting scored 117 for 7 wickets (Furr 41, Drage 23). We never looked like getting
Kettering out. as the bowling was very weak. We shall never
win matches until the bowlers learn to keep a length.

Result—Draw. School 117 for 7 (declared).
        K.G.S. 78 for 3.

' Under 14 ' v. Kettering G.S. ' under 14.'

Played at Kettering, Wednesday, June 21st.
School were put in first and on an easy wicket were all
out for 58 of which Warner made a steady 17 and Partridge
a lucky 10. Keen fielding and accurate bowling by
Collins, Findley and Gambrell made Kettering fight for
runs, and despite a good last wicket stand they were all
out for 46.

Result—Won by 12 runs.

' Under 14 ' v. Northampton T & C.S. ' under 14.'

Played at Wellingborough, Saturday, June 24th.
Northampton batted first and made a good start. At
one time they were 57 for 3 wickets. But some good
length bowling by Walden, well backed up in the field,
caused a collapse and they were all out for 72 (Johnson 41).
School fielded well and apart from two dropped catches,
one a difficult one, gave little away in the field. Our
batting however, proved deplorably weak against the
slow varied leg break bowling of Collings. A bad start
was never retrieved, the only bright spot being an
attractive little innings by Loomes, a Scorpion. Ins-
sufficient care was taken with bowling, a little different
from any previously met and School were all out for 24.

Result—Lost by 48 runs.

In general criticism it must be said that the ' under 15½ 
bowling is not of sufficient consistent good length, that its
batting is inclined to be careless and that its fielding lacks
sparkle. Everything reaches an adequate level but remains
there. The ' under 14 ' bowling and fielding is quite good,
but its batting lacks care. Both elevens need to concentrate
more when in the field.

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RUGBY CLUB FIXTURES, XMAS TERM, 1933.

Under 16.

Sept. 30 Daventry 'A' ... ... Away
Oct. 21 King's School, Peterborough ... Away
Nov. 11 Dunstable 'under 16' ... Away
Nov. 25 Northampton 3rd XV. ... Home
Dec. 2 Blackfriars, Laxton ... Home
Dec. 9 Towcester 1st XV. ... Away

Under 15.

Oct. 7 Deacons 'under 15' ... Away
Oct. 14 Oundle 'under 15' ... Away
Oct. 26 Oundle 'under 15' ... Home

Under 14.

Nov. 2 Oakham 'under 14' ... Home
Nov. 14 Bedford School 'under 14' ... Home
Nov. 25 Kettering 'under 14' ... Away
Dec. 6 Bedford Modern 'under 14' ... Home

Under Seven Stone.

Oct. 28 Blackfriars, Laxton ... Away

RUGBY FOOTBALL, November 26th to end of Season.


An encouraging display. The passing movements were good, especially one try scored by the left wing and one by a forward in which most of the forwards handled the ball before one finally fell over the line.


The day was good; ground dry and no wind; but the game was disappointing. The forwards failed to pack tight enough to get the ball with the result that the service from the scrum was inadequate and the three-quarter line was unable to get on the move.


A disappointing result after a good first half which found us leading 8—5. Over confidence and resultant carelessness led to costly errors from inadequate marking in line-outs and insufficient trouble over place kicks.
SPRING TERM, 1933.

An even game against heavier opponents: who were, however, less skilful at three-quarter play and had our fly-half run straighter and so not crowded his line to the touch, we should have won.

Under 7 stone v. Blackfriars. Home, won 32—0.
An interesting experiment which showed that weight-for-weight we are able to field a team more than able to hold its own. The wings were disappointing and did none of the scoring.

Our luck in having the wind behind us first half helped greatly in winning us the game. Our threes were good and ran well.

At half-time we were losing 6—7, only after two nice tries by the left wing, but during the second half we failed to give the threes any opportunities. Our forwards failed, both in line-outs and scrums, in their first task, which is to get the ball.

Staleness or some other cause found us lacking in dash and wind. The forwards never broke in time to help tackle the threes, and King's scored four tries before we woke up at all.

A snow shower started the game. Our opponents were less skilful than ourselves but a good deal more determined. They had an unbroken record to defend which they did with a thorough-going zeal that exposed our own weakness.

A good game to watch. The ball travelled along the line well and our forwards were sufficiently superior as a pack to get a good share of it; but the defence of the whole of our three line was weak.

This annual fixture for the encouragement of junior talent resulted in the usual good game, although for the first time, we lost. We scored the best try of the match, right along the line to the wing. Our forwards were not so well together as were those of our opponents, who also had an outstanding player in their fly-half. Our team was well led and captained.

BOXING.

To encourage boys to take up boxing, a competition was organised during the Easter Term, taking place towards the end of that term.

Training was enthusiastic and regular, and all too often the results of the training were noticeable the following day in class! The Hall was the scene of hectic struggles going on, three at a time, under the eye of the various House Masters.

Preliminary rounds reduced the numbers, so that it was possible to fight out the Semi-finals and Finals on one afternoon.

The Officials were:—
Messrs. Clayton, Hole, Appleby, Nicholas, Lieutenant Maunsell and Mr. D. Gent. We are particularly indebted to these latter for their interest and goodness in assisting.

FINALS

Under 5 stone. Sutton Coe Winner, Sutton.

Under 6 stone. Bennett Maycock Winner, Maycock.

Under 7 stone Walden Gowen Winner, Walden.

Under 8 stone. Drabble Collins Winner, Drabble.

Over 8 stone. Calif S. Sanders Winner, Sanders.


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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

The results of the competition last year were so pleasing, and the quality of the work produced so encouraging, that it has been decided to offer two prizes this year for photographs taken during the Summer of 1933.

The Exhibitions will be held at the beginning of the Autumn Term. All photographs entered for the competition must have been taken by the entrant, but may have been developed and printed by a professional photographer.

The school dark-room is at the disposal of boys for photographic work and Mr. Page will give assistance if asked.

KODAK EXHIBITION.

During the Summer Term we have been enabled to see professional and amateur photography at its best. Kodak Company very kindly loaned us, on two occasions, exhibitions of competition work.

The Exhibition showed work in scenery, animal and figure photography, and all were winning entries in recent Kodak competitions. A good deal could be learned about grouping, and suitable scenes for photography, and we hope it will help some of the entries for our own School competition.

MUSICAL SOCIETY NOTES.

There have been two important concerts since the last issue of the Magazine. The first, held on December 19th of last year, was given entirely by the school. Having, as yet, no broken voices, we are unable to recruit tenors and basses from the boys, but thanks to the help of Mr. Lay and Mr. Nicholas as basses, and Mr. Hole as tenor, we were able to do some unaccompanied four-part singing. In order to bring the alto parts within the range of boys' voices, most of the works concerned were transposed into a considerably higher key. In this way we performed three carols—"Unto us is born a son," "Earth to-day rejoices," "A day, a day of glory" and two rather elaborate settings by J. S. Bach—"To us is born a little child," and "In dulci jubilo." The principal item of the evening, however, was the singing by all the trebles.
of Handel's "Let the bright seraphim" and Bach's "My heart ever faithful." Olney sang Corner's "A babe lies in a manger" and a semi-chorus of six—Ball, Billings, Olney, Pearson, Stevenson, Tomkins, sang Kitson's unison arrangement of "Whence is that goodly fragrance?" and a trio for three equal voices unaccompanied—"When Jesus Christ was four years old" by George Rathbone. As an introduction to the concert, Mr. Hole sang "Comfort ye" and "Every valley" and each half opened and closed with a well-known carol, the trebles singing a descant to the last verse of the final one. "God rest ye merry gentlemen," and Walford Davies' "O little town of Bethlehem" were also sung by the choir. The first movement of Beethoven Op. 18 No. 1, and the Allegro and Minuet from Op. 20 were played as pianoforte duets.

The second concert was given on February 15th this year, principally by friends of the school. A string quartet consisting of Miss Wyldes, Mr. Brownlie, Mr. Elks and Mr. Palmer played Dvorak's Quartet Op. 96, and, with Mrs. Thorpe the Piano Quintet Op. 44 by Schumann. Miss Wyldes, Mr. Palmer, and Mrs. Thorpe also played a movement from Beethoven Op. 1, No. 3. Mr. Barritt sang "Arm, arm ye brave," and a group of three songs—"There is a lady" by Winifred Bury, and two Lane Wilson arrangements. Mrs. Gent, Mrs. Thorpe, Mr. Hole and Mr. Gent also sang two groups of madrigals and modern part songs.

Private concerts by the Society were rendered practically impossible last term by the use of the hall for boxing four nights a week. We hope, however, that by next term other arrangements will have been made.

Though not strictly concerned with the subject of these notes, we should like to mention the singing of Attwood's "Come, Holy Ghost," in prayers on the Friday before Whit-Sunday. The first verse was sung as a solo, but the second had been arranged for two trebles and the third was sung in unison by the whole school. The soloists were Billings and Poole. We hope to do more anthems in this way in the near future.

B.W.A.
HOUSE NOTES.

STAGS.

*House Masters*: Mr. G. H. Clayton, Mr. B. W. Appleby

*House Prefects*: Callif, Sutcliffe, Pack, Furr.

During the past football season, we have been well represented in the School XV, and we again succeeded in winning the House Cup.

In the House Boxing we came second and congratulate F. Maycock on winning the final at his weight.

In the Sports, the Stags put up a fairly good show and had it not been for lack of points from the cross-country racing, we should again have been victorious. We offer our congratulations to Sawford and Sutcliffe for winning the High Jumps, and to Furr for his victory in the 100 yards and half mile, also to Pack for winning the Mile handicap and J. B. Shortland the Half mile under 12. As well as to those who earned the medals, we should like to offer our thanks to the rank and file of the House who by their co-operation made these successes possible.

The cricket season is now in full swing, the Stags are well represented in the School Elevens and we hope for another good team effort towards winning the Cricket Cup again.

GRYPHONS.

*House Masters*: Mr. A. Perkins, Mr. G. D. Page

*House Prefects*: SMEATHERS, DRABBLE, S. SANDERS.

Last Term we were rather unfortunate in losing the House Rugby Cup, for we only lost one match, against the Stags.

In the Boxing we were more fortunate, and won the Cup. Our outstanding competitors were, Sanders, Drabble, Collins, Gardiner and Walden.

In the Sports we did rather well, especially in the three divisions of the Cross Country run. Drabble and Langley were second and third in the 14—16 run, Collins first, Walden second in the 12—14, and Satterthwaite tied for first place in the under 12. We also carried off both the House Cup for Athletics and the new Relay Cup. Our outstanding men were Collins, Sanders and Willmott, a very promising junior.

We now await the House Cricket Matches, and we are confident we shall give our opponents good games.
LIONs.

*House Masters*: Mr. E. L. Hole, Mr. J. G. Dunning.

*House Prefects*: Pickford, Jackson, Drage.

The Lions certainly made their influence felt during the past two terms, although, in Rugger, they did not rise very much from their lowly position. They beat the Dragons in the Senior House Matches, but lost to the Stags and Gryphons. In boxing, they showed keen spirit in all divisions, and Coe is particularly to be congratulated.

The Second House Social was a great success.

In the Sports the house did not distinguish itself in the long distance events. In the sprints and field events we are glad to note that the rank and file of the House did their share. Apart from Remmington and Foster we did not provide winners of events. We congratulate the 12—14 Relay Team, though our teams in the other two divisions were disappointing.

Our hopes of winning the House Cricket Cup are bright this season. Drage, R. H. Brown, Jackson, Hanwell, Remmington and Mitchell have played in the School XI's.

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DRAGONS.

*House Masters*: Mr. C. W. F. Laurie, Mr. I. J. Nicholas.


These last two Terms, fortune favoured the Dragons. We succeeded in gaining second place in both Boxing and Athletic events.

Our second position in Athletics was largely due to the number of qualifying points gained by Dragons in the two lower divisions.

Reid carried off the Senior cross-country while Nichols and Stock were third and fourth respectively in the 12—14. Qualifying points were also gained by 14—16, Olney, Bean, Lambert; 12—14, Pinney, Richardson, Ball, Bennett, Day; under 12, Cheasman, Clark, K., Allen, R., Martin, J., Pearce, Groome, S., Knight, J., and Kilsby. In the Boxing events, Sutton won the under 5 stone final and Reid, Edwards and Fowler won their first rounds.

The Dragons propose to buy a cricket net which will enable everyone to get regular batting practice. The daily fielding practices have shown up some talent, and we hope this will bear fruit when the House Matches come off.

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THE EXCURSION TO LONDON.

On Friday, May 26th, a party of thirty boys, accompanied by Mr. Clayton and Mr. Dunning, travelled to St. Pancras on the 8-40 train. When we arrived in London, a motor coach took us for a drive through the West End, and stopped for half-an-hour whilst we watched with great interest, the rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colours, outside Buckingham Palace.

We then proceeded to the South Kensington Museum where we saw so many wonderful sights that it is hard to name those which impressed us most. We saw the 1931 Schneider Trophy Seaplane, the aeroplane in which Alcock flew the Atlantic, The Bluebird, and a host of wonderful inventions such as a door that opened as you approached it, and a machine capable of sorting articles according to their colour. There was great amusement at the efforts to get our party out of this enticing museum, some lagging behind for a last “press the button” view of model locomotives.

After this the coach took us past the new Lambeth Bridge, past Lambeth Palace, and Westminster to the Embankment, where a motor launch awaited us, to take us down the river to Greenwich. This was a delightful trip, we saw the famous Thames Barges, and several large vessels, including a three masted sailing ship which had recently arrived with grain from Australia.

We did not stay long at Greenwich, returning with the turn of the tide we saw the Tower Bridge open and one or two large ships pass under it. Landing at Westminster we proceeded up Whitehall, seeing the Cenotaph, up Charing Cross Road and to the British Museum. Here we saw several original letters by people such as Cromwell, Charles I., and other characters of history and we also saw the Magna Carta, and an old hand-written Psalter worth £33,000.

We had tea near St. Pancras and returned to Wellingborough by 7-30 p.m.

THE VISIT TO BASSETT LOWKES.

On the Morning of the 26th May, two parties, at different times, paid a visit to Bassett Lowkes' factories at Northampton.

Model trains and boats of every description are here made absolutely like the real things, only on a smaller scale.

On arriving at Bassett Lowkes, the showroom was first visited, the wonderful steam and electrically driven models being centres of admiring groups.
We only saw boats being manufactured, trains however featured largely in the showroom. The shaping department was next visited, each model being carefully carved from wood. The models were then painted and hung from racks to dry. The electric motors or steam engines were then installed, only requiring a short time to complete. They were then ready for the finishing touches, small articles like anchors, portholes, and ladders all being made and fitted with the utmost care. When this was finished the models were ready for sale.

The visit as well as the bus ride to and from Northampton was enjoyed by all.

F. A. ROBINSON, II A.

LEISURE.

"The soul is dyed the colour of its leisure moments. A man's rank in the scale of being is determined by the things he loves and is interested in. What we care about, that we are."

So says Dean Inge, and truly so. In the liberty which we enjoy in our leisure time we really live. Our work may demand all our energy for a given time, along lines that we should not choose, but when the time for leisure comes, we choose our own way of life. The things we must do every day may take us into company with which we have little in common, but in our leisure we choose our own companions, and so mould our characters.

Upon what we choose, a great deal depends. One man will idle away his time with a newspaper and pipe, whilst another learns an extra language, so gaining admittance to a larger sphere of life.

In these days our leisure is provided for in ways that have never been known before. For those with a literary bent, the libraries are available, and librarians to advise on the choice of books. Scientifically minded persons can find a "home from home" amongst the study circles to be found in nearly every town. The wireless, cinema and theatre are always available, so that one is in danger of having so many avenues of thought open, that we do not know which to choose.

For those willing to give their leisure in the service of others, there are numerous resorts. Our towns are governed by voluntary and leisure time councils. Our churches are run by leisure time workers. Our political parties depend not on paid agents and M.P.'s, but on those who forfeit time and energy to support them, whilst every society for social betterment relies upon people who have used their leisure-time in numerous ways for service of mankind.
So obviously not only our influence while we live, but any that we may leave behind in this world, depends solely on the right use of our leisure time.  

T. R. Sheppard, IVa.

IN TOPSY TURVY LAND.

To Topsy Turvy Town we'll go;  
We aften do, it is such fun,  
The moon shines there by day, you know,  
And then at night comes out the sun!  
It isn't hard to find the way;  
We go through the most shady wood  
Where sometimes boys and children play,  
I'd love to join them if I could.  
Birds walk sedately on the ground  
Whilst pigs fly overhead;  
And meals are all the wrong way round,  
For breakfast comes at night instead!  
And then we hurry through the gate  
Of make believe; it's near at hand,  
Down Nonsense Lane, which leads us straight  
Into Topsy Turvy Land.

C. Hanwell, IIIa.

LECTURE ON RAILWAYS.

On Thursday, March 23rd, Mr. Appleby gave a lecture in the Geography Room. His lecture was illustrated by the lantern slides very generously lent by the L.M.S. Railway.

He showed us various types of locomotives, their chief points and their respective uses. We understand more clearly, as a result of his talk, the reasons for the many types of engines. He showed us pictures of the compound engine, explaining its economic use.

We had glimpses of the inside of construction sheds, and saw slides illustrating various kinds of finished wagons.

The section on tunnels was very interesting, and we gained much knowledge from his discourse on old methods of overcoming gradient difficulties.

The signalling systems with all the latest improvements were explained and the lecture finished with reference to the L.M.S. steamer connections with Ireland.

We have to thank Mr. Appleby very much for his instruction, and we hope to hear him again in the not far distant future.
HOWLERS.

1. Owing to the heat during the day, observations on the sun, by means of a sextant, are made at night.
2. Joan of Arc was swallowed by a whale.
3. The best cork balls are made of rubber so that they will not break.
4. To work like a nigger . . . Travailler aimer un nègre.
5. Coal was formed from decayed carboniferous trees.
6. Warbeck was not the son of a king, but of respectable parents.
7. The most valuable fur is vermin.
8. Henry VIII. was a stout churchman.
9. On the death of Moses, Joshua was his predecessor.
10. In the desert the Israelites had manna.
11. A beacon is a church dignitary.
12. A parable is a heavenly story with no earthly meaning.

CAREERS.

A DOCTOR, A DENTIST, OR A VET?

Quite a number of our boys are approaching School Certificate, and are thinking of their future; and I would like to give new life to their youthful ambitions, and to try and show them that these ambitions are not impracticable if they are willing to work hard. Far too many people dismiss ideas of a profession as being beyond their financial resources without thoroughly investigating the cost, and—and this is important—what assistance they can obtain.

Ours is a school, only slowly building traditions, and in the absence of Old Boys' achievements to give inspiration, we would beg you to use us, in helping your boy to choose his career.

A DOCTOR.

The Medical Profession, like all others at present is very full, but I think there is every opportunity for a boy of grit and determination, with fair ability to achieve a satisfactory career—and a remunerative, though arduous one. After obtaining qualifications, if the doctor cannot afford to buy a practice, he might settle down in a growing neighbourhood to build up a practice, or he might accept one of the very numerous public appointments, the number of which grows every year, as local authorities expand their activities.
If a boy ceases to be an expense to his parents when he is 25, he has done well, but with all the scholarships now available, the expenses need not be heavy.

A University career of five years, will, when successfully completed, bring the boy a degree of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and many provincial Universities now have excellent medical schools and the cost is lower than at Oxford, Cambridge, London or Edinburgh. The first essential is Matriculation or its equivalent School Certificate, then a boy may proceed to a degree, or the Diploma granted by the Royal College of Physicians or Royal College of Surgeons. If these latter Diplomas are aimed at, an examination by the College of Preceptors is accepted instead of Matriculation.

Anyone with an urge to practice the art of healing—and no greater urge can be vouchsafed—and if he has determination and ambition, any boy with fair ability should be successful.

For further information write to the

"Lancet,"
423, Strand, London.

for a copy of the "Students Number" (price 1/3). This gives a list of probable expenses, and scholarships obtainable.

A Dentist.

It is strange how few boys have a natural desire to be a dentist, and yet the professional training is not nearly so expensive as that in medicine, and the practice may be very remunerative.

The training for the L.D.S. Diploma is a four years course, part of which may be spent with a dental practitioner in the boy's own town. A good qualification is the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, to be obtained by study at a good Dental Hospital, such as the Royal Dental Hospital, Leicester Square, London, though a complete training can be obtained with a registered dentist. There are good dental schools at most provincial Universities.

For information write,

British Dental Association,
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A dentist has not to lead such an arduous life as a doctor, he can fix his own hours, and there is a steadily increasing number of public appointments, such as school dentists, etc.
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A VETERINARY SURGEON.

An occupation that might well be considered in this district is that of a Veterinary Surgeon. The recognised qualification is the M.R.C.V.S. (Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons).

The first preliminary is the Matriculation certificate and the training is not too long; the training must be obtained at a recognised Veterinary School.

Full particulars may be obtained from,

The Secretary,
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons,
10, Red Lion Square,

It is a very paying profession, not too overcrowded, and one whose aims surely appeal to the good side of a boy's humanity.

J.G.D.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

In the hope of getting good weather, this year we held Sports Day later in the year, and on May 25th, we had a fine, dry but rather windy day.

There was a good number of visitors to see the Finals, and some good times were obtained, especially in the 100 yards, 12—14, and the half mile, 12—14.

The Gryphons ran away with the Athletics Cup, and also obtained the new Henson Relay Cup. Their success was due to the efforts of boys of all age groups.

Below are the details.

OFFICIALS.

President : THE HEAD MASTER.
Secretary : Mr. J. G. DUNNING.
Judges : Mr. C. W. F. LAURIE, Mr. G. D. PAGE, Mr. A. PERKINS.
Timekeepers : Mr. H. R. WILLIAMS, Mr. B. W. APPLEBY, Mr. I. J. NICHOLAS.
Referee : Mr. E. L. HOLE.
Starter : Mr. G. H. CLAYTON.

100 yards 14—16.
1, Gardiner and Furr (tie); 3, Bradshaw; 4, Brown, R. H.
Time 12 2/5 secs.
100 yards 12—14.
1, Remmington; 2, Tilley; 3, Hanwell; 4, Bond.
Time 12 2/5 secs.

100 yards under 12.
1, Clark, K.; 2, Willmott; 3, Foster; 4, Port, L.
Time 14 1/5 secs.

100 yards under 10.
1, Allen, R.; 2, Martin, J.; 3, Jessop; 4, Bromidge.
Time 15 secs.

220 yards 14—16.
1, Sanders; 2, Furr; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Drabble.
Time 26 2/5 secs.

220 yards 12—14.
1, Remmington; 2, Tilley; 3, Bond; 4, Hanwell.
Time 28 3/5 secs.

220 yards under 12.
1, Willmott; 2, Clark, K.; 3, Foster; 4, Allen, R.
Time 32 3/5 secs.

440 yards 14—16.
1, Sanders; 2, Furr; 3, Jackson; 4, Drabble.
Time 64 secs.

Long Jump 14—16.
1, Sanders; 2, Furr; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Gowen.
Length 16 ft. 7 ins.

1, Remmington; 2, Sawford; 3, Judkins; 4, Laughton.
Length 14 ft. 3½ ins.

Long Jump under 12.
1, Foster; 2, Clark, K.; 3, Pearce; 4, Brown, C. B.
Length 11 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump 14—16.
1, Sutcliffe; 2, Drabble; 3, Furr and Gowen (tie).
Height 4 ft. 5 ins.
High Jump 12—14.
1, Sawford; 2, Collins; 3, Bennett; 4, Maycock.
Height 4 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump under 12.
1, Howford; 2, Poole; 3, Groome, D.; 4, Williams.
Height 3 ft. 7 ins.

One Mile Handicap.
1, Pack J. (15); 2, Collins (Scr.); 3, Allen, R. (220);
4, Day (5).

Obstacle Race.
1, Gowen.

Cross Country 14—16. 3½ miles.
1, Reid; 2, Drabble; 3, Langley; 4, Towell.
Time 25 mins. 43½ secs.

1, Collins; 2, Walden; 3, Nichols; 4, Stock.
Time 20 mins. 40 1/5 secs.

Cross Country under 12. 2½ miles.
1, J. B. Shortland and Satterthwaite; 3, Cheasman;
4, Foster; Time 21 mins. 53 secs.

One Mile 14—16.
1, Reid; 2, Pack, J. E.; 3, Drabble; 4, Whittaker.
Time 5 mins. 53 secs.

One mile 12—14.
1, Collins; 2, Nichols; 3, Stock; 4, Day.
Time 5 mins. 56 4/5 secs.

Half Mile 14—16.
1, Furr; 2, Brown, R. H.; 3, Reid; 4, Whittaker.
Time 2 mins. 32 1/5 secs.

1, Collins; 2, Drage; 3, Stock; 4, Nichols.
Time 2 mins. 35 4/5 secs.

Half Mile under 12.
1, J. B. Shortland; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Cheasman;
4, Foster. Time 2 mins. 48 secs.

The last eight events were concluded during the Easter Term.

At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. H. W. Saxby very kindly presented the medals and cups to the winners.

J.G.D.
WHY THE OWLS FLY BY NIGHT.

Many long years ago there lived a good king called Inky Blackness, and he lived in a country called Nightalia. His greatest rival was a king who was called Sunshine, who ruled over the country Daystalia. However, if the good king’s name was Inky Blackness it was not his nature, for he was kind and loving to all human beings and animals and birds, except the owl which was kept in captivity by King Sunshine. The owl was made to catch the birds so that King Inky Blackness should not have any bird friends to feed and talk to every morning. King Sunshine was not bright and shiny like his name but cruel and wretched. One day Inky Blackness missed his best friend the robin, but another bird, the starling, had seen what had happened to Inky’s bird friend, the robin. The starling said that an owl was forced by king Sunshine to catch the singing robin. King Inky did not like this, so he gathered together an army and beat King Sunshine in Daystalia. While King Inky was searching the kingdom of Daystalia he found a large cage containing nothing but thin, bony owls. Inky said “So this is where my owls have got to,” and in another cage he saw the robin and other birds he had previously missed. He gave Sunshine back his kingdom but he took home the captive birds and fed them well. One owl died and in the other cage two birds died and Inky had to kill two more. Ever after, the owls flew in Nightalia and the names Day and Night came from the names of the two kingdoms. Therefore as the owls always flew in Nightalia they now always fly by night.

SAYER, JHA.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AEROPLANES.

The real credit for the evolution of the man carrying aeroplanes is due to the Wright brothers. Encouraged by the advice of Chanute, an American, who had built several gliders, they commenced experimenting with biplane gliders themselves. Meeting with considerable success they fitted a petrol motor of their own design to one of their gliders and in 1903 made several straight flights; later they succeeded in turning in the air. This was the beginning, and the next step was taken by Farman, who made the first circular flight.
over a distance of one kilometer, in a machine of his own design. In 1909 Louis Bleriot crossed the English Channel from Calais to Dover in a machine which he constructed himself.

After this, progress was rapid and machines with fuselage or bodies appeared. The first machines did not have enclosed cockpits, the pilot's seat being fitted in the bare framework, and only the wings and tail were covered with fabric. Pioneer experimenters like Sir Hiram Maxim and the German Lilenthal and the Englishman Pilcher all helped, the last two giving their lives in their endeavours.

The Great War was responsible for a great advance in aviation; Germany started to build fast fighting scouts capable of 130 m.p.h., and the British produced the Sopwith Camel, with which to combat the Fokker and the Albatross. Then the French Spad and the English Bristol Fighter appeared. Triplanes and big bombers were introduced and by the end of the war many different types of machines had been built. Up till 1918 most machines had been built of canvas and wood, but by now planes are mostly all metal. The reliability of the engines, too, has improved with the passing years.

The first crossing of the Atlantic by air was made in 1919 by Alcock and Brown in a Vickers-Vimy machine equipped with two Rolls Royce 350 h.p. engines. Since then the Atlantic has been crossed many times.

In 1923 the first British light aeroplane appeared, the "Wren" monoplane. This machine had no external struts, it was fitted with a 3 h.p. A.B.C. motor cycle engine, and flew 87.5 miles on one gallon of petrol.

In 1925 the first D.H. Moth was produced, this was the forerunner of the now famous Gipsy Moth machines which are capable of 125 m.p.h. We see that machines are now more reliable, but not faster, except for special machines such as the Schneider Trophy plane, than during the war.

Great passenger planes such as the Handley Page, "Hannibal," have done much to popularise flying as a means of transport. Aviation is becoming increasingly safer with the invention of "gadgets," to prevent spin, etc., and the development of the Autogyro is being watched with keen interest.

G. FORD, IV.A.
IIA AND IIb. DEBATE SOCIETY.

Form IIa. and IIb. will have held some ten debates by the end of the term. The subjects debated on include, "Is newspaper reading advantageous? It is better to be a King than a subject (won 20 votes to 16); That Trespassers should be prosecuted (won 27 to 8); That the Army is of more use than the Navy (lost 28 to 9)."

The most successful debate was undoubtedly; "That it is better to be fat than lean," which motion was lost by Satterthwaite and Johnson to Nichols and Williams by 18 votes. The best speaker on the paper becomes Chairman for the next debate, and Dunn has been the most efficient secretary for this term.

AN IDYLL.

A red roaring fire; a kettle singing on the hob, a thin haze of tobacco smoke lifting slowly towards the roof; a rocking chair swinging lazily to and fro while the drowsy occupant stirs and taps his pipe on a glowing ember—all these things make a delightful picture in one’s mind, but surely there is something missing? What about the cat?

She lies at full length on the rug, blinking up at the fire-light, slowly swishing her tail in complete contentment and comfort. Occasionally she licks her lips in anticipation of a good supper, or perhaps she is thinking of the nice, plump mouse she caught that morning. Anyway, whatever it is one can see that she enjoyed it.

But here is another scene in this act. It represents a typical backyard at the dead of night. The stars are twinkling and the moon is shining down on the sleeping world. This sleeping world, however, is soon transformed into a vivid, gory battle field. Yells and screams break the stilly night, as two particular enemies of the feline species come into violent contact with each other on the wall behind the dust bin. Fur continues to fly and scratches continue to be dealt until the whirring mass disentangles itself, one combatant slinking away into the night, the other carefully caressing its tokens of battle, and calling upon all heaven to witness the outrage. His song soon goes to a watery grave; a window is flung open and a jug of water is sent on its short, but eventful journey.
across the yard to the wall, where the cat receives it full in
the face. The window is slammed, and the moon gazes down
on to a once more peaceful scene, which is only broken by
faint cries in the distance, marking the spot of another 'duel
to the death.'

LAMBERT, IVb.

A BOTTLED SPRITE.

Once there lived a little boy, he was only eight years old
and he lived with his father who was a wood cutter, and was
so poor that he only had one axe. So that he could go with
his father, the boy went and borrowed a neighbour's axe.

Then he went with his father into the wood and started
to cut down trees. At lunch time he went for a walk and came
to an old oak tree where he heard a noise which seemed to say
"let me out," "let me out." The boy thought the sound
came from a bottle he saw lying by the tree, so he took out the
cork and a big giant grew out of the bottle. The giant said,
"Do you know what your reward will be." "No," replied
the boy. "You will die." "Oh," said the boy, "well if
you can come out of a bottle you can get back into it," and he
grasped the bottle, pushing the giant back into it, he threw it
inside the oak tree. Now the giant began to howl, promising
that if the boy would only draw him out again he would be
rewarded. So the boy put his hand into the tree to take out
the bottle when he drew out what he thought was a piece of
putty, but when his father saw it, he declared it to be gold;
and the woodcutter's family was poor no more.

P. CRAWLEY, I.

QUACLIX.

He was most excited. It was Wednesday, and the
Scorpions were playing another team. He, he of all people,
was picked to play.

Being so excited about the match, he put his flannels on
back-to-front. He polished his shoes 'till they shone. Jack,
as I will call him, was not content until he had looked at
himself in the glass. No! His cap was too shabby; just time to go across to Dixon and Parker's shop. Jack had another look in the glass. No! His hair would insist on sticking out of his cap. "Oh," he thought, "Where is father's hair cream." Yes! He looked like a professional now.

There was half-an-hour before he need start for school, so he fetched a bat and practised a few, of what he called, stylish strokes, in front of the glass.

Jack put a dignified expression on his face, and started to strut towards the school.

The Scorpions won the toss and the captain elected to bat first. Jack was in 5th.

The hundred went up and soon after that, it was Jack's turn to go in. He had taken great care to get the whitest pads and the best gloves.

He took a full minute taking centre and patting down imaginary bumps on the pitch.

The bowler took a run. Next moment Jack was looking for his middle stump.

He looked at the scoreboard, to see a Quaclix. He then heard two words from the juniors: Quacy Quaclix (a duck).

Jack was very undignified as he walked away from the wicket.

K. Clark, IIa.

THE BROKEN LINE.

The wind howled across the lonely moor and thundered down the valley where the gleaming railway track wound away among the twinkling signal lights. What a storm it was! A great hissing torrent of rain beat down upon the countryside, and little rivulets of water began to stream down the grassy slopes on to the lonely country road.

Far away in the gloom a tiny yellow light flickered and jumped strangely, and as it drew nearer a little boy could be seen pedalling along miserably on a bicycle. It was David Cartwright, an engine driver's son, making his way back to the little cottage by the signal box. "What a dreadful night," he gasped, dashing the stream of raindrops from his eyes.
"Thank goodness there is only another mile to go." As he spoke a blazing spear of blue light split the sky and for a moment lit up the countryside. A second later the first warning growl of thunder started high up in the sky, and came roaring and tumbling down like the crash of a thousand cannon.

David clenched his teeth and screwed up his eyes tightly. He was a plucky lad, but the continuous thunder and lightning had set him trembling all over. As the thunder claps rolled away David began to feel reassured, and he pedalled on steadily. At last he began to look eagerly for the bright light that marked the railway bridge. Every night he looked out for the cheery beacon, and, when he saw it he knew he was only half a mile from home. But as he rounded a bend in the road, his little face puckered into a puzzled expression. The light was not there! David went ever so pale as he stared into the darkness. "What is the matter?" he gasped, "Where is the bridge light?"

As he neared the bridge he saw the solid iron lamp standard lying twisted over the parapet of the bridge; and behind it, the railway track torn up as if by some cruel hand! "It—it has been struck by lightning!" he quavered. "Oh, how dreadful." As he looked, another thought struck him, one which made him cry out aloud with fright. "Oh! Daddy’s goods train!" he gasped, "He will be driving it over the bridge soon! What ever would happen?" David thought of a desperate plan, it was but a five minutes ride from the bridge to the little country station, could he get there in time to warn his daddy? He set out through the rain, and flew like the wind over the shining road until the twinkling lights of the station drew nearer and nearer. At last he raced up the little path that led to the goods yard—but as he did so he heard the shrill whistle of an engine and the goods train roared on through the night towards the twisted broken rails on the bridge.

In his anxiety to do something, David sped along the track on his bicycle, after his daddy’s train. As he neared a siding he caught sight of a dull glow before him, and, with a wild whoop, leapt from his cycle. "Puffing Billy! Puffing Billy!" he shouted, rushing forward. "I’ll follow daddy on Puffing Billy," he cried excitedly. He pulled open the throttle and with a groan, Puffing Billy sped into the night like a blazing dragon. David sounded his whistle time and time again, trying to warn his daddy to pull up, but all in vain. The train in front rattled on steadily towards the broken line. Suddenly David’s face went grim and, determinedly, he swung himself
from the cab of the fast travelling engine and edged warily along the boiler plate! The wind tore at his hair and the driving, stinging rain lashed him cruelly, at last, he was at the front of Puffing Billy, leaning forward he swung the coupling chain on to the great iron hook at the back, Puffing Billy was coupled to the goods train.

Getting back into the cab, David put on the brakes and slowly stopped his father’s train from being smashed on the broken line.

W. J. ROBINSON, IIb.
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