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In Memoriam

We regret to record the deaths on Active Service of the following Old Boys:—

P. Buxton.
J. O. Cooper.
A. E. Davies.
N. H. Fraser
T. W. A. Hill.
F. Kelly.
W. H. McDowell.
C. P. B. Molyneux.
W. D. Murray.
R. D. W. Parry.

Editorial

IN this, the first post-war issue of the School Magazine, it is gratifying to be able to record that the School is quickly returning to normal. The revival of Speech Day, hinted at in our last issue, and, even more, the return of several members of the pre-war staff, are indications of the change that is taking place. But in world affairs it cannot be said that the fruits of peace are yet being enjoyed; they will have to be gained by our labours, and it is wise to reflect in a moment of seriousness that it is for this task of building up a lasting peace that we at school are now preparing.

It is a curious coincidence that this is also the first issue of our Magazine since the New Education Act began to operate. Although complicated registers and shortened holidays are features of the Act which are distasteful to masters and boys alike, it must not be forgotten that it gives every boy with ability the chance to have a sound education, which is a great step forward. There is, however, the possibility that in our eagerness to make progress we may lose one great tradition of the past—the idea that a school is a community and not merely a place where languages or mathematics or science are taught. Without a reversion to the boarding school it is indeed difficult to make this idea a reality, yet it can be achieved through the School societies, and by taking an active part in the life of the School we may develop that sense of responsibility, “each to each and each to all,” which is so much needed at this time. For it is not through academic studies alone that we can be educated; the playing field and the society meeting have their place beside the classroom, and it behoves every boy to make his contribution to the corporate life of the School by trying to do his best in all three spheres.

Such remarks may seem rather out of place at the beginning of a School Magazine; but these pages are mainly a record of the various activities of the School, and their purpose is to stimulate interest as well as to provide pleasure, and although we cannot boast, like Horace, that our thin volume is a *monumentum aere perennius*, if it accomplishes this two-fold object we shall be satisfied.

Obituary

MR. S. V. BROWN

Mr. S. V. Brown died on the 2nd June last year after over thirty years of unselfish and devoted service to the School, of which he had been Vice-Principal since 1932. The Institute has always commanded the loyalty of outstanding men, but there was something unique about S.V.'s personality which made him one of the most lovable men the School has known. He was a scholar of no mean order whose interests extended far beyond his own special subject of Chemistry; as a teacher he was in the highest rank and his skill in the technique of his job made all his lessons stimulating and challenging, and led to his being frequently consulted by professional associations and examining bodies. He had no time for the slacker or dawdler. Everybody, he used to say, whether man or boy, has his job to do: let him do it then wholeheartedly and without thought of himself or of his own convenience. But for the weaker brethren who for all their trying find things difficult, he had every sympathy, and many a boy owes much to his kindly encouragement. Mean thoughts were far from him and he was always ready to think the best of people and give them his trust. He had plenty of shrewd commonsense which helped him to tackle problems courageously and successfully and made his advice well worth seeking and acting upon. He lived for the School and nothing that concerned it was alien from him. Who of us will ever forget his enthusiasm for cricket, or his fostering of budding talent at the Literary and Debating Society, his organising ability, in School Camps and excursions, and his unsparing labours for the Old Boys' Association. Long will his work serve as an inspiration to those of us who are left and long will his memory be revered in the School he loved so well.

'Non omnis moriar multaue pars mei vitabit Libitinam.'



THE grim days of the war are past, and it is fitting that at the head of these notes, which have always fairly reflected school life, we should look forward to a happier future and to the ever increasing good fortune and fame of the School.

To celebrate final victory, the school and the Collegiate school enjoyed a concert at the Philharmonic Hall on the 28th September. The excellent programme included conjuring, juggling, songs, ventriloquism, and community singing by the two schools. We thank all the artists for giving us such a fine entertainment.

At the general election, the School returned a Labour member for "Innyborough"; the four main parties each took much trouble to win the electorate to its cause by holding "mass meetings," conducting brains-trusts, and by displaying colourful posters. Mr. Peters, the returning officer, must be thanked for his guidance and help, which made the election as realistic as possible. The polling figures were: S. R. Barter (Lab.) 337, V. G. Lunt (C.) 285, K. H. Boswell (L.) 196; A. Durband, the Communist candidate, finally withdrew in favour of S. R. Barter, to prove the value of a united left front.

At the end of the summer term Mr. Holmes and Miss H. B. Cooke left us. Mr. Holmes will be missed by all, and probably more than any by the Scout troop, for whom he did so much. To them both we extend our hearty wishes for every success.

In Mr. Holmes' place on the classical side, we welcome Mr. D. W. Rowell, B.A., of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

It pleases everyone, and particularly those of us who remember them (for so long, unfortunately, has been their absence) to have Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Cretney, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Folland, Mr. Ledger, Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Reece, Mr. Sutcliffe, and Mr. Willott amongst us once again.

We congratulate Mr. Telfer on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations also to Mr. Reece, who has been awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division).

During the past term, Mr. Lawrence Holt spoke to the Prefects, in the Prefects' Room, on the problems of the moment.

The first Speech Day for seven years has been held, and the forthcoming Hobby Show will bring school activity still nearer the pre-war level.

The following successes have been won by senior boys:—At Oxford, D. Cashdan and J. R. Little have been elected to Open Exhibitions in Classics at Wadham and Magdalen Colleges respectively. At Cambridge, K. H. Boswell has been elected to an Open Scholarship in Classics at Sidney Sussex College; C. F. Parry has been elected to an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Gonville and Caius College, and K. J. Doran and T. J. Snow have been elected to Open Scholarships in Modern Languages at Pembroke College and Trinity Hall respectively. To all we offer our congratulations.

Miss Eleanor Allen, whose father was an Old Boy and later Chemistry Master at this School, has presented to the School the sum of £20 to be invested in order to provide an annual prize to be known as "The George Herbert Allen Prize" for a Sixth Form Essay on "England and the Commonwealth of Nations," or some similar subject connected with England and the Empire.

Members of the School attended two concerts of classical music at the Philharmonic Hall during the Autumn term, and at the end of the term the whole School went to the Philharmonic Hall to see a film show presented by the Merseyside Film Institute Society. In addition to these visits, on the 14th September, the School went to the Odeon Cinema to see the film "Henry V."

On the last Tuesday of the Autumn term the Prefects and some members of the Sixth Forms held a party to which Prefects of the Girls' Secondary Schools of Liverpool were invited. The Headmaster and Mrs. Edwards were present and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

F. A. O. Hobson left at the end of last term. He was a Sergeant in the J.T.C. and all who knew him wish him every success in his future career.

At the beginning of this term we found that Miss Morris had left the School: although she had been with us only a comparatively short time, she will be missed by all, and we wish her good fortune for the future.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. W. H. Doughty upon his appointment as Vice-Principal of the School. Although this appointment was necessitated by the tragic death of Mr. S. V. Brown, the choice of Mr. Doughty as his successor has helped greatly to mitigate the blow which the School suffered.

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House Notes

ALFRED HOLT.

ONCE again the House has failed lamentably. Both on the sports field and on the football field no honour has been gained. Contrary to the belief of many members of the house the annual Sports day is not an opportunity for these "gentlemen" to gaze with wonder and admiration upon their hardier brethren, but the sports field is the place where every boy should do his utmost to support his House. In this dismal year of failure the only consolation that remains is that the Senior Football team reached the Inter Term Final of the Horsfall Cup, only to be narrowly beaten. To raise the House to its former high standard, a much greater effort on the part of everyone is needed, and so we appeal to all members to have a proper sense of their responsibilities and to do better in the future. The past supremacy must be restored.

H. A. OULTON.

D. P. BLACKSTOCK.

OWEN.

It is seldom that a House Captain has to give an exhortation to the junior members of his House. Yet it was only through the efforts of the Seniors last year that the House won the sports. We must pay special tribute to A. P. Parry and A. D. Brown for their fine performances and for amassing so many points between them. The Seniors had to share the Cricket Cup with Tate. This year it is the same. The Seniors have won the first leg of the Horsfall Cup for Football. The House has become top by the efforts of its older members. It must not rest on its laurels. Let everyone in Owen strive hard to make Owen again undisputed leader of both Seniors and Juniors, second to none and far superior to all. It can be done if everyone pulls his weight.

K. H. BOSWELL.

PHILIP HOLT.

EVEN though the Seniors have not succeeded in carrying off any of the school trophies, the fact that the Juniors triumphed in last term's House football competition augurs well for the future. Their enthusiasm suggests that Philip will be foremost in the return to the keen inter-house competitive spirit which has partly been lost during the war. Before the next magazine the first post-war sports day will have taken place. If more people participate in it and fewer merely cheer on the touch line, there is no reason why we cannot grasp the success which just evaded us last time.

In conclusion the House would like to express its thanks to Mr. Halton and to G. H. Low for the keen interest they have shown in all our activities.

A. DURBAND.

TATE.

I REGRET to say that in all the fields of sporting activity, the House has met with sorry failure. This is due to no lack of sporting talent in the House, but to the state of complete apathy into which the whole of the Senior House, with the exception of one or two members, has fallen. Tate shared the Whitehouse Senior Cricket Cup with Owen in the Summer term, but this has been completely overshadowed by its lack of success in all other activities.

In the Horsfall Football Cup of the Autumn term, the seniors were eliminated in the first round. The juniors, setting a worthy example to their elder brethren, reached the final, but were beaten by a very narrow margin.

In the School Sports last Summer, Tate seniors, as usual, distinguished themselves by coming last, while the juniors made a slight improvement on this by reaching third place.

I must beg the House, as a whole, to rouse itself from its lethargy, and in the future to strive to improve its bad record. To do this, every member must enter wholeheartedly into all the House's activities, and not to stand on the touchline, watching a few keen members striving to make up for their own laziness. The future rests with you yourselves, Tate, so look to it!

C. A. L. MARSH.

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Cricket Notes

THE beginning of the season brought a severe loss to school cricket with the death of Mr. S. V. Brown, master in charge. Each Saturday Mr. Brown would come to watch the 1st XI and give valuable criticism and advice. School cricket interested him more than any other activity; when he was ill he planned to supervise cricket at Greenbank during his convalescence. I am sure that all school cricketers, past and present, will join me in offering our sympathy to Mrs. Brown and her family.

The standard of play in school cricket was much inferior to previous seasons. Only three of last season's team remained in the side. The 1st XI was, therefore, a very young side, and our failure was due more to lack of experience than to lack of ability.

The batting, as usual, was the main weakness of last season's team. A three figure score was only once attained.

The fielding also was not up to standard. It must be remembered that it plays just as important part in the game as batting or bowling.

Credit for the five matches in which victory was achieved, was due to the bowlers, namely, Rawlinson and Boaz, our medium-to-fast bowlers. They were ably assisted by Forster and Wright and were instrumental in keeping our opponents' totals comparatively low.

May I extend my thanks to all members of the Staff who gave up their time to umpire both home and away matches. Special mention must be made of Mr. Booth who took over Mr. Brown's duty and Mr. Naylor who kept a watchful eye on the 1st team for Mr. Booth.

Apart from his excellent coaching and advice at practices on the square, George Wass should be congratulated on maintaining the square in good trim under adverse conditions.

Finally, may I offer my appreciation to F. Forster, who acted as secretary in a quiet and efficient manner?

R. M. RUMJAHN.

SUMMARY, 1945

1st XI...	...	...	Played 10	...	Won 5	...	Lost 5
2nd XI...	...	...	Played 6	...	Won 1	...	Lost 5
3rd XI...	...	...	Played 7	...	Won 3	...	Lost 4
Under 13 XI...	...	...	Played 2	...	Won 0	...	Lost 2

1ST XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings	Times Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Rumjahn, R. M.	10	0	256	74	25.6
Boswell, K. H.	8	2	88	41*	14.6
Alderson, G. W.	8	0	51	31	6.38
Lloyd, E.	9	1	50	13	6.25
Rawlinson, L. A.	10	1	55	16*	6.1
Wright, D. P.	7	2	23	10*	4.6
Thomas, D.	8	0	34	10	4.25
Forster, F.	10	0	37	12	3.7
Davies, J. A. H.	9	1	24	6	3
Barter, S. R.	9	1	23	7	2.88
Boaz, W.	9	4	10	4	2

Also Batted.

Hamilton, L. A.	1	1	0	0*	—
Topping, A.	1	0	2	2	2
Johnson, D.	3	0	0	0	0

* Signifies not out.

1ST XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Wright, D. P.	31.3	12	41	6	6.83
Rawlinson, L. A.	97.1	26	206	30	6.86
Forster, F.	49	4	178	18	9.8
Boaz, W.	82	20	211	17	12.41

Also Bowled.

Rumjahn, R. M.	2	0	15	1	15
Johnson, D.	4	0	15	0	0

FIELDING.

Catches.—

Rawlinson 6, Forster 4, Alderson 3, Rumjahn 3, Thomas 3, Davies 2, Lloyd 2, Wright 2, Barter 1, Johnson 1, Low, K. 1.

1st XI Full Colours have been re-awarded to F. Forster and R. M. Rumjahn.

Full Colours awarded to L. A. Rawlinson.

Half Colours awarded to W. Boaz, J. A. H. Davies, E. Lloyd, K. B. Low and D. P. Wright.

CRITIQUE.

RUMJAHN, R. M. One of the best batsmen the School has produced. He made several large scores on occasions when no other batsman achieved double figures; indeed a respectable total was seldom achieved on the occasions of a batting failure on his part. As a captain, he was sometimes slow to make bowling changes, although it is fair to say that the choice at his disposal was strictly limited.

FORSTER, F. As an opening batsman he had a disappointing season. On numerous occasions he opened in a most promising manner with sure strokes, only to lose his wicket shortly after, by bungling. He had more success with the ball, but unless he can achieve greater speed through the air and more versatility off the pitch, he will not take the wickets of experienced batsmen, who know how to use their feet.

RAWLINSON, L. A. A good medium-to-fast bowler who always makes the batsman play the ball. He bowls accurately throughout an innings and does not tire. What has happened to his batting? He has all the strokes but does not apply them quickly enough. A very safe slip field.

LLOYD, E. A useful left-hand bat if there is anyone at the other end getting runs quickly. He must learn to punish loose balls.

DAVIES, J. A. He let through few byes considering there were three fast bowlers in the side. He is more a stopper than wicket-keeper for he uses his legs well, but too often. He is slow in attempting to stump.

BOSWELL, K. H. An effective batsman at times, but his style is not copied from the better books of cricket. A good keen deep field.

BOAZ, W. A very fast bowler for his size. He uses his small height to the best advantage. He should cultivate his out-swing for hard wickets. Should do well next season.

ALDERSON, G. W. Has the right temperament for an opening bat, but did not succeed there. Strong on the leg side and a useful field.

WRIGHT, D. P. Also uses his height when bowling and comes off the pitch quicker than expected. Very enthusiastic.

THOMAS, D. There is room for an improvement in batting. He would be a good fielder if he used his hands more instead of his feet. A useful reserve wicket-keeper.

BARTER, S. R. The one stroke he has is correctly executed, but he must learn others.

Association Football

THIS year the School teams have made a very disappointing start to the season and must certainly have caused members of the School to think that there was very little chance of emulating the successes of previous years. This need not be the case, however, for with a continued effort and keenness of spirit, both the Senior and Junior teams are capable of achieving success in the Shield Competitions. I would ask all members of these teams to show a determination and spirit which cannot be broken, and which will eventually lead to success.

The First XI at the start of the season seemed to be doomed to defeat, but lately with eleven regular players the team has played better football and has started to register a run of successes. The weakness of the team lies in the lack of co-operation between the forwards and the defence, and the slowness of anticipation amongst certain members of the forward line.

The fortunes of the Second XI have not been good, owing mainly to the amount of experimental work which has taken place, and which has necessitated a different combination each week. With a more or less regular eleven, this team should improve and achieve more success in the second half of the season. The Third XI with more experience and better co-operation during the second half of the season should be able to change the luck of the School in the Junior Shield. Although the Under 13 XI has only played a few games, the players have shown their enthusiasm and have not yet suffered a defeat.

I would like to thank those members of the Staff who have helped so much with the School teams, notably Mr. Peters and Mr. Moy with the First XI; Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Telfer with the Second XI; and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Booth with the Junior teams. The School teams owe a great deal to these masters, and it is up to the players to show them some success for all their work. Thanks are also due to George Wass for keeping Greenbank in good condition, and for keeping the limited quantity of equipment in working order; to Alfred Holt & Co. for the very generous loan of their ground at Riversdale Road, and to their groundsman for the excellent condition in which he has always kept the ground; and to Mr. Watterson for his kindness in the refreshment line. Last but by no means least we are indebted to Mr. Reece for his general helpfulness with both aspects of the game, and to L. A. Rawlinson for work as Secretary.

On going to press the results of the First XI games are as follows:—

Played 11. Won 5. Lost 6. Goals: For, 21. Against, 27.

The following boys have played regularly for the First XI: Morris, A. B.; Horton, Donaldson; Childs, Low, G., Marsh; Parry, C. F. Boaz, Willcox, Rawlinson, Alecock.

These boys have also played:—Sinnott, Low, K., Morris, M. T. Kneale, Lunt, Giddings, Ridland, Oulton.

G. H. Low.

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Hockey Notes

WITH only two of last year's team left, the School has this year a young team, many of whom will be staying on for many more years. This, while it will pay great dividends in the future, leaves the team weaker than last year. All the players show great keenness and, though lacking in the finer points of the game, will soon acquire the necessary knowledge of stick work and quick, accurate passing which are essential in this fast game. Yet it may be said with truth that the team plays as a team and not as a collection of individuals. Some hesitation is still shown in tackling quickly and effectively, and too often an opponent is allowed to go through because of unwillingness among the forwards to tackle back. One of the greatest assets of the team, however, is its speed, especially among the backs. Even when by-passed they often stop dangerous movements by their speed of recovery. The halves mark well and generally find the forwards with their passes. The latter, however, often fritter away their chances by slowness in passing or centring. While it is best to draw a man before passing, dancing around the ball is not getting any nearer to the other goal. And it should be remembered that the ball, when hit, moves very much faster than any player can.

The 2nd team, also very young, shows considerable promise, although there, too, the tendency is to bunch instead of playing a fast, open game.

Our thanks are due to Miss Harkness and Mr. Halton for umpiring and for the advice they have given the team. We also thank the chef, Mr. Watterson, for the teas he prepares, and H. A. Oulton for arranging the fixtures.

The team has usually been chosen from: H. A. Oulton, D. P. Blackstock, J. R. Little, Owens, Finch, Eedle, R. G. Evans, Mayne, Lipton, K. H. Boswell, McKay, and Strapps.

RESULTS (up to December 31st).

1st XI. Played 9. Won 7. Lost 2.

Goals: For, 39. Against, 18.

2nd XI. Played 2. Won 2.

Goals: For, 9. Against, 1.

K. H. BOSWELL.

Fives Notes

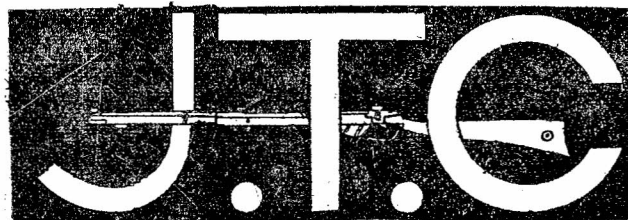
Play has been resumed during the last two terms, since the arrival of new balls, and a fair standard has been maintained. However, players seem afraid to hit the ball hard and thus lose the added enjoyment of a fast game.

As so many boys wish to play, it is only possible to allocate four or five courts a term to each player. Therefore, will boys please play doubles as far as possible, and when unable to play pass on their courts to someone else, to avoid wastage?

If any boys who would like to learn to play Fives will contact me this term, I shall make arrangements to teach them.

V. G. LUNT.

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IN the Summer term the contingent held two Field-days at Formby. On the second occasion the unit was divided into three platoons. One of these, under the command of C.Q.M.S. Muldowney, formed the defence, while the others, under the command of C.S.M. Preston, formed the attack, which, as is usually the case, was unsuccessful.

Two Field-days were planned for the Autumn Term. The first took place in October and was held at Formby, where the recruits were taught the use of cover and the intricacies of field-signals, while the Certificate "A" candidates, under the guardianship of post-Certificate "A" cadets, staged a mock attack. The second Field-day, which was to have been held on December 3rd, was cancelled owing to the severity of the weather.

The unit has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of an Army sergeant to instruct the Certificate "A," Part II, candidates in foot drill and weapon-training on the Wednesday afternoon parades.

In the Certificate "A" examinations held in June, eleven Part II candidates and eight Part I candidates were successful. The prospective candidates for the December Certificate "A"

examinations were disappointed to learn that the examination had been postponed.

At this point, it is unfortunately necessary to point out to all members of the contingent that their subscriptions are due on the first day of each term, and that tardiness in this respect causes the officers a good deal of unnecessary trouble.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Bowen on his promotion to Lieutenant. We shall be very sorry to lose Sergeant Hobson, and we would convey to him the best wishes of the contingent for his future career.

C. A. L. MARSH, C.S.M.

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A.T.C. Notes

LAST term the activities of the squadron ranged from a swimming gala to the N.C.O.'s. courses at Halton, at which senior cadets earned highly commendable reports. Of our two field days, one was marred by rain, only to be saved by a camp film show; the other was utilized for preliminary tests, notably drill for proficiency, the results of which were very satisfactory. We congratulate the senior cadets who gained their Proficiency certificate at the end of last term. A shooting team was formed late in the term and we hope that they will be successful in their bid for the command trophy.

To the recruits we give this advice. The proficiency tests are easy, provided you show some interest and are willing to put in some practice, however small, in what you are taught. The mathematics are no harder than fourth form maths., and the navigation can, if taken in the right spirit, be really interesting.

Once again we thank the officers of the squadron for their services during a very trying period. The future of the A.T.C. is in the balance. If we, in this air age, show some interest it will pull through.

K. H. BOSWELL, F/Sgt.

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Halton Training Course, 1945

STIMULATED by the pleasant warmth of a Summer morning, a party of enthusiastic members of the school squadron of the Air Training Corps assembled at Lime Street Station to entrain for the R.A.F. Station at Halton, where we were to undergo a week of intensive training.

Our "specially reserved accommodation" having failed to

materialise, we managed to annex an empty compartment and enjoyed a comfortable yet uneventful journey to Wendover.

On entering the precincts of the R.A.F. Station, we were greatly impressed by the magnitude of the parade ground; indeed the first sight of it produced such misgivings that one cadet was heard to express some doubt as to whether or not his journey was really necessary. We were taken over at this point by a sergeant of formidable appearance, who looked us over . . . wondered . . . then issued us with our equipment. After investigating the possibilities of the N.A.A.F.I., we turned in early by common consent.

The next day, Sunday, produced nothing more eventful than an issue of denim overalls, but on Monday, after an early breakfast, we started a weapon training course, using the rifle, the Sten gun, and the Mills grenade. After an interesting and instructive day we rejoined the rest of our party who were taking a course of instruction in air navigation and were struck by their unusually subdued appearance. This was apparently their reaction to finding themselves under the tutelage of the Station Warrant Officer, and their spirits were not improved by the evening occupation of cleaning the barrack room—an essential but unpopular weekly feature of life at Halton.

Tuesday saw us rise promptly in obedience to the “wakey, wakey—rise and shine!” of the sergeant; after breakfast we were informed that we needed exercise and were taken for a two and a half miles cross-country run, following which we were given rifles and bayonets and made to charge up and down a very large field, howling strange imprecations and making fierce gestures. This, we were told subsequently, was a lesson in bayonet fighting, and whatever else it may or may not have done, it certainly gave us a new and fuller appreciation of the delights of a cold shower. After tea an enthusiastic flight-sergeant held forth at considerable length extolling the virtues of cricket, and then, in true R.A.F. style, detailed 22 “volunteers” to play on what proved to be a really first class cricket field, where we all enjoyed a very good game.

Tired and sleepy-eyed we turned in after supper, hoping for a good night's rest; but alas, the R.A.F. apprentices at Halton had other ideas, and in the dead of the night some very stalwart ghosts walked. In consequence of sundry nocturnal events, of which a rousing tale could be told, we awoke the next morning with little of our usual vigour, but soon we entered into the spirit of a very realistic exercise in attack and defence which was enlivened by exploding blanks and giant fireworks.

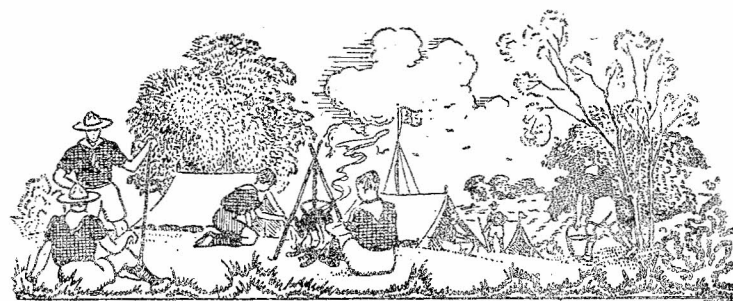
The next morning was spent on the rifle range, firing rifles and Sten guns, much to the discomfort of certain cadets; and in the afternoon we had the honour to be present at the passing-out

parade of the R.A.F. apprentices, whose regimental goat caused considerable amusement by its extremely eccentric behaviour on parade.

After the A.T.C. examination, in which all members of the school squadron received very commendable marks, we regretfully left Halton on the Saturday morning with the praise of the Commanding Officer ringing in our ears: “Dashed good show, chaps! Dashed good show!”

L. A. BARDSLEY and T. D. CRAINE.

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Scout Notes

IN the last Scout Notes reference was made to a Youth Hostels hiking tour, which the Leaders intended to make in North Wales during the Easter holidays. This tour was duly made, and the hostels of Bodlonfa Hall, Gyffiliog and Maeshafn were visited. This tour proved to be so much of a success that we hope to arrange something similar this coming Easter.

During the Summer Term we held our customary two field-days. The first took place at Tawd Vale, where the troop practised the building of camp kitchens and gadgets; and the second took the form of a hike. Half the troop started from Allerton, the other half from Bowring Park, and the two parties met at Hale Church for dinner, after which the whole troop walked to Speke, via the shore.

The crowning point of the term was the series of Patrol Camps held at Tawd Vale between Half-Term and Summer Camp. These were a great success, thus proving the capabilities of both our Leaders and Scouts. When a patrol camps under its own patrol leader the patrol system is *really* operating, and the Scouts are getting the very best out of Scouting.

We again held our summer camp at Brynbach, and, although the weather was perhaps not quite so favourable as the previous year, the camp was a great success. It gave the new boys an opportunity to put into practice what they had learned during the troop meetings in the past year, and also to use the experience already gained at patrol camp.

At the end of summer camp we said good-bye to Mr. Holmes, our A.S.M. We are very grateful to Mr. Holmes for all the untiring work which he has done for the troop, and it was with very great regret that we saw him go, but we wish him the very best of success and happiness at his new school in Scotland.

With the commencement of the Autumn Term, Marsden and Morris were raised to the rank of troop leaders. This year we received only a small number of new recruits, who are all well on the way towards Second Class. We are pleased to note that we now have a good percentage of older boys in the troop. Due to the weather, we held only one field-day during the Autumn Term. This took place at Hale Cliff. Meetings have been held alternately on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings in the gymnasium.

We congratulate Martin upon gaining his Gold All-Round Cords, and Swallow upon gaining his Red and White All-Round Cords, and also all other boys who have gained badges during the course of the year.

In closing we should like to thank Mr. Haig for all the time which he gives up in untiring work for the troop.

D. E. MARSDEN, T.L.

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"With the XIVth Army"

DURING last term, Major Freeman visited the school to explain the campaigns fought in Burma, and he held us spellbound for an hour with his account of the adventures of the Chindits and of the part he himself played in the fighting in the Japanese rear.

Particularly interesting were his stories of the attack at "Broadway," where a last-minute rearrangement, brought on by the destruction of the other landing-strip, "Piccadilly," forced gliders to land at the rate of one a minute. While we realise the perils of those airborne troops, we may laugh at the "hair-raising" experience of the helmetless pilot and the hungry mule behind him. The Major's clear description of the geography of the country, his explanation of the tactics, and his narrative of

the breath-taking adventures of his own glider, which became detached from the main force, combined to make his talk at once instructive and exciting.

A film was shown giving glimpses of jungle warfare and proving the difficulties of the commissariat. Major Freeman exhibited several souvenirs, including a Japanese rifle, light-mortar, and knapsack, which had so many straps that one wonders how the Japanese infantry was ever ready in time; also a box of the unappetizing diet, K rations, on which the Chindits lived in emergency (not forgetting "char," of course).

Major Freeman's visit, besides teaching the school the art of decapitating with a kukri, had one certain result; it showed us some of the terrible hardships which the Allied forces in Burma had to endure, and in joining the Headmaster in thanking him, we thanked them all. The School wished him good-bye, consoled by his promise to come to us a second time and tell us more.

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Literary and Debating Society

THE Autumn Term was in many ways one of the most successful that the society has enjoyed in recent years. Mr. Moore was unanimously re-elected chairman; Messrs. Doughty and Booth and Miss Morris were elected vice-presidents, J. R. Little and T. J. Snow became the new secretaries, and A. Durband the Lord High Poker-in-Chief. Thanks to the Sports and Arts, cocoa was provided at the majority of meetings. Half-a-dozen meetings, covering a wide field of interests, were held.

On September 18th, S. Bootle proposed and I. Berman opposed the motion that "Science has progressed faster than man's ability to profit by it." The motion was lost.

The second debate was held on October 2nd. The motion before the House was "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori," K. H. Boswell speaking for, and A. Durband against, the motion, which, despite the former's inspiring address and scholarly translation, was lost.

D. E. Tynan tried unsuccessfully at the third meeting to persuade the society that "Modern man is too great a lover of comfort and pleasure," and that R. O. Morris, his opposer, was particularly decadent.

By far the best debate of the term was held on November 6th. The motion was, "The best solution of the Jewish problem lies in

the foundation of a National Home in Palestine," which was carried by a small majority. The speeches of J. R. Little and G. Weisz for the proposition, and the speech of E. Griffith for the opposition, were outstanding.

Despite a charming rendering of "We are the Ovaltines," V. G. Lunt could not make the society accept a motion in favour of the commercialisation of British broadcasting. R. G. Evans, the opposer, had previously held a miniature Gallup poll on the subject, and was confident of victory.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a mock banquet. In Mr. Moore's absence, Mr. Doughty very kindly, and at short notice, took the chair, and under his able guidance the meeting flourished. The potent nature of the liquor provided inspired members to even greater eloquence than usual. Many toasts were proposed, not all in a serious vein, and numerous speeches were made on topics as far divorced as British shipping and the exiled Kings of Man.

No article on the activities of the Literary and Debating Society during the past year would be complete without reference to the tragic death of Mr. S. V. Brown during the Summer Term. Mr. Brown was always keenly interested in the Society, serving as a vice-president for many years. His enthusiasm for debating was infectious, and through his passing the Society has lost a keen supporter and a loyal friend. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brown and her family.

J. R. LITTLE } Hon. Secs.
T. J. SNOW }

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Music Notes

TO write of the Music Club is to write of a flourishing activity of the School. Although there has been no great increase in the number of members its work is receiving much more notice and appreciation. Again the choir is at work, rehearsing for a performance of Dunhill's "Tantivy Towers," and the orchestra is planning to expand by means of a violin class which has lately been formed under Mr. Lunt. But the parent society itself has by no means been overshadowed; recitals have been given by C. N. Rawsthorne (organ), H. R. Dodd (piano), Mr. Baxter (organ), Mr. Jones (tenor), Mr. Hosker (baritone), Mr. Young (piano), and R. D. Strapps (piano). The works played have ranged from

Telemann to Quilter, from Boëllman to Handel. The gramophone recitals both after school and in the dinner-hour (unfortunately the latter have had to be temporarily suspended) have been received with great enthusiasm by members if not with any great resultant satisfaction. This, however, is due to the precarious state of the radiogram, not to any lack of energy on the part of the committee.

The use of the music room for practice is being taken much more seriously than it has been during previous terms, and the admirable music room library is also receiving much more attention from members. In conclusion, thanks must be rendered to all who have given their very helpful assistance, especially the members of the committee, Mr. Young (chairman), Mr. Baxter (treasurer), W. P. Cass (assistant secretary), Mr. Naylor, W. Adlington and T. A. Roberts.

R. D. STRAPPS (Hon. Sec.).

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Junior Library

DURING the lunch hour on Tuesdays and Fridays Room 15 has become the rendezvous of many Third and Fourth Formers.

Books are issued on a large variety of subjects ranging from the modern works on practical science, through the realms of school life and adventure, to tales of Ancient Greece. "Biggles" and "William" have probably still the largest following, although many boys have discovered new and equally adventurous heroes, and have lost no time in recommending them to their friends. The magazine section has been very popular, and our stock of magazines has been increased by various gifts, for which we are very grateful.

Several new librarians have helped us this term, and we are always ready to help boys in the choice of books. We are indebted to Mr. Watson, who has expended much time and energy in making the Library a success.

A. F. HERBERT } Librarians.
J. CARSON }

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Philatelic Society

THE Philatelic Society has been revived and is now in the process of regaining its pre-war constitution and activities. It has a present membership of about 70 boys, mostly from the third and fourth forms.

The objects of the Society are briefly stated as follows: To show the members how to obtain the greatest enjoyment from their hobby; to guide their enthusiasm into the proper channels so that they acquire stamps which have value, and thus to safeguard them from dealers who take advantage of the boys' ignorance to unload on them worthless stamps at fabulous prices; to enable the members to obtain good stamps at the least cost.

Frequent competitions are held which are designed to make the members familiar with the stamps of all countries as well as to help them learn Geography and History in a pleasant manner.

Membership is open to all members of the School, the subscription being one shilling until July. Meetings are held every week.

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Chess Club

MR. FREARSON'S departure was a blow to the Chess Club, but we are very glad to have Mr. Booth in his place and under his leadership our game is flourishing. Unfortunately we are handicapped by a shortage of sets; this, however, ought to be put right in the near future. There has also been an alarming amount of sickness amongst the team causing some defeats where we felt confident of victories. Happily most of our players are now back and we look forward to winning the "Wright Challenge Shield" to add to our laurels.

TEAM: Lipton, Parry, C. F., Davenport, Morris, A. B., Cookson, Meikle, Bootle. Also played: Weiner, Patrick, Willcox, Baker.

RESULTS (to end of Autumn Term)—

Institute v. Wallasey	...	...	Won 6 — 1
Institute v. Holt	...	...	Lost 2½ — 4½
Institute v. Collegiate	...	...	Lost 2 — 5
Institute v. Merchant Taylors	...	...	Won 5 — 2
S. LIPTON, Capt. & Sec.			

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Speech Day, 1945

AFTER a break of seven years, Speech Day was held in the Philharmonic Hall, on Wednesday, November 28th, with Mr. Lawrence D. Holt in the chair. The principal guest was Dr. J. F. Mountford, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool.

The proceedings opened with the Choir singing Grieg's "Landerkennung," which was followed immediately by an address of welcome delivered in Latin by the Captain of the School, K. H. Boswell. Then came the report on the School by the Headmaster who began by welcoming the Governors and parents to the meeting, taking particular pleasure that Sir Sydney Jones, having made a quick recovery from his injuries, was able to be present. He spoke with sorrow of the great loss the School had suffered by the death of Mr. S. V. Brown, the late Vice-Principal, a blow which had been partly mitigated, however, by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Doughty as his successor. After showing, by reference to successes gained during the war, that the scholastic standards of the school were being well maintained, the Headmaster turned to the New Education Act and said that although in many respects the Act was an admirable piece of legislation, it tended to provide for the new secondary schools at the expense of the old grammar schools. In conclusion the Headmaster spoke highly of all the members of the staff, both temporary and permanent, and said that without their willing co-operation, the life of the School could not have been carried on so smoothly under the difficult conditions of war time.

When the Headmaster had sat down, the Choir sang two songs, "Drink to me only with thine eyes" and "O sleep my baby," after which the whole School joined in the singing of "A-Roving." These songs were followed by an address from the Chairman, in which he stressed the importance of character in public and private life. Reminding his audience that a healthy body was just as important as a sound mind, he declared that he would do anything within his power to help the school, with which his family had had such long connections, to give a complete education to all its members.

The Distribution of Prizes took place next, and after it the Address by the Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Mountford thanked K. H. Boswell for his address of welcome, and gave him a well deserved word of praise for his delivery. He said that he did not know whether the speech was intended as a compliment or as a challenge, but proceeded to give a short reply in the same language, which he followed up with a free and rather humorous translation. After praising the public spirit of families like the Rathbones and the Holts who had done so much towards the establishment of a fine educational system in Liverpool, he too turned to the New Edu-

cation Act and said that legislation, however good, needed capable administrators if it was to be effective.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Dr. Mountford and the Chairman by Alderman W. T. Lancashire, the Chairman of the Liverpool Higher Education Committee; the Vice-Captain of the School, A. Durband, eloquently seconded him and presented the Vice-Chancellor with a "History of the Liverpool Institute Schools." Dr. Mountford replied on behalf of the guests, and after he had spoken, the School sang Edward German's "Yeomen of England." The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

It would not be invidious to single out the members of the Choir for special mention, for throughout the whole evening they sang splendidly and brought credit upon themselves and upon Dr. Wallace who had trained them and who accompanied them with his usual fine playing at the organ.

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The Wonders of Bird Life

HALF past four struck on the big grandfather clock in the hall as Ann, who was twelve, ran into the house from school.

"Dennis!" she shouted, "Dennis! I've brought one of Morani Qar's books from the library."

Morani Qar was one of Dennis' and Ann's favourite authors.

"Good old Ann!" Dennis exclaimed as he emerged from the drawing room. Dennis was fourteen and kept a nature diary from month to month.

"We'll read it after tea," said Ann.

"Good idea! What's it called?" asked Dennis.

"The Nature Lovers' Book of Birds," she answered.

After tea the two children took the book into the garden and, sitting down beneath the chestnut tree, Ann opened the book and read:

"The Nature Lovers' Book of Birds'—Chapter One.

The Wonders of Bird Life.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls,
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.'

"Alfred Tennyson used these words in his poem 'The Eagle.'
How true are the words of the last line and how strong this bird

is. The Golden Eagle can even master a wolf who has much more powerful jaws and is much heavier. Surely this is one of the many wonders of bird life. But even more wonderful feats are performed in nest making.

"The Long-tail Tits in our own islands are to be admired, for their nest is of a dome shape with an entrance near the top which they sometimes close when going in search of food. Many Naturalists wonder how the birds manage to fit their tails inside.

"The Indian Tailor birds are much more human in making their nests, however, for they sew two leaves together with raw silk from caterpillar cocoons, inside which they place nesting material.

"Another bird bearing the name of a trade is the Weaver Bird. The nest, which is usually built by the male bird, hangs from a branch. One variety of this bird builds a grass roof on a tree, under which many nests are constructed.

"What is more peculiar still is that some species of Hornbill 'wall up' their mates in trees.

"Besides a nest the Bower Bird builds a 'playground' which it decorates with flowers, shells and even bones.

"Some birds do not make nests but the most unusual way of incubating eggs without a nest is that of the Australian Brush Turkey. These birds collect a mound of leaves and moss. They then lay their eggs and bury them so that the heat of the decaying matter hatches the eggs and so enables the baby birds to make their way into the light.

"In many ways Mother Nature has adapted part of the body for a special purpose. A most interesting case is that of Ducks' bills. These have horny projections, after the style of teeth, through which food is sifted from water and mud.

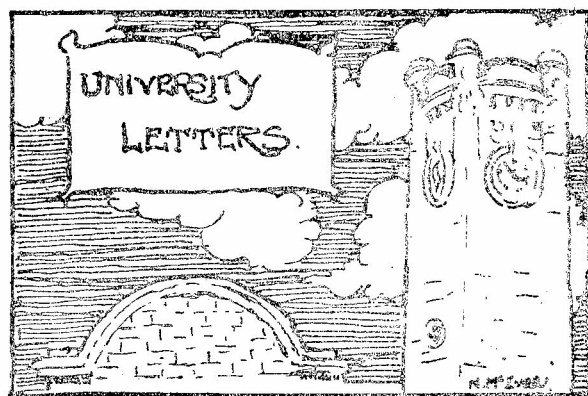
"Another adaptation of Mother Nature is the 'wing-span' of a Tern, which is the most graceful bird of the British Isles. The wings enable the bird to glide over the water in search of fish.

"Almost a complete contrast to the Tern is the thick-set little bird with a short, hard beak called the Turnstone. With its beak it turns over stones in search of food and its strength in comparison with its size almost equals that of the Eagle which

... watches from his mountain walls
And like a thunderbolt he falls!"

Here Ann lifted her head and looking across at Dennis, whispered, "That ends chapter one. How wonderful it must be to be a Naturalist and write books."

B. HECHLE.



Cambridge Letter

4TH COURT,
CAMBRIDGE,
Six Centuries p.m.

Dear Sir,

The most fitting reply to your persistent demands should be silence, for the information which contains most interest for your readers concerns our four freshers, untaught, unmannerly knaves, without hearts, but with a future black with spades. As it is usual in the human race, however, for the youngest of the species to produce the most noise, we have no hesitation in plucking the feathers of our new arrivals.

Entrance to Mr. Lachs' room is made through a curtained recess. Hats and coats are deposited in the outer chamber, and the visitor, perfumed and shoeless, passes through diaphanous hangings into the presence of the Master Yogi. His eyes, piercing the veil of scented smoke that swirls about him, may perceive in the dim half-light a figure reclining at ease upon a silken-cushioned-divan; its eyes fixed in divine contemplation upon a cob-web on the ceiling. Should the visitor be favoured by His Beneficence the Omniscient, and the supply last out, coffee will be served to him kneeling on the floor. He will be suffered to remain until the Chinese clock in the corner strikes five times, indicating that it is midnight, when he must rise, make low obeisance to the reverential couch, and after having brushed the dust from his stockinged feet, pass through the sumptuous hangings into the world of reality again.

It is, however, exceedingly difficult to find Mr. Lachs in. Mr. Richards, on the other hand, is always at home, in anybody's room. His possession of a gas-ring led to a daily incursion of

parched throats at four o'clock. He has since adopted the cunning expedient of being made Secretary of the Film Society in order that he may arrange meetings of the committee at tea-time. A further advantage of this position is that he is thus enabled for a few hours to break out of his attic cradle, the previous occupant of which, to judge from its appearance, used the walls as a floor, and the floor as a table. Mr. Richards is, moreover, extraordinarily generous and has sacrificed his immense personal beauty to further the Government's policy of full employment—he has had his hair cut.

Mr. Gadd is normally to be seen eagerly surrounded by his many admirers and creditors at his delightful occupation of making ends meet at infinity; his recent sojourn in Buchenwald has affected not only his physique, but also his appetite, and Mr. Preston is constantly employed in transforming stale bread into cinders. Although exceedingly fond of toasting, it is obvious that in Clare they are more accustomed to using a glass for the purpose than a fork. We are abandoning our conception of the indestructibility of matter.

There is no reason why Mr. Preston should be in continual high spirits, as he has not the advantage of belonging to so noble a college as his fellows. Since coming to Cambridge, Mr. Preston's awareness of the food crisis has been intensified, so much so indeed, that despite our constant effort to save him he is tottering on the icy brink of Socialism. He already encourages municipal enterprise by inhabiting a block of modern flats in front of the University Library and, perhaps because of this proximity, he has been rash enough to read a play by Tchekov. Unfortunately this appears to have fired his imagination as well as to have stimulated his thought, for his dress now resembles that of a Bolshevik peasant of the 'twenties. He has become, in fact, one of the boys and can now beat out a corduroy jam-step with the best of them.

These, sir, together with Messrs. Evans, Hodgkinson and Noden, our oldest members, are they to whom the crowned heads of Europe may turn in future years for counsel or money. If we be failing in these, at least we may provide as sweet a cup of tea as any Pope ever tasted.

Yours, beneath the unwelcome cloak which scientific thought has thrust upon us, burying us in antiquity with mathematical anonymity,

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Liverpool Letter

Students' Union,
Bedford Street North,
Liverpool, 7.

Dear Sir,

This is not a manifesto of the War Crimes Commission, but a simple chronicle of the activities of certain well-meaning students in this University. Omissions may occur in this catalogue of sin, for we move in the dust, and the activities of our nobler brethren pass almost unnoticed. Accordingly we beg your indulgence in this time of mental stress if we centre our attentions upon the Freshers, and trust that you will lower the tone of your feelings to harmonise with the level of this sorry subject.

The first in the dock is Mr. Low, the original "Clem," for we need no microscope to find him out. Bucket-carrying for a sorcerer is his favourite pastime, but he can see possibilities in any situation. With his heels and knees knocking in terror at the sound of jazz, he staggers around in a daze of swingtime and "careless rapture," and we were not surprised to learn from a certain ass's mouth that Mr. Low, accepting local precedent, is to hold an unofficial strike against the rigours of a nine-hour week and the cost of tea.

Mr. McKenzie intended to set the economic world in order, but, has since found that the world is too much with him. The clan spirit burns within him and dirks may fly—even if rather wide of the mark. The wheel of Fate has come full circle, and Mr. McKenzie, like all great men, has met his Austerlitz or rather, in this case, his Bannockburn, a defeat inflicted by the Bruce which he has accepted gladly. Most of his time is now spent convincing cynics that this affair will not be a tragedy of good intentions nor will it end in purple dust.

Mr. Johnson is a man worthy of his stock. He unravels crosswords with the grace of a lexicographer, but his real undying fame lies in his extraordinary capacities as an actor, and he has lately been selected to play the Sphinx in "Caesar and Cleopatra," a true-to-life part which he will fill with customary steadfastness and expressiveness. The noble art of forging has been added to his many accomplishments, but he should be chary of claiming that he knitted his own vermilion tartan socks.

Mr. Baker, the original sinner, has mistaken the Faculty of Arts for another place and appeared, nay, paraded himself, before our bloodshot eyes, dressed in green corduroy trousers and a red silk shirt; as his final blow, he laughed in our face when we delivered a severe reprimand. He is possibly a member of the enlightened masses, for his party-trick is the interpretation of the

"Daily Worker" cartoons, but we do not believe that he draws them. Only Mr. "Heart-Throb" Johnson could do that!

The necromantic twins, Messrs. Phillips and Towers, frequently attract our attention on account of their dexterity in the manipulation of spotlights; but their humour is harmless. They are babes in a dark wood. Their streaky friend, Mr. Hardman, grows more like a chessman at every game and dares to claim that he has given up waltzing with stools. We have not noticed, but perhaps we are unkind.

Mr. T. D. Williams is a medical raconteur whose stories are nauseatingly funny. His little learning is a dangerous thing, and we frequently shudder 'patiently' with the pressure of his thumb upon our nerve centres. We must be careful!

Our pen is running dry, our spleen is exhausted, and the midnight oil is used to quench our thirst; when we tell you, Sir, that there are more than twenty-five old boys of your School at the University, you will realize why we end thus abruptly without apology or comment.

Yours, etc.,

LIOSPHINX.

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Prefect's Letter

SANCTUM SANCTORUM.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Again the pen is dipped gloatingly in poison! Once more the curtain parts upon the private lives of the chosen vessels! At last the chance is mine to spill the beans!

Even the loftiest must fall. Mr. Boswell, our Head Boy, directs the destinies of people known to him as "bods" with energy and gusto, and when off-duty talks glibly of a Liberal revival and eats toast. It is to his maternal regard for the health of his Prefects that we owe The Fire, towards which the lower members of the Prefectorial Body are always attracted. He is particularly interested in the whereabouts of Mr. Durband, his second-in-command and the man who keeps so many dairies in business. His motor-cycle and its sartorial accoutrements combine with his fondness for milk to make him an admirable competitor for the T.T. Races. He only awaits the widening of a mine-shaft at Cronton before he will leave us to apply his intellect to the management of blind ponies and coal trucks. We feel sure that though he must start at the bottom of his career, he will work his way up pit by pit.

Mr. Little is in the interesting process of 'coming out,' and has acquired a working knowledge of the Waltz and Quickstep. Since the awful implications of a variety of the "Excuse-me" dances dawned upon him, dance halls have taken on a new significance; but he still finds an attraction in the games of his youth, and is always prepared to discuss strategy with a fellow tiddley winker. He is, of course, filled with admiration for Mr. Low, who allows Mr. Durband to cut his hair with Mr. Berman's dissecting instruments. When I say, Mr. Editor, that Mr. Low has M.A. after his surname I know you will understand I am not referring to his amazing genius for solving anagrams at a glance.

The causes of Mr. Blackstock's sorrows are not for the world to know, but these have neither affected his polished style at table tennis nor quenched his enthusiasm for battle dress. He is not the only prefect who can talk foreign. There is Mr. Doran and his inseparable companion, Mr. Snow, who converse in the language of lettuces. It seems that they spend every available moment in remote hostels, or under hedges—protected from the elements by Mr. Snow's inevitable growth of beard and drinking their well-known liquid product, "Goo."

Mr. Hobson—our best wishes go with him in his future career—undoubtedly has a face, but he seems to prefer to hide it behind a fine crop of bristles so sharp that one finds it difficult to believe that his friends really exist. But there is no doubt at all that Mr. Lunt has a surplus of friends—he even disburses telephone numbers to the Head Boy. Such are the social advantages of a well-developed volley shot, wavy hair, and green knitting worn carelessly about the throat.

Mr. Shaw-Smith is a Fine Old English Gentleman whose party-piece is that stirring ballad, "The Stately Homes of England." His moustache, after a few false starts, made a brief but encouraging appearance early in the term, and the question of its reappearance rivals Mr. Oulton's goalkeeping feats as a topic of discussion. Mr. Oulton himself, however, will never lack conversation while the hockey season lasts. His resplendent G. I. hat has deterred many a centre-forward from adding yet another bruise to his unrivalled collection, upon which he is always willing to shed some fluorescent light to those sympathetically interested.

Mr. Rawlinson's appearance suggests that the restaurant trade has something to fear from him, but his talents are mainly connected with the football field. A strong and mutual friendship exists between himself and the Doran-Snow alliance, for their ideas on important matters coincide. As a strong, silent man he is to be grouped with Mr. Evans, whose quiet demeanour makes me I fear I have failed to discover his Awful Secret. Suffice it to say that he has been observed attempting to measure the height of

public buildings with an instrument which he insists is a "wol not." A fellow scientist is Mr. Long; he accepts The Fire, however, not as a scientific fact but as a source of infinite entertainment which enables him to have the windows open in the coldest of weather. When those of his colleagues near The Fire are suffocating and the rest are dying of exposure, he is at his happiest. No such trifle is Mr. Hugill, of the blood royal and the hair long. As a direct descendant of Ben Mychree he has taken up the lost cause of the Manx monarchy and is planning a coup d'etat to occupy the Easter holidays. The swelling ranks of the Isle of Man Monarchist Federation no doubt subscribe to the pretender's supply of Balkan Sobranie.

You will realise, Mr. Editor, that though I speak of our Secretary, Mr. Berman, last, I imply no offence to his dignity. If I chose to assume an order dictated by merit and intellectual superiority he would have taken second place only to myself. Of course, his artistic opinions are matched in ignorance only by his political views, and his claim to omniscience is undoubtedly due to an inadequate quaff of the Pierian spring. Nevertheless, we respect his reproductions of Italian opera, his Grecian poses, and surrealist portrayals of "J. B. Priestley" and "Mrs. Braddock's Maiden Speech" sufficiently to join with the Yacht Club in thanking the Secretary for a term of zealous industry.

It is because I fear that I am being followed by a gentleman with upturned eyeballs that I sign myself, in haste,

AUCTOR IGNOTUS.

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Old Boys' Section

ALL members and friends of the School join in congratulating Sir J. W. Morris, K.C. (1904-14), who was appointed a Judge of the High Courts in December last and knighted by His Majesty the King. Previous to this, in the King's Birthday Honours List of June, 1945, Sir John had been awarded the C.B.E., for which also we congratulate him. During the war he rendered important service on a number of Government Committees, including the Chairmanship of the Committee on the Control of the Selling Price of Houses and of the Home Office Committee on War Damaged Licensed Premises and Reconstruction. He was also Deputy Chairman of the Home Office Advisory Committee on Defence Regulation 18B.

Congratulations also to Mr. E. H. Ritson (1904-10), the Commissioner and Secretary of the Board of Inland Revenue, who has been awarded the C.B.

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