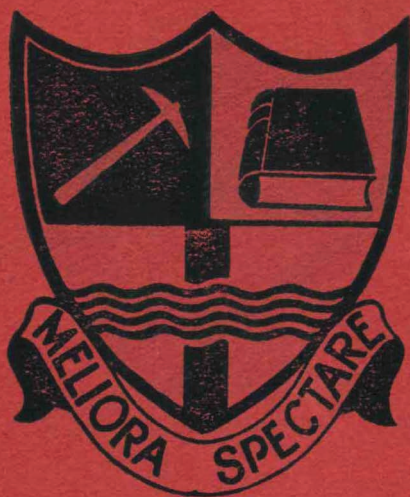


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Editorial.

If patience be indeed a virtue—a doubtful supposition as the patient endure wrongs, while the impatient set to work to right them—then we must needs be a virtuous school. Already we have waited over five years for our permanent buildings; and our time of waiting is not yet over. When the builders first arrived on the site last March, our hopes rose, but the buildings did not rise proportionately, and now that the winter is upon us, we still see nothing but gaunt walls, so that there appears little chance of entering the new building in September.

However, we have it on good authority that “to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour.” We must remember that we too are building a school, more durable than any school of brick or stone, and if the building lags, there is no reason for us to lag in our labour of making this school a place of high character and sound learning. Everyone from the VIth to the ISt can help to give the School a good name, by doing good work and supporting all the School activities; every one who is slack is delaying the development of the School just as much as if he were pulling down the bricks which others had just laid.

School Notes.

We have again an increase of numbers to report, as the School now has on the roll 483 boys and girls. Of these, 117 entered the School this term, and we hope that, although they rarely see the main School, they will remember they belong to it and strive to do it credit.

We have pleasure in extending a welcome to Mr. Richards, B.A. (Oxon.), who came to us at the beginning of the term from Herne Bay College. We hope that his stay here may be at once pleasant to himself and useful to the School.

The examination results showed a decided improvement on those of last year.

Higher School Certificates were gained by : F. Prendergast, E. Singleton, A. Tennyson and W. Wetherell.

Matriculation Certificates were gained by : R. Brownlow, W. Clayton, C. D. Elliott, G. Forster, J. Gill, C. Hanks, C. Howse, P. R. Pilgrim, J. Scholey, C. Unwin, R. Wigfield, W. Rawlinson, A. Sayles, J. Smith, M. Birks, R. Breislin, J. Lloyd, S. Scott and I. Wright.

School Certificates were gained by : R. Beasley, W. Brookes, F. Buckley, G. Law, L. Manley, W. Shaw, A. Whitfield, W. Young, V. Carroll, W. Charlesworth, E. Rawson, I. Sturman, G. Ebbelwhite, A. Glasswell, G. Walker and B. Cutts.

The following are *School Prefects* : N. Brittain, G. A. Catton, C. Culter, L. George, E. Singleton, R. Breislin, C. Elliott, R. Kirkby, F. Prendergast, W. Wetherell, P. Dobson, D. Haigh, E. Hinesliffe, D. Rowlinson, J. Lloyd, A. Sayles, J. Smith, R. Kirk, H. Booth and M. Lythe.

The *Magazine Committee* consists of : W. Wetherell, C. Winstanley, E. Singleton, P. Dobson, C. Howse, V. Carroll, J. Gill, S. Scott, A. Tennyson, A. Brown, M. Barrett and D. Rowlinson.

The *Games Committee* consists of : F. Prendergast, E. Rawson, J. Carr, P. Dobson, W. Clayton, A. Sayles, C. Elliott, J. Smith, J. Farrar, B. Cutts, M. Barrett, and D. Rowlinson.

Competitions : The entries for the Magazine competitions have been more numerous, as there were altogether thirty-three entries. In the senior competition there were at least six sonnets that were worthy of appearing in the magazine. In the junior competitions, too many of the entrants sent in verse that contained no story, forgetting that the subject was a story in verse.

We have to thank Mr. Bullen, of Wath, for the gift of eight volumes of speeches by Great Orators, which have been placed in the Reference Library.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

Last term Athens were successful in the examinations for fifty per cent. of the passes in Higher School Certificate were from Athens. In Matriculation, however, we were not so successful.

This term Athens are doing moderately well in games, the boys, as usual are more successful than the girls. The senior boys have played three matches and won two against Troy and Rome, but lost easily against Sparta by 34 points to 3. The junior boys have also done well, having beaten Sparta and Troy. The girls, both senior and junior, have not been at all successful.

There have been very few detentions by Athenians this term, and there is every chance of their gaining the Work Cup, which has so effectively eluded them in the past.

CARTHAGE.

We held a general meeting of the boys at the beginning of the term, when new house officials were elected. The girls have also elected some new officials. Except for this the House has carried on as usual.

As is usual in the football season, the boys have done fairly well at games, the seniors winning two matches and losing one, the juniors winning two. The girls have not done so well. The seniors have lost their two matches, and the juniors have won one and lost one.

A new system of distributing house badges has been adopted amongst the boys. The Housemaster has obtained a supply of new badges, and these are given to boys who have gained a point or helped to gain a point for the House in the House competitions. Those who lose points, lose their badges. In this way it was hoped that boys would take more interest in the House. The results have, however, not been very encouraging.

About November 25th the boys of Carthage spent an enjoyable evening at the Toc H. Club. Games were organised and community singing indulged in.

The House party was held on December 1st. A Whist Drive followed the party proper.

ROME.

The Romans still continue to wear the laurels for work and athletics, and are steadily acquiring other trophies of triumph. Last term we carried off the Work Cup which is no easy feat, and also only just failed to gain the Games Cup.

We heartily congratulate the successful candidates for School Certificate, and are glad to record that five of the nineteen matriculations were gained by members of the House.

This term the girls have beaten Carthage and Athens at hockey, and Troy at netball. If the boys do their share of the good work, we should carry off the Games Cup this term. The House Party was held on November 30th, and was a huge success. We began by partaking of refreshments in the Physics Laboratory. Afterwards we had games and dancing, and finished with community singing. All were sorry when the programme came to an end.

The girls have held two social evenings during the term so that they might get to know one another. We spent the time in games and country dancing.

The detention list for Rome has greatly decreased, and no Roman girl had been in detention up to half-term. This is a good sign and by all appearances, the Romans mean to make a spirited attempt to retain the Work Cup. Play up, Romans!

SPARTA.

The House wishes to congratulate all its members who were successful in the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate examinations.

Two girls from the House, M. Steer and M. Knibbs, have left us to go to Bingley Training College; we hope that they may be very successful there.

Sparta carried off the Games Cup last term, but lost the Work Cup through an excess of detentions. There have been fewer detentions this term, so we are hoping to be victorious once again.

The seniors have won every House match they have played; the Juniors have as yet had little opportunity of showing their skill, but it is hoped they will uphold the Spartan tradition next term. The girls have spent two enjoyable evenings this term in country dancing and singing. They wish to thank Miss Haigh and Miss Spencer for their help, and to assure their House-Mistress that they appreciate her enthusiasm and are eagerly anticipating the next social evening. Arrangements have been made for the annual House Party to be held early next term.

THEBES.

On examining a Geographical Dictionary one day I decided to look up "Thebes," and found the following:—
 (1) Egypt, now called Luxor; (2) Greece, now Thiva.

Obviously the second is the namesake of this House. This town was, and is, well guarded by a very substantial wall and it has been noticed, too, that the ancient dwellings were much stronger and better than other Greek habitudes. May this be the case with the modern Thebes, and may the careers of the Thebans stand high in the annals of the School and of the world.

The foggy atmosphere which embraced Bœotia kept the city hidden until one day it rose to great fame, conquering many of the other ancient Greek cities.

And so, nowadays, a mist of newness surrounds the House, the teams are mediocre and the Work Cup eludes the House's grasp, but one day there may be a surprise and who but the Thebans will cause it. Games must be won, and detentions missed in order to do it.

To revert to the term itself, the games are as follows :
Boys :—Seniors, lost 2. Juniors, lost 1, drawn 1. Girls :
Seniors, won 2, lost 1. Juniors, won 2.

Two house parties are being held with Troy, the first on December 14th for the Seniors, the second on December 19th, for the Juniors.

TROY.

We welcomed Miss Edge at the beginning of term as our new House-Mistress, and under her guidance the girls have already enjoyed two social evenings. At present preparations are being made for our Christmas Party which we hope is to be held on the 14th of December. This year we are co-operating with Thebes, and are contemplating a success equal to the one of last year.

The outside activities show the fighting spirit of the Trojans. It is true that the Rugby team are rather unlucky, but nevertheless, they always turn up at their matches, and show much enthusiasm. The hockey team are striving to maintain their position which they held last season, and already Rome and Athens have been conquered.

Detentions, we hope, are becoming relics of the past in Troy. At the time of going to press, the record which we set out to keep has already been broken by two girls this term, although the numbers are slightly higher among the boys. Our hope of winning the Work Cup therefore runs high.

School Societies.

ART CLUB.

The Art Club has started well with a membership of approximately seventy, of which number, about fifty show an active interest in the Club's work.

Among the new branches of work started this term are manuscript writing, raffia, leather and fret-work, cut-paper decoration of derelict materials, and basket work.

An attempt to arouse an interest in handicrafts has not met with unqualified success, and there are a large number of pupils who prefer producing useless pencil and water-colour drawings to really good craft work.

It is to be hoped, however, that after the end of term exhibition, these members will see what really effective articles can be made with the aid of very simple materials, and time will show whether those who have started working in crafts have perseverance enough to follow them up.

Apart from this, much trouble has been caused by the untidiness of the younger element, who have yet to realise that they should take great care of School materials which are lent to them.

Also a little attention from the Senior part of the School would be welcome. Seniors are admittedly busy people, and one wonders whether they are too busy to have any artistic outlook at all. However, a model theatre which is being made will, we hope, attract them in the near future.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the term a meeting was held of the committee in order to determine the programme for the year; and for the election of officials, Wetherell was again secretary and E. Hincsliffe was elected to take the place of M. Steer.

On October 1st the first general meeting of the Society took place, when there was a debate between the Literary Vith and the Science Vith, the motion being, "That Broadcasting can take the place of Newspapers." The Science Sixth took the affirmative and the Head presided. The speakers proposing the motion, Singleton and Brittain, presented a very good case, predicting the state of affairs which

they thought would exist in the 21st Century ; they were effectively supported by Tennyson and George, the latter of whom was imbued with the spirit of H. G. Wells. Wetherell and Joan Smith, who opposed the motion, did not employ so much imagination, and discussed the subject from a present-day point of view. The result was that the Literary Sixth won by 5 votes.

The second meeting took the form of a Debate between Rome, Sparta, Troy and Athens, Thebes and Carthage. The motion was "That men of action have had more effect on the world's history than men of thought." Singleton and Catton proposed the motion, and ably supported their arguments with examples of such men as Napoleon, Washington and Luther. Kirkby opposed, and gave a very sensible paper, for he took numerous examples of great thinkers, chemists, philosophers and theologians. Lively discussion took place when the principal papers had been read, for it soon began to appear impossible to draw a line and say that one man was essentially a man of thought and soon we were convinced that every man who was to be at all influential must have the capacity to think and to act.

On November 12th the third meeting of the Society was held, and a debate took place between Va and Vb and Vc, the motion being, "That Advertising on its present lavish scale, constitutes a public danger." Buckley, proposing the motion, dwelt at length upon the effect of advertising on the beauty of the countryside, a second point being that advertising tends to exaggerate the quality of the goods and so deceive the purchaser. The opposers did little but contradict the points brought up by the proposers. Although the motion was defeated, this only happened because the members voted according to their respective Forms, and did not judge fairly the arguments raised.

On the 26th of November there was a Mock Trial given by the Sixth Form, "The De Momerie Succession Case." The defendant was Pilgrim, and the claimant Scholey. The counsel for the defence was Wetherell and counsel for the claimant Kirkby. The counsels both did their part well ; they cross-examined and both gave good cases. The counsel for the defence asked for proof of identity, which the opposing counsel failed to produce, with the result that the defendant won the case. Prendergast made an excellent judge, though he was not strict enough with the counsels who were inclined to argue with him.

SCOUTS.

During the holidays the Scouts held their annual camp at Froggatt Edge, in Derbyshire. The camping ground was on a slope overlooking the valley of the Derwent, and there was a magnificent view both up and down the valley. The camp was fairly well sheltered by the cliffs, known as Froggatt Edge, which rose up behind it.

Throughout the camp we endeavoured to keep to a fixed programme, but this was sometimes impossible owing to weather conditions. The programme was as follows:— At 6.30 a.m., the cooks and orderlies for the day turned out, and lit the fire, at 7 a.m. the rest of the Troop turned out and went down to a spring to wash, after which the bedding was turned out; the rest of the time until breakfast, which we had at 8 a.m., was taken up by physical training. After breakfast the morning was passed in clearing up the camp, and playing games. Dinner was at 1 p.m., and in the afternoon we went for a ramble to one of the places of interest in the district; if the ramble happened to be a long one, tea was partaken of out of camp. In the evening, before going to bed, the whole troop assembled round the camp fire for a sing song.

Among the places of interest which we visited were Eyam, where there is still standing the only house in which the Great Plague was experienced outside London; Hathersage, where we saw the grave of Little John, the friend of Robin Hood (the grave is 11 feet 6 inches long); and Castleton where we went into the Blue John mine. Blue John is the rarest natural formation in the British Isles. We also visited Assop, Grindleford and other villages. One afternoon we got permission to ramble along the Edge, which stretches for a considerable distance.

We had aquatic and athletic sports, and the points gained in them were included in the competition for the shield which the Roman patrol won. The Camp was quite a success, though we experienced several wet days. They, however, did not damp our spirits, for, like Scouts, we smiled and whistled under our difficulties.

GUIDES.

This term we have held our meetings up at School instead of in the Toc H. Club room, and it is quite as interesting. We have all worked well this term, and have gained a few recruits, and are hoping for more next term. Every

Patrol has some new recruits, who must be taught everything necessary for passing the tenderfoot test. Those who are not teaching the new guides are working for their Second Class badges.

After we have worked in our corners, Miss Swift gives us talks and demonstrations on First Aid which we find both interesting and useful. Unfortunately we have not been able to go out this term, but we are looking forward to the summer, when we can once more get out into the open.

WHO WILL JOIN THE GUIDES ?

We have four different corners
 For Patrols named after flowers :
 And when once we get there
 We could always stay for hours.

After Corner work is over,
 We do some First Aid work ;
 To practice on each other
 Is a thing we never shirk.

Then we have competitions,
 On all the work we've done,
 They are so interesting
 And don't we have some fun.

FOOTBALL.

Oct. 13th—1st XV. v. Goole Secondary School.

Result : Lost by 23 points to none.

This match, played at Goole, produced a keen and well contested game. There was not so much difference in the teams as the score suggests. Goole, however, were the more polished side, and were better in finishing off their movements. After ten minutes' play Goole got over our line and the try was converted. The School then pressed but could not score. Another ten minutes of even play succeeded, and then Goole scored twice in quick succession. For the greater part of the second half, the School kept the play in their opponents' half, but could not score, whereas Goole scored two converted tries in the last few minutes. The School backs saw very little of the ball and most of the tries scored against us were from opportunities snatched by unmarked forwards.

Nov. 3rd.—1st XV. v. Morley Secondary School.

Result : Won by 17 points to 8 points.

This game, at Morley, resulted in a comfortable win for the School. The School, with the wind slightly in their favour, pressed from the start, and in five minutes scored a try through Gill, who converted it. Morley fought back hard but the School kept up the pressure and a foul on Carr resulted in Gill obtaining a penalty goal. Quick exchanges from end to end followed, and Morley, pressing near the School goal line, were awarded a try for obstruction on the part of one of the School backs. This try was not converted. The School kept the winning hand throughout and Prendergast, F., scored a converted try.

In the second half Morley had the greater share of the play, having the wind to their advantage. Morley scored a converted try, but this was soon followed by a fine drop goal which Carr shot when hemmed in near the Morley goal. The end came with Morley pressing.

The School forwards were superior to their opponents in loose play. Elliott, Barrett and Breislin were conspicuous forwards, while Brookes, at back, kicked well. The halves and three-quarters combined well, but a greasy pitch and a slippery ball did not allow much back play.

Dec. 1st—1st XV. v. Silcoates School.

Result : Won by 12 points to 5 points.

The first home match for the 1st XV. resulted in a fine win for the School. The game was very fast and keen, and the School were worthy winners. The School kicked off downhill and kept the play in the Silcoates half for the greater part of the first half. After about ten minutes play Prendergast, F., had a clear run through from the half-way line, and scored a fine try. Gill failed at the kick. The School kept up their attack, and a fine passing movement by the School three-quarters ended in Pears scoring an unconverted try. In the second half both sides attacked, but the School were more dangerous near their opponents' goal line. From a loose scrum Carr kicked the ball well up the field for Pears to gather and score a fine try. The score was further improved upon shortly afterwards when the School forwards dribbled the ball over for Prendergast to score. Near the finish Silcoates succeeded in obtaining a converted try.

The whole team played well. The halves and three-quarters combined well and were easily the better of the two

sets. The School forwards did well against a much heavier pack and were at a disadvantage in the line outs. At full-back Brookes played a great game under difficulties.

Nov. 3rd—2nd XV. v. Doncaster Grammar School.

Result : Lost by 12 points to 0 points.

For their first match this season the School 2nd XV. were entertained at Doncaster by Doncaster Grammar School. The game was fast and play moved swiftly from one end of the field to the other, for some time neither side was able to score a try, but eventually the Doncaster three-quarters broke through the School defence and scored, but the try was not converted. Before the half-time Doncaster again broke through and scored a second unconverted try.

In the second half the School took up the attack, and several times they were within an ace of scoring, but the Doncaster defence prevailed. Before the close of the game Doncaster again asserted their superiority, and scored two more unconverted tries.

Nov. 10th—2nd XV. v. Hemsworth Secondary School 2nd XV.

Result : Won by 16 points to 3 points.

On November 10th the School 2nd XV. entertained Hemsworth Secondary School 2nd XV. The teams were evenly matched, and the game was exciting from start to finish. The School opened the scoring, and although Hemsworth tried hard to score, they did not do so until the game had been in progress for some time, and by that time the School had a fairly comfortable lead, which they increased just before half time.

After the interval Hemsworth started to attack and the efforts of the School team were centred on defending their own line, which they succeeded in doing. Towards the end of the game the School again scored another try, which was not, however, converted.

Nov. 13th—2nd XV. v. Wakefield Grammar School Colts.

Result : Won by 22 points to 0 points.

Wakefield Grammar School Colts were the opponents of the 2nd XV. in their third match this term. The match was played at home, and since it was during the week a

fairly large number of School supporters were present. The Wakefield team were decidedly the smaller side, but they played pluckily, and their tackling was quite a feature of the game. Play in the first half was ragged and the School did not pile on the score which they ought to have done, although they did gain quite a considerable lead.

The second half was a repetition of the first half, the Wakefield side trying their utmost to score. The School side probably heartened by the cries of the spectators, more than doubled the half-time score, and thus obtained an easy victory.

Dec. 1st—2nd XV. v. Rotherham Colts.

Result : Lost by 21 points to 3 points.

The School 2nd XV. experienced their worst defeat this term at the hands of the Rotherham Colts, whom they played at Rotherham. The Rotherham side was far heavier than the School side, both in the scrum and in the three-quarters ; nevertheless the ball came out at the Wath side of the scrum quite as many times as it did out of the Rotherham side. The Rotherham three-quarters, however, were too speedy for the School side, and by half-time they had scored four tries, two of which were converted.

In the second half, the School kept the ball on the ground, and played it with their feet ; by this means they were several times near scoring tries, and it also prevented their opponents from scoring more than once. Towards the close of the second half the School scored a penalty goal, after which no further points were obtained by either side.

Nov. 17th.—Under 14 XV. v. Hemsworth under 14.

Result : Won by 8 points to 3 points.

This match at Hemsworth produced a keen and even game. Both teams took rather a long time to settle down, and play in the second half was much better than that in the first. Over eagerness resulted in too much fly-kicking in the first half. The School took the lead early on when Heal got over to score an unconverted try. This lead was kept until a little before half-time, Hemsworth bringing the scores level by another unconverted try. In the second half Hemsworth pressed. The School three-quarters were not so good in their passing movements as Hemsworth, though they rarely got the ball from the forwards. The continued

Hemsworth attacks were only saved by the fine tackling of the School backs. Towards the end of the game the School attacked and some fine passing by the School three-quarters ended in Pearson scoring. Ingamells converted. From thence the School kept up the pressure to the end.

HOCKEY.

Oct. 13—1st XI. v. Mexborough Secondary
School 2nd XI.

Result : Won by 8 goals to 1 goal.

The School played Mexborough at Wath on Saturday, October 13th, proving themselves superior to the visitors. During the first 10 minutes of the game the play was more or less in the centre of the field. Then E. Hinescliffe managed to get a clear ball, and was able to pass to D. Rowlinson, who seized her chance to score the much longed for goal. Before half-time one off-side goal was scored by D. Haigh, the resulting score being 1—0.

During the second half of the game the School scored 9 more goals, 2 being off-side. Mexborough's left wing and inner made some brilliant attempts, resulting in the scoring of 1 goal. The School goals were scored by D. Rowlinson (3), H. Frost (4) and D. Haigh (1).

Although the ball managed to find its way through the Mexborough goal-post 8 times in all, the goal-keeper was excellent.

Nov. 17th—1st XI. v. Barnsley High School 2nd XI.

Result : Won by 4 goals to 1 goal.

On Friday, Nov. 16th, the School XI. gazed at each other's gloomy faces, fearing that the match would be scratched owing to the heavy rains.

Saturday morning arrived ; the rain had ceased late on Friday night. The School won the toss, play proceeded, and after 10 minutes hard play J. Smith and A. Sayles attacked the opposing goal ; an excellent defence was put up, but one of the Barnsley players muddled the ball. Thus the first goal was scored, Barnsley equalising immediately afterwards. This score was not to remain long, as two more goals were gained for the School by J. Smith and H. Frost. Just before

half-time a corner was taken by J. Smith and E. Hincsliffe scored. At half-time the score was 4—1, this standard being maintained throughout the rest of the game.

During the second half Barnsley put up a much better fight, no further goals being scored by either side. The play was not nearly so good the second half as the first, and many "free-hits" were taken for "turns" and "sticks."

The Barnsley defence was good, and the visiting team possessed a goal-keeper worth envying.

Armistice Day.

Cease fire ! Cease fire ! Afar the sound rang forth,
 'Repose drew nigh and Peace in state approach'd.
 The Roll of Fame shows sacrificial worth
 Sorrow and grief on festive joy enroach'd.
 Ten years pass by that grim upheaval dire,
 Man views far off the shaping of his fate,
 Observes with reverential awe life's pyre
 By yearly token, solemn, grave, sedate.
 In carnage fell, dread wrong all men oppose
 For peace triumphant, wrath divine to calm.
 This generation true devotion shows
 In earnest search for trouble's soothing balm.
 While plaintive Peace laments in halls long mute,
 All Youth aspires to duty resolute.

R. KIRKBY VI (Upper).

Some Irish Stories.

Most Irish stories border on the superstitious ; as to their credibility or otherwise the reader himself must determine.

One evening when an Irishman entered his bedroom, he found the roomed steeped in an eerie uncanny atmosphere. Shaking off the terrors it aroused in him he mustered up sufficient courage to get into bed. Immediately some heavy weight attached itself to him and some unknown being clasped him around the neck. Galvanised into action by a fear of his unknown assailant, he struggled frantically and managed to extricate himself from the bed. He had by this time aroused the remainder of the family and together they made

a thorough search of the room. Nothing could be found, however, and at last he reluctantly returned to bed. The bedclothes were at once whisked away from him as if by magic. This time thoroughly convinced of the presence of some unknown being he left the room.

The next day he learnt that his friend's wife, at whose wedding he had been best man, had died during the night. Moreover she had died at precisely the time he was being tormented.

Ireland has always been connected with fairies. Here is a story of the "Little People."

Two boys were returning slowly home from school one summer's day. Quite by chance one of them noticed a queer little figure busily working at the roadside a little further ahead of them. A glittering gold-like substance slipped into a continual stream from between his hands and lay in a small heap beside him. They approached cautiously, but strangely never seemed to get any nearer this weird object. At last they burst into a run towards him. Immediately, however, he disappeared and left not the slightest trace. Hurrying home to recount this strange happening to their father they were told that they had seen the Leprechaun. According to old Irish legend the Leprechaun is a dwarf who busies himself with making gold, and if anybody caught him they would win a huge fortune.

Now for quite a different kind of story. One evening a traveller was returning home late at night along a narrow dark lane. Overhanging trees, which interlaced overhead, increased the gloom, and made the lane seem far more sombre and sinister. Suddenly a dark object loomed up right in the path of the traveller. It was a strange terrible sight. Two uncanny hornlike projections stood straight up from its queer shaped head. Interminable seconds passed. The traveller stood motionless in the lane scarcely daring to breathe. Daring neither to move backwards or forwards he stared at the monster. Petrified with horror the traveller awaited his fate. Suddenly the monster threw back his head and gave vent to a terrible noise which rent the still silence of the night. The traveller burst into loud, almost hysterical laughter, expressive of heart felt relief. It was the bray of a donkey!

F. PRENDERGAST. VI. (Upper).

Timmy of Hostel St. Clare.

He was only a dog, with a loyal heart,
Who certainly knew all the rules of his part,
And the monks could trust him to leave none "in the cart,"
Old Timmy of Hostel St. Clair.

His coat was so thick, and his eyes sparkled bright,
Just like beams from the stars, all set out in the night;
And no one could hate, try hard as they might,
Old Timmy of Hostel St. Clair.

When he toured o'er the pass with an old monk, his friend,
All the rest used to say, he's a good dog to send.
When he's gone, our hearts we never shall mend,
Though we've more beside Tim of St. Clair.

At length came the day when poor Timmy fell,
To the avalanche victim, but hero as well,
For he went to save men from the sound of death's knell,
And so died poor old Tim of St. Clair.

He was but a St. Bernard—a good game old "Bit,"
But he did his work well, because he kept fit,
And so he "went West," after doing his bit,
Did Timmy of Hostel St Clair.

R. RIDYARD (IIIa.)

A Belgian Holiday.

On a Wednesday the intrepid voyagers embarked on their noble flagship "The Duke of Clarence," and slowly steamed from Hull. Dinner was had on board, and consisted of a solid and savoury lump of steak, complete with its garnishing of chips—the last English meal they were to partake of for ten days.

The tourists—who really thought they were to enjoy their tour—at last disembarked at Zeebrugge, and after about half an hour of standing under other people's feet, they managed to reach the shore.

"Ah!" they cry, "at last we've reached our Mecca!
Ah! Que c'est tres bien!"

But—have they?

"This way, please" comes the voice of a lusty and business-like official, "through here!"

Slowly, very slowly, the passengers from the boat pass through the door of the "Douane," and, on entering, the

brave ones find that they have to open their cases and "weightless" portmanteaux to satisfy the vigilant eye of the customs officials. After feeling in every pocket for the key and finding the case unlocked, the voyagers stagger out. With their hands on passports, which had previously been examined at Hull, they climb into the waiting train and find it packed.

"Well, anyway, it won't hurt us to stand up for once," they say. So they stand up inside the compartments until the conductor, with a smile to himself, clears them out and makes them stand in the narrow corridors. There they bump their heads and catch all the engine smuts, if they put the offending headpieces out of the window. So they talk to each other and, after a while, gradually subside as the early morning landing of 5.30 a.m. begins to tell.

By the programme the "boat express" arrives in Brussels at 10.20 a.m., and so arrives promptly at 11.5 a.m. On the arrival, the dauntless ones clamber down four huge steps, each about two feet high, and slowly wend their way to the "sortie," wearily carrying their lumbering cases.

The visit to Brussels was all too short for the travellers. Setting off in a motor coach they had a faint glimpse of a Gothic Hotel de Ville, and the wonderful Guild Houses, each with the symbol of its trade. The Guild of the Tailors, "Maison des Tailleurs," displays a large pair of "secateurs" carved in the stone, the merchants' carries a pair of scales, and the sailors' the captain's bridge of an old-time ship.

A tremendous Palais de Justice was then seen, built of white marble—now somewhat spoilt by the Germans who stabled their horses there during the war, and removed all the metal fittings for munitions. The marvellous palace of the King and Queen of the Belgians appears in the travellers' dream and the immense park attached thereto.

A faint remembrance of Waterloo, the tremendous monument erected there—with the British lion surmounting the peak—and the wonderful painted panorama of the actual battle lingers with the travellers as they rest in one of the comfortable basket chairs of the pavement cafes and sip their vin du pays, "vin blanc."

Passing through Namur on the railway from Brussels to Dinant, a stay was made to see some of the most picturesque scenery in the Ardennes. The next day Rochefort was visited to see the Grotto of Hans, one of the most noted in Europe. Leaving Rochefort for Ghent, the travellers there saw the wonderful old Cathedral, the Hotel de Ville, Le Chateau des

Comtes de Flandres, and the Grand Beguinage de Stc. Elizabeth.

The Cathedral was a fine edifice with a quiet interior, which was amply compensated for by the magnificent paintings in the side chapels and beautiful altar. The Grand Beguinage was extremely interesting with the nuns living in their little houses clustered round a lovely chapel. Le Chateau des Comtes was a wonderfully old castle full of relics of bygone ages and possessed a handy set of dungeons.

To the voyagers the Hotel de Ville appeared small to the others which they had visited, but did not lack beauty. A complete set of portraits of the Kings and Queens of olden times were there together with the ancient coronation throne of the sovereigns of Flanders.

Before concluding their tour by a visit to the battlefields, the intrepid ones paid a very short visit to Bruges and were enabled to see the numerous bridges, canals, and small lakes which adorn the city, and hear the wonderful carillon of the Belfry, the most noted of all Northern Europe.

The visit to the noted places of the battlefields was soon over and the travellers quickly returned to Zeebrugge and thence, after a stormy night to Hull, where they thankfully landed on their English shore which they are never to leave again—until next year.

M. FLAVELL (VI.Sc.)

A Sonnet.

MEMORIES OF WALES.

Always, I see those gleaming, granite crags,
 Bathed in the sunlight, round whose rugged flanks,
 Have raged the tempests. One lone group still lags,
 A stolid remnant of the mighty ranks.

Between these crags, by Nature's chisel hewn,
 Pours living water, gushing, eddying,
 A sparkling whirlpool, heaving, jewel-strewn,
 A mass of bubbling foam—a living thing.

I gaze upon those roaring breakers, wild
 Pulsating rythmically, they ebb and flow,
 They surge as one, and on the rocks are piled
 To recoil lamely, broken, from the blow.

Such are the scenes where memory never fails,
 Wild nature in her splendour—glorious Wales.

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Who Killed Him ?

Scene I.

(An upper room in a city slum. On the right is a glowing fire, in front of which is a mean couch. In the background are two windows. That on the left is half open, revealing a dark starry night. On the left is a door near which are a few chairs and a table. On the table is a candlestick, while on the mantelpiece is a cheap alarm clock. A man is sleeping heavily on the couch. Suddenly he jumps up and yawns ; he glances up at the clock which points to one o'clock).

The Man : " B-rr-h. Ugh ! one o'clock. Cops orter be there now. Paddy's cordon'll get Slim. Rob me of a thousand would 'e ? " (His tone is indignant).

He lies down again and soon his snores reverberate through the room. Just as they reach a crescendo a scratching is heard at the open window and a dark figure climbs through. He creeps round silently on his rubber soled shoes; then lights the candle).

Intruder : " Asleep ; yes, he'll not wake agen if I've any say in it. A few moments more—pain—slow poison—Phosphorous ! Ha-ha, from—matches ! "

(He crosses to the sleeper and as he pours something from a bottle, his eyes gleam fiendishly. He turns to go ; as he climbs out the sleeper utters a feeble choke ; the intruder returns, but as no more sound is heard he appears to be satisfied and turns to go. As he climbs out he is heard to speak).

Intruder : " Five years ! One—two—three—four—five years through him ! Five wasted years ! "

(He disappears. After a few minutes the door opens very slowly. A short, rather stout little man comes in. He knocks over a chair).

The Man (awakening from an uneasy slumber) : " What's that ? "

2nd Intruder : " My dear fellow—Silence yourself. "

(He is slightly breathless, but imperative. His voice is cultivated).

Man (in horror) : " The Boss ! ! "

2nd Int. : " Yes, the boss ; what do you say to that ? Eh ? "

Man : " I—I— What ? "

2nd Int. : " Stick-em-up " (The man puts up his hands). " Who's split on us ? Come on ; speak up, you rat." (His voice sinks to a sibilant hiss).

Man : " I didn't tell no-one."

2nd Int. : " 64 saw you talking to Sergeant ' Paddy ' yesterday afternoon."

Man : " Me ? I never spoke to 'im."

2nd Int. : " Why didn't you report yesterday morning ? "

Man : " I fergot."

2nd Int. : (sneeringly) : " You did, did you."

Man : " Old Paddy came to see me."

2nd Int. : " Oh ! rather queer. I thought you had never spoken to him."

Man : " I never said so."

2nd Int. (softly) : " I think it were better that you were dead."

Man (in a shriek) : " Don't ; I never tell'd Paddy. I only——"

2nd Int. : " What ? "

Man : " Nothink ! "

2nd Int. : " Think again, or I'll liven your memory up."

Man : " I tell'd him nothink ! "

2nd Int. : " That's enough ! I've clear proof that you gave us away, and so I'm going to poison you."

Man (shrieks then falls at the intruder's feet) : " No ! "

2nd Int. (menacing with revolver) : " Get up ! " I'm going to poison you with Blue Vitriol, takes a fairly long time. You'll wish you'd never double-crossed us."

Man : " No ! No ! "

2nd Int. : " Quiet." (He forces some liquid down the smaller man's throat and then stands away. The *Man* faints. The 2nd Intruder quietly exits by way of the door, smiling grimly).

Scene II. : The Same.

(It is now day. The sun streams through the right window on the contorted corpse of the man).

(Enter Sergeant "Paddy," Murphy, and a Police Surgeon). The Surgeon has just finished his examination).

Murphy : " Well, Doctor, what was it ? "

Doctor : " Very strange ! "

Murphy : " Looks ordinary enough to me. "

Doctor : " Why there are evident traces of phosphorus poisoning, but this man didn't die from that cause. "

Murphy : " Not from poison ? "

Doctor : " Then he must have taken Blue Vitriol, which though a poison, is, as you may know, the antidote for Phosphorus' poisoning. "

Murphy (disappointed) : " No murder then ? "

Doctor : " No murder at all. This fellow never died from poison. Fright was his murderer. "

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M. FLAVELL, (VI.Sc.)

Benefactors of the Human Race,

(Especially the Schoolboy).

Behold ! First of the Chinese will I sing,
 Paper, the wheel they found, and many a thing
 To ease our toilsome way upon the Earth,
 To us poor men these have been of great worth.
 The Arabs, also, great discoverers were,
 As witness the exploits of great " Geber. "
 Numbers they gave, besides the alchemy,
 To heal the ills of frail humanity.
 But now of Isaac Newton will I sing,
 Who called the Laws of Motion into being.
 Beneath a spreading tree one day he sat,
 An apple fell from heaven upon his hat.
 " Ah me ! Ah me ! " Likewise " Oh, Oh ! " quoth he.
 " Behold there now, the force of gravity. "

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Impressions of Bingley Training College.

Although our impressions of Bingley in this first term are not all formed we are finding it very interesting.

This year, for the first time, the various training colleges have grouped themselves around the nearest universities, and are doing a regional survey of the neighbourhood in which they are situated. This applies to the subjects of History, Geography, Nature Study and Hygiene, and works out as an intensive study. The object of the course is to give teachers an idea of finding out something of the environment of the places in which they may teach.

Music and Dramatics are very important here. Last Saturday the Juniors had a Dramatic Evening, and each Hall had to produce certain scenes from Shakespeare. The best production won a trophy in the form of a picture of "Miranda." We Wath girls did a scene from Romeo and Juliet; and though Muriel (Steer) played the part of Romeo very well, we did not carry off the trophy. Mrs. Penelope Wheeler paid a special visit to the College to judge the acting, and she herself gave the "Medea" as an example of elocution. Another of our events here has been a lecture from Mr. Lambert, Director of the Leeds Art Gallery on "The Artist and his master, while on the Musical side there has been Schubert Recitals.

Our English Syllabus is most interesting, including a study of Shaw, Arnold, Bennett, Galsworthy, De La Mare, Conrad and other famous moderns. For history we begin with the first life on earth and go on up to recent times. Our lectures are very interesting, also our Library.

There is ever so much more to say, but for the moment we will just add that we shall be home soon, and hope to see some of the people from School before we return.

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MURIEL STEER.

