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School Notes.

We offer a hearty welcome to Miss O. Henderson, B.A. (Oxon.) who came to us this term as a geography mistress in place of Miss Sainty. We hope that she may have a happy time here.

The work of levelling the ground for the hard courts is proceeding apace, and the money to provide our share of the cost is mounting up; we should have nearly £200 by the end of term. However, owing to the need for National economy, the construction of the courts has been postponed until next year. The delay is disappointing: but we must keep on doing our share at this end, as we have not yet collected half the total amount.

We are fortunate in obtaining the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield for Speech Day, and we can look forward to an interesting address from one who is closely in touch with all sides of English education.

At the time of writing these notes, the annual Choir Concert has not been held: but we are looking forward to it, and hope that all boys and girls will do their best to provide a large audience.

At the end of last term, too late for insertion in our last issue, the boys' Gymnastic Club gave an exhibition in the Hall. The exhibition was not only interesting to watch, but it should also by showing what can be done, cause a general improvement in the gymnastics of the School.

The only new development this term has been the foundation of the Sixth Form Society. This Society aims at obtaining the help of outside lecturers to discuss topics which are rather outside the ordinary School curriculum.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

Last term ended in a pleasant surprise for us. Though few expected it, Athens is now the holder of the Work Cup. It has been a pleasure to notice that the number of detentions is rather smaller than last term, so that if work is up to standard, we may be fortunate enough to maintain our hold on the Cup.

The hockey matches have been most successful this season, but the Rugby teams have been less fortunate. This is probably due to the fact that there are few senior boys in the House, so that juniors have had to make up their team.

In the distance, we see the Sports Cup reappearing. Last year we failed to win it, but with hard work and much practice, we hope to prove more successful this year. Since this is an activity where individual effort can alone give combined success, it is hoped that every Athenian will begin practising NOW and make sure of a victory in the events for which he or she enters.

CARTHAGE.

We all extend a hearty welcome to Miss Spencer and hope that she will have every reason to be proud of her position as House Mistress of Carthage.

This Term the number of detentions has decreased considerably, and the Work Cup is no longer an utter impossibility. Everything now depends upon the number of positive points gained by the members of the House.

The results of House matches this term are:—

Senior Boys, lost to Sparta 12—14.

Junior Boys, drew with Rome 3—3, but lost to Thebes 0—3.

Senior Girls, beat Sparta 2—1.

It is regrettable that a number of Senior Boys are not keen enough to turn up to play in House matches.

Thanks are due to Miss Spencer for the very enjoyable social which the girls held on February 11th. Prizes were won by J. Lockwood and M. Limb.

ROME.

This term has been rather void of House activities. The senior girls hockey has only received half hearted enthusiasm, one match being forfeited through lack of players. The Fifth Form Roman girls need to develop a sense of responsibility. The hockey matches against Athens and Sparta were lost, although the play was fairly good. The boys' rugby shows more signs of keenness, and they were successful against Athens and Carthage. Rome is proud to say that M. Frost and Clayton are soloists in "Merrie England."

SPARTA.

The House deeply regrets the loss of one of its junior members. Dove, of Ib, died early this term. The boys of

Sparta subscribed towards a wreath as a token of their remembrance.

Last term the annual House Party took place. It was a great success as usual.

Work on the tennis courts is proceeding as before only with more enthusiasm than last term.

This term we have been hoping, rather in vain, that the number of detentions would be diminished. They must be cut down considerably before the superiority of Spartan intelligence can bring us back the Work Cup. The sports will be held early next term when we have a chance of winning the Sports Cup or at least of proving ourselves worthy of a better position than last year's.

On the rugby field we have been more successful. The Seniors have won three matches and lost two; the Juniors have won four and drawn one. The results of the hockey matches are as follows:—The Senior girls have won 2 matches and lost 3. The Juniors have drawn 1 and lost four.

THEBES.

This term being a very short one (only ten weeks) and also being an important one as regards the "trial" examinations for Higher School and School Certificate, all Thebans have been more or less devoted to work. Still, in the inter-House debate, we were well supported and won the motion, though the speaking was hardly up to the average.

As regards games, we are in a strong position, the Seniors having a good record.

We hope as many Thebans as possible will attend the Literary Social and so help to make it a success.

We don't seem to be much nearer gaining the Parents' Cup this term, but if we keep lessening the detentions, the day is not far removed when we shall.

TROY.

This term has been short, and as is generally the case, with Easter term there is very little of importance to record. We ought, perhaps, to mention that the Christmas Social held at the end of last term was undoubtedly the most successful of all the parties which we have hitherto held. It was well attended, both by past and present members of the House, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The Senior boys have won both the Rugby matches which they have played this term defeating Thebes by 17 points to nil, and Athens by a walk-over. The Junior match

with Thebes resulted in a drawn game. The Junior hockey team has played two matches and won two, but the Senior team has had a disappointing season.

Happily this term there have been signs of a better team spirit among the Seniors, who have entered with enthusiasm into the work and organization of the House, and willingly contributed their full share of work towards the levelling of the Tennis Courts.

The number of detentions shows a marked decline, but needless to say there is still room for further improvement. Next term we are hoping to have the usual summer-term excursion on to the moors, meanwhile the House is eagerly looking forward to Sports Day and anticipating a good cricket season.

At the time of going to press the Committee has been considering a suggestion that an Order of Merit be instituted, to be awarded to such members of the House as show themselves proficient in work and games or who show especial interest in School activities and manage to struggle through a term without a detention. Members of the Order are to wear a distinguishing badge, granted terminally on the results of School work, sports and games, and records of attendance at School societies. If the system is adopted, it will begin next term, and it is hoped that it will serve to stimulate increased interest and competition among Junior and Senior members of the House.

School Societies.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

At the beginning of this term it was felt by the members of the Art, Woodwork and Metalwork Clubs that something should be done to clear up the confusion of the relationship of the clubs to one another. General and committee meetings were held, and the matter was thoroughly thrashed out, with the result that the above Society was formed. The three clubs still exist however, with the difference that they are all sections of a larger organisation and membership of one club carries with it membership of the whole Society.

It is significant that our first President is Fitch, who comes not from the VIth or Vth Forms, but from Form **UIVa**. It is perhaps appropriate that a young Society should have a young President, nevertheless the idea which

seems to be prevalent in the Upper School, that this is a Junior School activity is a mistaken one. None of our work, it is true, covers any of the ground of the S.C. or H.S.C. examinations, so that any senior people who come to us do so for the love of the work. We are the richer for that, however, and those who consider that the work we do undertake is frivolous or trivial should remember that we are the only truly creative School Society.

All Society communications should be addressed to the Secretary, G. D. Ingham, UIVa.

ART CLUB.

The Art Club has again returned to its old routine, and members have been able to continue their own work at their leisure. The attendance has decreased considerably from 100 members to forty, but these have attended regularly and done some very good work.

At the beginning of the term paste paper designing aroused a great deal of interest, but towards the end the boys' interest centred in lino cutting and the girls' in leather-work. The Sketching section which of necessity had to be abandoned last term, has continued its meetings on Mondays.

The committee is as follows:—Maiden (chairman), D. Beckham (secretary), Ingham, Fitch, J. Lockwood and S. Atkin.

WOODWORK CLUB.

The attendance has been poor, but those who have attended have worked keenly. At a meeting early in the term the following were elected on the committee:—J. Sykes, L. Martin and E. Painter. During the term the committee have elected J. Ward and E. Hill to be full members.

Choir.

The concert version of "Merrie England" was presented by the choir on Friday, March 11th, to a fairly large audience. This represents rather a new theme for the choir, as, in addition to the chorus work, there are a large number of solo parts, and it was pleasing to discover the enthusiasm of the selected soloists. The principal soloists were as follows:— "Bessie Throckmorton," Maid of Honour to Queen Elizabeth,

L. Holyoak ; "Jill-all-Alone," E. Webster; "Queen Elizabeth," M. Frost; "Lord Raleigh," Tilbrook; "Earl of Essex", Prendergast; Four Tradesmen of Windsor," Clayton, Riley, Abson and Webb.

The concert was successful from all points of view. The audience was pleased and entertained, and the members enjoyed doing it.

The attendances have been fairly regular, and the members will now have a rest until September, when new members will be welcomed.

Literary Society.

The first meeting of the Literary Society was only concerned with the drawing up of the programme for the term.

At the second meeting, members of the Upper Sixth Literary gave papers on humour in English literature. The first paper was given by Riley, supported by other members of the form who read extracts from the "Rivals" and "School for Scandal." M. Greenwood then read a paper on Thackeray quoting numerous examples from *Vanity Fair*. The next paper was read by P. Wall on Goldsmith, and was well supported by members of the Science VIth, who presented the Inn scene from "She Stoops to Conquer," with understanding and ability. A paper on the humour of Dickens was next given by K. Steer. The outstanding paper of the meeting was that of Prendergast who gave a well prepared paper on the humour of Belloc and Chesterton.

Milne's play, "The Boy comes Home," was presented by members of the Lower VIth Literary, at the third meeting Shillito played the leading part with ability and was well supported by the rest, who were : Outram (Uncle James), E. Bramham (Aunt Emily), D. Beckham (Mrs. Higgins), and D. Hanson (the Maid).

The inter-House Debate, the first of its kind, took place at the fourth meeting, and except for the fact that the first speaker for Rome was not present, considerable interest and enthusiasm was shown by the members of the various Houses. The Headmaster took the chair, and the first debate was between Sparta and Athens, the motion being, "That work is the best solace for a troubled mind." The second was "That it is better to see a good play than to read a good novel," and was debated between Troy (proposers) and Rome.

The motion "That man has not improved in proportion to the improvement in his surroundings," was proposed by Carthage and opposed by Thebes.

The two Houses securing the greatest majority debated in the final on the motion "That music has a greater appeal than painting or sculpture." The final Houses were Troy and Sparta. The latter proposed the motion and won by 19 votes to 12.

Scouts.

The usual routine has been carried out this term and a few ambulance tests have been held. There have been no plays and consequently the attendance has been slightly better, especially among the Senior members.

A new scheme is afoot to divide the troop up into groups, each group having a Senior at its head. This will enable the Juniors to have a change of patrol-leaders.

There is to be an exhibition of craft work at Rotherham in the near future. Every scout in the troop who is not in an examination form has to try and contribute some article. Several go to the art club to manufacture their article, and others go to the woodwork club.

The summer camp this year is to be held in the Lake District, and the troop is looking forward to the summer holidays.

Guides.

Owing to the bad weather preventing Miss Taylor coming to Wath, the enrolment, which had been fixed for the end of last term, was postponed until after the holidays. Mrs. Pickering, the County Commissioner paid us her first visit and gave us a great deal of advice. There are still a few Guides waiting to be enrolled, and several are ready for Second Class. Since we said "good-bye" to Miss Sainty First Class work has not made much progress. No Proficiency Badge tests have been held this term.

This summer the twenty-first birthday of Guiding takes place, and we in the Barnsley Division intend to celebrate it by a huge picnic at Stainboro'. Besides picnics we prepare for camp next term. If there are enough of us we can hold

a separate camp, so we hope that Miss Swift will begin to receive lots of names and subscriptions of those who can go camping. We are sure that all Guides who went to Bretton will camp again this year if it is at all possible.

“ Mr. Pym Passes By ”

During December members of the Sixth Form produced this interesting play by A. A. Milne. “Mr. Pym Passes By” presents two of the problems of modern life; the danger of the unwitting word; and the position of a woman who has unconsciously committed bigamy. A. A. Milne offers no solution for the problems; he merely puts them forward in a highly interesting and amusing fashion.

Mr. Pym, hearing in a chance conversation with Dinah that Mrs. Marden was formerly Mrs. Telworthy, confuses the name with that of a man he has met on the boat. Mrs. Marden is now in the position of having, as far as she knows, two husbands alive. She has also promised to help Dinah to procure Mr. Marden's consent to the marriage of his ward and Brian the young artist. Then comes the news that the supposed Mr. Telworthy died on the boat. Olivia refuses to remarry George until he has consented to Dinah's wedding. Finally Mr. Pym brings the news that the man's name was not Telworthy at all. Olivia hides this fact from George in order to help the young people.

K. Dickinson played the part of Olivia the woman of the world, very successfully. She made the most of her witty speeches and carried off the amusing scene with her husband in a most realistic fashion. Shillito as George Marden was typical of the English country gentleman, considerate of his conscience and of the opinion of the county. He sustained his large part without any apparent effort. The ultra-modern artist was played in a most realistic fashion by Abson. He was well supported by Mary Pickering, who, as Dinah, gave a most amusing and convincing picture of the modern girl. M. Lythe proved capable as Lady Marden, while Theresa Hyland succeeded in looking every inch a Maid.

The whole production was a great success, very pleasing to the highly appreciative audiences, which, however, could have been bigger. The only change which can in any way improve on last term's play will be to give the actors full houses every night. This is the work of the members of the School on whom we rely for advertisement.

The Knight of the Burning Pestle.

A large caste, mainly selected from the VIth Form, gave two performances of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" at the end of last term. Judging by the good attendances, it seems that the parents were pleased by our plays of 1930, or that they came to show their interest in the School. They may have been attracted by our Sale of Work or by the School Orchestra.

There were three plays to be followed in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle"; the affairs of Merchant Venturewell and his daughter, Luce; the remarks of the Citizen and his Wife; the acting done by the Citizen's Prentice Ralph and other players to satisfy the fancies of the Citizen and his wife.

The title-role was well filled by Howard, who was ably supported by his dwarf and squire. Riley as the Citizen and M. Smith as his Wife, provoked much laughter by their constant remarks and interruptions. Tilbrook was well fitted to the part of a spendthrift drunkard, and he added jolly old songs to his drinking scenes.

Waltham Forest was the background to the pitiful scenes in which appeared M. Greenwood as the neglected wife of Merrythought, and also to the romantic scenes provided by E. Reeve, as Luce, the daughter of Merchant Venturewell, the young maiden wooed by Jasper (Wellens) and Humphrey (Clayton). Webb proved to be a typical old father, troubled over his daughter's love affair. Some very dainty dances were given by N. Midwood.

A short playlet, "Catherine Parr," preceded the main play, in which appeared M. Greenwood as Catherine Parr, and Steer as Henry VIII. The scenery of the plays was very effective and in great variety, but, although there was music supplied by the School Orchestra in the intervals, many people disliked the many changes of scenery. Our ticket-campaign was not as successful as it was last year, but these losses were accounted for by the Sale of Work and by the fact that all the dresses were made at School under the supervision of Miss Rudolf.

The Sixth Form Society.

Last term a new Society was founded to organize a series of lectures in the winter months. The aim being to

secure the views of prominent men on subjects with which they are intimately connected. The Inaugural Address was given on November 22nd by the Headmaster. The subject was "The Schoolmaster," and the meeting was presided over by D. J. Cresswell.

The Head began by comparing the advantages and disadvantages of the schoolmaster's work. For men of ambition teaching was hopeless; it was difficult for a teacher to occupy a position of power and authority. He then turned to the subject of drudgery, the marking of books, teaching the same things continually, and preparing lessons. In most cases this was the routine of a teacher for forty years, during which time it became monotony personified. The Head then turned to the attractions of teaching. It was a safe profession; a schoolmaster also had the advantage of being connected with an institution. After emphasising the need of good discipline, he turned to the teaching part of the work. He said, "always explain the obvious; be decisive. In the lower part of the School everything must be either right or wrong, white or black. The higher forms will begin to see the grey." He spoke of the need of variety and added, "a few grains of chaff help digestion—the cheerful worker is better than the miserable one." The Head emphasized the value of the example set by the schoolmaster in correctness of speech, in punctuality, in courtesy and in industry. He concluded by declaring that the schoolmaster had the task of moulding the future; the world would become a better place by the efforts of good teachers.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Killoch and seconded by R. Prendergast.

The second meeting was held on January 14th, when Mr. T. Williams, M.P., lectured on "Political Institutions." After a brief introduction from the Headmaster, who presided, Mr. Williams began. He said the English Parliament was an institution with its roots in the past and its branches in the future. It had grown slowly through the ages, and it was the instrument by which the depositions of Edward II. in 1327 and Richard II. in 1399 were effected. Later it was Parliament in 1688 which invited William and Mary to the English throne. The lecturer then turned to the relative positions of the two Houses. He said that since the passing of the Parliament Act of 1911 the Commons had become by law the more important House. The Commons could always pass "money bills," and any other bill after having thrice passed the Commons became law. In one instance, however,

the Lords was still the chief authority. It was the highest Court of Appeal. Mr. Williams said that to-day Parliament was attacked as being unwieldy, it was, however, in his opinion, admirably fitted to legislate for the nation. A vote of thanks was proposed by J. Lawson on behalf of the Lit. Vith, and seconded by J. Wellens, on behalf of the Science Vith.

The next lecture which took place on February 19th, was given by Dr. Hyka, first-secretary to the Czecho-Slovakian Legation in London. The subject of his address was "The Romance of a Nation." He pointed out that Czecho-Slovakia was a new, and yet a very old country, and proceeded to sketch the outlines of the History of Bohemia. He spoke of the blind King John, whose motto "Ich Dien" was adopted by the Black Prince and has remained the motto of the Princes of Wales ever since. He also mentioned the work of John Huss, the great reformer. In the second part of his address, Dr. Hyka sketched the position of the Bohemians under Austrian rule. He spoke with fervour of the many wrongs which his country had suffered. He afterwards explained the economic and political growth of Czecho-Slovakia since Dr. Masaryk assumed power in 1918. He said the Hungarians and Germans within the borders were given perfect political liberty, with schools and colleges of their own. Dr. Hyka instanced the appointment of a German Minister of Justice as a proof of the enlightened way in which Czecho-Slovakia is endeavouring to solve her "minorities problem." A vote of thanks moved by D. J. Cresswell, and seconded by R. Prendergast, was carried amid applause. The thanks of the Committee are due to Miss Deeks for her kindness in arranging this lecture.

On February 23rd a representative gathering met in History I. to hear the Rev. A. F. Painter, M.A., on the "Oxford Movement." "This movement," said Mr. Painter, "was anti-Roman in origin and was launched at a time when the Anglican priests had become amiable and respected clergy but nothing more. It was founded by a group of divines and theologians whose fame will last as long as Christianity exists, founded upon the principles of piety, benevolence, and self government." The genesis of the Movement was dated from July 1833, when Keble preached at Oxford on National Apostasy. Three of the leaders were fellows of Oriol. Mr. Painter then spoke of the individual founders, "Keble, shy and retiring; Froude, gay and adventurous; Newman, sensitive and scholarly. Froude was

the impetus, Newman the strength and intellect of the Movement. Newman's sermons laid the spiritual foundation from which the Movement spread." Mr. Painter said that the Movement had been productive of good, and he claimed that the work of the Anglo-Catholics was reflected in the increased activity of other religious bodies. R. Prendergast (the chairman) called on T. Hyland to propose, and C. Cook to second a vote of thanks, which was carried unanimously.

The Committee consists of D. J. Cresswell, R. Prendergast, E. Reeve, J. Lawson, M. Pickering, D. Clayton, C. W. Webb, M. Abson, A. Abson, I. Chesney, C. H. Cook and D. Hanson.

The Junior Literary Society.

We held our first meeting of the term on January 9th, when a debate on the motion: "That schooldays are the happiest days of one's life," took place between Forms IIa and IIb. The chair was taken by Painter of Upper IIa. The motion was proposed by Hill, Howitt and A. Hill, of IIb, and opposed by Cutts, Hawke and Horner, of IIa. The motion was carried.

At the second meeting on January 26th, a series of inter-House debates were opened. The first of these was held between Thebes and Carthage, the motion being: "That summer games are not superior to winter games." Green, of Rome, acted as chairman. Siddons opened the debate for Thebes, and was supported by Painter and Hawke. Cutts, Murphy and M. Jackson opposed the motion for Carthage, who defeated the motion.

On February 2nd two Trial Scenes were presented. The first was by IIa, from "Alice in Wonderland," and the second was from "Pickwick Papers," presented by Upper IIIa.

At the meeting on February 9th a debate on the motion "That Boarding Schools are not superior to Day Schools," was witnessed. The motion was proposed by Ellison, S. Johnson and Kitson, representing Sparta, and opposed by Dyer, A. Robson and Davison, of Rome. The chair was occupied by E. Woods, of Thebes, and the motion was carried.

On February 16th was the fifth meeting of the Society, in the form of scenes from "Rivals," by VIa, "Mark Twain" by IVb, and Dickens' "David Copperfield," by Upper IIa. There was a very good attendance at this meeting.

At the next meeting of the Society a debate was held between Athens and Carthage. The motion, "That Agricultural Life is superior to Industrial Life," was proposed by K. Buckley, Kidson and Martin, for Athens; and opposed by Glover, Hardy and Sands, representatives of Carthage. The chair was taken by Green, of Rome, and the motion was carried.

The meeting on March 1st saw Sparta and Rome contesting the motion "That a Policeman's Life is not a happy one," proposed by J. Turgoose and I. Atkinson, of Rome; and opposed by S. Johnson and Scholey, of Sparta. The motion was easily defeated by about 20 votes. The chair was occupied by M. Naylor, of Troy.

We intend to hold the final of the inter-House debates at our next meeting, on March 15th, when the motion, "That the world is steadily growing better," will be proposed by Athens and opposed by Sparta.

Football.

Dec. 5th.

1st XV. v. Morley G.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won by 21 points to 3.

The game was played in fine weather. Prendergast won the toss and decided to play uphill. The School scored a quick try through Prendergast, which, however, was not converted. Play continued to be even until just before the interval Morley got an unconverted try. In the second half the School showed themselves to be far superior, and were pressing almost continuously. Tries were scored by Pears (2), Caswell and Hollingsworth, the latter converting two, and Ingamells one. Morley were beaten in the scrums, and the backs rounded off the good work of the forwards.

Dec. 12th—1st XV. v. Old Boys.

Result : Won by 10 points to 0.

The School played their usual game with the Old Boys, and gained a victory by 10 points to 0. The School played uphill in the first half, and had to stave off many strong rushes by their opponents. The School pressed occasionally, but at half time their was no score. The School began to have more of the play in the second half, and early on Pears went over for a try which Hollingsworth converted. From a scrum near the line, Hollingsworth got a try, which he converted. The Old Boys scored repeatedly, but there was no further scoring. The score was a fair reflection of the merits of the teams.

Jan. 23rd—1st XV. v. Barnsley G.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won by 24 points to 3.

The School gained their revenge for a narrow defeat at Barnsley, winning by 24 points to 3. The School won the toss and played against the wind, sun, and slope. They opened the scoring with an unconverted try by Hollingsworth. Ingamells then kicked a good penalty goal, which was followed by an unconverted try by Clayton. Taking advantage of the slope the School pressed and Hollingsworth scored two tries which Ingamells converted. The School continued to be aggressive and Ingamells scored a try which he converted. Barnsley completed the scoring with a penalty goal.

Jan. 30th—1st XV. v. Doncaster G.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won by 74 points to 0.

The School entertained Doncaster 1st XV. for the first time, and gained an overwhelming victory. Prendergast won the toss and decided to play uphill. The School attacked from the start and, receiving the ball from almost every scrum, settled down to play a fast open game. At half-time the score was 28—0. Playing downhill the School scored almost at will and increased the score to 74. The chief scorers were Hollingsworth (26 points) and Pears (12 points).

Feb. 6th—1st XV. v. Hemsworth S.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won by 26 points to 16.

The School played their rubber game with Hemsworth at Hemsworth, each side having won one. Prendergast, winning the toss, played uphill, and even play followed. The ground was like a quagmire, which rendered handling difficult. Hemsworth opened the scoring with an unconverted try, and shortly afterwards scored another which was converted. The School retaliated, and Hollingsworth scored a try which Ingamells converted. Hemsworth followed with another unconverted try, the score at half-time being 5—11. The School pressed in the second half and Pears following up scored a try which Ingamells converted with a fine kick. Following this, the play was all in favour of the School, and Ingamells scored an unconverted try, and Cartledge a try which Ingamells converted. Tilbrook obtained the ball from a line-out and dropped over for an unconverted try. Pears completed the scoring with a try which Ingamells converted. The School forwards were the chief factor, playing magnificently and the backs played well, finding touch repeatedly with judicious kicks.

Feb. 13th—1st XV. v. Goole S.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won by 17 points to 3.

The School played their return game with Goole and continued their run of success. The bad conditions made clean handling difficult, and play was confined mostly to the forwards. The School played uphill in the first half, and Ingamells gained the lead through a penalty goal. The School continued to have the better of the game, Pears and Webb scoring tries, one of which was converted by Hollingsworth. Keen play ensued in the second half, Goole attacking strongly and scoring an unconverted try. The School defence was very sound, however, and Goole were kept out. The School again took the offensive towards the close, and Hollingsworth and Prendergast scored unconverted tries. The team as a whole was very much below form, and the keen spoiling of the Goole backs prevented much combined effort.

Jan. 30th—2nd XV. v. Thorne 1st XV.

Result : Lost, 34 points to 13 points.

This match was played at Thorne under difficult conditions. The ground was very hard, and the sun shone brilliantly. The School were put to play facing the sun. Thorne "threes" quickly took command of the game, and chiefly through the poor tackling of the School backs they obtained 20 points. The School forwards tried hard to force matters, but the sun and the much heavier Thorne pack held them.

In the second half the School determined to benefit by the sun, and Thorne were kept on the defensive. Steer and Haigh formed a very efficient combination which frequently disturbed Thorne. Finally Steer obtained a good try, which Riley improved upon. Once more the School pressed and Haigh made a very clever dribble from which Steer scored. Riley converted, as he did a penalty kick. Thorne then attacked and scored the same number of points. This second half was very even, and Coultard gave a good display at full back.

Feb. 6th—2nd XV. v. Hemsworth S.S. 2nd XV.

Result : Lost 6 points to 3 points.

The School had eagerly awaited this match, after having suffered a narrow defeat at Hemsworth. The School won the toss and elected to play uphill. The conditions were very satisfactory for a good game. The School backs in this match found their best form of the season. Play remained

even for some time, the School continually repelling some good attacking movements of the Hemsworth "threes." After about 20 minutes the Hemsworth winger scored a clever try after swerving past Coultard. The try was not converted. Hemsworth were now taking full advantage of "slope," and once again the Hemsworth winger scored. This was not improved upon.

In the second half the School felt confident of winning, whilst Hemsworth were equally determined to hold on to the lead. From the first the School attacked, and from a good movement which started from a scrum, Haigh scored, Riley, however, failed to convert. Previously Lancashire had failed at a penalty kick. The School were now encouraged and the forwards continually refused to "back" the ball, which was essential. Hemsworth broke away and Coultard was called upon to bring off a smart tackle. The game then remained even, either side failing to score. Had the School forwards played as instructed a better result might have been expected.

Feb. 13th—2nd XV. v. Doncaster G.S. 1st XV.

Result : Lost, 11 points to 8 points.

The School appeared to have little confidence in this game because Doncaster had previously defeated them by a good margin. The School also travelled to Doncaster with only 14 men, one of these being a reserve. Rain marred the game, but Doncaster kindly lent us a man. The first half was even, the School backs hardly touching the ball. After about 20 minutes Doncaster scored a try, this being the only first half score.

During the first minute of the second half Doncaster obtained another try, because of the timid tackling of the School. Riley, who had been forced to play scrum half owing to the absence of Rees, changed places with Pugh—this had not the desired effect. Broadbent, after forcing his way scored a good try which Riley converted. The School relapsed, and Doncaster again scored, which was converted. The School forwards forced matters but fell into their old habit of keeping the ball. Finally Crockett, towards the end was able to score. The failure in this match was due to the fact that the backs never had their full share of the ball.

March 4th—2nd XV. v. Thorne G.S. 1st XV.

Result : Won, 21 points to 6 points.

Thorne won the toss and elected to play downhill with the wind and sun behind them. The School forwards, after

being on the defensive for some time, quickly took command of the game. From a line-out Lancashire was able to score, this was converted by Riley from a difficult angle. Thorne again attacked, and scored a try, but this was not converted. The School attacked again from the restart and Lancashire was successful in converting a penalty kick.

The second half was marred by a shower of rain. The School forwards began vigorously and Howdle was able to score from a loose scrum. Thorne backs made several dangerous movements and obtained a good try. The good tackling of Peace who was playing in his first match, together with Coultard continually repelled the Thorne attacks. Crockett was able to score a try, which Riley converted. Soon after Riley obtained a smart try which Lancashire converted. Thorne were then held for the rest of the game.

A feature of the game was the good form shown by the School forwards, the ball being continually hooked cleanly to the School backs. The backs, though disorganised by several of the regular players being absent, never let the School down.

Hockey.

Jan. 16th—1st XV. v. Old Wathonians.

Won by 6 goals to 0.

The match against the Old Girls was on the whole better than that of last term. The weather conditions were good, and the School played uphill first half. The first goal was scored by E. Reeve, who received a good pass from N. Eades. The play was more even than the score would suggest, since the School gained the victory through one or two lucky shots. The Old Girls were weak in the goal circle, thus the School team had the advantage. E. Reeve scored three goals, M. Hawkworth two, and O. Turgoose one.

Jan 23rd—1st XV. v. Rotherham H.S. 1st XV.

Lost, 3—4.

In this match the play was made difficult by a muddy pitch. Rotherham scored in the first five minutes, followed by a goal scored by M. Lythe for the School. Rotherham retaliated, and at half-time Rotherham were winning by one goal.

After the restart the forwards played much better and M. Hawkworth scored for the School, followed by a third

goal for Rotherham. The forwards pressed eagerly upon the Rotherham goal-circle, and E. Reeve, with a splendid shot from the left, scored. The School tried to keep the score level, but failed, and the match was lost after a hard struggle.

Feb. 6th—1st XI. v. Mexborough S.S. 1st XI.

Result : Won, 3—1.

Both teams were eager from the start, and the School team played with vigour. The weather was good and M. Hawksworth scored during the first half, after a hard struggle in the goal circle. During the second half the ball was evenly distributed over the field. N. Eades made many attempts to score, but failed. E. Reeve scored soon after the restart, followed by a goal for Mexborough. The last goal was scored by E. Reeve, after receiving a good pass from N. Eades. Mexborough tried hard to level the score but failed.

Mar. 5th—1st XI. v. Doncaster H.S. 1st XI.

Result : Lost 4—1.

In this match the School team was rather unlucky since M. Hawksworth and O. Turgoose did not arrive until half-time, thus the forward line was much weaker than usual. Doncaster kindly lent reserves, but although the School won the toss and played downhill, Doncaster scored three goals. After the restart the forwards played much better, and after a great struggle E. Reeve scored. Before the end of the match Doncaster scored again and made the score 4—1 to them.

2nd XI. v. Rotherham 2nd XI., at Home.

Result : Won, 3—1.

This was the first match of the term, which partly accounted for the slowness of the game. Despite the score the sides were evenly matched, for both teams were fielding reserves. At the end of the first half, the score stood at 2—0, both goals resulting from fine shots by M. Hardy and C. Jackson. Rotherham made several splendid attempts to score, but were beaten by our backs, E. Wall and M. Snart, who played well. During the second half of the game the play was much faster. Our forwards sent some well-directed passes, but only scored one goal, which was dribbled between the posts by C. Jackson.

2nd XI. v. Thorne 1st XI. Away.

Result : Draw, 3—3.

The result of this match was rather surprising when compared with our victory of 7—0 last term ; this was due

partly to the over-confidence of our team; partly to the peculiar dimensions of the pitch at Thorne, and partly to a different type of ball used. The Thorne team must be congratulated on its astounding improvement. At half-time the score was 2—1 against us; the goals for Thorne resulted from two splendid flying shots by the centre-forward. Our goal was shot by M. Groves, after a sharp tussle in the goal mouth. During the second half of the game, our forwards pushed hard, obtaining two more goals. Thorne equalised about three minutes before time. This was the weakest game played by the 2nd XI. during the season.

2nd XI. v. Mexborough 2nd XI. Away.

Result: Won 2—0.

The School team was at the top of its form during the whole of the match; the forwards kept the ball well up the field during the first half. Mexborough played up field the first half of the game, and reached the circle only once when the goalkeeper sent the ball well down field. During the second half of the match most of the play was in our goal-circle; Mexborough played a very fast game, but did not score. H. Taylor, M. Snart, P. Wall and R. Disley played an excellent game, winning many hard tussles in the goal mouth. This match was the hardest played this term, and was incidentally Mexborough's only defeat.

2nd XI. v. Doncaster 2nd XI. At Home.

Result: Lost, 3—2.

The forwards played well during this match, but tended to dribble too much when nearing the goal circle. The game opened swiftly, M. Groves scoring within five minutes of the opening whistle. At half time the score was 2—1 in our favour. During the second half, M. Groves scored again, and M. Hardy scored twice, but all three goals were disallowed as being offside. There was a great deal of fouling by our defence, which caused some confusion over Doncaster's third goal. The ball was about two yards from the goal mouth when the whistle blew; naturally the goalkeeper and the two backs stopped playing, thinking that someone had fouled. However, the Doncaster forwards continued to play, scoring a goal which was counted, although the whistle had blown several seconds before.

In all the home matches the slope of the pitch has been a deciding factor in their results. On the whole the team has been very successful, losing only two matches out of the ten which have been played during the season.

In Praise of Acting.

We learn at School the useless things,
The Latin verbs, the dates of Kings,
But the use of patience, silence, tact,
Are virtues learnt by those who act.

Things happen fit to make them weep,
But actors must their tempers keep.
When with a bottle they stagger on
They "drink"—although the liquid's gone.

They must not show the least surprise
When before their time the curtains rise.
They never show the mental strife
They feel when they have lost their wife.

Of women's failings they don't tell,
But with feigned anxiety say, "Where's Nell?"
They think the things they'd like to say,
And Knights who sweet princesses must repay,
Only recite the words allowed in verse
When slowly fumbling with a wretched purse.

They wear the awful dress of centuries past
Hoops (unlike beards and garters) oft stick fast,
And then the villain hears the lady's prayers—
With all his might he pushes her upstairs.
They often wonder whether its' absurd
To talk of music when no sound is heard.
Or else to say, "Sir, here is the inn door,"
When the scene is a wood, from the Act before.

They nobly try to struggle through
The lines they never really knew.
They hear a sigh, or low complaint,
And blush unseen—beneath the paint.

M. SMITH (Upper Va.)

The Finding of Rufus the Red.

(*Personages* : Alfric (a Saxon lad); Githa (Alfric's sister; Charcoal Burner).

(*Scene* : A forest glade in the New Forest. The body of a red-haired man, with an arrow sticking in his back, lies under a bush. Enter a Saxon lad and his sister, carrying a bundle of sticks).

Alfric : In sooth, fair sister, we have made good to-day.
Githa : Verily, we have ; mother will be pleased with these sticks. Oh, *Alfric*, what might that red be that shineth yonder ? (points to body).

Alfric : Let us go look at it, but beware it should be an evil beast of prey.

Githa (nearing body) : Nay, nay, brother, if thou lookest thou wilt see it to be the body of a man that hath red hair.

Alfric : Truly, it is, and by the look of his purple cloak he is a nobleman. Look at the arrow in his back.

Githa (feeling wrist of dead man) : He must be dead, brother, for his pulse beateth not, nor doth he breathe. For pity's sake pluck out the arrow, and cover up his wound. (*Alfric* plucks out the arrow and throws the cloak over the wound).

Alfric : Seest thou that beautiful sword yonder its hilt is engraved with diamonds. Here's something here—some writing. It saith "William II. King of England."

Githa : The king ? 'tis the king. Rufus the Red, he hath been shot by some traitor's arrow

Alfric : He was ahunting this morning in this wood. Shout yon charcoal burner.

Both : Ho there ! hasten here with thy cart and see what we have found ! (Enter Charcoal Burner with cart).

Charcoal Burner : What troubleth you ?

Alfric : See, the dead body of Rufus the Red ; he hath been slain.

Charcoal Burner : Forsooth, you speak the truth ; only this morning I saw him hunting. Come children, hoist him upon my cart. (They lift him onto cart). Truly we shall get a big reward ; come, hasten, they will be waiting at the palace. (*Exeunt*). (Curtain).

C. DORLIN (Upper IIIa).

The Combat.

(Written in Spenserian Stanzas).

As gentle Phoebus with his rays aflame
 Was shining on the verdant fieldes below,
 A gentle knight came seeking after fame,
 Y-clad in mightie armes and shieldes aglow ;
 To sitt his angry steed he well did know ;
 And by him on a palfrey faire did ride
 A lovely Lady, who did to him bestow
 The task of ending war, both farre and wide,

That dreadful terror by whose hand full many died.
So on they rode (Good Fortune both did follow),
Until far off a dreadful monster they descried,
Basking in the sun, in barren hollow,
And belching smoke and fire as them it spied ;
"Prepare your self for battelle," the Lady cried,
"For that is vile Artillerie, horrible and fierce."
The knight gan couch his launce, and forth did ride
To try his might, and that thicke hide to pierce,
And as he rode its dreadful roaring reached his ears.
They meete, and with the terror of the shocke
The knight's stout launce, in twaine, does break and split,
While he himself, struck sencelesse as a rocke,
Doth fall, and on the barren ground doth sit;
Then up he sprang, for his limbs were strong and fit,
And flinging far his launce as in disdain
Snatcheth his sword, and that foule gorge he smit,
Full deep it sank, and so great was the paine,
The monster roared and fell quite dead upon the plaine.

R. LAKE (Upper IVa).

Lunch-Time Corvée.

It is 12.30 p.m. on a Thursday in February, and it is a cool, though sunny, day. Each classroom now pours forth its stream of boys and girls, glad of the midday break and lunch. The Upper Sixth stroll into the Library and deposit their stacks of books on the tables. Those of them who are in Thebes or Rome hurry away to the dining-hall, but most of the rest sit about wondering how to spend the three-quarters of an hour which elapse before the second dinner. One of these few quickly decides that he will go out and practice kicking a rugby-ball, and therefore dashes to a cupboard, where he keeps his ruggier togs. He dons a pair of large footer-boots, and, in less than five minutes, is outside, punting a ball about. Yet, he wonders why there should be only a few Trojans on the pitch; he, himself, is one of this small band. Perhaps they are swotting in the Library, or conversing in the Lecture Theatre. However, he soon ceases to worry about his House-mates and turns his interest once more to the rugby-ball.

All doubts as to the whereabouts of his House-mates are soon to be dispelled from the youth's mind, for another figure, that of the Trojan House-master, is now seen walking

briskly across the playing field. There is a stormy look on the face of this House-master, and, judging by the way he frequently stops to peer across the vast field, it is obvious that he is looking for some boy or girl. Eventually, the master's eagle eye lights on our elderly Trojan, who is busily engaged in chasing the ball. The youth's dashing career is abruptly checked by the familiar voice of his House-master, calling him by name.

What the deuce can his House-master want him for at such a time of day, and why should any master ever think of snatching a hard-worked sixth-form boy from his short recreation? Then, there must be some urgent business that the House-master wishes to discuss with this veteran. Our hero punts the ball back to the boys, and strides towards the waiting master.

The impatient House-master briefly reminds the annoyed and flabbergasted youth that Thursday is "navvy-ing" day for Trojan Senior boys. The boy staggers. Well!—then this accounts for the scarcity of his House-mates on the rugby-field. They are not swotting, but sweating, wielding picks and shovels, or staggering under heavy barrows, filled with loads of stony soil. So this is how a sixth-form boy should spend his lunch-time—navvying!

R. COULTARD (Upper VI. Lit.)

A Nursery Story.

(As told by an English girl, a French girl, an Irishman, an American, and a Cockney).

As told by the English girl:

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner
Eating his Christmas pie,
He put in his thumb: pulled out a plum,
And said what a good boy am I.

As told by Marie, the French girl:

Thees leetle Jacque Horner he seet in un coin—oh non un corner—eating ze Chreesmas pie. But mes amis thees ver naughty boy no use hees spoon, but with sa pouce—I know not ze Engleesh—not ze fingre—oh, oui, his thumb, he pulled from ze pie and in ze great joy he ran to hees mother and say "Ah, maman! Aren't I a clevaire boy?"

Pat's version of it:

Och an' oim shure ye'll all be dyin' to hear the tale I'll be afther tellin' ye the night. Shure 'tis about Jack Horner.

He was set down one day eatin' poie and crame, whin, all of a suddin, me darlints, what d'ye think the young shpalpeen did? Begorra he put his finger in t'middle of 't an' when that bhoy pulled it out there was shure a plum on't. An' the young varmint thought he was a good bhoy. Did ye ever hear the loikes of it?

The Amurrican "kid" speaks of it :

Say, guys, just get a load o' this. I guess you've heard of Jack Horner; waal, on a level, believe me, he had a great pie. Oh, gee! that pie would have made all the kids in Noo Yok stare. Waal I sure said a mouthful 'bout that pie, but oh boy! if you could just a' seen him! Get this straight bo', sure it was his pie, but that kid put his finger in the pie and brought out the goods. An' believe me, he sure thought he was a great kid.

Bill, the Cockney, tells you abaht it :

That little bloke wiv an ordnary nime summat like Jack Horner was a-plonked in a corner eatin' a pie wot 'is ma 'ad giv 'im. 'E wasn't 'alf stuffin 'isself instead orv gittin' aht in't backyard to play "shuv-'alfpenny" wiv the other boys. An' the greedy urchin instead orv eatin' it like a gennleman, he shuvved 'is 'and int' middle an' when 'e pulled it aht there wor a great big plum ont' end. My! it wor a big 'un.

I. SINGLETON (Lower VI. Lit)

If ever I go back.

If ever I go back
 To the county I left behind,
 I'll take a stroll up the beaten track
 That over the hills doth wind.
 For over a Mendip Hill
 There winds a lonely track,
 And I seem to see the legions still
 Who march as in ages back.
 Now I hear the feet again
 Of the Romans who march to attack,
 And I'll follow their tramp up the lane,
 If ever I go back.

E. WILLIAMS (Upper IVa.)

The Last Thoughts and Farewell of a Sixth Former.

1. The corridors are nearly empty,
The great hall is bare,
The classrooms are deserted,
There's no laughter in the air.
No sound of happy voices,
Raised high in childish fun,
Hey me ! It seems but yesterday
My schooldays were begun.
2. The years have slipped by—from Third to Fourth
With memory growing clearer.
Here childhood's happy days seem close,
And recollections dearer.
Familiar faces throng around,
While eyes are dimmed with tears,
And names—long since forgotten—sound
Across the gulf of years.
3. Oh, dear old, dear old schooldays !
What memories you leave,
To take down through the path of years ;
And yet—I shall not grieve.
Your memories are happy ones,
Just one thought's hard to bear,
A new term starts in seven weeks,
But I shall not be there.

F. HALLAM (Upper IIIb.)

Overtaken by Wolves.

It was a dark wintry afternoon in the middle of Siberia. Snow, heavy snow, snow which fell silently and kept on falling, drifting into heaps, altering the landscape, had fallen all day. Nothing could be seen in the twilight save a dreary stretch of white hills, and white, lifeless valleys. There was no motion. . . .

No motion ! Yes ! A black speck moved across the snow. It was a Russian traveller, staggering, reeling, gasping, hastening to reach Yamakwantsk before dark. He was almost exhausted, but he heard something which aroused him, and gave him new life, making him mutter a prayer and grip his pistol firmly. A long, lonely howl ! A wolf !

Yes, he could see at least twelve on the horizon, lean, gaunt, frozen, famished, hot on his trail, keen for his blood.

Another hour elapsed. The snowfields were shrouded with darkness ; Yamakwantsk was only a quarter of a mile off. Lights gleamed in the valley, lights that meant warmth, rest, salvation for the weary journeyer. He was no longer plodding steadily forward. He was firing right and left at the lithe shadowy forms in the darkness. The green eyes of the fiends who were thirsting for his blood, formed a good target. After a while the firing ceased, and the chorus of howls died down.

Next day two men from the town came out to search for some sheep they had lost. "Look, Ivan," cried one. "They have been devoured by wolves! Only the bones are left!" On looking closer, he saw a revolver, a coat, and a watch lying under the gory bones of the so-called sheep.

D. HIGGINS (Upper IIIa).

The Arctic Explorer.

The wind blew fiercely in his face,
The snowflakes flew in frenzied race,
He slackened not his steady pace
But staggered on to his goal.

The icy rope his hand bit hard,
The sledge did not his step retard,
Although the furs did not him guard,
He staggered on to his goal.

His eyes were dim, his mind not clear,
Like lead his feet, could scarcely hear,
He was alone but felt no fear,
And staggered on to his goal.

His comrades brave had perished all,
He with dim eyes had watched them fall,
But hark !—his ears had heard a call,
He had nearly reached his goal.

The tent in night was a palace bright,
The men he saw like angels white,
The fire near by a heavenly light—
He had reached his hard-won goal.

F. YOUEL (Upper IVa)



