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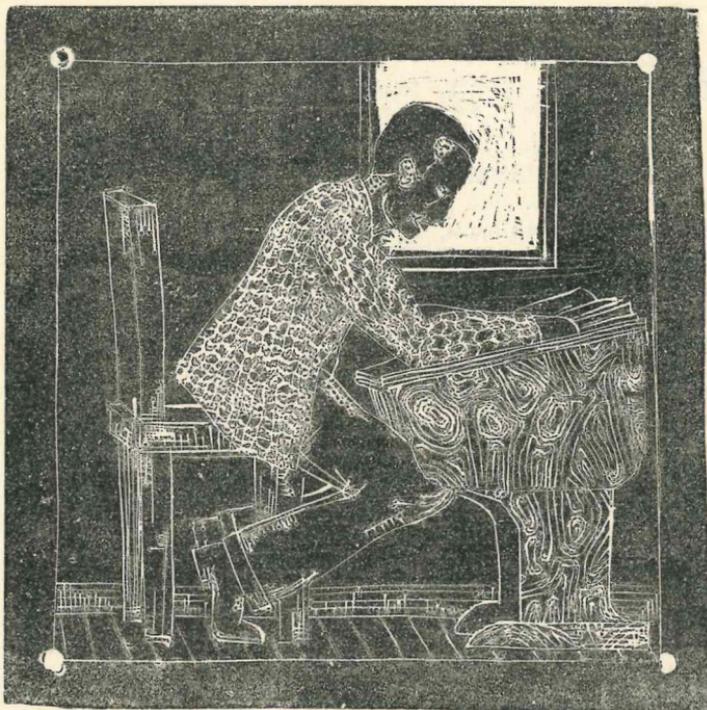
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## School Notes.

**W**E offer a hearty welcome to Miss D. Fielding, M.A. (Manchester), who joined the Staff at the beginning of the term, and hope that her stay here may be a happy one both for her and the School.

The School Plays this year are "The Winter's Tale" and "The Fourth Wall"; the proceeds from them will be given to the Scholarship Fund.

The competitions received much better support this term, and it was difficult to decide which entries were the best. The competition for the best illustration representing "Work" was won by J. A. Walker. The winners of the two literary competitions were R. Smith and E. Higgs.

We congratulate the following on their examination successes :—

**State Scholarship.**—T. Redgate.

**County Major Scholarships.**—T. Redgate and W. A. Horner.

**Higher School Certificates.**—H. R. Andrews, G. C. Ankers, G. Collins, P. Crockett, K. Frost, F. Greenall, M. Hayes, W. Preston, T. Redgate, W. Rowlinson, H. Swift, G. Wright, E. Fitch, S. Hodgson, J. R. Horn, W. A. Horner, G. F. Howdle, R. Lake, L. Peace, E. Williams and F. Youel.

**School Certificates.**—S. G. Atkinson, H. Bunn, E. S. Cameron, R. Davies, D. Davis, J. E. Sayles, W. Scholey, S. Smith, I. Atkinson, L. Barlow, D. Kirk, I. Rance, E. Rawlin, G. Senior, M. Taylor, D. Ward, W. Boaden, I. Boyd, W. Bullen, R. H. Green, J. Hollingsworth, R. Kitson, Mangham, E. Painter, R. Sands, C. S. Smith, M. Gardner O. Gummerson, M. M. Smith, J. Swift, S. Taylor, L. Willis, E. Henderson, J. Linley, D. E. Smith, L. Speight, L. Townend V. Whitfield, V. Bennett, E. Brown, S. Fletcher, W. Hallatt, P. Hope, O. Lake, M. Ronan, T. Davison, P. Ellison, H. B. Green, J. Hillis, A. Horn, H. A. Horner, G. Law, D. Norman, R. Odey, F. Robinson, H. Whittaker, M. Adams, G. Bletcher, J. Cutler, M. George, G. Harrison, M. Parkes, E. Turner, L. Valentine, P. Williamson and J. Wood.

The Prefects this year are :—R. Lake, T. Redgate, G. F. Howdle, E. Williams, G. Collins, M. Hayes, H. R. Andrews, G. Hardman, E. Fitch, M. Mann, F. Youel, M. Noon, G. Wright, L. Senior, C. Kidson, J. Camps, R. Ellison, M. Jackson, E. Broomhead and J. Turgoose.

## House Notes.

### ATHENS.

All Athenians sincerely congratulate the House Captain, Teresa Redgate, on obtaining a State Scholarship, and thereby establishing a fine precedent. We also wish her success in her recent examination.

Athens has not proved outstanding in the games this term. The Senior Boys are forced to play an incomplete team, and have lost the one match played. The Junior Boys have won one of their two matches. The Senior Girls have usually played a full team, and have played three matches, which resulted in a victory, a draw, and a defeat. The Junior Girls have been very enthusiastic this term, and have played well. They have drawn one match and won one.

The detention list this term has been low, and but for a few boys in the Upper Fifth forms would have been lower. It is deplorable that the names of Senior Boys recur in the list so frequently.

Dancing practices have been arranged this term, but the boys have not shown much enthusiasm to dance. Many attended the classes to escape going out of doors, but, unfortunately, will have to face the elements next term.

The Athenian House Party is to be held on Tuesday, December 10th, and it is hoped that all will contribute their share towards making it a success.

### CARTHAGE.

Once again we extend a hearty welcome to those who have stayed on at School, and to the newcomers into Carthage. Also we wish to congratulate Thompson on his being accepted at Oxford, and those who gained examination successes at the end of last term. The House officials for the year are as follows :—House Captains, M. Jackson and H. R. Andrews ; Vice-captains, J. Kenning and E. Broomhead ; Secretary, Glover ; Committees : Magazine, Andrews and J. Kenning ; Games, Smith, C. S., and M. Jackson ; Library, Wright and M. Noon.

Detentions have again been far too numerous this term, and must be diminished. For the past two terms we have won the Games Cup, and stand a reasonable chance of completing the "hat-trick." The working parties have been recommenced and are giving full satisfaction. We would like to see, however, more Carthaginians at the after-school societies, for many valuable points can be gained towards the Work Cup in this way. Finally, if only every Carthaginian will enter into the spirit of the House, there is every hope of this being a most successful year.

### ROME.

First of all we welcome all new members and congratulate those Romans who were successful in the July examinations. Last term we lost both our House Captains, and this term we welcome the new ones and wish them success.

We are all looking forward to the House Party which takes place on Friday, Dec. 13th, and hope that the date will not prevent the superstitious from attending. There are hopes for a Record Event this year, due to a "Limited

Company" of caterers, musical trainers, dramatic performers, makers of post-boxes, advertisement posters and a competition master-in-chief.

With regard to Hockey, we must not forget the six fine players who turned out against the full strength of an opposing House and were only defeated by 3 goals to 2. The efforts and keen interest of the Senior Hockey Captain and the purposeful Junior Captain with regard to the Junior team are also to be commended.

Among this list of laudable achievements we must also remember the Work Cup. Rome has held it three times in succession; can we still carry it off for Society activities, absence of bad reports, and lack of detentions? If we are going to, we must take into account the characteristics of certain Romans, especially in the Upper II's and III's, such as piercing voices, Jacks-in-the box, and indefatigable chatters.

Both the Junior and Senior Rugby teams have played well, and a marked improvement is the greater show of enthusiasm among the Senior Boys. We wish, however, that this enthusiasm would extend to the navvying of the cricket pitches, and that the boys would turn up for their duty instead of having to be dragged.

There is quite a long list of House officials this term. They are:—House Captains, V. Swift, M. Mann and Ellis; Games Committee, J. Turgoose and Ellis; Library Committee, G. Hardman, Horner; Magazine Committee, I. Atkinson, Horn; Hockey Captains, I. Rance (senior), L. Stewardson (junior); Rugby Captains, Horner (senior), Higgs (junior); Tuck Shop, M. Wragg, M. Heeley and K. Maw (sellers); M. Adams (orders) and L. Senior (book-keeper); Cup-cleaners (shame!), J. Bate and J. Rothnie.

### SPARTA.

Pity the poor Magazine Representative! Every term he (or she) has to turn out half a page of notes calculated (or miscalculated, as the case may be) to interest primarily the people of his own House, secondarily those of other Houses, who buy Magazines. It is a dull, thankless task to complain each term about detentions, to write about House Matches lost and won, and to praise or lament the enthusiasm of the boys with regard to manual labour (commonly called "navvying") on the cricket pitches. Therefore this term the writer will keep off these subjects and discuss pleasanter things.

Spartans have not done so badly this term (at any rate, they have done worse before) in the matter of buying magazines, although it must be admitted that the sale of magazines in Sparta could be considerably improved, as there are some miscreants who have never yet bought a magazine, and who fully intend never to do so. It is hoped and expected that there will be more enthusiasm when the House Party is discussed, which subject will next be harped upon.

By the time these notes appear in print the House Party, if not cancelled as has been threatened, will be but a memory. Those attending this function are asked to try their utmost to make this memory a pleasant one, and to show a little of the same enthusiasm they show for the Party in House Matches, working parties and such.

To conclude, Spartans were noted for deeds, not words, and so, the Representative's muse having now foiled him, he will finish his remarks with the comforting thought that even if these notes are brief, there will be more room for worthier material, and thus, indirectly, the sale of magazines will be increased.

### **THEBES.**

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members, and hope that they will support the School and the House on every occasion whilst at School. As in other terms, we have had far too many detentions, and this must cease if we ever wish to win the Work Cup. We hope as many as possible are attending the various activities which are held after School, and so gaining points for the House, but this does not mean that they should not obtain points for the House by hard work during School hours.

The Senior and Junior Boys are doing quite well in their Rugby matches. The Senior Girls have also won their first match, which was quite a pleasant surprise. The Junior Girls, however, whom we thought our only hope, have not won a match so far, but they are keen fighters nevertheless.

We are holding the annual party on Dec. 9th, and are looking forward to an enjoyable time as in previous years.

We hope all members of the House are doing their best to sell tickets for the plays. The orders for the magazine were much too small, and it is to be hoped that they will be larger next term.

After the holidays we hope that all Thebans will be ready and eager to work hard for the House.

## TROY.

At last Troy has organised something which is adequately attended, the dancing practices. Every Tuesday can be seen the gratifying sight of a gym full of Trojans instead of a paltry remnant of the House.

The attendances at these dancing practices is no excuse for the disgraceful attendance at the first Senior Girls' House match, when only seven turned up and naturally lost.

The Junior Girls have won all their matches by showing a little more enthusiasm. The boys also have done reasonably well at Games. It seems futile to complain to the Seniors, as nothing stirs them to effort.

The sale of magazines this term has been outrageously low, but it is useless to complain in the Magazine, as it only hits those who have bought one. If these few keen people would try and stir up the rest of the House something might be done.

The House Party takes place on Dec. 6th. This is always a popular event, and is always well attended. The threat to cancel all House Parties has literally put the "fear of God" into many, and made them improve their conduct at last.

The annual House Trip which did not take place last term was held this term for boys only. They went to Edale, and had a very enjoyable outing. This is still another instance of the slackness of Trojan girls especially Senior girls. If only the few keen ones would try to shame the rest of the House, a considerable push might be given to House activities. Most of the Juniors are keen, but they receive neither encouragement nor example from the rest of the House. It is hoped that next term all will make a special effort to bring either the Games or Work Cup within the walls of Troy.

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## School Societies.

### SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

Although points are now awarded to be counted in the competition for the Work Cup, the attendance has not been good. Even the two dramatic attempts failed to draw the usual large attendance. At the debates, however, speeches from the floor of the house have been numerous.



The first meeting of the session was the debate between the new and old members of the U.V.I.L on the motion, "That Reading can supply the place of Experience." Higgins, M. Mann and Kidson proposed the motion, but were no match for the more experienced old members, T. Redgate, Collins and Preston, owing, perhaps, to their own personal ideas rather than to the qualities of the speeches of the opposition, the audience voted unanimously against the motion. Only thirty-six members were present.

On October 1st the second meeting of the term was held in the Junior Laboratory. Members of the U.V.r and U.V.b debated the motion that "The Theatre is a more potent form of art and of more value to the nation than the Cinema." Smith, J. Swift and S. Bennett proposed the motion, and were opposed by Rowe, P. Williamson and L. Valentine. The motion was carried by two votes, fifty-seven members voting.

The third meeting of the session was the performance of scenes from "Twelfth Night" by members of U.V.r and U.V.a. The only drawback was that the players did not speak up too well. Philips and Humphries took their parts well, and Davies was an excellent Malvolio.

The fourth meeting of the term was the Fourth and Fifth Form debate on the motion that "Mediaeval times

were more exciting than modern times." The motion was proposed by Hargreaves, Knutton and Barker, and opposed by G. Gregory, B. Handson and Farthing. The motion was defeated by one vote. There was a larger attendance than usual, but one of the speakers rather spoilt the debate by attempting to put over feeble jokes.

The last meeting of the term was provided by the production of Galsworthy's "Justice" by members of the U.VI.Sc. Fitch was an excellent if severe judge, and Lake performed the part of the prisoner to perfection. Howdle, the defending counsel, delivered an eloquent plea of temporary insanity, but Horner, the prosecuting counsel, had all the weight of circumstantial evidence in his favour. E. Williams was a witness for the defence. The jury wished to bring in a verdict of "not guilty," but Youel, the foreman, had to deliver the verdict of "guilty" as Galsworthy ordained.

Although the Junior Literary Society has not been well attended this term, the record attendance having dropped from 80 to 50, the debates have been both enjoyable and interesting. The first meeting was really the most satisfactory. This was an impromptu meeting, held on Sept. 24, in which various subjects were discussed. In all, there were four debates. Speakers were exceptionally plentiful.

On October 8th a debate was held, in which K. Clark was chairman; 50 members were present. Upper IIIa proposed the motion that "Coal more than anything else brought England prosperity in the past," while Upper IIIb opposed the motion. This was keenly debated, as the result shows, for the motion was only lost by 10 votes.

The next meeting, held on Oct. 22nd, was disappointing, although 50 members were present. Smith, of Upper IVa, was in the chair. Form IV. supported the motion that "Tinned foods are more a curse than a blessing." Upper IVb opposed this. The motion was again lost by 14 votes.

Our last meeting was held on Nov. 12th, when 46 members attended. Form IIIb proposed that "It is more convenient to learn from books than from experience." Form IIIa opposed the motion. The chairman was Dexter. Although the motion was carried easily, the speakers for the opposition put up a good fight.

Although we have not had numerous debates, those that we have had have mostly been worth our close attention, and we are awaiting with interest another meeting between Upper IIa and b.

## Scout Notes.

Of this term's activities there is little to say. Except for the beginners there have been none of the usual meetings, as Friday evenings are now devoted to Ambulance Classes in charge of Mr. Olnor, who, as a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has kindly offered to give the older boys a course of instruction with a view to their gaining a certificate. Attendance has been very good this term; whether it is due to the system of House points, ambulance classes or additional keenness we do not know.

Of the Summer Camp, held this year in the Isle of Man, there is a great deal to say. The train journey to Heysham was uneventful. The sea journey from Heysham was very eventful, especially in the case of those unfortunates who, not having yet acquired sea legs, suffered from that peculiar affliction, *mal de mer*, owing to an unusually rough crossing. In view of this, it was a pleasing sight to the sufferers to see one of the boat's crew give way to the rollings of his inner man. On arrival at Douglas, sea sickness was forgotten, and we were taken across the island to Kirkmichael on a train that might have been built from Meccano parts. Here tents were rapidly erected and a supper prepared, this latter being very acceptable in view of the emptied stomachs. The next morning, as every morning, a bathing party went to the sea, primarily to gain an appetite for breakfast, secondly to perform their ablutions. The rest of the day was then spent in playing cricket or walking or bathing, or merely doing nothing.

A memorable day was that which took us to Snaefell, the highest point in the island. The heat was terrific, but we covered fifteen miles or more on foot that day. On the subject of blisters nothing will be said. On the Thursday of that week we watched sheep dog trials, and, as far as we could see, the reason for the failure of some dogs to get the sheep between two hurdles was not that the dogs were lacking in intelligence (far from it), but that the sheep were incredibly stupid. After the trial came the local sports, in which we were allowed to enter. Cook and Simpson showed their prowess by gaining prizes. Friday was a free day, and nearly everyone sallied forth to one or other of the main towns of the island, such as Douglas, Ramsey or Peel, returning later in the day laden with souvenirs bearing the three-legged design for which the Isle of Man is noted.

It was a reluctant troop of boys that eventually made a calm crossing to the mainland, bearing very pleasant memories of the 1935 Summer Camp.

## Guide Notes.

The summer camp was held at Stainton Dale, near Scarborough, and was again in charge of Miss Steer. The Guides enjoyed ideal weather and brought back to school pleasant memories of that week spent under canvas.

Although we could not find an answer to every question we sent in our valiant efforts, at the beginning of term, to the "Guides All Round Competition," and we are eagerly waiting for the results.

Wearing uniform all day Thursday has proved successful, for, as we have not to change after school, we find that meetings can begin earlier.

A new system of marking has been set up, and we are wondering which patrol will make the best of it and win the shield.

"Toffee making" was enthusiastically upheld at the beginning of term, but after half-term we had to embark upon another scheme in order to raise money for the "Barnsley District Guides' Christmas Charity."

We have been able to welcome quite a number of new recruits this term who are quite keen, but we still have room for more. I regret to say that only two badges have been taken this term, but although the second class guides have not done as much work as expected, the tenderfoot people have worked hard and Miss Townsley kindly came and enrolled four new guides on November 28th.

There have been two interesting outings this term. The first was a Patrol Leaders' Conference, which was held in Wath on Saturday, October 26th. Miss Townsley and Miss Swift presided over this conference. The second outing was on Sunday, November 10th, when both the School and the village Guides attended the Armistice Service in Wath Church.

As December 5th will either be the last or next to the last meeting this term, we are having a "Visitors' Evening," when the whole meeting will be devoted to games and entertainments for our guests.

A "Christmas Stocking Trail" has again been organised, and we hope it will prove as successful as it did last Christmas.

## Art Club.

This term has been a comparatively successful one in so far as our members, though not excessive in numbers, have shown more inclination to work. The younger element should be congratulated for their determination to help themselves and their lack of dependence upon others. They seem to be realising that the fun of doing craftwork lies in finding out for oneself how to overcome difficulties.

The older members, though few, have proved to be capable and helpful, especially in the production of scenery, and have tackled the production of magazine illustrations in a more businesslike manner.

There are two complaints to be made. It was hoped that boys from the fourth and fifth forms who have ceased to take Art in school would, in certain cases, make up for this by attending the Club. This has not happened, and the Club is consequently short of boy members.

The other complaint is an old one. There is a lack of originality in the selection of crafts. Work done this term is almost conclusively in leather.

The following have been elected to full membership :—  
Hargreaves, J (L.VI.L. ; Ryall (U.Vb ; A. Tessyman (IV.);  
B. Burton (IV.).

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## The Field Club.

The Senior Section of the Field Club has held four meetings so far this term. At the first meeting a committee was elected with Lake as President and Phillips as Secretary. A fortnight later a debate was held between Upper Va and Upper Vr on the motion, "That the Study of Animal Life is more interesting and useful to man than the Study of Plant Life." The motion was carried.

At the next meeting M. Howard and K. Maw (Upper Vc) presented an imaginary conversation between Amoeba and Hydra, and at the following meeting C. Smith, of the Lower VI.Sc., gave an interesting talk on "Pond Life," illustrated by the epidiascope.

The final meeting this term will be held on Dec. 4th. Five meetings of the Junior Section have been held this term. At the first meeting Knutton was elected President and K. Clark, Secretary.

On October 1st Ross (Upper IVa) gave a paper on "Prehistoric Animals," and Barker (Upper IVa) one on "Cacti." S. Searle (Upper IVa) spoke on "Sponges" and Hargreaves (Upper IVa) on "The Viper." An extension of this last paper was given by Hargreaves and Ross, under the title of "Some British Snakes" on Nov. 13th. On Oct. 30th a debate was held. The motion, proposed by Barker and K. Clark (Upper IVa) that "Insects are a worse enemy of man than wild animals," was opposed by Hawksworth and M. Stonehouse (Upper IVb) and was carried by one vote.

On Nov. 27th Aram and Higgs, of Upper IIIa, gave papers on "Dogs" and "Fresh-water Fish" respectively.

On the whole the Junior Section has been more regular in attendance than the Senior, and the reading of papers at its meetings has not suffered by comparison with that at the meetings of the Senior Section. We hope, however, that readers of papers in future will realise that success in this respect requires careful preparation beforehand, and also a clear enunciation and intelligent presentation in reading.

## Orchestra Notes.

This term the Orchestra has been practising for its appearance at the School Plays at the end of this term. The Junior members are finding the music much easier, and their bowing and time is progressing. By good practising the members are retaining a satisfactory standard. No new members have been obtained, but we should welcome any new recruits who will, in time, have to replace the older members. The full Orchestra's playing, as a body, has increased immensely since last term.

The Orchestra numbers thirteen, the members being : Miss Deeks, pianist ; Miss Knowles and Idris Preece, 'cellists; and the violinists, Atkinson, Ormondroyd, Taylor, Potts, Thorpe, Longbottom, Mann, Kenning, S. Searle and J. Parkin.

The pieces being practised this term for "The Winter's Tale" and "The Fourth Wall" are well-known and include : "Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach ; Overture to "La Rosaura" by A. Scarlatti ; "The Winter's Tale" music ; the "Melody in F" by A. Rubinstein; and the "Londonderry Air" arranged by Albert H. Oswald.

S. ATKINSON.



## Rugby Notes.

October 5th—1st XV. v. Castleford 1st XV. (Home).  
Won—16 points to 14 points.

Playing up the slope in the first half the School quickly gained a penalty goal through Lake, and shortly afterwards increased their lead with a try by Bunn, which Lake converted. Castleford retaliated and a goal resulted. The School again pressed strongly and Kidson scored a try, Webster converting. Just before half-time Castleford gained a well-deserved try. In the second half Castleford improved considerably and scored two more tries in reply to another try by Kidson. For the winners Lake, Bunn, Mangham and Andrews were prominent.

October 12th—1st XV. v. Hemsworth 1st XV. (Home).  
Won—18 points to 16 points.

This was a very keenly contested match, and the School only just won. In the first half we pressed strongly downhill and gained two tries through Hawke and Andrews, Lake converting. Lake soon afterwards increased the lead with a splendid penalty goal. In the second half Bunn added a further try for us and Lake converted. For the last quarter of an hour, however, Hemsworth pressed very strongly, and quickly obtained their sixteen points. The game ended with the School resuming the offensive.

October 19th—"A" XV. v. Doncaster 1st XV. (Home).  
Draw—3 points to 3 points.

This match was played in extremely bad weather, and no good play could be expected. Doncaster took the lead in the first half with an unconverted try. In the second half Farthing scored a smart but unconverted try for us. The School attacked strongly at the finish.

October 26th—1st XV. v. Goole 1st XV. (Away).  
Won by 28 points to nil.

The School kicked off but Goole pressed strongly and were unlucky not to record an early try. We gradually gained mastery, however, and Smith (C. S.) scored an unconverted try. Further tries were recorded for us by Andrews (2), Bunn and Howdle. Goole re-started keenly after the interval, but could not pierce our defence. Wath then took the offensive and Howdle (2) and Lake gained more tries, Lake converting two of them. The School was definitely the superior team.

November 9th—1st XV. v. Barnsley G.S. 1st XV. (Away).  
Lost—3 points to 9 points.

In a very keenly contested game, our 1st XV. suffered their first defeat of the season. Barnsley had by far the heavier pack and scored three tries in the first half, Andrews replying for us with a try from an intercepted pass. Neither side converted their tries. In the second half Wath attacked strongly, but failed to pierce the keen Barnsley defence, no further score was recorded.

November 23rd—1st XV. v. Castleford 1st XV. (Away).  
Won—23 points to nil.

Castleford won the toss but gained no advantage from the choice of ways. After twenty minutes play Howdle gained a splendid try for the School, Lake just failing to

convert. Andrews then increased the lead from an intercepted pass, but again the try was unconverted. Further tries were scored for Wath by Smith (C. S.), Mangham (2), Painter and Lake, we being definitely the better team.

November 30th—1st XV. v. Rotherham G.S. 1st XV. (Away).  
Won—17 points to 3 points.

The School kicked off, and in the first few minutes Andrews scored an unconverted try. Wath continued to press strongly, but could not add further tries. Then Atkinson dropped over the Rotherham line just before the interval, to bring our score to 6 points. After half-time the play was keener and we increased our lead through a penalty goal by Lake, and through tries scored by Clarke and Andrews. Lake converted the latter try. In the closing stages Rotherham replied by an unconverted try.

October 5th—2nd XV. v. Castleford G.S. 2nd XV. (Away).  
Won—30 points to nil.

Stott won the toss and gave the School the advantage of the slight wind. The School very quickly gained the lead as the result of a passing movement among the backs which ended in Stott sending over Higgs for an unconverted try. This lead was added to by another unconverted try by Stott. The School team was definitely superior to their lighter opponents, and the backs particularly, handled the ball very well. Broomhead scored two more tries, one of which he converted. In the second half further points were obtained against an exhausted Castleford team. Tries were scored by Broomhead (3) and Hardy, two of which Broomhead converted. The outstanding features of the game were the safe passing of the three-quarters and the strong and determined running of Broomhead.

October 12th—2nd XV. v. Hemsworth G.S. 2nd XV. (Away).  
Won—4 points to nil.

This match, as the score suggests, was a very hard struggle. The Hemsworth team were heavier than the School, but were held by the bustling methods of the forwards and the judicious kicking of the backs. In the first half the School had rather more of the play, but the smart handling of the backs, so much in evidence in the previous game, was absent and they failed to take advantage of the forwards' excellent work. In the second half play was more even. There were many penalties on both sides, and from one of

these Webster hit the cross-bar. However, very near to time, the School gained the lead through a clever drop-goal by Webster, and they then held out to the end.

November 16th—2nd XV. v. Barnsley G.S. 2nd XV. (Home).  
Won—32 points to nil.

This was the 2nd XV.'s first home match, and, though weakened by the absence of Broomhead with a broken arm, they were expected to win. Barnsley turned up with only thirteen men, and were "loaned" Boyd and Scholey, both of whom played very well. That the School were going to carry out expectations became evident after Stott had scored an unconverted try and Kidson had scored with a spectacular dive over the Barnsley line. From that time they dictated the run of the game. Further tries were scored by Kidson and Horner, one of which Webster converted. Webster also kicked a penalty goal. On the resumption the School played uphill, but again over-ran their heavier, but less experienced, opponents. Barnsley did make infrequent raids into the home "25," but the School line was scarcely ever in danger. Tries were scored by Andrews, Sayles and Kidson, one of which Webster improved, whilst Webster also obtained another penalty goal.

November 23rd—2nd XV. v. Castleford G.S. 2nd XV. (Home)  
Won—35 points to nil.

Castleford brought a heavier team for their return match with the School, but the School obtained a winning lead in the first half, when they played downhill. In the second half Castleford offered more resistance, but were unable to cope with the dash and enthusiasm of the School forwards and the quick handling of the backs. The outstanding scoring efforts were a brilliant dribble by Hardy, two strong runs by Ellison (R.) and a spirited dash by Andrews. Other tries were scored by Walker (2), Kidson, Dales and Sayles. Webster added the extra points to four of the tries.

## Hockey Notes.

1st XI. v. Thorne. Draw, 0—0.

Possibly due to the fact that it was the first match of the season, the School team was not up to its usual form, but in spite of that fact, the game was very even. The half-backs particularly played a good game, but in spite of their

able support, the forwards failed to score, the shooting being poor. Fortunately for the School, Thorne found no opportunity for scoring, so that the game ended in a draw.

1st XI. v. Rotherham. Draw 1—1.

The School team was in better form and the shooting was a little improved. The Rotherham team persisted in playing well forward and handicapped our team, who quickly found themselves off-side. In spite of this, Rotherham only scored one goal, the School defence putting up a good fight. One goal was scored for us, so that the game ended in another draw.

2nd XI. v. Rotherham. Won, 3—2.

In this match play was made difficult by a muddy pitch, but this did not deter the School team, which was superior to that of their opponents. Two goals out of the three were shot by J. Jones. Some good play was also put in by E. Turner and M. Copley. The forwards received the full and able support of the backs. This was the first win of the season, Rotherham scoring only two goals.

1st XI. v. Mexborough. Won, 4—1.

The weather was in a capricious mood for it was with difficulty that the teams kept their places on the pitch. It was an extremely windy day and our team was fortunate in winning the toss. The captain elected to play downhill with the wind, and it was obvious at half-time that Mexborough were very tired. The forwards particularly must be commended, especially in view of the exhausting conditions, which even the backs found trying. This was our first win and the most vigorous game of the season.

2nd XI. v. Mexborough (away). Draw 1—1.

This match was played for only a short time in very bad conditions. The team felt the absence of O. Green very much. The game was even and indecisive.

1st XI. v. Hemsworth (away). Lost 2—1.

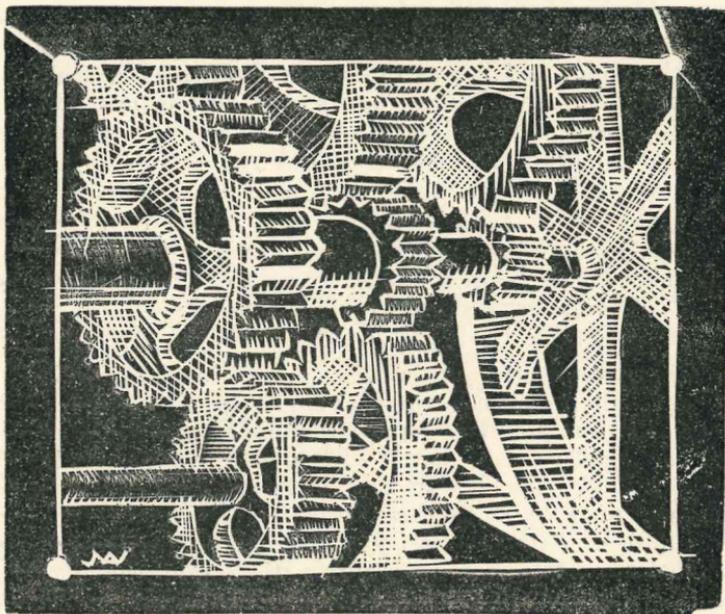
The Hemsworth team were very hard hitters and consequently their presence in the goal circle was a danger. The backs were successful in repulsing them several times, but they managed to score twice. They were not so quick at passing as the School team and inclined to muddle. The game was remarkably even and was only decided in the last few minutes. The superiority of our forwards should have assured us a win, but we still need an improvement in shooting.

## 2nd XI. v. Hemsworth. Won, 5—1.

The School had definitely the superior team, but the forwards did not combine very well together. Fortunately our superiority on the whole overcame this drawback, and a surprising number of goals were scored, the highest score this term. C. Turner and J. Woolfenden, forwards, and M. Copley, back, played well.

## 1st XI. v. Old Wathonians. Lost 2—1.

The School felt the absence of M. Ronan, particularly as we had to lend our opponents our reserve. The School team was quicker on the move and scored the first goal. A few minutes after half-time Old Wathonians equalised. As they were playing downhill they made many attempts to score, but were either repulsed or shot wide of the goal-mouth. Our forwards tended to hang back in order to support the backs, and thus had a longer distance to dribble the ball. This caused them to lose it many times on the centre line. Shortly before time Old Wathonians scored again.



## Sonnet.

*(The poet asks the proprietress of a country hotel to bring him some cheese, and requests that she shall share the meal with him).*

O rural maiden, quit thy droning bees,  
 And come to satisfy my whim with haste,  
 Nor coyly e'en refuse with me to taste  
 The mellow morsels of a ripening cheese.  
 Awhile allow thy flocks to roam the leas,  
 And be this chamber with thy presence graced ;  
 Do not with pasturing th' occasion waste,  
 Nor my fond soul with expectation tease.  
 E'en so might Sappho leave her passioned Muse,  
 Some fragrant rustic banquet to enjoy,  
 And not to stint, but to consume the whole.  
 Do not, I pray, this earnest plea refuse !  
 Give me the cheese that feeds but does not cloy :  
 Cheddar, or Kraft, or potent Gorgonzole.

D. HIGGINS, Upper VI. Lit.

## Yachting on the Broads.

Yachting is a pastime which has gained in popularity and yachts on the Broads are as common a sight as motor cruisers. Let us hire one of these yachts for a cruise ; one of the "Flarizel" yachts which are very swift sailing. Where shall we go ?

We will start from Wroxham Broad, the Queen of the Broads. We set sail—mainsail, jib, and topsail, and glide swiftly with the wind under Wroxham's narrow bridge and follow the river's loop in which is Belaugh Broad. Let us moor the yacht in the pretty backwater, which is called "Little Switzerland," in order to see Belaugh's lovely church. Ah ! we have wasted time in the backwater and must miss Cottishall and hasten to Sutton Broad.

What lovely scenery ! Picturesque windmills are dotted here and there. Popular Sutton Broad is very busy, so it will be better to sail upon the moonlit waters to Potter Heigham to moor for the night. We will moor our yacht here, in the backwater to the left of the bridge.

As the sun rises, we rise, and our yacht glides once again under Heigham Bridge. How lovely Norfolk looks this morning; the waters sparkle and a pearly mist envelopes

us. All this changes into brilliant sunshine as we enter Martham Broad. Here the water is clear and deep with a stratum of lilies and leaves on the surface. But we must leave this now and sail up the gay Waverney Broad and on to Beccles. Yes, Beccles does look unreal steeped in moonlight, and here we will moor for the night.

The beginning of another day, and here we are sailing up Oulton Broad, gay with yachts sailing, and populous with yachts moored. What was that? A gun! We are just in time to see the first August Yacht Race.

DOROTHY GREEN, Upper Va.

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## To a Shooting Star.

She falls in a trail of golden light,  
 Falls from the sable midnight sky,  
 Glides from the night's starr'd face to lie  
 Hidden by veils of mist from sight.  
 The silver moon in radiance bright  
 Watches with silver lamps on high,  
 The path of the star as she shoots by  
 Into eternity, far from sight.  
 Into the depths of a crystal lake,  
 Fire-winged, in blazing glory dipped,  
 Silently, leaving in her wake  
 An arc of flame from her beauty ripped.  
 She lay there, sheltered by fronds and brake,  
 And peacefully into slumber slipped.

B. RUSHFORTH, Upper VI. Lit.

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## My First Flight in an Aeroplane.

"Contact!" The pilot shouted out this order and then I settled down to experience my first "trip in the air." Even the deafening roar of the engine excited me. I clung tightly to my seat as the machine taxied slowly forward in order to take off into the wind. Then the plane rapidly ascended, leaving the aerodrome and the crowd behind us. I looked at the altimeter and saw that we were 1,000 feet up, and travelling about 90 miles per hour. It was an open plane and the noise and the pressure of the wind were terrific. I tried to speak but it was absolutely hopeless. I could not even hear my own voice. Glancing down I tried to pick out a few landmarks. But how different everything

seemed ! How clear and dormant Wath looked viewed from above ! Finally I located Wath Church, the Grammar School and the Colliery. I put out my hand in order to point out something to my fellow passenger, but my arm seemed to be paralysed—I could not move it. The force of the wind seemed to have drained every drop of blood from my face, and I felt as though some mysterious Herculean force was tugging my hair by the roots. Occasionally the plane seemed to drop a few feet but to hastily recover itself. I experienced a sinking feeling at the pit of my stomach. It was a terrible sensation. Soon the pilot banked the machine on a final turn and swooped down to earth at a perilous angle. The ground seemed to be rushing towards us. Fear gripped my heart. A crash seemed inevitable. However, my fears were groundless, for the plane grazed, as indeed I thought it did, the heads of the crowd, and effected a perfect landing. We taxied slowly across the field, the plane swerved round and then stopped. I clambered dizzily out of the cockpit none the worse for my adventure.

M. SMITH, Lower VI.Lit.

### I Don't Like.

I don't like earwigs, they're nasty creepy things.  
 I don't like worms, 'cos they're only made of rings,  
 I don't like beetles, they're very black and dirty,  
 I don't like centipedes, with legs well over thirty.  
 I only like young people, who can sport and play  
 From early in the morning to the end of the day.  
 I don't like gravy which is always made with flour,  
 I don't like vinegar, which is only wine gone sour,  
 I don't like prunes—the stones get in my way,  
 I don't like plum pudding that's been boiled all day.  
 But I do like biscuits, and of course I like cake,  
 And I like the sun shining in my bedroom when I wake.

B.W., Ia.

### The School of 2085 A.D.

Below the plane was a green landing ground, with a white circle and the letters W-S. Around the ground were four huge white buildings, the greatest having a control tower and hangars. Behind the main buildings were vast playing fields. Down the machine swooped, the helicopters whirring above. Radio signals gave the "all-clear," and we landed.

A man in the usual cellulose suit appeared, and after a brief consultation with my pilot, told me to follow him.

As I followed I noted the suntrap style of architecture, with modern exterior. Stepping on an escalator my guide and I were carried up to a door controlled by radio, which opened and showed a long corridor. Soon I arrived at a room which the man told me was that of the Superintendent. A voice bade me enter. Seated at a large desk in a chromium tube chair was a man in white uniform. He said that my parents had given him all necessary information, and I could immediately go to have a medical examination.

An hour later I emerged from the sanatorium and medical officer's rooms with a clean bill of health, and the psychologist's words in my ears. Henceforth I was to be in the Scientific Group.

The term had not yet begun officially, and I was able to spend my remaining time in becoming familiar with my new school.

The building I was in was devoted to Civil Service, training, engineering, handicrafts, architecture, art, economics, a hall, medical rooms, dormitories and a dining hall. Every corridor had horizontal bands moving in two directions, on which one could step and be borne to one's destination. The rooms were equipped with radio and television sets, in order to receive lectures from important men, in unison with other schools. The furniture was ultra-modern, as were the methods of lighting, heating, and air-conditioning. Of course the windows were devised to allow as much sunlight to enter as possible.

The walls were painted in colours which were conducive to the subject studied. For instance, the large art room had a blend of modernist and classical paintings to decorate the walls.

Underground corridors led to the second building, which was the abode of the world's future scientists. There were both elementary and very advanced subjects studied, since the abolition of the different types of schools in 1996. Biology, physics, chemistry, industrial processes (in conjunction with the engineering building classes), mathematics, meteorology, astronomy—a large observatory was on the roof—were only a few of the subjects provided for. In the observatory were several maps of planets explored last year by Burnis and his fellow scientists at the instigation of the European and Asiatic branches of the Scientific League of the Earth. A huge radio apparatus was also installed for interplanetary communication. Another interesting room had miniature models of the planetary system, while its neighbour was concerned with telepathy and spiritualism.

The third building of the school studied the universal language, literature, geography, and hygiene, while the last one of all had a gymnasium, swimming-pool, cinema (despite the rivalry of television), for views of the earth and the moon, and a chapel.

The next day the term began. Aeroplanes brought loads of pupils from the towns of the district, hosts of boys kicked balls about the fields, merry voices made themselves heard over the smooth drone of streamlined cars fetching more pupils, and everyone was happy. Why? Because I have just realised that they had no homework, or punishments, and studied only the subjects their minds were fitted for, and which were needed for their future work.

J. TAYLOR, Upper Va.

## Ode to Ten Minutes Past Four.

*(With apologies to P. B. Shelley).*

Swiftly come and from misery save,  
 Awaited boon,  
 Numberless school-boys, who all day slave,  
 Who all day slave in dull classroom.  
 They wait for thee, they hope, they pray  
 For thee, the end of one school day.  
 Come, four-ten, come.  
 Thy friend, twelve-thirty came and cried,  
 "Will you have me?"  
 But no, the schoolboys him denied.  
 They would not have him, for they see  
 He brings them but a brief respite  
 From lessons long and masters' might.  
 They all want thee.  
 When I arose and came to school,  
 I sighed for thee.  
 When tyranny o'er all did rule,  
 And work lay heavy on little me;  
 And all the world seemed quite at rest  
 Except for school (the blinkin' pest),  
 I sighed for thee.  
 Apologies now come at last,  
 And not too soon.  
 In case this poem should cause a blast  
 Of anger, then I crave this boon.  
 Read the next line, 'ere you're misled  
*I don't mean half of what I've said,*  
 So change your tune.

"ONE OF THE SCHOOLBOYS."

## Abyssinia.

Abou Adam an ascetic Arab ambled aimlessly along, astride an Assyrian ass. Arriving at an alcove adjoining Addis Ababa's academy, Abou alighted. An astute Afridi appraising Allah approached, and asked an alms. Abou astonished at an Afridi asking an alms, ascertained Afridis accompanied an allied army at Adowa. Abou admonished all apostates, and averting all aid advised atonement.

R. SMITH, Upper IVa.

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## Will it be Granted.

We held our breath, the hour was near,  
 Our feet stood rooted fast,  
 Our breath was short, we gasped in fear,  
 But the time would soon be past.  
 The Head spoke softly, his voice did drone,  
 He spoke of years gone by,  
 When the seeds of war were slowly sown  
 And men learned how to die.  
 The hour was here, a bell did toll,  
 Our heads were bended low.  
 We looked up at our honours roll,  
 Remembering years, when foe killed foe.  
 We prayed aloud in that dim hall,  
 And my low voice did say:  
 "Oh, God, grant men may no more fall  
 Long live Armistice Day."

ANON.. Upper V Rem.

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## The Terror.

The terrific tornado, toppling trees to the terra, tangled the telephone-cables. The trellis trembled totteringly. The turret tremored, threatening to tumble. The terrified townfolk took themselves temporarily to the taciturn temple. The tenacious tempest tauntingly tortured the ten thousand theists. The turbid temperature throttled them. The turmoil torpified them. Then the terror terminated. The tumult turned to tranquillity. The temperature tepified. The townfolk triumphed.

E. HIGGS, Upper III.

## The School Trip to London, 1935.

On Saturday, July 27th, some 25 of us started out from Wath Station. We found travelling on Saturday no joke, and a series of misfortunes befell us. This resulted in our losing one of our guides and 3 others. After wasting a considerable time for them to turn up, we began our tour of London.

We took the tube to Hyde Park Corner and made our way up Constitution Hill, past the Albert Memorial and Buckingham Palace, and down the Mall to emerge in Trafalgar Square. From a vantage point we gazed around and then walked down Whitehall, gazing at the Cenotaph, Downing Street and Scotland Yard. Finally we arrived at the Houses of Parliament. Here our leader put her trust in London policemen, but even they could not find our missing links. We spent an interesting half-hour, during which we saw both Houses, the Chapel and Westminster Hall.

Westminster Abbey was our next calling place, but we had only time to see the Poets' and Statesmen's Corners and the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. By now we were all extremely thirsty and we hurried on to the South Kensington Science Museum, where we were able to quench our thirst and also find our lost companions. There were many interesting models illustrating "Transport through the ages," "Light" and aeroplanes.

At the Zoo we had an argument with the gate-keepers about the price of admission, but we won on points and found it well worth the argument. We shall never forget the reindeer who chewed some "documents" belonging to one of our guides.

On the return journey we restored the inner man to his former self and proceeded to make the most of the time we had left.

There were three people who stood out as the chief personalities—the "sponge," who had countless bottles of ginger beer, the hero who saved our guide from the awful fate of having to walk about hatless, and a certain lady who set up as a fortune teller on the return journey.

## Life (A Literary Curiosity).

(Reproduced).

- Young* : Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour ?  
*Dr. Johnson* : Life's a short summer, man is but a flower.  
*Pope* : By turns we catch the fatal breaths and die.  
*Prur* : The cradle and the tomb, alas ! how nigh.  
*Sewall* : To be is better far than not to be.  
*Spencer* : Though all man's life may seem a tragedy ;  
*Daniel* : But light cares speak when mighty griefs are dumb ;
- Sir W. Raleigh* : The bottom is but shallow whence they come.  
*Longfellow* : Thy fate is but the common fate of all,  
*Southwell* : Unmingled joys here to no man befall ;  
*Congreve* : Nature to each allots his proper sphere.  
*Churchill* : Fortune makes folly her peculiar care.  
*Rochester* : Custom does often reason overrule,  
*Armstrong* : And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool.  
*Milton* : Live well ; how long or short—permits to heaven,
- Bailey* : They who forgive much shall be most forgiven.
- Massinger* : Soar not too high, to fall, but stoop, to rise.  
*Crowley* : We masters grow of all that we despise.  
*Beattie* : Oh ! then renounce that unpious self-esteem  
*Cowper* : Riches have wings and grandeur is a dream,  
*Davenant* : Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave,  
*Gray* : The paths of glory lead but to the grave.  
*Dryden* : What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown ?  
*Quarles* : The way to *bliss* lies not on beds of down,  
*Watkins* : How long we live, not years but actions tell;  
*Herrick* : The man lives twice who lives the first life well.
- Dana* : The trust that's given, guard and to yourself be just,  
*Shakespeare* : For live now how we may, yet die we must.

D. A. HARGREAVES, Up.IVa.

## A Visit to the Repertory Theatre, Sheffield.

On Saturday, November 23rd, members of the Upper Vth and VIth forms visited Sheffield to see a performance of "Twelfth Night." Except for the fact that some of the players spoke rather too quickly, the play was well produced.

The scenery was simple but effective, and the lighting effects were very well managed. Perhaps the most truly represented of the characters was that of Malvolio. He was depicted as an ambitious schemer, who was blind to all reasoning, for he accepted the letter written by the maid Maria and purporting to come from his mistress Olivia, as genuine. He appeared before his mistress Olivia with a smile on his face and yellow stockings on his legs, hoping to please her. Had he thought, he would have realised that smiles and yellow stockings were the things calculated to annoy her most. The inevitable result followed. It was most amusing to see her expression after the meeting with his mistress, when Maria repeated his own words, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." The characters of Olivia, Viola and the Duke were also well portrayed. Throughout the play the Duke asks in vain for the hand of Olivia, and finally is betrothed to Viola. Olivia, falling in love with the disguised Viola, marries the latter's long lost brother in the general confusion that results from Viola's impersonation of her brother. Much of the humour of the play was provided by the actions of Sir Andrew and Sir Toby. The scene behind the box-hedge, when the two Knights were eavesdropping on Malvolio was decidedly amusing. The impertinence and mimicing of the clown also added greatly to the humour. On the whole the play was both instructing and entertaining, and since in this play Shakespeare observed the unities of Time and Place, it was easier to follow and understand than most Shakespearean productions.

C. KIDSON, Upper VI. Lit.

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## Armed Aggression Against Arabia's August Amir.

All avaricious ambassadors adopting ambitious aims always attempt appropriately an avoidable and abortive assault against any able autocrat. Accordingly, after Abdallah abdicated, as all appeared auspicious, Abdul aided, and almost augmented, an armed attack against Arabia's august and aristocratic Assembly. All accomplished Anglo-American adventurers around Akabah affirmed astonishment, animosity and alarm, at Abdul's assault and aggression.

D. HIGGINS, Upper VI. Lit.

## Old Wathonians' Rugby Club.

The Old Wathonians Rugby Club is having a fairly successful season. We have played twelve matches; won nine, and lost three. For the first time we have made progress in the Yorkshire Cup; we beat Rotherham, and then were beaten at Barnsley in the fourth preliminary round. Our venture on to a new ground bids fair to prove successful; the playing field is admirable and the changing quarters satisfactory. We must thank the School for loaning us their ground when ours was under water.

The team is gradually playing more as a unit. We have had a welcome addition of strength with the return of Hollingsworth, and Rees, from College. Findlay, too, has proved himself a very useful forward. Nevertheless, our greatest difficulty is a meagre playing strength. We often have difficulty in fielding a full team. We urge all boys to join the club on leaving school; every consideration will be given to them. We are more than a Rugby club; we are Old Wathonians, so please come along and play for us.

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## Hiawatha, 1935 Version.

In the fertile land of Bolton,  
 In the valley of the River,  
 Lived the mighty Big Chief Lakey,  
 Great and powerful Big Chief Lakey,  
 Ruling all with noble puissance,  
 Kindly, and with prudent justice,  
 Wisely aiding thrifty subjects,  
 Penalizing all transgressors  
 As a warning to the fractious.

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Now upon the day of Thursday,  
 Fifty minutes past the noontide,  
 He was wont to hold his councils,  
 Hidden in the Council Wigwam,  
 With his four and ten lieutenants,  
 Talking of the week's transgressors,  
 Summoning to the Council Wigwam  
 All such folk as had offended  
 He and all his true lieutenants:  
 Punishing those folk rebellious  
 As a warning to the fractious.

At ten-to-one one solemn Thursday,  
 There was brought into his presence  
 One who had defied the edicts—  
 Breaking laws in mere defiance  
 Of those laws and Big Chief Lakey.  
 "What have you against this madman?"  
 Said the chief in accents frigid ;  
 "Chief," said Lakey's chief lieutenant,  
 Trusty, brave, the Big Chief Howdle,  
 "This disgusting nauseous insect  
 Would persist in hurling at us  
 Noises like a sucking piglet's,  
 Also other ebullitions  
 Calculated to resemble  
 Amorous calls of feline lovers  
 To the female of the species.

Big Chief Lakey's eye did glitter ;  
 Harshly he surveyed the victim  
 From his scalp to his mocassins ;  
 Turned again unto his henchmen.  
 "Any more," said he unto them.  
 "Chief," then said the son of Andrews,  
 "He did trespass on the precincts  
 Of thy most revered temple  
 Pried inside the inner Temple.  
 When I told him then to scatter,  
 And to beat it for tall timber.  
 He repeated noxious noises  
 Mentioned by the Big Chief Howdle."

Accused doth around the wigwam  
 Apprehensive glances scatter,  
 But no place of refuge finds he ;  
 Three stalwart scrummers bar his exit,  
 So to the Judgment Seat he legs it.

"O Lord," says he is false falsetto  
 "I am a worm and that thou knowest.  
 Forgive me now, and I will never  
 Go against thy laws in future."

The Big Chief turns his gaze upon him,  
 Grovelling on his august knee-caps ;

Speaks to him with words of vitriol,  
 Mentions "eye" and "Betty Martin."  
 "He shall boil in white hot vitriol—  
 Phenolphthalein—methyl orange—  
 Aqua fortis—prussic—boron  
 Benzochloroxyymoron."

"Let him be," said Big Chief Lakey,  
 "Ground to atoms in a mortar ;  
 Pulverized with ponderous pestle ;  
 Reduced to little osseous pieces ;  
 Precipitated as a chloride ;  
 Evaporated with a Bunsen ;  
 Titrated in a pyrex beaker ;  
 Sangnified under pressure ;  
 By the Deaden Chamber Process ;  
 Till no molecule remaineth ;  
 But his diabolic spirit  
 Flees with throaty ullulations  
 To the underneath hereafter.

E. A. BROOMHEAD, VI.Science.

