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School Notes.

We look back on 1944 with an acute sense of loss as we think of the five members of our School Community who are no longer with us. We remember sadly, but proudly, the rare inspiring loyalty with which Miss Deeks enriched the School, the kindness and devotion of Mr. Gardner, and the bright enthusiasm of Jean Wade and Stephenson (Form VI) and Betty Hollingshead (IIIA). They all gave us of their best, and they will live in our memories and affections.

1944 has been a full and busy year, but again a single issue of our Magazine must suffice to record its activities.

In the early months of the year, reasonably mild weather enabled Hockey and Rugger to flourish according to plan,—though one unscheduled incident on the playing fields occurred when an aeroplane made a forced landing near the lower Hockey pitch, remaining there with an accompanying guard for several days. This is the second time we have been thus adopted.

Sports Day was again postponed from May to September so that all available man-power (apologies to the girls) could be concentrated on the gardens; and an October break once more made possible the Lincolnshire harvest camp. The Scouts, too, converted their summer holiday camp into a harvest camp this year; so, altogether, the School made no ungenerous response to the "Grow More Food" Campaign.

When we returned in September, we found our community extended in a most interesting way. Besides the four new Junior Forms, nearly a hundred visitors from Beckenham Girls' County School had joined us as an "Anti-V" precaution, and we have all settled down happily together, mutually gaining by

new contacts. We realise that our Beckenham visitors have had to suffer much that we ourselves have escaped, and we are only too pleased to offer them what hospitality we can.

We are hoping that this Magazine will reach many of our Old Boys and Girls in the Forces and elsewhere. Past members of a School are always an integral part of the School itself, and we are keenly aware of this in wartime. They seem to belong to us in a very real sense just now. We send them our sincere good wishes.



House Notes.

ATHENS.

House Captains ...	T. Scholey. B. Clarke.
Games Committee	T. Scholey. M. Nicholson.
Magazine Representatives	Parkinson. J. Hinchcliffe.

Games Captains :

Machin.	} Senior.	Gawthrope.	} Junior.
M. Hargreaves.		A. Hirst.	

As usual, the Athenians' chief success was in House games. The Junior boys, under the captaincy of B. Wilks, upheld the tradition by being winners in all three Cricket and Rugby matches and also contributed several members to the School Junior Cricket XI. The Senior boys, although weakened by the promotion of a number to both School Cricket and Rugby teams, had a rather more successful season than usual. The boys' effort, combined with that of the girls (credit being due to the Rounders teams, who were victorious in all their matches, with two exceptions), completed Athens' supremacy in the House games. This season, few House games have been played, but the Junior Boys, under the leadership of Gawthrope, show great zeal in practices.

Athens held a disappointing position in the Sports, but the effort all round was encouraging, especially in practices. Also, our position in the Work Cup com-

petition was low; for although we gained a high percentage of points on effort sheets, we counter-balanced them by too many detentions, contributed by one or two notorious members; nor was the number of Athenians in School Societies outstanding.

Vegetable gardening, a very prominent House activity, started hopefully, but effort dwindled and our plot does us little credit when compared with those of our neighbours.

Finally, we wish every success to Clark (E.) and Mattock, who are or are about to become members of the R.A.F.; to Gibbs, who has become a "Bevin boy," Hill, and Broadbent, who are continuing their education elsewhere, and to all the other Athenian Old Boys now serving in His Majesty's Forces.



CARTHAGE

Captains	B. Stott. D. I. Evans.
Magazine		J. Donoghue.
Representatives		M. Myers.
Gardening		D. Blackburn.
Representatives		D. Wilkinson.
Games Representatives	B. Stott. H. Tindall.

We are extremely happy to welcome Miss Bovingdon as our new House Mistress, and are grateful for the friendly help and encouragement she is giving us.

Carthage has, this year, maintained her position as first in the Sports, winning by an even greater margin than before. This has been due to an all-round effort, which we hope will be continued.

At games, the Carthaginian girls have excelled themselves. In the hockey season at the beginning of the year, they won all their matches but one, and gained more points than any other house. At rounders, too, they suffered only one defeat, but were let down by the boys, who preserve a strict silence on their cricket results. This term, however, all matches have been won so far by both girls and boys, and it is to be hoped that the cup will, this time, be ours.

The boys have been busy gardening this year, and wish it to be made known how they toiled and dug up all their potato crop, whilst other houses had this done for them by our Beckenham visitors. The girls, too, have regularly turned out to the hated task of weeding, and have set this year's flower bulbs. We should like to thank Miss Bourne for the help she has given in organising parties for gardening, and in turning out to supervise. The juniors are keener than the seniors in this line.

Societies have been regularly attended this year, and it is to be hoped that points gained for the Work Cup in this way, will not be cancelled by detentions, which are fairly numerous, especially on the part of the boys. Perhaps if a little of their high spirits were expended out of doors, it would add to the Games Cup and lessen detentions.



ROME.

House Captains	Malyan. J. Smith.
Magazine	Coldwell.
Representatives	J. P. Thompson.
Games Captains	Holling. D. Horn.

We extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers and hope they will give their earnest support in helping Rome regain her former position. We also congratulate G. O. Probert on winning his County Major Scholarship and all others who were successful in their examinations.

Quite good work has been done in the garden by the junior and senior boys, but the Middle School seems sadly deficient in gardening enthusiasm. The plots, tended by the girls produced quite a pleasing array of blossoms, but if it had not been for a small, but stalwart band under Vera Ibbotson, they would have been in a ragged condition.

Rome seems to lack any outstanding athletic talent, especially among the girls, and even with the effort which was put into the daily practices, we only managed to secure fourth place in the sports.

In games, the junior girls have suffered a disheartening blow in the loss of some of their older and more experienced members—M. and P. Gruber and J. Mountjoy who have left the district, and B. Hollingshead, the news of whose death we received in November. She had been a stalwart member of the team and an enthusiastic Roman.

The senior girls have yet to try their skill but we are sorry to say that the Senior Boys' Rugger team has at last met its match after three years' record of unbroken victory.

Many Societies have given pleasing reports of the zealous Romans, especially Guides and the Art Club—is this so with all Societies?

Detentions are still fairly numerous but almost wholly confined to the Middle School boys who might remember that if they turned this misdirected enthusiasm into proper channels, Rome could regain her ancient but long-forgotten glory and win both the Work Cup and the Games Cup.



SPARTA.

House Captains	B. Hough. Lagenby.
Magazine	M. Richards.
Representatives	Oldfield.
Games	M. Wheelhouse.
Committee	Oldfield.

Games Captains:

J. Shaw	} Senior.	M. Norwood.	} Junior.
Hunt.		Wade.	

Once more, as scribe, I take up quill and sheet,
To write the deeds of Mars' most famous seat;
The deeds of Sparta many times renowned,
And though to one small page I may be bound,
With words, alas, of quality bereft,
I try to follow worthy scribes now left.

With grief, I note, too many names which stain
The book, which all true Spartans should disdain.
As wielders of the spade our band is great,
And never are our vegetables late.

Upon the field last year our squadrons tried,
 And let us not this year our efforts bide.
 To those now left to live in wider spheres,
 We pray God's speed attend them through the years.
 To those now gone across the mighty sea,
 We send a mighty sign, the famous V.
 To you, who lately joined our ranks so brave,
 We give a welcome, charging you to pave
 The years to come with glory as of old,
 So mighty deeds may still be done and told.
 In School, the Work Cup we are out to keep,
 So set to work, emerge from out your sleep.
 Under our Master and our Mistress great,
 Our banner will be honoured through the State.
 B. Hough and Lazenby, our captains true,
 We wish them all success; that is their due.
 A final word, to guide you on your way,
 "Spartam nacti estis: Hanc ornate."

J. HUNT.



TROJAN.

House Captains ...	L. Drakes. J. Wilks.
Games Committee	W. Wilkinson. J. Wilks.
Games Captains	L. Drakes. J. Burrows.

Magazine Committee ... J. Davies : G. Gleadall.

In the sports this year, we were once more disappointed as regards the winning of the Sports Cup. The boys did very well, but the girls failed to reach such a good standard.

The games, this season, have been much more keenly contested; this is due, no doubt, to the greater keenness shown during the practices by both girls and boys.

Some Trojans are still not to be found when there is gardening to be done, but from what I have seen, these have been in the minority. There have been a few Senior girls working steadily in the gardens recently; the boys, too, have done better in this respect

by turning out (after a little persuasion) to do a bit of digging.

So, don't forget, Trojans, with muscular effort from a larger number, we still stand a chance of winning the Gardening Cup.

The Trojan girls are continuing their end of term entertainment, and much latent talent has been revealed among them. One enterprising form produced a short play last year, and it was much appreciated by the rest of us.

Detentions are still not low enough. The chief culprits are the boys, who have contributed largely to this number. The girls are much better in this respect, and only a few detentions have come their way. So—fewer detentions, boys, and a little more help from you at the Sports, girls.

Once more, we appeal to you who are not pulling your weight in the House, to try to improve the standard of work, and behaviour in general.

BECKENHAM

I hope that Wathonians, past and present, will forgive this "gate-crashing." We are evacuees from the Beckenham district, eight miles from London. Your school adopted us at the beginning of the Autumn Term so that we could keep up our studies, which the flying bombs had done their best to interrupt. The Higher and School Certificate exams. were finished—in the surface shelters—just before we left. We have settled into the rhythm of school life here, though half of our original party of 90 has returned home. In September, we took part in your School Sports, as a girls' House, competing with the girls in your Houses. We had no sports at our girls' county school, so our position of fifth out of six was not as bad as it sounds.

We have found your home district very different from ours. Our residential area, twenty minutes from London by electric train, is the home of many clerical workers, men with brief cases, neatly furled umbrellas and folded newspapers, women typists and secretaries

who, every morning, crowd the platform of our small and battered station which has not grown or become modernised to keep pace with the swift development of building estates. It is amazing that the ironfoot bridge still remains over the line, for the platform is pitted and half the main building has disappeared. I remember when the sappers were clearing up the rubble—aftermath of a blitz raid. The peace of this northern district has obliterated that tense feeling we used to get when we heard a 'plane overhead waiting for the falter and cut out of the engine. The food and care that our hostesses, hardworking miners' wives, have lavished on us and the kindness that welcomed us will not be forgotten. Thank you.

WENDY JONES.

Speech Day, 1944.

This year, Speech Day was held on the 15th of June. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Orchestra playing Pizzicato by Rietz, after which the opening remarks were made by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. H. Hallsworth, J.P., whose advice to the School was "Be careful." His reason for giving this advice was the distress he had felt at seeing so many young children in the criminal courts he had attended.

The Headmaster's report on the life of the School throughout the past year was then made. Twenty-one Higher School Certificates and seventy-eight School Certificates had been gained by the School.

The presentation of certificates was preceded by the singing of three songs by the Choir.

The address by Professor M. J. Stewart, LL.D., F.R.C.S., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Leeds University, was very much enjoyed by everyone, as it was so unusual. Indeed, it was extremely interesting to hear what such a notable and famous person in the scientific world did during his leisure hours. Most of the School realised that their visitor, a stranger to Wath, knew much more about the history and

antiquity of the village than they themselves, who had lived in or around Wath for the greater part of their lives.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Burtoft, and seconded by Mr. A. Collindridge.

To conclude the afternoon, the School Song was sung with the accustomed zeal, and the visitors departed in cheerful mood.

Sports Day.

The School Sports Day was held, as a result of war-time necessities, in September. This year our Beckenham visitors participated, and we were pleased to see that the annual contest had drawn the usual gratifying number of parents and old pupils.

The programme was carried out smoothly and efficiently, and the competitors displayed great keenness and maintained a high standard of performance throughout. Outstanding events were: The Mile won by Martin (Sparta); Boys' Group IV Hurdles, in which Ardron (Troy) and Malyan (Rome) tied for first place; and Group III 880 yards won by Maidment (Troy).

Highlights of the Girls' events were: Group III 100 yards won by H. Hartley (Sparta) closely followed by J. Wright (Carthage); Group II High Jump won by J. Gould (Athens); and the Group II Long Jump, in which our Beckenham visitors, represented by S. Briggs and M. Hill, carried off 1st and 3rd places.

Carthage won the Sports Cup with a comfortable margin of points from Sparta.

Records broken and equalled were: Group III, Girls' 100 yards again equalled by H. Hartley (Sparta); The Spartan Girls' Relay Team broke their own 1943 record; Group III, Girls' High Jump equalled by J. Gould (Athens); Boys' Group II Relay broken by Trojans; and Boys' Group IV Hurdles broken by Malyan and Ardron.

OLDFIELD, L.VI.Lit.

'Marigold' Christmas, 1943.

For their Christmas play last year the Senior Literary Society presented "Marigold; an Arcadian comedy," by L. A. Harker and F. R. Prijin. Set in the year 1842, the play gave a welcome respite from the war-laden days of a century later. The production was as usual by Miss Deeks, and the performance with its polish, attractive groupings, and clear enunciation, testified to the unsparing effort with which she had worked upon it. The costumes and scenery were very effective and throughout the play a high standard was maintained in the acting.

G. O. Probert presented the hero, Archie Forsyth, excellently, and his characterisation of the rather ingenious young soldier was highly commendable. He was well supported by Dorothy Waller, a newcomer to the School stage, who was admirable as Marigold, while Marjorie H. Myers portrayed her aunt, Mrs. Pringle, wife of the Minister at Paradykes; both these produced a convincing Scots accent. The conventional Scotch country gentleman was taken by T. B. Elliott, who portrayed the stiff decorous James Payton, Laird of Kettinfoot. J. Hunt as the irascible Major Andrew Sellar, Marigold's father, presented a completely martial character. Marigold's mother, the French actress, Madame Marly, was played by Margaret Richards with a verve and vivacity which made this part one of the most outstanding in the play. Betty Hough and Jean Wade entered whole-heartedly into their parts of Miss Valencia and Miss Sarita Dunlop, Archie's maiden aunts and neighbours of Mrs. Pringle. A. Lazenby was cast as Peter Gloog, Divinity student at the Manse, while R. Hickling and Jose M. Shaw played Archie's soldier-servant and Robina Mcfarline, servant at the Manse, respectively. Others in the production were T. A. Hattan, D. Thorley, and Patricia Greenwood.

Incidental music, consisting of Scottish airs and country dances, was provided by the School orchestra. Players were E. Mary Hawke (piano), Miss M. Knowles ('cello) and D. Hill, P. K. Thompson, G. Jones, P. Hardy, D. Lightley, and G. Cummins (violins).

“The Taming of the Shrew.”

Striking testimony of the productive genius of our late Senior Mistress, Miss Deeks, was again demonstrated in her last production, “The Taming of the Shrew,” at Easter Term end.

H. Mattock portrayed Petruchio excellently. With his dominating voice and stern demeanour, he managed to tame Katherine (Betty Sharpe), who proved a very obstinate and fierce-tempered wife. Bianca (Vera Ibbotson) was also very good, displaying a character the antithesis of Katherine, her sister. A. Lazenby made an admirable father, while G. O. Probert (Lucentio) carried his part with conspicuous aplomb. R. Hickling (Biondello) and Curtis (servant to Petruchio), played by D. Thorley, also did very well. J. Hunt (Iranio), F. T. Scholey (Hortensio), and F. B. Elliott (Gremio), tried hard to win the love of Bianca. Others taking part were: M. Richards, P. C. Greenwood, N. Thompson, E. Clarke, J. Hatton, D. Rowe, R. Hurn and J. Evans, who contributed well to a singularly good performance. The School Orchestra gave the incidental music.

The following term a shortened performance was given at the Church House, Wath, in aid of “Salute the Soldier Week.”

F. T. SCHOLEY.

The Orchestra.

The Orchestra still flourishes, though much depleted in number, for at the end of the last School year we lost two of our strongest violinists, J. D. Hill and J. G. Jones, and no one has as yet appeared to “fill the breach.”

There have been regular weekly practices throughout the year. For the Easter play, “The Taming of the Shrew,” the Orchestra supplied the incidental music—“Le Cinquantaine” by Gabriel Marie, “The Miniatures” and the Minuet from “Berenice” by Beethoven.

For Speech Day, the Orchestra played an unusual and rather attractive piece, “Pizzicato” by Rietz.

We were very grieved to lose Miss B. C. Deeks, who for many years organised the Orchestra, and developed it from two violinists and a pianist in the early days to an Orchestra of strength, which was capable of producing music for Speech Days, the plays, and other special occasions.

P. K. THOMPSON

Merchant Navy Knitting Circle.

This particular School activity has been in operation for several years, and during the last 14 months over 150 garments, including sweaters, scarves, gloves and socks, have been made by members of the School and friends.

As the demand for hand-knitted comforts is as great as ever, it is essential that we continue our knitting efforts and we should welcome new recruits, especially from the Upper School.

To all those who have so regularly given their support to this particular branch of service, I take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Merchant Navy Comforts Service and of assuring them that their help is much appreciated.

In addition to knitting, a sum of £2 2s., raised as part of the proceeds of a Sale of Work held last July by Form IV A, has also been contributed to the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund.

Science Club.

Chairman: A. Lazenby. Vice-Chairman: J. P. Wilks.
Secretary: D. M. Spencer.

Meetings of the Science Club are now held on Wednesday (during the dinner hours, of course), and promise to be as regular in the future.

The first paper this term was given by Owen, who chose "Colour Photography" as his subject. This, although well-delivered and very interesting to the more advanced, was a little beyond those members of the fourth and fifth forms present.

Machin's lecture on "The Uses of the Electric Current in Chemistry" was well attended, though still a little advanced for those who had not studied the processes mentioned.

Holling's demonstrations in the course of his lecture on "Explosives," provided much amusement. Incidentally, we were to be reminded of the present prominent use of explosives as the R.A.F. film followed during that afternoon.

The attendance at Lazenby's paper on "Bees" was discouraging, but the lecture was very much enjoyed by those who did manage to be present. It is hoped that this paper will be given again so that the opportunity of hearing may be taken by a larger number.

"Soap," "Plastics," "Parasites," and "Life Under the Sea" are just a sample of the subjects to be treated at future meetings to which we cordially invite all members of fourth, fifth, and sixth forms.

Art Club.



The Art Club is now so flourishing a section of the School's community that membership is "rationed," the present club consisting of 55 keen members. Besides these honoured few there is a long waiting list of people eager to join.

The bulk of the work done this year is in lactoid, a substance made from milk, which is made into novel brooches and other small articles. Two improvements have been made in the use of this medium. The first was the use of stones in brooches by one enterprising member. The rest of the club readily accepted this idea, and no brooch now made is considered complete without a stone set in to enhance the beauty of the finished article. The second innovation was made by a member of the Art Club, who informed us that the lactoid could be bent, after boiling in water for five minutes, while it was still warm. This last is comparatively new though and has not therefore been fully exploited.

Some members have been making models in wood and cardboard. An ambitious effort is a model of a monastery now rapidly taking shape under one member's skilled hands.

Other members have been making charts on different subjects for various members of the staff.

Some of the results are quite amusing and full of colour.

In future, products of the Art Club are going to be distinguished from other work by a small mark or stamp, comprising the letters A and C. This it is hoped will be the mark of good quality. Prospective members therefore take heed, there is no room for slackers in the Art Club.

D. SENIOR, Form Q 4.

The Wireless Club.

This latest of School societies has almost ceased activity after a comparatively short life of eighteen months or so, owing to the lack of members. In spite of having to hold our meetings after afternoon school, we hope to renew our activities early next term, and we invite those skilled, partly skilled, or only interested in wireless technique to join us.

The loss of two enthusiastic and active members of our small society, in I. Moulson and J. D. Hill, and their valuable "junk," proved an almost mortal blow. J. D. Hill, an invaluable member, who spent much of his spare time in our midst, left us to study Radio Engineering at the University of Leeds, and we wish him every success in his new venture.

The Club Notes which appeared in the last issue of the magazine, gained us several new members; we hope history will again be repeated. One or two "one-valvers" were in production towards the end of the Summer Term, but these were never completed as our ranks consisted mainly of those members of the sixth forms who left in July. Others gave up in despair, not being able to understand why the words "wire-less" were ever applied to radio.

J. P. CAVILL.

Guide Notes.

On June 10th, we were pleased to welcome the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, to the School. Although it was a very cold morning, everyone enjoyed her visit and the Guides from the School company gave a country dancing display. Guides.

Brownies, and Rangers from the district came to welcome Lady Baden-Powell, for everyone was glad to have the opportunity of meeting her.

In August, two camps were held at Round Green, Worsborough Bridge. Both camps were a success in spite of unfavourable weather at the end of the first week. Guides and Guiders from other companies in the district also attended the camp. Camp fires suffered during the second week because of the heavy rain, but the one camp fire which could be held was enjoyed very much and was a fitting finish to the week.

Once again the Guides have been eager to raise money for the Tuberculosis Relief Fund by selling Christmas seals. Several efforts have also been made to raise money for the Guide International Service. Those belonging to this service are all volunteers to go out into the occupied countries and they undergo an extremely difficult training. The first group are already abroad.

This year there has been a record number of recruits from the new girls, all of whom seem interested in Guiding. They have a special Guide meeting on Wednesdays, but many of them are also regular attenders of the Guide meetings during the dinner hour on Fridays.



No. 1 Flight A.T.C.

During the last year the Flight has continued with its two instructional parades each week. These have been very well attended and much benefit has been derived from them by the Cadets.

We wish success to all Cadets who have gone from the Flight to serve in any of H.M. Forces, and also to Sergeant Thompson and Cadet Mattock, who have recently been accepted for the R.A.F.

For a while, the only N.C.O. in the Flight has been Sergeant Thompson, but recently Leading Cadet Malyan was promoted to Sergeant.

A proficiency test was held during the summer. Successful entrants were Cadet K. Shuttleworth, recently transferred to Flight 2, and Cadet D. M. Spencer.

The Squadron's cricket team, ably captained by Leading Cadet Malyan, enjoyed a successful season, defeating most of the surrounding squadrons, and gaining a place in the semi-finals.

During the summer holidays, a camp was held at an R.A.F. station in the district. The weather remained fine throughout most of the week, and a "good time was had by all." The Cadets, who were from both Flights, were all able to spend considerable time in the air.

Since last year, the Squadron has paid two visits to R.A.F. stations, and flying took place during both visits. The Cadets spent some time also in going round the ground installations.

The Flight is grateful to F./O. Wade, an officer of No. 2 Flight, for the opportunity of seeing the exceedingly instructive film "Victory Through Air Power," and also to Squadron Leader Smith, once a master at the School, and Squadron Leader Quance, for showing a very interesting series of combat films.

In conclusion, we would extend our thanks to Flt./Lt. Ritchie (C.O.), F./O. Pratt, F./O. Norcombe, F./O. Lewis, Miss Henderson and Mr. W. Wilkinson for the time and instruction given by them to the Flight.

R. COLDWELL, U.VI.Sc.



Girls' Training Corps.

We have been very pleased to welcome a number of keen new recruits to the School section this term, for, despite the fact that very interesting courses in First Aid and Massage have been kindly given by Miss Gilmour and Miss Carryer respectively, the number of Cadets who have attended the lectures has been most disappointing.

On Sunday, April 30th, Officers and Cadets attended a G.T.C. rally at the Boys' Grammar School in Doncaster and together with other companies paraded through the town and were inspected by representatives of the three women's Services. On returning to the School several of the more proficient squads entered for the drill competition, won by Scunthorpe, who gave a particularly good demonstration of how it should be done. This was followed by tea, at which, I may say, we were all very proficient and an enlightening talk given by a W.A.A.F. officer later was thoroughly enjoyed.

July, this year, proved a "red letter" month—we went to camp at Ingleton. Unlike previous occasions, it was not held for the exclusive pleasure of the G.T.C. The other organisation in attendance was the W.J.A.C., and their presence added to the fun, particularly as a good-natured rivalry sprang up between the two movements. The Wath Company was represented by Assistant Section Leader B. Hough and Cadets D Green, B. Gough, D. Heald, J. Hinchcliffe, S. Robson and J. Travers, whose enjoyment was by no means diminished by the somewhat unfavourable weather which persisted throughout the week. Never let it be said that rain could "damp" the spirits of two such lively organisations.

Seven days in camp helped us to view a course of squad drill this term in a much more favourable light, and after several practices we are now efficient in the art of "right and left turns."

On two Wednesdays each month we are now taking a very interesting course in Despatch carrying, given by Miss Bovingdon, to whom we are very grateful, while the more energetic members attend a gym. class under the supervision of Miss Carryer. The Outside Section would like to express their gratitude to Miss Rudolf for her help at the Dressmaking Class.

At the end of last term, Section Leader B. Harrington left us to attend a Domestic Science College, at Gloucester, to which she won a scholarship. We wish her every success in the career she has chosen.

Recent promotions include: Assistant Section Leader B. Hough to the rank of Chief Section Leader, and Cadet D. Green to the rank of Section Leader, helped by Assistant Section Leader J. Hinchcliffe.

The G.T.C. felt very deeply the death of Miss B. C. Deeks, this term, who, in her capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee, has done great work to help the Company.



Gardening Notes.

School Gardens have again produced the good crops of food so valuable to the community and the nation as a whole. This magnificent performance has only been obtained by steady and continual work.

Much of this work has been done willingly, but certain members of our community still refuse to do their full share of the work, hoping that their absence will not be noted. See that you do not avoid your duty.

On account of the harvest camp, no harvest thanksgiving was held this year. Consequently, more of the garden produce was used in the School kitchens.

As in former years, the girls have been concerned with the decorative efforts in the gardens. By their efforts, the gardens are much brighter than they would otherwise have been. We are very grateful to our Beckenham visitors for lifting our potatoes.

This year's crops are lifted, but much work remains to be done if we are to produce a good crop next year. Remember, the ground-work of next year's crops has to be done now, so work hard and continue to do so.

Swimming Notes.

As far as the boys are concerned, swimming this year has, alas, received even less attention than in the previous two or three years.

The masculine section of our little community seem to have an instinctive dislike for the water. The prospect of sporting within the spacious environs of Wath Baths apparently produces a wave of nausea in every male bosom.

The girls, however, have been thoroughly enthusiastic, and it would well become the boys to emulate their aquatic zeal.

This year's crop of "Bronzes," has been smaller than usual, for only six boys and twenty girls (a proportion which speaks for itself) participated in the Royal Life Saving Society's tests.

However, all who participated were successful and because of this all candidates wish to extend their heartiest thanks to Miss Carryer and Mr. Smith. Without their valuable tuition, given gladly during off-duty hours, these excellent results could not have been obtained.

Bronze Medallions.—Girls: J. M. Smith, D. Beaumont, I. Sampson, A. Taylor, W. Osguthorpe, J. Parkin, M. Buncall, A. James, J. Kenworthy, M. Massey. Boys: Austwick, R., Varney, R., Scholey, F. T., Jones, J. G.

Bar to Bronze.—I. E. Hough.

Intermediate Certificate.—M. Norwood, M. Williman, J. Hill, M. C. Greenwood, P. Kilner, A. James.

Elementary Certificate.—J. Lang and D. Chafer.

The Award of Merit with Silver Medallion was gained by: Mattock, W. H., and Elliott, F. B.

Rugby Notes.

The following are the results of last year's fixtures:—

SEASON 1943-44.

1st XV

Date	Opponent	Result
Oct. 23—v. Thorne, at Wath	won	11—9
30—v. Barnsley, at Wath	won	11—0
Nov. 6—v. Barnsley, at Barnsley	lost	13—3
Dec. 4—v. Hemsworth, at Hemsworth .	lost	14—6
18—v. Old Boys, at Wath	won	5—4
Jan. 22—v. Hemsworth, at Wath	won	24—0
Feb. 12—v. Wakefield, at Wakefield ...	lost	41—0
26—v. R.A.F. XV, at Wath	won	23—3
Mar. 4—v. Thorne, at Thorne	draw	20—20
25—v. Old Boys, at Wath	lost	16—6

Rugby Colours.—The following were awarded Rugby colours for the season 1943-44: 1, Ardron; 2, Wilks; 3, Lazenby; 4, Probert; 5, Wolsey; 6, Gibbs.

SEASON 1944-45

The 1st XV for the season 1944-45 has been chosen largely from the following:—

Wilks (captain), Lazenby (vice-captain), Stott, Scholey, Malyan, Davis, Thompson, Oldfield, Spencer, Clegg, Balding, Cook, Hurn, Martin, Wagstaff, Addy, Rutter.

The matches played to date are as follows:—

Oct. 21st. v. Sheffield University "A," at Wath.

Result: Draw; 6 points to 6.

The play was confined mainly to the scrum all through the game. As Sheffield had the heavier scrum, Wath forwards were always hard pressed. The University scored two unconverted tries during the first half, and were thus leading by 6 points at the interval.

The Wath forwards battled gamely through the second half; and after some mid-field play, Malyan scored a try, after following up a kick. A little later, Davis ran through on the wing to add another, making the scores level.

Oct. 28th.—v. Barnsley G.S., at Wath.**Result: Won 9 points to 6.**

The play was evenly contested throughout the whole game. Though the Barnsley scrum was heavier than ours, the Wath forwards managed to hold their own. In the first half Barnsley scored two tries without Wath retaliating.

In the second half, Wilks kicked a penalty goal; this was followed by a try by Martin. In the last five minutes Wilks kicked another penalty goal, thus gaining the victory for Wath.

Nov. 4th.—v. Thorne G.S., at Thorne.**Result: Lost; 9 points to 6.**

The game was rather scrappy. This was caused by the weather mainly, it was wet and windy. These conditions resulted in the forwards having most of the game. A try and a penalty goal were scored by each team during the first half. The Wath try was scored by Wilks, and the penalty goal kicked by Malyan.

During the second half, Thorne added another try to their score.

Nov. 11th.—v. Hemsworth G.S., at Wath.**Result: Lost; 33 points to 3.**

Here the School was outclassed in speed. Though the score does not show it, Wath had as much of the play as Hemsworth. The Hemsworth tries were nearly all scored as a result of intercepting passes. The only score for the School was a penalty goal, kicked by Wilks.

Nov. 25th.—v. Sheffield University "A," at Sheffield.**Result: Won; 12 points to 8.**

Though Sheffield had the heavier team, and were winning by 8 points to 0 at the interval, the School fought back to gain a decisive victory. Tries were scored by Balding (2), Malyan, and Wilks; none of them were converted.

The 1st XV is very grateful to the Old Boys, who on two occasions turned out a team to give the School a practice. The first was won by the School, the second by the Old Boys.

J.P.W.

1st XV NOTES.

The following summary has been kindly compiled by Mr. Cooper:—

Clegg, D.—The full-back, tackles soundly, but is weak in kicking and catching.

Davis, F.—Is a speedy and determined attacker, he usually tackles well, but does not go down on the ball.

Balding, T.—A promising centre, but he must improve his handling, tackling, and dropping on the ball.

Malyan, R. G.—A speedy three-quarter with a powerful kick. Defence weak.

Stott, B.—Best of the above four. Shows determination in attack and defence; handling weak.

Wilks, J. P.—A good captain on and off the field. Mainstay of the team. Feeds his three-quarters better than any of his recent predecessors.

Cooke.—Plucky and promising scrum-half, who only lacks experience.

Lazenby, A.—Hard-working and reliable scrum-leader.

Scholey, F. T.—Speedy and dashing wing forward. Tackles soundly.

Oldfield, B.—A good all-round forward. Has been sadly missed recently.

Spencer, D. M.—Works hard and tackles well as forward or threequarter.

Thompson, P. K.—A useful hooker.

Wagstaff, F.—Hard-working second ranker. Tackles strongly, but high.

Hurn, R.—A much-improved back rank forward.

Addy, P.—A bustling second rank forward.

Martin, T.—A big front rank forward. Lacking in knowledge of the game.

Rutter, J.—A much-improved all-round forward.

Cricket Notes.

The first eleven last season was chosen from: Malyan (captain), Wilks, J. P. (vice-captain), Clarke, Ardron, Machin, Cutts, Sokell, Lockwood, Scholey, Balding, Johnson, Mattock, and Ibbotson. Altogether, 12 matches were played, 9 were won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn.

The first match played was against Wath L.N.E.R., and was won. The School batted first and scored 166 all out (Malyan 56, Wilks 46, and Clarke 25); the L.N.E.R. were dismissed for 89. The return match was a tie; the L.N.E.R. scored 108 (Cutts 3 for 10 runs) and the School also scored 108 (Clarke 27, Sokell 23, and Cutts 23).

At Woodlands, the School won by seven wickets; Woodlands batted first and scored 66 (Cutts 5 for 15 runs); the School replied with 68 for 3 wickets (Wilks 24, Machin 18 not out, Sokell 16 not out). The match at Wath also resulted in a victory for the School who scored 96 (Wilks 34, Machin 25, Ardron 19); Woodlands could only reply with 23 (Clarke 5 for 11 runs, Malyan 4 for 10 runs).

Both defeats the School suffered were away; the first against Barnsley, who batted first and scored 96 for 3 wickets (Malyan 3 for 21 runs). The School replied with 77 for 9 wickets (Clarke 16, Machin 16). The second defeat was against Mexborough, who batted first and scored 75; the School replied with 57 (Wilks 15). The return match with Mexborough at Wath was won. The School made 50 which was quite sufficient to beat Mexborough's score of 18 (Malyan 4 for 6 runs, Clarke 4 for 8 runs).

Thorne were defeated both times the two teams met. At Thorne, the School won by 5 wickets. Thorne made 66, which the School passed with 5 wickets in hand (Clarke 23, Malyan 18). At Wath the School batted first, scoring 130 (Wilks 43, Sokell 29, Cutts 29); Thorne replied with 114 (Machin 3 wickets for 1 run).

Hemsworth were also defeated on the two occasions the teams met. At Wath, the School won by 40 runs. At Hemsworth, the School won by 5 wickets; Hemsworth scored 86 (Malyan 5 for 51, Lockwood 2 for 5 runs); the School replied with 93 for 5 wickets (Clarke 54, Sokell 23).

The Old Boys' match also ended in a win for the School. The School batted first and a score of 97 for 6 wickets was made (Cutts 30, Malyan 26, Sokell 16). The Old Boys scored 69 (Wilks 4 for 10 runs).

Wilks, Ardron and Sokell received colours this year.

UNDER "14" XI

The team was chosen from: Wilks, B. (captain), Bailey, Clegg, Barker, Brown (2A), Pownall, Griffiths, Simms, Gawthorpe, Bishop, Brown (2B), Muffitt and Morton.

Of the five matches played, all were won. The most notable feature of the matches was the batting and bowling of Wilks and Bailey. Gawthorpe, too, saved one match by a noteworthy innings.

R.G.M.

Hockey
Notes.

1943-44 1st XI.—M. Wheelhouse (Sparta), left wing; H. Hartley (Sparta), left inner, B. Harrington (Carthage), centre forward; H. Tindall (Carthage), right inner; B. Hough (Sparta), right wing; M. Barber (Carthage), left half; S. Moffat (Rome), centre half, captain; N. Thompson (Carthage), right half; J. Pinder (Rome), left back; J. Smith (Rome), right back; M. Warburton (Athens), goalie.

The above team played 7 matches of which 4 were won, 2 were drawn, and 1 was lost. Last season's 2nd XI played and won 6 matches, scoring 22 goals against 2.

1st XI v. Old Wathonians	won	2—0
Mexborough, away	won	2—0
Rotherham, home	drew	1—1
Ecclesfield, away	lost	1—8
Rotherham, away	won	2—0
Mexborough, home	won	2—1
Ecclesfield, home	drew	1—1
Old Wathonians	won	5—0

The School was also represented by 1st and 2nd teams at an inter-school tournament held at Rotherham. The 1st team came third in the final result, while the 2nd team came second.

Hockey colours were awarded to S. Moffatt, B. Harrington, and J. Pinder.

The 1944-45 team is as follows:

M. Wheelhouse (Sparta), left wing; H. Hartley (Sparta), left inner; B. Hough (Sparta), centre forward, captain; H. Tindall (Carthage), right inner; J. Wright (Carthage), right wing; M. Hargreaves (Athens), left half; M. Nicholson (Athens), centre half; M. Firth (Carthage), right half; J. Pinder (Rome), left back; J. Smith (Rome), right back; M. Warburton (Athens), goalie.

Unfortunately, only one match has been played this season. This was against Barnsley and was won by 5 goals to 3, the goals being scored by M. Wheelhouse, H. Hartley and H. Tindall. The School showed great promise for what we hope will be another successful season.

Rounders Notes.

Last year the team consisted of the following: M. Wheelhouse, bowler; M. Nicholson, back stop; B. Hough, 1st Base; J. Pinder, 2nd Base; J. Smith, 3rd Base; H. Hartley, 4th Base; E. Woodcock, 1st Deep; D. Sanderson (captain), 2nd Deep; H. Tindall, 3rd Base.

Unfortunately, only four matches were played. The first team won two and lost two; the second team played once and won the match; the Junior team played two matches, losing both.

Mexborough, at home.

1st team won 2—1. 2nd team won 1—0.

The teams played well and the attendance was good.

Barnsley, away.

1st team won $7\frac{1}{2}$ —3. Junior team lost 1— $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Both teams played well but, unfortunately, the Juniors lost, though by a very narrow margin.

Mexborough, away

1st team lost 5½—3. Junior team lost 3—0.

Ecclesfield, away

1st team lost 3½—1.

Owing to difficulties in travelling the team was not fully represented.

J. SMITH.

Tennis Notes.

Last season was not a very successful one, as only two matches were won out of the six which were played. The chief reason for this was that court craft was lacking in most cases. The School, however, managed to score a total of 187 points against 200.

1st VI.—1, M. Barber and B. Hough (captain); 2, M. Wheelhouse and H. Hartley; 3, J. Wright and M. Firth.

2nd VI.—1, M. Nicholson and D. Illingworth; 2, D. Waller and V. Ibbotson; 3, M. Myers and H. Tindall

1st VI v. Rotherham, away	lost	31—50
Thorne, away	won	34—29
Thorne, home	lost	31—32
Old Wathonians	won	31—23
2nd VI v. Thorne, away	lost	31—32
Thorne, home	lost	29—34

Tennis colours were awarded to M. Barber, E. Hough, M. Wheelhouse, and H. Hartley.



**The
Harvest
Camp—
Sept. 21st.
—Oct. 5th.**

The main party, more than 60 strong, left Wath L.N.E.R. Station on the 8.7 a.m. train to Doncaster, where our connection to Spalding awaited us. On

reaching Spalding, about 12.30 p.m., we climbed into the waiting lorries and were soon on our way to Long Sutton, our destination, some 13 miles distant.

The landscape seemed to stretch away for miles, hills were non-existent, and as the lorries ate up the miles, we could notice the distinct difference in the scenery. There were but few hedges; in their place were wide dykes. The air, strangely, seemed more refreshing than the typical Yorkshire atmosphere, for here were no tall sinister chimneys belching forth their black smoke. Indeed, the only objects that varied the monotonous flatness were a few trees, mostly around farm houses, and here and there a discarded windmill, with its broken sails protruding like "monstrous giants," a relic of an earlier age.

The School, Long Sutton, was reached in little over half-an-hour. We scrambled out of the lorries eager to explore what was to be our home for the next fortnight. After blankets and palliasses had been issued, we made our way through the park to the local Forces' Canteen, commandeered for the next fortnight, for our use as kitchen and dining-room during the day-time. Here a hot, two-course meal, prepared by the advance party, awaited us.

At 7 a.m. next morning we arose, and after a wash, or shower (cold water), breakfast was served. As it was Sunday, everyone attended some kind of religious ceremony. After dinner, we were told the addresses of the farms on which we were to be employed.

We were called at 6 a.m. on Monday morning and after a shower or wash we had breakfast. After the meal we were informed that the ground was too wet for either sugar beet pulling or potato picking, so all except the cooks and orderlies for the day were set to work picking apples, a light but back-breaking task.

The weather refused to clear up until Wednesday, when work on beet and potatoes went ahead in full swing, everyone eager to master his new task.

We were allowed out at night until 7.30 p.m., or later if we desired to partake of what the "Gem," the local cinema, had to offer.

On Saturday, only the half day was worked and almost everyone visited the neighbouring towns--Holbeach, Wisbech, or Kings Lynn.

The weather during the second week was good, except on Wednesday morning when it rained; but most parties returned to work in the afternoon.

Friday night was spent in packing our kit and rendering cycles serviceable in order to ride to Spalding on the morrow.

On the last morning, after rising at 5 a.m., we washed and finished packing. Then all blankets were shaken and palliasses emptied, and given in. Finally, breakfast was served, consisting of milk and sandwiches, as all cooking utensils had been packed the previous night. About 8 a.m., the cyclists left for Spalding, the non-cyclists and the luggage to follow later in the lorry.

We left Spalding on the 10.15 a.m. train for Doncaster, where, unlike last year, we caught the train which would return us into the heart of the "Vale of the Dearne."

J. DONOGHUE, Lower VI Science.

Scout Notes.

The senior patrol, started in 1943, has carried on this year with its good work. Besides running a series of lectures and P.T. classes for its own benefit, it has also helped in the organisation of the troop's activities.

The patrol, in conjunction with Mr. Wilkinson, arranged for parties of boys to visit Squirrel Wood. Here scouts were engaged in clearing ditches and undergrowth for a camping site, and also in preparing a permanent camp for the district association.

This year, good attendance has been recorded, and it is hoped that several 4th Formers will be able to attain their First Class and Ambulance Badges. Some also hope to gain Signalling Badges.

For many of the younger Scouts, the harvest camp was a great disappointment, as the minimum age limit was 14 years. Next year, the camp will, if possible, be held at the old Company Ground, so then enthusiasts will not be disappointed twice.

This term, with the co-operation of the A.T.C. officers, a number of Scouts have begun training in A.T.C. subjects. Meanwhile, the Senior Patrol have arranged a series of lectures and tests for the Juniors.

An appeal to friends for the "Boy Scouts' European Relief Fund," realised the generous sum of £125s.

G.E.G.

Scout Camp.

This year's camp, really a harvest one, but still a Scout camp, was successfully held in the Lincolnshire district. The site was a W.A.E.C. hostel in the village of Yarborough, near the market town of Louth.

The work was mainly planting cauliflowers and leeks, but in spite of this hard work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (one hour off for lunch), recreation took the energetic form of quoits, rounders, table-tennis, and that game literally to end all games, camp football.

In spite of the tester-in-chief sustaining slight damage, which did not, however, confine him to bed for long, the initiation ceremony had its usual great success. Hunt, as High Priest, performed miracles, while Dr. Blackburn saw that all were fit for their "ordeal." Although functioning in cramped conditions, the initiation was the high-light of the fortnight.

The sing-songs were a little louder and less tuneful than usual as a piano was available for accompaniment. Hunt, as conductor, proudly presented the "hayseed" to the noble winners "Steve" and Hawaiian Douglas.

We would like to thank those Seniors and Old Boys who helped to run the camp efficiently, and also to thank the staff of the hostel.

We send our heartiest greetings to those who have left us and hope that some time, in the near future, there will be a grand re-union.

D.C.

On How to Cook a Dinner.

That any man can cook a dinner goes without saying, whether any man can eat the result is another question and does not concern us here. All you have

to do is to take the biggest saucepan you can secure, pour in an inch or so of water and heat it; a good, smoky camp fire is much the best for this, although if this is awkward to arrange, you can make do with gas, coal, electricity, and so on. This, however, is not advisable as much of the flavour always associated with Irish stew, with which dish I am at present dealing, will be lost. All that remains to do is to add all the suitable materials you can find. I think, myself, eatables are preferable, although some people like to add half-empty salad cream bottles and such articles; and as long as you remember to pick them out before serving this is quite a good idea, for besides adding much to the flavour of the stew, it is a considerably less troublesome and wasteful way of disposing of half-empty bottles than the more orthodox means.

As an example of this particular type of meal we may quote the classical Irish stew as made by George, Harris, Montmorency and J., and described by the latter in "Three Men in a Boat." Among other ingredients were included four peeled potatoes, half a dozen or so potatoes not peeled—like many no better men they found that potato peeling was an almost impossible job—a cabbage, about half a peck of peas, half a pork pie, a bit of cold boiled bacon, half a tin of potted salmon, a couple of eggs "to thicken the gravy," and a dead water-rat provided by Montmorency, the dog. Of course, what you put in will depend largely on individual taste and on the material available. I, for example, would have preferred crab or lobster to salmon and some people might object to the water-rat, however, one should be careful about what one adds as this will determine, to some extent at least, what the ultimate result will taste like. The best way of finding out when the stew is done is by the trial and error method, well-known to our mathematical friends. Some people have misgivings when asked to try this excellent dish; but either by adding some well-advertised patent medicines or by not informing them of what it consists, these misgivings may be overcome.

Irish stew is, perhaps, the only meal which an ordinary man can prepare, for it has two supreme

advantages; it is done in one continuous process, and the ingredients and their ratio to each other can be left to the cook's discretion. It is impossible, as far as I am concerned, to cook a meal which consists of things which are cooked separately; try it and you are sure to find that your jam roll is ready at exactly the same time as your soup; or, worse still, your kidney beans are half-an-hour behind your potatoes and that, too, when your fire is in its last dying throes. No; although all ordinary men can cook some sort of a meal, only an extraordinary sort of man can cook a really good meal; and—whatever you do, banish experimental Biology and Dietetics to the laboratory and abjure them in your saucepan.

C. BRADLEY, Lower VI Literarv.

Some Facts and Fair Questions.

Men don't believe in a devil now as their fathers used to do;

They forced the door of the broadest creed to let his majesty through;

There isn't a print of his cloven hoof, or a fiery dart from his bow,

To be found in the earth or air to-day for the world has voted it so.

But who is mixing the fatal draught that palsies the heart and brain,

And loads the bier of each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain?

Who blights the bloom of the land to-day with the fiery breath of hell,

If the Devil isn't and never was, won't somebody rise and tell?

Who dogs the step of the toiling saint and digs the pit for his feet?

Who sows the tares in the field of time wherever God sows his wheat?

The Devil is voted not to be, and, of course, the thing is true,

But who is doing the kind of work the Devil alone can do?

We are told he does not go around like a roaring lion
 now,
 But whom shall we hold responsible for the everlasting
 row
 To be heard in home, in church, in state, to the earth's
 remotest bound,
 If the Devil by a unanimous vote is nowhere to be
 found?
 Won't somebody step to the front forthwith and make
 their bow and show
 How the frauds and the crimes of a single day spring
 up, we want to know?
 The Devil was fairly voted out, and, of course, the
 Devil's gone;
 But simple people would like to know who carries
 his business on?

R. K. FEATHERSTONE, L.VI.Sc.

Random Writings.

Personalities

Six foot six on a three-legged chair,
 We'd mention the name if only we dare!

Of whom can we say "I come, I go"?
 Scripture and history students know.

We have a solo pianist, too,
 When the usual is feeling blue.

Home Guard braces must be scanty,
 A tie alone suspends the panty.

With "like chapel hatpegs" we end our rhyme,
 We could say a lot more if we only had time!

Heard in French 3

A roaring and a rushing, shrieks of dread,
 The fatal trembling of the ceiling overhead,
 The violent singing of "La Marseillaise,"
 With chief performer standing on his "chaise."

Innovations.

Strains of a quick-step coming from the hall!
Black-out curtains hanging on the wall.
Lunch among the wall-bars—do they have some fun?
The taters and the peas are cold before we have begun.
Two on a peg is quite the thing, three is nothing new,
See us dash at four o'clock to join the long 'bus queue.
Some Senior boys they hang behind—we always
wonder why!!!
With mock relief "It's good there's still the Beck'nham
bus," they cry.
But now, alas, there is no polish on the floor,
No rubber soles you see, but hob-nailed boots galore!

Mrs. Bumbleby's Ghost.

Not far from the "Hare and Hounds" in Hazelby was the village shop owned by Mrs. Bumbleby, a plump, jovial little woman, beloved by all small children. She wore a brown dress and white apron on week-days and a patterned silk on Sundays and special occasions. Wednesday afternoon was her half-day off, and it was her usual custom on this evening to meet her friends at the Women's Guild.

One dark and stormy Wednesday night, she pulled down the shutters, for it was black-out time, locked the door, and walked down to the Parish Hall where the meetings were held. At 10 o'clock, the meeting ended, and as Mrs. Bumbleby made her way home, she suddenly noticed, in Farmer Dayling's field, a large white figure coming towards her, waving its arms about in a most terrifying manner. Mrs. Bumbleby did not stop to look twice, but ran as fast as she could through the gate and into her house, murmuring to herself, "Oh, my! Oh, dear! Oh, what shall I do? It must be a ghost I've seen!"

Next morning, the village constable entered the shop for his daily paper and an ounce of tobacco. "Morning, Mrs. Bumbleby. Nice outside; a bit frosty mind you, but you get warm quickly. Have you 'eard about what 'appened last night? Near your shop an' all." Mrs. Bumbleby shook her head, never thinking about the hideous spectre she had seen the previous

night. "Well, d'you know, we actually caught a Jerry airman. All wrapt up in 'is parachute 'e was; in fact, we thought 'e was . . ." "A ghost?" inquired the flustered Mrs. Bumbleby as the light slowly dawned on her. "Why, 's right, mum. How did you guess?" "I thought I saw one . . . last night," she gasped in between chuckles, and when she had explained, both she and the constable laughed heartily until the tears rolled down their cheeks.

After that episode, everyone spoke of "Mrs. Bumbleby's Ghost."

BETTY WADDINGTON, IVd.

The Ghost of Mrs. Bumbleby.

The ghost of Mrs. Bumbleby, it did us all appal,
The ghost of Mrs. Bumbleby conspired to scare us all.

At crack of dawn, at dead of night,
It crept about all black and white,
It flitted up and down the house,
What could it be? A cat? A mouse?
Some awful object so it seemed—
Had I heard, or had I dreamed?
Down the stairs, and through the porch,
Oh, drat it! I have lost my torch.
Scuttering in the passage cold,
Whilst we our gasping breath withhold.
Was that a tiny voice I heard?
Or did I 'magine something stirred?
There's not the shadow of a doubt,
It was a stutter or a shout;
Perhaps my mind is playing tricks,
The wind, a door behind me clicks.
A crash! A moan! A murmured sigh—
Surely something seems to "fly."
I dare not walk another pace,
For something cold brushed past my face.
They almost make my spine grow cold,
The eerie, ghostly, tales we're told.

The ghost of Mrs. Bumbleby seemed to scare us all,
The ghost of Mrs. Bumbleby was long-lost "budgie,"
"Paul."

PAT KILNER, 4A

The Christmas Present I Would Choose.

The present I would choose would be,
An old-time Christmas-tide for me;
With peace bells ringing, children singing,
And plenteous gifts the postman bringing.

The soldiers all back home again,
Heartily singing the glad refrain,
Of Christmas carols, old and new,
With all folks happy, not just a few.

Fruits and nuts gaily arrayed,
Christmas trees all displayed,
With toys and candles as before,
Wars forgotten, peace once more.

HILDA STABLES, IIA, Rome.

The Uninvited.

Wednesday, January 26th, 1944, was a very dull day. "Visibility was poor," as the B.B.C. often say. The weather was damp, and the sun could not break through the thick cloud.

During the dinner hour, boys who were playing football on the field, noticed an aeroplane flying low. It flew round once or twice and then flew off. Many of the boys who prided themselves on their "aircraft recognition" talents made wild guesses as to the 'plane's type and make, but it transpired that no one was correct.

Just before two o'clock, the 'plane reappeared and began circling lower. It was now obvious that the pilot wished to land, and so all the boys moved away from the Rugby pitch, and watched.

The aeroplane circled again and then came in lower from the Wath direction. Because of the trees near the lower end of the field, the pilot could not make a perfect "3-point" landing, and he struck the middle of the first fifteen Rugby pitch. The 'plane then bounced on to the second eleven cricket square, and began running smoothly.

But, alas, the "bump" at the top side of the cricket square, formed when the pitch was levelled, jolted the machine so badly that the tail rose up and the last few yards of the landing run were done on the air intake and front wheels.

The pilot and another man, both in flying kit, emerged from the cabin, and used the School telephone to contact the nearest aerodrome. By this time, everyone knew that the 'plane was a Percival "Proctor," a monoplane used in transport and communications. The only damage it had sustained in the landing was a bent airscrew and an air intake choked with earth.

The same night, a small party of R.A.F. men arrived from a nearby aerodrome and stood guard over the aeroplane.

The next morning, it was arranged that the School could go up to the aeroplane at morning break for a "conducted tour. There were an R.A.F. corporal and an aircraftman with it, the latter with a rifle and fixed bayonet. Somehow, a foam fire extinguisher began spurting. An airman was near at hand, and at the time there was a suspicion that it was he who set it off, to discourage small boys from seeking souvenirs.

A wind sprang up about dinner time on Thursday, and as it was blowing from a north-westerly direction, it blew the 'plane over causing it to "break its back"; that is, the fuselege was cracked. Then, and only then, the airmen tied the aircraft down.

The following Tuesday, February 1st, an R.A.F. 40-foot long lorry came and took the wreckage away.

A. P. WALKER, U.VI.5c

False Alarm.

"What's that? It's snowing?"

A hurried glance through the open window soon puts aside all doubt. Yes; the first few flakes are already settling on the hard earth. I cast my mind back to the previous day, when I had hoped for a snowstorm, as life seemed so dull without winter sports. Father and mother often talk about the winters

of their schooldays, real severe winters, with snow feet thick, ponds and rivers frozen solid, making possible sledging, skating, snowballing, and all the other joys of winter.

Just think of all the fun we'll have. We can go over into Farmer Jones's pasture, for he won't mind our playing there. The slope there is lovely for sledging, with a large pond at the bottom of the hill. The pond will probably be frozen enough for skating to-morrow. Yes, it's Saturday to-morrow, so I shall not have to come to School. Then there are small hillocks dotted over the field, just right to take cover behind in a snowball fight.

I shall mend my toboggan to-night, it only needs the runners oiled, and the rope mending. I shall get my skates out of the attic, and oil them. Then to-morrow I shall borrow my sister's fur gloves, so that my fingers will not be cold and——

"What's that, Alan? It's raining? Oh!"

G. BARLOW, IV.A

A Bedtime Story for a Child Under Ten.

Once upon a time, there was a land, where night time was as light as day, or nearly so, and as a special treat on Saturdays, and particularly at Christmas, or on birthdays, little boys and girls would go with their parents, after much fuss, such as putting on warm overcoats and mufflers, out into the streets of the town or city to gaze into the windows of huge shops and stores.

Now please do not imagine for a moment that they were anything like the ones you see here. No, my dears, they were one big, brilliant light. You could see each toy, of which some of the windows were full, as though you held the toy in your hands, even the eye-lashes of the dolls could be seen. It was just like fairyland, dozens of shops, mountains of sweets, piles of fruit, goodness knows how much there was.

In each shop there was a lady or a gentleman who would smile when you entered and if you had only

sixpence, or even threepence, he, or she, would always speak kindly to you, and show you almost everything there was in the store. He was so anxious to please little boys and girls. He would say, "Is there anything else you want, Madam?" and the little boy or girl would look hopefully round the shop, but no, mother would say, "Not to-night, thank you."

I must not forget the sweet shops nor the fruit shops. Sweets of every colour and every shape and every flavour were there, and, with a penny, a little boy or girl could enter a shop, and point to the ones which looked the nicest, and the shopkeeper would say, "Yes, my dear," and smile so kindly. Apples and oranges, nuts and pears, and many strange fruits, which you have never seen were in the fruit shops. How lovely they looked in the bright lights.

But do you know, I have seen little children eat so much fruit it has given them tummy-ache, and so many sweets they have finished by having toothache, but they were greedy children, and greedy children, like greedy upgrowns, are never happy all the time.

M. DALE, L.VI.Lit., Carthage.

England.

The backbone of England is the Pennine Chain, but this is broken by the Tyne Gap. From this backbone run several streams which wash the wool grown in Yorkshire. Some of the wool, however, is still cleansed in The Wash.

Some of the more important towns are:—

- 1—Blackpool: The "Southend" of the North.
- 2—Greenwich: Famous for its Mean Time.
- 3—Oxford: Famous for it's Boat Crew.
- 4—Cambridge: See Oxford.

To the north of England is Scotland, and to this I now turn by pen.

The rivers of this land are called Firths or Forths. the longest being the Caledonian Canal. To the banks of this loch come the wilder life of Scotland. Of these, the most impressive are the Monarch of the Glen, Heart of Midlothian, Pib Roch, and the Haggis. In

the hills of Scotland once lived the famous murderer, Campbell of Khilmor, but now only the more peaceful nobles, Mackintosh of Mackintosh and the Massacre of Glencoe.

The other isle of the British Isles is Ireland.

The vegetation of that island is mainly composed of shamrock and potato plants. The latter was introduced to prevent famines which are now illegal. The loughs (pronounced locks) are Lough Ree and Lough Jaw. These are fed by streams from the mobile mountains of Mourne (which run down to the sea).

Our islands are, strangely enough, surrounded by water, and our men are therefore good sailors.

Sailors use navigation which consists of drawing great circles, small circles, great arcs, great auks and rum lines, and the rest is plain sailing. A mariner's compass is used to draw the circles. The two main winds of the ocean are the Roaring Forties and the Naughty Nineties, and the two main currents are the re-current and the con-current, both of which are off points.

J. WESTON, IV.A.

Old Wathonians' Comforts Fund.

All members of the Association, feel very deeply the loss of their Vice-President, Miss Deeks, who has always been regarded as the personal friend of each one of them. Especially will she be missed in connection with the Comforts Fund, to which she devoted so much of her valuable time. Through her untiring and ceaseless efforts, we have managed to keep track of most of our boys now serving with H.M. Forces, but now that she is no longer at the helm, we must all do our best to keep the Fund flourishing as she would have wished, and to make it the success that it deserves to be.

We have only increased our Funds this years by £5 which is really very low when compared with previous years. We should like to provide our boys with as many Comforts as we are able, but unless we receive more contributions, we cannot do so. It seems

rather a pity, that when our fighting forces are doing so much for us, we should be so reluctant to do a little for them. So let us try in the coming year to increase our funds beyond all expectation, so that, in turn, our despatches to the boys may increase by leaps and bounds.

The thanks for the £5 we have received must go to Mrs. N. Thompson, who held a whist drive, the School Guides, and to various Old Students for donations given by them. We also held the Annual Whist Drive in the School Library after the Easter Matches, and a Tennis Tournament at School.

School Magazines have been sent to the following: D/Sig. W. Schofield; Pte. J. E. Sayles; Capt. K. Steer; Pte. M. Redgate; Cpl. E. Robinson; P.O. J. Petty; Sgt. J. Painter; S.O. M. Pickering; Capt. D. Hardy; Lt. F. Greenall; Sub Lt. P. Ellison; Lt. G. Pease; L.A.C. B. Roebuck; F/Lt. J. Scholey; Cpl. A. Rusling; L.A.C. W. Rees; L.A.C. J. Wilks; Pte. R. Lamb; Sgln. G. Kenning; Cpl. A. L. Jones; A.C.1 C. Gill; A.C.2 R. Ellis; Sgt. R. Dando; Cpl. T. V. Howdle; Gdsmn. D. J. Scholes; A.C.1 D. Davis; L.A.C. J. Bottomley; F/Sgt. H. Stokes; Sgt. W. C. Wallman; L/Stoker M. G. Steel; L.A.C. G. Smith; Cpl. E. Stones; L.A.C. B. Stopforth; F/Sgt. J. Waddington; Capt. E. J. L. Greer; O.Sig. J. H. Simpson; Pte. R. Smith; Sgln. J. Ellis; A.C.W. J. Hutchinson; Pte. E. Gleadall; L/Cpl. W. Guy; Cpl. D. Higgins; Pte. C. Breislen; L.A.C. W. Brookes; Pte. R. Findlay; A.C.W. R. Farlow; Wren M. Cook; Sgt. E. Cameron; Sgt. H. Andrews; Capt. D. Norman; Lt. J. R. Horn; A.B. S. Farr; F/O J. Humphreys; Pte. G. E. Hughes; Pte. L. Barber; L/Cpl. T. Umbleby; Sgt. F. Longbottom; Sq.Ldr. A. T. L. Grear; Major H. F. Laver; Cpl. G. W. Johnson; 2nd-Lt. J. Hargreaves; A.C.2 W. P. Fletcher; Sister C. Fuller; Nurse G. England; S/Sgt. H. Sagar; Lt. C. Elliott; Sgt. F. Prendergast; Lt. I. G. Cooper; Capt. W. Scholey; F/Sgt. R. Barnes; Cpl. I. Tillbrook; L.A.C. G. Kirk; Sgln. F. Mann; Pte. R. Sanderson; L.A.C. A. Rance; Spr. J. M. Outram; A/A M. D. Nesbitt; A.B. J. Rodway; Capt. G. Hudson; Capt. Stanger; A.C.2 G. Butcher; Cfm. E. D. Glover; Sgt. T. J. Sayles; L.A.C. J. A. Corby; Cpl. R. Wigfield; Sgt. D. Clayton.

Also, books have been sent, per W. H. Smith and Sons, Ltd., to: Pte. M. Naylor; F/Sgt. H. Stokes; A.C. A. E. Varney; Cpl. H. Pears; A/A J. Vaughan; L/Cpl. D. Harwood; Sgt. G. A. Longworth; J. Bishop; Capt. K. Steer; Pte. J. E. Sayles; Capt. G. Hudson; Sgt. R. Crockett; Lt. P. Ellison; Surg. Lt./Cmdr. M. Hatton; Sgt. J. Hollingsworth; Lt. H. Knulton; Sgt. J. Lightley; L/Cpl. E. A. Maidment; L/Bdr. K. Reader; Pte. M. Redgate; Lt. D. Scholey; C.Q.M.S. E. P. Taylor.

We are also adopting our prisoners of war—D. Laver, G. K. Hardwick, K. Steer and A. E. Potts—through the British Prisoners of War Books and Games Fund.

Once more, may we ask everyone to help us obtain a complete and up-to-date list of names and addresses of Old Boys and Girls now serving in the Forces?

The Old Wathonians' Association has naturally in wartime had its activities severely curtailed, but our new and very enthusiastic committee are planning ahead to make a real success of the Association in the near future.

The Committee consists of:—

O. Willis.	Gladys Gregory.
A. Robinson.	Renee Chandler.
N. Metcalfe.	Ella Cresswell.

They send best wishes to Old Students everywhere, and extend a hearty welcome to all members of the School who will soon be leaving.

The Secretaries, L. Wilkinson and N. M. Thompson, apologise for the many omissions they are bound to have made, and would be grateful for addresses, subscriptions, and any news items to include in these notes. They would find them sent: c/o The School.

Old Wathonians' Hockey Club.

This season is proving even more uneventful than last—not through the lack of fixtures, but the lack of enthusiastic players. We have so far played one match to which only five players turned out. Several times I have tried to raise a team, but with no success.

If there are any Old Girls who would like to play Hockey, I would be very glad if they would write to

me at 11, Hooper Street, West Melton. I am sure that there must be many younger "Old Girls" who would like a game.

R. CHANDLER, Secretary.

Marriages.

L.A.C. Fred. M. Scholey (W.G.S.) to Dorothy Glendinning.

Leonard Bourne (W.G.S.) to Margaret Matthews.

L/Cpl. H. Poppleton to Hazel Heppenstall (W.G.S.).

Eric Higgs (W.G.S.) to Renee Farlow (W.G.S.).

S/Sgt. Stanley G. Atkinson (W.G.S.) to Ida Ryalls (W.G.S.).

Herbert Elsey to Betty Jones (W.G.S.).

F/Sgt. John Hackford (W.G.S.) to Muriel Townend.

Capt. K. McDonald to Jean Rothnie (W.G.S.).

Edgar A. Poole to Irene Ellis (W.G.S.).

Arthur Bramham (W.G.S.) to Margaret Brown.

Robert Ellison (W.G.S.) to Margaret Walker.

Samuel M. Carter to Molly Smith (W.G.S.).

Ronald Thwaites (W.G.S.) to Alice Trickett.

Births.

F/Lt. and Mrs. J. Scholey (Kathleen Carr), a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hanchett-Stamford (Kathleen D. Evers), a daughter.

2nd-Lt. and Mrs. H. W. Stott (Stella Bennett), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hepworth (Peggy Jackson), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Miles (Joyce Shimmeld), a daughter.

C.P.O. and Mrs. R. Birchall, a son.

Sigmn. and Mrs. J. Lord, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Prince (Nora Charlesworth), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor (Ida Herbert), a son.

L/Cpl. and Mrs. Fred Kay, a daughter.

Sgt.-Instructor and Mrs. W. Young, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Crossley (Cissie England), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beard (Lila Bramham), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Trickett (Agnes Wilson), a son.

Deaths.

Olga Hancock (Jones).

Decorations.

F/O J. Humphreys, R.A.F., D.F.C.

P.O. Pullen, R.A.F., D.F.C.

Capt. G. Hudson, Lancashire Fusiliers, in Italy,
Military Cross.

Sgt. Lionel Brown, French Croix de Guerre.

F/O Albert Adams, R.A.F., D.F.C.

Promotions.

Capt. D. W. Baker, R.A. (1926-32) has recently taken up a Technical Staff appointment in Western Command.

Major Denys Hardy has been promoted Staff Major in the India Command.

Wounded.

Frank Ingamells was seen on hospital leave, after receiving burns in the fighting round Caen.

Harry McHugh (1924-28) is back in business in Wath, after being discharged from the R.A.F. through wounds.

News Flashes from Home and Abroad.

We have had greetings from the Middle East from Pte. Marion Redgate, A.T.S. (1928-32) who has recently spent leave in Alexandria.

We hear that Gwennie England (1928-33), who is on the staff of a hospital at Zomba, Nyasaland, E. Africa, has been seriously ill, but is now out of danger.

Sister Catherine Fuller, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. (1926-30) was heard on the air in Greetings from Cairo.

The following are in England again after a long period of service abroad: S/Sgt. S. G. Atkinson (1930-35) and L.A.C. J. Bottomley (1931-35).

Congratulations to J. D. Simpson on gaining his M.B. Ch.B.

Arnold Catton (1924-30) has been appointed Headmaster of Falsgrave Junior School, Scarborough.

Maurice E. Thompson (1928-35), Colonial Administrative Service, played for the Old Students in the Rugger and Cricket Matches while on leave from the Gold Coast Colony.

We are glad to see that Kenneth Cutts is back in England again, having been repatriated from Germany, where he has been a prisoner for nearly four years.

Chance Meetings.

L.A.C. W. Brookes met Storer and W. Reece in Aden.

F/O John Scholey met P.O. Ray Prendergast on his arrival in India.

Kenneth Ward met Lt. Geoff. Collins at a rest camp in Italy.

