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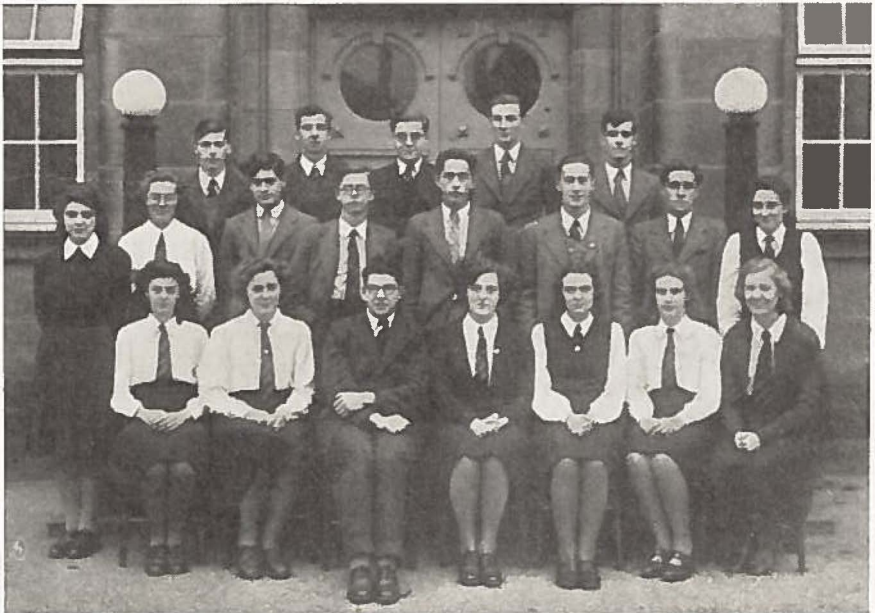
School Prefects, 1947—48.

Boys.

J. R. Evans
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D. Gibbons
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D. A. Lightley
P. Naylor
J. Ogley
A. Sykes
B. Wilks
T. F. Woods

Girls.

Pat. Kilner
Nellie Crooks
Lilian Foster
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Judy Kilner
Nancy Ritchie
Enid Thompson
Alice Wood
Catherine Wright
Lorna Wright



THE PREFECTS, 1947-48.

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School Notes, 1947—1948.

The Spring Term of 1947 was eventful in many ways, despite climatic interference. The kitchen staff was faced with considerable difficulties caused by the fuel cuts, but they struggled on and certainly deserved the thanks of everyone for their hard work.

During the evening of Friday, 7th March, the second Senior School Dance was held and proved a great success.

The more musical amongst us were given an opportunity to exercise our vocal chords in the Inter-House Choir Competition, for the Deeks' Memorial Trophy. This was held on Thursday, 20th March, and the trophy was triumphantly carried off by Carthage.

The outstanding event of the term was unquestionably the School production of "Macbeth." As there is an article on this elsewhere in this issue, it is unnecessary to say more about it here, except, perhaps to add that one member of the staff will long retain memories of one small boy who visited her and, when asked what part he was taking, replied, in angelic tones: "Please, Miss, I'm an apparition!!"

At the end of the Spring Term, we said "good-bye" to Miss Huss, whom we wished every happiness in her married life, and to Miss Gilmour, who left after ten years at Wath. Their places were taken by Miss Townsend and Miss Harding. The former left in July and the latter is still with us.

The first few weeks of the Summer Term were occupied by practices for the Sports which were held on Thursday, 8th May, in good weather. There was also swimming for some lucky forms, whilst the girls enjoyed tennis on the newly-repaired courts, although no outside matches were arranged.

At the end of June and the beginning of July came the usual examinations—no further comment is needed, except to say that a list of Higher School Certificate and Scholarship winners is included in this magazine.

At the end of term, we once again welcomed foreign visitors to the School, this year from Denmark, and various visits to local places of interest were arranged for our guests, and their Wathonian hosts. Unfortunately, the visit which was to have been made to Holland by some of our pupils, had to be curtailed, but one or two fortunate people managed to visit their correspondents in France, and certainly had a good time.

The new School year began on Tuesday, September 9th, when we extended a welcome to Mr. Gill, Mr. Walker (who left in December), Miss Nicklin, Mademoiselle Guillaume and Miss Allen.

Dramatic activities again played an important part in the term's events. The Inter-House Drama Competition for the Deeks' Trophy took place on Tuesday, 18th November and Rome easily secured a well-deserved trophy.

Then at the end of term, came the usual orgy of frolic and feasting at the House Parties, and the School Concert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw it on 16th or 17th December. On Friday, 18th December, doors banged and corridors echoed with shouts of "Happy Christmas!"—we had come to the end of yet another term (and also to the issue of another "Wathonian").

Appreciation.

Since the last issue of our magazine we have said "Good-bye," with regret, to Mrs. Gardner. For many years she had served the School in the position of catering supervisor, and her quiet friendliness and eagerness to help, made her well-liked by all who came in contact with her. Mrs. Gardner's task, particularly when rationing was introduced, was far from easy, but she never let us down. Now that she has retired, we hope that she may enjoy good health and the quiet rest she well deserves.

University Scholarships.

- J. D. B. Rowe—Open Exhibition, University College, Oxford.
- D. P. Addy—Miners' Welfare Scholarship ; State Scholarship ; County Major Scholarship.
- H. T. W. Martin—State Scholarship ; County Major Scholarship.
- Sheila Robson—State Scholarship ; County Major Scholarship.
- R. Green—County Major Scholarship.
- A. Sykes—County Major Scholarship.

Higher School Certificates.

- U.VI.Sc Addy, D. P.—Scholarship Chemistry, Excellent.
Cook, Cyril.
Cutts, Paul A.—Distinction Biology.
Evans, John R.
Gibbons, Derek.
Green, Reginald.
Lightley, Dennis A.
Martin, Harold T. W.—Scholarship Chemistry, Excellent ; Scholarship Biology, Excellent.
Nayler, Peter.
Sykes, Alan.
Wilks, Brian.
Woodcock, David I.
Kilner, Patricia.
Kitchener, Margaret.
- U.VI.Lit. Harrison, James S.
Oldfield, Robert B.—Scholarship English, Excellent.
Oxley, Norman E.
Rowe, John D. B.—Scholarship Geography, Excellent.
Woods, Thomas F.
Clarke, Brenda.
Dale, Marie.
Froggatt, Julia.
Morrell, Doris.
Robson, Sheila—Distinction English.
Senior, Doreen B.
Short, Irene.

School Certificates.

V.A.

Barker, Roy
 Birkhead, Peter G.
 Brown, Eric
 Gawthorpe, Irving
 Hazzard, Anthony O.
 Myers, John E.
 Pearson, Eric
 Pownall, Ronald A.
 Readman, Gerald
 Rowlands, Brian L.
 Scales, Bertie O.
 Taylor, Maurice
 Waddington, George

Wigley, Raymond
 Bond, Margaret M.
 Carver, Edna
 Cooke, Joan B.
 Coster, Enid M.
 Drewery, Freda E.
 Hayes, Mona
 Hirst, Aline
 Lazenby, Gwen W.
 Maddrell, Brenda M.
 Mann, Alice
 Mynett, Patricia
 Page, June

V.B.

Binns, Charles P.
 Chapell, John J.
 Crosby, Tom
 Dewick, Frank
 Fisher, Ernest
 Grant, Thomas W. C.
 Hardy, Peter
 Mann, David
 Outram, Peter H.

Shaw, Donald, J. A.
 Thornton, Harry
 Upton, Eric
 Carr, Margaret
 Garfitt, Margaret J.
 Norwood, Margaret
 Pepper, Evelyn T.
 Waddington, Shirley
 Wroe, Margaret

V.Beta.

Cook, Laurence E.
 Farrell, Charles H.
 Jobson, Sydney R.
 Longbones, Lionel
 Petts, Edward
 Robson, Robert S.
 Staniforth, Walter G.
 Wadsley, James G.
 Allott, Molly

Armstead, Sheila D.
 Beech, Doris
 Egerton, Jean E.
 Hewitt, Margaret
 Lancaster, Freda M.
 Large, Eunice R.
 Potts, Betty
 Rawson, Betty
 Walton, Mary E.

Q.4.

Hankins, Derek J.
 Hewitt, William E.
 Howard, Wilmer
 Jones, Kenneth

Limb, Gerald
 Podmore, Raymond
 Cain, Mavis
 Shuttleworth, Cedra

House Notes.

ATHENS.



House Captains : Dorothy Haywood.
B. Wilks.

Games Captains :
Senior : Peggy Scott, Robson.
Junior : Mary West, Grainger.

Games Committee : Jean Egerton.
Brown.

Magazine Representative : Nellie Crooks, Waddington.

Athens extends a hearty welcome to all new members, and especially to Miss Harding, her new and active House Mistress.

Athens has been very unsuccessful in her House matches in spite of conscientious practising. We also failed to produce the best One Act Play for the Inter-House Competition for the Deeks' Trophy.

However, the term ended well with a happy House Party and the consoling knowledge that we had won the Work Cup. This is encouraging; keep it up Athens!

NELLIE CROOKS (Upp. VI. Lit.)

CARTHAGE.



House Captains : Wendy Harwood.
T. F. Woods.

Magazine Committee: E. M. Thompson.
E. Fisher.

Games Committee : J. Wright.
W. Staniforth.

Library : J. Buck.

In 1947 Carthaginians returned to School full of New Year resolutions (or so it seemed) for, in the Easter Term, our labours were rewarded by the Work Cup and our melodious voices soared to return with the Deeks' Trophy.

We were so demoralised by our success that good resolutions were scattered to the winds; our fingers slackened and the cups slipped from our grasp.

The House Party, too, lacked its usual vigour and was not the "roaring success" of previous years. Probably this was due either to the fact that ours was the first party and we had not then been infused with the Christmas spirit, or that we were suffering from the aftermath of term end tests.

Present Carthaginians wish happiness and success to all who have left us and welcome new members into our midst.

Finally, "buck up" Carthaginians and follow the School motto: "Meliora Spectare!"

ENID THOMPSON (U.VI.Sc.).



ROME.

House Captains : Alice Mann.
Adams.

Games Captains :

Senior : H. Stables, Griffiths.

Junior : B. Hillis, Curry.

Magazine Committee : Alice Wood.
|Scales.

In ancient days Rome led the world ! Is it asking too much of the Romans of this modern age to emulate their predecessors' feats both in work and play ?

For the third time, Rome is the proud possessor of the Deeks' Trophy ; but this is not sufficient ; let us add other trophies to our collection so that Rome may regain her lost glory. The Romans have performed gallantly on the sports field, and so a little extra effort, both in work and play, will regain for us our laurels.

During the term, Miss Killoch, who has served us so nobly in the past, relinquished her position as House Mistress, and we welcome Miss Disley as her successor.

The Roman Party was a great success, and we offer our thanks to parents who on these occasions forget the word "austerity" and provide us with an excellent feast.

Finally, we extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers, and hope that they will do their best to uphold the high traditions of our house.

ALICE WOOD (Upp.VI.Lit.).



SPARTA.

House Captains : P. Kilner.
Lightley.

Games Captains :

Senior : B. Waddington, Ogley.

Junior : E. Quigley, Anstess.

Magazine Committee : N. Ritchie.
Birkhead.

Well, Spartans, we hold the Sports Cup, by a very wide margin ; we held the Work Cup in the Autumn Term ; and in the Spring Term, the "Deeks' Trophy," thanks to the artistic Spartans.

That is three cups in three terms, not bad, but not good. Surely, Spartans, you can do better than this ! !

We can, however, feel proud of the two out of three State Scholarships won by Spartans.

Senior Games are strong, Sparta being well represented in all School teams. The Juniors are weak but enthusiastic.

Detentions are far too frequent in the Middle School. You may feel the Fox gnawing at your vitals, but keep calm, don't panic: keep on working (away from the detention room).

The House Party was a great success thanks to an all-round effort from parents and staff (not to forget the committee).

We had to be content in third place in the dramatic productions for the "Deeks' Trophy," but Rome receives our greatest admiration for their play.

It was pleasing to note the large number of Spartans who took part in the School Concert and all other School functions.

We will have that case in the hall completely covered in blue yet, so Spartans "*Nil Desperandum.*"

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

TROY.

House Captains : L. Wright, Ryman.

Games Captains :

Senior : M. Lisle, Barker.

Junior : S. Totty, Rowe.

Games Committee : J. White.

Hazzard.

Magazine Committee : B. Potts.

Potts.



A hearty welcome is extended to all newcomers to the House, especially Miss Allen, our new assistant Housemistress.

Last term we saw a great drop in the number of detentions gained, but our achievement, or lack of it, in the competition for the Parents' Cup would indicate that there is little effort in class, and that societies are not being supported.

On the games field the Senior boys are conspicuous (chiefly by their absence). The Juniors are extremely keen, but their efforts have not been rewarded with much success.

The House Party was, as usual, a success. Thanks are due to the parents, who provided the best part of the party. There was, in fact, so much food that outside volunteers had to be called in the day after, to eat it up.

Finally we wish good luck to all former Trojans and hope that those who have just joined us will help to support the House in all spheres of School activity.

J. POTTS (U.VI.Sc.)

Hockey Notes.

1947—48—1st XI.—G. Thompson (G.K.), P. Kilner (R.B.), M. Bond (L.B.), M. Leadley (R.H.), C. Clegg (C.H.), B. Rawson (L.H.), J. Wright (capt.) (R.W.), P. Hollingsworth (R.I.), W. Harwood (C.F.), M. Buncall (L.I.), B. Waddington (L.W.).

1947—48—2nd XI.—M. Allen (G.K.), J. Kenworthy (R.B.), J. Martin (L.B.), M. Wroe (R.H.), L. Wright (C.H.), J. Watson (L.H.), A. Mann (R.W.), D. Cox (R.I.), M. Glover (C.F.), M. Biggs (L.I.), J. White (L.W.).

Matches played to date:—

Rotherham, at home	..	1st XI.	Won	8—2
		2nd XI.	Won	7—0
Barnsley, away	..	1st XI.	Won	3—0
		2nd XI.	Won	3—1
Penistone, at home	..	1st XI.	Won	4—0
		2nd XI.	Won	7—0
Maltby away	..	1st XI.	Lost	5—1
		2nd XI.	Won	6—1

Both teams are hoping for greater achievements in the matches yet to be played, but it was with deep regret that we said good-bye to our gym mistress, Miss Maconochie, who

left us at the end of the Christmas Term. The teams, however, are eagerly looking forward to playing once again in the inter-school tournament.

J. WRIGHT (U.VI.Gen.).

1st Team Ruggier Notes.

Team chosen from :—Wilks (capt.), Nayler (vice-capt.), Lightley, Brown, Ogle, Clegg, Scales, Barrett, Ryman, Maiden, Evans, Fisher, Staniforth, Birkhead, Petts, Simms, Harrison.

The results of the matches so far are :

Rotherham A (a)—Won 53—3. Owing to weak opposition the School scored 13 tries ; 7 of which were converted by Wilks.

Hemsworth (a)—Lost 5—9. A hard, fast game. The pace told on the team in the closing minutes. The only try was scored by Wilks and converted by Petts.

Goole (h)—Won 15—8. A very hard game with well-matched sides. Tries were scored by Brown (2) and Wilks, and were converted by Petts.

Barnsley (h)—Won 56—0. This was a poor game in which the School was far superior. Of the 12 tries scored, 10 were converted by Wilks.

Thorne (a)—Won 13—3. Played under windy conditions ; nevertheless a good game. Tries were scored by Lightley, Ogle and Wilks. Two were converted by Wilks.

Sheffield University.—Draw 3—3. A hard game in which the forwards showed a fighting spirit against a far heavier opposition. Wilks scored from a penalty. Sheffield scored with an unconverted try.

Old Boys—Won 13—9. The School recorded their most noteworthy win of the season against strong opposition. Lightley scored 2 tries, both of which were converted by Wilks, who also kicked a penalty goal. The Old Boys scored 2 unconverted tries.

So far this season the School have scored 158 points and have had 35 points scored against them.

A. G. CLEGG *Hon Secretary*
(U.VI.Sc.).

Rounders Notes.

1st IX., 1947.—B. Waddington (bowler); J. Wright (capt.) (backstop), B. Morley (1st base), D. Beaumont (2nd base), M. Bond (3rd base), E. Carver (4th base), M. Lisle (1st deep), P. Hollingsworth (2nd deep), F. Merrill (3rd deep).

The above team played only four matches, of which 2 were won and 2 were lost. The second team also played four matches, winning 2 and losing 2. Unfortunately the Junior team played only one match which they lost to Barnsley.

Ecclesfield (away)	1st IX. Won	3—2
	2nd IX. Lost	2½—1½
Mexborough Tech. (home)	1st IX. Lost	4½—2
	2nd IX. Won	2½—1½
Mexborough Tech. (away) ..	1st IX. Won	8—3
	2nd IX. Won	3—2½

Both teams played this return match exceedingly well.

Barnsley (away)	1st IX. Lost	2—1
	2nd IX. Lost	6½—0
Junior Team	Lost	4—1½

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

J. WRIGHT (U.VI.Gen.).

Cricket Notes—1st XI.

The team was picked from the following:—Wilks (capt.), Bailey, Palmer, Clegg, Gawthrope, Pownall, Brown, Dunn, Petts, Simms, Teale, Sykes and Morton.

The final record read as follows:—

Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1.

Results:

- v. Woodlands (away) Won. Woodlands 34; School 36 for 6.
- v. Mexborough G.S. (away) Won. Mexborough 69; School 119 (Wilks 21, Clegg 20, Dunn 33).
- v. Maltby G.S. (away) Won. Maltby 105 (Wilks 5 for 14); School 125 (Wilks 33, Gawthrope 30, Bailey 28).
- v. Woodlands (home) Lost. Woodlands 71 (Clegg 6 for 18, Wilks 4 for 14); School 44.

- v. Mexborough G.S. (home) Won. Mexborough 72 ;
School 115 for 5 dec. (Clegg 54, Bailey 37).
- v. Thorne (home) Won. Thorne 46 (Clegg 4 for 5) ;
School 136 for 3 dec. (Bailey 81, Petts 29 not out).
- v. Mexborough G.S. (at Swinton) Won. Mexborough
84 (Bailey 8 for 18) ; School 86 for 3 (Wilks 36 not
out, Bailey 26 not out).
- v. Maltby G.S. (home) Won. Maltby 55 ; School 60
(Wilks 26).
- v. Old Boys (home). Won. Old Boys 64 (Clegg, D, 25) ;
School 71 for 6 (Bailey 38, Wilks 14).
- v. Woodlands (away) Won. Woodlands 73 (Wilks
2 for 5, Bailey 4 for 28) ; School 75 for 6 (Wilks 23,
Bailey 19, Petts 17).

Order in averages was as follows :

BATTING.

	No. of innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Aver- age.
Bailey	10	1	261	81	29
Wilks	10	3	175	36*	25
Clegg	10	—	125	54	12.5
Gawthrope ..	8	2	57	30	9.5
Petts	8	1	67	29*	9.5

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Bailey	124	26	4.6
Wilks	91	16	5.6
Clegg	116	21	5.5
Palmer	181	22	8.2

Girls' Swimming Results—July. 1947.

All those candidates who entered for the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society were successful.

Instructors :

M. Buncall, J. Kenworthy, B. Potts.

2nd Bar to Bronze.—M. Buncall, J. Kenworthy, P. Kilner,
A. Taylor.

1st Bar to Bronze.—P. Scott, G. Thompson, D. Beech, D. Chafer, M. Norwood, S. Waddington.

Intermediate and Bronze.—F. Merrill, C. Clegg, M. Sanderson, G. Meyers, B. Gledhill, J. Tate, P. Wroe, M. Leadley, B. Hough, A. Leadley, H. Randerson, E. Thompson, M. Hamshaw.

Bronze.—J. Hill.

Intermediate only.—S. Hewitt, P. Rogers, B. Hillis, M. Carr, E. Steele, P. Thorpe, M. Hart, E. Dunn, D. Wood.

Sports Day—1947.

Sports Day was held on May 8th, after being held in September for the past four years. It was a warm day and the proceedings were carried out with the usual efficiency.

We were very pleased to welcome a large number of parents and Old Wathonians.

Sparta won the Sports Cup by a wide margin, scoring 96½ points more than their nearest rivals, Rome.

The following records were broken or equalled :

New Girls' 80 yards broken by L. Parkin (Sparta).

Group Four Hurdles broken by Teale (Rome).

Group Three High Jump broken by Hankins (Sparta).

Group Two High Jump broken by Wood (Sparta).

Group Three Girls' High Jump equalled by N. Ritchie (Sparta).

Group One 80 Yards equalled by Norman (Troy).

Group Three Hurdles equalled by Newham (Troy).

Group One High Jump equalled by Athay (Athens).

SYKES (Upp. VI.Sc.).

Inter-School Sports.

June 5th, 1947.

This year the Sports were held at Maltby Grammar School.

We took up our station in the far corner of the playing fields near the ice cream and mineral stalls.

On the horizon we saw the silhouettes of the contestants at the jumping pitches, and by crawling under the boundary rope we caught a glimpse of the finishing tapes for the races.

Our cries of "W-A-T-H." and the valiant efforts of our "athletes" especially our junior team, gained us third place and the Junior Shield.

I think the proprietors of the ice cream and mineral stalls were very sorry at our departure at the end of an afternoon enjoyed by all.

K. A. BRADLEY (U.VI.Sc.).

Scout Notes.

The annual camp was again a harvest camp in Lincolnshire, this time held at Waltham, near Grimsby.

Once more the Scouts enhanced the high reputation that they hold in that district. The double rations at this camp were heartily welcomed. Camp soccer was revived, but seemed to be too much for the seniors, several of whom were caught limping before the finish. The size of Oldfield's boots played a very prominent part in that direction.

This term, the seniors have been taking advanced classes in cookery from Miss Rudolph. So far they have been an unqualified success and no one has been called upon to practise first aid yet. We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Rudolph, without whose help we undoubtedly would not have been able to carry on.

Mr. Gill has put in some splendid work with the 5th Form on first class, and our thanks are due to him and also to Mr. Sanderson, who has been taking the 4th Form for their handyman's badge (i.e., mending broken windows). Mr. Davies and Mr. Bainbridge have also been giving valuable assistance in signalling and with the electricians, and we express our gratitude towards them.

Outings have been successfully arranged on Saturday afternoons thanks to "Ginna" Shaw. Unfortunately "blood" sports have had to be abandoned for the time being because of the seniors' cooking, but the Juniors seem to be carrying on quite well in their footsteps.

Finally we would like to extend our thanks to the kitchen staff who play the most important part each Friday evening.

B. BAILEY (U.VI.Sc.)



Guides.

At the end of the Summer Term we were very sorry to lose our Captain, Miss Swift, who has served us long and faithfully, but we were fortunate in securing another capable Captain in Miss Disley.

Work has been highly satisfactory, especially during the Christmas Term when eleven Guides passed their second class test, five were enrolled and three were prepared for enrolment.

The visit of the District Commissioner on these two auspicious occasions brought forth uniforms not usually seen, unless there has been previous warning of an inspection. The "blue moons" when these inspections occur, will, in future, be more frequent, and we hope that the appearances of uniforms will increase accordingly.

To encourage smartness and also to encourage work, an inter-patrol competition is being introduced on a points system, the prize being the trophy which has long lain in disuse in the Guide cupboard.

The highlight of the season was the party held with another Wath company. This would not have been possible without the food parcel received from a Canadian company and the help of our parents. Fun and games were the order of the day and were rounded off by a camp fire on the school field, wood having been thoughtfully dragged there by local Guides. The final touch was provided by a hectic game of the old camp-fire favourite "Elephants."

Our relationship with this other company did not cease there, and we have since paid them a return visit, again having a most enjoyable party.

Carry on the good work, Guides; why, someone may reach first-class one day; who knows?

ENID THOMPSON (U.VI.Sc.).

A.T.C. Notes.

This year the Squadron has increased in strength, and we wish all new members every success. We were sorry to lose our newly-appointed Corporal, Cutts, who had gained his proficiency certificate.

Much work has been done at the weekly meetings and several cadets have passed preliminary tests in the new syllabus of training. Earlier in the year, we were allowed the use of the miniature rifle range in Wath. Mr. Eddowes assisted with the instruction, and also promoted several "quick-shooting" competitions.

Week-ends have brought visits to nearby aerodromes and R.A.F. stations, and have resulted in flying experience for all. At Brough, the Tiger-Moths were a great attraction, as was the full flying kit worn by all cadets. Valuable lectures and demonstrations were given at Lindholme where two visits have already taken place and another is arranged for the end of December. (This, of course, will have taken place by the time these notes are printed).

Cadet Barker was successful in a course of gliding at Doncaster. Ex-Corporal Cutts also started this course, but was unable to complete it.

Finally, I would like to thank F.O. Pratt and all members of staff who have in any way helped to keep the Squadron going.

D. RYMAN (U.VI.Sc.).

Vith Form Discussion Group 1946—47.

Chairmen : Wendy Harwood. Potts.

Secretaries : June Hill, Betty Waddington.

Treasurer : Ogley.

We appear to have changed our name during the last year, as we started life as a Current Events Group. In September, 1947, we divided into sections, a Lower Vith Group (with no scientists at the moment), and an Upper Vith Group, with Literary, Scientific and General members. The smaller units have captured a rare atmosphere of comradeship and sincerity as members grapple with questions that have puzzled men for generations. "Is Science my Religion

or my Occupation?" "The Appreciation of Beauty as a form of Religious Belief," and "How Does My Religion affect my attitude to my work?"

On two occasions we were visited by an old pupil of the School who gave us his views on the "Colour Bar" and "India." We have also discussed the implications of the Fuel Crisis and the ideas behind Socialism, Liberalism, and Conservatism.

We enjoyed a very pleasant semi-residential week-end in School during the snowy weather of March. Mr. D. O'Keafe and Mr. R. O'Brien from the Bureau of Current Affairs infused enthusiasm into a Group Leadership Course. We all learnt some new techniques as well as experiencing the pleasures of sharing views on various topics, usually less searching than those of our own choice.

Miss Livingstone, of Sheffield, a former student of the London School of Economics under Mr. Clement Attlee, has addressed us twice in an interesting fashion. She talked about "Communism" on her first visit and "Hansard" on the next occasion. We caught her obvious sincerity and vital belief in the future of Socialism.

As a Group we exchanged views with Monsieur Rouffeteau, a visiting French student who belonged to the Catholic Right in French politics. We found it difficult to accept his belief in the leadership principle, but came to the conclusion that he knew the needs of France far better than we. Deep differences in the mental make-up between the French and English were felt by us and enabled us to appreciate his integrity.

Before the end of the Spring Term we look forward to papers on "Why I believe in God," and also a visit from a German Prisoner of War.

JUNE HILL (U.VI.Gen.)

Literary and Scientific Society Notes.

President : J. R. Evans.

Vice-Presidents : P. Nayler, W. Harwood.

Secretary : P. Kilner.

In the Spring Term of 1947, it seemed that the Society was becoming a Debating Society, since four out of the five meetings held were debates. The last of these was the

second inter-school debate, when we were hosts to Mexborough Grammar School. The motion "That popularity is no true test of merit," was opposed for Wath by Rowe, J. D. B., and P. Kilner. In spite of our previous mania for debating, the motion was carried by 66 votes to 33.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term the plan of meetings was changed to a weekly alternation of Scientific and literary papers. It was also decided that, if possible, once per term, an outside speaker should be asked to address the Society.

Papers given have been "Why lay up your car?" (Woodcock, D. I.), "Liquifaction of Gases" (Naylor, P.), "The Union of South Africa" (Bennet, P.), "Thomas Hardy" (W. Harwood), "Plant Traps and Decoys" (P. Kilner), and "The Life and Work of Rupert Brooke" (J. Kilner).

The *pièce de résistance* of the season was the Staff debate which received great support. The motion, proposed by Mr. Leadley and Miss Disley, and opposed by Mr. Walker and Miss Harding, was "That the modern reliance on science is harmful to mankind." The meeting enjoyed the feast of great eloquence, and it is hoped that the standard will be maintained in future debates, particularly the next inter-school debate on 23rd January. The motion is "That class distinction is inevitable." We hope for adequate support from the School.

Note.—Owing to delay in the printing of the *Wathonian* the debate mentioned above has taken place. W. Harwood and Potts represented the School, and the motion was carried, 76—46.

P. KILNER (U.VI.Sc.).



Choir.

This year, the members of the Choir have been most enthusiastic in attending practices. However, an innovation has been made; some of the more musically talented boys have overcome their shyness and begun a group of their own with the help of Miss Knowles. It was then suggested that a few sopranos

were needed to balance the male voices. This was the start of the Friday night practices with the voices of both boys and girls echoing through the School until well after half-past five.

At the Christmas Concert (1946) the Choir sang two groups of songs. The first group consisted of three old carols :

"Lullay my liking," arranged by Gustav Holst.

(Soloists : P. Thorpe, C. Leech, P. Mynett).

"Past Three O'clock."

"Ding dong merrily on high,"

and in the second group were :

"Ring out, ye crystal spheres" (words by Milton
music by Geoffrey Shaw).

Beethoven's "Minuet in G."

At Speech Day three songs were sung and very much enjoyed by the Choir, the visitors and the rest of the School.

"Lullaby" (in Hammersbach) by Edward Elgar

(From "Bavarian Dances," Op. 27, No. 3).

"Twelve by the Clock," Charles Lloyd.

"Rolling down to Rio," Edward German.

During the Autumn Term, 1947, the Choir began practices for the Christmas Concert. This was held on the afternoon of 17th December, and the evenings of 17th and 18th December. The Choir sang two groups of songs, the first consisted of :

"Sheep may safely graze," from "Birthday Cantata," by
J. S. Bach.

"Ring out Wild Bells," a festival Carol by Percy
Fletcher.

In the second group were the four carols :

"A Child this day is born" (Traditional).

"A Coventry Carol" (from the Coventry Play).

"Shepherds in the field abiding" (Traditional French
tune).

"Adeste Fideles" (sung in Latin).

The boys of the choir joined the girls for the first time in singing this latter group.

The members would like to acknowledge the unfailing enthusiasm of Miss Knowles and her help in training them during so much of her valuable time.

BETTY WADDINGTON (U.VI.Lit.)

Orchestra.

The orchestra, consisting as it does of some of the best instrumentalists in the School, takes a deservedly prominent place on most occasions when the School is open to the public. It is essential, therefore, that it should produce only the best of the type of music it is capable of playing. The choice of music is, in consequence, somewhat limited, but the enthusiasm with which new music is tackled and the infectious gaiety which pervades most rehearsals (it may be, of course, because it is Friday evening!) make what might be a labour into pure joy.

At each rehearsal some new music is taken to give practice in sight reading, and after that some interpretation is attempted of music already known. In this way, training is given which should enable each instrumentalist, on leaving school, to have confidence in joining and playing in another orchestra.

"Playing in an orchestra," to the uninitiated, is a mere statement of fact, but to those of us who actually do the playing, and who have played in a full orchestra with strings, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, it is an indescribable and utterly incomparable pleasure.

Since September, Miss Allen has joined us with her violin, and we hope that other new members will join us as soon as they are able to play, at least the National Anthem. We can assure them of an enjoyable, if hardworking time.

Special tribute should be paid to Derek Sanderson, who in addition to being the leader of the orchestra, is also a very able solo violinist.

MISS KNOWLES.

Dramatic Society Notes.

At the end of the Summer Term the Dramatic Society's presentation of the two plays "Rory Aforesaid," by John Brandane, and "The Dear Departed," by M. Macnamara, was enjoyed immensely by everyone.

Christmas Term Theatre.

There was a great deal of activity in School Dramatic Circles during the Christmas Term and on the whole the results were extremely good.

We commenced with the plays written, produced and acted by the Houses for the "Deeks' Memorial Trophy" competition. The subject of each play was an historical event, and it was inevitably agreed that the winning play, "Trois," which was written, acted and produced entirely by members of Rome, was by far the best of the five efforts (The Divorce Question (A), The Bedchamber Question (C), Columbus and the New World (S), and Amy Robsart (T)).

Immediately this excitement had died down, prolonged auditions were held and the cast and understudies for "Tobias and the Angel" by James Bridie, which is to be produced in March, were selected.

After half-term rehearsals were started for the plays to be given at the end of term. There were three one-act plays, "The Pie and the Tart," a 16th Century French farce, translated by H. Chesterman; a duologue from "The Boy David," by J. M. Barrie; "Idols," by Phoebe M. Rees, and a repeat performance of "Trois." All were well acted and produced, and many thanks are due to all those who helped in any way, for their hard work, without which the plays could not have been produced. It is also necessary to thank Wath Theatre Club for the loan of plates and lighting equipment.

The Junior Dramatic Society has been re-started with some very considerable success, and as a result of the Juniors' enthusiasm, Form IIIa produced, entirely on their own, "Meet Mrs. Beeton," a light comedy which was given twice to privileged School audiences and thoroughly appreciated.

During the term there have been two visits made to the theatre. The Upper and Lower Sixth Forms and some members of the Senior Dramatic Society visited Mexborough Technical College to see John Davidson's adaptation of "Wuthering Heights," by Emily Bronte, and large parties visited Donald Wolfits' Sheffield production of "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Twelfth Night." Next term we hope to send large parties from Fifth and Sixth Forms to see "Julius Caesar" acted at Sheffield.

EVELYN PEPPER (Lower VI.Lit.)

"Macbeth."

The Easter term presentation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was the first large scale stage production at Wath since "The Taming of the Shrew" in 1945. The high

standard of production (an established fact) was maintained owing to a large extent to the hard work put in by Mr. Michael and other members of the staff. The immense success of the production was attested by the enthusiasm of the audiences, which numbered over 2,000 before the end of the week.

The lighting arrangements were a great help in bringing the play to life. These arrangements were most effective during the banquet scene when the ghost of Banquo appeared, and during the scenes when the weird witches danced round their cauldron pouring out their prophecies and ill-tidings.

Noteworthy are the appearances of the two armies on the stage, the moving of "Birnam Wood to Dunsinane" and the appearance of the three spirits, "novelties" which added interest to the production.

All the members of the cast are to be congratulated on maintaining a high standard of acting. These are too many for all to be mentioned, individually. However, the highly-polished and clear performances of the two principals, Brenda Clarke (Lady Macbeth) and D. Adams (Macbeth) cannot go unmentioned.

As usual, suitable music was provided by the School Orchestra and their rendering of the traditional "Green Sleeves" did much to create the desired atmosphere.

N. E. OXLEY
(formerly of U.VI.Lit.)

"Thunder Rock" at Mexborough Grammar School.

In May members of the sixth form of Mexborough Grammar School presented "Thunder Rock," a play in three acts by Robert Ardrey. Many members of the staff and the sixth form welcomed this opportunity to see a modern play performed at our neighbouring school. The play tells of the spiritual regeneration of a disillusioned journalist through conversations with his airman friend and the men and women dead ninety years whom he has conjured to life in his imagination. This dramatically and emotionally difficult play was very well presented, and the acting brought life and conviction into the somewhat lengthy arguments. The players and producers are greatly to be congratulated on a very good and unusual production.



Art Club.

The Club's activities have always been subject to waves of fashion, and it now seems that membership too is to suffer the same way, because, during the last year the boys have greatly outnumbered the girls. Why this should be, it is difficult to see—is it that the boys have a greater longing for cultural development than the girls, or is it that they feel the need of more?

An item of interest to our members should be the fact that at present there are at least four old Wathonians who are undergoing training in Schools of Art. They are Betty Taylor, Doreen Senior, Graham and Outram. This is a very high percentage of people to take up Art as a career, and members may feel some pride in the fact that their club has played no small part in fostering the interest which has led to these results.

How many of the present members, we wonder, are destined for a similar course? Some have the ability but lack the energy, others lack confidence. Few indeed have all three.

Now that school theatricals are once more being produced, the Club finds itself again called upon to help in the matter of scenery, properties and costumes. We are liable to be asked to produce many varied things, anything from a distant view of Bethlehem to a pork pie or a statuette of Buddha.



Chess Club Notes.

Owing to a long spell of warm, dry weather, lasting well into October, the Club's activities were few at first. It was, indeed, only at the beginning of November that regular play began. Our first outside match against Ecclesfield Grammar

School found us then much out of practice and we lost (2—6). Later in the month we visited Mexborough Secondary School

and here we were forced to put four reserves into the team. The results were a trifle better ($2\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$), but again we lost. A sad story? Not at all! We enjoyed ourselves immensely on both occasions and look forward to return matches in the Easter term.

In general the Club has lost many of its senior members. Some left us in July to try their skill in the more complicated game of trying to earn a living in the outside world. We wish them every success. Others, still with us, have succumbed to the childish attractions of table tennis and, alas shove halfpenny. We deplore this degenerative move. It has, however, the one advantage of leaving more sets at the disposal of our very many enthusiastic junior members. Senior prizes for the Autumn term go to Leather and Kirk, both of whom have played regularly and consequently with much success. The Junior prize is awarded to Hewitt, who did so well he was included in the team against Mexborough. The following other players have represented the School in outside matches: Simms (U.VI.Sc.), Windle, Limb, Pownall, Waddington, Jobson, Knutton, Maiden, Barrass.

MR. ORGILL.

Speech Day—1947.

Speech Day this year was held on July 4th and was notable for the presence of the Right Honourable George Tomlinson, M.P., the Minister of Education. After the playing of the National Anthem and the performance by the School Orchestra of the Minuet from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," a suite by Lulli, and the Gavotte from the "Overture in D" by Bach, the Chairman of the Governors, Councillor W. Cutts, made his opening remarks. These were followed by the Headmaster's customary report on the School year.

The presentation of Certificates was preceded by three songs sung by the School Choir. These were: Elgar's "Lullaby," from his suite "Bavarian Dances," Charles Lloyd's "Twelve by the Clock," and Edward German's "Rolling Down to Rio."

Mr. Tomlinson now presented eighteen Higher School Certificates, fourteen Higher School Certificate Letters of Success, and seventy-seven School Certificates. Other

outstanding achievements were three Miners' Welfare Commission Scholarships (D. P. Addy, Marjorie Myers, and Margaret Richards), four County Major Scholarships, one County Technological Scholarship (R. Green), one Open Exhibition for University College, Oxford (J. D. B. Rowe), and one County Agricultural Exhibition (H. T. W. Martin). There were also two successful candidates for the Preliminary State Examination of the General Nursing Council (H. Tindall, M. Evans).

The Deeks' Memorial Prize for English Literature was won by Margaret Richards, while Sparta carried away the Staff Cup for Athletic Sports.

The interlude between the presentation and Mr. Tomlinson's address was filled by Leech's rendering of two solos, "An Eriskay Love Lilt," from "Songs of the Hebrides," and "Art Thou Troubled?" from Handel's "Rodelinda."

Mr. Tomlinson's address gave the School an opportunity of hearing some blunt speech on the subject of the values of education, voiced by a man who had not himself the good fortune to enjoy the benefits which are now offered to everyone. After the Vice-chairman's, and Councillor Fouchard's vote of thanks, our second visitor, the Postmaster-General, Mr. W. Payling, M.P., gave his vote of thanks to the Chairman. This was not Mr. Payling's first visit to the School. He added comments in a similar vein to those expressed by Mr. Tomlinson, comments based on his own experiences. The singing of the School song brought the day's proceedings, which were, on this occasion, particularly memorable, to a close.

T. F. WOODS (U.VI.Lit.)

Girls' Harvest Camp, 1947.

This year's camp was held at Waltham, Lincolnshire, and there was much evidence of its previous occupation by the boys of other schools, in the form of scattered toffee papers and various mural inscriptions.

A typical farmer's walk was acquired by all after only two days, although it was argued that some members of the party had an unfair advantage! We also became thoroughly acquainted with the local jargon—"thistle" and "hostrel"—and our true feminine curiosity soon reigned supreme, so that by the end of the camp, we had learnt the life history of most of the farm workers.

As the sun grew hotter, while we were working, it was natural that everyone should feel concerned about the horses (?) and "Bill" would accordingly slacken their pace, much to our delight, needless to say. (Did we hear someone say "Lazy creatures"?)

Everyone revived, however, after the exhausting day's toil at the prospect of mail from home, food (a very important item!) and a bath.

P.S.—We picked so many potatoes that we thought Britain would be exporting, not rationing them !

C. WRIGHT & M. LISLE

(U.VI.Sc. and U.VI.Gen.)

Competitions.

Junior Competition.

Bonfire Night.

The School bell rang a farewell peal as we all prepared to wend our way homewards. This was a special day ; tradition was to be kept once again: the old, old custom of Bonfire night complete with an effigy of Guy Fawkes the Yorkshireman who failed in his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Delicious smells of parkin and bonfire toffee greeted us as we arrived indoors, almost too excited to eat a hurried tea. Friends were coming to join in the fun, fireworks were brought out from their hiding place to be counted and re-counted to make sure of their number.

Soon twilight descended and here and there sparks from neighbouring bonfires lit up the darkening sky. Now it was time to light our own bonfire, and we drew lots for the honour. Soon we were merrily dancing around in eager anticipation of a lovely display of fireworks for we had been very fortunate in securing a variety of crackers.

Fairy fountains, sparklers, and catherine wheels for the toddlers, and the sky rockets, jumping crackers, and thunderbolts, reserved for the older ones. Soon cries of "Oh !" and "How lovely !" were heard as each one glowed and sparkled with its own particular beauty.

Screams of delight and surprise arose, as practical jokes were played on our various friends. The hours passed quickly and unheeded as we continued to enjoy ourselves, and it was a crowd of tired but happy children who tumbled into bed on Bonfire night.

JOSE DAVIS (II.A.Sparta).

Winning Entry for the Middle School Competition.

Elementary Education.

At school one day I chanced to spy,
 A figure strange to schoolgirl's eye,
 With cap and cape and pipe and glass ;
 I could but stand, not try to pass ;
 I watched with fascinated stare,
 While up and down, both here and there
 With magnifying glass held out,
 He peered intently all about.
 Could it be he of whom I'd read,
 Just yesterday while still in bed,
 That great detective full of fame ?
 Yes ! Sherlock Holmes, that was his name ;
 On the scene, that very minute,
 Watson came, he must be in it ;
 It must be something very terse,
 Murder—or thieves—or even worse.
 Then Watson said to Holmes, "You know
 I've hunted high, I've hunted low,
 No clues I've found to help me out ;
 It is a mystery there's no doubt :
 Why Latin verbs and French pronouns
 Should bring such sighs and cause such frowns."
 "But, my dear Watson, can't you see
 The whole thing's elementaree."

MARY JONES (S.III., Athens).

The Case of the Lost Fountain Pen.

Suspicion was rife in the Form Room for Mr. Willet had lost his fountain pen. Mr. Willet thought a great deal about this pen for it had been presented to him by the Local Golf

Club. It had disappeared so mysteriously and although no one had been accused, the whole Form was uneasy.

One boy, however, was rather glad this had happened for he fancied himself a budding Sherlock Holmes. This was Pipkins, a rather undersized boy with a large crop of spots ; he thought that this was a chance to show his skill to the Form.

He questioned every member of the Form and those who could not, or would not, give him a satisfactory answer, found, much to their indignation that their desks had been ransacked. However, this was not very successful for all Pipkins found was a hundred lines. Next day he appeared with an outsize in magnifying glasses, and spent every moment he could spare (and a lot he could not spare) looking for finger prints. In doing this, he collected many impositions for his efforts, but this did not deter him. Next day he announced that he had found the thief and would denounce him at dinner time, and he promised to tell how he had arrived at this conclusion.

That morning hardly any attention was paid to lessons, and extra work was given freely by angry teachers. At last dinner time arrived, and when everyone was assembled Mr. Willet walked in and made the following speech : "Boys and girls, I have much pleasure in telling you I have found my fountain pen. I had left it in my coat which was to be sent to the cleaner. Luckily my wife discovered it before it was sent."

PAT WROE (IV.A., Sparta).

The Winter.

Somewhere around the middle of what used to be winter time a loud moan was sent echoing down the corridors, from first former to fifth, that even snow was to be in short supply this year. Not one of Winter's jewels had as yet graced the broad fields of Wath, and it was feared, among those in the know, that they had all been sent for export. The lament reached even the ears of the mighty gods of the Sixth, and they, with traditional callousness, changed it into a song of joy. Now they could throw the little beggars out after dinner instead of having to father them in the hall with such loving care (?)

But even the prayers of the lowly are sometimes answered, and the snow came, with a vicious earnestness towards the beginning of what, in less civilised countries, is termed "Spring." In this Utopia it is utterly illogical to impose any limits upon the seasons. They are the only free things in it, and come and go when they like.

However, the "little beggars" with all the enthusiasm and stupidity of youth, welcomed it with open arms (and mouths), and plunged into the icy wet mess with gusto. The staid old men of the Sixth Form then cautiously poked their intellectual heads out of the door to survey the heavenly scene. The aforesaid heads, some looking less dignified (as indeed they must with masses of frozen water clinging to them), were hastily and finally withdrawn, either because the missiles propelled in their direction found their mark with unerring accuracy, or because the keen winter air was wont to lend an unbecoming red tinge to the tips of handsome proboscii.

All went well for a few weeks, the ignorant happily banged each other's heads with snowballs outside, and the wise, equally happily, racked each other's nerves banging the piano inside. At the end of two months' however, old lady Winter was still sending ice and snow with ever increasing vehemence. She was reeking her vengeance with customary feminine spitefulness, as much as to say, "You asked for it, now you've got it." After that, even the gladiators tired of their sport (some of them will be bored in Valhalla) and many a war-whooping young warrior was observed to be taking a sneaking interest in the hitherto scorned and ridiculed game of chess.

Then came the time when a white, unblemished blanket covered the field and everyone preferred to stay inside and make war. And war there was. The Sixth disliked having to waste their precious time controlling the rowdy, turbulent mob, and the "mob" objected to being "controlled," in the gentle manner which the Sixth was wont to employ. Certain members of the "Teachers' Union" denied their favourite pastime of refereeing practices, had to be content with seeing who could give the most detentions. Indeed the inconvenience which the weather caused one notorious pedagogue was inconceivable. He was forced to smoke with the bowl of his famous pipe upside down, in order to keep his "powder" dry, and gained even more notoriety when the burning embers insisted on obeying the law of gravity like everything

else. Even the kitchen staff lost their renowned angelic tempers, when the wanderings of the thoughtless, could be traced in cakes of snow up and down the polished floors of this great architectural triumph. Consequently dinners and digestions suffered terrible blows.

Then, just when the snow was becoming a recognized feature of the landscape, it departed with fond farewells, and never was the dirty basin of the Dearne more rapturously greeted. Indeed the River Dearne was so overwhelmed by the praises showered upon its valley, that it burst its banks.

However, when summer tried to outdo winter and stay here as long as it does in other countries, the shock to British tradition was so great, that our national prestige suffered, and we are now having to endure terrible hardships to regain it. But that's the best of this happy land of ours—you never know what will happen next.

DAN V. ADAMS (U.VI.Sc.)

A Villanelle: To Mr. Atkinson.

Oh, master ! in whose power we lie,
 Take pity on our hapless fate ;
 For mercy, sir, to thee we cry.
 From year to year each week we try
 To please by giving work to date,
 Oh, master ! in whose power we lie.
 This week, oh cruel sir, I sigh ;
 I wrack my brains, 'cause rhymes I hate—
 For mercy, sir, to thee we cry.
 I must be old, my mind's not spry,
 For inspiration I must wait,
 Oh, master ! in whose power we lie.
 I'm no more poetess than fly,
 I'm much, much worse than second rate,
 For mercy, sir, to thee we cry.
 For your esteem, dear sir, we'll vie,
 If prose alone can seal our fate,
 Oh, master ! in whose power we lie,
 For mercy, sir, to thee we cry.

N. RITCHIE (U.VI.Lit.)

Nocturnal Intruders.

It was dusk. The car glided silently down the street and stopped outside Number Fourteen. The two men got out, looked intently at the house with its darkened windows, and the taller of the two nodded. They then ran quickly up the steps. The taller of the two tried key after key in the door, and the other carrying a black Gladstone bag, muttered something about needing to hurry. At last, the door was opened and the two men slipped in.

In the hall, the little man produced a torch and shone it on the walls so that they could get their bearings.

"Where is it, Bill; where's that box?" asked the smaller of the two, impatiently.

"Sh—you mustn't make that noise, Perce," was the reply. "Be quiet and I'll show you."

Having found it they set to work, the black Gladstone bag yielding all its contents. After a few minutes of silence the little chap uttered a grunt of satisfaction and the door creaked open.

"Here, you hold this a few minutes," said Perce, holding the torch out to the other; but before he had finished his words, there was a tremendous clatter—the torch had dropped to the floor.

"You clumsy ass, Perce; you've dropped it—we've had it now," was all the enraged Bill could manage in consolation. The two men stood looking at each other as though petrified.

Then a door opened and they could hear the shrill yells of a baby, and a feminine voice angrily yelled, "You silly fool, Bill; you've woke the baby up, after all—and hasn't Perce mended that fuse yet?"

J. BUCK (U.VI.Lit.)

Twenty Questions.

(And the comments and answers they deserve).

(Class arrives for lesson).

Pupil: Can I fetch my book?

Teacher (exasperated): Does a workman forget his tools?
(Suddenly remembers man who came to mend last burst—absent two hours. Notices with gleam in eye child has his football boots.)

Pupil : Can I sharpen my pencil ?

Teacher : (Is it the paper-basket that has a fatal fascination?)

Pupil : Can I borrow a ruler ?

Teacher : Why not ? Norway did.

Pupil : Shall we draw a margin ?

Teacher (Thinks) : If the Government, owing to the shortage of paper, had only stated categorically that all children must write to the edge of the paper, it would not be necessary to ask them to *leave* a margin.

Pupil : Have we to write in ink or pencil ?

Teacher : No, do it invisibly.

Pupil : What is the date ?

Teacher : The day after yesterday.

Pupil : What is the heading ?

Teacher : As we are describing the British Isles, head it the Antipodes.

Pupil : Shall we underline the heading ?

Teacher (Wearily) : Yes, if you have your book and a pen and some ink and a ruler and a heading !

Pupil : Can I turn over ?

Teacher : (What a plight this poor child would be in if he did not catch the teacher's eye—he might wait a life-time !)

Pupil : Have we to rule off ?

Teacher : (With what triumph they say this—there's something so final about ruling off—it's equal to saying "There, that's done with.")

Pupil : Have we to copy the question ?

Teacher : I doubt whether you could—correctly ?

Pupil : Have we to print or write ?

Teacher : No, use hieroglyphics.

Pupil : Is it in best books ?

Teacher : (Teacher realises he is not explicit unless he prefaces his lesson with at least a dozen commandments.)

Pupil : Shall we do us English 'omework in us best books ?

Teacher : Certainly ! Your English should embellish more than a rough note-book !

Pupil (advancing with exercise) : Is this alright ?

Teacher (relieved to see that somebody has initiative) : It is astounding.

Pupil : Have we to do corrections ?

Teacher : Why should you ? You had all the trouble of making the mistakes.

Pupil : Can I open the window ?

Teacher : Yes ! It is about time we cleared the air a bit.

Pupil : Can I do my homework to-morrow. I'm *on* a concert !

Teacher : Of course, if you are *on* a concert you can't possibly be *in* doing homework.

Pupil : Shall we pass the books in open or closed ?

Teacher : No, upside down and inside out, please.

Pupil (loud ringing) : Was that the bell ?

Teacher (finally) : "The very sound is like a knell."

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

Autumn Song.

When the nuts are ripe and the harvest is in,
 When apples are rosy and round ;
 The squirrel is building his new winter nest
 And the frost is hard'ning the ground.
 The leaves are falling from elm and beech,
 And clusters of hazels hang just out of reach,
 And stormy tides roll up on the beach,
 And song birds fly.

JEAN HARRISON (S.III, Sparta).

Cambridge Letter.

Michaelmas Term.

Dear Wathonians,

Once more the School is well represented at Cambridge, though not yet in such force as has been the case in previous years. Burton (King's) is engaged in post-graduate research ; Sayles and Addy came up at Downing this term.

Life in Cambridge to-day reflects the state of affairs in this country as a whole in various ways. The proportion of returning ex-Servicemen is high. It is not uncommon to see a bald-headed, weather-beaten, ex-naval officer humbly sitting at the feet of a young lecturer half his age. The "Flying Officer Kyte" moustache and undergraduate gown comprise a popular combination. Purple trousers are also in vogue—perhaps because khaki material dyes this colour best. Occasionally the potato ration in Hall is pitifully small, but it rarely gives out completely—and anyway, one can always fall back on whalemeat steak.

The evacuee-minding and canteen work undertaken by many undergraduates during the war is now replaced by such activities as the sending of food and book parcels to

Universities in Europe, the entertaining of Prisoners of War, and the organization of collections for various charities.

On 11th November in Cambridge undergraduates disguised as anything from highwaymen to Indian Fakirs procure the loose cash of anyone not protected by his wearing a poppy.

Speakers at the Union this term included Mr. Strachey and Dr. C. E. M. Joad, and debates on both political and non-political subjects are in full swing. The Arts Theatre opened with "The Guinea Pig," and the Cambridge Amateur Dramatic Club tackled a difficult production competently, in Jean Cocteau's "La Machine Infernale."

The Inter-'Varsity Rugger match at Twickenham resulted in a (deserved ?) victory for Cambridge. Another highlight of this term, which will be welcomed by future Cambridge Wathonians, has been the granting of University Status to women students.

We extend greetings to past Wath members of the University, and to future ones, and our fondest thoughts and best wishes for a happy term to the School.

Yours sincerely,

THE CAMBRIDGE WATHONIANS.

A Visit to France.

August, 1947.

Invited to stay in France with my correspondent, Francoise Caucheteux, I left Victoria at 10.20 a.m. and after an uneventful crossing, arrived at Lille at about 5.30 p.m., where Francoise met me and took me to her home.

We spent the first week there in Croix, an industrial area similar to South Yorkshire. I found the conversation difficult to follow at first, but I gradually became accustomed to hearing everyone speak in a foreign language, and after a day or two I understood what they were saying, without having to concentrate so much. Croix is very near the Belgian frontier, so one day during the week we went by train and bus to Courtrai, just over the frontier. It is quite a practice for the French to indulge in petty smuggling over the border, because food is much more plentiful in Belgium than in France. The journey back into France was quite

thrilling to me, because we had brought what food we dared from Belgium, carefully stowed away under the seat, but we passed through the customs unnoticed by the gendarmes.

During the first week, I learnt with some misgiving that we were setting out on a cycling tour, but to my relief it was decided that the weather was much too hot, and we consequently left Croix in Monsieur Caucheteux's "camionette," after a week at home. Francoise and I were ensconced in small basket chairs on one side in the back, cycles and luggage on the other, and my host and Francoise's sister in the front.

The first day's journey took us through Paris to a small inn in Lamotte Beuvron, a hamlet outside Orleans, where we had to stay because of a breakdown. We three girls had to go on to our destination by train, so we looked for the tiny station where we waited over an hour for the train. We duly arrived at Vierzon at 11 a.m., and after a gruelling uphill journey on our bikes along hot and dusty roads, we came to the farm at St. Georges, in the valley of the Cher, where we were to stay for five days. A refreshing meal, typical of many meals we had on that farm, was waiting for us on our arrival. It consisted of a glass of Pernod (white wine) as an "apéritif," soup, which was red wine poured over bread soaked in honey, sliced tomatoes and egg in oil; baked potatoes, meat and "cornichons" (gherkins). Cheeses made from goat's milk eaten with potatoes cooked in their skins. Tiny plums, some stewed and some raw. This meal, like all the others, was eaten under a tree "en plein air."

While at St. Georges we visited one of the famous Chateaux de la Loire at Chenonceaux. It was built by Francois I and given by Henri II to Diane de Poitiers. The weather remained exceedingly hot, and we found that the coolest place was in the river Cher, where we bathed every day. The farm was a strange mixture of modern and primitive; they had electric light and a wireless, but washed under a pump in the yard and sanitation was non-existent.

From St. Georges we travelled in the "camionette"; by now repaired, to Moulins, by way of Bourges, where we visited the famous 12th century Gothic cathedral. In Moulins we went to the Musée de Folklore, where we saw an elaborately illuminated bible, the only one of its kind, and to the cathedral, where we heard a group of choirboys, "Les Petits Chanteurs," singing French hymns and the Hallelujah

Chorus from the "Messiah." From here we visited Vichy, a famous spa, and the seat of the French Government during the occupation. We spent the afternoon in the bathing pool, from which there is a beautiful view of the mountains of the Massif Central. We sampled the waters of the spa, but were not impressed by the taste, but I did enjoy the scrumptious meal served to us at the Hotel de Brest.

Our homeward journey took us by way of Nevers, Cosne, and Fontainebleau. To my delight, we visited the palace, the favourite dwelling place of Napoleon. It was the most beautiful place I have ever seen, much more so than Versailles, so the guide told us. We walked round the grounds and fed the 400 carp in the lake. Here Francoise made the astonishing exclamation that Napoleon won the battle of the Nile, and no amount of arguing on my part could make her alter her view. I realised then how differently history must be taught in different countries.

To round off this most interesting journey, we spent one night and the next morning in Paris. We walked past some of the night clubs, saw la Madeleine, l'Opéra and "la place Vendôme," where there is the salon of the famous dress designer Schiaparelli. After one night in the Hotel de la Gare du Nord, we took the Métro to the Grand Palais, then walked up the Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe. We watched the flame burning at the foot of the Unknown Soldier's Grave and climbed up the 273 steps to the top of the Arc de Triomphe. The view from here is my most lasting impression of Paris.

A few hours' run at breakneck speed brought us back home to Croix where Francoise's mother had prepared a hot meal for us.

After this journey I felt I had seen something of the way of life of different types of French people. I had seen the town and the country, stayed on isolated farms, in a wayside inn, and in famous hotels, and spoken to townsmen and countryfolk. Though I realise that one visit to France does not teach one all about a foreign country, I feel that besides being most enjoyable, my visit gave me an understanding of the French people.

BETTY WADDINGTON (U.VI.Lit.)

Old Wathonians Association.

The outstanding event in 1947 was the first Post-War Re-union, held at School on the 16th May, 1947, which was a great success. About 300 Old Students and friends

attended this Re-union, which took the form of a social evening, with supper provided, after which a band played for dancing ; but the main reason for the success of the evening was the opportunity it provided of meeting and talking with old friends. The Committee hope to make this Re-union an annual event and hope that even more Old Students will help to make the next one an even greater success.

Subscriptions to the Association will become due at Easter, 1948, and should be sent to either of the Secretaries, or to the Treasurer, G. H. McHugh, "Glenmore," Sandygate, Wath.

Congratulations to—

Edwin Ford and Peter Thompson, who have both qualified as Veterinary Surgeons.

Clarence Kidson appointed lecturer at Exeter University.

John Miller qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

John Harry Miller qualified as a Solicitor.

Old Students Abroad.

Joan Parkin has now taken up duties in Methodist Missionary work in Hunan, China. We wish her every success.

Irving Ibbotson came back to the district for a short spell whilst on business in England, but returned to Trinidad in March, 1947, where he holds a post with Messrs. Booker Bros., McConnell and Co.

John D. Simpson, who qualified as a Doctor in September, 1944, was promoted to the rank of Major and put in charge of a British Military Hospital in Egypt when he returned from leave early in 1947.

G. GREGORY.

News of Old Students.

Marriages.

John Hargreaves (W.G.S.) to Vera Potts.

Luke Barber (W.G.S.) to Mary George (W.G.S.).

Reginald Bond (W.G.S.) to Caroline Bridges (W.G.S.).

Philip Barker (W.G.S.) to May Harper.

Eric Cameron (W.G.S.) to Lucy Willis (W.G.S.).

Derrick Dexter (W.G.S.) to Kathleen Yates.

John Miller (W.G.S.) to Joan M. Nater.

Wilfred Abson (W.G.S.) to Kathleen Williams.

James Derrick Miller (W.G.S.) to Florence Elliott.

Leslie Miller (W.G.S.) to Patricia White.
 Nicholas Kemmer to Margaret Wragg (W.G.S.).
 Lewis Peace (W.G.S.) to Doreen Fitzjohn.

Births.

Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Williams (Muriel Steer)—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Abson—twin boys.
 Mr. and Mrs. Eric Harrison—twins.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Lord (Jenny Lockwood)—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith (Teresa Redgate)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Rankin (Lucy Senior)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Gomersall (Josephine Ellis)—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hudson (Helen Hill)—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Diggins—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Crossley (Joyce Tipler)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Froggatt (Mabel Walker)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrews (Jessie Camps)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. Upton (Joan Gawthorpe)—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Cutler (Joan Lineham Smith)—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans—a daughter.

G. GREGORY.

Valete.

Girls.

Athens.

Brenda Clark—1942-47. S.C. 1945; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1945-47. Nursing in London.
 Sheila Robson—1940-47. S.C. 1945; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1945-47. Reading University.
 June Willey—1940-47. S.C. 1945; H.S.C. 1947. Southlands Training College.
 Doreen Beaumont—1940-47. S.C. 1945; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947. Darlington College.
 Mary Walton—1943-47. S.C. 1947. Office work.
 Edna Carver—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Office work.
 Joan Hoyle—1941-47. S.C. 1946.

Carthage.

Marie Dale—1940-47. S.C. 1944; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1945-46; Head Girl 1946-47. Birmingham University.
 Doris Morrell—1940-47. S.C. 1945; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1946-47. Crewe Training College.

Jean Hepworth—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947.
 Prefect 1946-47. Bingley Training College.
 Eileen Hargreaves—1940-47. S.C. 1945. Prefect 1946-47.
 Freda Drewery—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Nursery Teaching
 Course.

Rome.

Doreen Senior—1942-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect
 1945-47. Reading Art College.
 Margaret Kitchener—1940-47. S.C. 1945. Leeds Domestic
 Science College.
 Betty Cooke—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Nursing at Hudders-
 field.

Sparta.

Betty Morley—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947.
 Prefect 1946-47. Ripon Training College.
 Mary Crookes—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947.
 Ripon Training College.
 Anne Leadley—1940-47. S.C. 1946. W.A.A.F.
 M. Cain—1944-47. S.C. 1947.
 M. Strutt—1944-47. S.C. 1947.

Troy.

Jean Long—1941-47. S.C. 1945. House Captain 1946-7.
 Liverpool Training College.
 Anne Taylor—1942-47. S.C. 1945. Prefect 1946-47.
 Edinburgh College of Domestic Science.
 Irene Short—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Student
 Teaching.
 Julia Froggart—1945-47. H.S.C. 1947.
 Sheila Armstead—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Office work.
 Rita Beard—1943-47. S.C. Office work.
 Margaret Carr—1942-47. S.C. 1947.
 Enid Coster—1942-47. S.C. 1947.
 Gwen Lazenby—1942-47. S.C. 1947.

Boys.

Athens.

Bromley—1943-46.
 Hirst—1942-47.
 Grant—1941-47.
 Chappell—1941-47. S.C. 1947. Laboratory Assistant.
 Upton—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Newton Chambers.
 Green—1940-47. S.C. 1944 ; H.S.C. 1946, 47. London
 University.

Cooke—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947. R.A.F.
Rowlands—1942-47. S.C. 1947.

Carthage.

Oxley—1941-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Army.
Pearson—1941-47. S.C. 1947.
Dyson—1941-47. S.C. 1946.
Myers—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Doncaster Tech. School.
Baxter—1942-47.
Wadsley—1942-47. S.C. 1947.

Rome.

Teale—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. Subsid. 1947. Prefect
1946-47. H.M. Forces.
Cutts—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1946-47.
Manchester University.
Palmer—1941-47. S.C. 1946. H.M. Forces.
Dobie—1940-46. S.C. 1946. Doncaster Tech. School.
Cooper—1942-47. S.C. 1946. H.M. Forces.
Rowe—1941-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect 1946-47.
Oxford.
Thornton—1942-47. S.C. 1947.
Frith—1942-47.
Longbones—1942-47. S.C. 1947.
Holden—1944-47.

Sparta.

Addy—1940-47. S.C. 1944. H.S.C. 1946, 1947. Prefect
1945-47. 1st Rugger XV., Downing College, Cam-
bridge.
Woodcock—1940-47. S.C. 1945 ; H.S.C. 1947. Prefect
1946-47. Teaching.
Martin—1939-47. S.C. 1944 ; H.S.C. 1946, 47. Prefect
1945-1947. Army.
Oldfield—1939-47. S.C. 1944 ; H.S.C. 1946-47. Prefect
1945-47. Head Boy 1946-47. 1st Rugger XV. Army.
Barker—1941-47. S.C. 1946. Civil Service.
Townsend—1941-47. S.C. 1946. Civil Service.
Dewick—1942-47. S.C. 1947. Draughtsman.

Troy.

Cooke—1942-47. S.C. 1945. H.S.C. 1947. 1st XV.
Prefect 1946-47.
Corns—1942-47.
Taylor—1942-47. S.C. 1947.
Outram—1941-47. S.C. 1947.

Farrell—1941-47. S.C. 1947. R.A.F.

Ord—1942-47.

Whitfield—1942-47.

Thomas—1945-47.

Hewitt—1944-47. S.C. 1947.

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