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Editorial.

It is a commonplace that, when Englishmen are short of a topic of conversation, they fall back upon the weather. Foreigners are surprised at this: for they do not realise what variety our climate has. To them England is a land of fog and grey skies, and they wonder that man can talk indefinitely on such gloomy subjects. The farmer talks of the weather because a bad season may lead him to bankruptcy; the sportsman because the weather may make or mar his sport; and the invalid because of its effect on his health. Even the most thoughtless must at times think about the weather, for in England it is not even possible to dress by rote, as there are times when one needs a fur coat in July and a flannel suit at Christmas.

We are writing of the weather to-day to remind our readers how greatly it affects the School. Up to half-term our attendance was normal, but as soon as the weather grew cold more and more stayed away, until by the middle of March over fifty boys and girls were absent each day. We would remind them that people who live open-air lives rarely catch cold, and that the way to withstand cold weather is to take exercise. This Spring we have seen crowds of boys hanging over radiators, sitting on pipes, and thronging into the Library, while the playing fields have been well-nigh empty. At the end of School, boys and girls wait shivering in the cold wind for the arrival of a tram, and never think of stepping out briskly until the tram catches them up.

In short, we adopt a timid, passive, and defensive attitude towards the cold winds of March, so that we fall an easy prey to colds and influenza. How much wiser it would be to brave the weather instead of hiding from it; to seek natural instead of artificial heat, and to desert the radiators and pipes for vigorous exercise on the playing fields!

School Notes.

Mr. Clay left us at the end of last term to take up a new post at Bemrose School, Derby. We offer to both Mr. and Mrs. Clay our best wishes.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. A. R. Atkinson, B.A. (Dunelm), and hope that he will enjoy his stay at the School.

At last, after many years of patient waiting, we have obtained a cup for competition among the Houses in cricket and tennis. The new cup, which is to be called the Spraggon Cup, was presented to the School by Mr. and Mrs. Clay. We, on behalf of the School, wish to express to them our very sincere thanks, and our hope that it may produce many keen competitions.

At the end of last term J. Scholey obtained an open exhibition in History at Magdalene College, Cambridge. We congratulate him on a well-deserved success, and hope that his example will be an incentive to others.

The Hard Court Fund was started last term, and by the end of the term no less than £60 had been collected. That was a very useful beginning, and we thank all those who have given any help. However, there is a long way to go yet, as we may need £500 before the hard courts are paid for.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

Our new House Mistress, Miss Jones, appears to have quite settled down, and puts in a large amount of work for the House. She and Mr. Orgill organised the House Party last term, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

This term we started off badly in the way of detentions. Most of the detentions were gained by the junior boys, but several junior girls contributed their share, along with a few senior boys.

The senior girls played Sparta and lost. Later, they played Troy, and drew three each. The junior girls beat Troy juniors by 6 goals to 0.

The remaining senior House match was played off by the boys, in which they lost to Troy by 11 points to nil. The senior boys have had a very bad rugby season, but are looking forward to a much more successful cricket season.

House Captains: D. Harvey and R. Prendergast

Rugby Captains: A. Hasdell (Senior), I. Bramham (junior).

Hockey Captains: E. Bramham (Senior), T. Redgate (Junior).

Magazine Representatives: L. Holyoak and E. Pugh.
Games Committee: M. Hardy and R. Prendergast.

CARTHAGE.

This term has been singularly uneventful. House matches have been few, owing to the weather and to the preponderance of school fixtures, and therefore we have little sports news to communicate this term. We are fairly successful at games—only the Junior XV. has lost any matches. The Juniors are, however, quite keen, and have organised several Rugby practices for themselves. They have hopes of a win in the near future.

Detentions are not so many as last year, and with a little more effort we have no doubt that they may be still further reduced, so that we may entertain hopes for the Parents' Cup. We notice that boys still figure on the detention list with more frequency than girls, and hope that this will not be so next term.

The boys intend before the end of term to hold a House Cross Country. The entrants as yet are few and do not reflect the keenness which is expected of the House.

On Monday, March 16th, a dancing class was held in conjunction with Sparta, which was chiefly remarkable for the scarcity of boys. This was hardly fair to Miss Crocker, who was kind enough to give up her time to hold the class.

We are never struck by the great number of Magazine contributions which appear from Carthage, and should like to see the talent of the House represented in the next issue.

The Games Cup is almost within our reach, the Parents' Cup is drawing a little nearer to our grasp, and we must exert ourselves to gain the Spraggon Cup, presented to the School by our late House Mistress.

ROME.

The Romans have first to record the success of their Christmas social, which was very well attended, and the new members enjoyed their first House social to the last minute. Many games were played, and community singing proved a very enjoyable part of the programme. Supper was served in the Dining Hall which, like the Assembly Hall, had been tastefully decorated in the House Colours. All our thanks go to Miss Killoch and Mr. Cooper and the House Captains for organising such a successful social.

The Romans introduced evening dancing classes, held fortnightly, which have been a great success, and the proceeds

of which are to be given to the Tennis Court Fund. We wish to thank Miss Knowles for playing for us, and Miss Crocker and Miss Lockwood, of Bolton, for teaching us.

Incidentally, the Romans are doing their best to contribute as much as possible to the Tennis Court Fund, as, being part of the School, we ought to share the responsibility of the School. So we have turned saleswomen, and sell chocolate biscuits at interval. The proceeds of this new venture, and that of the dancing class, will have reached three pounds by the end of the term, as we already have the greater part of it in hand.

The House has become more of a self-governing unit, and a House Committee has been formed to conduct House affairs. It is a new idea, and is, so far, developing on the right lines. The House Magazine, also a new venture, is expressive of House unity.

We have no good news to report of the games field. At the beginning of the year there was a marked lack of public spirit among the Seniors, and, although there is an improvement now, the lack of right spirit among the Roman Seniors is really lamentable. If they would make a spirited attempt to attend their matches, we should not feel that the lack of enthusiasm was too much to be regretted. The Juniors at least present themselves for matches, but we wish that their game itself would improve. We regret very much this reproof to the Romans, but we feel it necessary. At any rate, we trust that they will be spurred on, not dejected, by these notes.

The results of the matches have not been very successful. The Roman Junior Girls lost to Troy by 5 goals to 2, and the Seniors lost to Carthage by 2 goals to 0, and lost to Thebes. Of the matches played by the boys, little better can be said. Two matches have been lost, to Thebes by 3 points to 0, and to Carthage by 8 points to 6, and one won, against Troy.

SPARTA.

The House wishes to congratulate Scholey on gaining an Exhibition at Magdalene College, Cambridge, which enables him to enter Cambridge University in September next.

This term has been rather uneventful except for the numerous detentions, particularly amongst the Juniors. It is greatly hoped that the detentions will decrease, so that we may win the Work Cup once again.

The results on the games field this term are as follow:— Rugby: Senior Boys: Lost to Thebes, lost to Troy. Hockey: Senior Girls: Beat Athens, defeated by Thebes; Junior Girls: Drew with Carthage.

Sparta will be proud to know, we are sure, that W. Rawlinson has been appointed Senior Student of the College—Bingley Training College.

The girls have contributed up to date, i.e., March 12th, towards the Hard-Court Tennis Fund, £3 5s. 11d.

A Dancing Class with Carthage has been arranged for Monday, March 16th, to which we are looking forward.

THEBES.

The activities of the House this term have been few. 'The girls' hockey team succeeded in defeating Sparta and Rome, and the boys also defeated these Houses at Rugby, but were beaten by Carthage. Unfortunately, some of the senior girls are not as keen as they might be, and the detention list is far too long, although a decided improvement on that of last term. Thebes is usually represented on the detention list by the same people, and it is a pity that the House possesses such discreditable members.

We hope to make the House outing a great success next term by establishing a kind of savings fund. People who wish may take money weekly to the House Mistress, who saves it until the day for the outing arrives. By this method of saving we hope that people will turn up in great numbers and make the outing a success. Owing to the difficulty of gaining the use of the hall, we had to abandon the proposed dancing class, when Miss Crocker had kindly offered to help us to struggle with our dancing. We hope for better luck next time.

We are living in hopes that the people in detention will disappear next term, so that we may forge ahead and win the Work Cup.

TROY.

The House party which was held at the end of last term was a success. Many games were played, and those who took part in them enjoyed themselves very much.

Owing to a decrease in the detention list and an improvement in the standard of work, we were able to win the Work Cup. We are hoping to do so again this term, but the number of detentions is rather high.

of which is that they have won two matches out of the three

The Senior boys have improved their games, the result

that they have played this term. The senior girls have been disappointing, because out of the two games they have played they have lost one and drawn one. The juniors have played up better than the seniors. The boys have won the one match they have played, and the girls have won two and lost one.

We are still hoping to carry off the Games Cup this term, but it is rather doubtful whether we shall do so.

Art Club.

In the course of this term the enthusiasm for leather-work has continued, but at the same time the other crafts have become more popular. Consequently the attendance has been much larger, there being about a hundred members, while about sixty have been attending regularly.

Monday evenings have been reserved for the full members and the sketching section. The sketching section have been doing a series of interesting portrait studies of each other.

It has been proposed that a sale of work should be held in Autumn, but to make it a success members will have to show more enthusiasm. There seems to be rather a disinclination to do highly finished work, and when it has been done, to hand it over to the School. The members will have to be a little less selfish.

The following have been elected full members of the Art Club: Lloyd Vc., S. Fletcher Upp.IIa., and J. Turgoose IIa. More will be elected at the end of the term.

Woodwork Club.

The Club has made some progress this term, and continues to attract new members. Amongst these are several girls, who show promise of mastering their craft. There is to be a sale of work in Autumn in conjunction with the Art Club, but owing to lack of enthusiasm on the part of certain members the bulk of the work appears to be thrown on a few hard-working members.

The following have been elected full members: Allen IIIa., Goudge Vb., Martin Upp.IIa., and Riley IVb. More will be elected later.

Choir.

Looking back over the activities of the Choir, it can be said that in all respects this winter has been its best season so far.

The choice of choruses from the "Messiah" proved to be a popular one and attracted quite a few new members. The practices were always well attended, and the members were most enthusiastic, their favourite chorus being undoubtedly the "Hallelujah."

Owing to other School activities, the public performance of the "Messiah" was left over until January 30th. This concert was undoubtedly the best given by the Choir, but unfortunately the audience was under 200. It is hoped that this figure will be well exceeded in future. In addition to choruses, solos were rendered by Mr. Williams (tenor) and Mr. Axford (bass).

Since the concert we have been engaged on part-songs, etc., with a view to holding a "Shakespeare" evening at the end of term. It is hoped that members will undertake individual solos, etc., and bring to light undiscovered talent.

At the end of last term Mr. Pratt was presented with an ebony baton as a mark of appreciation of his services. Our thanks are also due to Miss Spencer, who has been our accompanist at all our meetings, and to other members of the staff who have helped.

Literary Society.

A general meeting attended by few members was held on January 19th, to decide the programme for the term. To round off the meeting a short Snap Debate was held, which was not a success, owing to the sparse attendance.

The Society held the second meeting of the term on February 9th, on the occasion of an Inter-House Debate between Carthage and Sparta, on the motion "That the British Government should participate officially in the Schneider Trophy Contest." Prendergast took the chair. Swift and M. Pickering, supporting the motion on behalf of Carthage, emphasised the benefits to trade of the success in former years in the race, and laid stress upon national prestige. For Sparta, Scholey and K. Carr contended that such benefits were exaggerated, the idea of prestige was old-fashioned, and the British entry should be left to private individuals.

The debate was keen and well supported by members of the Upper School, including Forster, Steer, and J. Smith, and the evening was altogether enjoyable. The motion was carried by a substantial majority.

On February 23rd the Society met in the Lecture Theatre, when Swift, Wellens, and Howard, of the Science VI., gave a very interesting demonstration on the subject of "Combustion and Flame."

March 9th, originally intended for a Mock Trial, was devoted to a Fifth Form Debate, since their usual debate had been left out of the session's programme. The motion "That Arts, Music, and Literature contribute to the Progress of the World" was proposed by F. Dickinson and seconded by H. Swift. The opposers were I. Lazenby and Cook. The motion was carried by 48 votes to 10. As it was a maiden debate as far as the principals were concerned, the motion was well presented and defended.

The Society will hold its Annual Social on Monday, March 30th, when the Upper Literary VI. will present scenes from "Hamlet," to be preceded by a short progressive whist drive for the members of the Society. The presentation of "Hamlet" will conclude the meetings of the Literary Society for this session.

The Orchestra.

During the session the School Orchestra may be said to have actually come into being. We began with two really good violinists, who have since left us to take up their college course, Cutler and Buckley. These two supplied the incidental music for the Literary Society's performances. We have now, however, five violinists and one 'cellist, the violinists being Hancock, Haigh, Marsden, Bottomley, and Atkinson, while Miss Knowles gives us her skilled assistance as a 'cellist. Our small orchestra puts in some really hard work, and the music they present makes considerable demand upon their individual aptitudes. During the School performances of "The Admirable Crichton," "The Critic," and "Twelfth Night," they presented music by Handel, Beethoven, Stravinsky, Leoncavallo, Country Dances, and Elizabethan Airs.

Miss Deeks will be very pleased to find a place for other instrumentalists, particularly girls, of whom we have no

members at the moment. Someone who plays a viola or a 'cello would be a welcome addition, although any instrumentalist would augment our numbers to advantage.

Scouts.

Our meetings this term have been held on Fridays, and the gym class, which we were unable to hold last term, has been continued this term. We have to thank Mr. Kendell for his kindness in supervising the class. The physiology lectures, illustrated by "Jeremiah," are proving both interesting and educational.

The attendances at the meetings are not as regular as one would hope, but when there are no plays next term we hope that more senior members of the troop will find time to be present at the meetings.

The recruits are progressing, and we hope that during next term all of them will gain second-class badges. Work for proficiency badges is being carried on, while we hope that the seniors will work for first-class badges before the summer holidays.

Guides.

At last our Company is really progressing! As a result of the November examination, several of us have won Proficiency Badges, and other Guides entered for the examination this month. We hope that they will be successful.

Miss Taylor has paid us another visit this term, and, after enrolling several new members, she passed some of the Guides in part of their second-class work. This term she was able to inspect corners.

Last term the Daffodil Patrol won the Shield, but the other Patrols do not intend to let them keep it. All of us are looking forward to next term's Saturday afternoon hikes, and there have even been faint whispers of camp. *M. Smith*

Football.

Dec. 6th: 1st XV. v. Morley S.S. 1st XV., at Morley.

Result: Lost by 9 points to 3 points.

The match was played under very unfavourable conditions. The field was very muddy, which made handling the

ball difficult, and at the time of the game a fog hung over the field which almost prevented one seeing from goal to goal. The Morley forwards were bigger than the School's, who found difficulty in holding them. During the game Morley broke through three times, while the School got through once, Pears getting a try.

Dec. 13th: 1st XV. v. the Old Wathonians.

Result: Lost by 11 points to nil.

This match was the first in which the Old Boys beat the School team. Play was fast all through the match. Both sides tackled well, but the Old Wathonians' forwards were the heavier and made more use of their weight. In the first half Wilkinson and Sargieson scored tries for the Old Boys, one of which was converted by Parkin. In the second half the Old Boys did most attacking, and towards the close Prendergast scored another try for them.

Jan. 17th: 1st V. v. Sandal B team, at Wath.

Result: Won by 37 points to nil.

This was a very one-sided game. Sandal turned up with only 13 men, and one of them broke his collar bone during the match, leaving only twelve against a full team. Carr got a penalty goal, a drop goal, and two tries, in addition to converting three tries. Pease, Pears, Ingamells, and Webb also scored tries.

Jan. 24th: 1st XV. v. Wakefield G.S. 2nd XV., at Wath.

Result: Won by 17 points to 8 points.

A strong wind, which occasionally brought on sharp showers, was blowing at the time. The School won the toss and began to play with the wind. Not long after the kick-off the School took the ball up to the Wakefield half and Webb scored a try. Soon after Pease got another, and Hollingsworth a third from a rush of the forwards down the left wing. In the second half Wakefield soon scored a try, which they converted. Immediately the School answered by getting a try through Pears. It was not converted. After this the Wakefield XV. pressed hard, and they were only kept out by vigorous play on the part of the School backs. At last they broke through, getting a try, which they failed to convert. Towards the end of the game Carr scored a try and converted it.

Feb. 21st: 1st XV. v. Hemsworth S.S. 1st XV., at Wath.

Result: Won by 26 points to 9 points.

Hemsworth turned up with one man short, and Robinson made up their side. The School had the best of the game throughout, especially in the first half. Twenty of their twenty-six points were scored in this half by tries from Pears (1), Hollingsworth (2), and Carr (1), all of which were converted. In the second half Hemsworth played a better game, and succeeded in preventing the School getting more than six points, which were scored through a try and a penalty goal by Carr.

March 4th: 1st XV. v. Barnsley R.U.F.C. "B" Team, at Wath. Result: Won by 51 points to 3 points.

The match was to have been against the "A" team, but the "B" team came in its place. Barnsley won the toss and decided to play with the wind. Soon after the commencement of the game Carr opened the scoring with a try, which he converted. Tries from Hollingsworth and Prendergast followed, after which Barnsley got their only try. The first half ended with a try from Pears, who opened the scoring in the second half. The score was still further increased by tries from Carr (2), Prendergast and Ingamells (1), and another from Pears. All the tries except two were converted. Jan. 17th: 2nd XV. v. Thorne 1st XV.

Result: Wath 14 points, Thorne 5 points.

Swift won the toss, and took advantage of the wind. A good passing movement by the Thorne three-quarters led to them taking the lead by a converted try after ten minutes' even play. Wath quickly reduced the lead, when Sale ran down the wing to score a good try. After some exciting exchanges near the Thorne line, Beasley gave Wath the lead. In the first half the School forwards were slow in settling down. Half-time: School 6 points, Thorne 5 points.

The second half showed greatly improved play on the part of the School forwards. Following a scrum Beasley gained a well-earned try, which the same player converted. Shortly before time Steer scored a spectacular try, which was not converted.

Jan. 28th: 2nd XV. v. Barnsley 1st XV.

Result: Barnsley 23 points, Wath 5 points.

The weather was fine and the ground in a good state when the 2nd XV. visited Barnsley. Barnsley were a much heavier side. Barnsley scored early in the game, and added a second unconverted try shortly before the interval. Half-time: Barnsley 8 points, Wath nil. In the second

half the Barnsley forwards dominated the game and scored three tries before Harrison broke through to open the School's account. Before the close Barnsley re-asserted their superiority by scoring two more tries. Barnsley were attacking all the game. Only the stern and determined play of Hattan, the School full-back, prevented Barnsley's score reaching three figures. Hattan's tackling was remarkable, and his touch-finding left little to be desired. Hattan played a really sound game.

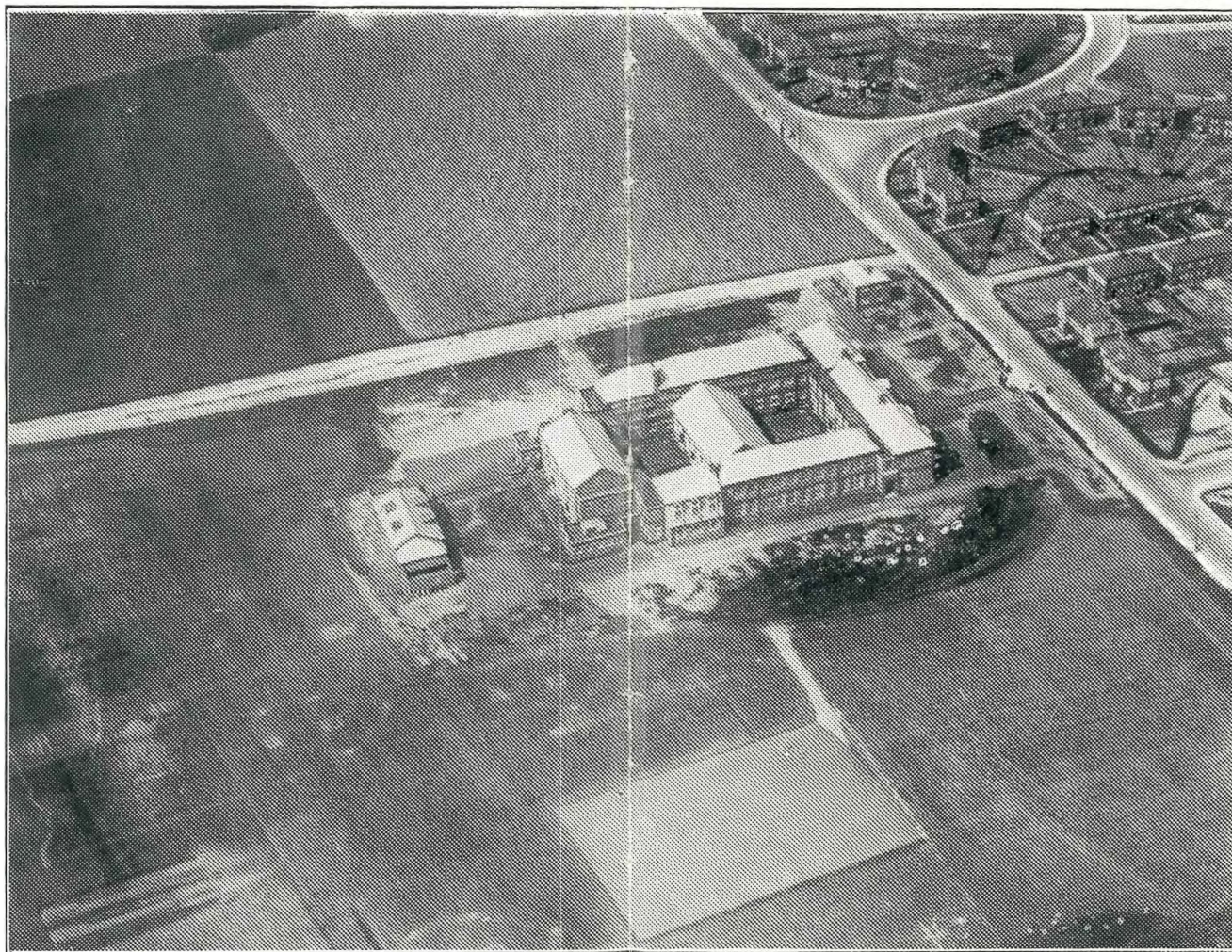
Hockey.

1st XI. v. Mexborough 1st XI. Result: 3—3.

This match was played at home, when the field was in a very bad condition, and the weather was bad. The School won the toss and played uphill first half. The forwards got away with the ball soon after the start, and a goal was soon scored by J. Smith. The School again pressed upon the opposing circle, and M. Hawksworth, with a splendid shot, scored a second goal. The game was very hard, and Rotherham managed to score a goal a few minutes before half-time. Immediately after the re-start the School again scored with a lucky shot by P. Soar. Then Mexborough pressed upon the School goal circle, and the right-wing scored. The School forwards got away with the ball, but although there was much shooting no goal was scored. Within five minutes of the end Mexborough scored again, and made the score 3—3. The game throughout was a hard game and encouraged the team considerably.

1st XI. v. Rotherham 1st XI. Result: Won 5—2.

This match is a "historic event" in the history of the team. For almost two years the team has been playing first elevens, and this is the first success. Immediately after the whistle the School forwards got away with the ball, and M. Hawksworth scored with a magnificent shot. During the first half more of the play was on the left side of the field, and E. Reeve played creditably. After a hard struggle in the centre of the field the School got away with the ball again, and another goal was scored by K. Dickinson. Immediately after the re-start M. Hawksworth took the ball up the field and scored. Rotherham played hard, and after a struggle the left-wing scored. After the re-start Rotherham played hard, and after a long struggle in the School goal



Aerial View of Wath Secondary School.



circle scored another goal. The play was more on the right of the field, and P. Soar and J. Smith centred well. After a long struggle P. Soar scored, and this was quickly followed by another goal scored by M. Hawksworth. Throughout the game it was clear that the School possessed the advantage, and the play was mostly in the Rotherham goal circle.

Jan. 24th: 2nd XI. v. Mexborough 2nd XI.

Result: Draw: Two goals all.

Owing to the bad weather, the match had to be played on the Mexborough School pitch instead of at Adwick. Owing to the condition of the ground it was hard to refrain from falling. The play was very even, both teams attacking and defending in their turn. The first goal was scored by M. Rowley, but Mexborough soon equalised, and before half-time they scored again. After a hard struggle, with play in both goal-circles, J. Hammerton shot the equalising goal not long before time.

March 14th: 2nd XI. v. Thorne. Result: Win, 7 goals to nil.

The play was mostly against Thorne and was very muddled. The Thorne goalkeeper played up well, but in spite of this seven goals were scored. J. Hammerton shot a very good goal from just inside the circle. Two of the goals were obtained by the ball bouncing from the sticks of the Thorne backs. As Wath were one player short, Thorne loaned them E. Lockwood, who played well at back.

“The Critic.”

On the 10th and 12th of December of last term the Upper VI. and the Lower VI. Science gave two performances of Sheridan's play, “The Critic.” There was a good attendance each night, showing great interest in the School on the part of the parents—a great encouragement to the actors.

The play was quite a success and the performing was excellent. The part of the Critic was well portrayed by Forster, while J. Smith proved a good wife of such a man. Riley admirably performed the part of Sneeer and seemed to understand his part quite well. Steer as Puff and Ridyard as Sir Fretful Plagiary also acted well. The abundant tears of Tillurina and Confidante, portrayed by M. Greenwood and V. Carroll respectively, provoked great laughter.

“The Beau of Bath,” a short one-act play, proved an excellent supplement to “The Critic.” A sense of mystery

and sadness seemed present. As Beau Nash, Steer was very successful as a morbid, broken-hearted lover. J. Smith, the Lady of the Portrait, took a difficult part admirably and greatly resembled a portrait.

The actors are to be congratulated on such a production. The performance was greatly enriched by the scenery, the dresses, and the effects. During the intervals the orchestra ably rendered a delightful selection of music. Judging by the laughter, it was evident that the audience greatly enjoyed the performance.

"The Critic" and "The Admirable Crichton" are the first two plays to be presented to the public. They have proved a great success, therefore we hope to present more and better plays in the future.

The Admirable Crichton.

Last term, on the 11th and 13th of December, the performances of "The Admirable Crichton" were given. There was a good attendance on both nights, and we must thank parents and others for showing an interest in the School and its activities.

The play itself is quite an interesting one, and deals with the theme of master and servant with respect to environment. Lord Loam, a middle-aged old gentleman, talks lengthily on the subject of the equality of man, entertains the servants in the drawing-room, and tries to point out he is no better than Crichton, his butler; yet all the time he could never picture himself in the position of Crichton, as the latter points out to him. When the party are wrecked on the island, it is Crichton who proves himself the handy man, and eventually takes command of the entire party, including Lord Loam and the proud Lady Lasenbys, one of whom falls in love with him and causes a piquant situation.

Lord Loam was well personified by Prendergast, who seemed to understand his part well. Cresswell made a very good genial ass as the Honourable Ernest Woolley, and M. Pickering took the part of the "Tweeny" skilfully. Carter, as Lord Brocklehurst, seemed unsettled at first, but settled down later on. Crichton was ably performed by Tilbrook. K. Dickinson played a difficult part well, and M. Rowley spoke her lines very clearly. The scenery, particularly in the Island scene, was very effective; but the Acts that took place in Lord Loam's drawing-room suffered from the smallness of the stage.

Twelfth Night.

One could say "A play well-acted is a joy for ever!" Certain it is the performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," rendered by the Fifth forms, will be remembered for quite a time.

The play showed the effects of the coming of a brother and sister, so much alike as to be mistaken for each other, upon two households of Illyria, those of Olivia and Orsino.

The part of the duke Orsino was well taken by Ridyard, who struck the keynote of the play in the opening lines, which show the fitful movements of love's fancy, and presage the incidents of the play.

Viola was translated into a woman, faithful and demure, yet possessing strength of will, by D. Liles. Olivia was the rich maiden with whom Orsino thought he was in love. Orsino and Viola, Olivia and Sebastian, Viola's twin brother, were the characters who portrayed young and noble love.

In marked contrast to this, and serving as a foil, were the drinking scenes between the jovial Sir Toby and the witless Sir Andrew, aided and abetted by Maria, Olivia's maid. These three, as portrayed by Tunstall, Brownlow, and E. Reeve respectively, provided the fun of the play, causing great merriment during the unfolding of their trick upon Malvolio.

Just the right amount of pomp and dignity was brought to the making of Malvolio by Shillito, and he certainly seemed "sick of self love," as Olivia said.

Cook, as Feste the clown, provided the play with song and mirth, yet an undercurrent of sadness pervaded his songs, as:

"What is love? 'tis but hereafter,
Present mirth hath present laughter,
What's to come is still unsure."

The music, which seemed to haunt the play, was supplied by the School Orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Deeks.

The play was well acted and showed the untiring work of its producer, Mr. Axford. Moreover, it was well received, and everyone will await with eagerness the next production of the School.

The Charge of the Five Forwards.

Half a yard, half a yard,
Half a yard onward,
Right into the mouth of the goal,
Charged the five forwards.
Straight by the backs they flashed,
Then the crowd stood aghast;
"Toot," went the whistle blast—
Stopped the five forwards.

"Twenty-five," the referee cried;
Was there a player replied?
Not though the forwards felt
Someone had blundered.
"Off-side," then came the cry,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to stop and sigh,
Though they wondered why.

To the wing sped the ball,
Flashing, as it turned to roll
Right to the waiting half—
Promptly she got it;
Boldly she shot and well,
True as an old church bell,
Right to the goal—pell-mell,
Cheers! they had got it.

L. HOLYOAK.

England.

Travel is one of the sweets of life. It changes, corrects, and disillusion; it stimulates, educates, and makes the world far greater than ever before, opening up a heaven of unknown, untasted joys. But it also builds a storehouse of past joys, of thoughts of England and home.

Out on the sweeping, snow-draped prairie, one thinks all the more keenly of "England, now that April's there." The vast, monotonous solitude of the prairie eats into one's soul—nay, into the very fibre of one's being, and transports one back to dear visions of England, to friendly faces, the deep burr of northern voices, and open fires casting a warm, winking glow on gleaming window panes.

Just now, over there, the pale Spring sun is fitfully

shining on green, rain-swept fields and gurgling rivers. Birds and beasts and new-born flowers are dreaming of the magic of summer, of its light and warmth and colour. Children—and grown-ups, too—are living in gleeful anticipation of summer days, whose very mention conjures up happy joys, sun-drenched seas, precious golden days, days of green, green valleys, of rounded, homely hills and tiny fields. My thoughts take me back a step to camp fires and the biting tang of blue wood-smoke, to tramps through low, fragrant woods, and over golden purple moors,

“And laughter learned of friends, and gentleness
In hearts at peace under an English heaven.”

R. DISLEY (Canada).

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Longing

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I stood and gazed at a distant scene,
There the trees looked more stately, the grass more green,
I journeyed to there. What I sought was good,
Yet I thought it looked better from where I had stood.
When little I longed to read and be tall,
But to go to school was the best wish of all,
I have gained these things, and now more and more
I long to be back with my bricks on the floor.
Is it virtue or vice, this discontent?
Was it this longing which our fathers sent
To seek another fairer land?
Can discontent into adventure e'er be fanned?
If this be so, each some small share can claim,
And each must feed this spark into a flame.

M. SMITH.

Entirely Imaginary Interviews.

J. E. Scholey.—“Yes, I am called the father of the Upper VIth, and I may remind you it is a position of great responsibility. Masters and mistresses play their part in the development of the School, but the tone is set by the VIth. If you ask me who sets the tone for the VIth, modesty forbids me to reply.” “Most of my time is spent in delving into the great literature of all nations: but at times I relax.” “On Saturdays I lend to the scrum that dignity and weight which it would otherwise lack, and I have been seen at the pictures.”

C. J. L. Smith.—"I suppose you have heard that the hockey team won on Saturday." "Yes, I am in the VIth., but it **was** a topping game." "Yes,, of course, we have to work, but you **should** have seen our centre-forward dashing down the field." "Yes, I am secretary of the Literary Society, but did I tell you the score?" "If you will only stop asking me irrelevant questions, I shall be able to tell you all about the match."

J. Carr.—"You are quite right; I am the rugger captain." "Yes, I do play half." "We have had quite a good season." "We have won some games and lost others." "We expect to beat the Old Wathonians this time." "Of course, Carthage is the best House."

K. Dickinson.—"You are quite right in suggesting that I am keen on acting. You see, I can't help it; artists are born, not made." "St. Joan was the most thrilling part I have played. It felt so splendid to be a saint." "Lady Mary had her points, but it was so undignified to fall for a butler. even if he was the best man of the lot." "I am resting at present, except for a minor part in 'Hamlet': but I am expecting a good engagement after the summer."

D. Cresswell.—"Yes, Sir, it is my ambition to be Prime Minister, if England does not go to the dogs first. The Conservative party has saved England in the past, and is the only hope for the future." "If you want a speaker at any time, I shall be only too willing to help you." "The subject? Oh, any subject will do, but I must speak on the Conservative side." "Pray don't think I am merely a talker, for I am also a historian, an actor, a reporter, and a rugby player of some promise."

Verses.

Bright joy, where is your home? Where do you dwell?
Do let me know.

I wandered down the lonely dell
To ask if you were there;

The leafy trees all seemed to answer "No,
My child's not there."

I sought the river side; there I did see
The silver stream;

I asked it, "Is this joy I see?"

The rippling waves replied,
With all their beauteous splendour, calm, serene,

"Not here, my child."

Then went I to the park, where children played,

Joyous and free;;

"Is this where joy abounds " I said.

The happy children cried:

"Oh, yes! 'tis only here where bright joys be;

'Tis here, my child."

R. BENNETT, IIIb.

A Visit to St. David's "Camp," 1930.

These camps are usually held in schools or big houses, either at the seaside or in the country. We decided to go to St. David's, in South Wales. After a twelve hours' journey by train and motor, we arrived at St. David's, a city, although it has only about half-a-dozen shops. We found that most of the girls, about forty-five altogether, were Welsh, and they were very surprised to see Yorkshire people there.

The first thing we did was to find our "dorm." We happened to be with two Swansea girls. After supper we decided at a meeting what we were going to do throughout the ten days. Each day was to consist roughly of this: 7 a.m., first bell; 7-30 a.m., second bell; 7-30 a.m., prayers; 8 a.m., breakfast; 8-30 to 9 a.m., short Bible circle; 9 to 12, bathing. After dinner, excursion to some place of interest; 5-30 p.m., tea; 6-30 p.m., evening meeting, which consisted of sing-songs, games, dancing, etc.; 8-30 p.m., supper; and after that a short walk, and then to bed. Lights out at 10-30 p.m.

All the company was divided into three parties, to take on orderly duties in turns. This consisted of getting up in the morning first, cutting bread and butter, and laying the tables. Everybody had a ticket pinned to them, with their name and school attacher, so that everybody would soon get to know each other. If you sat beside somebody from your own school, or went to meals without your ticket, you had to stand up and sing or recite.

One afternoon we went to Whitesands, where we had sports on the sands. We had comic races and team races, but before receiving your prize you had to do something for the amusement of the company.

We visited Roch Castle, the residence of Viscount St. David, St. David's head, where the coast touches the

Atlantic, and all the places roundabout, either by motor or on foot. One day we hired a donkey and cart to carry the food and bathing clothes, but we had to coax the animal with carrots and sweets all the way and buy it some hay when we reached our destination.

One night we arranged to have a midnight feast. About twenty of us, in pyjamas and by candlelight, ate all the good things we could find, cakes, tinned fruit, melons, chocolates and other things, and drank lemonade. Then we danced to an impromptu jazz band, and slept extra soundly after it. The bell had to be rung loudly the next morning.

On the last night we had a camp fire on the beach. It was delightfully moonlight. The College people gave their College yell, we sang everything we knew, and at the end we all gave the Camp yell, which is very inspiring. I must add that they sang the Welsh National Anthem in Welsh, we could not understand a word, and grasshoppers were jumping over us all the time.

This would not be complete without mention of the Cathedral. It is one of the finest in Britain. We visited it one day—I might add that it was the only time we wore stockings—and the Dean showed us round. It was one of the most interesting hours I have ever spent. The Dean showed us St. David's bones (the patron saint of Wales), which were contained in glass tubes; then we climbed up hundreds of steps to the top of the tower, where we had a sing-song. Next we visited the Cathedral Palace, where former bishops of St. David's used to live.

On the last evening we had a special jollification, and next morning we set off home early, determined to visit the camp again.

Awakening to Nature's Beauty.

As I walked through the woods at dawn,
My head was dull and sad;
I seemed all forlorn,
But the world round me was glad.

The trees were bare and still,
They seemed to laugh in the wind,
And bid me in tones shrill,
To leave dull care behind.

The sky was dull and grey,
A mist hung over all,
But methought I heard the spray
Of a laughing waterfall.
It fell in music clear,
And looked so sharp and cold,
The weathered autumn leaves
Gave it a glint of gold.

M. CHARLESWORTH.

The Disadvantages and Discomforts of Travelling by Tram.

In these modern days of rapid travelling the slow-moving and often-stopping trams seem out-of-date. In most places they are now doing away with trams and replacing them with fast-moving 'buses. We girls who travel some miles each day by tram to school know something of the discomforts of these old, out-of-date vehicles. We are sometimes packed like herrings in a box, and as many as sixty to seventy girls and boys have to travel in one tram, or otherwise wait twenty minutes and risk being late for school.

The journey from home to school occupies about forty-five minutes, and the return journey the same length of time. If we had a modern motor 'bus it would do the journey in half the time, and thus save each scholar three-quarters of an hour each day. One big disadvantage of the local trams, from the ratepayers' point of view, is that they are not self-supporting, and have to receive assistance out of the rates. The only virtue the trams seem to possess is that they provide employment for about two hundred people.

K. BURGIN.

In Late Autumn. X

Whilst taking a walk the other day,
Down a winding lane I wended my way,
The leaves were blowing, the trees were bare,
My hands were made chill by the nip in the air.
Yet on a bank, where once mosses grew,
And summer's flowers were sprinkled with dew,
Sobbing away on the hard, cold ground,
In tattered rags, a maid I found.

"Maiden," I said, "What do you here?"
She replied, as she wiped away a tear:
"I am Autumn—once I wore orange and gold,
And was loved by all; but I'm growing old,
My stores are all gone, and they turn me away
From those who once I made happy and gay.
For I brought the harvest, the barns to fill.
All that is forgotten. I make people ill
With the fogs I have stolen from Winter's store,
You welcome him on, but love me no more."
"I'm sorry for you," I said, with a sigh,
"I prefer you to Winter, so do not cry."
And she smiled as she said, "You have cheered me on,"
And I turned to kiss her, but she was gone.

M. SMITH.

The Story of the Cat and Man.

Barnburgh Church is distinguished by a tradition which the people of Barnburgh and the surrounding district firmly believe. It is known as "The Cat and Man Legend." In the fifteenth century there lived at Barnburgh Hall a Knight named Sir Percival Cresacre, who married Alice, daughter of Thomas Mounteney. It was in a dreary month of winter when the Knight was returning from Doncaster Priory. As though expecting danger, he was in low spirits. He was not afraid of the cries of animals or the whistling of the wind, but of something he could not see.

His horse, Winifred, shied, and he tried to comfort her, but she shied again. Then out of the surrounding forest sprang a wild cat. It tore the flesh from the horse's back, and Percival, being unarmed, failed to knock the cat off his horse. The cat turned on the Knight. He lost control of his faithful steed, which set off at a great pace, with the cat still clinging on. When they reached St. Helen's stream, the horse failed to jump it, and threw her master.

Then followed a fierce and desperate struggle between the cat and the man. The Knight made his way to the porch of Barnburgh Church, and there, weakened by loss of blood, lay down to die. As he stretched himself, his feet came in contact with the cat, and he crushed it to death against the wall.

In the Church porch there is a red stain, which is supposed to be the Knight's blood. In the adjoining chapel is

the tomb of Sir Percival. On the top of this is the figure of a man with a cat at his feet. The saying is: "The man killed the cat and the cat killed the man."

V. SWIFT, Upp.IIIa.

Old Wathonians' Rugby Club.

Dec. 6—Rotherham G. S.	Home	Won	8	3
Dec. 13—School		Won	11	0
Dec. 27—Hemsworth S.S. O.B.'s ...	Home	Won	9	5
Jan. 17—Barnsley "A"	Home	Lost	0	19
Jan. 24—Old Danesians	Home	Won	37	5
Jan. 31—Sheffield T.C.	Away	Dwn	0	0
Feb. 14—Rotherham G.S.	Home	Won	14	0
Feb. 21—Balfour's "A"	Away	Won	39	0
Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 1, Points for 118, against 32.				

Although the inclement weather has wrought havoc with our fixture list, success has attended our efforts except on two occasions. We were again defeated by our old foe, Barnsley "A" team, who can claim the distinction of being the only team whom we have not defeated yet.

Our encounter with the Sheffield T.C. on their Norton ground proved a keen game. The match was played in a terrible blizzard, and only forty minutes' play was possible. Both teams were well matched, and play was very even until towards the close of the game, when the Old Boys attacked vigorously, and the College team were forced to play a stern defensive game. Good scrumming alone saved the situation for the Sheffield team, and the match ended in a pointless draw.

We are very proud to think that we have achieved two of our ambitions this season; defeating Hemsworth S.S. Old Boys—who defeated us on every occasion last year—and defeating the School team for the first time. The Hemsworth match was a hard fight, but after a keen struggle we succeeded in winning 9—5. The School match proved to be a vigorous encounter, but after a stern battle we proved victorious.

On the occasion of our next match with the School, on 28th March, 1931, it is our intention to field an "all Old Boys" team. This will be the first time that our membership has permitted us to field a team composed entirely of Old Boys—and we're very optimistic!

The team's standard of play has improved considerably as the season has progressed, and, generally speaking, our opponents have played a better class of rugby, too.

The membership of the club continues to improve. Although several members have left us since the commencement of the season, new recruits have always stepped forward to fill the gaps.

The fixture list for 1931-32 is nearly completed now. Fixtures with several new clubs have been obtained, and at the time of writing the total number of matches is 24.

In order to improve the club's financial position, we held a dance in the Pavilion (Wath-on-Dearne) on Thursday, 12th November. Over two hundred guests were present, and dancing continued into the small hours of the morning. The ballroom was suitably decorated for the occasion, and those present had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Needless to say, the club is not now in daily fear of bankruptcy!

During the summer months the Rambling Club, which was formed last year, will take up its activities again, and all Old Boys are cordially invited to join its ranks.

We wish to express our very sincere thanks to the Editor of the "Mexborough Times" for placing at our disposal the block of the aerial photograph of the School buildings.

