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EDITORIAL.

This term we welcome some indications of the Progressive Party in the school. The much talked-of tennis court is a sure sign of the times. The present generation having led the way it remains for posterity to provide a swimming pool and a host of other desirable things.

A casual reader, glancing at this issue of the Magazine might imagine that what with excursions to Malvern, Naseby, Luton, Olney and so on, athletics sports, P.T. displays, House matches, and concerts, the school has done little else but thoroughly enjoy itself. A glance at the bags of certain members of the Upper Fifth, however, re-assures us as to the intentions, at least, of some.

The keen competition between the Houses has been most noticeable throughout the year and the standard of the play has been high. The School undoubtedly owes much to those leaders in the Sixth Form who have set so high a standard in both school work and games.

SCHOOL NOTES.

School Prefects:

IN MEMORIAM.

Robert David Dannatt, of Stags' House.
Died December 26th, 1937.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Adamson on the birth of a son.
We congratulate Mr. Goddard on his new appointment, and hope that he and his family will be happy in London.
We have to thank Mrs. H. W. Saxby for the gift of the electric clock in the Entrance Hall.
We are glad to see Mrs. Tropman about again after her illness.
We congratulate M. C. Burman on his appointment as organist at Mears Ashby Church.
At long last a tennis court has been marked out on the field and is being well used.
The Upper Corridor has made quite a good art gallery.
The masters seem to have invented a game that is a cross between badminton and ping-pong.
Collections in Hall have been made on behalf of the Scottish Ambulance Unit in Spain, The British and Foreign Bible Society and the Wellingborough Cottage Hospital.
An electric bell has been fixed on the wall outside the Art Room.

We are grateful to R. Montford, Esq., C.C., J.P., for the gift of "The World’s Greatest Paintings" in three volumes edited by T. Leman Hare.


VALETE.


S. H. HARVEY.—

The following have left without having reached the School Certificate form:—

Adnitt, W. E. Allen, R. Austin, I. Bowers, J. P. Dunkley, J. Dunmore, R. J. Hales, R. D.


SALVETE.

Adnitt, D. H. 38 (1) Harding, T. M. 38 (1) Jefferies, T. 38 (2)


CRICKET NOTES.

With seven of last year’s young Eleven available, including three colours, we had high hopes of this year’s eleven. An inability to find a third bowler with a consistent length and a lack of firm defence in the batting has led however to the moderate record to date of three matches won and five lost.
With one exception however the lost matches were quite close and two might have easily have come our way. We have had the consolation too of seeing some very interesting cricket. Perhaps the most interesting match was the one against a strong Old Boys’ XI., which was only just lost.

The chief cause of our comparative failure has been the lack of determination in the batting. As last year, an improvement in this respect is apparent, fortunately, but it has been left rather late. School batsmen have again taken too long to unlearn mistaken tactics and the lesson has again been rather costly. That the ability to bat carefully and well is there cannot be doubted. Findley and Betts against the Old Boys, Findley against Towcester, Bailey and Findley against the Parents, shewed themselves capable of sound defence combined with controlled aggression. Findley indeed, after a shaky start has set a very good example of this to the rest of the team, thus enhancing his already capable and inspiring captaincy. Remmington has been rather unlucky with the bat but he still gets the ball away as few other School batsmen have ever done. Clark had a poor start, but when able to resist hooking or pulling everything of whatever length on the leg stump is capable of many runs. His chief fault lies in a lowered left elbow in a forward defensive stroke. With a more correct pick-up and more use of the wrists Bailey should do well.

Newman has never quite come off but will develop with experience into a sound batsmen, especially if he can resist holding his bat out to dry on the off. Annable will have to correct himself of his habit of playing everything off the back foot with his weight going backwards if his free energetic style is to produce many runs.

The School’s two bowlers have performed their hard task nobly. Remmington, after the exhuberance of his first over or two has subsided, keeps up a good, fast attack and Betts, when he concentrates on smoothness of action and does not try to bowl fast merely by the effort of the forearm adds a dangerous quickness off the pitch to his usually consistent length. Sharpe’s wicket-keeping is improving steadily and only needs quicker foot-work to be really good.

The ‘under 14’ XI., while not outstanding, is holding its own against all but the stronger sides. Smith is an able captain and has set a good example of keenness. Goodey has proved himself a very good consistent bowler though Smith, Hall, Bailey and Brown have yet to show themselves other than change bowlers. The batting is fair though not very sound. Good innings have been played by Bailey, Smith and Westnedge. Redhead, with more confidence, will make a useful opening batsman. The fielding is the weakest point though it is improving. Fielders at present are too passive and inert, not sufficiently on their toes, ready to run into the approaching ball.
Matches played to date:

1st XI.

School 83 (Braybrook 18*).
Bedford 114 (84 for 5 wickets).

May 21, v. Towcester G.S., at Towcester.
Towcester 75 (Betts 8 for 18.)
School 68 (after being 65 for 4 wickets) (Remmington 23.)

June 4, v. An Old Boys’ XI., at home.
School 116 (Findley 64, Betts 14.)
Old Boys 123 (117 for 8 wickets) (Remmington 5 for 45.)

School 50 (Clark 19.)
Kettering 51 for 5 wickets.

June 16, v. Towcester G.S., at home.
School 86 (Findley 24.)
Towcester 56 (Remmington 5 for 22.)

Northampton 101 (Remmington 7 for 41.)
School 42.

Parents 115.
School 180 for 4 wickets (116 for 2 wickets) (Bailey 91, Findley 51*)

Blackfriars 16 (Remmington 6 for 12, Betts 4 for 3.)
School 61 for 8 wickets (17 for 1 wicket) (Bailey 20.)

‘ Under 14 ’ XI.

School 105 (Bailey 52.)
Daventry 81 for 9 wickets.

Kettering 23 (Bailey 6 for 8, Goodey 4 for 12.)
School 101 for 7 wickets (24 for 1 wicket) (Smith 31.)
   School 49.
   Towcester 46 (Goodey 6 for 14.)

   Northampton 171 for 5 wickets (declared.)
   School 27.

   Bedford 107 (Goodey 5 for 25.)
   School 53 (Bailey 19.)

   Blackfriars 69.
   School 86 for 3 wickets (70 for 3 wickets) (Smith 32, Westnedge 34*)

' Under 15 ' XI.

   School 53 (Dickens 14, Fielder 16.)
   Harpur C.S., 54 for 6 wickets (Dickens 4 for 29.)

   School 28.
   Bedford 64 (29 for 5 wickets.)

* signifies ' not out.'

Full Cricket Colours have been awarded to N. P. Betts, Half-Colours have been re-awarded to Smith (B. R.), and awarded to F. Bailey and Goodey.

The House Cricket Cup matches, completed earlier than usual this year, provided a very interesting struggle. Unexpected wins by the Gryphons over the Lions and by the Stags over the Dragons made the issue open almost right up to the last ball bowled. At the beginning of the third day every House had a chance of winning the Cup. The Cup will be shared this year by the Dragons and the Lions.

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R.U.F.C., RESULTS.

Dec. 11—1st XV. v. Town and County, Northampton
Home, won 23—3

Jan. 15—Under 14 v. Kettering G.S. Away, Lost 42—0
,, 22—Under 14 v. Towcester G.S. Away, lost 37—3
,, 22—1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. Home, won 12—3
Away, won 13—0

Home, lost 16—0
,, 5—Under 14 Town and County, Northampton.
Home, lost 27—0
Away, lost 43—0
,, 10—‘A’ XV. v. Kettering Thursday.
Home, lost 16—13
,, 26—Under 14 v. Daventry G.S. Away, lost 17—0

Mar. 5—1st XV. v. Daventry G.S. Away, won 8—5
,, 5—Under 14 v. Harpur School, Bedford.
Home, won 27—0
,, 12—1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. Home, won 16—9
,, 19—Under 14 v. Daventry G.S. Home, won 16—8
,, 26—1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. Away, won 12—6
Away, won 22—0

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COLOURS.

Half-colours: Clark, Buttling, Caten, Brown, C. B., Troath, Dallas, Mills, Betts, Ingram, Green.
THE FINEDON DISPLAY.

By Courtesy of The "Wellingborough News."
JUNIOR GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

On May 26th, a party of fifteen boys gave a Gymnastic Demonstration at the official opening of the Finedon Gymnasium before many notable people connected with education in this county and from London.

The Demonstration began with exercises to rhymes about keeping fit with the boys lined up in arrowhead formation. Then the test at the ropes, benches, beam and wall-bars for the Standard and the 2nd Class Gymnastic badges were shown.

These climbing, heaving, balance and agility tests were arranged in an effective order and every boy showed a high grade of technique. All the apparatus in the gym was brought into use to illustrate the value of the new equipment.

The box-horse was then brought out and both elementary and advance vaulting were shown starting with Bouncing Boards at great speed, then 'astride' and 'high astride' over Houghton, D. on top of the horse, next Johnson did a 'back astride' vault followed by a 'Through' by Hall and a 'Hollow-back through' by Johnson, L.

Then 'short arm back lifts' and 'high hand stands' were done on top of the horse, Goodey and Johnson showed a 'high shoulder balance' too. Then followed 'high hollowed back hand springs' by six boys all being done with courage and determination. Free style 'rolls', 'flips' and jumps finishing with a flat dive by the instructor J. M. Goddard brought to an end a most enjoyable exhibition of daring exercises.

A tableau was quickly arranged round the box-horse for a Press photograph. Those boys taking part were:

- Houghton, D.
- Johnson, L.
- Hall.
- Goodey.
- Jones.
- Cunnington.
- Elks.
- Houghton, E.
- Harding.
- Kew.
- Turner.
- White.
- Page, K.
- Harris.
- Bland.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION 1938.

The Sixth Inter-House Boxing Competition was held at the beginning of the Easter Term after three weeks training. Instruction had been given during the Christmas Term and the classes were well attended by each House in turn.

The Finals were held on Friday, February 11th at 2:45 p.m. Each Weight was keenly contested, and there were many fights in which the margin of points was so small that the Referee had to decide upon a Final Round.
J. B. Martin showed the School the right way to knock-out an opponent. Clipstone gave the best thrill of all, he stopped Remmington in the Second Round and fought his man to the corner in the Final of the Heavy-weights. He justly deserved the replica of the Cup, which was given to him by the Lions House, for he has Captained the winning Team for the third successive year.

We are indebted to Mr. Sanders who acted as a Judge right through the meeting, and to Mr. Evans and Mr. Allebone who also assisted.

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SCOUT NOTES.

The troop has three patrols, the Eagles, the Bulldogs and the newly formed Senior Patrol which is comprised of older scouts. Our first camp this year was held at Billing Lings during the Easter Holidays. The senior patrol was split into little encampments of one’s or twos, each unit living by itself. This camp was remarkable for the encounters with several badgers. At this camp the senior patrol slept underneath the moon, around a large fire.

The troop was present at the County Rally which was held at Courteenhall, near Northampton, during the Whitsun weekend. The weather was unexpectedly fine and we all enjoyed ourselves. Various other minor expeditions have been made by the senior patrol who have slept under hedges and also in barns.

A successful Scout week has been held in the district and a Jamborette was held on the school field on Thursday, 23rd June, in the evening. A Scout Parade was held on Sunday, 26th June, to the Parish Church, where a Scout Service was held.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Weather conditions for running last term were generally good and our courses were comparatively firm. The Inter-House Competition was run by teams of 6 from each age group, all counting for points which were awarded in the reverse order of placing.

The results of this competition:

Over 15—1 Bailey, R. C. (L); 2 Sharp, J. (D); 3 Port (L)
Time 22 min. 53 secs. Lions 97, Gryphons, 78, Dragons 69, Stags 53.

13-15—1 Knight, J., and Knight, R. (L); 3 Edwards (D)
Time 17 min. 50 secs. Stags 90, Gryphons 78, Lions 75, Dragons 57.

Under 13—1 Shipman (D); 2 Whittington (L); 3 Drage (L)
Time 18 min. 54 secs. Lions 96, Dragons 85, Gryphons 69, Stags 50.

The Williams Cup for Cross-Country is therefore held by the Lions House, the total points being:

Lions 268, Gryphons 225, Dragons 211, Stags 193.

The annual match against Daventry Grammar School was held on March 26th, over a neutral course by kind permission of the owner, Mr. Deterding. The course consisted of two laps of 1 1/2 miles over a fairly easy surface. We were
unfortunate in the result, as Bailey R. C. (Capt.), suffering from a cold found himself unable to finish. Even so we managed to finish very close, due to admirable packing in the middle by members of our team who were representing the School for the first time.

The result was : Daventry 38 pts., School 41 pts.

The School was represented by : Bailey, R. C., Betts, Port, Knight, J., Knight, R., Edwards, Hudson, Sharp, J., Half-colours were re-awarded to Bailey, Betts, Port and awarded to Knight, J., Knight, R., and Edwards.

A WEEK IN FRANCE.

On Thursday, April 14th, eleven boys under the care of Mr. Hole, left Wellingborough for France, travelling by train to Newhaven then taking the night boat to Dieppe, enjoying a very calm passage. At Dieppe the night was completed on the boat and in the morning we travelled to Rouen by the new Autorail. Then we walked to the Hotel Louis XIII., where we were to stay, and ate a typical French breakfast. Later in the day we were able to see the sights of Rouen, a large French provincial town, steeped in Norman history. The cathedral was visited by us several times and we witnessed Easter processions, and the Blessing of the Holy Water; the five hundred feet high tower was climbed and we were rewarded by an exceptionally fine view of Rouen and the surrounding district. On the Saturday a more complete tour of Rouen was done by motor-coach and we saw various objects of historical interest chiefly connected with St. Joan of Arc. An English service was attended on Sunday, and we saw the British war graves and a French football match in the afternoon.

One long day in Paris was spent in sight seeing, and we managed to see, amongst many other interesting buildings, l’Etoile, l’Arc de Triomphe, la Place de la Concorde, les Tuileries, the famous Notre Dame and les Invalides (where Napoleon is buried). To finish a magnificent day we climbed the Eiffel Tower, from which we saw the fine Boulevards stretching away below us. On the bus journey to and from Paris a very good idea was obtained of the French roads and countryside.

Another day we spent at Le Havre, an important port for ocean-going vessels, and we were able to walk over the extensive dockyards. That afternoon we were allowed to inspect the trans-atlantic liner "Normandie," winner of the Blue Riband, which resembles an enormous hotel in the passengers’ quarters, and as she was in dry dock we could watch the men busy under her hull.
We spent the afternoon visiting the small villages about Rouen, seeing some very fine architecture, including the Monastery of St. Wandrille, home of the Benedictine monks. During our visit we climbed the hill of Bon Secours and were able to survey a view, reputed to be the finest in France, of the Seine Valley, and Rouen, with its cathedral, dock-yards and Trans-bordeur Bridge. A French cinema was also visited where we saw an American film that had been translated into French. Some of us took the opportunity of playing French Billiards.

But all good things come to an end and on the Friday we had to leave Rouen after thoroughly enjoying our week there. We crossed the Channel, again having a calm trip, and arrived once more in England getting to Wellingborough about ten at night.

The holiday was an unqualified success, even to our valiant attempts at conversations with the sorely tried Frenchmen whom we encountered.

Our party is very grateful to Mr. Hole for his kindness in organising, and accompanying us, on this visit.

D. Pope, V.B.

MALVERN TRIP.

On Tuesday, May 27th, a bus-load of boys accompanied by Mr. Woolley and Mr. Phillips went for an outing to Malvern. We started about nine o'clock from the school, in fine weather and on the outward journey we stopped at Leamington and Stratford-on-Avon and arrived at Malvern at one o'clock. At Malvern the party divided up and spent a pleasant afternoon roaming the hills. On the homeward journey we stayed at Evesham for tea, and for ten minutes at Banbury. We arrived home at about 8.30 p.m., after an enjoyable outing.

EXCURSION TO NASEBY.

Starting at half past ten a party of thirty-five from the Upper School, with Mr. Dunning, cycled to Naseby on the day of the school outing. After stopping to see the works of the clock and the old Saxon Tower of Brixworth Church, we arrived in Naseby at a quarter past one and ate our lunch there. We spent an interesting half-hour on the battle-field, inspecting the two monuments which mark the site of Cromwell's victory. Then we made our way back and arrived in Wellingborough at five o'clock.
THE VISIT TO VAUXHALL WORKS.

On Monday, February 28th, a party of boys, in the charge of Mr. Dunning and Dr. Adamson, went to the Vauxhall Works at Luton. We were taken from the station to the works in one of the Vauxhall works’ fleet of buses, and at the entrance were divided into parties of twelve, each party under a guide. The stores were visited first and we saw the various parts sent to their respective shops on moving belts. We then saw the synchromesh gears being made, and the heat treatment of metals where all the steel was hardened; we noticed also the great number of inspectors supervising the work in each department. Some of the most interesting things to watch were the mud-guards and bonnets of cars being stamped out of sheet-iron in heavy presses. Then we visited the moving belt, where the car, starting only at the framework of the chassis was rapidly assembled as it moved along at six inches a minute.

The tour was completed by having tea in the staff’s dining hall. The visit was very instructive, and served to show the work that goes into making a modern car.

SCHOOL CHOIR AT PETERBOROUGH.

On Thursday, May 5th the School Choir went to Peterborough to participate in a festival performance of Messiah, conducted by Dr. Coleman. We left at 1-45 p.m., by special train, and reached Peterborough at about 2-45 p.m. On reaching the cathedral we took up our allotted positions and rehearsed for the next two hours.

Rehearsal over, we adjourned to a nearby café for a well deserved tea, after which, as the performance did not start until 8 p.m., we walked round the town. We arrived at the cathedral in good time and as a special treat a privileged few were allowed a brief glance at the organ. We took our seats and watched the audience arriving and the orchestra tuning. After the official arrival of the Mayor and Corporation the performance began.

The soloists were Margaret Elwes, soprano; Sarah Buckley, contralto; Edward Reach, tenor; and Frank Phillips, bass. Sarah Buckley’s singing in particular was much appreciated. Unconscious of the passing of the hours we sang and listened and sang again, till after the glorious climax of Hallelujah (which had been transferred from its usual position to follow “The Trumpet shall sound,” and close the performance), we suddenly realised that we had ten minutes in which to catch our train.
EXCURSION TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

On December 7th, a representative party from the School choir visited St. Paul's cathedral for a performance of 'Messiah' which was given by an augmented choir and orchestra. The treble and alto solos were taken by the St. Paul's choristers; the tenor and bass by lay clerks. The derailment of a light engine at Bedford North delayed us on our way there, but otherwise everything went off smoothly. During the hold-up we gave an impromptu performance of the work which was notable for some faulty bass singing from a usually irreproachable quarter. The real performance, however, was magnificent, as was the similar one of the St. Matthew Passion, attended on April 12th.

THE TRIP TO OLNEY.

On May 27th, the day of the annual school outing, certain members of the Sixth Form, accompanied by Mr. Appleby, visited Cowper's home in Olney. The house which is now a museum, contains many of the poet's letters and manuscripts, which were of great interest to those members of the Sixth who are studying his works.

After lunching at Weston Underwood, home of the Throckmortons, friends of Cowper, we cycled on to Northampton and paid a visit to a large book shop. We had tea in Northampton before cycling home, and a visit to the cinema capped a very enjoyable day.

AUSTRALIAN MATCH.

A party of boys went with Mr. Hole to Northampton. Although not too warm, we saw a full afternoon's play. Bradman had been dismissed for 2 to everyone's disappointment. Nevertheless we saw Brown score 190 not out. Bradman declared at tea at 406 for 6. When Northants batted, Nelson drove well to score 76. Play closed with Northants 135 for 3.

THE VISIT OF THE GERMAN PARTY.

Fifty German boys and girls from Cologne have been staying recently in Wellingborough, and several have been the guests of boys at this School. Every effort has been made to make their visit enjoyable and to show them English home life. They have made trips to Oxford and the surrounding places of interest. Unfortunately, however, Germans are allowed to bring only 16 marks out of Germany, and to meet the expenses the party has given a series of concerts including one in the School Hall. The large audience fully appreciated the choir, the orchestra and the actors, even though the items were in German. Everyone was sorry to see the party go, but it will only be until Easter when an English party will go to Cologne.
MUSIC.

This year, for the first time, we have attempted Oratorio. In addition to the visits to St. Paul's and Peterborough, described elsewhere, we gave two performances of music from "Messiah" in Wellingborough—one at Mill Road Baptist Church, on December 12th, and the other on the following Thursday in the School Hall. At this last, Mr. Hole sang the Tenor Solos, P. J. Berrill the Treble Recitatives and special choir trebles and altos the other solos in unison. Bond played the accompaniments. The Carol Concert programme is printed elsewhere.

During the Spring Term we entertained several distinguished visitors. First came the Northampton and District Organists' Association at a recital to whom a varied programme was presented. The Quarterly Record of the Incorporated Association of Organists', describing the event, said, "The excellent singing of this very efficient choir completely enthralled those who were privileged to hear it." We are very grateful for this, the first recognition of our work in a musical journal. On March 9th Dr. Coleman visited us, and on the 16th Mr. W. K. Stanton and Mr. Eric Warr of the B.B.C. This was in the nature of an audition and a few days later we were informed that they would be prepared if and when opportunity occurred to offer the trebles an engagement for a programme. The full chorus was ruled out because of the disproportion in the various parts. On March 18th we had an unofficial visit from Mr. Trevor Harvey, also of the B.B.C., whom we hope to welcome again at the Summer Concert on June 30th, for which we are now working. We also hope to perform Vaughan Williams' "Five Unaccompanied Folk Songs," on July 21st.

On June 13th we had the pleasure of hearing the excellent string orchestra of the Hansaring High School, Cologne, conducted by Herr Adalbert Czonga. They played among other things Concerto grosso XII., by Handel. Peter Rubach, a boy of fifteen, played some violin solos with astounding virtuosity and kindly consented to give a recital to the Upper School on the following Friday, when once again the beauty of his playing amazed us. Herr Paul Zilleken accompanied beautifully. It is a chastening thought how little hope there is of a similar organisation in our own school!

Finally we should like to point out that it was only through the fact that many boys were keen enough to buy their own copies of "Messiah," that we were able to perform "Messiah" at all, and that without good collections at our concerts we could not keep going at the present rate.
CAROLS, THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1937.

O come, all ye faithful ... ... 18th century
Ding, dong! merrily on high
Thoinot Arbeau's Orchesographie, 1588
The noble stem of Jesse ... ... Mus. Sion, 1609
King Jesus hath a garden Geestelijke Harmonie, 1609
The Crown of Roses ("Legend") Tschaikovsky
Lullay my liking (Solo, F. H. Bailey) ... ... Holst
Shepherds in the field abiding French or Flemish melody
It came upon the midnight clear English traditional melody
The holly and the ivy ... ... English traditional melody
O little town of Bethlehem English traditional melody

LENTEN SERVICES.

March 30th. Preacher, Canon C. C. Chambers. Anthem, "He was despised," and "Surely He hath borne our griefs." (Handel).

COMMEMORATION SERVICE, JUNE 10TH.


OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER, 1937.

*Bruce E. H. F. M. Ph. G.*
*Mills E. H. Rk. F. M. Ch.*
*Troath H. Rk. F. M. Ph.*
*Williams E. H. Rk. F. M. Ch.*

E.—English. Ph.—Physics.
H.—History. Ch.—Chemistry.
F.—French Rk.—Religious Knowledge.
M.—Mathematics. G.—Geography.

A capital letter indicates a credit mark in the subject.

* Indicates exemption from London Matriculation.
CINEMA CLUB.

On Tuesday, February 1st, we saw films kindly lent to us by Messrs. Bassett-Lowke of Northampton. The foreground was mainly concerned with trains, the details of which pleased many; the background showed us delightful glimpses of English scenery, such as one would see from the windows of a crack express on its way to Scotland. A short film shown on the same evening "Dick Turpin," greatly pleased us; the story has lost none of its thrill and the costumes and settings were excellent.

SPEECH DAY.

The principal guest on Speech Day, Thursday, Feb. 4th, was Sir Albert C. Seward, Sc.D., F.R.S., Hon. D.Sc., Hon. LL.D., late Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University and Master of Downing College, Cambridge. Owing to the indisposition of the Chairman of the Governors, the chair was occupied by Mr. P. A. Fryer, M.A.

In presenting his report on the year's work, the Headmaster acknowledged the debt which he and the School owed to Mr. F. C. Lay, now at Doncaster.

Discussing the educational value of physical training Mr. Woolley said "In my opinion there is far more educative value in games of rugger, cricket or tennis than in any amount of physical jerks performed merely as a duty; but athleticism can be overdone, exercise can be the cause of nervous strain when what is aimed at is restful recreation; exercise and recreation should not be confused. Here Mr. Woolley took the opportunity of asking for the co-operation of parents in making the boys keep earlier hours and in taking more advantage of the scheme for providing school children with milk at school.

Next he went on to speak of the Parents' Committee and said "No English school would exist, least of all the great public schools in their present form and many would not have been founded at all but for the efforts, the self sacrifice and the gifts and bequests of benefactors. We owe our schools and universities as we owe our great avenues of trees to those who realised their debt to the future and live not only and ignobly for the mere present. And so here, though we have not yet any great endowment, I am anxious that four or five of our wealthier well-wishers shall come forward and found some endowed prizes for Sixth form work." He spoke appreciatively of the work already done by the Parents' Committee and by Mr. F. C. Gent in particular and continued "We are more grateful to these parents than I can say and in helping us they are following the sound English tradition of voluntary effort which puts the present always in such deep and grateful debt to a generous past."
Once again reference was made to the maiming of the intellectual life of boys and the damage done to the school by taking boys away from the school prematurely. The headmaster declared "It is an evil which hurts us much as a school, which does an ill service to our country and reflects discredit on our own intelligence." "Apart from the very serious damage to the boys' mental development and the thinning of the upper forms to which the school looks for its leaders," he said "The school suffers further from the fact that boys of fourteen, often with their manners as unformed as their minds, go out into the world claiming to be Old Boys of Wellingborough Grammar School and to have been educated there, when in fact owing to the short-sightedness of their parents they have missed being educated there. We as a school are to be judged by the material we turn out, but we repudiate a verdict which is based upon an impression of such of our boys as leave at fourteen. We do not regard them as products of the Grammar School in any real sense and whether they turn out well or ill is not a matter of credit or blame to us as a school."

The scholastic successes were next detailed, and the consistently high percentage of School Certificates noted. In addition the first open award at a university had been gained, and four Higher School Certificates. "But examinations are not education nor are they the only things we do here," said the Headmaster, "there is one thing we do here which is better done than they do it at most schools. Those who know what I am talking about will agree with me that there can be few schools, if indeed there are any, which sing better than we do."

"Art drawing and the ability to appreciate good pictures and good architecture are also supremely important in these days of mass production and debased taste and I am glad to say that we have been able as a school to subscribe to a new picture circulating scheme whereby for the next five years we shall receive each term a different set of ten pictures by the great masters."

The Scout Camp in Ireland, the party which visited Paris were mentioned, and special reference was made to the high standard and great popularity of the boxing competition in which nearly a quarter of the School took part.

After distributing the Prizes, Sir Albert Seward spoke supporting the Headmaster's request that boys should stay longer at school. Then he spoke to the boys who had not gained prizes and said that some did not win prizes because they did not work hard enough. He has no use, he said, for people who were on the look out for soft jobs. "Unless you learn to work hard you can never expect to do much good in the world. It is not the hours of work you do in a day, it is the quality of the work that counts." Sir Albert spoke of the right use of leisure time and the necessity for
a hobby. He recommended reading and then went on to show the vast pleasure to be obtained from a study of natural history. Here Sir Albert was thoroughly at home and he, for all too brief a time, made us all see some of the thrill of reading the history of our land written in the rocks.

After several speeches of thanks the proceedings came to an end with the singing by the Choir of “Come again” (Dowland), “As Torrents in Summer” (Elgar), “The Dancing Lesson” (Hänsel and Gretel, Humperdinck) and “Waltzing Matilda” (arr. Thomas Wood).

PRIZE LIST AND EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

VI. FORM.

C. C. Sears ... Entrance Studentship and Revis Scholarship at Nottingham University College; Examination for Executive Group, Civil Service.

H. H. Maddams ... Higher School Certificate of the University of London, Group B.

J. Remmington ... Higher School Certificate of the University of London, Group B.

C. Bond ... Higher School Certificate of the University of London, Group C.

C. C. Sears ... Higher School Certificate of the University of London, Group C.

Mr. Lay’s Prize for Divinity ... H. W. J. Caten

UPPER FIFTH.

R. A. Brown ... Oxford School Certificate (3 credits).

D. G. Bruce ... " " " (6 " )

F. J. Clipstone ... " " " (5 " )

F. C. Coles ... " " (5 " )

F. J. Crawley ... " (6 " )

S. J. Cuthmore ... " (5 " )

K. J. Holmes ... (4 " )

I. D. G. Mills ... (6 " )

H. W. G. Pearson " " (5 " )

V. F. Pitcher ... (5 " )

F. J. Port ... " (4 " )

V. E. Shirley ... (7 " )

R. W. H. Troath ... (3 " )

J. R. Upton ... (7 " )

E. C. Williams ... (5 " )

Miss Cook’s Prize for English ... S. J. Cutmore

Headmaster’s Prize for Latin ... J. R. Upton

Prizes for six or more credits in the School Certificate Examination: Bruce, Crawley, Mills Shirley, Upton.
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**Manual Training Prizes**

- IV: J. L. Jessop
- III: E. C. Knight
- II: Goodey

**HOUSE CUPS.**

- Mrs. Saxby's Rugby Cup: Dragons
- Yorke Cricket Cup: Lions
- Henson Relay Cup: Dragons
- Mrs. Lay's Boxing Cup: Lions
- Martin Athletic Cup: Dragons
- James Swimming Cup: Lions
- Ford Physical Training Cup: Dragons
- Williams Cross Country Cup: Gryphons
- Ferguson Trophy: Dragons
ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The eighth annual sports were held on Thursday, May 12th, and for a change we had good weather with a warm breeze blowing down the field from the south-west. There was a fair crowd of spectators though oddly enough, not so many as usual, although the weather was good.

Some really excellent performances were put up. Clark's senior hundred yards was extremely good as also were Remmington's long and Bailey's high jumps. In the middle group Edwards shone and in him the Dragons have a wonderful athlete. Jessop, P., in the junior group was outstanding and we hope he is going to improve each year. Altogether nine records were broken—five of them in the jumps and we now have records which will compare with any school's records in the country. The Relay Races were also excellent.

Mrs. A. R. Woolley kindly presented the cups at the close of the Sports.

RESULTS.

One Mile—Over 15. Record 5 mins. 25 2/5 secs
1, Catlin ; 2, Bailey, R. ; 3, Mabbutt ; 4, Holmes.
Time 5 mins. 40 2/5 secs.
13—15. Record 5 mins. 40 2/5 secs.
1, Edwards ; 2, Knight, J. ; 3, Knight, R. ; 4, Millward.
Time 5 mins. 46 secs.
Half Mile—Over 15. Record 2 mins. 22 1/5 secs.
1, Mabbutt ; 2, Holmes ; 3, Maddams ; 4, Shirley.
Time 2 mins. 30 1/5 secs.
13—15. Record 2 mins. 32 1/5 secs.
1, Edwards ; 2, Knight, R. ; 3, Millward ; 4, Knight, J.
Time 2 mins. 36 secs.
Under 13. Record 2 mins. 48 2/5 secs.
1, Dallas, R. ; 2, Harris, P. ; 3, White, D. ; 4, Peck, P.
Time 2 mins. 59 4/5 secs.
Quarter Mile—Over 13. Record 57 1/5 secs.
1, Clark ; 2, Edwards ; 3, Buttling ; 4, Caten.
Time 64 1/5 secs.
220 Yards—Over 15. Record 25 2/5 secs.
1, Bond ; 2, Clark ; 3, Buttling ; 4, Maddams.
Time 26 1/5 secs.
13—15. Record 27 1/5 secs.
1, Edwards ; 2, Millward ; 3, Sutton ; 4, Wilson.
Time 25 3/5 secs.
Under 13. Record 30 1/5 secs.
1, Jessop, P.; 2, Houghton, D. B.; 3, Dallas, R.; 4, Harris, P.
Time 30 secs.
100 Yards—Over 15. Record 11 1/5 secs.
1, Clark ; 2, Bond ; 3, Buttling ; 4, Burman, P.
Time 10 3/5 secs.
13—15. Record 11 4/5 secs.
1, Edwards ; 2, Millward ; 3, Sutton ; 4, Califf.
Time 11 1/5 secs.

Under 13. Record 12 2/5 secs.
1, Jessop, P. ; 2, Harris, P. ; 3, Carter, B. ; 4, Bland.
Time 12 3/5 secs.

Under 12.
1, Houghton, D. B. ; 2, Drage ; 3, Willmott.
Time 12 3/5 secs.

Long Jump—Over 15. Record 18 ft. 4 ins.
1, Remmington ; 2, Bond ; 3, Clark ; 4, Buttling.
Distance 18 ft. 9 1/2 ins.

13—15. Record 15 ft. 5 ins.
1, Sutton ; 2, Millward ; 3, Needle ; 4, Wilson.
Distance 16 ft. 11 3/4 ins.

Under 13. Record 14 ft. 1 1/2 ins.
1, Jessop, P. ; 2, Dallas, R. ; 3, Elks ; 4, Drage.
Distance 14 ft. 6 ins.

High Jump—Over 15. Record 4 ft. 7 1/2 ins.
1, Bailey, R. ; 2, Buttling ; 3, Clark and Remmington.
Height 4 ft. 10 3/4 ins.

13—15. Record 4 ft. 8 1/2 ins.
1, Millward ; 2, Desborough and Burman, M. ; 3, Mackness.
Height 4 ft. 4 1/2 ins.

Under 13. Record 3 ft. 10 1/2 ins.
Height 4 ft. 0 1/2 ins.

Half Mile Handicap.
1, Harding (150 yards.)

Obstacle Race.
1, Plant.

Relay—Over 15.
1, Dragons ; 2, Gryphons ; 3, Stags.

13—15.
1, Dragons ; 2, Gryphons ; 3, Stags.

Under 13.
1, Dragons ; 2, Lions ; 3, Stags.

Martin Athletics Cup.

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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

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

*Prefects:* H. H. Maddams, G. Buttling, K. N. Clark.

Continuing our run of successes, the Dragons have retained the Athletic and Relay Cups, good performances being made by Clark and Buttling in the Seniors, Edwards in the middle, and Dallas, Brookes and Underwood in the juniors.

In the cricket, for the first time in the history of the House, we made our presence felt, tying with the Lions for the Cup, thanks to Clark and Dickens.

Some very promising juniors have entered our house this year so we have every prospect of keeping up our improvement and also winning the Swimming Cup and Ferguson Trophy. It was due partly to the new boys that we managed to win all three sections of the relay, and unprecedented event for the Dragons, or any other House.

GRYPHONS.

*House Masters:* Mr. J. G. Dunning, Dr. A. B. Adamson.

*House Prefects:* Findley, Green, Robinson.

The house was well represented in the boxing competitions and we had several finalists, though only Holt managed to win a final for us. Troath and Harris are particularly to be congratulated although defeated.

In cross country we were runners up for the Cup and Hudson subsequently ran in the School team.

In cricket the seniors have beaten the Lions and the Stags but owing to very poor shows by the juniors, who lost every match, we finished third in the list.

Our relay teams did very well and we were runners-up for the cup, but in athletics, whilst individuals did well, we were well behind the Stags, who were third. The Seniors have done their work nobly and we hope that next year there will be more support from the juniors. We shall all miss Findley who has for so long been such an inspiring leader on the field.

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LIONS.

House Masters: Mr. E. L. Hole, Mr. J. H. Butler.

House Prefects: Remmington, Clipstone, Betts, Brown, C. B.

Since the writing of the last House Notes, there has been increased activity in competitive sports. While the Lions have added no more cups to their table, none already held have been lost. The Rugger cup was won by defeating the Gryphons in the last match. As was expected, the Lions easily won the Boxing cup. All weights fought extremely well, especially the lighter classes. Of the latter, Needle was outstanding in winning the Bantam weight. After an exciting struggle, Clipstone beat Remmington, and gained the heavy-weight title. While not expecting to carry off either the Athletic or the Relay cups, the Lions performed very admirably, and were runners-up in the former competition.

The cricket season commenced with an unexpected defeat by the Gryphons. After playing much better in the ensuing matches, the Lions had to be content to share the cup with the Dragons.

We congratulate F. J. Clipstone on being elected School Prefect, and the following who have played for the various School XI’s: Remmington (colour), Betts (colour), Bailey (half-colour), Braybrook, Smith (half colour), Kew, Manning, Port, L., Willmott.

STAGS.

House Masters: Mr. B. W. Appleby, Mr. H. C. Phillips.

House Prefects: Bond, Holmes, Mills, Ingram.

The House has had a busy term and the results of the various competitions, though not so good as in past years, were better than many expected.

We were well represented in the Rugger and Boxing early in the year and several members were in school teams. Later the Cross-country and Sports took place and in connection with the last we must congratulate Bond and Jessop. P. H.

In the Cricket House matches we held an easy win over the Dragons, due to fine bowling by Fielder and Sherwood, however we lost to the Lions and Gryphons. Since the majority of the seniors seem to be leaving soon however the house may do better next season. Holmes, Sherwood and Ingram are sitting for their Oxford this term and Bond for the Higher.

Other House activities will be the P.T. Competition and the Swimming Sports; though dubious about the former we should do quite well at Wilby.
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The traditional Christmas festivities are still upheld in the village, and this week they have reached their climax. The women have been tastefully decorating the Church with flowers and a little holly, as a reminder of the Church's pre-eminence at Christmas time. Mr. Trask, the village schoolmaster, has dropped his stern mask of authority and with the help of a whip-round from the villagers, has placed a magnificent Christmas tree in the schoolroom, which is already laden with decorations and presents for every child and aged person in the village.

At the Red Lion the Christmas games have reached their climax, the winners at darts, skittles, cribbage and dominoes having already been decided. Two days before Christmas, the annual share-out of the Diddlum Club will take place, and it is to be noted that the treasurer of this honourable club, has been very affectionately accompanied in his comings and goings this week. Apparently the ancient proverb, that the prevention is better than the cure, has penetrated even to this remote village.

The Glee singers have finished their practising and are ready to make their round of the village, which will culminate at the Church on Christmas Eve, when a carol service will take place.

Another thing which one notices in the village at this time of the year is the absence of farm-yard alarum clocks, and it is to be presumed that all the tables in the village will be well laden with festive fare on the Great Day. At the Grange several visitors have arrived and obviously a large party is going on there. The villagers say, "The more the merrier," for they have received other blessings besides good wishes from these self-same visitors in other years.

If anything should be lacking this year in the villagers' Christmas festivities, no one can say that it is through lack of enthusiasm on the villagers' part, indeed if everyone used as much energy all the year round to help each other, the spirit of Christmas would last much longer than its usual two or three days.

C. R. Penness, IVa.

This is one of a series of essays on the imaginary village of Torford.

SOME OF MY CONTEMPORARIES.

Of the people in our form some are tall, some short, some fat, and some thin. One of the boys is fat and a little over the average height. He is a thoroughly objectionable person and one who considers himself good at every conceivable sport and outdoor activity.
Then there is the small boy whom I heard called a 'flea with a fog-horn' because he has such a loud voice. This boy likes to have his own way in everything and considers himself a veritable wizard at football and a great cricketer. He is however a better boy to converse with than the former.

There are, I should say, three boys who are mad on aeroplanes and who have formed themselves into what they call a squadron with, I believe, twenty-one non-flying aeroplanes which they have made to scale. They imagine themselves as flying aces tearing through the air and bringing down other aircraft. The leader of this so-called squadron has the peculiarity of often taking out his comb and combing his hair.

We must not forget the ambitious music lover, a person who wishes to play an organ in a cinema or some other place of amusement. A pleasant and attractive boy this and one who is often smiling.

We possess also a Wolverhampton "wanderer" who is noted for his sprints in trying to catch his bus at four o'clock.

Last, but not least, there is the boy with the straight parting; the one who stands at street corners talking to his young friends or cousins as he calls them.

A mixed collection of boys this but on the whole they are a fairly good company.

A., IVb.

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THE COUNTRY-SIDE IN SPRING.

The country-side in spring is both interesting and beautiful. The hedges are clothed with fresh green leaves, and here and there the blackthorn blooms, and the wild white rose opens its delicate pink buds. The birds chirp and twitter as they fly about seeking material with which to build their nests, and from the trees the familiar call of the cuckoo is heard.

Numerous wild flowers are to be found in the fields, the starry daisies, the yellow dandelions, the buttercups and the blue speedwell, while in the hedgerow the stately lords and ladies or wild arum lilies bloom.

Even ponds are showing signs of life, and are covered with the small white flowers of the water weed and with frog spawn which will quickly change to tadpoles.

Tiny rabbits scamper round their burrows and lambs frolic in the fields beside their watchful mothers. Every wild creature seems to have wakened from its winter sleep to greet the sunshine, thankful no doubt that winter is over and that the golden days of sunshine lie ahead.

W. Maddams, IIa.
THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

At the beginning of the Spring Term the school became a subscriber to Mr. Anthony Bertram's scheme of picture circulation, by means of which boys will be able to study at leisure some of the world's great paintings.

Every term for five years the school will be sent a set of ten of the finest available reproductions of Old and Modern Masters. The sets are arranged in five well-planned groups, each group illustrating a particular aspect of painting:

1. The Language of Art.
2. Religious Art.
3. Idealist Art.
4. Realist Art.
5. Art and Society.

Our first set was the middle one of the middle group, showing the use of Physical Beauty in Idealist painting. The reproductions were:

1. **The Birth of Venus** (Allesandro Botticelli) ... Italian
2. **The Creation of Man** (Michelangelo) ... Italian
3. **Girl Combing Her Hair** (Pierre Auguste Renoir) French
4. **Princes of the Hunt** (Unknown Artist) ... Persian
5. **Riding Horse and Runner** (Unknown Artist) ... Indian
6. **Sacred and Profane Love** (Titian) ... Italian
7. **The Lute Player** (Michelangelo di Caravaggio) Italian
8. **Summer** (Nicolas Lancret) ... French
9. **Pastoral Concert** (Giorgione) ... Italian
10. **The Sackville Children** (John Hoppner) English
WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1938.

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C. W. F. Laurie, B.A., St. John’s College, Oxford.

FORM LISTS.

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