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EDITORIAL.

Since a School Magazine must record the history of the School we cannot pass without comment over the various events which have brought us into closer contact with the Girls' High School. Not only have we visited this seat of feminine learning for the purpose of witnessing such widely differing spectacles as that of a cheeky-looking puppet dancing on the end of some wires, and of Falstaff quaffing old sack in Mistress Quickly's tavern, but some of our more gallantly inclined members, on formal invitation have been seen tripping a dainty measure (to the tune of the "Lambeth Walk"), partnered by the sirens of the Girls' School Guides. Even an inter-school Spelling Bee has been suggested in official circles, and if this should come to pass it would surely mark a fitting consummation to the term.

But enough of such trivialities. Worthier matters claim our attention. We are pleased to note that every form in the School is represented in the essays appearing in this Magazine. We have watched with interest the playing of the first two sets of House Matches, and the preparations for the Boxing Competitions to be held next term, and we look forward to the Christmas Music to be given by the School Choir.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:

H. H. Maddams (Senior), C. Bond, G. Butling, K. N. Clark, J. Remmington.

Acting Prefects:


The redecoration of the School was completed during the summer holidays.

A party of boys went to see "Journey's End," at the Palace. One of the characters, Trolley, is an Old Boy.

A new colours blazer was introduced during the summer.

Mr. Hole proposes taking a party to France during the Easter holidays, and would be glad to know, as early as possible, the names of those who wish to go with him.

Once again we have to express our thanks to the G.P.O. Film Library for the loan of the films shown in the Geography Room.
Berrill and Bunker sang duets and Berrill some Schumann lieder at the Basque Children's Concert at the High School on November 17th.

Some of the seniors have been attending the University Extension Lectures on International Affairs.

On September 21st, Mr. T. W. Gillinder lectured to the Senior School on the work of the International Labour Office.

On November 30th, Mr. T. W. Archer lectured to the Junior School on the League, its ideals and the shortcomings of the member states.

Collections have been made in Hall this term for the Town Memorial Fund for the victims of the Leather factory accident, and for the Czecho-Slovakian Relief Fund, and on Remembrance Day the sale of poppies in School raised the sum of £1-9-8.

Boxing finals are fixed for Friday, February 17th, 1939, and the Cross Country Race against Daventry, on Saturday, March 18th.

The Ferguson Trophy for 1937-8 has not yet been awarded—we wonder why?

The Sixth Form this year is the largest we have had; it numbered twenty-six when School re-opened in September.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries and apologize for any omissions. The Northamptonian, Ousel, The Petriburgian, The Chronicles of Ermysted, Danensis, De La Salle College (Jersey) Magazine.

This year, for the first time in our history, some of the members of the VIth. Form are trying for Open Scholarships at Oxford.

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VALETE.

MR. J. McADAM GODEDARD.


The following left before reaching the School Certificate form.

A. Callf, Transferred to Norwich.
T. M. Harding, transferred to London.
D. T. Dickens.
E. C. Knight.
R. C. Knight.
J. A. P. Loake.
R. F. Mather.
B. R. Smith.

SALVETE.

We welcome Mr. C. A. Pine in place of Mr. J. McA. Goddard.

J. Bennie. R. R. Lyne.
D. N. Blunt. J. S. Maddams.
K. A. Bond. L. Matthews.
D. Braybrook. K. Millard.
H. S. Coldicott. D. G. Munns.
K. Frogley. D. A. Smith.
P. J. Gallager. T. Streeton.
G. H. Goodey. R. D. Stuart.
A. E. Hustwatt. M. T. Witts.
J. W. Johnson.
R.U.F.C.

TEAM CHARACTERS.

1st XV.

H. H. Maddams.—(Full Colour, Captain). His keenness, and ability on the field have made him an excellent Captain. Under his enthusiastic leadership the team have shown an excellent spirit, put in a good deal of training and had the most successful season a School 1st XV. has yet had.

J. Remmington.—(Full Colour, Vice-Captain). A fast and determined three-quarter, who is the most dangerous attacker of the team. His tackling and falling are excellent. but he has yet to learn to give a good pass to the wing, a quality a good centre must have.

H. W. Catlin.—(Full Colour, Hon. Sec.). A broken ankle prevented him from playing in the opening matches, but his enthusiasm and high standard of play now make him a competent leader of the forwards.

N. P. Betts.—(Full Colour). His experience as wing-forward has made him invaluable to the team. He is always on the ball and has developed the finer points of the game. His tackling and falling are good and despite his size he is useful in the line outs. He is a good place-kicker.

K. N. Clark.—(Full Colour). This season at fly-half he has made full use of his speed and his experience in attack and his defence has improved tremendously. He has developed a fair kick to touch.

I. D. Mills.—(Half Colour). A good, hard working forward whose tackling reaches a high standard. He is still clumsy with his hands, but his enthusiasm off the field has been a great asset to the forwards.

G. Buttling.—(Half Colour). He has at last settled down on the wing where he has played well. He is fast and quick off the mark, and has learnt to go hard for the corner, with the result that he has scored the highest number of tries.

K. G. Dallas.—(Half Colour). Although not a fast runner he goes really hard when he gets the ball. His tackling is fair but his passing could be improved.

P. A. T. Green.—(Half Colour). He has improved greatly. He gets through a great amount of work without being conspicuous, but his handling could be improved.

N. P. Sharpe.—(Half Colour). Line out play is his forte. He is good at dribbling and taking the ball, but is too inclined to be a spectator in the loose. A good place kicker.
R. How ard.—(Half Colour). This is his first season as scrum half for the first fifteen. His falling and tackling are good but his pass-out needs improving.

C. B. Brown.—(Half Colour). His tackling and falling have improved and he uses his height in the line out. His general play is good but his handling and passing need practice.

L. Holt.—(Half Colour). He has filled the position of fullback admirably. His fielding the ball, kicking, falling and tackling are all exceptionally good.

P. White.—(Half Colour). A good forward who has done well in his new position as hooker. He gets through a great deal of work and is a good tackler.

A. J. Parkinson.—(Half Colour). A newcomer this term, he has proved useful as he plays either wing forward or wing three-quarter. An injury to his ankle earlier on has temporarily deprived us of a promising player.

K. J. Holmes.—(Half Colour). A useful forward, who can tackle. His work in the loose could be improved.

T. Addis.—A forward with plenty of dash who can use his hands.

W. Ford.—His handling is good and he is very useful in the line out. He should learn to go lower in his tackling.

J. Sharp.—He has been a very useful reserve full back. His handling is often excellent, though at times he seems to take his eye off the ball which results in mishandling. His kicking is adequate and his tackling has improved.

"Under 15."

D. Millward.—(Captain). He has done his best with a difficult task. His own play remains of a high standard. His kicking perhaps has improved most since last year.

G. Mackness.—As leader of the forwards, he sets a grand example. Excellent with his hands and always on the ball, his defence is very sound as well.

R. Edwards.—His speed and determination remain as useful as ever. He gets through a tremendous amount of work in defence as well. Time without much practice has not, I am afraid, improved his technique in passing. It is true he does not often need to, either because he has outshot his own team or is over the line on his own.

B. Smart.—He has many useful qualities but is handicapped by being slow thinking. However, that may be partly because he is never sure in which of three positions he will be asked to play next.
P. Felce.—Quite a useful player who will be good when he can put more ‘ ginger ’ into his play in defence and attack.

J. Jessop.—A bustling, hard working forward who is usually on the ball.

D. Plant.—He plays with a good deal of dash, is usually on the ball and is useful with his feet.

W. R. Bland.—He has not learnt how to make the best use of his height but his general play is improving slowly.

K. Potts.—On the whole his play lacks ‘ ginger,’ Without this and a determination to be always on the ball, his knowledge of the game is useless.

“Under 14.”

R. Goodey.—(Captain). As Captain he holds the loyal and enthusiastic allegiance of his team, who have shown an excellent spirit this term. He knows the value of encouraging his team by helpful criticism and by example rather than by blaming them. In his own play he endeavours to live up to his team’s high opinion of him and is usually successful.

L. Johnson.—(Vice-Captain). In this capacity and as leader of the forwards his example has been invaluable. He never lets up. His determination off the field and on it is most marked and his reward is a great improvement in his own handling and the best pack of forwards a School ‘Under 14’ has yet had.

S. Elks.—An excellent forward, always on the ball, useful with his hands and a good tackler.

D. Houghton.—A good stocky forward whose knowledge of the game and ability to tackle is a great asset. He is learning to use his weight.

A. Hall.—As fly half his hands remain good, his kicking useful and his defensive qualities have improved tremendously.

J. Jones.—A very good player for his size. His defensive play, falling, kicking and tackling is excellent and his passing is improving.

K. Page.—An excellent tackler. He has plenty of pluck and quite a good kick.

A. Harris.—A very useful forward on a wet day, excellent with his feet and usually on the ball. His handling could be good when he learns how and when to pick up in the loose.
G. Westnedge.—The best forward in the line out. He uses his hands well there, and is developing rapidly in his knowledge of the game. An excellent tackler.

C. Underwood.—A very promising player who improves with every match. He must learn to watch the ball into his hands and to develop his defensive play.

D. Redhead.—A very useful forward; perhaps his defensive play is his weakest point at the moment.

J. Neville.—A forward who has lately been playing on the wing. He has a good acceleration and useful hands. His defence is a little uncertain as yet, and time will show where his play will be most useful.

E. Baxter.—A well built forward with a good knowledge of the game and useful with his hands, perhaps a little uncertain yet in defence.

D. B. Houghton.—A promising three-quarter with some idea of attack and a useful defence.

W. R. Bland.—A neat and promising player with good hands, a very fair tackler and a wing who knows the value of going hard for the corner.

D. White.—He is developing into a very useful hooker whose other play and knowledge of the game is improving.

A. Valentine.—A very keen forward who is a little clumsy on the field and who has been outstripped by some others in his knowledge of what to do on the field, but his keenness will bring its own reward in time.

F. Bailey.—He started the season excellently as full back. His coolness and confidence are great assets in this position and it was a great loss to the team when an injury unfortunately deprived the School of his services.

E. Barker.—A strong, well built and fast player for whom the right position has not yet been found. His temperament does not seem to suit the position of forward which requires a player always on the ball; on the other hand his technique of positioning and handling is not yet adequate for success in the three-quarter line. With more practice and ‘ginger’ his size would make him invaluable.

Other players who have represented the School this term are:—Jackson, Mabbutt, Port, Crawley, F. J., Crompton, Newman, Fielder, Gent, Shirley, Pope, Pitcher, Martin, Crawley, R. P., Burman, M. C., Harris, P., Kew, Knight, J., Esson, Sutton, Hudson, E.
TWO GOOD MATCHES.

1st XV. v. Oundle 4th XV.  
Won 6—5.
This match is memorable because it is the first time we have defeated an Oundle team with our 1st XV. At Oundle we lost 11—nil after a hard match in which during the second half we had only 13 men. The match there was an almost continuous attack by the Oundle three-quarters and defensive work by ours. At home our forwards were able to get a fair share of the ball so that early in the second half we were pressing hard in Oundle’s half. Then came a most determined revival by Oundle which ended only with the whistle so that we felt a little lucky to have won by a penalty goal. The match was excellently handled by Mr. W. Burke, of the East Midlands Society.

Lost 6—21.
Northampton had their best ‘Under 14’ for some years, and I believe it is true to say that we were the first team this season to cross their line. They were also man for man bigger than our team and it is for these reasons that our game against them, though a defeat, was memorable. Until quarter of an hour from the end we were only 3 points behind and only bad finishing had prevented us from drawing level. The feature of our game was the grand display of the forwards, who proved that it is not weight alone that matters but weight directed in a well organised and timed shove. The result was that our three-quarters had fully their share of the ball and enough chances to win. Apart from our lack of finish, our other weakness was a certain indecision in going for the man with the ball hard. Despite these failures, this was a game more encouraging and vastly more stirring than many an easy win.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The feature of the season has been the general excellence of two teams, the 1st and the ‘Under 14’ XV’s. Both have been rather above the average, but whereas the 1st XV. owes its success largely to the number of older and experienced players staying on at School, the ‘Under 14,’ though a good lot individually are not big, rather the reverse, owes its achievement to an excellent spirit of keenness and to its mastery of the technique of forward play. The School forwards have generally throughout the School’s history been inferior to the School three-quarters, but now at last they bid fair to equal if not to outstrip them. This is most encouraging for the future.
The other encouraging feature of the season has been the enthusiasm displayed by the 1st XV., whose Captain and Secretary have been able to arrange practices for the team much more regularly than in other years. They have thus shouldered successfully the responsibility of training and picking their team week by week.

The 'Under 15' still remains the 'Cinderella' among our teams. As a group the 'Under 15' have suffered from boys who played in the 'Under 14' leaving as they turn 14, and from the fact that they are divided between Junior and Senior Schools. They are thus robbed of individuals and of opportunity to acquire that team spirit which does in some measure compensate for the lack of individual skill. We hope that as time goes on we shall find some way of overcoming these difficulties, meanwhile credit is due to those boys who have stuck to the team gallantly through its period of adversity.

The Club is very grateful to those Masters, Captains, Secretary and others who by coaching games, refereeing, arranging fixtures, etc., make the smooth running and success of the Club possible.

W.G.S.R.F.C.

Matches played to date:

1st XV.

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In general comment there is little to add to the notes in the previous number of this Magazine. In the last few matches of the season the First Eleven showed themselves capable of making runs when the bowling was not of the best standard, but incapable of sustained concentration for over after over when the bowling was keen and accurate. The lack of a third consistent bowler was felt right to the end. In the ‘Under 14’ XI., Hall improved as a bowler and in general this eleven was capable of beating all but the best sides. The fielding improved, but the chief fault was again the lack of careful batting, so necessary to take the edge off a keen attack at the beginning of the innings. A feature of this year’s cricket was the promise shown by the Scorpions XI., and special prominence has been given to them in these notes. They deserve it. In the future an attempt will be made to pay more attention to the ‘Under 15’ XI., in the hope of filling in the gap which has been felt between the ‘Under 14’ XI. and the First Eleven.

This 1938 Scorpions team is the most promising we have had in the six years the side has been going. For the first time we had one player, Elks, the Captain, for a second year. Our bowlers were White, Houghton, Harding and Jessop, and they all improved a good deal as the season went on.

To begin the season we played two matches against All Saints’ School, of which we lost one and drew the other. We made 24 all out and 29 for 8 wickets against 78 for 8 and 64 for 8. Kirby made 14 in the first and White hit a very plucky 19 not out in the second.

The Dolphins game was a win, largely through nerves on the other side, though Houghton held a catch at a critical moment. They were all out for 30 and we made 99 for 4: Kirby 27, Elks 22 not out.
The Bramcote match was a draw—a great triumph. For the first time we won the toss and put them in. They made 108 and we were saved by the time at 37 for 4: Houghton 11 not out, Wilmott 11.

A very encouraging and exciting end to the season was provided by a game against ‘A’ Under 14 XI., at School. We batted first and after a very shaky start, found the pluck to overcome nerves and made 93: Houghton 12, White 17, Page 22. Then we went in to field rather expecting a draw; but keen fielding and bowling made a breach in a steady beginning and finally the Scorpions achieved an excellent win by 36 runs.

As three or four of the most promising of this team will be ‘Under 13’ again in 1939, the outlook is most encouraging.

Matches played by 1st and ‘Under 14’ XI.’s after June 25th.

1st XI.

School 130 (Remmington 47, Findley 21, Clark 26).
Kettering 66 for 6 wickets.

School 81 for 8 wickets dec. (I. J. N. 32*).
W’boro’ Co-op. 21 for 2 wickets (rain stopped play).

July 9th, v. Daventry G.S., at Daventry.
School 68.
Daventry 69 for 8 wickets (Betts 6 for 17).

O.B. 170 for 8 wickets (dec.) (Loomes 41, Norman 48, Bean 30*).
School 135 for 3 wickets (Remmington 43, Findley 63*).

‘Under 14’ XI.

Kettering 17 (Hall 6 for 12).
School 18 for 0 wickets (75 all out) (Redhead 19).

July 6th, v. Towcester G.S., at Wellingborough.
Towcester 33 (Hall 5 for 13).
School 34 for 9 wickets.
July 9th, v. Daventry G.S., at Wellingborough.
School 115 (Manning 34*, Bailey 39).
Daventry 96 (Smith 4 for 21).

School 33 (Page, a Scorpion 8*).
Harpur C.S. 34 for 6 wickets (Hall 5 for 33).

ANALYSIS OF MATCHES.

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1st XI. AVERAGES.

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OFFICIALS AND COLOURS, ETC.

1ST XI.

Secretary: K. Clark.
N. P. Sharpe will be Secretary for the Season 1939.

"UNDER 15" XI.

Captain: T. Dickens (Half Colour).

"UNDER 14" XI.

Captain: B. R. Smith.

SCORPIONS.

Captain: S. R. Elks.

SWIMMING.

The weather was not specially kind during the summer term. Twenty-nine boys joined the Junior Learners Class, eight boys passed the width test and seventeen the length test. Forty-five boys passed tests other than the length and width tests; these figures are a slight improvement on last year.

The Life Saving Class was abandoned owing to the weather conditions.

The Swimming Sports were held on Monday, July 25th, at Wilby Lido by kind permission of Mr. J. M. Thompson. Mr. H. J. Harrison and Sergeant Faram came to assist in judging. J. Sharp beat the existing record for the Senior Two Lengths Breast stroke by nearly ten seconds, and Ford
reduced the Senior Four Lengths Free Style record by 19 4/5 seconds. The time for the House Relay was also improved by 4 2/5 seconds.

Event 1. Senior 2 Lengths Breast. Record, 1 min. 11 secs.
1, Sharp. 2, Clark. 3, Ford. 4, Bond.
Time, 1 min. 1 1/5 secs.

Event 2. Middle 2 Lengths Breast.
Record, 1 min. 3 1/5 secs.
1, Jessop. 2, Causebrook. 3, Desborough. 4, Edwards
Time, 1 min. 9 secs.

Event 3. Junior 1 Length Breast.
Record, 35 secs.
1, Glover. 2, Hewitt. 3, Kemshead.
Time, 44 secs.

Record, 2 mins. 26 4/5 secs.
1, Ford. 2, Sharp. 3, Clark. 4, Ingram.
Time, 2 mins. 7 secs.

Event 5. Middle 3 Lengths Free Style.
Record, 1 min. 36 1/5 secs.
1, Causebrook. 2, Jessop. 3, Desborough. 4, Utley.
Time, 1 min. 39 2/5 secs.

Record, 1 min. 11 1/5 secs.
1, Westnedge. 2, Jefferies. 3, Richardson. 4, Redhead.
Time, 1 min. 12 secs.

Event 7. Open Plunge.
Record 42 ft. 2 ins.
1, Ford. 2, Maddams. 3, White, P. 4, Causebrook.
Distance, 37 ft. 11 1/2 ins.

Event 8. Open Spring Board Dive.
1, Ford. 2, Sharp.

1, Ford. 2, Sharp.

Event 10. Voluntary Dive.
1, Ford. 2, Jessop.

Event 11. Inter-House Relay Race.
Record 1 min. 41 1/5 secs.
1, Stags. 2, Dragons. 3, Lions.
Time, 1 min. 36 4 5 secs.

Cup.—Dragons 186 points.
Stags 160 ,, 
Gryphons 139 ,, 
Lions 102 ,, 

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MUSIC.

There were two Concerts in the summer term. The first, on June 30th, included unaccompanied Madrigals and Vaughan Williams' "Just as the tide was flowing," by the Choir, some unaccompanied solos by P. J. Berrill, and a group of convivial and sentimental songs by the Friday Morning Chorus (Forms VI., VA., and VB.) Our guests that evening were Mrs. Woodley (flute) and Mr. Brownlie (Violin) who joined Mr. Appleby in Handel's Sonata in B. flat, and Mr. Trevor Harvey who, with Mr. Appleby, played the Brahms Waltzes for piano duet Op. 39.

The second Concert was held in the Quadrangle on July 21st, when Remmington's father brought his Brass Band to play for us and gave us a delightful programme of good light music, including a Gilbert and Sullivan selection, Arthur Wood's Dale Dances, and that inimitable March "Colonel Bogey." Some virtuoso cornet playing was heard in a cornet duet which was nothing short of brilliant. The Wellingborough Choral Society and the School Choir sang two groups of un-accompanied part songs.

Early this term we visited "fresh woods and pastures new," when on October 13th the Special Choir gave a recital in Kettering. The programme was one of unaccompanied Elizabethan Madrigals and modern part songs, and although it was performing in strange surroundings and in a hall acoustically "dead," the Choir has never sung better. Moreover the arrangements made for our visit and our reception there made it a most enjoyable occasion. There was none of the hideous nightmare of getting chairs into the hall, and clearing up and getting chairs out again next day. We were transported there and back in a fleet of private cars, we were regaled with refreshments and we had an appreciative audience (especially for Waltzing Matilda!) It was almost a Choir outing.

This term we have been rehearsing "Elijah" in preparation for the Peterborough performance, and "Messiah" and carols for the end of term. The new boys are above the average musically, but we still look in vain for instrumentalists—with the exception of Groome, who is an accomplished Cornet player. Shall we ever have to start anywhere but at the beginning?

THE SCHOOL PICTURES.

Since the publication of the last Magazine, the School has had another set of pictures hanging in the top corridor, which have in turn been replaced by a third set.
During the summer term we received the following ten pictures, the last of the Idealist Group, illustrating Romanticism in painting.

1. **Fighting Elephants watched by Jahangir**  
   (Unknown Artist) ... ... Indian
2. **The Farmer's Family** (Jean Honoré Fragonard)  
3. **Warrior** (Ferdinand Hodler) ... ... Swiss
4. **The Night Watch** (Rembrandt) ... ... Dutch
5. **View of Toledo** (El Greco) ... ... Spanish
6. **Wheatfields with Blackbirds**  
   (Vincent Van Gogh) ... ... Dutch
7. **Village Street** (Maurice de Vlaminck)  
8. **The Coal Waggon** (Jean Louis Géricault)  
9. **Souvenir de Morte Fontaine**  
   (Jean Baptiste Corot) ... ... French
10. **The Grand Canal, Venice** (Joseph Mallord Turner) ... ... English

These were followed this term by ten portraits, the first set in the group of Realist paintings.

1. **Beatrice d'Este** (Ambrogio di Predis) ... Italian
2. **John Chambers** (Hans Holbein the Younger)  
3. **Portrait of a Lady** (Sir Joshua Reynolds)  
4. **The Painter's Sons** (Peter Paul Rubens)  
5. **Henry Vanderburg** (Sir Anthony Van Dyck)  
6. **Portrait of a Young Man** (Angelo Bronzino)  
7. **Head of a Peasant** (Pieter Brueghel the Elder) ... ... Flemish
8. **Méry Laurent** (Edouard Manet) ... ... French
9. **The Man with the Gold Helmet**  
   (Rembrandt) ... ... Dutch
10. **Dr. Gachet** (Vincent Van Gogh) ... ... Dutch

It is exceptional to be able to see regularly such excellent reproductions of what are the world's greatest paintings, arranged with such knowledge and care. Boys should take full advantage of the opportunity.
SCOUT NOTES.

This year the School Troop went south to Devon for the Summer Camp. Seventeen of us, including two Rovers, camped for twelve days on the edge of Dartmoor, near Ivybridge in South Devon.

The weather was not very kind to us while we were there, and, but for several sunny days, it was cold and very misty. We had a terrific thunderstorm and only managed to dry our equipment by making use of an old schoolroom.

On the few hot days we bathed in the near-by River Erme.

From the Camp we paid a visit to Plymouth Navy Week. We also visited the Lee Moor China Clay Pits, Buckfastleigh Woollen Mills and Buckfast Abbey.

This term the Troop has been engaged in revising Tenderfoot tests and in instructing the seven new recruits who have swelled our numbers to twenty-three.

On the 25th November we held our Annual Banquet.

The Troop has been very kindly presented with a Troop Flag by Mr. and Mrs. Wyldes.

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

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

*House Captain*: H. H. Maddams.


This year has seen the House once again preparing itself for the more important events of the following terms. The present term is essentially one of training new boys to take their position in the House, the responsibility of which they will have to bear in future years.

We already have an enthusiastic boxing class from which we hope to produce some good fighters.

The Rugger teams have both set a high standard for us to keep up during the year. They won senior and junior matches against the Lions and the senior team drew with the Stags after a very hard game, the junior, unfortunately, lost against the Stags.

Last term we retained the Swimming Cup, this being the third time that we have won this award.

We have our House well represented in the 1st XV., and we must congratulate those who have gained their full and half colours this year.

In the scholastic line we must congratulate Maddams, Buttling and Dallas on gaining their Higher, and also those who passed their School Certificate Examination.
GRYPHONS.

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


The first Rugby House Match resulted in our being beaten by the Stags; we were unfortunate in that two of our best players were unable to play. Our First XV. was beaten by the Lions, but our Second XV. won. Green, Parkinson, Sharpe, Holt, Ford, Gent, Millward, Crompton, Barker, White and Smart represent the House in School XV.'s.

Owing to the fact that few juniors gained points for the House by passing Swimming tests, we finished third in the House Swimming Competition, held at the end of last term. Ford gained a great number of points for the House; next year more support is expected from the juniors.

We offer our congratulations to Green, who passed the Higher School Certificate Examination, Rose, Peck, Berrill and Sharpe who gained School Certificates; Green, Parkinson, Sharpe and Holt who have been awarded Rugby half colours, and Green who has been appointed an Acting Prefect.

LIONS.

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

Head of House: J. Remmington.

House Prefects: Brown, Betts, P. White, Mabbutt.

Having won the Cricket Cup jointly with the Dragons last term, we had hopes of beating them at Rugger, but we lost both senior and junior matches to them in the first House Matches. However, our seniors succeeded in beating the Gryphons. Our chances of winning the Cup do not now appear very great, but the final matches next term will decide.

We failed to win the Swimming Cup last term as we had, as usual, a deficiency in senior swimmers and divers. However, we again succeeded in winning the P.T. Cup by a large margin.

Boxing started after half-term, and we have good attendance at our Tuesday evening instructional classes under Mr. Pine. We have high hopes of retaining the Cup, as we have an exceptionally keen set of new boys in the lighter weights.

We congratulate Remmington on getting Higher School Certificate with Intermediate Exemption, Betts, Mabbutt, Port and White on getting School Certificate and London Matriculation, and Brown and Addis, T. F. H. on getting School Certificate.
Remmington and Betts (full colours), Brown, White and Howard (half colours) and Addis have played for the School Rugger 1st XV., and Mabbutt, Port, Felce, Houghton, D., Johnson, L., Neville, Houghton, D. B. and Bland have played for other Rugger teams.

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STAGS.

House Masters: Mr. B. W. Appleby, Mr. H. C. Phillips.
House Prefects: Bond, Mills, Holmes, Shirley.

Congratulations must be offered to Bond, for his achievements in the Higher School Certificate and to Holmes and Sherwood on gaining exemption from Matriculation.

Holmes is also to be complimented on being awarded his Rugby half colours; Mackness for playing for the 1st, 2nd and 'Under 15' XV.'s; Shirley, Pitcher and Fielder for the 2nd XV.; Plant, Jessop, Esson and Bland for the 'Under 15' XV., and Jones, Hall, Westnedge and Baxter for the 'Under 14' XV.

As a House, we have once more begun to make our weight felt. Last year we were runners-up in the Boxing, Swimming and P.T. Competitions, and this term our Rugger XV. has brought off deserving victories over the Gryphons and the First XV. drew with and the Second XV. beat the Dragons.

Nevertheless, having struggled so far up the ladder, we can only hope to reach the top if we are given enthusiastic support. Unless an unselfish and concerted effort is made we need not expect to win any of the forthcoming Inter-House Competitions.

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LONDON UNIVERSITY HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, JUNE, 1938.

J. Remmington English, French, Modern History, Additional Latin.
K. Dallas English, French, Geography, Additional Latin.
P. A. T. Green English, French, Geography.
VOYAGE EN BRETAGNE.

Thanks to the favourable rate of exchange, the facilities for foreign travel provided by the Youth Hostels Association, and the existence of some dozen hostels in Brittany, that part of Europe was an easy choice for three weeks’ holiday last August. We landed at St. Malo one sunny morning and crossed over the Rance by ferry to Dinard. Walking, we said, is a great exercise as we set out to cover twenty-one miles on the first day. We worked on the principle of resting every other day, and spent the second day at a small French village where we learned, to our cost, that we were not the expert cooks we had thought. Here, too, we learned of a system for walkers called “Auto-Stop,” which means what the name suggests, but please don’t think all our time was occupied in faking fatigue and cadging car-lifts. The country we found very interesting and there was much to detain us at most of our stopping-places. We spent five days at Binic at a lovely cliff-top hostel. This hostel, kept by six sisters,
who all looked very much alike, was a farm. We had our meals with the family in a room which seemed to serve all purposes and slept in the granary where we were invaded by two rats. We had an amusing but unsuccessful rat-hunt, armed with staves, but we eventually left the field to one of the many farm cats. Near Binic we watched a Breton Carnival Procession which, though picturesque, seemed even more disorderly than an English one. We stayed at Dinan, a historic old town, on our way to the famous Mont S. Michel which, though beautiful, was spoiled by crowds of tourists. Then we returned to S. Malo where we stayed for several days, and from there we went by boat up the beautiful gorge of the Rance to Dinan. At S. Malo the weather finally broke. Phoebus, who had been most inconsistent in his favours, disappeared, and we passed our time in playing at our own version of Russian billiards and attempting to buy presents.

The Youth Hostels of France were, except for one pretty common failing, comfortable as well as inexpensive and brought us into contact with various nationalities—Polish, Swiss, Belgian, Dutch and American. Of the French we must say that they were very friendly and helpful: their chief faults, as they seemed to us, were a surprising inability to make themselves understood in their own language and a disgusting taste in cider. We, too, became to some extent connoisseurs of French wines.

Inadequate accommodation on the boat, several hours delay, and a rough crossing made the return journey unpleasant, but we were compensated by an enjoyable day in London. We can strongly recommend others to take advantage of the opportunities, afforded by the Youth Hostels, of spending an amusing and instructive holiday in our own and other countries.

K. G. Dallas, H. H. Maddams, P. A. T. Green,
Form VI.

DOES WAR SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE?

This subject, which has been uppermost in people’s minds during recent weeks, has, like most other events of major importance, its pros and cons, but we are afraid that the benefits of war are greatly outweighed by its disastrous consequences as we here set out to show.

Chief among the causes which justify war is when a nation or nations declare war for the purpose of righting a wrong, or in other words, punishing the transgressor. If the transgressor nation is vanquished it usually submits to
the peace terms with a certain amount of grace, but, and as in the case of the last war, when the vanquished refused to admit themselves the transgressors, the peace terms are accepted with very bad grace, and the seeds are set for a future war of revenge.

One outstanding fact of the study of wars through history, is the very futility of it all. Some historians think, for instance, that the Crimean War was fought without a cause and finished practically without a result. In fact the weapon of war, like the weapon of the Strike in the industrial world, is more of a menace as a threat, than as an accomplished fact. That is to say, as recent events have proved, a nation is more likely to attain its objectives with the threat of war, than it would with actual war, providing of course, that the said nation is strong enough to back up its threats. This proves our contention that war does not justify itself.

The only profit, therefore, arising from any war, is that which is gained by the victors at the expense of the vanquished, and unless the peace terms have a due relation to justice, it is fairly safe to assume another war will follow sooner or later.

If the question of whether war serves any useful purpose is considered from the point of view of the armament manufacturers and the many other profiteers who thrive on a nation's anguish, their answer would undoubtedly be "Yes"—but, war to-day is a far different thing from the past conflicts of history. No longer is it possible for the nations at war to dispatch a few thousand men-at-arms or ships of war to some distant theatre of hostilities, and settle the matter with a fixed battle. Modern instruments of war such as long range guns and bombing aeroplanes which have annihilated space, makes it certain that no man, woman or child of the warring nations can count themselves immune from its terrible consequences.

Therefore we consider that the price any nation must pay in lives and treasure, even though ultimate victory is assured, is in itself so terrible to imagine that we definitely say—No—war does not serve any useful purpose.

C. R. PENNESS, Form Vb.

FISHING OFF BEAR ISLAND.

This year I again received an invitation to spend my August holidays on board a trawler, the "St. Nidan," which I readily accepted, and we sailed from Hull on Monday, August 8th, bound for Bear Island. It was foggy as we steamed down the Humber, and when once we had left Spurn Head astern and were in the North Sea, we started to roll slightly. The next day was fine and the sea calm, the sun being so hot.
that jerseys were not necessary. The following days were foggy in the morning, and it became colder the further northward we steamed. Trawling gear was rigged ready for fishing during this time, and about four days later, at tea-time, we sighted the coast of Norway.

The following Saturday morning, about three o’clock, I was called up on deck to see Bear Island, which was on our starboard quarter, a very rough and rocky island. The only inhabitants of the island are the wireless operators of the Norwegian Meteorological Station. Later on we picked up our buoy, which had been left there from the last trip, and about eleven a.m. we “shot” the nets. The trawl came up two hours later with a very poor catch. Next day the Skipper decided to steam for Spitzbergen, but catches there were not much bigger, so we steamed for a new position near Hope Island, which is about 150 miles east of Spitzbergen.

Catches were much better here and a large number of foreign trawlers were fishing these also. On Thursday our last trawl came up in the afternoon and later we steamed for home.

During the time we were steaming southward we encountered a slight storm, but the rest of the time the weather was fine. This enabled us to get the ship “ship-shape,” decks were swabbed, brasswork polished until it shone like gold, and woodwork and fittings “tween” decks cleaned. As we passed the Norwegian coast we saw many cargo steamers bound for the White Sea, for cargoes of timber, we also saw steamers with deck cargoes of pit-props, bound for Hull from Scandinavia.

Tuesday night we were to dock and after tea I washed and changed and went up on the bridge. We passed Spurn Head about eleven and after steaming up the river, dropped the anchor at one o’clock, to wait for high water. At last we were signalled for, and we weighed anchor and warped into the Dock, the first trawler in with another, the “St. Goran,” a close second. It was nearly time for the market to open and the “Bobblers” came aboard; they are the men who land the fish on the quay. After saying good-bye to some of the crew, my two friends and I climbed over the rails on the whaleback and reached “terra firma” after sixteen days at sea, and so ended a very interesting and happy holiday.

A. Wilson, Form Vb.
A VISIT TO THE SUGAR-BEET FACTORY AT PETERBOROUGH.

On November 19th a party of boys travelled by an early train to Peterborough. On arrival we had to walk about a mile to the British Sugar Corporation’s Factory. There our party was divided into two groups.

We first visited the unloading side where we saw men shovelling the beet from lorries and rail trucks into a water channel which floated the beet into the factory. A sample of each load of beet was tested in the laboratory in order to find the sugar content of the beet and according to their analysis the farmer’s price varied.

Then we went into the factory, which was extremely warm, and saw the beet being washed and sliced by machinery, some twelve hundred tons being dealt with each day. The idea of slicing was to make it easier to extract the juice as we saw in the next process. The sugar beet was now carried to a massive wooden coated tank in which the syrup was boiled and our guide showed us how the sugar crystallised out from the syrup. Underneath these tanks were barrels, on the floor below, into which the sugar was sent by chute. The sugar was dried in special barrels and the molasses separated and run off to a special container. The sugar was sent to the packing room, sacked, stitched by special machine and easily slid down to lorries waiting in a private roadway. There lorries took the sugar to a storehouse capable of holding forty thousand tons of sugar.

On leaving the works we went into a park and ate our lunch and then we went into the town where most of us went into the Cathedral, though several boys went out to see the Airport.

We returned home after an enjoyable day at six p.m.

R. W. NEEDLE, Form Vb.

A VISIT TO OSBORNE HOUSE.

The one day in my holidays which I enjoyed most was the one when I went on a small paddle steamer, the Emperor of India, to Cowes in the Isle of Wight. After an hour’s sailing from Bournemouth we reached the entrance to The Solent and passed two obsolete forts.

On arriving in Cowes Harbour we saw the German liner “Bremen” leaving Southampton Water, and also many yachts which the previous week had taken part in the Cowes Regatta.
We went ashore and after looking around the sea front we crossed over a wide creek by a chain ferry. On the opposite bank were some shipyards in which a fairly large cargo boat was being constructed. There was also a big factory belonging to Short Brothers’ Aircraft Company.

We then hired a taxi to take us the mile and a half to Osborne House, the one-time summer residence of Queen Victoria. We walked through many large rooms and corridors and saw relics associated with Queen Victoria’s reign. The most interesting room was the Durbar Room, in which were all the things connected with Victorian India and Africa. On leaving the house we went to the Swiss Chalet in the midst of vast parklands and gardens; this was where the young princes and princesses played. We saw the room in which the Queen died; the blinds of the room have remained drawn since her death.

We were sorry to leave such an interesting place but we had to return to Cowes to catch our boat.

A. HALL, Form IVa.

IMPRESSION OF A GALE.

Awaking on Tuesday morning I heard driving rain lashing against the window, and the noise of wind making the leaves rustle on the trees in the front garden. Now and then I had a glimpse of the “Relay” wireless wires swaying to and fro in the wind. In the hall downstairs there were leaves scattered about on the floor after the wind had blown them under the front door. Outside, the bean-sticks had been blown out of the ground and rubbish which was ready to burn was scattered about the garden. On my way to School I noticed that people in the streets had their hands on their heads so that their hats would not blow off, whilst others were running about trying to pick up their hats which had already blown off. Here my observations must cease for it would not be wise to reveal how much I can see from the form-room window.

J. TURNER, Form IVb.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS’ AND CLUBS’ CAMP, 1938.

The School representatives this year at the Annual Camp held in Chatsworth Park were Ingram and myself. We cycled the ninety-odd miles in about nine hours. On arrival at the camp we were allotted to different sections, and we
found an old boy, Sears, also in camp. Each section comprised about fourteen boys and there were about fourteen sections. These sections competed in games, varying from Tug-o'-War to "Foot and Hand" (a glorified game of Rugby). Points were awarded for the best sections at games, and at kit inspection each day. At the end of the week the Duke of Devonshire came to the camp and presented a cup to the winning section.

The camp was roused at 7; there followed breakfast, kit inspection, games, and then lunch. The afternoons were free for private pursuits, and at 8 each evening an entertainment was provided by members of the camp, followed by a film. This procedure was followed each day, except one, when two sections were on "fatigue."

One of the most interesting features of the week was a game of "Foot and Hand," between the camp and a neighbouring camp. The camp team, which won, was captained by Sears.

On the last Saturday everyone was up at 5-30 to strike camp, and by 8 we were on our way home, having made many acquaintances, likely to be preserved for a long time.

H. W. Catlin, Form VI.

THE MARIONETTES.

On October 17th a party of boys went to see the Marionette Show at the Girls’ School. The company who gave the excellent performance is the only one of its kind in the world. We had been previously told the programme was to have been "Dr. Faustus," but this was unfortunately not performed, and the "Magic Fiddle," a comedy was performed in its place.

Although I have seen several Marionette shows they have never equalled the standard displayed by this company. The whole company only consisted of five players—three of whom worked the beautifully carved 'characters' and the other two did the speaking and singing. Every figure was worked by strings fixed to different parts of the body, and according to the action required the string was pulled. How they worked these strings was remarkable, even more so when the end came with the entire 'cast' performing a minuet. Even the expressions of the characters' faces were life-like.

P. Wyldes, Form IIIA.
AN EXCITING EPISODE IN MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

My summer holiday I spent in Cornwall, which is very well known for its rocky coast.

One afternoon, after waiting patiently for the tide to go out, we commenced a game of hide and seek amongst the rocks. I heard a call for help which came from a large hole high up in the rock. We climbed up and after going along some yards the passage suddenly stopped, and there was a very deep old mine shaft. It was pitch dark and to our amazement we could not find where the call came from so we shouted and the reply came from down the shaft.

Fortunately there was a lifebelt and rope hanging on the cliff a little way along which we fetched, and by the light of torches made with newspaper we were able to see a boy about twenty feet below standing waist deep in water on a plank with still very many feet of water below him; after letting the rope down we commenced to haul him up. When we got him to the top he ran as fast as his legs would carry him to daylight and safety once again.

G. JOHNSON, Form IIIb.

MY FIRST NIGHT UNDER CANVAS.

It was a fine day in August as my brother and I tramped along the dusty highway. After going about a quarter of a mile further we spotted a farm house. Knocking on the door my brother asked the farmer if we could camp in one of his fields. He said he would be pleased and would supply us with anything we wanted. After giving him our thanks we climbed over a gate which was next to the house. Choosing a suitable spot we pitched our tent, and while my brother made some supper, I made the beds. After supper we put out the fire and went to bed.

At first I could not sleep, for the moon was shining on the canvas and giving a ghostly colour. I began to listen to the noises outside, the rustle of the leaves, and an occasional hoot of an owl. I began to feel lonely so I turned to my brother but I found he was already asleep. When I saw this I covered my head with my clothes and tried to go to sleep. The bed was not like I was used to; it was hard and bumpy, but it was warm, for I had plenty of blankets; at last the warmth of my bed made me go to sleep. When I woke up it was early morning, and so ended my first night under canvas.

J. JOHNSON, Form IIa.
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK.

Sunday starts this procession of days, each of which has its own, small, particular activity and romance. Usually when I get up on a Sunday morning I have a curious feeling of restfulness and quietness. This is due I think to the lack of noise and boisterous activity one meets during the other days of the week. For instance on a Sunday morning, one does not hear, or see, paper boys shouting about the streets but one does see quiet, peace-loving citizens walking nicely along to church, or perhaps to some other valuable institution. This is my summary of Sunday—the day of rest.

Monday, which follows Sunday, is not a very thrilling day altogether. My usual impression of Monday is of a dark, stormy, cold day, with storms brewing every few hours. When I get up on a Monday, I look through my window, and by jove, it nearly always makes me shiver. Dark clouds, blotting out any rays of the sun, and a biting wind everywhere.

Two more days of real interest to me are Friday and Saturday. I should think everybody likes Friday because to most of us it is the last working day in the week. I know when I get up on a Friday I say to myself "hurrah, good old Friday again, you’re welcome, old bean," and I must say sometimes I jolly well mean it. On a Saturday my usual routine is to get up about 9 o’clock and just roll leisurely along all day feeling absolutely content with myself. I think it is a day when nobody likes to do any real, hard work, but just do a few odd jobs in the morning and in the afternoon go to the pictures or to some other amusements. At night I just read, or, well—lounge about all the time. This is Saturday in my opinion.

The two remaining days are Tuesday and Wednesday, both of which are in the centre of the week. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are more or less the same to me. They are just the days when one must plod along and when one must look forward to Friday, and a holiday.

SUTTON, Form IVb.

SHOOTING PIGEONS.

Some people, no doubt, think it a great bore to sit in the woods waiting to shoot pigeons. I have a gun and find a lot of pleasure in waiting for them to come in to the wood to roost and then shooting them. This is the time of the year when they are at their best. In our spinney, which is called Blackberry Spinney, there is plenty of cover and one can hide in the bushes where they will very often settle.

J. BENNIE, Form IIb.
THE ENGLISH CLASSICAL PLAYERS.

On Monday, November 28th, a number of Masters and boys attended an evening performance of Henry IV., Part I., at the Girls' County High School. The play was given by the English Classical Players, a company who tour schools giving Shakespearean, and other classics. In doing this they have two objects in view, firstly to give plays set in the Oxford and Cambridge Examinations, and so help students that are sitting for them, and secondly to interest people in the theatre, so that they may become the theatre-lovers of the future.

The acting was superb and we greatly enjoyed the jovial Sir John Falstaff in his good humoured fooleries, and the fiery Hotspur, but these were only two of several fine characters.

On Friday, December 2nd, the same company gave Twelfth Night in the School Hall, this play was as good, if not better than Henry IV. We all thoroughly appreciated this delightful comedy and enjoyed many laughs at the expense of Malvolio. Again, in this play, the acting left nothing to be desired and we shall be very pleased to see them if they ever come again.

D. Pope, Form Va.

LONDON.

It must have been about eight forty-five when we got out of the train at St. Pancras, and, dodging many mechanical luggage trucks, my father and I finally found refuge at the end of the platforms.

I looked up at the glazed roof to see if any of it had been cleaned, but on seeing that it was all fairly dirty I felt rather disappointed in the L.M.S.R.

We stood for a moment or two at the top of the steps at the entrance of the station, and as we looked around us, it seemed as if we had walked into a totally different life.

Glancing through the buses and trolley buses in front of us, we saw the cinema on the opposite side of the road having its daily wash and brush up, and on our left a new Underground Station was being constructed, and the hissing of trolley buses combined with the noise made by pneumatic drills and shouts of street sellers to put life and vigour into our view.

As our visit was for our own pleasure, we took a bus for Hyde Park, and the typical Autumn day, with the ground coated with golden leaves, made me think of newspaper photographs I had seen and of how exciting it was to be on the spot where these photos had been taken.

As we walked further into the Park it seemed very funny to be able to hear the birds singing, and to see people sitting in chairs reading books and papers, and some of them even asleep; in fact all these things were in striking contrast to the roar of London's traffic which was only a hundred yards away.

P. Desborough, Form IVa.
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