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SCHOOL NOTES.

The last issue of the *Wathonian* was unfortunately very much out of date and, to avoid the report of old news, an effort has been made to achieve a much earlier publication this year.

Activities during last Spring Term were not curtailed by climatic interference as they had been in the previous year. The third Sixth Form dance was held on Friday, 16th January, and proved very successful, with the staff and members of the

supposedly sedate sixth forms "letting themselves go" in dances ranging from the "Naval 3-Step" to the "Hokey-Cokey." Half-term fell on the 16th, 17th and 18th of February, and was followed by the Higher School and School Certificate "trial runs."

The Deeks' Memorial Trophy Competition allowed the more artistic members of our community to reveal their hitherto latent talents, and Troy proved to be the richest storehouse of artistry, consequently claiming the treasured prize.

Once again the members of the Dramatic Society provided great enjoyment for both pupils and parents and deserved the many congratulations they received for a successful and colourful production of "Tobias and the Angel" (no doubt many members of the cast will long remember the birthday party held on the last night of the play's presentation—hard work has its reward, you see !)

The Summer term opened with innumerable practices for the School Sports, which were held on Thursday, 6th May, in sunny weather, and were won easily by Sparta. Practices continued for the Inter-School Sports, held on Thursday, 3rd June. Fortune, however, did not favour us on this occasion. The weather was bad and the results, at least as far as Wath (the "host" school) was concerned, were even worse.

The usual School and Higher School Certificate examinations were held three weeks later, and produced good results which may be seen in fuller detail in this magazine.

After these mental exertions came Speech Day on 15th July noteworthy this year for its connection with the Electrical Exhibition in the Gymnasium, where the model kitchen was especially popular.

On the last day of term the first Swimming Gala in our history was held at Wath Baths, and once again Sparta triumphed, although all the Houses are to be congratulated on the sporting manner in which they competed.

The new School year began on Tuesday, 7th September, and we welcomed several new members of staff, including Miss Ward, Miss Cheney, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Easterby and Mademoiselle Chavas. We hope they will be very happy in their new work at Wath.

Another innovation this term was the idea of the Deeks' Trophy being awarded, for the first time, on the results of an Inter-House Magazine Competition. This brought a tremendous response, some of the results of which can be seen in the pages following. The members of the Magazine Committee wish to thank everyone who contributed to this competition in any way, and would also like to express the hope that the effort will be as great and the quality as creditable in future, even when there is no trophy as a reward.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1948-49.

<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>
B. Windle	E. Nancy Ritchie.
J. Buck	Judith M. Kilner
K. A. Bradley	Dorothy Haywood
D. Ryman	Jean M. Garfitt
D. H. Wade	Pamela Hollingsworth
R. Barker	Margaret Bond
P. G. Birkhead	Mona Hayes
E. Petts	Margaret Hewitt
R. Podmore	Margaret Wroe
G. Readman	Brenda Maddrell
S. Robson	Patricia Mynett
E. Fisher	Betty Potts

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

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<i>Rome</i>	..	Joan Clarke	Cox
<i>Sparta</i>	..	Jean Garfitt	Longden
<i>Troy</i>	..	Anne Cusworth	Berry.

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J. Potts (Manchester University).

A. Sykes (Birmingham University).

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D. Lightley.

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Harrison	L. M. Harwood
Windle	J. M. Kenworthy
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Bradley	L. Wright
Clegg	
Evans	
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Lightley	
Nayler (Distinction in Chemistry).	
Ogley	
Potts (Distinction in Physics. Excellent in Scholarship Physics).	
Ryman	
Sims.	
Sykes (Distinction in Chemistry and Biology. Excellent in Scholarship Chemistry).	
Wade	
Wilks.	

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D. Caldwell	Berry	Smith
E. D. Chafer	Blackwell	Waters
A. Evans	Booth	
G. M. Holmes	Brooke	
E. Jenkins	Cox	
J. Martin	Driver	
E. Newby	Gaskell	
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M. H. Scott	Hill, D.	
E. Simpson	Jones	
P. Smith	Longden	
H. Stables	Needham	
J. A. Stott	Norton	
R. Woffinden	Rusby	
E. Worton	Sheppard	

V. Alpha.

M. Biggs	Adams
K. E. Ellis	Armitage
M. D. Glover	Barrass
M. R. Greaves	Cook
J. B. Hayes	Hall
V. Hoyle	Hill
J. V. B. Netherwood	Jenkinson
E. J. Parkin	Settle
F. Poppleton	Varney
W. Robinson	Weston
G. Smith	
M. G. B. Thompson	
J. I. Watson	

V. Beta.

M. K. Allen	Athay
M. Allembly	Bailey
J. Barnes	Bell
B. J. Brooke	Blackburn
A. Cusworth	Blow
M. A. Goddard	Bradbury
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B. M. Hough	Fearnley
I. Hunter	Greaves
G. M. Myers	Kirk
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	Price
	Readman
	Shaw
	Walker
	Williams

Q.5.

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D. Cropper	Crowe
W. R. Short	Dunn
A. M. Smith	Griffiths
J. G. Thompson	Kirby
J. Watson	Knutton
	Morton
	Rothery

S.5.

C. Clegg
M. Oakley
H. Randerson
J. Schofield

Alderton
Bladen
Dobie
Haigh
Hughes
Knowles
Scott
Smith

HOUSE NOTES.

ATHENS.



House Captains : Dorothy Haywood,
S. Robson.

Games Captains :

Senior : Peggy Scott. K. Jones.

Junior : Margaret Jones. Crossfield.

Games Committee : Enid Jenkins
S. Robson.

Once again Athens extends a hearty welcome to all new members, hoping they will help us to revive the ancient glories of this great House.

Athens has been unsuccessful in House matches, and on the Sports Field, for, although valiant efforts were made, we were placed low in both competitions. Neither the Deeks Trophy, nor the Work Cup were embraced by the red ribbon, but we managed to gain third place in the Swimming Gala, and the prospects of Rugger and Hockey this season are brighter than before.

Detentions have been far too numerous in the past, but a way has been found to deal with the offenders.

The Athenians are making an effort in the Deeks' Trophy competition. Although essays are not pouring in, by the time these notes have been printed, it is hoped that we shall have won the Trophy. We are also looking forward to the usual jollity of the House party.

Finally we would like to wish success and happiness to Mr. Eddowes in his new position at Barnsley, to Wilks and Dorothy Haywood our former House Captains, and to all Athenians who have left us.

G. WADDINGTON (Upp. VI. Lit.).

CARTHAGE.

House Captains : Margaret Bond
J. Buck.

Games Captains :

Senior : Olwyn Davies. D. Knowles.

Junior : Anne Watson. I. Goldthorpe.

Games Committee : Mary Allen
E. Fisher.

We extend a cordial welcome to all newcomers to the House and especially to Miss White, our new House Mistress.

At the end of the Summer Term we found ourselves the proud possessors of the Work Cup. This is creditable, but unfortunately we have our failings which balance, if not outweigh, our successes. Greater efforts could be made on the games field, and when the Deeks' Trophy competition is based on individual efforts there should be a greater number of entries submitted than there has been in the past, especially from the boys. At the Swimming Gala held during the Summer Term, Carthaginians tried hard, but success did not in any way attend their efforts.

It is pleasing to note that many of the senior members of the House play important parts in School life. Let us all do our very best in all spheres of School activity to bring further honours to the House.

D. MANN (Upp. VI. Lit.).

ROME.

House Captains : Margaret Wroe.
Petts.

Games Captains :

Senior : M. Duffield. Molyneux

Junior : Eileen Dunn. Fletcher.

Games Committee : Scales.
M. Hewitt.

Perhaps Rome has not, as yet, regained all her former glory, but we are well on the way, and who knows what another term or so has in store? Unhappily, we have lost the Deeks' Trophy, but we have won both the Winter and the Summer Games Cups. We did not quite win the Sports Cup, but no one could be so unkind as to say that it was through lack of trying. If fewer people followed the hobby of detention-collecting, we could have won the Parents' Cup. So, if you please, a little more hard work; games just come naturally.

At the end of the summer term we regretfully said good-bye to Mr. Black, who has served us faithfully for many long years. We give a hearty welcome to Mr. Spencer, and we hope that he will help us to uphold the traditions of our House.

Our teams, both junior and senior, have done very well, and they deserve encouragement.

The Roman party will undoubtedly be a huge success. Parents always "do us well."

We send our hearty good wishes to all old Romans and extend a welcoming hand to all newcomers, sincerely hoping that they will follow in the steps of our mighty Roman forefathers.

R. COX (Lower VI. Lit.)



SPARTA.

House Captains : N. Ritchie.
Birkhead.

Games Captains :

Senior : B. Hough. Wade.

Junior : S. Hewitt. Stuart.

Games Committee : G. Thompson.
Birkhead.

This has been a year both of gains and losses for Sparta. In athletics we have been successful in winning both the Sports and Swimming Competitions. At work we have been less fortunate, partly owing to the far too numerous detentions in the Middle and Junior School.

Throughout the year the House has had the support of very keen and reliable seniors, most of whom have now left us for Universities and Training College; we offer them our congratulations on their examination successes and wish them a successful future.

We welcome all those juniors who joined us in September and hope that they will maintain the Spartan tradition of keenness at work and play.

In July the House learned with regret that Mr. Atkinson was relinquishing his post as Housemaster after twelve years of devoted service to Sparta. Both present and past Spartans would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all that he has done for us during his term of office, and we hope to welcome him as guest of honour at the House Party to be held on 8th December.

P. G. BIRKHEAD (Upp. VI.Lit.).

TROY.

House Captains : Judy Kilner.
Barker.



Games Captains :
Senior : Wendy Smith. Burrows.
Junior : Joyce Ardron. Norman.

Games Committee : Betty Potts.
Ryman.

Once again we extend a hearty welcome to all new Trojans and wish happiness and success to all who have left us.

Troy's story is, unfortunately, as usual, far from glittering with success. We managed to gain the Deeks' Trophy for the first time in the Spring term, but unhappily we soon let it slip from our grasp into the hands of Sparta.

In the competitions for the Work Cup, our efforts have been decidedly unsatisfactory. In almost every issue of the Magazine, the same complaint has to be made: detentions are far too numerous.

On the games field, the juniors, both boys and girls, show great enthusiasm and certainly deserve far better support than they are at present receiving from the seniors (who seem to find dancing practices far more entertaining than Hockey or Rugby).

There are, however, one or two brighter points in our record. The response to the Deeks' Memorial Trophy Magazine Competition this term has been remarkably good from all sections of the House, and although the final results of the competition are not yet available, we are justified in feeling optimistic. Moreover, we are now looking to our annual House Party which will, we hope, prove a great success.

But remember, Troy has no time for relaxation or self-content. Let us begin the new year with resolutions that will be fulfilled in all branches of School life, and place Troy at the head instead of the bottom of the ladder of success.

ANNE CUSWORTH (Lower VI.Lit.)

Sports Section.**HOCKEY NOTES.****1947-48. 1st XI.**

G. Thompson (GK)	P. Hollingsworth (RI)
M. Leadley (RH)	B. Waddington (LW)
J. Wright (Capt.) (RW)	M. Bond (LB)
M. Buncall (LI)	B. Rawson (LH)
P. Kilner (RB)	W. Harwood (CF)
C. Clegg (CH)	

Mexborough (away)	1st XI	..	Won	7-1
		2nd XI	..	Won	3-1
Ecclesfield (home)	1st XI	..	Won	4-0
		2nd XI	..	Won	4-1
Old Wathonians	1st XI	..	Won	8-0
Barnsley (home)	1st XI	..	Won	5-2
		2nd XI	..	Won	4-3
Rotherham (away)	1st XI	..	Won	6-1
		2nd XI	..	Won	6-4
Penistone (away)	1st XI	..	Won	3-0
		2nd XI	..	Won	6-2
Ecclesfield (away)	1st XI	..	Won	3-2
		2nd XI	..	Won	4-3
Mexborough (home)	1st XI	..	Won	4-1
		2nd XI	..	Won	7-1

All the members of the first team were successful in gaining their hockey colours.

1948-49 1st XI.

G. Thompson (GK)	P. Hollingsworth (RI)
M. Wroe (Capt.) (RH)	W. Robinson (LW)
M. Leadley (RW)	M. Bond (LB)
G. Meyers (LI)	J. Watson (LH)
J. Martin (RB)	B. Hillis (CF)
I. Hunter (CH)	

Woodlands (away)	1st XI	..	Won	6-2
		2nd XI	..	Draw	2-2
Hemsworth (away)	1st XI	..	Lost	3-5
		2nd XI	..	Lost	1-5
Barnsley (away)	1st XI	..	Won	2-1
		2nd XI	..	Lost	0-1
Penistone (away)	1st XI	..	Won	6-1
		2nd XI	..	Lost	1-3

Mexborough (home)	1st XI	..	Won	3—2
		2nd XI	..	Won	7—2
Ecclesfield (away)	1st XI	..	Won	3—2
		2nd XI	..	Won	2—1
Hemsworth (home)	1st XI	..	Won	2—0
		2nd XI	..	Lost	0—2

We are hoping to have as successful a season as we had last year. We welcome Miss Ward, and thank her and Miss Disley for all the work they have done with the teams.

RUGGER NOTES.

1st XV Notes.

- v. Barnsley Grammar School (home). Won 25—0. The School team experienced little strong opposition, but missed several good scoring chances through weak passing. Scorers.—tries : Birkhead, Wade, Hill, Gawthrope, Podmore, one each ; Griffiths two. Goals : Petts two.
- v. Barnsley Grammar School (away). Won 33—3. Weak opposition was again the feature of this game, which rather upset the necessary co-ordination of the School team. Scorers.—tries : Podmore three, Spencer two, Wade, Griffiths one each. Goals : Petts five.
- v. Thorne (home) Lost 6—21. Not quite so one-sided as the score suggests, but it was a good, fast and clean game. Scorer.—Goals : Petts two.
- v. Morley Grammar School (home). Lost 5—17. Another good, fast end to end game, with Morley enjoying a marked superiority in the loose. A feature of the game was the remarkably good tackling of both the School centres, Scales and Windle. The only try was scored by Griffiths and converted by Petts.

We are indebted to Mr. Eddowes and Ryman for compiling the following comments on the 1st XV members :

Comments.

Ryman (Troy).—Has been faced with the difficult task of forming nearly an entirely new XV. He has set a very good example to his team by his keenness and enthusiasm both on the field and off the field. When playing is always “up with the ball.” Should be more assertive in his leading of the pack.

Fisher (Carthage).—Vice-captain, now in his third season with 1st XV. Gained his colours two seasons ago by his spirited forward play. A tower of strength both in attack and defence.

Petts (Rome).—Another third season player. Has scored several valuable points as team kicker. Always ready to turn defence into attack, but a safe touch kicker against stronger teams.

Scales (Rome).—Last season, he did well at scrum half. Missed several of the early season games through injury, but his return has strengthened the backs.

Birkhead (Sparta).—Played well last season. A good forward, who can use his height to advantage in the line-outs. Possesses a useful kick.

Podmore (Rome).—First full season, but played occasionally last year. As a wingman, has scored some good tries this season.

Griffiths (Rome).—A speedy centre in his first season. Should try to improve his tackling and handling.

Windle (Carthage).—In his first season, has played good games both at full-back and centre. A reliable defender, but should try to put more "pep" into the attack.

Spencer (Troy).—A fast wingman in his first season. He needs more experience in positional play and should try to improve his handling and tackling.

Gawthrope (Athens).—He is rather slightly built for a stand-off but overcomes this by skilful play, but tends to hold the ball too long. A useful drop-kicker.

Wade (Sparta).—Shows promise at scrum half and should improve even more with experience. Has a good long pass from the scrum.

Knutton (Sparta).—A good forward in his first season with the 1st XV. Should do well with more experience.

Fearnley (Rome).—Has the makings of a good forward. As hooker, should keep his feet down until the ball is in. Should try to improve his handling.

Jones, K. (Athens).—A good forward in his first season. Uses his height to advantage in line-outs, and is prominent in the loose.

Jenkinson (Carthage).—Another first season forward. Gives weight to the scrum and is useful in defensive line-outs.

Hill, K. (Sparta).—A second row forward in his first season. Good in attack and defence but needs more experience.

Robson (Athens).—A good back-row forward. Gets the ball back well from the scrum. An asset in the defence with his good tackling.

ROUNDERS NOTES.

1st IX. 1948.

B. Waddington (bowler).	M. Biggs (2nd deep).
L. Wright (2nd base).	P. Hollingsworth (1st base).
M. Lisle (1st deep).	B. Rawson (4th base).
J. Wright (Capt.) (back stop).	P. Scott (3rd deep).
M. Bond (3rd base).	

The above team played only five matches, of which 3 were won, 1 lost and 1 drawn. The second team, also played five matches, of which 1 was won, 1 drawn and 3 lost. The junior team only played three matches and lost all of them.

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Junior</i>
Ecclesfield (away)	Won 5 — ½	Drew 1½ — 1½	Lost 7 — 0
Barnsley (away):	Lost 5½ — 4½	Lost 9 — 4	
Maltby (away):	Won 6½ — 4½	Won 2 — 1	
Mexborough (away):	Won 2 — 0	Lost 6 — ½	Lost 2 — 0
Barnsley (home):	Drew 3 — 3	Lost 3 — 2	

TENNIS NOTES.

1st VI.

<i>1st Couple</i>	<i>2nd Couple</i>	<i>3rd Couple</i>
W. Harwood	J. Wright	J. Egerton
B. Waddington	P. Hollingsworth	B. Randerson

This team only played four matches, losing three and winning one. The 2nd team played two matches, winning one and losing one.

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>
Thorne (home)	Lost	Won
Penistone (home)	Lost	
Thorne (away) ..	Lost	Lost
Old Wathonians	Won	

It is hoped that the teams will be more successful next year.

P. HOLLINGSWORTH (Upp. VI.Gen.)

CRICKET NOTES.

1st XI.

The team was chosen from the following:—Wilks (Capt.), Bailey, Clegg, Pownall, Gawthrope, Petts, Dunn, Simms, Morton, Brown, Sykes, Hill and Jones.

The final record read as follows :—

Played 8; Won 7; Lost 1.

Results :—

- v. Barnsley (away). Won. School 157 (Clegg 56 not out, Pownall 31, Bailey 28, Gawthrope 27); Barnsley 49 (Clegg 5 for 27).
- v. Thorne (home). Won. Thorne 43 (Clegg 4 for 6); School 44 for 4 (Wilks 22, Petts 15 not out).
- v. Woodlands (away). Won. School 122 for 3 (Wilks 51 not out, Pownall 42, Clegg 19); Woodlands 48 (Clegg 4 for 2).
- v. De La Salle (home). Won. De La Salle 19 (Bailey 3 for 6); School 21 for 4 (Brown 10).
- v. Mexborough (away). Won. School 129 for 2 dec. (Wilks 45 not out, Bailey 54 not out); Mexborough 84 (Clegg 6 for 41).
- v. Hemsworth (home). Won. Hemsworth 53 (Bailey 3 for 7) School 54 for 3 (Wilks 26, Bailey 19 not out).
- v. Mexborough (home). Won. School 102 for 3 dec. (Wilks 29, Bailey 43 not out); Mexborough 51 (Bailey 5 for 16).
- v. Old Boys (home). Lost. Old Boys 166 for 8 dec. (Wilks 6 for 42); School 76 (Wilks 26, Sykes 11).

Order in averages :

<i>Batting :</i>	Inn-ings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in 1 innings.	Average.
Bailey	7	3	165	51*	41.2
Wilks	7	2	199	54*	39.8
Pownall	5	—	104	42	20.4
Clegg	7	1	86	57*	14.3
Petts	6	4	26	15*	13.0

<i>Bowling :</i>	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Clegg	138	24	5.75
Morton	64	11	5.8
Wilks	113	19	5.9
Bailey	103	17	6.05

* Not out.

I. GAWTHROPE (Upp.VI.Sc.)

SWIMMING GALA.

On the 20th June, 1948, the first swimming gala of the School's history was held at Wath Baths. It was due to start at 7 o'clock, but at 7.5 pupils, parents, and friends of the School were still waiting outside in the rain. However, thanks to the

gallant efforts of several senior boys (who would no doubt modestly turn crimson were I to disclose their names) the "platforms" were soon erected and filled with the eager expectancy of spectators waiting for something new to begin.

The experiment was a huge success and the evening was enjoyed by all.

The "goodnight" races and the demonstration of life-saving, both correct and incorrect (complete with comb and evening paper!) were especially popular. Sparta was first with a well-deserved lead of about 20 points.

Let us hope that these watery sports like the Inter-School and Field sports, will in future be successful as an annual event.

D. HAYWOOD (Upp. VI).

SPORTS DAY.

The Sports were held this year on May 6th, and we were again favoured by the weather.

Some new schemes were tried out, including a new system of scoring in Field events, by which the performances of all the competitors in each House were taken into account. In addition, there were new events for the girls, and another great improvement was effected by the use of loud-speakers.

Sparta again won the Sports Cup, their nearest challengers being Rome.

The following records were broken :

Girls :

Group I.—100 Yards	..	A. Watson (13 secs.).
High Jump	..	A. Watson (4ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.).

Boys :

Group II.—Relay	..	Rome (1 min. 3 secs.).
Group III.—Relay	..	Troy (1 min. 25-4/5 secs.).
Shot	..	Waters (34ft. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.).
Group IV.—Shot	..	Brown (33ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.).
Discus	..	Brown (101 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.).
Relay	..	Sparta (1 min. 56 secs.).
100 Yards	..	Griffiths (10-1/5 secs.).

D. H. WADE (Upp. VI. Sc.).

GUIDE NOTES.

This year has been very successful as regards work, thirteen Guides having passed their second class test. Badges to be taken by these Guides before Christmas are : Athlete, Gymnast, Cook, Child-nurse, Hostess, Needle-woman and one Cobbler.

Meetings are well attended and there is a good number of enthusiastic recruits.

Last term we were very sorry to lose our two Company Leaders, Enid Thompson and Lilian Foster (who has now become a Lone Guide). They have served us well in the past and have done much to raise the prestige of the Company.

There was again an Annual Camp, this year held at Brodsworth, which was attended by seven Guides from the School Company.

A Field Day was held in the School Grounds, the Sports being the predominant feature of an enjoyable day, which was ended by tea and a sing-song round the camp fire.

We give a hearty welcome to all newcomers and hope that they will carry on the good work already being done.

PATRICIA G. WROE (V.A.).

DOREEN WOOD (V.A.).

SCOUT NOTES.

Once again the annual Scout Camp was held as a harvest camp at Stow Park in Lincolnshire. The work consisted of mustard cutting (with numerous minor casualties) for the seniors and pea turning for the juniors.

For the first time for many years we did our own cooking: this brought us bigger and better meals much appreciated by all, even though it meant rising at 5 a.m. for the cooks and orderlies.

Each night sing-songs were held and proved very amusing, under the leadership of Messrs. Wolsey and Walker.

The "Initiation Ceremony" held under the guidance of Wolsey as high priest, contained many "old" initiates (notably Barrett, Nayler and Hazzard) and proved a great success under the limited conditions. During the term the usual standard of work has been maintained. The "Cookery" class started last term still functions in the able hands of Miss Rudolf, whom we would like to thank very much for devoting so much of her time to the Scouts. We would also like to thank Mr. Gill and Mr. Sanderson for giving valuable assistance each Friday night.

Finally we would like to thank Mrs. Shaw and her staff for providing a "Canteen" each Friday.

I. GAWTHROPE (Upp. VI. Sc.).

A.T.C. NOTES.

This year, the A.T.C. has maintained its successful progress, although we experienced regret when our numbers were curtailed in July by the inevitable departure from School of some of our members. However, we have a nucleus of old cadets left and this is augmented by a group of enthusiastic new recruits.

The new members are busy studying for the first class examination, success in which qualifies them for flights in service aircraft. The others are preparing for the proficiency examination, Cadets Hardy, Crowe and Readman having taken it already.

Some of our Cadets were chosen to represent the South Yorkshire Wing in the Group Swimming Gala at Scunthorpe, and the Group Athletic Sports at Sheffield, and they acquitted themselves well without, however, gaining any distinctions.

Cadets Hardy and Smith attended a gliding course at Doncaster, during the summer.

The latter part of the summer term we had the use of the range at the Drill Hall for shooting practice. Our standard seems to have improved from last year, for all of us can now hit the target. We have further been fortunate in the acquisition of a new magazine rifle.

We have made several visits this year to R.A.F. stations, Lindholme and Finningley, where much valuable training has been given and flying enjoyed whenever possible.

Since the opening of the Reserve Centre, at Doncaster, we have been able to fly in Tiger Moth aircraft from there.

The main event of the year was the camp at Dishforth R.A.F. Station held during the summer holidays. The organization of the camp was most efficient and our time was fully occupied with lectures, flying, gliding, games and shooting competitions, together with outings to Ripon and Knaresborough.

In conclusion, we would like to thank F/O Pratt and Miss Henderson for the valuable time which they have so freely given for our benefit.

R. BARKER (Upp. VI. Sc.).

Vith FORM DISCUSSION GROUP.

Chairman: Nancy Ritchie (U.VI.L.).

Secretaries: Hankins (U.VI.L.); Judith Kilner (U.VI.L.).

Treasurer: Barker (U.VI.Sc.).

The subjects chosen by the Group since last Spring have covered a very wide range, and the discussions unfailingly show much interest and deep thought on the part of the members.

We have been fortunate in receiving visits from several outside speakers. In April, Burley, of Mexborough Grammar School, read a Paper on "Functionalism," which aroused considerable interest and led to a further discussion in the following week on "Beauty as the Ultimate Aim of Art"—strangely enough, the Literary Sixth were conspicuous by their absence at this meeting. In May, we were visited by Mr. Barry, and later by

Miss Dearden and Dr. Vine, who imparted much knowledge on the subject of "Nigeria." In September, the Discussion Group joined with the Scientific and Literary Society for the first time, to hear Miss Williams, of Sheffield University, who held our attention by her talk on "Heredity and Environment."

Foreign affairs and current events have not been neglected. "The Present Situation in Malaya," "American Influence on Europe," "Communism," "Czechoslovakia," and "American Foreign Policy" have all come before the group which has also held a somewhat heated discussion on "The National Health Act."

One meeting at which both branches of the Sixth Form were given full opportunity to air their views, had as its topic "Arts and Sciences in Education."

As a whole the Sixth Forms, both Science and Arts, Upper and Lower, show enthusiasm and keen thought. We hope this will continue at future meetings.

HANKINS (Upp. VI. Lit.).

SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

Chairman : P. Mynett.

Secretary and Treasurer : R. Cox.

The new session began on the 23rd September, when we combined with the Discussion Group to hear Miss E. Williams, who was speaking on "Heredity and Environment." The speaker was not exactly overwhelmed with questions, but perhaps this can be excused because we knew so little about the subject.

The next meeting took the form of an informal discussion on our own personal experiences, and, oddly enough, nearly everyone had something to say. A week later Barker and Jones told us of the very interesting time they had had while on a "barometrical expedition" to Malham Tarn.

Other papers given have been "The Life and Works of Charles Dickens" (Athay, G.); "Replanning our Cities" (Cox, R. M.); "A History of Lighting" (Evans, A.); and "American Education," (Berry, K.).

Attendances have been most encouraging (probably because of the tea) and we hope they will be even more so in the future.

R. M. COX (L.VI.Lit.).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

"Tobias and the Angel."

The Easter term production of James Bridie's play, though in striking contrast to the earlier production of "Macbeth," was an unqualified success. Based on the Book of Tobit in the

Apocrypha, this play gave scope for elaborate scenery and lighting effects and its subtle humour was fully exploited much to the delight of very appreciative audiences.

The scene which was most enjoyed by the effects man was the pantomime wherein Raphael pursued the devil Asmodey (D. A. Lightley) across the stage amid crashing thunder, a howling wind, and vivid lightning flashes.

All members of the cast are to be congratulated on maintaining the usual high standard of acting. There are too many to name them all, but the principals deserve especial praise. A. Dobey excelled as Tobias; P. G. Birkhead was a serious and imposing Raphael, and Betty Waddington proved an attractive Sara. Full acting honours go also to "Skippy" who played dog Toby. Although unused to acting, she took to the stage as a duck takes to water, and seemed to enjoy herself amongst the grease-paint and scenery.

Thanks are due to Mr. Michael and other members of the staff who helped in any way to make the production the success it undoubtedly was.

EVELYN PEPPER (Upp. VI. Lit.).

ART CLUB.

This year, as in previous years, the Art Club flourishes. As usual there are many more boys than girls, though the number of girls has increased. A great part of our members come from the second, third and fourth forms.

Work in lino has been almost stopped because the stock of lino has been exhausted. The number of illustrations in this magazine depends on whether or not any more lino is sent before the magazine goes to press.

Some members do work in various media: oils and pastels being rather popular. It might here be noted that in 1944 oil-painting was an innovation. Now it has become quite popular among the older members.

To balance a lack of money some younger members have been renovating Christmas Cards.

With the taking of school photographs, many members have framed them as "lasting memories" of school days.

Work in lactoid and plaster seems to have fallen into the background.

On Saturday mornings we are often visited by old members and we hope to see more of them in the future.

All Art Club members wish to thank Mr. Leadley for his valuable help and sincerely hope he will continue his good work.

K. BERRY (L.VI.Lit.).

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES.

Music Diary.

- Oct. 1.—Halle Orchestra in Sheffield. Solo pianist Franz Osborn.
 Nov. 10—Ballet in Goldthorpe. Arts Council.
 Nov. 18—Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra in Rotherham.
 Solo violinist—Alan Loveday.
 Nov. 22—Gramophone Recital of "Messiah"; records given by
 Mr. Cooper.
 Dec. 9—"Messiah," Rawmarsh Choral Society. Soloists:
 Isobel Baillie, Stella Talbot, James Johnston, Harold
 Williams.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA NOTES.

The School Orchestra continued as usual this term with regular practices. Miss Knowles and Miss Allen both gave of their valuable time to school and to Junior Orchestras. Practices are held in the dinner hours: Tuesday for the juniors, and Wednesday and Thursday for the seniors.

A new feature this term was the admittance of an audience, though whether their eagerness was caused by love of music or a desire to stay inside, out of the cold, is a debatable point.

The music played, some of which may be heard at the Christmas Concert, was of a varied nature; several parts of the "Messiah" (with male voice choir) were tried, together with the "Serenade" from "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," the Slow Movement from Beethoven's First Symphony, Haydn's Clock Symphony, a sonata by Purcell, and Handel's "Water Music."

A visit to Sheffield to hear the Halle Orchestra under the baton of Basil Cameron was a great inspiration, as was the visit to Rotherham, where the newly formed Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra gave a splendid concert.

P. M. LONGDEN (L.VI.Sc.).

CHOIR.

In spite of losing many members this year, the choir has remained unimpaired. The School has shown the usual enthusiasm and willingness, and what has been lost in quality has been made up in quantity. The many stalwarts who recently left us have (we hope) already joined College and University choirs.

At Speech Day the choir sang four songs:—

- (i) "It was a lover and his lass" (*Eric Coates*).
- (ii) "Fall on me like a silent dew" (*S. Coleridge Taylor*).
 "Beauty and Truth" from "Othello" music.
 (*S. Coleridge Taylor*).
- (iii) "Shepherd's Dance" from "Henry VIII."
 (*Edward German*).

The Choir is now preparing for the Christmas Concert. By sheer force of argument and resonance of voice, the boys have insinuated themselves into our ranks. On Friday evenings, strains of the "Messiah" (drowning the discords of the Scouts), carols sung in French, Latin and Spanish (with a variety of accents) can be heard, although the quality of the accent is not so good as that of the music.

Some Sixth-form boys, with musical intent, surround the piano at morning assembly, and provide us with a background of harmony hitherto unknown in School. This is much appreciated and we hope it will become a permanent feature in the School life.

Finally all members of the choir would like to thank Miss Knowles for her unflinching help throughout the year.

MARGARET WROE (Up.VI.Gen.).

A VISIT TO THE HALLE.

Organised by Miss Knowles, a party, 45 strong, attended the first concert of the season, given by the Halle Orchestra in the City Hall, Sheffield.

The Orchestra should have been under the baton of the celebrated conductor, John Barbirolli, but owing to a motoring accident his medical advisers informed him that he would be unable to conduct. However, our disappointment was replaced by pleasure when we heard that Basil Cameron, after his exhausting London Promenade Season, had cancelled his holiday, and was to come and deputise for Mr. Barbirolli.

Most of us secured seats on the platform in the vicinity of the lady drummer and cymbal player!! Preceded by "God Save the King," there followed a delightful programme of Beethoven's music. This included:

Overture to "Leonora No. 3" Op. 72a.

Overture to "Egmont" Op. 48.

A Pianoforte Concerto in Eb, No. 5, Op. 73, the solo pianist being Franz Osborn.

The last item was the "Symphony in A No. 7" Op. 92 (which Beethoven although almost completely deaf, conducted himself when it was first performed in Vienna on 8th December, 1813). It was a marvellous finale to an entertainment full of inspiration and enjoyment and we hope to hear the solo pianist Eileen Joyce with the Orchestra next term.

JOSE DAVIS (III.A, Sparta).

A VISIT TO THE BALLET.

In November a party of pupils and staff, for the first time in the history of the School, paid a visit to the Ballet. The Company we saw was the St. James' Ballet Company, members of the Arts Council of Great Britain, and they presented their repertoire at the Welfare Hall, Goldthorpe.

We were not treated to excerpts from any of the classical ballets such as "Swan Lake" and "Coppelia," but saw several complete ballets, specially choreographed for smaller stages. They were danced to music by Couperin, Brahms, Bartok, Dvorak and Offenbach.

Several of the members are connected with the films and Joan Harris and Alan Carter, ballet mistress and director of this company, both performed solo dances in "The Red Shoes," so we really felt that we had seen some of the very best of ballet dancers.

I hope that if a future opportunity arises, more of our people will be able to take advantage of it.

D. HAYWOOD (Upp.VI.Gen.).

SPEECH DAY, 1948.

This year Speech Day was held during the afternoon of the 15th July. The School assembled at 2.30 p.m., and, after the entrance of the platform visitors, the singing of the National Anthem, and music by the Orchestra, the opening remarks were made by Mrs. M. Fletcher, Chairman of the Governors.

The Headmaster's Report on the life of the School throughout the past year followed, and mention was made of our 25th Anniversary. Mr. Ritchie gave a short summary of these 25 years, referring especially to the School's fine tradition and appealing to the present pupils to carry on the good work.

The presentation of Certificates was preceded by four songs given by the Choir: "It was a Lover and his Lass," by Eric Coates; "Fall on me like a Silent Dew," and "Beauty and Truth," by S. Coleridge Taylor, and "Shepherd's Dance," by Edward German. Mrs. W. M. Lapper then presented the twenty-six Higher School Certificates, eleven Higher School Certificate Letters of Success, and seventy School Certificates to the successful candidates. The other outstanding achievements of the School during the past year were given, namely:—State Scholarships: D. P. Addy, H. T. W. Martin, Sheila Robson; County Major Scholarships: R. Green, H. T. W. Martin, S. Robson, A. Sykes; Miners Welfare Scholarships: Lydia M. Harwood, D. A. Lightley; County Exhibition: D. Gibbon; Kitchener Memorial Scholarship: D. A. Lightley. Preliminary State Examination of the General Nursing Council: Brenda Clarke.

The Deeks' Memorial Prize for English Literature was won by Sheila Robson, while Sparta once again succeeded in gaining the Staff Cup for Athletic Sports ; Troy won the Deeks' Trophy for the first time.

The address by our principal guest this year, Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Lapper, O.B.E., Chairman of the Yorkshire Electricity Board, followed. Consequently we learnt much about the generating of electricity, and Colonel Lapper also suggested that there were plenty of vacancies in the industry for boys and girls of school leaving age.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor C. Williams, and seconded by Councillor W. Cutts.

The day's proceedings did not end, as usual, with the singing of the School Song. Colonel Lapper considered that pupils and visitors would be interested in seeing for themselves how electricity is put to work, and a small exhibition was arranged in the Gymnasium, while a Film Show was given in the Biology Laboratory.

We are indebted to Colonel Lapper for this glimpse of the good things which, we hope, the future holds for all of us.

PATRICIA MYNETT (Upp.VI.Lit).

DEEKS' TROPHY COMPETITION.

(It is regretted that owing to lack of space it has not been possible to print all the contributions approved by the Committee).

JUNIOR SECTION.

My Ambition. *(Prize winning entry).*

My greatest ambition I think of all,

Is to pirouette about a hall,

In silver toe shoes tied up with white,

And thrill an audience every night.

A ballerina my choice would be,

Up on my toes for all to see,

Around and around I would swirl and sway,

With feet so light and heart so gay.

Red, green and gold would shine the lights,

Showing them all my perfect tights,

The sequins on my dress would glow,

As I took the encore for every show.

Alas 'tis only a dream I fear,

As back to earth come I with a tear.

Farewell shoes of silver and lights red and green,

For a poem I must write for the School Magazine.

ANNE C. LIDSTER (I Alpha, Sparta).

Winter.

The leaves have all fallen, the branches are bare,
 The squirrels have stacked in their winter fare,
 The sun that shone warmly o'er fields of grain,
 Has now disappeared and here comes the rain.

The songs of the birds are fading away,
 The flowers are going until a Spring day,
 Grey clouds are forming where once was blue sky,
 And these things all tell us that winter is nigh.

Small flakes of snow are beginning to fall,
 The ponds are all frozen, there's frost over all,
 But warmly wrapped up for a winter day,
 There'll be plenty of fun when we go out to play.

FREDA MOORE, (II Alpha, Troy).

Homework.

I've books piled all around me,
 Books of English, French and History ;
 I've tried to do Geography,
 But still it's quite a mystery.
 What the monsoons do in Summer,
 And why the raindrops fall,
 Twice as much in England,
 As in China or Nepal.

Now Caesar is in Britain,
 And Napoleon's gone to Spain ;
 And Hastings is in India—
 Will they e'er come back again ?
 I shan't mind if they stay there
 All their lives until they die ;
 But I wish they'd not make History—
 And they needn't, if they'd try !

VIOLET CRAWFORD (II. Beta, Rome).

School Days.

Older people often say,
 School days are the best ;
 But being so young I do not know,
 I think they do but jest.

It's quite alright for them to talk,
 School days for them are o'er ;
 The only thing that worries me
 I've more and more and more !

MARY SWIFT (I Beta, Sparta).

The Radio Times.

This evening now the homework's done,
 Comes the time for games and fun,
 We can either read or sew,
 Or listen to the radio.

Let's switch on ; what's this number ?
 Someone playing an American rumba !
 Let's turn the knob and try to find,
 Music of a different kind.

"Much Binding" should be on to-night,
 But I see it's put off for the Woodcock fight ;
 Here's a choir singing sweet and low,
 Or shall we have Wilf in "Have a Go" ?

Here's a prom from the Albert Hall,
 Here comes Sir Malcolm, gaunt and tall,
 It's Beethoven night now have a guess—
 A concerto played by Myra Hess.

Weather forecast, wind and rain,
 Must remember my mac again,
 I'll just listen to this and then
 Switch off when I've heard Big Ben.

IRENE BIBBING (II.A, Carthage).

MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION.**The Countryside.**

The river and its winding way,
 The trees that stoop and bow and sway,
 The cottage with a cobbled path,
 The garden with a small bird bath ;
 The hills, the heather and the birds,
 The tall and stately, pointing firs,
 The birch, the ash and old oak tree,
 Yes, that's the countryside for me.

HAZEL ROYLE (IV.Beta, Rome).

(Prize winning entry).

School Photographs.

The Photographer's here ; to the door we flock ;
 "Alas," someone cried, "there's a hole in my sock" ;
 "What does it matter you fool, who'll know ?
 It's only our faces we're expected to show."

There's a giggling and tittering, and rolling of eyes,
 A combing of hair and a straightening of ties,
 A shy little mouse, with a nervous attack,
 Said, "I'll try to get a place at the back."

At last we are settled, all are in place,
 (What a doleful expression on that person's face !)
 A wit from the back calls, "Now all say 'cheese,'"
 And as the grin spreads, "Keep quite still please."
 With sighs of relief we all rise to go,
 Back to the Latin we're expected to know (?)
 With much speculation and impatient to see,
 What we will all turn out to be.

MARGARET JACOB (IV.A., Carthage).

Weathers.

This is the weather the farmer likes,
 And so do I ;
 For the hay is cut and put into pikes,
 When the grass is dry,
 And the horses wearily plod to rest,
 As the sun glows red and sinks in the west,
 And the eerie dusk creeps o'er the crest,
 As the birds seek shelter in cosy nest,
 And so do I.

This is the weather the farmer shuns,
 And so do I ;

When snow flakes fall on hill and vale,
 "And milk comes frozen home in pail,"
 Under the leaden sky.

When the easterly gale doth blow and blow,
 And fingers and toes are all aglow,
 As the children rush homeward through the snow,
 And so do I.

ANNE DOWNING (S.IV., Athens).

Thoughts of England.

Across the wide wide ocean,
 Our hearts will never fail ;
 To think of Good old England,
 From the hill top to the dale ;
 From Land's End up to Berwick,
 The Mersey to Spurn Head,
 Our thoughts shall ever lead,
 And all our prayers be said.

M. BARNES (IV. Beta, Troy).

SENIOR SCHOOL SECTION.

The Good News.

On Sunday night, at supper time,
 We heard, to our delight,
 Our future Queen had borne a child,
 At nine-fourteen that night.

The people cheered, the people sang,
 Our hearts were filled with joy,
 To think our dear Elizabeth
 Had borne a baby boy.

On Monday morning, in the hall,
 We hoped the Head would say :
 "Because this thing has come to pass,
 All take a holiday."

The hymn was sung, the prayers were said,
 We raised our heads in doubt,
 The Head looked round, and, with a smile,
 Then said, "Back row, lead out."

MONICA BELL (V.Beta, Troy).
(Prize winning entry).

My Fears.

When I have fears that I may never see
 The hearth, the china, and the shining grate,
 Which make my home the place most dear to me,
 I weep to think that we must part by fate ;
 When I have fears that I may never see,
 The faces of good friends, both old and new,
 I sigh, and sometimes shed a silent tear,
 As does the morning, when denied the dew ;
 And when I think that I may never hear,
 The chirping of a bird in some tall tree,
 The sound of music, thrilling, soft yet clear,
 That strikes a chord within the heart of me,
 Then comes the calm, a sweet tranquillity,
 Cast out the fear ! Behold—the memory !

PATRICIA MYNETT (Upp.VI.Lit., Troy).

Impressions of a First Former.

Poor little urchin, grubby-handed mouse—
 Small in stature, weak of voice,
 Mighty proud of House—
 Gazing skywards, mouth agape,
 Freckled forehead ; no escape
 From frightful stare of prefect, teacher—
 Ruffled hair, trailing shoe-lace,
 Cap askew ; little moon-face !
 Soon ye'll be a bigger lad
 And use such words as rotter ! cad !
 A spiv-tie, too, shall be your choice,
 And you will have a sixth-form voice.

W. O. THOMAS (Lower VI. Gen. Carthage).

Ode On A Pair Of Hockey Boots.

(With apologies to Keats).

Thou old and battered pair of hockey boots,
 Now down at heel and worn away by time,
 Companions of my youth, canst thou not produce
 Some happy mem'ries from thy mud and grime?
 What mud-caked tales canst thou recount to all
 Of feats at Wath or battlefields abroad—
 On Sandygate or on a foreign field,
 What shooting! what passes! what struggles for the ball!
 As fighting warriors their weapons yield.

PEGGY SCOTT (Lower VI.Lit.)

CHRISTMAS EVE.

It is the hour of midnight Mass. The last note of the bronze bell is echoing and trembling through the tall arches. All around me are crowds of kneeling figures. A solemn hush falls upon the people as the first notes of music roll through the vast building. There is a stir. The long procession of white-robed chorists and priests passes up the nave to the High Altar. Acolytes swing the silver censers, filling the air with grey-blue clouds of incense. The Archbishop enters last in all the splendour of a prime of the Church. The people sink to their knees.

The first prayers are intoned. The choir takes up the slow Gregorian chant, like the breaking of waves upon a wind-swept shore. The soft voices of the boys are joined by those of the tenors and the deep basses. As the full power of the men's voices fills the mighty church, the music rises to a thundering crescendo. Then, suddenly, it breaks, snapped like a twig. In the echoing silence of the nave a voice, like a bird, soars heavenwards. The music thunders forth again—"Christians Awake!"

The procession reforms. All eyes turn towards one spot. Here under the vault of the great tower, is a small erection, thatched with straw, with small figures standing in it—rather like a stable. Through the blue haze of incense the Archbishop is seen kneeling on the cold stone floor before the small figure of a child.

A bright light dazzles my eyes. There is a small child, arms outstretched, people of all colours and creeds kneel before him. Can it be —? The vision (I can call it nothing else) disappeared. I was out in the cold dark square. People were hurrying past me, eager for their beds. I pondered: "Was it a vision or a waking dream?"

ROBERT M. COX (L.VI.Lit., Rome).

OLD WATHONIANS.

We were very fortunate in having the Rev. A. T. L. Grear present at two of our functions this year. The first occasion was the Rugby Club Dance in February, and the second was the Annual Re-Union which was held in April. The Re-Union was not quite so well attended as last year, but those present made the most of this opportunity of meeting old friends again, and during supper a vote was taken to elect a new committee.

Our congratulations are extended to:—

Ralph Smith, Donald D. Higgs, J. H. Bishop, Stanley G. Atkinson on their examination successes.

Harold Metcalf, Derrick Miller, and Irene Elizabeth Hough on obtaining their degrees.

Frederick Wm. Buckley on his new appointment as headmaster of Sandown Mixed School; and

Lilian Redgate, who has been appointed Youth Programme Assistant in the Schools Broadcasting Department of the B.B.C.

MARRIAGES.

E. J. Irish to Hilda Booth (W.G.S.).

Albert E. Potts (W.G.S.) to Margaret Blundell.

Alvaro Salazar to Betty Umpleby (W.G.S.).

Philip D. Garner (W.G.S.) to Grace Hawley.

John Bynoe to Elisabeth J. Steer (W.G.S.).

Jack V. Dickinson (W.G.S.) to Joan Gibson (W.G.S.).

Geoffrey G. Eldridge (W.G.S.) to Esme McLean Small.

Albert F. Green (W.G.S.) to Elsie E. Wroe.

Owen B. Willis (W.G.S.) to Doris M. Ainsworth.

John F. Ellis to Kathleen P. Disley (W.G.S.).

Gordon Parkinson Eyre (W.G.S.) to Jeanne M. Woods.

Fred Patrick (W.G.S.) to Marjory Cheshire.

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Steer—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ward (Nancy Wetherall)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crossland (Margaret Dickinson)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hargreaves—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown (Kathleen Cartledge)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Miller—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Miller—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Higgs (Renee Farlow)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lloyd (Marion Redgate)—a daughter.

OLD WATHONIANS R.U.F.C.

President : The Headmaster. *Vice-President* : Rev. A. T. L. Grear. *Chairman of Committee* : E. J. L. Grear. *Hon. Secretary* : P. F. Thompson. *Fixture Secretary* : 1948-49, J. Simpson ; 1949-50, P. Ardron. *Hon. Treasurer* : R. Barnes. *Captain* : J. Simpson. *Vice-Captain* : W. Dean. *Committee* : F. Patrick, J. Bishop, A. Robinson.

This season the Club has been playing on the recreation ground at Bolton, which, together with the use of the changing rooms, has been generously loaned by the Dearn Athletic Committee.

The Old Wathonians have fielded a fairly strong team during the first half of this season, and some very keen games have been played. The Club was unfortunately eliminated from the Yorkshire Cup in the first round game against Pontefract, losing by one point after a hard and enjoyable game in which neither side could be forecast as winner.

Barnes, in spite of his accident last season, has been playing with more than his former dash, and Patrick, though he has not yet recovered, has been a keen supporter on the touch line. J. Simpson damaged his arm early in the season, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The "A" team, which started well at the beginning of the season, has suffered from a shortage of both fixtures and players. The turn-out against the School was particularly disappointing.

As the New Year is always a difficult time for the Selection Committee, any Old Boy who wants a game should get in touch with the Captain, Hon. Secretary, or any member of the Committee.

P. F. THOMPSON (*Hon. Secretary*).

SHEFFIELD LETTER.

Sheffield University,
December, 1948.

Dear Sir,

There are enough of us at Sheffield this term to form a Sheffield Old Wathonians Society, and for this reason it is not possible for your correspondent to chronicle the doings of every individual. Moreover, with the exception of the Chemists who frequent the same laboratory or lecture room and form the potential nucleus of such a society, we Wathonians rarely meet.

Of our older members, Langford will soon be a civil engineer, Hunt is working for his Teacher's Diploma, and J. P. Wilks has joined us from the Army. This term our numbers have been

increased by half a dozen new recruits direct from School, whose names will be known to most of your readers.

None of our sportsmen has yet been seen this season on the playing fields at Norton, but Holling has represented the Varsity as Captain of the Athletics 2nd team, and Lightley is making a stir as the "splashing" forward of the Water Polo VII.

However, we look forward with confidence to a not too far distant future when the Sheffield Old Wathonians will, by their athletic prowess, add to the lustre of the School on the Hill.

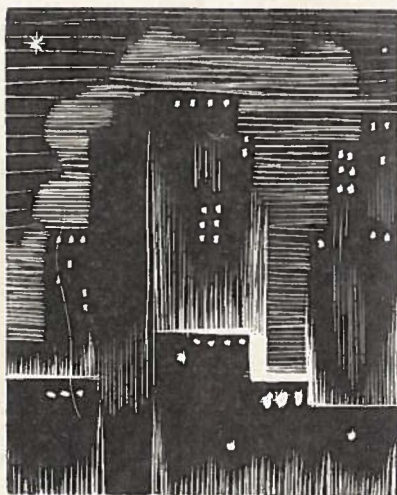
Yours sincerely,

SHEFFIELD OLD WATHONIAN.

WAR MEMORIAL.

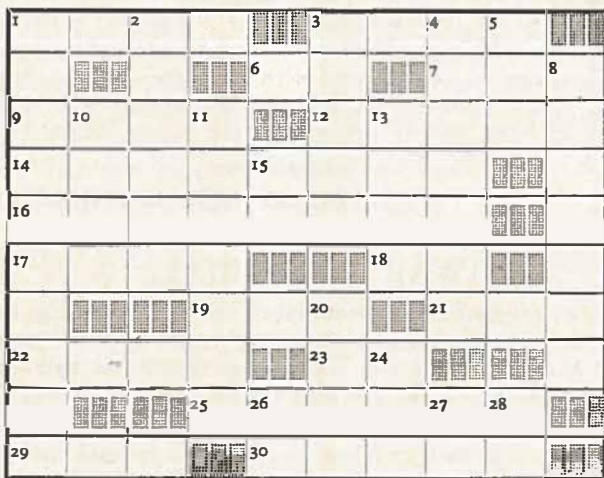
The designs for the memorial to the Old Wathonians who fell in the 1939-1945 War have been approved by the Governors of the School, and the Old Wathonians Committee will shortly be issuing an appeal for contributions to which all Wathonians, both past and present, will desire to respond.

Those who wish to do so in advance may send their contributions to the Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, Walter Young.



D. H. WADE (Upp. VI. Sc.).

CROSSWORD.



CLUES ACROSS.

- 1 & 30 Found in a railway restaurant car? (4-5).
 3 Average (4).
 6 Government department (2).
 9 & 7 Anagram (1-3-3).
 12 Would you meet him howling at Perth? (5).
 14 Strange to relate (8).
 15 Still I use (anag.) (8).
 17 Money surrounds indefinite articles (4).
 18 French Ministry of Works (2).
 19 The rascal on the coin (3).
 21 Oriental currency (3).
 22 Palindrome (4).
 23 Void of five pence! (2).
 25 Gen. about age? (6).
 29 This should have been 29! (3).

CLUES DOWN.

- 1 Indigestion (10).
 2 The man behind the curtain (6).
 3 Producer of part of 24 (5).
 4 Pardon (7).
 5 Is this an 11? (3).
 8 Ideas (7).
 10 Under this everyone has a turn (4).
 11 Quadruped (7).
 13 Is it eminent in the agenda? (4).
 15 School subject (abb.) (2).
 20 Head (4).
 24 Dai gets mixed up with a girl here (3).
 26 Musical work (abb.) (2).
 27 French conjunction (2).
 28 Compass point (2).

JOHN BUCK & BRIAN WINDLE (Upp.VI.Lit., Carthage).

