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Editorial.

FOUR years ago we started to collect enough money to pay half the cost of four hard tennis courts. To-day that fund is complete, owing to the Plays, to help given by the Games Committee and the Scouts, and to various small efforts in which different sections of the School have taken part. The speed with which we have completed the hard court fund has encouraged us to embark on a far longer voyage. We hope in December to start a scholarship fund to assist boys and girls of ability to proceed to a University or some other place of further education.

We shall need to collect nearly ten times as much as we have collected in the last four years before we have a really effective scholarship fund : but we do not wish to spend forty years over it, for in that case it would not be available until the grandchildren of our present boys and girls had come to School. Therefore we want to give the fund a great start in December, and as one means of raising money we are holding a *Sale of Work*. Every House is helping, and it is hoped that every boy and girl will do something. Some can make goods for sale ; others can obtain orders ; others can do both. A beginning has already been made, and if we all pull our weight for the next nine months, there is no reason why the Sale should not prove an immense financial success.

This new scheme deserves support, because a scholarship fund will prove of lasting benefit to the School. It will

do something to put our boys and girls on an equality with those who attend older schools which possess scholarship funds given by "pious benefactors" in the past. It will also give boys and girls who do not want to teach an opportunity to enter a University to prepare for some other profession or career.

We are not asking the boys and girls for money, but we are asking for service. The *Sale of Work* gives each House an opportunity of doing something to benefit the School in the future.

Competitions.

The following were awarded prizes by the Committee :—

F. Youel, for his ebonite cut of M. Perrichon,

J. Lockwood, for her rhymed letter, "Congratulations,"

and H. Knutton, for his one-syllabled story, "It's a fact."

House Notes.

ATHENS.

As in most other Houses the chief interest of Athens this term has been in the production of articles for the Sale of Work. The girls have begun to do needlework, knitting and embroidery. Throughout the next term we hope to make and sell cakes, chutney and sweets. The boys are busy at the Art Club and in the Woodwork room.

Our greatest successes have been on the playing fields. Both boys' teams and the senior girls have done very well this season. The detentions which Athens has had this term have been surprising, not because they have been especially numerous, but because several individuals have received as many as four detentions in one week. Athens was once renowned for winning the work cup for three terms in succession; perhaps we may someday repeat this record, for during the week ending March 8, no detentions were received by Athenians. We are also delighted to announce that Bunn has won his Rugby cap.

CARTHAGE.

Towards the close of last term Carthage held their annual Christmas party, which proved very successful and entertaining as usual. A record number of old boys and girls attended, and the evening passed very pleasantly with community singing, games, supper, whist and dancing.

All Carthaginians express their thanks to the House Master and Mistress, and the Captains for organising the party.

Carthage was successful last term in obtaining the Work Cup for the first time. "Ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte." We hope that this effort will encourage us to go on and win it again and again in the future.

The results of the games this term have not been very brilliant, except among the Junior girls, who have won all their matches so far. The Junior boys, however, have lost all their matches.

The number of detentions amongst Carthaginians is still too high, although the small number obtained on certain weeks proves what could be done if a continued effort were made. The boys of Carthage, especially, must see what they can do in that direction.

A new branch of activities has entered into the work of the House this term. Preparations for the Sale of Work began in real earnest at the beginning of term, and, thanks to the very gratifying response from Carthaginian girls, the progress so far is very satisfactory. The boys of the House are still doing their share towards the tennis courts.

Carthage extends good wishes to all the senior members who have been accepted into training colleges this year.

ROME.

The Easter term is always a "slack" term. The Christmas term is a thrilling term, with preparations for the House Party and similar festivities. The Summer term is also full of preparations, though hardly of the same joyous nature, yet equally necessary. The Easter term alone has no distinguishing activities, thus the House Notes have to turn either to a review of the past or a consideration of the future.

A review of the past involves at once both the School Plays and the House Party. The noteworthy fact about the plays is that Rome had representatives in both castes, whilst the House Party is like the proverbial wine cask : it leaves pleasant memories behind. Certainly it was the most successful party Rome has ever had. Not only that, it was absolutely different from any other party in the School—if only for the delightful sketch presented by two girls. And now "all the past we leave behind . . ."

By way of more recent events, we must offer our sincerest congratulations to Horn on obtaining his 1st XV. "colours." Then we pass to a more humble sphere, that of House

matches. Here our prospects do not seem very hopeful. Admittedly both girls and boys have strong senior teams, but "there's a divinity that shapes our ends"—and, apparently, the House teams, for, to balance the success of the seniors, comes, from the juniors, a succession of lost matches that could only possibly be rivalled by a first XV.

Last of all, creeping into the House Notes like a late-comer into dinner, come the Detentions. Now, although Detentions are an infallible source of "copy," it must be remembered that they are not on that account essential. A term without a single detention would provide far more material: it would even justify a whole magazine to the glory of Rome!

Impecunious Romans, and so many Romans seem to be impecunious, need not, however, begin to glance around anxiously at having still another magazine to buy. As yet that possibility is too remote: it is of "the stuff that dreams are made of."

But to come to facts. Why is it that one form always distinguishes itself with an enormous score of detentions? More important still; why is that form always one of the "Upper" School? The Romans in Upper IVa, that is the form that should be the best of all the fourths, have this term produced nearly as many detentions as all other forms together. Nor is it entirely the "oft-persecuted" boys who are responsible; girls, and far too many girls, figure largely in the list.

Such a state of affairs ought never to exist: as it does, "ferimus ea quae ferenda sunt." At the same time, however, let us remember that our Rome must never be allowed to reach that stage of decadence and later, of ruin, which followed so soon after the above quotation.

SPARTA.

Apart from the usual activity on the games field the energy of the House has been mainly focussed on the preparation for the Sale of Work in December.

Our thanks are due to Miss Rudolf, who has given much valuable time and help to the girls in their making of jam and marmalade.

The girls themselves have all done their share both in making and selling the marmalade, and are getting on with it very well.

The boys, however, seem very reluctant to buy or sell (but not to eat) marmalade. If may be, of course (but it is highly improbable) that they are working so hard to pile up

points for the Work Cup that they are always too overburdened with books to carry jam. The boys have a strange objection to carrying jam and jam-pots, but why, we are at a loss to know. It is to be hoped, however, that they are making up for it at the Arts and Crafts Society.

The number of Spartan detentions has decreased this term as the result of the loss of some notorious sinners but (to repeat the usual grumble) there are far too many, both girls and boys from the Lower School and from the Vths. We should like to see that next term a definite effort is made to cut the number of these down.

THEBES.

As the Easter term is generally uneventful there is but little to record in the sphere of house activities, beyond the efforts of members on the new tennis courts, in contributing to the Sale of Work, and the usual complaints against detentions, besides House games.

Last term Thebes had the least number of detentions, and only narrowly failed to gain the Work Cup. This term certain girls of the Middle School appear to be striving to outnumber the boys in the detention list, but we hope that they will realise the folly of their ways and apply their endeavours to a more noble sphere.

House games have suffered because of the pusillanimity of certain members of the House, especially the seniors, who, perhaps having an uneasy anticipation of injury, prefer to consider their own interests to the detriment of their House. The junior boys are to be commended on winning all their matches this season; the senior girls have won both their matches this term, although the senior boys, suffering from the lack of sufficient boys to form a team owing to the number of boys in the 1st XV., have not as yet won a match.

This term several senior girls have been devoting their energies to the manufacture of certain confections which have been sold with an eye to profit, while it has been proposed that the senior boys should attend the Metalwork and Woodwork clubs certain evenings in the week.

TROY.

This is the term when the activities of the House as a whole are at their lowest ebb, so that one might expect these notes to be relatively short. Yet the usual amount of space must be expended in reprimanding those people whose work for the House is of a negative quality. They are the zealous persons who are so diligent in swelling the detention list, and

those of conveniently weak memories who "forget" on what day they have been ordained as "voluntary" navvies.

With regard to producing articles for the Sale of Work the boys must look to their laurels, for the girls are outstripping them in their activities in this direction. Apparently very few Trojan boys can use tools, for the House is poorly represented in the Craftwork Societies. This is especially true of the Middle and Upper School Trojans, who should be the most able. At the moment there are insufficient people to supply the orders Mr. Wilkinson has obtained, so more workers are essential if Troy is to compete for honours in the Sale.

In the field of Sport this season most of the Trojan victories have been won by the Juniors. To date, both the Junior Girls and the Junior Boys have won all their matches except one, while the Senior Girls have lost all except one, and the Senior Boys have failed to win a match. The Senior teams suffer from a lack of eligible players because of the number playing for School teams. Yet the teams would be quite efficient if they turned up as picked. The excuse "they won't miss me" is invalid, because in some matches a little extra weight would decide the issue in our favour. Other Houses turn out a full team—why not Troy?

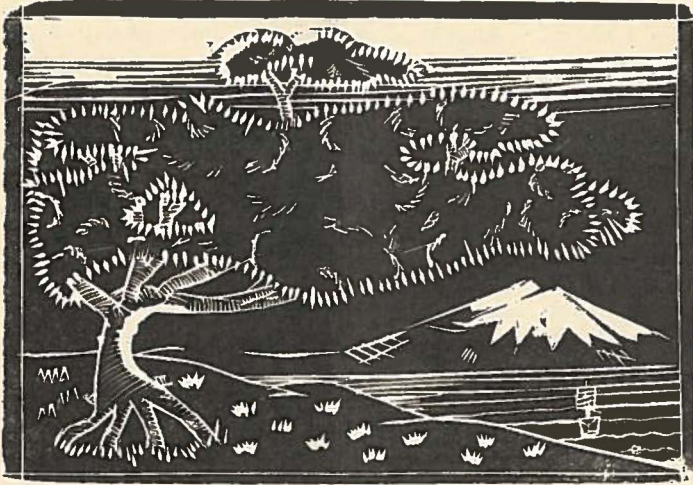
School Societies.

ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY.

Art Section.

The good attendance of last term has been continued to some extent into this, and we have from fifty to sixty members, though there is a lack of support from the Senior half of the School. The following have been granted full-membership: Horner, Boaden, J. Cutler, K. Maw.

As far as work is concerned there is still a lack of initiative on the part of most members. Our activities are chiefly directed towards the production of articles for the Sale of Work, but there is a lack of orders in the field of leatherwork, Batik dying, raffia-work, and the conversion of derelict material. Some members have been engaged in engraving ebonite blocks for the Magazine, and in making plaster casts, while others have occupied themselves with cane trays. The sketching section of the Society has met on Mondays. It has been engaged in portrait-drawing, for which subjects were set each week.



ANSTESS IV.A.

After School on Monday, February 19th, Mr. Leadley gave an illustrated lecture on "Painters' Lives," to full members, and those of the VIth Form who cared to accept an invitation to attend. He dealt chronologically with Hals, Velasquez, Rembrandt and Turner, giving a résumé of the life of each artist, and showing lantern slides of specimens of their work. The slides showed admirably the realistic nature of the paintings of the first two, but, as they were not coloured, gave only a vague idea of the imaginative productions of the last two, which, as Mr. Leadley told us, depend for their effect a great deal on colour. The lecture showed that Hals and Velasquez led carefree lives, while for Rembrandt and Turner the path of life was not always smooth. Mr. Leadley gave this as a possible solution of the differences in their work.

Woodwork Section.

Attendance has been good throughout the term, but doubly so during the last few weeks, so that there are occasionally more people desirous of working than benches to accommodate them. During the earlier part of the term members were occupied largely in making hurdles for the Sports, or articles for themselves; now almost everyone is engaged in producing something for the Sale of Work, which has indeed become rather a "mot de passe" in the workshop. The articles of manufacture range from simple stools to

coffee tables, yet there is still a lack of original ideas as to what to make. Should anyone require any special object they need only order it from Mr. Lewis, and rest assured that the article in question will be duly delivered of the highest possible craftsmanship and finish.

Metalwork Section.

In the earlier part of the term attendance was deplorably lacking, and seemed limited to about half-a-dozen keen members. However, since the Headmaster's attempt to stimulate interest in the Society by his announcement in the Hall, more people have appeared at the meetings and we are happy to welcome new members. We hope they will remain keen and that their numbers will be augmented by people from the Middle School, which is poorly represented. Members of the Sixth Form still decline our invitation to attend the meetings. As in the other branches of the Society members are occupied chiefly in producing articles for the Sale of Work. Nothing strikingly out of the ordinary is being made, though the forge is often brought into use for the manufacture of pokers, and hammers clang on the anvils to the accompaniment of the whir of the lathe.

The Field Club.

Three meetings have been held this term so far, and papers have been read as follows:—

On Jan. 15th by Mr. Williams on "Soils"; on Jan. 29th, three short papers by Phillips, Sewell and Taylor, of U.IIIa., on "Linnaeus," "Darwin," and "Some Monsters of the Past"; on Feb. 12th, by W. Bullen, U.IVa., on "The Elementary Scientific Principles of Beer Production."

Two meetings are still due to be held: on March 12th, S. Hodgson, L.VI.Sc., is to read a paper on "Some interesting Plant Products," and on March 26th it is hoped to show a set of lantern slides of some interest.

This is the first occasion on which we record papers by members of the U.III's, and their representatives are to be complimented on their clear delivery.

Work in the garden has also been progressing satisfactorily during the term.

The Senior Literary Society.

The Society began this term with a novel meeting which took the form of "Personal Experiences" by members of the Upper VI. Lit. E. Bagnall opened the proceedings with an account of a complicated genealogical table that was more interesting than the subject might suggest. Thompson followed with a brief but entertaining story concerning two policemen in a slum district. Next came D. Hanson who succeeded in creating an atmosphere of mystery about two easily explained events. Caswell, who followed, gave a graphic description of hospital life, taking as his "text" "Please keep your bed tidy." M. Smith now gave an account of her adventures as a small and very mischievous child. The final "experience" was to be by Cook. He began to give a humorous account of a journey to Baslow to see the "well-dressings." Unfortunately, however, Cook was forced to bring his address to an abrupt end, because it was getting late.

Beasley of the VIth R. took the chair, and there was a good attendance (58), excluding members of the staff, being present.

The next meeting attracted an even greater audience, no less than 72 presenting themselves for the Mock Trial, adapted from the famous "Bardell v. Pickwick" case in "Pickwick Papers." The trial was presented by the Upper VI. Literary, and was very successful, and all the more praiseworthy as it had been prepared at only one week's notice.

The eighth meeting of the session, and third of the term, took place on the 19th Feb., when there was a Vth Form Debate on the motion, "That money is the root of all evil." The best speeches were made by C. Jackson and Higgins for the proposition and opposition respectively.

There were few speeches from the floor of the house, and the motion was lost unanimously. It is noteworthy how poor the attendance was for this meeting, which the VIth Form were unable to attend. It is not very much to the credit of the Vth Forms.

On Monday, March 5th, Abson of the VIth Science, gave a demonstration on the "Mechanics of Chemical Reaction." To an audience of about 40 Abson gave a very clear lecture, which was concerned, for the most part, with Guldberg and Waage's Law of Mass Action. The illustrations were all successful, even the one where it was a matter of seconds.

Briefly the lecture showed that the rate of reaction depends on the affinity of the chemicals concerned, their concentration, and the temperature at which the action takes place. Abson also illustrated how catalysts may quicken a reaction. The lecture was something new in that the demonstrations were successful, that Abson conducted it alone, it did not involve technical terms beyond the ken of even the VI. Literary, and, lastly, the lecture was not too long.

Now all that remain this term are an Inter-House Debate and the Social. The latter, which is to take place on March 27th, is being eagerly awaited since it is to include a dramatic presentation of Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus."

Sixth Form Society.

The first meeting of the term was held on January 30th, 1934, when Bailey, of the Upper VI. Science, lectured on "The Solar System."

The lecturer began by giving his audience an imaginary picture of the universe as seen from its depths, in which he showed the solar system and its comparative insignificance. He then proceeded to deal with the sun, and gave some interesting facts about its bulk and temperature. He continued by describing in turn the planets Mercury, Venus, the Earth, the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. About each of these he gave his audience many interesting statistics. He next turned his attention to Comets, which he said were composed of small fragments of rock. Halley's Comet, perhaps the most famous, was first seen in 1682 and reappeared in the years 1758, 1835, and 1910.

Owing to shortness of time and the untimely failure of the epi-dia-scope, the lecturer was unable to describe the smaller members of the solar system. Cook was called upon to propose a vote of thanks.

On Monday, February 12th, Lady Clare Annersley favoured the Sixth Form Society with some of her reminiscences.

The lecturer began by describing her experiences in different parts of the world. Her first journey after the war was to Austria and Germany because of the distress at that time prevalent in those countries. The people who went out from England helped the Austrians and Germans, and endeavoured in all ways to make the people forget the horrors of war. The children in Austria were terribly under-

nourished, and the work that was done to aid them and their parents was in order to increase the bonds of international goodwill and co-operation. Their motto was "To know all is to understand all, and to understand all is to forgive all."

Lady Clare continued by describing her three months tour in the United States of America. She had discovered that the negroes in the U.S.A. were very badly treated. They were not regarded as being on an equality with the white people, and were compelled to use different railways and trams. The chains of lakes which divided the United States from Canada had formerly had battleships on them. A treaty had been made however by which the battleships and fortresses had been abolished, and by which it had been agreed that differences should be settled by arbitration. The slogan used in America at the time was "We must make friendships, not battleships." The money previously spent on the upkeep of the battleships was now used for schools, libraries, public parks and charitable institutions.

The Headmaster, who presided, called on Thompson to propose a vote of thanks.

The Society was addressed on Tuesday, March 13th, by the Rev. R. H. Atkin, on "Australia."

Scouts.

This term, as Easter Terms usually are, has been rather uneventful, but none the less interesting, for the Scouts. The Gymnasium has been annexed once more, and bandaging, flag waving and games take place there every Friday night. The records in the Patrol Leaders' attendance books are not particularly startling, as some of the members find it necessary to attend one or other of the sections of the Arts and Crafts Society, presumably to make some object for the Sale of Work.

An Ambulance Test was held a few weeks ago, which was on the whole, fairly successful, for nearly everyone showed more than a superficial knowledge of the subject. It is to be hoped that any tests to come will be equally, or more, successful.

By the time these notes appear in print another test will have been held—a Signalling Test. Whether this will be successful or not I do not know at the time of writing.

The Scouts' Library, which was revived somewhat over a year ago, is now well stocked with books of all types, sizes and colours, and in various stages of dilapidation, but, I am

glad to say, many of them are in quite good condition, and are quite interesting.

Keeness is still shown with regard to the passing of badges, and several Scouts are entering for the Electricians' Badge, among others. The passing of this badge, I may mention, is no mean achievement.

Guides.

Early this term an enrolment was held and several new Guides were added to our Company. We have won four proficiency badges: Cook's, Childnurse, Needlewoman's and Book Lover's. Miss Burberry came over to continue the First Class Tests. We are now waiting for the fine weather in which to complete the two remaining tests, swimming and hiking.

On March 24th a Patrol Leaders' Conference is to be held at the Company Room belonging to the Wath G.F.S. Guides. All the Leaders and Seconds of the School Company hope to be present. Guides from all the Wath Companies greatly enjoyed a wonderful film which was shown to us by Mr. J. Smith, of West Melton, on March the 6th. Pictures of all the most interesting things seen on a voyage round the world formed a long and delightful programme. Mr. Smith's fine explanation and unusual gramophone records made the film most instructive to us all.



F. YOUEL.

Monsieur Perrichon.

If the applause of the audience be taken as the criterion, "Monsieur Perrichon" was a great success. The rent-collector—he was not a rent-collector did someone say?—anyhow, Preston opened the play very effectively as he paced the platform of the railway station. Each time he appeared on the stage his remarks and actions showed more clearly the character of Majorin.

All the players acted their parts very well, and the characters of the people they represented were made quite clear. Ankers played "M. Perrichon" most admirably, and his wide-open eyes were very eloquent of the nervous, bustling state of "the fishmonger," though one would perhaps wish that he had focussed them more frequently on the persons to whom his speeches were directed, and had gazed into space only at the more dramatic moments.

With regard to the ladies—apologies for not mentioning them first—little can be said except that they acted their parts as they should be acted. Doris Hanson, as Henriette, made a very good "demure" young lady, while Dorothy Beckham was equally efficient as "Mama" Perrichon.

Though it seems a pity that the gallant Daniel failed in his courtship, yet one feels that the best man did win Henriette in the end, so well did Thompson show up the weaknesses in Daniel's character, while the reliable and guileless Armand was efficiently represented by Abson.

The actors of the minor parts maintained the high standard of performance set by the principal actors. Youel made an admirable porter, and played the part of Jean, the servant, most adeptly. He certainly looked well in his various costumes, and it seems rather a pity that as the Guide he should not have favoured us with a genuine Alpine yodel. Zee English of zee inn-keeper had such a pronounced French accent that one expected the features of its author to show forth some indication of foreign nationality, but instead one saw the familiar face of Wainwright. Beasley's bearing was distinctly martial, as befitted the actor of "Major Matthieu."

The lady at the railway bookstall must not be forgotten: the programme tells us she was prompter, but either she accomplished her task so surreptitiously as to be unnoticed, or the players did not need her assistance, for no prompting was heard. Indeed the only noticeable flaw in the performance was the fact that some of the "aside" remarks, which greatly clarify the plot of the play, never reached the back of the hall.

"The Rivals."

The School again showed a preference for the plays of Sheridan, this year producing "The Rivals." This was Sheridan's first comedy, and was written in 1774, when the author was twenty-three years old, and recuperating in Bath from a wound received in a duel. Many people prefer

this work to his later play, "The School for Scandal" but the latter is generally considered to be his masterpiece. The sale of tickets this year was very disappointing, although the audiences were better than were expected, for a considerable number of people came on the actual nights who had not reserved seats previously. If the numbers were slightly disappointing, the actors had no cause for discontent in the way in which the play was received, for it was obviously much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

The play hinges upon mistaken identities. Miss Lydia Languish is the ward of Mrs. Malaprop, and is in love with Captain Absolute, who is obliged to masquerade as an Ensign Beverly. He has to do this because the young lady has her head full of romantic ideas, and would not for a moment consider an ordinary marriage conducted along the usual lines. From this, many complications arise. Acres, one of Captain Absolute's friends, is likewise a suitor for the hand of Miss Languish, and being rejected writes a note challenging Beverly to a duel and sends the missive by his friend Captain Absolute. Sir Lucius O'Trigger is in love with Lydia, but he confuses the aunt with the niece, whom he thinks is called Delia. Sir Lucius fancies himself insulted by Captain Absolute and the farce at King's-Mead-Fields barely escapes from becoming a tragedy. The duel is interrupted by a crowd, raised by David and Sir Anthony, then the explanations come out and the tangled ends of the plot are smoothed out in the final happy ending.

Wollman carried a good part through with conviction, and gave a good impersonation of the irascible, testy, old Sir Anthony Absolute. As the latter's son, Cook had a rather difficult part with many awkward asides, but he gave a very good rendering of the lover many times in distress, "Oft in danger, oft in woe." M. Smith proved to be an exceptionally good Mrs. Malaprop, and her famous "Malapropisms" were well received by the audiences. As Lydia Languish, M. Charlesworth struck just the right note of petulance and youthfulness necessary for the part. The parts of Fag, and Thomas, were well taken by Fitch and Illingworth respectively. D. Ellis gave a good representation of the sweet-natured, loveable, Julia, and she was well supported by Collins as the temperamental, rather ill-humoured, Faulkland, her lover. Molly Smith showed she understood her part, as Lucy, the impersonation of artful simplicity. Willis introduced an adequate Irish atmosphere into Sir Lucius O'Trigger. Horner proved to be a good substitute for Caswell in the part of Acres, as the latter was unable to carry his part through

owing to injuries. The small though difficult part of David was well filled by Harrison. Bletcher and P. Crockett made competent domestics.

Football.

1st XV. v. Old Boys. Home. (Dec. 16th, 1933).

Result: Lost by 19 points to 8.

The School's annual Christmas match with the Old Boys provided an interesting and thrilling struggle. The School, who had four players absent, had to enlist the aid of Messrs. Wilkinson and Black. The School opened downhill, and Lake scored after about ten minutes' play; the kick failed. The Old Boys retaliated strongly, Hollingsworth and Pears being their best men. During the first half the Old Boys were definitely superior; they dominated the play with good loose forward work, all their nineteen points were gained in this half.

On resumption the School were forced into defence, and good tackling was predominant on the part of the School threes. The School forwards dribbled and packed well, Harrison, Findlay and Lake being outstanding. By forward rushes the School at one period advanced into the Old Boys' twenty-five. Oades broke through to score an improved try for the School.

The Old Boys in the last ten minutes had to fight strongly to keep their line intact and were exceedingly lucky in doing so. They had to play much above their usual form to cope with the determined and keen play of the School. Beasley was missed at inside-forward. A large enthusiastic crowd watched a thrilling game.

1st XV. v. Goole Grammar School. Home. (Jan. 27th).

Result: Lost by 20 points to 8.

Conditions were good for this match which was attended by a large crowd. Harrison won the toss and the School kicked off down-hill. At the beginning Goole were on the defensive; after about fifteen minutes' play Horn broke through, after selling the dummy in fine style, to score an unconverted try for the School. Goole immediately retaliated with a goal by Woodcock. Near half-time Lee, after a brilliant run, scored between the posts. The try was converted by Beasley.

After the interval Woodcock brought the score of Goole up to twenty points with three goals, all of which were the

results of breakaways. For the School, Findlay led the scrum well, and Harrison and Wainwright combined quite successfully with the three-quarters. The score exaggerated the run of the play.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth Secondary School. Home.

Feb. 10th.

Result : Draw—8 points to 8.

The School opened the play downhill and quickly pressed. Hemsworth retaliated with good three-quarter movements. The School forwards played well, and for an infringement near the Hemsworth goal-line, the referee ordered a penalty against our visitors. Beasley got the ball well over with a delightful kick. Hemsworth then scored a try against the run of play.

After resumption of play, the School forwards fought a gruelling battle against a determined defence. Findlay "hooked" the ball back well from the scrums, Wainwright and Harrison were excellent in the line outs, and gave the three's every opportunity, but the ball was fumbled; the School by this lost ground, the pressure was only relieved by the cool and sure touch finding of Bunn. From inside the Hemsworth twenty-five Croft broke through the School defence to score a converted try. The School pressed and scored immediately afterwards through a try by Beasley, which he himself converted.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth Secondary School (Feb. 10th).

Result Lost—8 points to 5.

At Hemsworth the School team kicked off uphill, on a ground like a quagmire. Wath pressed from the start; from superior forward work by the School Beasley scored, and converted the try. Hemsworth retaliated with an unconverted try. The School were pressing when the half-time whistle spoilt a likely opening.

After half time the School dominated the play. From good three-quarter work by Peace and Scholey the ball was passed out to Lee, who dodged his man but was brought down near the Hemsworth goal line. A good individual effort by Croft resulted in a goal for Hemsworth. Prominent among the Wath forwards were Harrison, Lake and Bailey.

1st XV. v. Barnsley Grammar School. (Feb. 17th).

Result : Won by 26 points to nil.

At Barnsley, the School were definitely superior in every branch of the play to their opponents. The defence of Barnsley was poor, and for the first half of the game the School were playing in the Barnsley half. About three minutes from the start Lee narrowly missed with a drop-

goal. The threes were above their usual standard, and good passing resulted. Horn scored twice in succession with good fast runs down the wing; Lake improved on one of these.

After half-time Lee got across to score a try which he converted: just after, from a good dribble by Horner, the ball came out to Peace and he scored between the posts; Lee converted. Barnsley rallied and forced the play into the Wath half, but were unable to score due to the keen tackling of Bunn, Greenall and Ankers. From a breakaway Lee did a beautiful bit of fast dodging and scored a try which he converted. Later Horn with a run down the wing scored an unconverted try. Harrison, Findlay and Wainwright were prominent.

2nd XV. v. Castleford G.S. Away. (Dec. 2nd).

Result: Lost—14 points to 11 points.

The return match at Castleford was eagerly awaited, after the hard struggle which the School had won at Wath. The School had a particularly strong team, and asserting heavy pressure in the opening stages, led at the interval by 11 points to 5. On the resumption, however, Castleford took up the attack, but the School defended well to hold the lead. In the closing minutes, Greenall, the School full-back, went off the field injured, and Castleford scored two further tries to snatch a rather fortunate victory.

2nd XV. v. Doncaster 1st XV. Away. (Dec. 9th).

Result: Lost—27 points to 3 points.

Doncaster had a tremendous advantage in height and weight but during the early play the School managed to keep the score down by keen tackling and good positional play. Lee and Turner continually relieved pressure by long kicking, and the former often used his speed to great advantage. Doncaster scored three tries before the interval, one of which was converted, and the School replied with a penalty goal taken by Lee. There was very little combined play on either side, but in the second half Doncaster scored several times following individual rushes, to win by a wide margin.

2nd XV. v. Rotherham 1st XV. Away. (Feb. 17th).

Result: Lost—14 points to 8 points.

This game played by the 2nd XV. was definitely the best of the season, and was a personal success for Routledge who scored two clever tries, a result of his opportunism. Rotherham led by 6 points to 3 at the interval, and scored another try immediately on the resumption, but the School played to better advantage following this, and carried play into the Rotherham half for long periods. When Ward con-

verted Routledge's second try to make the score 9 points to 8, the School struggled desperately to get a final score, but Rotherham went over again to win a very exciting game. Afeature of the play was the keen tackling of the School backs.

2nd XV. v. Thorne 1st XV. Home. (Mar. 3rd).

Result : Lost—12 points to 11 points.

The School kicked uphill with the advantage of the strong wind, but play was made difficult by the blinding sun. Thorne threatened a first-minute score, but Greenall tackled splendidly. The visitors were not to be denied, however, and they scored two tries, one of which was converted, and a dropped goal, the School replying with two unconverted tries by Turner. The School attacked incessantly, playing down the slope, on the resumption, but Thorne defended well until the last minute, when Scholey scored and converted, to put the School only one point behind. The School were again rather unlucky to lose, after enjoying much more of the play territorially.

Hockey

1st XI. v. Thorne G.S. (Dec. 9th). Won, 2—1.

The School was playing with three reserves on account of the School Plays, but the game was very even, Thorne putting up a great fight. All the reserves played well, and justified their inclusion in the team, E. Stopforth playing particularly well. Thorne won the toss and chose to play uphill first. Thorne scored the first goal, and the School was getting a little down-hearted when C. Jackson scored for the School. During the second half in spite of the difficulty of playing uphill, the School again managed to score. E. Hague was worthy of mention, for she saved many flying shots.

1st XI. v. Mexboro' Away. (Jan. 20th). Lost 2—0.

Mexboro' won the toss and elected to play uphill first. The ground was very hard and consequently the play was faster than usual. Very soon a goal was scored by the Mexboro' right wing.

In the second half the game centred round the Mexboro' circle, but the School forwards were unable to shoot. The ball was finally cleared and another goal was scored by the Mexboro' left, and when the whistle blew Mexboro' had won by two goals to nil.

1st XI. v. Thorne. Home. (Jan. 27th). Won 7—0

The School lost the toss and Thorne played downhill first. A few minutes after the bully N. Langford was able

to shoot, followed by N. Midwood. Very quickly C. Jackson scored 2 goals, thus making a total of four goals in favour of the School at half-time.

During the second half the Thorne defence tried in vain to clear the ball from their circle. C. Jackson scored another two goals, while the seventh was scored by J. Rollin. In this match the School XI. was very badly supported.

1st XI. v. Penistone. (Mar. 3rd). Lost, 2—0.

The School won the toss and elected to play uphill first. They were at a disadvantage for their three "colours" were missing. The School forwards were very weak and had a good deal to learn from the Penistone forwards with regard to co-operation in the game. Within a very short time the Penistone forwards had scored their first goal.

The second half was much easier, for the School were playing with the wind, but the play was decidedly one-sided, and the left wing got a little too much play. N. Midwood did, however, play very well with the aid of D. Ellis. N. Langford, helped by F. Doherty, did manage to dribble the ball into the circle, but it was quickly cleared by one of the opposing backs. The rest of the play was centred in the Wath goal-circle, and E. Hague put up a very good defence.

2nd XI. v. Doncaster High School. At Doncaster. (Feb. 3rd).

Result: Wath lost, 6—1.

Although our forwards tried very hard to reach the goal-circle their efforts were rewarded only by a single goal. The Doncaster forwards gave Wath's defence a very hard time, and as a result of their quick, well-placed passing and determined shooting, they gained a marked victory.

2nd XI. v. Mexboro' Secondary School. At Wath. (Feb. 10th).

Result: Wath won, 2—0.

The ground was frozen, and the visiting team said that they thought the game would be "fast." In spite of Wath's "inferiority complex," their new captain, H. Rhodes, led them out to victory. The game was a quick one, and Wath forwards were very aggressive, with the result that the defence was not kept so busy as usual. Mexboro's goal-keeper withstood many stern onslaughts, but in the end the home team proved superior.

Congratulation.

Dear friend, the feat you've just performed
To some may sound absurd,
But when of it I was informed
I couldn't speak a word.

It must have taken weeks and weeks :
 I guess the people stared,
 They thought you one of Nature's freaks,
 I don't suppose you cared.
 How a record you have won,
 Assisted by the Fates,
 A Trip around the world you've done
 On a pair of roller skates !
 Congratulations once again ;
 Sincerely yours, I now remain.

J. LOCKWOOD, U.VI.Lit.



MARTIN IVA

It's a Fact

One night as John did his Maths. he found out that a hard sum was set.

"What's the cube of nine ?" ?

"Where is my fact book?"

He found it, but what good ! It would have been more wise to take it from his head, for he could not prove it in class next day.

H. Knutton, Upp.IIa.

Old Wathonians Rugby Club.

The season now closing has been a most successful one, and it is pleasing to report that several new fellows have been added to our "active service" list. The results of our matches in detail are :—Played 19 ; won 17 ; lost 2 ; scoring 294 points against 94.

Although we did not win our Cup fixture we had the satisfaction of playing a much keener game, which has also resulted in fixtures for next season with our competition rivals.

The Club's Annual Dance was a most successful function, and the Club's bank balance is a little higher as a result thereof.

Next year's fixture list is now almost complete, and includes four new clubs.

Life in Western Australia.

I will begin my story in the spring time, when the flowers are in full bloom, and the young springing wheat is a glorious green, then it is that the magpies warble, and all the different kinds of parrots look like a blaze of colour, as they fly in huge flocks.

There are many species of ground orchids, which are abundant in the bush, but perhaps the most beautiful flower of all is the Lesnorcia, a lovely blue flower which grows in large masses in the Darling Ranges.

Then there is the Kangaroo Paw, so named because of its paw-like blossoms.

I will now tell you a little of the capital city, Perth. It is built on the banks of the Swan River, which was, and still is to a certain extent the home of the black swan. You can see pelicans on the river, and one or two other birds, but at the back of that rises the city.

Perth always has a fresh appearance, with its wide streets and the evergreen gum trees. Government House is very old with spacious gardens, which are open to the public.

As you come into Perth from the east you pass a lovely park, called Queens Gardens; there is a statue of Peter Pan there, and if you go down some steps by the lily pond, you come into a cave, all lit up by Chinese lanterns.

On the south side of Perth there is what is called Kings Park. This park is kept in its natural state, and people who pick or in any way disturb the flora are heavily fined; it is also a bird sanctuary.

In this park there are various memorial statues, but the most prominent of all is that of John Forrest, the founder of Perth, as he looks out over on to the city, which when he saw it last was but a few wooden huts.

There in that park stands the War Memorial, where the name of every West Australian who answered the call of the

Motherland in the drear war years is recorded. The memorial itself is like the Cenotaph in its shape, and is floodlit at night.

There is an observatory near Kings Park where all the weather reports are received.

To go back a few minutes to Kings Park, if you went there at dawn on the 25th April, Anzac Day, a most impressive scene would meet your gaze : you would see hundreds of people standing there in silence in commemoration of the men who landed on that day in 1915 on the Peninsular of Gallipoli.

Around Perth there are a lot of beaches, the most popular of which is Cottesloe ; there a lot of surfing is carried on. As you look eastward from Perth you see the Darling Ranges which is the main place where vineyards and orchards are. These hills are very beautiful in spring and summer, and are very nice even in winter. A large amount of wild flowers grow there.

On the east side of the Darling Ranges there is a plateau covered mostly by wheat farms. The farmers keep a mixed stock of pigs, sheep and cattle, and I should say the smallest farm would be about 2,000 acres.

And now just a last word about the little township in which I lived. Nearly all the houses in the township are made of jarrah wood, which grows in the south-west of West Australia. One or two are built of brick, but not many, as brick is too expensive. All the houses have verandahs, some all round, others only back and front.

The national flower of Australia is the wattle, and the national motto is "Advance Australia." The flag has a blue ground with a Union Jack in the top left hand corner and 6 stars.

M. ATKIN.

In September 1933,

I stepped into the library and I closed the library door,
And the sights and sounds which met me nearly felled
me to the floor.

There was Illingworth perched on the arm of a chair,
And strumming an old battered case ;
And Harrison was banging as loud as he dare,
And pulling a most fearful face.
The crooning was furnished by Caswell and Cook,
Each famed in his several sphere,
And Bletcher was moaning like a good saxophone
In a tone that was low but clear.

Old Ankers provided the bass of the air,
Willis and Wollman were well in the fore,
But the proud Mr. Thompson was combing his hair
Through the glass of a cupboard door.
And they seemed all so occupied that I thought I'd
better not stay,
So I re-opened the library door and quietly tip-toed
away.

DON JULIAN.

The Plunge.

Can he go through with it? He lifts the gleaming blade and gingerly tests the razor-like edge. It had seemed easy planning days ahead, but now that the time has come his nerve fails him.

He sits down with a tired sigh and thinks of the people who have suffered agony all the days of their life because of the same thing. He cannot do it—he will not do it. But alas it is too late to change his mind.

With a determined look on his face he stands up once more and, mentally squaring his shoulders, he turns to pick up the shining blade which seemed to glitter more menacingly in the bright morning sunlight—he has gone too far now, and can do nothing but go through with it.

He gives a start. What is that noise? It is the sound of approaching footsteps. He braces himself for the act. The door opens slowly and he sees dimly the form of a man standing in the doorway. He hears a small voice as if coming from a great distance. He came to himself with a start. What was the man saying? Why had he interrupted him like this? The man spoke again, more loudly this time:

“Here you are, son; some boiling water and a tube of my special shaving cream. It may be your first shave, but you might just as well start properly.”

W. PRESTON. Lower VI.Lit.

On Making an Ebonite Cut

I got out a drawing, in fact three or four,
But as these would not do, I just drew many more.
At last one was right, so I painted it white,
And went to the drawer for some smooth ebonite.
I cut this quite quickly, 'tis most strange to tell,
So I filed down the edges (my fingers as well),

Then I took the best drawing from out of my stock,
And copied it on to my ebonite block.
I picked up the tools, and before long, by gum,
I'd cut my four fingers and slit half my thumb.
I hacked up the block and made scratches all over,
Which would, end to end, reach from Calais to Dover.
At length, with some joy, I could see I had put
All the work that I could in that ebonite cut.
And so I just printed it, hoped for the best,
Handed in a clear print, now prepared for the test.
A trifle untrue are these lines, by my grace,
For I've not cut my thumb (that's put in to fill space),
And so, lest you think I'm in need of a gag,
I'll tell you I've done it just because of the Mag.

"ART CLUBITE."

