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School Notes.

AT the end of last term Miss Jones left to take up work in a school in North London. She had been here for over seven years and we shall naturally miss her both as geography mistress and as House mistress: however, we know she was looking forward to returning to her "home-town," and hope she will be happy there.

The only startling event this term has been a minor explosion in the Chemistry Laboratory which unfortunately resulted in a number of IIIb. being burnt by splashes of sulphuric acid. Happily in the great majority of cases the

burns were slight, and we hope that none of the injured will suffer from any permanent ill effects.

The weather has been extraordinary, and instead of frost and occasional snow, we have rejoiced for much of the term in bright sunshine.

The games have continued to be very successful, and we think we are correct in saying that so far none of our three rugby teams has lost a school match.

The prizes for the competitions are awarded to Copeland (Art), Kenning (Senior Literary), and Malyan (Junior Literary).

House Notes.

ATHENS.

We were all very sorry to lose both the Housemistress and Captain last term, but we were very pleased to welcome Miss Gillmour as our new House mistress.

The House Party which was held last term was very enjoyable, but an increased number would ensure a greater success.

Games have improved slightly this term. The Senior girls have lost one, and won two matches, but the Senior boys, although they have played determinedly, have lost all their matches because of lack of numbers. The Juniors, however, both boys and girls, have had a very good season, and have won all the matches they have played.

Even though the Games Cup is probably out of reach, we might still strive for the Work Cup if Junior boys would aim at a few less detentions.

The sale of magazines has not been as good as usual this term: the girls have not bought as many as last term and the Junior and Middle School boys do not seem to have made much effort. Even if this is due to "impecuniosity," a combined effort could surely be brought about between some of the younger boys.

We sincerely hope that all Athenians will practise assiduously for the sports next term. There is often a lack of enthusiasm among the Senior girls, which must be remedied if we are to aim at success.

CARTHAGE.

We all extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Leadley and hope that he will have every reason to be proud of his position as House Master of Carthage.

This term has witnessed an effort for the joint action of the boys and girls which will be tested next term by the House Outing, at which, it is hoped, there will be a record attendance.

On the whole, the number of detentions has decreased, and the Work Cup no longer seems an utter impossibility. Societies, however, are not attended by as many Carthaginians as could be wished ; perhaps this will alter during the summer term.

With regard to games, Carthage seems to be losing her former strength ; the Junior boys and girls are especially slack in turning up to matches. The Sports will take place early next term, and if Carthage is to maintain her position as holder of the Sports Cup, all Carthaginians should begin practising at once. Points for the House are now given for every good remark on each report, and it is hoped that now positive as well as negative points can be gained, Carthaginians will gain as many as possible.

ROME.

It is to be hoped, for the sake of the Roman boys, that their short stay at this School will fulfil its purpose—that of preparing them for a good position—for the last term has shown that they will never earn much money as “navvies.” The middle and upper parts of the House seem to lack the keenness of the lower School to excel at this noble art ; and almost the same can be said of the girls with regard to hockey. In this case, the keen ones are the Juniors and Middles, while the zeal, if any, of the Seniors is overcome by the irresistible attraction of radiators.

In games, this season, Rome has met with moderate success. The Junior girls have done very well, their scores in four matches being 1—1, 5—0, 7—0, 9—0 ; but the Senior girls have not been so successful. The Junior boys have won two matches, and lost three, while the Senior boys have won three, and lost one.

We are, as yet (blissfully, perhaps !) ignorant of the quality and quantity of school-work done by Romans, but with regard to conduct, the boys have not been quite so conspicuous as they used to be. Detentions, however, continue to accumulate, due more to joint efforts rather than individuals.

Last term, the House Party was not such a success, socially, as usual, though it was financially, thanks to the kindness of mothers and friends who helped; it did not “go over” very happily on the night, but Romans may be sure it was not due to lack of hard work on the part of the organisers.

SPARTA.

The Easter term is rather an uneventful one with regard to House activities. Games have been the chief feature. The girls have not done very well in hockey, the Juniors losing all the matches they have played, but they are showing a great deal of enthusiasm, and we hope they will do well next winter. The Senior girls have only won one match, but they have still two to play. If the girls showed more enthusiasm with regard to hockey practices they may do better; practices, they should remember, are as important as the actual matches. In rugby the boys have won three matches. The Games Cup seems to be as far away as ever.

The number of detentions this term has been fairly low; it seems to be certain Juniors who get the majority of them. If we could only win the Work Cup again this term we shall have won it three times in succession.

We are now looking forward to the Sports at the beginning of next term. We hope that all Spartans will go into practice with great enthusiasm and see if we cannot carry off the Sports Cup.

THEBES.

As usual, this term has produced little worthy of note, and we must go back to the end of last term to find anything of great interest to the House. The House Party was a huge success and was very well supported by the House as a whole. Our thanks are due to Mr. Collister and Miss Swift and both the House captains for the excellent arrangements. To one who can remember many House Parties this one will stand out as the most original, and the one at which most members of the House co-operated to produce a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. It was also a pleasant surprise for Thebans last term to see their House leading the way in the sale of Play tickets. Let us hope this will be repeated.

As for this term, very little can be said except about navvying. Thebans seem to be pulling their weight in this, and our thanks are due to those who have helped. It must be remarked, however, that there are some who have not been so willing. We would remind those that there is no shortage of navvying implements.

Detentions this term have decreased considerably and satisfactorily, even when the general decrease is taken into account.

So far as games are concerned, all our teams have been moderately successful and they have shown that we have some very promising material for the future.

On the whole, I think it is safe to say Thebans are now showing more team spirit than they have done for a long time.

TROY.

This term has not been very eventful for the House, the only bright spot in it being the memory of a pleasant evening spent last term at the House Party.

Many of our boys received a rather unpleasant shock when it was announced that navvying was recommencing, but they bravely cast aside their aversion to manual labour and put their backs into the work like true Trojans ; or, to be precise, some of them did. A few of them maintained their customary habit of slacking, apparently preferring a rather infantile species of soccer to the greater joys of navvying. We haven't noticed many of our members doing a daily run round the field to loosen up preparatory to the Sports. True a few of them have been on a tentative run round the cross-country course, but these are decidedly a minority. However, we are certain that on the day of the cross-country, it will be obvious that we have in our midst several "dark horses" who have been training in secret.

In games, the Senior boys who turn out a pleasing number to the 1st XV. have not been too successful. The Senior girls have amply made up this weakness. The Junior boys have done moderately well, but the Junior girls have, although keen, been rather unfortunate.

During next term we shall hold the House outing. The destination is as yet uncertain, but any suggestions are welcomed.

To those who next term are taking School or Higher Certificate, we wish every success, content in the knowledge that they will do their best for both House and School.

School Societies.

SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Society has held five meetings this term, three of which were debates and two dramatic presentations. The first meeting, held on January 17th, took the form of a Snap Debate, at which various motions were discussed, the majority of those present having the opportunity to speak. A fortnight later was held the best debate the Society has had this session. The motion was "That the majority of road accidents to-day are caused by the incompetence of the authorities." This was proposed by Phillips and Kitson, and opposed by Atkinson and Bishop. The motion was carried by a small majority.

The third meeting also took the form of a debate, the motion being "That man is deteriorating both physically and mentally." Members of the Fifth Forms were the principal

speakers. The motion was defeated, after a heated discussion on the floor of the House, in which one speaker even appealed to "the Latin hard."

The two meetings held during the latter half of the term have both been dramatic presentations. On March 7th the Guides presented "The Princess and the Woodcutter." The principal parts were played by J. Shaw as the Princess, D. Woods as the Woodcutter, H. Redgate and L. Redgate as the King and Queen respectively, and J. Parkin, D. Hughes and J. Mannering as the three Princes.

The following week, members of the Lower Sixth Literary read scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer." The principal parts were taken by J. Swift, M. Wragg, Hudson, Thorpe and Kenning.

Attendances throughout the term have been consistently high, and a pleasant feature of the debates was the increased number of speeches from the floor of the House, which frequently attained a high standard, and made the debates much more lively than they sometimes have been in the past.

The Sixth Literary is preparing for its annual presentation of a play at Easter, and this year "Romeo and Juliet" has been chosen. Such a play demands the hardest of work on the part of both players and producers, and it is therefore hoped that a large attendance may justify the great expenditure of time and labour.

ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY.

All branches of the Arts and Crafts Society have declared this to be a very good term.

The Art Club has forty-five members including a group of regular attenders who work exceedingly well. This term time has been devoted to pictorial work rather than crafts.

The Woodwork Club has made good progress during the term, though there is still a reluctance on the part of the seniors to attend. There has been the same type of work and the high standard that has been upheld during the last few terms has been maintained.

The Metal-work Club has been well attended and better finishing to the work has been produced.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

This term the Juniors have held meetings apart from the main section. Dexter has acted as chairman, and M. Bentcliffe as secretary. They have had papers read by R. Farlow, Dexter and J. Rothnie on "Spiders," "Vitamins" and "Teeth" respectively. These meetings have not

enjoyed a large attendance, but one more has been arranged and so the Junior School still has time to fill the Lecture Room.

The main section has enjoyed almost unprecedented success.

The work of Michael Faraday was ably described by Simpson of the Vith Science on January 18th. Two weeks later Mr. Smith captured the attention of his audience with a most interesting lecture on "Muscles of the Human Body."

On February 15th Mr. Cartledge, M.P.S., described the pharmaceutical profession and its possibilities as a career. It is hoped that other Old Wathonians who may speak to us in the future, will be similarly appreciated.

A paper on "Hydraulic Machines," by Bishop of the VIth Science, produced a good discussion, and on March 15th Knutton tried to convince members of the Upper School of the validity of the "Doctrine of Evolution."

At a meeting on March 29th, Ardron described the internal combustion engine.

Guide Notes.

This term we have had more recruits than usual, and from these we have been able to re-form our old Snowdrop patrol, with H. M. Redgate as Patrol Leader, and J. Parkin as the Patrol Second.

The Patrol Leaders and Seconds spent an enjoyable afternoon at a Conference at Hemingfield on February 12th, and brought back many new ideas and resolutions.

Proficiency badges obtained since the last magazine are: Needlewoman's, J. Shaw. D. Hughes and D. E. Smith have obtained their Second Class badges and several Second Class Guides are preparing for their First Class badges.

During this term we have been preparing for a Drama Competition which is to take place on March 22nd, at Barnsley, where we hope to succeed with our rendering of "The Princess and the Woodcutter," by A. A. Milne. Some of the Senior School members may remember the dress rehearsal at the Senior Literary Society. This Drama Competition is a county competition; the winning company at the Barnsley "heats" will compete at Doncaster on April 9th. We are striving for that honour.

More recruits would be very welcome; we are not averse to more new patrols.

The summer camp this year is to be held at Grisethorpe, near Filey, and we hope to have a jolly and full camp.

Scout Notes.

Scout activities have continued along the usual lines this term. Several young recruits have been gained, so that we now have a membership of over forty. Attendances among both junior and senior Scouts have been good, though the numbers of the latter have sometimes been depleted on account of rehearsals for the Easter play. Nevertheless it has been possible to form two ambulance teams, which we hope to enter for a competition in a short time.

Games, which form an important part of Scout activities, have developed along rather original lines during the last few months. Handball, the old favourite, has almost disappeared for a time, and Skittle-ball seems to have taken its place. The chief game at present, however, is the Dog-Fight, an adaptation of American rugger, invented by W.G.S. Scouts, and played by no other team anywhere. There are no rules, but a gentlemen's agreement prevents such atrocities as ear-biting and strangulation.

Recently the official name of the troop has been changed from the 26th Rotherham to the 35th Doncaster. This change of name does not indicate any change in the character of the troop.

"What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."

Thus mutters some poor Scout who has been inveigled into playing a part in "Romeo and Juliet." And so, thinking of that heroic Scout who is to play Romeo, in the words that he knows so well, we say,

"Dry sorrow drinks our blood, adieu, adieu!"

The School Plays.

"Much Ado About Nothing."

"Sigh no more Ladies," sung by S. Bennett, opened the School presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing." The play proved to be one of the most popular yet produced, not only because of the high standard of acting, but also owing to the nature of the play itself. It has all the qualities of a good acting play. The points and situations are so shaped and ordered, and the interest is of such varied appeal, ranging from broad comedy and sparkling dialogue to pathos and tragedy, that, even when indifferently acted, it has always been effective on the stage."

Hollingsworth and Margaret Wragg both gave a good performance as Claudio and Hero, especially in the tense scene in the church. Linley, in the part of Don John, looked and sounded like a natural villain, while G. Hudson displayed

a royal demeanour which adequately compensated for his beard, which belied his voice. A particularly outstanding performance was given by M. Smith, as Beatrice, and Atkinson, who really seemed to enjoy his part as Benedick.

Ellison, as Leonato, carried his part quite easily, and Rowe was not without a certain dignity as Antonio. The rascally Conrade and Borachio were efficiently represented by Davison and Barnes respectively.

The broad comedy of the play was well to the fore in the person of Simpson, who delighted the audience as Dogberry the constable. He was adequately supported by Barker, Bishop, J. H. Hargreaves, and Swindells, who were an amusing combination. (Mention must also be made of the lighting effects in these scenes).

Creditable performances were also given by Curran, D. Green, J. Shaw, H. Redgate, M. Dickenson, and B. Hudson, who successively managed to synchronise his voice to a surreptitious plucking sound which ostensibly originated from the instrument he held. The singing in the tragic scene before Hero's tomb was also very well done.

The play ended to the strains of "La Cinquantaine," when several members of the cast indulged in a stately measure which fully deserved the applause that it received.

"Youth at the Helm."

"Youth at the Helm," a modern comedy with a novel plot, had a very good reception last Christmas. The audience enjoyed every minute of the play, judging by the applause.

The action takes place in the staid surroundings of a London Bank. Warrender, an enterprising young man who is almost penniless, is determined to make work for himself in the bank. He compels his old schoolfellow, Fitch, to give him the use of his office. Fitch's protestations soon subside into a complacent pessimism regarding Warrender's chances of deceiving the rest of the staff into believing that the latter is actually employed there. However, despite the unexpected situations which arise, Warrender succeeds beyond his wildest hopes, and the hypothetical business scheme with which he dupes the Chairman and Directors becomes a reality.

Boyd portrayed Warrender very creditably. His breezy manner soon held the audience in its sway, while the impromptu speech which he delivered at the Board meeting was a veritable feat of oratory. He shared the honours of the performance with Fitch, whose part was taken at short notice by the Headmaster. The audience was delighted at the way in which he depicted Fitch's inordinate passion for orderliness and systematism, which was to be

upset as soon as Warrender set foot within the hallowed precincts of the office.

F. Turner gave an excellent performance as Dorothy Wilson, and the manner in which she lured the unhappy Fitch into marriage enlivened the play considerably. H. Hill, as the Chairma'n's daughter, gave a good rendering of Yvonne's impulsiveness and infatuation for Warrender. The kindly, absent-minded Chairman, who might have been more at home in the Queen's Hall, and the aggressive, mildly ferocious Ponsonby were played to perfection by Phillips and Knutton respectively.

Thorpe gave a convincing performance as Lord Farley, while Hardwick, in the role of a Board of Trade official, gave an official atmosphere to the Board meeting, which tended towards hilarity. Hallows looked the typical self-made business man : another director, Nicholson, was satisfactorily played by Miller.

D. A. Hargreaves was very amusing as the decrepit Commissionaire, and the manner in which he and the office-boy (taken by Umpleby) treated Fitch gave the play a satisfactory start-off. Despite the limited nature of his part as Kubinsky, W. O. Hargreaves managed to give humorous finishing-touch to the play.



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Orchestra Notes.

An important feature of "Much Ado About Nothing" was the music, which included Schubert's "Entr'acte de Rosamunde," Handel's "Il Pastor Fido," "La Cinquantaine," by Gabriel Maria, and some special traditional music. Four members of the orchestra supplied the accompaniment to the songs and the dances.

For "Youth at the Helm" we played two pieces by Strauss—"Voices of Spring" and "The Thousand and One Nights"—the "Slumber Aria" (Massenella) and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance."

Practice this term has been devoted to the music for "Romeo and Juliet." Other new music includes Brahms' "Hungarian Dances."

Our appeal for more members is still unanswered.

FIRST XV. NOTES.

December 4—1st XV. v. Goole G.S., at Goole.

Won—15 points to 5.

The School maintained its unbeaten record by beating the home side at Goole. The ball was greasy and handling was rather difficult, but Barnes touched down an early try near the posts, and Longbottom converted. Davison went over twice, once from a pass from Knutton and later after good work with Hollingsworth, but both tries were disallowed. Towards the end of the first half Hollingsworth finished a three-quarter movement by touching down between the posts. Longbottom converted.

During the second half Goole forced a line out on the Wath line and scored in the ensuing scramble, but a little later Davison got the ball from a scrum and passed to Hollingsworth on the half-way line. He eluded the full back to score between the posts. Longbottom converted, bringing the final score to 15 points to 5.

January 22—1st XV. v. Hemsworth, at Hemsworth.

Drew—6 points all.

The School opened scoring through Ellison, who touched down an unconverted try. In the second half, although playing against the wind, Hollingsworth seizing an opportunity, ran down the field and scored between the posts. Longbottom failed with the kick. Hemsworth then scored a penalty goal, and later their full back buffeted his way through to touch down an unconverted try.

January 29—1st XV. v. Rotherham G.S., at Wath.

Won—17 points to nil.

In this game an unusually strong crosswind spoiled many movements. Lewis went over near the corner to score an unconverted try in the first half. After the interval, playing down the slope, the School immediately scored through Hollingsworth, who, taking the ball from a scrum, touched down an unconverted try. Ellison forced his way through to score between the posts and Hollingsworth converted, himself scoring a few minutes later, again an unconverted try. Towards the end, Hardwick touched down but Longbottom failed with the difficult kick.

February 5—1st XV. v. Hemsworth, at Wath.

Won—16 points to 4.

The School played downhill during the first half. Ellison opened the scoring by barging through to score a try, which Longbottom converted. Longbottom also scored a try, and Lewis dribbled the ball over the line under the posts to score a try, which Longbottom converted. Davison added to the score from a three-quarter movement, and the interval came with the School well in the lead.

In the second half the School had to concentrate on keeping the Hemsworth team in check, but the eagerness of a School forward gave Hemsworth a penalty kick which they easily put over the bar. The School did not add to their score in this half. The School did well in smothering loose balls and preventing Hemsworth from making any serious attempts at scoring.

February 12—1st XV. v. Thorne, at Wath.

Won—8 points to 5.

Painter won the toss and the School played uphill. Hollingsworth soon opened scoring with a try that caused some dispute to arise. Longbottom converted it. Although playing against a heavier scrum the School again showed superiority in the loose. During this half Thorne sent one of their men over to score a try, which they also converted, leaving the score at five points all at the interval.

Playing downhill the School had a slightly easier time, and Davison scored an unconverted try. The School had a really good stiff game in which they eventually showed themselves better in forward and three-quarter play.

March 5—1st XV. v. Barnsley G.S., at Barnsley.

Won—16 points to 5.

In the first half, playing against the wind, the School kept play in the Barnsley half of the field, but even so Barnsley were the first to score, from a cleverly intercepted pass and a run down the field. This was converted. The School replied with tries by Thorpe and Barnes, both of which Longbottom converted.

After the interval, although Barnsley made continued assaults, the School proved themselves superior, and added six points by Davison and Hollingsworth, whose tries were unfortunately unconverted.

March 12—1st XV. v. Goole G.S., at Wath.

Won—11 points to 6.

A rather weakened team attacked strongly, playing downhill. Davison scored a try from a movement by Haigh, and soon afterwards Ellison and Thorpe scored. The Goole backs tackled strongly and kept their men closely marked, giving the home team few opportunities.

In the second half Carr went off injured, and seven forwards managed to hold the Goole men out. Goole scored one try and added 3 points from a penalty kick.

SECOND XV. NOTES.

January 15—King's School, Pontefract. away.

The School showed the superiority of their forwards in very bad conditions. A gale of wind, rain, and a muddy ground, made passing practically impossible, and the three tries the School scored were due to solo runs. There was no score at half time, but afterwards the School scored three tries, and Pontefract one, making the score 9—3. Horner scored two tries, and Corby the other one.

January 22—v. Hemsworth, at home.

In dry, windy weather, the School just managed to beat Hemsworth at home. Boyd won the toss for the second time, and elected to play uphill first. The home team scored an unconverted try, then Hemsworth, after missing two penalties, scored a try, and converted it, making the score 5—3. In the second half, however, the School scored another try, taking the lead by one point, and holding it till the end.

February 17—v. Hemsworth, away.

A strong wind again interfered in the return match at Hemsworth, for neither team, when playing against the wind, moved out of their own twenty-five for long. The School decided to play against the wind in the first half, and were losing 3—0 at half-time. After one disappointment, however, Horner equalised in the corner, but failed with the kick.

March 5—Barnsley, at home.

The School repeated last term's victory over Barnsley, but more emphatically. They showed their superiority both at forward and back. The Barnsley team seemed unable to start any movements themselves, or stop any of ours. Horner was conspicuous, scoring 17 points, and the whole team kept up a good scoring rate, the final score being 43—0.

March 12—Hemsworth, at home.

The 2nd XV. having been robbed of their spectators by the 1st XV., who were also at home, inflicted a decisive defeat on Hemsworth, after three other matches had given closer results. Pickering scored twice, Woodruff once, and Bradley once, bringing the score to 12—0. This was partly due to the fact that Hemsworth were without their usual hooker.

March 19—Pontefract, at home.

Before a rather larger gathering of spectators, the School defeated Pontefract, who came with only twelve men.

Mann, Stones and Robinson made up their team, Mann being conspicuous for scoring their only try. Davison scored three tries for the School, Woodruff two, and Stones (P.) one. Four of these six were converted, rounding off a successful season by a score of 26—3, Boyd having won the toss in every match.

UNDER XV. NOTES.

January 22—v. Barnsley, away. Won, 15—0.

February 12—v. Thorne, at home. Won, 8—5.

March 12—v. Wakefield, away. Won, 8—5.

Hockey.

January 29—1st XI. v. Mexboro'. At home.

Result : Won 1—0.

The match was played in adverse weather conditions ; there was a high wind blowing, and several showers of rain. The match, however, was very keen, as the previous match at Mexboro' had resulted in a draw. The team combined well but felt the loss of M. Smith. F. Turner scored the only goal during the second half of the match, when the School had the advantage of both wind and slope.

February 5—1st XI. v. Rotherham H.S. Away.

Result : Lost 2—0.

The School team felt the difference between the hard School pitch and that of Rotherham ; the latter being much softer and inclined to make the ball travel slower. The Rotherham forwards pressed hard during the first half of the game, but were resisted by the staunch defence of J. Swift and D. Lynham. B. Evans played well in goal and saved many brilliant shots. During the second half the play was more even, but the School forwards did not seize many opportunities to shoot, whereas the Rotherham forwards shot two goals in rapid succession.

February 12—1st XI. v. Maltby G.S. Away.

Result : Lost 3—0.

The weather conditions were good and the pitch firm and ideal for hockey, and a fast game was the result. Maltby were decidedly superior to the School team in marking their opponents, and consequently the forwards were allowed little of shooting, although they were frequently in the Maltby goal circle. The School team combined well, but the forwards were inclined to be offside and the backs to give sticks. The Maltby forwards were very quick and with the support of strong half-backs shot three goals.

March 5—1st XI. v. Thorne G.S. Away.

Result : Draw 1—1.

The weather was sunny, but owing to the rain overnight, the pitch was rather sticky. The School pressed hard during the first half and the forwards and half-backs played well. H. Hill shot the School's goal shortly before half-time, but the School forwards pressed constantly on the Thorne defence. During the second half the play was faster and more even and both defences played well. Thorne shot the equalising goal shortly after the School had scored, by brilliant passing along the forward line into the goal circle.

March 12—1st XI. v. Maltby G.S. At Home.

Result : Lost 1—0.

As soon as the match had started it became evident that Maltby did not intend to let the advantage of a home pitch give the School the superiority. The School played up the slope first and Maltby took advantage of the chance thus offered by playing a brilliant game, which harrassed the backs considerably. Shortly before half-time Maltby scored a goal by brilliant passing and shooting. During the second half the School strove to equalise, but was resisted by the strong Maltby defence. The game was even faster during the second half than it had been during the first half of the game, but no goals were scored, and a very enjoyable match ended with a Maltby victory.

March 19—1st XI. v. Hemsworth G.S. At home.

Result : Won 2—1.

The School pressed hard upon the Hemsworth defence throughout the first half, but seemed to have no great advantage until J. Woolfenden scored for the School by a brilliant shot from the edge of the circle. This seemed to stiffen the School team, as a whole, and shortly afterwards Hemsworth had equalised. F. Turner scored the winning goal from a corner.

During the second half the play was for the most part in the Hemsworth defence half of the field, and only occasionally did the Hemsworth forwards break away. In spite of better play during the second half no more goals were scored.

2nd XI. HOCKEY NOTES.

2nd XI. v. Mexborough. Home. Won : 4—3.

School won the toss and took advantage of a fairly strong wind to play uphill first. The teams were equally matched, which resulted in an even and quick game. The goals were scored alternately by the two teams, but the School team managed to gain the deciding goal just in time to give them the victory.

2nd XI. v. Rotherham. Away. Won : 2—1.

Again the School team was in fighting form. The backs played a good game, and the forwards played up to them by securing two goals to nil.

2nd XI. v. Maltby. Away. Won 1—0.

Maltby played very well during the first half, keeping the ball in their opponents' circle most of the time, but due to the steady play of R. Chandler they were unable to score. The School team still continued to play a defensive game during the second half, but about 5 minutes before time, M. Abson took the ball down and scored for the School.

2nd XI. v. Thorne. Away. Draw : 2—2.

After many efforts in our opponents' circle, a goal was scored by M. Abson. This was immediately followed up by a brilliant goal from K. Butterworth, who took the ball from the centre line to the goal by herself. Thorne, however, were not to be beaten, and by scoring two goals, the match ended in a draw.

2nd XI. v. Maltby. Home. Lost : 2—1.

The weather on this occasion was more suitable for sun-bathing than playing hockey, but nevertheless we had an enjoyable game. The forwards played well together, but were rather slow in the circle, only one goal being scored during the second half. The Wath half-backs, who played untiringly in spite of the heat, deserve special mention in this match.



2nd XI. v. Hemsworth. Home. Won : 3—0.

The School lost the toss and played down the slope first. Although most of the play was in the Hemsworth half of the field, no goals were scored before half-time. L. Redgate, M. Abson and K. Butterworth scored for Wath during the second half.

Clockwise.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Seven is the clock,
Into the tub we go,
Now for a scrub, and so
Are we down-hearted ? No !
Seven is the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Nine is the clock,
Laughter and jest aside,
Into the hall we stride,
Soon voices upward glide,
Nine is the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Ten is the clock,
Work is now well begun
Schoolboys must never shun,
Each lesson must be done,
Ten is the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Twelve-thirty's the clock,
Come lads, let us repair,
Down books, and up the stair
Dinner is waiting there,
Twelve-thirty's the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Two is the clock ;
Back to our work again
Working with might and main
If merit we'd obtain,
Two is the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
Four is the clock,
Now, spirits upward soar
Soon will our work be o'er,
Then boys, for home once more,
Four is the clock.

Ho ! schoolboys, Ho !
 Seven is the clock,
 French, Maths. and English done
 (If you're a lucky one)
 Rest of the day's your own,
 Seven is the clock. (C. MANWELL).

(Mrs. Hardcastle visits her son, Tony, at his school, when fire drill takes place).

"Tony, my charmer, are they treating you well here ? Are you quite sure you are perfectly all right, or shall I take you home with me ? That's a very nasty cough you have and you are so pale. Do they feed you properly, I wonder. Now, do tell your mamma, my dear, and she'll take you away if you are not happy. Dear, dear ! What is that bell ringing for ? What !! FIRE ! Where ? O lud ! O lud ! Why ever did I come here ? Why ever did I allow you to come ? What would your father, poor Mr. Lumpkin, say ? O Tony, what shall we do ? I'm sure I shall be burnt to death. Don't stand there like that you blockhead. Tell me what to do. Tony, where are you going ? Would you leave your mother, your own dear mother, here to burn ? Sure, Tony, you couldn't be so cruel. Tony, you unfeeling brute; will you laugh when your poor mamma might be burnt at any moment ? I'll never come to this place again. Ah ! what a lovely breath of fresh air ! I declare, I'm all out of breath. But why is everybody laughing, and where is the fire ? I see no smoke ; no flames ? Tony, have you deceived your mother ? Will you laugh, monster, at your poor mother in distress ? You know I can't stand very much excitement. Speak, you blockhead you, will you, or I'll WHAT ! That was only fire drill and you allowed your poor mother to be frightened to death for nothing. I'll teach you to scare your mother, I will. Fire indeed. However, I'm greatly relieved. Just think, though, it might have been a real fire, and my poor boy might have been burnt, and his mother not here to save him. You shan't stay at this place any longer. I'll make Mr. Hardcastle take you away at once, I will."

K. CLARK (Lower VI.Lit.)

A Domestic Pet.

I have an Alsatian dog for a pet ; his name is "Duke." He is a very intelligent dog. He will bring the papers or letters to us when they are put through the letter-box in the morning. If he happens to be in the garden when the postman comes, the postman will give him the letters and he will bring them into the house to us.

If you tell him to fetch his dish he will go and bring it to you. He also likes to have a bell, which he carries about the house, ringing.

He likes playing with a ball, and will go and sit by the cupboard where all my balls are kept and beg for one. But he likes much better to wrestle or fight. He will fight or wrestle with my Uncle Willie or myself.

If there is a little excitement in the house he will carry shoes or cushions out into the garden or upstairs till he is in the fun too.

He is also an excellent jumper. We have a pond in the garden with a gate leading to it. He always jumps the gate, but one day he misjudged the jump and jumped into the pond among the few lilies we have growing there.

My father comes home every night on the 11 p.m. 'bus, and Duke does not take any notice of the 'buses, only this one. He will watch for it ; if dad is on he makes a noise, comes into the house, and tells us ; if not, he just lies down and moans. Then he walks about the house as much as to say : "Put me on the chain. Good night."

G. MALYAN (Ia).

An Appeal.

This is not propaganda,
Or yet a fancy fad,
'Tis true the "mag's" declining,
From worse almost to bad.
But though the School still grumbles
At size and price as well,
One cannot help observing
None try to make it sell.

Many are the suggestions,
Both weird and wonderful,
Advertisements and patrons,
And some more fanciful.
Each miss the point, however,
Though oft it has been said
"If we can get more entries
The quality, instead
Of falling will be raised
And then the selling price
Will fall proportionately
To the expanding size.
So rally round the "mag." boys
And girls, write with a will,
Fill the "mag." with genius,
Reduce the price to nil !

G. HUDSON (L.V.I.L.)

A Rembrandt and a Dream.

My dream? Can I remember my dream? I was sitting alone in the Art Room. It was the night of the House Party, and I was checking up on the whist scores. There were high scores and low scores, and in some cases there were no scores. Somehow, in the midst of all these figures, I realised that there was someone by my side. He was a warrior, an old warrior. His face was pale, and careworn, and expressive of deep emotion, crossed by wrinkles and obscured by shadows. His whole form was indistinct, yet one gained an effect of weariness, of disillusionment, of deep sorrow, and yet of calmness, and patience born of experience.

He began to speak—I was only partly listening. He had been famous; in his youth he had many friends. Now he was old and his friends had forsaken him; all he had left to him were memories and his helmet, his golden helmet. This seemed to strike a chord in my subconscious mind—a golden helmet—now where had I heard of a golden helmet. Ah! I remembered—the Rembrandt on the Art Room wall. I looked up to where the picture should have been. There was merely a dark pool of shadows on the lighter surface of the wall. I had been listening to the “Man in the Golden Helmet.”

J. LINLEY (Upper VI. Lit.)

Sonnet to Wath.

“The queen of villages” was once thy name;
 Where is thy splendour and thy beauty rare?
 Nature had given thee gifts beyond compare;
 And then thou rightly did deserve thy fame.
 But now, though no-one can thee justly blame—
 For all around is nought but smoky air,
 Black columns writhing, blotting out the fair
 Extended scene—’twill never be the same!
 Upon thy lofty brow there stands the School,
 Where many an earnest worker tries to learn
 Of Horace, Virgil, Caesar, many more;
 Far down below winds on the River Dearne
 Upon its course along that valley cool.
 Why at this day is all thy splendour o’er?

DOROTHY LOWCOCK (Lower VI.Lit.)

