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Editorial.

Our period of wandering is nearly at an end, and the promised land has been entered and occupied by part of our number. In September we began to use the playing fields, and a very welcome change we found them. The 1st XV. in particular, when once they had become accustomed to the slope of their field, found it impossible to lose a home match. In January, the junior forms emigrated from their various form-rooms in the village and began the New Year in the new buildings. They also appreciate the change, for they not only have bright and airy class rooms, but also the advantage of plenty of room to play in, when they are not in class. We have also started to use our own dining room, whose brightness affords a pleasant contrast to the gloom that descended more and more upon the hall of the Church House. We now look forward to entering into full possession of our new buildings after Easter. We hope the present boys and girls realise their good fortune, especially when they remember that only half-a-dozen of the original pupils have stayed at the school long enough to see the new buildings completed. Life will be much more pleasant for the present pupils; may they take full advantage of the opportunities they have!

School Notes.

The term up to the time of writing has been singularly uneventful, our only excitement being to watch the very slow development of the new buildings.

We are fortunate in having secured Sir Charles Trevelyan, the President of the Board of Education, to open officially the new buildings. The opening is to be on May 19th, and we hope that the last workman may have disappeared before then.

We congratulate C. Winstanley and S. Atkin on winning two prizes for a Health Poster, awarded by the West Riding Health Committee. This success is not only gratifying to the winners themselves, but also a sign that the Art Club is doing useful work.

At the end of the term the Literary Society is having its annual social, at which the VI. Form is to present part of St. Joan, and the Choir is also to have a social at which we hope much individual talent may be discovered.

We congratulate the 1st XV. on having so far an unbeaten record this term. The 1st XI., although not so successful, has shown improved form, and with more matches next year should then equal the record of the 1st XV.

As the School prefects, the Magazine Committee and the Games Committee are all unchanged, we are not printing their names in this copy of the magazine.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

Although few house matches have been played by Athens this term, yet our position is most favourable, and although we have never won the sports cup, what is to prevent us from so doing?

Last term, a highly successful supper and social was held. Varied types of amusing and novel games were played amidst fun and jollity, and then came supper. This passed only too quickly, and was certainly enjoyed by all. More games were played after supper, and also a certain amount of graceful dancing took place. The evening rightly concluded with "Auld Lang Syne," and the three cheers given by the House of Athens for its house mistress and master, Miss Shilcock and Mr. Orgill, to whom the success of the evening was entirely due. It is hoped that all the future Athenian socials will be so highly appreciated and enjoyed.

Preparations are now well in advance for the advent of Sports Day. The House of Athens has always fought gallantly for the coveted honour of being first, and our efforts in this direction will not this year be slackened.

CARTHAGE.

This term we are suffering, in common with the other Houses, from a deplorable lack of reportable matter. We have abandoned our winter socials now that spring is — supposedly—almost here; and we are beginning to consider the important matter of training for Sports Day.

We have still several House matches to play, but hope, if the weather permits, to finish them shortly. The senior boys have won the one match they have played, and the juniors have won one match and lost one. After a very keen game the senior girls lost to Rome.

The Carthaginian boys are practising for the House cross country, which, although forming a part of the Sports, actually comes before Sports Day. One trial run was held on Friday, March 14th, and another is to be held on Thursday, March 20th. This may possibly be prevented, however, owing to the snow.

The list of detentions is still much too high. It seems a pity that the high number of points gained by the Carthaginians for work should be so detrimentally affected by the low conduct marks.

ROME.

Last term our detention list was unfortunately very large, and consequently our chances of winning the work cup were very much impaired. However, we may congratulate ourselves on having had very few detentions so far this term, and our hopes of winning the work cup, which, by the way, has been won quite a number of times by Rome, may be realised; I sincerely hope they will.

It is the intention of the House to draw up a roll of honour, on which the names of all noteworthy people in the House will be inscribed, together with the list of their achievements; it will also be a record of all the cups the Romans win; thus the Rome of the future will know of the deeds of the Rome to-day.

The school sports are to be held next term. Rome has always excelled in field sports, and has won the sports cup more often than any other House. Our chances for the sports cup are as good this year as ever they have been, and we are confident that we shall make a gallant attempt to win the cup.

Ida Chesney has been elected as the girl House Captain, in place of Doris Boulton, who has left the district. We wish her every success at her new school, and hope the House will prosper under the guidance of the new captain.

SPARTA.

House activities have been checked this term through studious preparations for the terminal school examinations, school matches, and the unfavourable weather of the last few weeks. So there is little to say, but much to be done, and during the last fortnight of this term we hope to start training energetically for the school sports, which will take place next term.

With creditable form positions and less detentions, the Spartans venture to hope that they may win the work cup back again, which has been wrenched from our possession for several terms.

THEBES.

This term the weather has been rather unfavourable for many matches to be played. However, the senior girls of the House have played one match against Athens and won by 5 goals to 3. Another match should have been played against Rome, but was scratched because of the heavy fall of snow. The senior and junior boys, and junior girls have played no matches, also owing to bad weather.

The Sports Day has been fixed for May 12th, and from now until then we are going to practice hard, so that we can win the cup.

The Parents' Cup would come well within our reach if some of the boys and girls would try not to get so many detentions.

TROY.

The Easter Term is a somewhat inactive term as far as the House is concerned. We have no party to anticipate as at Christmas, nor do the socials we used to enjoy now seem so popular. Nevertheless, we still remember our last party with pleasure, and look forward to Sports Day with happy expectation.

Our Christmas party was held on the 13th December, 1929. It gave pleasure to all present, and the members of

the House wish to thank Miss Deeks and Tatchell for performances on the piano and violin, and Ivy Lazenby for playing music for dancing.

We are not exceptionally distinguished this term for our success in House matches. Unfortunately, our junior girls have lost their matches, and though the seniors have won the only match they have played, this success cannot counterbalance the losses. Of the three matches which the junior boys have played, two—against Rome and Thebes—have been drawn, one—against Athens—won. So far, the senior boys have not yet played any matches, though one against Sparta is due to take place before the end of the term. By this time our thoughts centre not so much on House matches as on the inter-House sports, which are to take place at the beginning of the Summer term. An eager spirit is displayed by many of the Trojans, and sports practices have already been started.

School Societies.

ART CLUB.

True to our expectations, attendance has fallen off this term, and we now have a membership of about 70, of which 27 are full members. This reduction of members does not mean that the Club is any the less active than last term, but rather it is due to the fact that the slackers have drifted away from us, leaving us with a band of real enthusiasts.

Because there was such a poverty of good pictorial matter in last term's Exhibition, we have started a "Sketching Section" in the hope that people will be induced to turn out more finished work. This section meets once a fortnight, and a subject for illustration is agreed upon and the work of the preceding fortnight is exhibited and criticised. Work may be executed in any medium, provided it illustrates the subject, and we would like to see some modelling and carving developed in connection with this. So far the Section has done fairly well, and the result of its work will be seen at the end of term Exhibition.

It seems that the Club is a very single-minded institution, for we cannot manage to keep more than one activity going at any one time. Owing to the concentration upon pictorial work, craftwork has suffered. This shows a lack

of enthusiasm and staying power on the part of the craft-workers who, having made a good start last term, should have been able to carry on this term on their own initiative.

We are eagerly anticipating using the new Art Room next term. Possibly adjustments in our organisation may be necessary, and it is to be hoped that we shall be able to give more privileges to full members.

THE CHOIR.

Until this term, the Choir has been singing only ordinary part songs; but as one of the main interests of a choral society generally lies in the singing of longer works—cantatas—the school choir this term decided to be more enterprising and attempt such a work. The cantata selected is “Hiawatha’s Wedding Feast,” from the poem by Longfellow, and composed by Coleridge-Taylor.

Unfortunately, a deficiency of singers in any section of the choir seriously impairs the quality, and in this case there is a deficiency of tenors and contraltos. This does not mean that we do not want any basses or sopranos; anyone is welcomed, but tenors and contraltos are needed badly.

Remember then, that the choir meets every Thursday in the Maths Room

Our thanks are due to the members of the staff who have assisted us and especially to Miss Spencer, who aids the choir by accompanying it on the piano.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The term opened with a dramatic evening, arranged by Miss Deeks and Miss Baker, when the Vith acted some scenes from “Much Ado About Nothing.” The Literary Vith gave the garden scenes in which Scholey made quite a noble Benedick, and was ably supported by Joyce Lloyd as Beatrice. The Science Vith were responsible for the “watch” scenes, in which Tennyson proved an irresistible Dogberry, and Gill a very droll watchman. The performance was a good one, in spite of the fact that it was acted in ordinary clothes.

On February 10th, the Literary Vith debated the motion that “Modern Facilities for Amusement deaden Individual Effort.” Prendergast proposed the motion very sensibly, arguing that little individual enterprise or initia-

tive was required to sit and listen to the "Talkies," and stating that amusements which do require individual effort are considered old-fashioned. K. Dickinson, who opposed the motion, said that effort was needed to produce the money to pay for the amusements, and she claimed that wireless encouraged originality by introducing new ideas into the home. The motion was lost by 7 votes to 42.

The second debate on February 24th was arranged by the Vth Forms. The motion was that "Science has contributed more to human progress than Classics." Dickenson, in proposing the motion, stated that Classics had failed to confer any benefit on the world, whereas Science had made progress possible. In support of this statement, he enumerated many scientific inventions, and contrasted them with the small achievements of Classics. M. Mitchell, who opposed, explained very clearly the intangible benefits of Classics, and represented how much good had been inspired by the works of the great poets. The motion was lost by 32 votes to 40.

The last debate of the session was on "Disarmament." Tennyson maintained that disarmament is not in the best interest of European nations. He said that war is natural to man, and that there is always a tendency for the strong State to attack the weak; that it would be unwise for a State to disarm and so leave itself defenceless; and that it was impossible to enforce disarmament, as any State could manufacture arms surreptitiously. He was supported by V. Carroll, who stated that a disarmed Europe would be at the mercy of the yellow peoples; and that disarmament would lead to more unemployment. Scholey, in opposing the motion, claimed that general disarmament would make war impossible, and Swift stated that the money spent on armaments could be spent on ameliorating the condition of the people. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 47.

On March 24th, the Society is to be addressed by a Canadian on "Life in Canada," and on April 7th, the Annual Social takes place, at which two plays, "St. Joan" and "The Little Man," will be produced by the VIth Form.

SCOUTS.

The winter term is that in which we have to be content with indoor activities. This year, however, we have been fortunate in having the hall in which to play our games;

the meetings have been terminated by games or by a short song.

The meetings have been less well attended this term and the senior members are those who are deficient in this respect. Their presence is what is needed to help the troop to make its meetings more interesting.

The troop has been now transferred to the Rotherham Local Association from the smaller Darfield and Wombwell District, which has been disbanded.

The term has not been wholly unfruitful. The troop has been occupied in mending and preparing tents for the camping season, and in making itself more proficient in ambulance work.

We are looking forward to next term, when we shall have new quarters for both indoor and outdoor activities, while Camp, for which preparations are now being made, will quickly come upon us when next term starts.

GUIDES.

This term the Guides have been more successful than ever in gaining recruits. Our numbers have rapidly and steadily increased until the patrols have had to be extended. We now possess four new patrols: Sunflower, White Heather, Lily and Pimpernel, bringing the number up to nine, and we should be very pleased if the number could be ten.

We have selected a competent and interested company leader in Frances Chappell, who was one of the pioneers of the Company.

The Company, instead of being under the direct control of headquarters, has now been placed under the control of the Darfield Guide Captain.

We have now started having short speeches on different subjects to interest the Guides, and we have had a short play, and are hoping for a social evening together in a little while.

Most of the new recruits are ready for the enrolment.

FOOTBALL.

1st XV. v. GOOLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Result: Won 26 points to nil.

January 18th. The conditions were fine for the visit of the Goole 1st XV. School were playing uphill in the first

half, and thirty-five minutes even play left both teams pointless at the end of the first half. The School pressed often but could not score, while two or three kicks at goal on the part of Goole were unsuccessful. From the kick-off in the second half School brought the play to their opponents' goal-line, and from a line-out Elliott scored the first try, after one minute's play. Gill converted. After this, Goole brought the play into the School twenty-five, but gradually yielded under the pressure of the School's hard working forwards. The ball did not come back too often from the scrums and line-outs, but after fifteen minutes' play a scrummage on the Goole twenty-five line resulted in Carr getting the ball out to Pears, who ran well to score an unconverted try. The School were now on top, and further points were added in a penalty goal by Gill, and tries by Hollingsworth, Carr and Prendergast, all of which were converted.

1st XV. v. WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XV.

Result: Won 17 points to 3 points.

February 1st. The return match with Wakefield Grammar School 2nd XV. saw the School a little below their usual form for, considering the strength of the two fifteens, the School should have won by a wider margin. The ground, however, was wet on the top, making it bad for the players to keep their feet and indulge in much passing. The ball never came out cleanly from either of the two packs in the scrummages, and with the School experimenting on the scrum half position the threequarters had little chance.

Wakefield pressed at the start, and were the first to score with a penalty goal. The School retaliated, and presently Elliott took the ball over from a loose scrum, the try being converted by Gill. A little later the School scored again, when a fine run by Carr and Pears resulted in the latter scoring an unconverted try. Elliott increased the lead by dribbling the ball over and scoring just before half-time. Though they attacked almost throughout the whole of the second half, the School only managed to get over twice. Pears scored the fourth try and Elliott added a fifth, dribbling the ball over the line in fine style.

1st XV. v. GOOLE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Result: Won 17 points to 8 points.

February 15th. The School were keen on winning this game to atone for the results of the two previous visits of

the School XV. to Goole. These had resulted in a heavy reverse on each occasion. The game was evenly contested and both teams fought hard to secure the lead. This honour fell to Goole, who, late in the first half, got the ball from a loose scrum and scored near the post. The try was converted. It was only faulty handling by the School threequarters, however, that prevented them from getting over on several occasions. Thus the School were five points down on the first half's play.

The second half was not very old when the School equalised through a try by Gill, which he converted.. This only stimulated Goole, who attacked hotly and scored from a line-out near the goal line. The School were not to be defeated, however, and after a few minutes the ball came across the threequarter line for Carr to score near the flag. Directly after this, the School gained the lead through a try by Pears. Though Goole attacked repeatedly in undaunted fashion, the School were able to add further tries by Carr and Clayton.

1st XV. v. HEMSWORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Result: Won 36 points to nil.

February 22nd. Hemsworth seemed a little strange to the School pitch, and were easily beaten by the School, who stayed the course of the game much better than their opponents. The School were playing uphill in the first half and for the greater part of the half the game was very evenly contested. During this period the School gained a lead of ten points by two converted tries. In the second half the School played in a very convincing fashion and piled up the huge score of 36 points. Hemsworth were unfortunate to lose a man with a broken finger.

1st XV. v. THE OLD BOYS.

Result: Won 36 points to 8 points.

March 8th. The Old Boys played down the slope in the first half, and quickly forced the School to play a defensive game. Breaking away from a scrummage Parkin scored a try for the Old Boys, but this was not converted. Play became more even, and the School had now a good share of the attacking. Following a loose scrum in the centre of the field, the ball was got out to Pears, who dashed away to score a try for the School. Carr converted with a good kick. The Old Boys were unfortunate to lose Mr. Wilkinson, who had to leave the field with an ankle injury.

Weakened in attack, the Old Boys resorted to defensive play, but were unable to prevent the School from adding further points. Gill and Carr scored tries, the latter converting his own. The Old Boys replied through a try by Birks, Parkin converting. In the second half the School asserted their superiority and obtained a big lead. Carr broke through the Old Boys' defence on three occasions to score three tries, two of which were converted. Further points were added through tries by Pears and Hollingsworth. These were converted by Hollingsworth and Carr respectively.

2nd XV. v. BARNESLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL XV.

Result: Lost by 18 points to nil.

Although the day of the match was quite clear and bright, the Barnsley ground was moist and in a rather muddy condition. The threequarters, therefore, were hardly ever able to get into action, and the strong combination provided by the School "threes" was of little use. Most of the play was in the Barnsley half, but the superior weight of the forwards eventually told and enabled them to win.

2nd XV. v. BARNESLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL XV.

Result: Lost by 14 points to 6 points.

This match, which was played at Wath, resulted in a hard fight for both teams. The Barnsley team were handicapped by their threequarters, who, whilst speedy, could not gather up the ball at all quickly, and the School team were again overcome by the Barnsley scrum's superior weight. The School, however, gamely stuck to their task, often carrying the game dangerously into the other half, and at no time was the decision evident. As in the previous match at Barnsley, it was the forwards who gained Barnsley the victory, the School forwards being hopelessly outclassed.

2nd XV. v. BARNESLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL XV.

Result: Lost by 9 points to nil.

In this match both teams had improved greatly, and the threequarters were always worked hard. The School were outscrummed every time, the ball only coming out of the School side on two occasions. Nevertheless, the School made a gallant fight, and held up the Barnsley team many times when a score seemed certain.

2nd XV. v. HEMSWORTH S.S. 2nd XV.

Result: Won by 43 points to nil.

This match, played on the Hemsworth ground, brought little merit to the School. Combination was entirely lacking, passing and tackling were poor, and fouling was frequently shown. The Hemsworth team, though small, and with an average age of only fifteen, played exceptionally well. Although play was almost entirely in their half, on one or two occasions they broke away with amazing rapidity and the School found it difficult to hold them. Towards the end of the game the School improved greatly, but in no wise could their play be compared with that of their opponents.

HOCKEY.

1st XI. v. PENISTONE.

The match was played at Penistone on January 18th, the weather proved favourable, and both teams put up a good fight, the result being the School lost 4—0.

Valiant attempts to score were made by the School forwards, but owing to strong opposition in the form of a good defence and excellent right wing their sallies were fruitless.

1st XI. v. MEXBOROUGH.

The game was played at home on February 8th, and on the School winning the toss it was decided to play uphill. The game was a hard fight up to half-time when the score reached 2—1, the School goal being scored by M. Hawkesworth.

In the second half the School started off in fine style, M. Hawkesworth scoring again after receiving an excellent pass from P. Soar, another goal being scored by Mexborough during the last 10 minutes.

The School supporters were very disappointed when the team failed to score during the numerous corners, when at least two goals ought to have been scored, had more decision been shown.

1st XI. v. ROTHERHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The School suffered a decided defeat at Rotherham on March 7th, the score being 4—0. Rotherham scored their first two goals during the first ten minutes, the score reaching 3—0 by half-time.

The game itself was very difficult and bad luck seemed to follow the School. A good shot by P. Soar hit the goal-post and rebounded down the field, and also, in spite of many attempts made by M. Hawkesworth to pierce the defence, they remained invincible.

Rotherham had a very good goalkeeper and also could handle the ball very deftly with their sticks, which proved very advantageous to them, the School being pulled up many times for alleged kicking when they stopped the ball with their shins.

OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB.

OLD BOYS v. HEMSWORTH S.S. OLD BOYS.

At Hemsworth, January 11th, 1930. Result: Lost 8 points to nil.

In their return match with the Hemsworth S.S. Old Boys, their first match of the season, the Old Boys were defeated. Hemsworth had the best of the opening stages of the play and soon scored. After this play evened up considerably, the Old Boys tackling well. The Hemsworth three-quarters were fast and passed well, and shortly before half-time the home side again scored, the try being converted. The Old Boys quickly took command of the game during the second half, but were unable to pass the Hemsworth back, who played a magnificent game, his kicking and handling being faultless.

OLD BOYS v. OLD DANESIANS.

At Wath, January 25th, 1930. Result: Won 47 points to nil.

The Old Boys in their second encounter with the Doncaster team were again victorious. Taking command of the game from the kick-off, Mr. Wilkinson scored for the Old Boys; Parkin converted. This was quickly followed by a try from Carr, Parkin again converting.

The Old Danesians made strenuous efforts to get command of the game, but were met by a stern defence. The Old Boys took full advantage of their downhill position, and six further tries were scored before half-time by Parkin (3), Gardner (2), and Turner (1). Carr converted two of these and Parkin one. After resuming play the Old Danesians more than held their own and several times endangered the Old Boys' line. Good defensive play, however, prevented the visitors from scoring, and the course of the game soon

turned in favour of the home team. A brilliant left wing movement enabled Carr to score another try which he converted. Until the end of the game the Old Boys had the best of the play, Carr and Cooper further increasing the lead. Carr converted his own try.

OLD BOYS v. ROTHERHAM G.S. OLD BOYS.

At Wath, February 1st, 1930. Result: Won 25 points to nil.

The Old Boys quickly took command of the game and within five minutes Mr. Wilkinson scored a try, which was not converted. The Old Boys' three-quarters showed great improvement and handled well. Before half-time three more tries were added by Mr. Axford, Stuart and Gardner, none being converted. With the advantage of the slope the Old Boys immediately attacked after the resumption of play, Chapman scored and Parkin converted the try, and shortly afterwards Parkin scored. Although the Old Boys were masters of the play the Rotherham side never flagged in their efforts to turn the course of the game, and they put a good and sporting game. Towards the close of the game Gardner scored a try which Young converted.

OLD BOYS v. ROTHERHAM G.S. OLD BOYS.

At Rotherham, Feb. 22nd, 1930. Result: Won, 5 points to 3.

The Old Boys' team numbered 12 men, while Rotherham were one player short. Play was very fast, each team attacking in turn, but failing to register any score. The pace was maintained throughout the second half, and play was quickly transferred from one goal line to the other. Mr. Wilkinson proved a constant source of danger to the Rotherham defence, and the home team's forwards several times endangered the Wath line. Fifteen minutes from time, Mr. Wilkinson secured the ball from a loose scrum, and successfully worked his way over the Rotherham line and scored the first points of the game. Parkin converted the try. The score had a great effect on the game. The Old Boys made determined efforts to increase their lead, and Rotherham spared no efforts to equalise. With only one minute to play the Rotherham captain made a successful dash down the middle of the field and crossed the Old Boys' line, with Young close behind. The Rotherham kick failed.

OLD BOYS v. BARNLSLEY A.

At Barnsley, March 1st, 1930. Result: Lost by 16 points to 5.

Although defeated, the Old Boys put up a good fight, and made Barnsley play hard for their points. In the early stages the Old Boys pressed strongly. Clarney scored a try, and Parkin converted. Barnsley engineered many brilliant passing movements, and finally broke through the Old Boys' defence and scored an unconverted try. This score put Barnsley at their ease, and after drawing the Old Boys' defence well up the field made a brilliant attack and scored. The Old Boys lacked weight in their pack, and were hopelessly beaten in the tight scrums. After half-time the Barnsley threes gave a good display and two further tries were recorded, one being converted. Towards the close of the game the Old Boys had the best of the game, and only a sound defence prevented them from scoring.

OLD BOYS v. THE SCHOOL.

March 8th, 1930. Result: Lost by 34 points to 8.

The Old Boys showed remarkable improvement in their play, and the School were soon forced to play a stern defensive game on their line. Breaking away from a scrummage, Parkin scored a try for the Old Boys. Play evened up considerably, and the School had a good share of the attacking. Following a loose scrum in the centre of the field, Pears dashed away to score the School's first points. Shortly afterwards the Old Boys were unfortunate in losing Mr. Wilkinson, who had to retire because of an ankle injury. With a good deal of the sting taken from their attack, the Old Boys had to resort to defensive play, which, though good, was pierced several times by the School forwards. Before half-time the Old Boys added a further try through Birks. On resuming play, the Old Boys were hard pressed, and Carr scored three tries for the School, one being converted. Gill and Carr added two more tries. Carr and Hollingsworth converted.

Home Rule for Jump.

A debate was held on Monday, March 3rd, in the Hall. Incidentally, March 3rd ought to have been Half-Term, but the students had made such an earnest request that they

might stop and have the debate that their request was granted, and Half-Term was postponed indefinitely. The Hall was chosen for the debate, as the physics lab. was too small to accommodate those who flocked to hear the speakers.

The motion before the House was one of world-wide celebrity, "That Jump should have Home Rule." As the Government is so immersed in affairs relating to Home Rule, the School thought it an excellent opportunity to aid the Government a little by forwarding the views of many politicians in embryo.

The chair was kindly taken by W. F. Bucklow. The supporters of the motion were Riley and Beaslum, and the opposers were Cressfell and Scholon. The staff was supported by many eminent members

Riley gave an inspiring address, describing the great progress of Jump from one street to two streets and a lane. He represented in glowing terms how arduous a task had been accomplished by the Mayor and Aldermen, and related with remarkable eloquence how comparatively few streets remained unpaved. Among further proofs of Jump's justification for Home Rule, he convinced the House of the excellent opportunities afforded to the children of Jump for playing hide and seek. In conclusion, quoting Mrs. Browning's excellent poem, "The Cry of the Children," he said it was soul-stirring proof that puerile interests should not be neglected.

Cressfell, opposing, criticised Riley's speech stringently. He said that, until the number of Jump's streets increased to at least four, Home Rule was a totally unjustifiable demand. For his part, he quite failed to see why Hemingfield should not have Home Rule, as the unpaved streets of Hemingfield numbered considerably less than those of Jump. He also said that there was every possibility of war if Jump's request was acceded to, as Hemingfield would never submit to such an insult. In reference to Riley's quoting, he remarked drily that certain members of the staff were of opinion that Riley would quote much more propitiously if he quoted in class instead of on the orator's rostrum.

Beaslum was indignant at the last speaker. He said that it was not clever to assume a witty role, as any attempt at sarcasm because ridiculous in one who had not the necessary amount of finesse to carry off the role successfully. Moreover, he referred Cressfell to an excellent Latin book, "Norse and Pillard," and, when he had mastered that, then

Riley would be quite willing to meet any disparaging remarks on his English. He had meant to say quite a lot, but the provoking speech of the last speaker had driven all relevant matter out of his head. He would say, however, that unless Jump did gain Home Rule he would never arrange a special 'bus again, and he even hinted darkly that he would dispense with the present 'bus service to School, thus compelling the last speaker to walk from Hemingfield, which, incidentally, would afford him an excellent opportunity for studying "Norse and Pillard" on the way.

Scholon, seconding Cressfell, convinced his opponents that they were quite mad. Having disposed of the question of their sanity, he asked, in the interests of the public, whether, if Jump gained Home Rule, she would change her name. He said it was almost worth while to accede to this request if such a public benefit could be obtained. He begged to remind the House that a certain young motorist, on being confronted by the word "Jump," obediently tried to jump with his motor cycle. The motorist was at present in hospital, under the care of Earl Pawson of Penn; now, were the ratepayers, he demanded, willing to submit to the burden of keeping the injured man in hospital, under the care of an expensive specialist, merely because Jump had a ridiculous name? This was his greatest achievement, as, after this rhetorical questioning, he bumbled at great length on nothing. He remarked, incidentally, that Wath had been deemed "Queen of Villages" by some poet, whom he could not name, as his English was never very strong, but whose name resembled Montmorency, or possibly it was Ben Milton. Thus, he argued, Jump ought to be refused Home Rule, and Wath be granted it instead.

There were numerous speakers when the debate became public. Lavron said drily that he did not suppose that Wath Brewery had been in existence when the aforesaid poem was written, saying also that Percy Bysshe Shakespeare had written the poem, not Ben Milton. Flavellin assured the House decisively that Arnold Chaucer had written the poem, which, incidentally, was about Brampton. Other speakers included Swifteroy, who said that no place praised by a poet deserved Home Rule, and Tensony, who threatened to join the Left Wing Party if Rawmarsh did not receive Home Rule.

As the debate was now becoming too heated, W. F. Bucklow, with his usual great presence of mind, closed the debate. Forstus and Elliotum were tellers. The motion was defeated by 200 votes to 100.

A Peep in the Chemistry Laboratory on March 10th.

Halt ye! What spell doth hold the Vith in thrall?
 Each one is busy with mysterious book,
 Alas! what mischance doth each one befall?
 Why peereth each with frantic, searching look?
 Is it some rare prescription that is lost—
 For which each searchest with such eager gaze,
 Which must be found, whate'er the precious cost
 Why doth no one from books their keen eyes raise?
 What is that hushed, soft whisper round the stove?
 What does that group debate with such warm zeal?
 Why meet we grief, as our perplexed eyes rove?
 Do they all fear some evil at their heel?
 "Would I were ill!" moaneth one voice forlorn,
 The secret's out, exams. come with the dawn.

V. CARROLL, Form VI. Literary.

Short and Sweet.

In promulgating your esoteric cogitation, or articulation, your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical, or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity.

Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensiveness, and a concatenated cogency.

Eschew all conglomerate or flatulent garrulity, jejune habblement, and assinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiation have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast.

Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, ventriloquial verbosity, and grandiloquent rapidity. Shun double entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from slang. Don't put on airs. Say what you mean, and don't use big words.

K. HOLLINGSWORTH, Vb.

Evening.

What can be more wonderful than a wood in the evening time? There is some mysterious feeling which fills you with awe as you stroll through this paradise on earth. Is it the gloom of the trees, which have seemed so cheerful in the gl re of the mid-day sunlight? Is it the crackling of the twigs as you walk—almost steal—on tip-toe over the mossy ground strewn with thousands of fragrant pine-needles? Is it the dull sky overhead not yet filled with myriads of glimmering lights? No! It is the Spirit of the Wood which glides by your side. The Spirit of the Wood; that wonderful being, whose presence you feel but cannot see; the Spirit which seems to chide you if you dare to break the solitude and sanctuary of the wood.

A smiling peace abides in the stillness of the evening, no longer broken by the good-night twitterings of the birds. Yes, a smiling peace, for peace is contemplating this abode of hers with a tranquillity of mind and spirit.

Suddenly the spell is broken by the "jug-jug" of the nightingale; but surely you are carried away by the simplicity of the song into another spell. The deep trilling notes of the bird ring out in the stillness of the air and tremble away into silence "as if loth to cease." With Keats, I would

"Fade far away, dissolve and quite forget,
What thou amongst the leaves hast never known."

A star glimmers in the heavens, and now through the trees the moon is faintly visible, endeavouring to shed her beams on to this sanctuary, the very heart of nature. Does it not call to your mind those lines of Coleridge?

"The moon is behind, and at the full,
And yet she seems both small and dull."

Is there not the same sense of mysticism about this gigantic oak which has neither leaves nor boughs? But "where is Christabel," you may ask. Can your imagination not serve you? Can you not conjure up a vision of the lovely Lady Christabel, clad in her long shielding cloak, stealing through the wood, and kneeling at the foot of the oak? See, she is there!—Hush! make no noise or you will startle her.

Hark! what was that? The Lady Christabel starts up, and ventures to the other side of the oak. There she sees

the fair Lady Geraldine. She lifts up the lady, pale and wan, as though she has fallen from the moon. Tenderly bearing her precious burden, she winds in and out of the trees, and fades away into the distance.

No! 'twas but your fancy. Was not your vision real? But come, 'tis getting late. The church clock chimes out afar. There is no time to linger. You must come another time and let your imagination run away with you.

J. SMITH, VI. Lit.

Semita Sordis.

(With apologies to Newbolt).

There's a breathless hush in the stand to-night—

Two points to draw and three to win—

A bumpy track and a blinding light,

One heat to run, and the star man in.

It's not for the sake of a tailored coat,

Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,

But his captain's hand on his shoulder smote,

"Ride up! ride up! and come first hame!"

The crack of the track is nearly dead—

Hit in the neck with a chain that broke;—

His throttle's jammed and his engine dead,

And the crowd is blind with dust and smoke.

Sprouts Elder's 'dope' has brimmed his tanks,

And England's star gets honour and fame,

But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the cranks:

"Ride up! ride up! and come first hame!"

This is the track that, year by year,

Because of her pace the stars have met,

Every one of them has no fear,

And none with fear dare ride on it yet.

This they all with joyful mind

Bear through the fence with motor in flame,

And falling fling to the man behind—

"Ride up! ride up! they'll carry ye hame!"

D. FLAVELL, Upper Vth.

An Anxious Time.

It was about half-past seven in the evening on February 24th. Out of doors it was bitterly cold, but a glowing fire cheered up the inside of the room. A mother, with her son and daughter, were seated around the fire, reading the local news. The three younger children were in bed, and the father was down the pit, as he was working on the afternoon shift.

Suddenly the trio were startled by a sharp knock on the door. When it was opened, a neighbour whose husband had just returned from work walked in. "Has your husband returned from work, yet?" she asked. "No, not yet," said the mother, surprised, "he is not due back until half-past ten." "Well, there has been an explosion at the pit," said the woman, and was going to add more, when she saw that the poor mother had fainted.

Not another word was spoken, until footsteps were heard in the street, and the anguished mother cried out, "Oh, they are coming to tell me he is killed!" All were in a fever of anxiety, until the neighbour opened the door to go home, and saw the father returning. She rushed back, saying, "He is not dead, he is coming; thank God, he is safe!" The three wept for joy, and the father entered, tears rolling down his cheeks.

He was practically uninjured, and the first words he spoke were, "Poor things, seven are gone." The family, although greatly relieved, were still anxious about the other unlucky victims. Never before had they spent such an anxious time, and by them, as by a great many others, February 24th, 1930, will never be forgotten.

L. HOLYOAK (Upper Vb).

And Some there are, the Loveliest and Best."

I.

Come, Muse, and with your sweet effusion,
Inspire our hearts and brains to write
A tale all full of bright allusion,
From work awhile our minds respite.
Of literary comrades would we tell,
The first a lad so tall and fair,

A pompous spirit it befel,
 Did oftimes vex his friends with care.
 A girl possessed of studious mind,
 Whom Music's muse her talent lent,
 The Upper Lit. for ever find,
 Among her books alone content.
 Her comrade, too, is thus inclined,
 So we ever see her reading
 Theories and principles defined,
 And histories lest she will be needing.
 And now a girl of boyish face,
 In class, a saintly part she acts,
 We hope she may attain that grace
 Which should be hers, yet still she lacks.
 Our Muse has gone, fled far away,
 Unheeding of our supplication,
 Alas! we must our pen allay,
 And discontinue this narration.

Part II.

Lo, once again your flow vouchsafe,
 Lend us thy fount and changing strains,
 Of inspiration send a wave.
 Come, oh thou mimic, lend thy feigns,
 Tall, dark and with a merry eye,
 The Upper Lit. he now doth grace,
 With Latin text his brain doth try,
 Yet hath an ever-smiling face.
 She in the Upper Lit. doth dwell,
 Is short and fair, and doth enthuse;
 She chatters, chatters, ill or well,
 And her friends' ears she doth misuse.
 And now the Upper Lit. we leave,
 And turn to one who's dark and thin,
 Initials changed do us bequeath,
 That the greater part of her is chin.
 The artist, in his youthful dawn,
 We trust his fame survives at dusk,
 The Art-Room walls he doth adorn,
 His ways, we fear, are somewhat brusque.
 'Tis done, your leniency we ask,
 We ask that we may not offend,
 We've laboured on our arduous task,
 And now our efforts in we send.

“NOMINIS OMBRA.”

