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EDITORIAL.

The first term under our new Headmaster has been eventful but not exciting. There have been no sweeping changes, but there has been a tightening up of some rules.

We had a large number of new boys and only a small number left last term. Again this term we are finding some very ill-advised boys leaving before having completed their secondary education and this is certainly to be deplored. Parental co-operation has continued and we are very glad of it ; may it not usefully be applied to this problem of boys leaving at the early age of fourteen?

School activities flourish—in fact unless careful, some of us are in danger of becoming self-satisfied.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:


Acting Prefects: G. Buttling, K. N. Clark.

Remembrance Day Service was conducted by the Headmaster, and several parents were present.
The sale of poppies in school on Remembrance Day raised the sum of £1-3-8 for Earl Haig’s Fund.

Several rooms were redecorated during the Summer holidays.
The School has purchased an epidiascope.

New rugger posts for the first pitch were painted by the boys.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Goddard on the birth of a daughter.

The school library is growing but not sufficiently rapidly. May we invite parents, friends, Old Boys, and boys to present books which, we can assure them, will be well used.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions. The Bals-havian, Ousel, The Chronicles of Ermysted, The Northamptonian, The Petriburgian, The Howardian, The Dunstable School Magazine.

VALETE.


The following left without having reached the School Certificate form:

D. R. Chisholm. 
F. C. Lilley.

P. R. Day. 
M. Richardson

A. J. Glover. 
R. C. Summerfield.

P. Groome. 
G. E. Page.

R. Leach.

SALVETE, SEPTEMBER, 1937.

We offer a hearty welcome to Mr. A. R. Woolley our new Headmaster. We hope that he and his family will have a happy time in Wellingborough.

Abbott, G. A. Hippie, H. Potts, J. C.
Addis, G. C. Holloway, P. G. Richards, L. G.
Bailey, R. H. Houghton, D. B. Roberts, J. D.
Benbow, R. Jackson, P. G. Seaton, R. F.
Bland, W. R. Jessop, P. H. Stratton, D. G.
Brooks, D. M. Jones, H. Streather, R.
Carter, B. A. Jones, R. Turney, R. F.
Davies, J. H. Kemsheld, G. A. Underwood, C. K.
Drage, J. T. Maddams, W. F. Warwick, D. R.
Draper, R. Nunley, W. H. Webster, C.
Ekins, D. E. O'Neil, J. P. White, D. F.
Glover, B. W. Page, K. Willmott, T. N.
Hager, R. N. B. Payne, G. C.
Harris, P. R. Peck, P. J.
Hill, R. P. Pitcher, E. P.
R.U.F.C.—Team Characters.

1st XV.

J. FINDLEY.—(Full Colour, Captain of Football). His experience and keenness have been most valuable in this his second year as Captain. Owing to his own enthusiasm he gets a good response from the team, for the training and picking of which he has been largely responsible. As a player he has taken a new lease of life in the position of fly-half.

H. MADDAMS.—(Full Colour, Vice-Captain). He plays with great dash, and uses his speed and swerve well. His general play, keenness and tackling set a fine example but he could use his voice more to inspire his forwards. He is learning the wing-forward game well.

H. CATLIN.—(Half Colour, Secretary). One of the best forwards at falling on the ball and is always looking for a chance to use his hands. His tackling and line-out play reach a fair standard. His work as secretary has been very efficient.

J. REMMINGTON.—(Full Colour). A strong and determined runner and the most dangerous three-quarter in the team. These qualities make it unnecessary for him as a rule to feed his wing; but this should be one of the duties of the centre. An excellent tackler.

K. CLARK.—(Half Colour). As scrum-half he has been rather handicapped by frequent changes of partner, this has not helped his play. He still throws a good pass, and makes an occasional good dash on his own; his defence is still the thing he does least well.

H. CATEN.—(Half Colour). Excellent in the line-out where he uses his height well; and is especially valuable in defensive line-outs. He is usually on the ball and gets his head down better in loose scrums.

G. BUTLING.—(Half Colour). He is very quick off the mark and his tackling has improved but he has still to find his right position in the line. He is inclined to stop as he gives a pass.

C. BROWN.—(Half Colour). A keen forward who has learnt to fall on the ball and gets through a lot of good work without being especially conspicuous. As confidence increases he may find he has more qualities he can develop.

J. UPTON.—(Half Colour). A good dribbler who uses his feet better than his hands. A hard worker.
R. Troath.—(Half Colour). By keenness and practice he has made himself into a very capable full-back. His tackling is perhaps better than his kicking which could still be improved in length and direction with either foot.

I. Mills.—(Half Colour). The best tackler among the forwards. He is not afraid to dive really hard. A good forward in the tight, he is always in the thick of it.

F. Clipstone.—A good forward in the loose who is slowly learning the trick of getting rid of the ball. His tackling might be improved.

K. Dallas.—A wing-three-quarter who is rather slow off the mark and has not had many openings given him. His defensive work is pretty good and his general play is improving as he gains more confidence.

K. Holmes.—A keen forward who can tackle well and is useful in the loose. His wing-forward play has improved considerably.

P. Green.—A forward who does not give of his best until roused and then he plays with real dash and is always on the ball. He can tackle.

F. Coles.—His hands are good and his defence has improved but he has not quite the thrust or the ability to see an opening which a fly-half requires.

C. Bond.—Perhaps the most improved player in the school. He has shown this term, chiefly in house Matches, that he can run with determination and skill and he has used his speed to great advantage in defence as well. He would be a great asset to the 1st XV.

G. Annable.—He has proved a very reliable reserve full back. His kicking is good though he sometimes forgets to get his angle. His handling, sense of position and tackling are very fair.

"Under 15."

N. Betts.—(Half Colour, Captain). His keenness has been most encouraging and an excellent example. There are few days when he is not out to practise. The result is that his handling and passing are equal to that of most three-quarters while as a forward he is always on the ball. He can tackle and is a good place-kicker.
I. PORT.—(Vice-Captain). Despite certain disappointments this term, he has stuck manfully to practise, and in his new position as scrum-half is showing great improvement in defence while his handling and kicking continue as good as ever.

N. SHARPE.—A heavy and tall forward for his age, he uses his hands well in the line-out but has not learnt to make the most of his size in scrums or in tackling low which, despite appearances, is much the safer way.

R. DANNATT.—A big, bustling forward who is always likely to score if he gets the ball a few yards from the line. His hands are still poor and he too often ‘dies’ with the ball.

L. HOLT.—He is good in defence and his ‘dummy’ and swerving run make him dangerous in attack but in part owing to these qualities and partly because his partners have continually varied this term, he has not really been as effective a centre as one hopes he will be.

D. MILLWARD.—A late find in the position of fly-half where he should be really good. He is quick off the mark, reasonably safe with his hands, adequate in defence, a good kick and has an eye for an opening.

P. WHITE.—One of those forwards who gets through a good deal of work but is seldom conspicuous.

W. FORD.—One of the best forwards with his hands and is very useful in the line-out. He has lately been gaining valuable experience as a hooker.

R. HOWARD.—An effective wing-forward who can use his hands, is generally good in defence and especially with his kicking. He is usually well up on the ball.

H. HARVEY.—He will, I think, find his best position to be centre-three-quarter. He is fast and has a good acceleration as he takes the ball.

A. GENT.—A forward who enjoys the hurly-burly of the game but has not much improved his handling or his eye for the finer points of the game.

J. SHARP.—At full back he keeps a cool head on the whole and his kicking is very fair. His positioning is, however, often at fault. A good full-back always seems to be where the ball is going, he must develop this anticipation and learn to let himself go in a tackle.

D. POPE.—A good sized forward who should be useful if he will practise using his weight intelligently in loose scrums and elsewhere.

J. BOWERS.—A very useful forward despite his lack of weight. He is always ready to tackle and fall on the ball and can use his hands.
G. CROMPTON. — A good three-quarter for his size. He can tackle, take and give a pass. He still rather lacks confidence in himself. He can do his stuff now, but when he believes in himself, his cut-through and general play will be much more effective.

R. MATHER. — A cool, steady player who makes a useful scrum-half, forward, or full-back. He is good with his hands and can sell a dummy.

"UNDER 14."

R. OSBORNE. — (Captain). His long experience makes him a most valuable captain. In defence, he is sure and watchful and in attack, knows the value of taking the ball at speed and giving a good pass. His kicking under pressure is useful. He has made a valuable reserve centre for the "Under 15."

R. EDWARDS. — His speed and determination make him the most dangerous three-quarter of the team. Unfortunately this same speed and his old habit of tucking the ball under his arm make it difficult for him to fit into a line in this team with the result that he is usually left with too much to do. Time and practice will, however, cure this, he has made a valuable reserve wing for the "Under 15."

R. GOODAY. — As fly-half he has made great improvement in his game this year. He handles well, he can cut through and his defence has become much sounder. He is a good kicker with either foot. When he gets a three-quarter line who can follow him he will be very dangerous.

R. ALLEN. — Centre-three-quarter. A little disappointing. He can handle and run, but his play lacks the thrust which only keenness and determination can give.

G. MACKNESS. — He is becoming a good forward, usually on the ball, safe with his hands and in defence. A very valuable member of the team.

B. SMART. — A useful wing-forward, can tackle and use his hands.

L. LOVERIDGE. — A good sized forward who does not use his weight enough. He often makes a dash from the line-out but either 'dies' with the ball or runs straight across the field.

M. BURMAN. — He still requires plenty of practice and confidence. He has the size and the speed but is rather slow off the mark.
L. J ohnson.—Always on the ball, sometimes before he should be. He puts tremendous energy into his game but might temper it with a little more thought. His movements and hands are still rather clumsy despite his persevering practice. He is good in defence.

S. Elks.—A very good forward for his age and size, and will play well in most positions.

F. Bailey.—A useful forward and a capable and cool reserve full-back.

D. Upton.—As wing-three-quarter he is hardly fast enough to be dangerous but gets in some useful kicks to touch and is gaining valuable experience. He is rather too ready to fly-kick under pressure instead of getting down to it with his hands. He shows promise as a fly-half.

L. Calle.—As full back he plays a cool, steady game, handles well and kicks a fair length. He is rather slow and must therefore make up by clever anticipation. When roused out of his usual placid calm, he can tackle.

D. Houghton.—A well built forward who is not afraid to hurl himself full length in a tackle. He should become very useful.

P. Felce.—A forward who is useful with his hands and may make a three-quarter.

B. Causebrook.—A forward who is learning to use his weight intelligently. He watches the ball in loose scrums and is very useful in line-outs.

D. Plant.—He has the build and speed for a wing-forward but has not learnt to make good use of his capabilities.

C. Williamson.—A three-quarter who has improved lately. He has the size and the speed, but he is the type of player who takes a good deal of rousing. With more experience practice and a touch of 'ginger' in his play, he would be good.

A. Wilson.—A forward who has the height and weight when he can learn to use them. He requires a lot more practice in handling the ball and in shoving and watching the ball in loose scrums.

A. Hall.—A useful reserve three-quarter. He has a fair turn of speed and his keenness at practice has improved his handling and passing. His defence is his most uncertain quality.

Other players who have represented the School this term are:—Ingram, Mabbutt, Bailey, R. C., Robinson, Addis, Dickens, George, Martin, Smith, Potts, Jones, J., Barfield, Golding, Valentine, Jackson, Bland, Brown.
R.U.F.C. RESULTS.

Oct. 2 Under 15 v. Town & County, Northampton  
Away, lost 0—42
,, 9 1st XV. v. Town & County, Northampton  
Away, won 14—6
,, Under 15 v. Bedford Modern Home, lost 6—32
,, 16 1st XV. v. King’s, Peterborough  
Away, won 19—6
,, Under 14 v. King’s, Peterborough  
Home, won 33—3
,, 21 Colts XV. v. Oundle School Away, draw, 0—0
1st XV. v. Oundle School 4th XV. Home, won 6—11
,, 23 Under 14 v. Town & County, Northampton  
Away, won 6—3
,, 30 Under 14 v. Bedford Modern Away, lost 3—32
1st XV. v. Blackfriars School Home, won 21—3
Nov. 4 Under 15 v. Oundle School Home, lost 6—11
,, 6 Under 14 v. Harpur, Bedford Away, won 9—6
1st XV. v. Old Boys’ Home, lost 3—5
,, 13 1st XV. v. Deacon’s, Peterborough  
Away, lost 0—24
Under 15 v. Town & County, Northampton  
Home, lost 6—14
,, 20 Under 15 v. Harpur, Bedford Home, won 14—3
,, 24 Under 13½ v. Bedford Lower School 1st XV.  
Home, Draw 3—3
,, 27 Under 14 v. Towcester G.S. Home, won 12—9
1st XV. v. Bedford Modern 3rd. XV.  
Away, won 31—0

Dec. 4 Under 14 v. Blackfriars Junior XV.  
Away, scratched
1st XV. v. Towcester G.S.  
Away, won 9—6

ANALYSIS.

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COLOURS.

Half Colours : Clark, Buttling, Caten, Catlin, Brown, Troath, Mills, Betts.
GENERAL REMARKS.

Seventy-one boys have represented the School in matches this term which is a very fair proportion of our numbers. Of the teams, the 1st XV. has been the most successful. The only pity is that lack of time for practice has prevented the team making the best of its possibilities. The arrangement of the back division has been a matter of experiment right down to the last two matches and the forwards have not had nearly enough of the drill at the different elements of the game which is the only way to get the most successful enjoyment.

As last year, the under 15 has been the weakest of the three. There is no real excuse for this. As last year's under 14 they won 6 out of 8 matches. They just have not improved as much as have our opponents. One reason for this may be that owing to the difficulties of organisation they did not play together in practice until late in the term. They certainly improved then as a glance at the results will show. We are trying to improve matters for next season by leaving out those who will be under 14 again next season and making the under 15 group stand on their own feet, but we are already being handicapped by boys leaving at the early age of 14.

The under 14 has had quite a good season. The forwards if they remember, are capable of getting their fair share of the ball and thanks to the determined running of one three-quarter we have managed to score more than our opponents. But as a three-quarter line which combines and of which each member does his share in attack and defence, this line has not been a success.

Thanks are again due to those masters who undertake the unexciting but very necessary coaching of junior games. In a school which plays only one day a week every game is important. The number of boys who are willing and able to turn out for extra practice is always small and the level of the teams' play cannot be much superior to the general level of the weekly games.

CRICKET NOTES.

On the face of it the First Eleven had but a moderate season but all things considered the results were far from unsatisfactory. Starting off a rather weak unexperienced side they improved considerably and towards the end were capable of giving any of their usual opponents a good game. The games that were lost were never, with one exception, run-away victories but always interesting and keenly-fought. The batting improved in steadiness and while still lacking finish gradually eliminated the elementary errors of the early part of the season. In the bowling both Pashler and Remming-
ton improved in accuracy of length and variety of pace while Findley and Betts were always reliable and steady. The fielding was patchy but rose to great heights on occasion. Starting out new to a responsible position Sharpe, the wicket-keeper, is to be congratulated on his improvement. Not a little of the comparative success of the Eleven was due to the keen and able captaincy of Findley. Colours were awarded to Findley, Clark, Pashler and Remmington and Half Colours to Bailey, Betts, Sharpe and Annable.

The 'Under 14' batting never settled down. Apart from Bowers, J., steadiness was lacking and the successes that came were mainly due to careful bowling by Dunkley, Dickens and Smith and an occasional inspiration on the part of some individual batsman. The fielding was quite fair and Osborn developed into a quite efficient and inspiring captain. Half Colours were awarded to Osborn, Bowers, J., Fielder, Smith, Dickens and Dunkley.

Matches played (after June 26th) :

**FIRST ELEVEN.**


Blackfriars opened steadily and were soon 80 for 3 wickets. Then Remmington settled down and a good spell by him started a collapse. School batted determinedly against some accurate if rather negative bowling.

*Result*—Blackfriars, 99.
School, 100 for 4 wickets.

July 8th, v. Wellingborough Thursday XI. at Wellingborough.

School batted moderately against some keen bowling and just topped the century thanks to Mr. Nicholas (46) and a last minute effort by Betts. School bowling had some early successes but a dropped catch turned the scales and a good sixth wicket partnership gave the Thursday XI. the game.

*Result*—School 105.
Wellingborough Thursday, 106 for 5 wickets.


A low scoring match with bowlers on top and some good catching by School fielders.

*Result*—School, 53.
Daventry, 41.

Mr. Nicholas and Clark gave School a good start (83 for 1 wicket). Some thirty runs later rain held up the game at a time when runs were needed quickly. School declared and School bowling was unable to keep the Wellingborough XI. from passing our total just before stumps were drawn.

Result—School 110 for 4 wickets (dec.)
Wellingborough 1.C.S. 111 for 5 wickets.

July 17th, v. Towcester G.S., at Towcester.
Towcester batted steadily against our keen bowling. Pashler and Bailey gave the School a very good start but later batsmen failed.

Result—Towcester G.S., 96
School, 72.

July 24th, v. Old Boys XI., at Wellingborough.
School opened steadily and a good fifth-wicket partnership enabled School to declare after some interruptions due to rain. An admirable innings of 68 by Gambrell, supported later by Elkington brought a win for the Old Boys just before stumps were drawn.

Result—School 122 for 4 wickets (dec.)
Old Boys 123 for 8 wickets (126 all out).

'UNDER' 14 XI.

July 7th, v. Towcester 'Under 14' XI., at Wellingborough.
A rather weak Towcester XI. fell easy prey to Dickens and Smith who each took 5 wickets and School knocked off the runs comfortably.

Result—Towcester 19.
School 20 for 2 wickets.

July 10th, v. Northampton Town and County 'Under 14' XI. at Wellingborough.
A very exciting match. School batted first but apart from Smith who scored a very steady 26 not out and Fielder who hit an energetic 16 our batsmen failed and our total was very moderate. As Northampton's wickets started to fall quickly also, School hopes rose. A loose ball or two at the critical moment however enabled Northampton just to win.

Result—School, 66.
Northampton 67 for 9 wickets (68 all out).

School opened the batting very shakily and but for a steady innings by Bowers, J., and a hearty knock by Bailey, F., the total would have been poor. Daventry collapsed before the steady bowling of Dickens and Dunkley.

Result—School, 57.
Daventry, 15.
SCORPIONS.

It has been a practice for some years to run a junior cricket team, drawn principally from the two junior forms. To this team has been given the name Scorpions with the hope that they will develop a sting in their tail. The team last year for the first time had three matches. The first was played at home against Bedford Lower School “Under 13.” Bedford batted first and were all out for 33. Goodey and Hall bowled very steadily and well, and ‘nerves’ did the rest. We started quite steadily but our concentration gave out too soon and we were all out for 30. Hall made top score of 10.

The second match, also at home, was played against the Dolphin School from Nottingham. Again we batted first and after a shaky start Goodey and Harris made a good stand, making 24 and 18 respectively. We declared at 81 for 8 wickets. Our opponents, who were rather small, found Goodey’s bowling too fierce for them and were all out for 18. It was very pleasant to welcome some parents to this match.

The last match was our annual one against Bramcote Hall at Nottingham. We batted first and made 32 (Goodey 10, Redhead 9). Bramcote made 74 for 2 wickets. We batted again and made 49 (Elks 16, Hall 12) which forced Bramcote to bat again in the last few minutes. Despite the score this was quite a good achievement because we were younger and much less experienced than our opponents.

1ST XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

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Also batted:-- K. Holmes 4---14---13---9*, Newman 3---1---12---6---6.00, Braybrook 5---0---7---6---1.40, Williams 1---0---0---0---0.

*Signifies not out.
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'UNDER 14' AVERAGES.

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Also bowled: Allen 20 -3 -31 -4 -12.75, Edwards 5 -0 -16 -1 -16, Martin 4 -0 -10 -0, Summerfield 2 -0 -10 -0.

The House Cricket Cup was won by the Lions.

W.G.S. SWIMMING CLUB REPORT, 1937.

The Learners Class numbered 30 new boys this year, and though the months of June and July were not conducive to swimming, 10 of these learners passed tests and many more should now be able to swim.
The Progression Tests for the Inter-House Competition remained the same with the addition of No. 4 (b) Racing 2 lengths (crawl).

An important point for House Captains to note is the large drop in the number of boys who passed tests this year. In 1935 there were 103 passes, in 1937 only 60 boys passed, a drop of 43 boys.

The Swimming Sports were held at Wilby Lido, by kind permission of Mr. J. M. Thompson, on Monday, 29th July. We are also grateful to all who officiated and judged the events.

The day was bright, but a very cold wind was blowing and several competitors were forced to give up. In spite of the conditions Clark, K. broke the Senior 2 lengths Breast Stroke record by 5 2.5 seconds, and Sharp, J. smashed the middle 3 lengths Free Style by 9 4.5 seconds.

The diving events showed good progress and the honours were well divided. Constant practice is the only way to gain proficiency and we hope to see the standard of diving in the School improve each year.

Event 1.- Senior 2 lengths Breast- Clark, K.
Time 1 m. 11 secs. Record 1 m. 16 2.5 secs.

Event 2.- Middle 2 lengths Breast- Sharp, J.
Time 1 m. 72 5 secs. Record 1 m. 3 1/5 secs.

Event 3.- Junior 1 length Breast- Westnedge.
Time 39 4 5 secs. Record 35 secs.

Event 4.- Senior 4 lengths Free Style- Clark, K.
Time 2 m. 43 secs. Record 2 m. 26 4.5 secs.

Event 5.- Middle 3 lengths Free Style- Sharp, J.
Time 1 m. 36 1/5 secs. Record 1 m. 47 secs.

Event 6.- Junior 2 lengths Free Style- Westnedge.
Time 1 m. 16 1/5 secs. Record 1 m. 11 1/5 secs.

Event 7.- Open Plunging- Maddams.
Distance 40 ft. 10 ins. Record 42 ft. 9 ins.

Event 8.- Open High Diving- Sharp, J.

Event 9.- Open Spring Board Diving- Ford.

Event 10.- Open Voluntary High Diving- Jessop, J.

Event 11.- House Relay Race- Dragons.
Time 1 m. 54 1/5 secs. Record 1 m. 41 2/5 secs.

Places:

1st Dragons 199 pts.
2nd Gryphons 109 pts.
3rd Stags 103 pts.
4th Lions 90 pts.
SCOUT NOTES.

This year the troop ventured still further afield in their Summer Camp. Sixteen of us went to Ireland and camped for nine days in the Powerscourt Demense, one of the recognised beauty spots of Ireland and part of which is the permanent camping ground of the Dublin Boy Scouts.

The weather was fortunately hot and dry all the time that we were there. Several of our members lived for a time in backwoodsman shelters which they had built.

From the camp we visited the famous Powerscourt Waterfall which is twice as high as Niagara, climbed a mountain and found a mountain lake where we bathed.

Many friendships were formed whilst we were in Ireland and now there is a regular correspondence between our troop and the Rathgar (Dublin) Troop.

The troop is working for the winter variety concerts which are to be held after Christmas, and also it is hoped that the Annual Banquet will be held this term.

Our numbers have been increased to twenty-two this term and this influx of recruits has necessitated the formation of a new patrol, the Owls, under a young patrol leader Ford.

THE CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club has been revived this term and meets on Thursdays after school. It is now most flourishing and consists of about fifteen members. The support given to it augurs well for its future, for both the Senior and Junior portions of the School are well represented. The Club would, however, appreciate any support given to it by the Middle School as this is not represented at all. No officers have yet been elected by the Club.

THE RAILWAY CLUB.

New double-track bridges built by skilled members have enabled us greatly to extend our layout which is now continuous, with four block sections and capacious sidings. The number of derailments is happily decreasing as is also the number of cases of over-running of stop signals by careless or over-exhuberant drivers, but the Signal and Telegraph Dept. could do with a handsome subsidy and a thorough re-organization. Rolling stock continues to be rather light though a high capacity bogie wagon made its appearance this term and gives some tone to a very miscellaneous collection.
Membership is constantly increasing, and Dr. Leslie Burgin’s recent words on the Northern line might well be applied to us—“this line is now worked to its full capacity.”

THE PLAY READING AND ACTING SOCIETY.

This society has held meetings regularly on the Friday evenings of this term. We have moved for these occasions to the library, to our greater comfort and convenience. Our membership continues to increase and The Headmaster and Sherwood have joined the committee.

We were sorry to lose Upton.

The present sees us concentrating our activities upon a play of Richard Sheridan, copies of which have been secured by several members. Just now, circumstances are tending to limit our practical scope, but we all expect great things of the future.

SINGING BY THE CHOIR.

TUESDAY, JULY 6TH, 1937, AT 7-45 P.M.

God save the King ... ... ... ... arr. Elgar
Come again! sweet love doth now invite ... ... John Dowland
Awake, sweet Love ! ... ... Francis Pilkington
Rest, sweet nymphs ... ... ... Thomas Ford
Since first I saw your face ... ... Thomas Morley
Now is the month of Maying ... ... Ye happy souls whom Christ is leading (Cantata No. 104)
Clarinet Solo) ... ... ... ... J. S. Bach (arr. Jean Hamilton)
Flowers in the valley ... ... ... ... The banks of Allan water ... ... ... ...

Early one morning ... ... ... ... arr. Thomas F Dunhill
The Keel Row ... ... ... ... arr. H. Elliot Button
Drink to me only ... ... ... ... arr. Eric H. Thiman
O, No John ... ... ... ... arr. Thomas F. Dunhill
Valse arabesque and Morrice for piano duet G. V. Stanford
Heraclitus ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Elgar
As torrents in summer ... ... ... ... \textit{An Australian Song} arr. Thomas Wood
Waltzing Matilda ... ... ... ... \textit{A traditional Yorkshire Song} arr. Thomas Wood
Ten Green Bottles

The whole programme was unaccompanied.
HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

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

Last term though we did nothing spectacular in House Cricket we gave the other houses good games and after two failures we managed to beat the Stags. Clark was an able captain and is to be congratulated on his being awarded Cricket full colours.

We finished second in the Physical Training Competition, a decided improvement on last year's showing, and for the third successive year won the Swimming Cup, Clark, Maddams Sharp and Causebrook putting up excellent performances.

These successes augmented by those in other branches of Sport, in service and in work enabled us to be the first winners of the Ferguson Trophy.

This term although we have been well represented in the School Rugby Football XV's (Maddams, Clark, Buttling, Dallas, Catlin and Upton have all played regularly for the First XV.) we have been beaten both by the Gryphons and by the Lions in the House Matches.

It is too early yet to say anything definite about our prospects in the Boxing but it is very pleasing to know that quite a number of boys are attending the boxing practices.

We congratulate Maddams (Senior Prefect, Vice-Captain of Rugger. London Higher School Certificate, Exemption Inter. B.A.), Buttling and Clark (Acting Prefects), Sears (London Higher), Catlin (Secretary of Rugger) and all those who gained School Certificates.

GRYPHONS.

Housemasters: Mr. J. G. Dunning, Dr. A. B. Adamson.

Head of House: J. Findley

P. Green (Secretary), R. Troath (Swimming and Boxing).

The first two Rugby House Matches have been played off this term, and our senior team succeeded in gaining a great victory over the Dragons, and also in beating the Stags in a close game. We are looking forward to meeting the Lions next term. Findley, Green, Troath, Sharpe, Robinson, Crompton, Millward, Holt, Gent, Smart, and Brown represent the House in School XV's.
The annual boxing contests are to be held next term, and we are hoping for some good performances by our boxers, who are under the leadership of Troath.

We were runners up for the Ferguson Trophy which was presented at the end of last term to the Dragons.

We offer our congratulations to Findley on having been re-awarded his Rugby Full Colours, Troath, his half Colours, and also to Pearson, Troath, and Williams on having gained their Oxford School Certificate as a result of the examinations held last July.

LIONS.

House Masters: MR. E. L. HOLE, MR. J. H. BUTLER.

Head of House: J. REMMINGTON.

House Prefects: REMMINGTON, CATEN, CLIPSTONE, COLES.

BROWN, C. B.

Captain of Rugger, REMMINGTON, Captain of Boxing CLIPSTONE.

After winning the Cricket Cup, the Lions hope to make a double and carry off the Rugger Cup, a feat that has as yet eluded us. Only two house matches have been played this term, and we have emerged from them with a hundred per cent record. We have only the Gryphons to play next term, and the result of the 1st XV. match will decide. We regret that Caten is leaving us at Christmas as he always bore the brunt of the forward work.

Boxing started after the Michaelmas half-term. The boxing Captain noticed, however, that there was a deficiency of Lions in most of the weights, especially in the lighter weights. To win this Cup for the third time in succession, we must have more support from the juniors. At the end of the summer term, the Lion, won the P.T. Cup for the second successive time.

Unfortunately, the house is still suffering considerably from the loss of a great number of its senior members. Our juniors, however, seem quite promising and we hope for much from them in the future.

Several of them pulled their weight especially well, whilst playing for our 1st XV. at Rugger, this season, but they should be in no wise discouraged by the results, which were more or less inevitable.

At present, we have Mills, Holmes, Dannatt, Callif, Mather and Mackness representing school XV's, whilst Ingram, Bond, Fielder, Hall, Barfield, and Jones have played on several occasions.

Our scholastic achievements, last year, were also quite noteworthy, and we should like to congratulate Bond, on obtaining his Higher School Certificate, Shirley, on obtaining Matriculation, and Holmes, Cutmore and Mills on gaining their School Certificates.

The Boxing Competitions will soon be forthcoming and if only our juniors will continue to take an active and enthusiastic interest in these, and in other inter-house activities, then should we be able to acquit ourselves quite creditably.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE.

The Parents' Committee, of which Mr. F. C. Gent is the Chairman, arranged another Whist Drive on Oct. 21st. Their generous efforts were well rewarded by a good attendance, a very happy evening, and a further £12 towards the initial cost of the Pavilion. The ladies kindly provided an admirable supper and we were especially glad to have among the guests the Chairman of the Governors and Mrs. Edwards.

The School is fortunate indeed in its Parents' Committee, and we welcome its co-operation with us for the good of our community. We are glad to know that a further Whist Drive may be held in the Spring.
The following gained Certificates:

R. A. Brown, f(o), M, ch, ph, G.
*F. Clipstone, E, F, M, Ph, G.
*F. C. Coles, E, L, F(o), M, ch, ph, G.
*F. J. Crawley, E, l, F(o), M, Ch, Ph, G.
S. J. Cutmore, E, H, Rk, F(o), ch, ph, G.
K. J. Holmes, E, h, rk, F(o), M, ch, G.
I. Mills, E, h, Rk, F(o), m, ch, ph.
H. G. Pearson, e, l, F(o), M, Ch, Ph, G.
V. Pitcher, H, Rk, F, M, ch, ph, G.
F. J. Port, h, Rk, F(o), M, ph, G.
*V. E. Shirley, E, L, F(o), M, ad, m, Ch, Ph, G.
R. Treath, e, H, rk, F(o), M, g.
*J. R. Upton, E, L, F(o), M, ad, m, Ch, Ph, G.
E. C. Williams, E, H, Rk, F(o), m, ch, G.

* Indicates that the candidate obtained exemption from London Matriculation.

E - English
H - History
L - Latin
F - French
O - Oral French
M - Mathematics
AD.M. - Advanced maths.
RK - Religious knowledge
PH - Physics
CH - Chemistry
G - Geography

A capital letter indicates that the candidate obtained a credit mark in that subject.
TREES.

The following trees, of those planted round the fields, have died and are being replaced this term:

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* The Acer Ginnale is being replaced with an Acer Schwedleri.
† The new chestnut will be a double-red.
‡ As two four-leaved beeches have died in succession we are planting a common beech.

It has been decided not to replace the Judas Tree, given by the Masters, because of the unsuitability of our ironstone soil, and the Scarlet American Oak which they were to give but which was never planted, will be an ordinary English Oak instead.

The Headmaster and Mrs Woolley are giving a clump of five different lime trees.

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LECTURE ON THE HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16th, Mr. H. A. Townsend lectured to us on the History of Architecture. He explained how to identify the types of architecture and thereby deduce the age of the building. With many slides mainly of ecclesiastical architecture he made the latter part of his lecture very interesting.

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LECTURE ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS AFFAIRS.

On Friday, Dec. 2nd Mr. F. Booth, Secretary of the Derbyshire Branch of the League of Nations Union lectured to the School on the Covenant of the League and on the work it had done, and was still doing, for the promotion of world peace. The address was interesting and instructive, and at the close several questions about the League were asked which were ably answered by the speaker.
THE FERGUSON TROPHY.

The Trophy for 1936-37 was awarded to the Dragons House with the Gryphons as runners up.

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THE POLICE FORCE AS A CAREER.

The Police Force of to-day offers a sound career for young men of good character, physique and education. The age at which Forces accept young men is from 19 to 25 years, although some Forces take boys who shew ability at 16, for clerical work and if they shew signs of attaining the standard requirements are taken on the "strength" when reaching the age of 19.

The minimum height of policemen is 5 feet 9 inches, but some forces require candidates to be 6 feet.

Candidates are required to pass a medical examination. Examinations for entrants which consist of Arithmetic, English, Geography and General Knowledge can easily be passed by any young men with a secondary education.

The large City and Borough Forces offer greater opportunities to entrants as they have Police Schools which entrants attend. After several months training examinations are held, then the successful entrants are taken on probation for two years, and if likely to become efficient policemen, are taken on the "strength."

Police work for the first few months is rather monotonous, but if keenness is shewn in the work it soon becomes most interesting.

Discipline is very strict, orders must be obeyed and conduct should be exemplary as the public judge the Police Force by the conduct of its members.

Policemen must be prepared at all times to act on their own initiative, so must necessarily be efficient in their work, and when on duty allow nothing but their duty to occupy their thoughts. All entrants join as Constables, and have an equal chance of promotion to higher ranks, those shewing special ability are transferred to special branches, e.g. Detective, Traffic, etc., there are no short cuts to promotion which is won by assiduous attention to duty.

The commencing salary is about £3 per week, with allowances, (there is also a deduction for superannuation but this varies slightly in different forces) and rises substantially.
according to rank and length of service, which is 30 years, after which Policemen may retire on pension.

The normal hours of duty are 8 per day but Policemen are liable to be called upon at any time.

Facilities are provided for all sports and the Police Force offers excellent prospects to suitable candidates.

Supt. M. H. Williams.

Supt. Williams is ready to give advice to boys interested in the Police Force or the Police College.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS' AND CLUBS' CAMP.

This year, as last, the School was represented at this Camp by two seniors, Green and Robinson. The Camp is held annually in August Week, and its object is to bring together boys from schools and from manufacturing towns in the north. The site was Chatsworth Park in the Peak District, which is owned by the Duke of Devonshire. The Camp is affiliated to the famous Southwold Camp.

We set out, cycling, at six o'clock on the morning of the first Saturday in August Week, and we were fortunate enough to be accompanied by Sears who went last year. We arrived at Chatsworth after ninety miles of cycling, soon after tea. The Camp was divided into fifteen sections, each section having two tents with about fourteen boys, and on arriving we were allotted to different sections.

The Camp was aroused at seven o'clock by bugle. Breakfast followed in an hour, and after breakfast the kit and tents were inspected, marks being given to the smartest and neatest section. After this games were played. The best of these was called "Foot and Hand." The game was a kind of netball, in which nothing was barred—there was no off-side rule, and no boundaries. The game offered great scope for running, kicking and passing, and after ten minutes play each way most players were "blown." Except for friendly games between sections the afternoons were free for bathing, walking or excursions to the neighbouring village of Baslow. After supper "turns," were given by enterprising sections and these were followed by a cinema show, and then bed.

On the Wednesday we were shown over Chatsworth House, which was not far from the Camp. The Library there is very complete, containing many famous volumes.

On the Friday, the famous steeple-chase was run. This race, in which each section takes part, includes water-jumps, greased inclines, and nets to crawl under. Our patron, the Duke of Devonshire, came to watch this, and after the race
he presented a silver cup to the section which obtained the
most points for the steeple-chase, games and kit inspections.

Such an account would be incomplete without mention
of Fatigue Day. Each day two sections were on fatigue
and had to keep the camp tidy, help to prepare the meals,
peel potatoes and wash up afterwards.

Twenty German boys who were touring England stayed
at the Camp, and friendships were quickly made between
them and other campers. One evening they sang several
German songs and one became so popular that it was translated
so that everyone could sing it.

The weather for the whole week was ideal, and everyone
was tanned by the end of the week.

On the last Saturday morning, the Camp was wakened
earlier than usual, and camp was struck, so that soon after
breakfast we were bidding each other "good-bye."

F. ROBINSON, VI.

THE ART OF LETTER WRITING.

A letter, if it is to be a really good one, must possess
qualities in addition to those of mere grammatical and ortho-
graphical correctness. Nor should too much attention be
paid to dividing it up nearly into paragraphs and faultlessly
punctuating it, for these things, however admirable they
may be, are of minor importance in the delicate art of let-
ter-writing. I mention this in case some imagine that anyone
who can put together a piece of correctly-spelt grammatical
prose must of necessity be able to write a good letter. No;
there must be something far more than that. Other people,
in view of the fact that letter-writing is often, and rightly so,
referred to as an art, may get the notion that to compose a
good letter requires very careful forethought and perfect
execution. Nothing, to my mind, could be farther from the
truth. One should remember that one is addressing a friend
or acquaintance, not submitting an essay for the inspection
of a critical master who is ready to pounce upon every slight
imperfection, or an article for the perusal of an eagle-eyed
sub-editor, blue pencil in hand. On the contrary, a letter
should be absolutely natural and spontaneous—therein lies
a great deal of its charm. Not that one should endeavour
to create a false atmosphere of "chatty-ness" by lavishing
it with a superabundance of the colloquialisms and abbrevi-
ations of everyday conversation. I suggest that one should
try to adopt a style and diction that strikes a happy medium
between the conversational and that used in essay-writing.
To achieve this, of course, is by no means easy, and it is the
success or otherwise in attaining this "via media" that
distinguishes the skillful letter-writer from his less accom-
plished brother.

A letter ought to be a composition that holds an immediate
and individual interest for the reader. Like an essay it should in the words of Virginia Woolf, lay the reader under a spell with its first word, and he should only wake, refreshed, with its last. In the interval he may pass through the most various experiences of amusement, surprise, interest, indignation. I would add that he must never be bored—a letter should not, except in special circumstances, have anything about it in the nature of a catalogue of events, a sermon, or anything of that kind. Moreover, unlike an essay, a letter should be written for the eyes of the receiver alone, or at the most for those of a few friends, not, like so many other things, with one eye cocked on a contemporary public, or possibly, a future posterity.

That the writing of letters is an art in the truest sense of that much-abused word,—an art that has been very widely developed during past centuries—can hardly be denied. Everyone who has attempted to write a really good letter knows how extremely difficult it is; everyone who has ever read the letters of past masters of the art knows how beautiful a well-written letter can be. Some of these letters, besides being veritable monuments of verbal beauty, have a much more practical value attached to them. Letters leave an impression that is not abstract, and therefore never dull; not second-hand, and therefore not misleading. The late Lord Birkenhead wrote that “a batch of letters from any century reveals what life was, more vividly than the laborious compilations of the erudite. In their letters the men of the past are still speaking to us as they spoke to each other.”

As for the subjects of the letters of our fore-fathers, they were, I suppose, the same in essence as those of letters nowadays. Just as the most simple, commonplace subjects in nature possess truly astonishing attractions when, in a sketch, they are imbued with emotion and movement, so the most trivial everyday happenings may be given a remarkable interest when they are described on paper by a person who really knows what constitutes a good letter, and how to set about composing one. “How beautiful the season is now; how fine the air—a temperate sharpness about it. Really, without joking, chaste weather—Dian skies. I never liked stubble fields so much as now—aye, better than the chilly green of the spring.” Keats wrote those words in a letter to Reynolds. How lively and unforced they are. Surely Keats, after his Sunday’s walk through the stubble fields, sat down and wrote them while still in his enthusiasm about the beauties of autumn. The phrases were not polished with Popian diligence—they came straight from the writer’s heart. “I am glad you have put the flounce on your chintz; I am sure it must look particularly well, and it is what I had thought of” wrote Jane Austen in a post-script to one of her letters. Little could she have dreamed that that sentence would be read over a century later.
What of the future of letter-writing as an art? Unfortunately it is fading out. Conditions are opposed to it. Too many distracting alternatives of action and amusement offer themselves to everybody; too many ways of communicating quickly with each other exist. Our ancestors were, on the other hand, separated by distances not to be measured by miles. They were unable to meet often; they had time on their hands. The post provided cultured, separated, leisured people with a fresh impulse towards self-expression, and stimulus towards friendship. They took as much interest in their letters as we do in cars—just one more example of the change effected by mechanical invention.

P. GREEN, VI.

A TRAWLER TRIP.

My August holiday was rather an unusual one, for I was lucky enough to go as a passenger on a trawler trip, to the Icelandic fishing grounds, which lasted for nearly three weeks. The trawler, the St. Nidan, sailed from Hull on the a.m. tide on Friday, August 6th, so I had to sleep on-board overnight, and about four-thirty in the morning the night-watchman awoke me, when the crew came aboard. On deck, I found we were unmooring from trawlers alongside of us. Then, with a pilot on the bridge we left the dock and with trawlers ahead and astern, entered the river Humber, where, as is the custom, we dropped anchor until the Skipper boarded a few hours later, and then steamed down the river to the North Sea.

Soon we were steaming on our way to the fishing ground, passing other trawlers as the St. Nidan was the fastest trawler which passed out of Hull. The passage up to the Pentland Firth was uneventful, but here we ran into bad weather and the Skipper ordered all to be battened down and sent us below. The storm lasted nearly thirty-six hours and then began to abate, when by that time we had passed the Faeroes and were nearing Iceland, the crew having rigged their gear ready for fishing. At noon on Monday, Iceland was sighted.

Now that we were on the actual fishing ground, the Skipper gave orders for the nets to be "shot," and after they had been down some two to three hours were hauled up by the winch. The chief fish caught is cod, the fish being gutted, the livers taken out and taken to the liver house, where they are boiled down to cod liver oil. The fish, after the gutting is finished, is thoroughly washed, dropped into the Fish Room, where it is stored on ice.
Altogether thirteen days were spent on the fishing ground, and it is a very fine sight to see thirty vessels in the vicinity. One day we were unfortunate to lose a lot of gear, about one hundred and fifty pounds worth, so we stayed on for extra hauls which would pay for the loss. As the crew are paid by the "catch" and it is up to them to stay on fishing until they have certain quantities, when the Skipper gives orders for "full steam" back to Hull.

During the evenings we always listened for the weather forecast, news and any variety programmes. At other times the wireless operator would call up other trawlers and if they were playing records we would listen to them. Often trawlers would come alongside if they wanted to borrow "gear."

On the return, which took three days, the crew cleaned down the ship so that when they docked at Hull, they left the ship for thirty-six hours for a well earned rest, whilst she was being coaled and provisions taken on board for the next trip.

A. Wilson, IVb.

PLEASE TO REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.

The time for the guy to be lit has come, and amidst great cheers from the little ones, he is brought out of a barn, and set upon an ancient chair, which is surrounded by old paper, and other inflammable material, like a king upon his throne.

He has a mask for a face, which is stuck in various places by fireworks, as are the other parts of his body.

The paper is lit, the flames lick up at his face greedily, with an increasing roar, the fireworks begin to ignite and explode, and so begins the demolition of the poor old guy, who has by this time, rolled over in the chair with his head nearly blown off.

The rockets begin shooting up into the air with a swish, leaving in their wake a trail of sparks; the pinwheels twirl round merrily on posts, each it seems trying to race the other. Once lit their lives are only short ones, and with a last desperate splutter, as though they would start up again to amuse the children a little longer, they stop, and are knocked from their positions, and trodden on, and no one thinks any more about them.

The night wears on; more paper and rubber tyres are heaped upon the fire, the air is thick with gun powder fumes, which make your nostrils tingle. The children have been taken home by their parents, and put to bed, though it is doubtful whether they get any sleep for many hours into the night.

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But now the reports get less frequent, and the elder boys walk around the streets, throwing an occasional firework into a doorway or entry, to frighten the occupants of nearby houses, then they too begin to seek their beds.

And so the traditional Guy Fawkes night comes to an end, but nobody thinks of its cause; of Guy Fawkes sitting under Parliament buildings, a lighted torch in his hand, ready to light the fuse which ran to the gun powder barrels, when he was caught in the act of doing so, and executed, but giving us the enjoyment we receive on November the Fifth through his effort.

We are reminded of the gentleman who said, "I cannot but think, that Guy Fawkes, that poor fluttering annual scare-crow of straw and rags, is an ill-used gentleman. I would give something to see him sitting pale and emaciated, surrounded by his matches and barrels of gun powder, and expecting the moment that was to transport him to Paradise for his heroic self-devotion."

L. Holt, IVa.

FOOD.

Food is the staff of life. Some people like the humbler forms of food and some like the richer forms. The humble sausage is, I think, as well liked as the stately turkey.

Different countries have different national dishes. For instance in Britain roast beef is the traditional Sunday dinner. In France it is said they eat snails. The roast legs of frogs are also said to be a delicacy there, whence, I suppose comes the French people's nickname of "froggies."

In Ireland potatoes are much appreciated and, indeed are the staple food of the Irish peasants. Irish stew originated from Ireland.

People in England like to associate food with different seasons and festivals. Christmas Day would be incomplete without the Christmas pudding. Shrove Tuesday is called Pancake day because of the traditional eating of pancakes. On that day pancakes are tossed in homes all over the country. On Palm Sunday figs are eaten because the fig trees in the Holy Land are numerous and their leaves were strewn before Jesus.

In the olden days people used to have only bread and beef to eat. Nowadays many fancy foods are eaten perhaps for the worse. Many doctors would be out of work if people didn't eat such rich foods.

Moreover many hundreds of people are employed in the making of food so it is all to the good that we eat.

P. Hawkins, IVa.
As a representative of the Wellingborough District Boy Scouts, I left Wellingborough by train on the evening of Thursday July 20th. My destination was Holland and the "Wereld Jamboree." At Northampton I joined up with the Oundle School contingent, and we travelled to Tilbury.

At 9-30 a.m., our boat "The Royal Sovereign" left the pier and by 11 a.m. we had passed the Nore. Seven hours later we were once more on dry land but this time at the Hook of Holland. From there we were rushed in electric trains to "Vogelenzang" where the Jamboree was to be held. After a two-and-a-half miles walk from the station to the camp we snatched a bite of bread and German sausage, unpacked and went to sleep.

The next day we saw and heard Queen Wilhelmina open the Jamboree, speaking in Flemish and then Dutch. Her speech was followed by the chief Scouts' who delivered his amid such a storm of cheering that very little could be heard.

Then followed a week of adventure during which time we talked, as best we could, with scouts of nearly every nation. There were Dutch, French, Finns, Poles, Hindus, Turks, White Russians, Chinese, Japanese, Egyptians, Sudanese, American, and Italian, besides representatives from all of our colonies and Dominions. Sitting side by side at meals and rubbing shoulders in the "Groote Markt" (Great Market) were scouts from Hong-Kong, Jamaica, Malta, British Guiana, Palestine, scouts from the Far East, from Iceland, Red Indians from America, and natives from Cape Town. All together there were thirty thousand of them living in a canvas city. On Saturday, August 7th, the Jamboree was officially closed, but we had yet a week of excursions in front of us, during which time we saw most of Holland.

Up at 4 a.m., to go to Gouda the cheese making centre of Holland, up at six to see Rotterdam and its dockyards, the Isle of Marken and its people, Volendam and then a twenty mile ride through the country by electric tram. The next day again up at four, this time Haarlem, the centre of the Bulb growing district, Amsterdam and Princess Juliana, Scheveningen and then back to camp.

Another day of rushing about, and then it was all over. Travelling by day and night we reached our homes at 8 a.m., on Saturday 14th having started at 8 a.m., on the previous day.

But though it is now over, such things as Dutch coffee and Dutch cheese and expressions such as “Verboden te rooken” (no smoking) “Wat is der prys” (What is the price?) will never be forgotten.

T. Addis, Va.
A VISIT TO THE DENTIST.

I rather enjoy a visit to the dentist. It is just one thrill from the beginning to the end. I went and waited in the waiting room and read stories out of a magazine. After a while I was called into the room by a nurse who took my name and then I looked at the machinery which was very interesting and the nurse told me about the different instruments. The dentist put a rubber tube over my nose and soon I was dreaming of a happy boy with no bad teeth and no nasty breath, as I used to have.

Soon I recovered and was sitting up in the chair with a smiling nurse and dentist round me. The dentist then told me a few jokes which made me laugh and he gave me some antiseptic drink with which to clean out my mouth. With a parting “Good bye” I left the dentist’s and went home where my aunt gave me threepence, my uncle threepence and my father and mother sixpence each, and with the money, I bought some toothpaste and a brush.

E. HOUGHTON, IIIA.

THE FELLING OF A TREE.

The old ash, tilted over the lake as if so vain as to want a mirror, had stood for years. It was a sturdy tree when the oldest inhabitant of the village was but a sapling. Its reign was ended now, for it was to be felled.

One might call its life a reign, for nothing was ever so regal as this tree. Its leapy crown, even in the hour of death flashed as if jewelled, in the warm afternoon sun.

In its branches and trunk, thrushes, woodpeckers and many other birds had built and bred. But now, warned by instinct, they all had quitted. They sat dumb, in nearby trees their solemn air befitted to a monarch’s deathbed.

A ladder led to one of the lower branches. On it sat a man in his coat sleeves, chopping away with his bill. The small triangular chips which were cut out, fell lightly down to the ground.

Two other men were fixing a monkey, with which the tree was to be jacked over, to a nearby oak, while the fourth was holding the horse with which to drag away the fallen branches.

The sound of metal on wood rang out monotonously. This was the chief sound against a background of muttering voices, clinking chains, and whispering leaves.

Suddenly another rang out over the clearing. It was the sound of splitting wood. Slowly the end of the bough sank amid a series of reports. Faster, faster, through the maze of other small sprays which clutched at it as if to hold it back. Then came a crash.

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There it lay, on the grass, a fallen limb of a dying monarch surrounded by white chips of wood.

Then things began to move again. The men who had straightened at the fall of the branch bent once more to their work. The horse began to drag the branch away. The man in the tree got into a new position and the work went on.

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