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Editorial.

ALL the School's a stage and all the boys and girls are merely players. This term has been a time of dramatic activity. The VIth Form are producing two plays, "The Critic" and "The Admirable Crichton" in aid of our fund for hard tennis courts. We hope that the financial result may be successful; but however that may be, the plays will have done the School an enormous amount of good. For this dramatic season is before all things a community event. Although the VIth Form provides the actors, boys and girls from other forms are co-operating to provide the music, the scenery, the lighting and the stage properties. Everything, except the costumes, is home-made, and we hope that next year we shall be able to make many of our own costumes in the Housecraft room. All boys and girls will have had some share in the success or failure of this effort, and if all pull their weight then success is assured.

In short, now that we have a Hall and a stage, we are making use of them. Our actors will have learnt how to enunciate more clearly—a very valuable lesson in a School where so many pupils hope ultimately to become teachers. Also the parents and friends of the School will have been given an opportunity of visiting the School and supporting and encouraging our first effort in the production of plays.

School Notes.

Last term we said farewell to one master and four mistresses. This term we have the pleasure of welcoming two new masters and five new mistresses:—Miss Jones, B.A. (London), Miss Knowles, B.Sc. (Liverpool), Miss Rees, B.A. (Oxon.), Miss Rudolf, Miss Crocker, Mr. Kendall and Mr. Lewis. We wish them every success during their stay here, and offer them a hearty welcome.

This term we have enlarged our syllabus by including Housecraft and Woodwork. At present only the girls do the one and the boys the other. It is hoped at a later date

that some of the boys may be taught some Housecraft so that they may be able to take their part in the running of their own homes.

We have to congratulate J. Scholey and A. Tennyson on gaining County Major Scholarships. Last year we had only one such scholarship ; some of our mathematicians have heard of arithmetical progression. We need say no more.

We congratulate the following for passing their examinations last term :—

Higher School Certificate.—V. Carroll, P. Dobson, G. Forster, I. Lloyd, S. Scott, J. Smith, M. Flavell, J. Gill, C. Howse and A. Tennyson.

Matriculation Certificate.—A. Abson, W. Brookes, N. Carter, D. Clayton, R. Coultard, B. Gill, M. Hatton, H. Howard, F. Sale, F. Singleton, F. Tilbrook, L. Ward, J. Wellens, V. Brown, I. Chesney, M. Hardy, G. Harrison, D. Hill, T. Lyons, M. Mitchell, K. Rawding, E. Reeve, S. Ryalls, D. Stewardson, J. Carr, G. Ebblewhite, H. Frost, C. W. Webb, H. Bailey, C. Winstanley, F. Cartledge, J. Lawson, H. Pears, K. Petch, K. Carr, B. Carter, C. England, and M. Pickering.

School Certificate.—E. Sargieson, M. Abson, M. Lythe, M. Rowley, F. Dickenson, G. Hibbard, C. W. Hollingsworth, J. Lightley, G. Searle, L. Shillito, S. Atkin, A. Brown, F. Chappell, M. Gill, L. Holyoak, T. Hyland, I. Lambert, J. Seymour, P. Soar, N. Wroe, D. Cresswell, A. Haigh, F. Kay, J. Outram, T. Pease, A. Robinson, E. Speight, J. Taylor, I. Baker, A. Birkett, L. Hoyland, I. Lazenby, M. Rimmer, I. Singleton, J. A. Shaw, D. Tunstall, H. Jefferson, F. Sewell and M. Tipton.

The *School Prefects* this term are :—R. Prendergast, C. I. L. Smith, J. Scholey, M. Greenwood, G. Forster, M. Lythe, W. Swift, M. Rowley, C. Riley, V. Carroll, K. Steer, K. Dickinson, H. Howard, M. Abson, I. Tilbrook, M. Mitchell, J. Lawson, D. Harvey, J. Carr and P. Soar.

The *Games Committee* consists of :—R. Prendergast, M. Hardy, J. Carr, M. Pickering, H. Pears, I. Chesney, J. Scholey, C. J. L. Smith, J. Outram, H. Bailey, C. Riley and S. Atkin.

The following are members of the *Magazine Committee*:—E. Pugh, L. Holyoak, G. Forster, V. Brown, V. Carroll, B. Gill, M. Cameron, H. Howard, K. Dickinson, D. J. Cresswell, and D. Hill.

House Notes

ATHENS.

In the place of Miss Shilvock who we were sorry to lose last term, Miss Jones is heartily welcomed as our House Mistress. Already she has become very valuable to the to the house, especially to the hockey teams. D. Harvey and Prendergast are now our House Captains, as E. Rawson and Buckley—the former captains—left us to continue their training at Norwich and Leeds college, respectively. We wish them and other Athenians who left us last term, every success in the future.

Although the detention-list has been very long this term, Athens has had very few. We hope, therefore, to carry away the Work-cup. Unfortunately, the senior hockey and rugby teams have lost their first two matches, but they hope to win the remaining three. The results of the two matches are as follows:—

Hockey:

Athens 0—Carthage 2

Athens 0—Thebes 1

Rugby:

Athens 3—Carthage 35

Athens 0—Thebes 27

The girls spent an enjoyable social evening together on October 28th.

Preparations are now being made for the House party which is to be held on December 5th. It will be our first party in the new school and we hope that it will be a huge success.

The House officials for this term are as stated below:

House Captains: D. Harvey and Prendergast.

Hockey Captains: L. Bramham.

Rugby Captains: Pugh.

Games Representatives: M. Hardy and Prendergast.

Magazine Representatives: L. Holyoak and Pugh.

CARTHAGE.

We all welcome our new house mistress, Miss Sainty, and hope that she will enjoy her new position.

We have done better at games this year, and if we go on as we have started we should have a chance of winning the games cup.

The girls have had some social evenings this term, and dancing practices have been enjoyed by both boys and girls. The house party was quite a success, many jolly games were played, and the whist prizes were won by J. Bedford and D. Ellis, and Beaumont and Andrews. Community singing was not one of the least items of the programme.

After the whist drive dancing was enjoyed by the seniors.

The work cup is growing more and more elusive owing to the number of detentions we have obtained.

ROME.

First of all, the Romans all join in wishing Miss Holt, who led the House so unselfishly for four years, the best success in her future life. We would like her to know that the warm wishes of the Romans follow her wherever she may go, and we know that she, on her part, will never forget her old House.

We all extend a hearty welcome to our new House Mistress, Miss Killock, who has made herself intimate with all the intricacies of House life in so short a time, she has worked for us untiringly, and, in cordially welcoming our new members, has set a laudable example of keenness to all the Romans. We wish her a happy leadership.

In welcoming new Romans, we must assure the newcomers how warm their reception is, and we also remind them that Rome, one of the oldest Houses, has a great tradition of hard work and hard play to uphold. The misdemeanours of any Romans must be paid for by the House so we ask all new members to make an effort to keep free from all punishments, chiefly detentions, which may reflect on the House.

The Romans wish to congratulate all those members of the House who were successful in their public examinations last July. They set an example which we are sure all other Romans will follow as they reach the stage of public examinations.

We have been very energetic as usual on the field. The Senior Girls defeated Sparta by 5 goals to 2, and lost to Troy by 5 goals to 2. The Junior Girls were defeated by Carthage by 6-0.

The Senior Boys lost to Sparta by 16 to 0, defeated Troy, 9-3, and the Juniors defeated Carthage by 25-0.

We were given diversion in the midst of the term by means of a Social arranged by Miss Killock and the Romans of the VIth Form. There we welcomed new members, and spent a very merry evening playing many games, and watching an amusing "Dumb Show."

We have had no Christmas Social as yet, but are living in a pleasurable state of anticipation. We believe in having a Christmas Social as near Christmas as possible, and so are saving our energies for a party on the eve of term end.

This grand denouement of Christmas festivities will take place on December 17th.

The House Officials are as follow:—House Captains I. Chesney and Frost; Senior Hockey Captain: I. Chesney, Junior Hockey Captain: M. Mann; Senior Rugger Captain: Clayton; Junior Rugger Captain: Horne; Magazine Representative: V. Carroll; Games Representatives: I. Chesney and H. Pears.

SPARTA.

The House wishes to congratulate all their members who gained Higher School, Matriculation and School Certificates last July. Our two former Captains, Scott and Elliott, also Breislin, Gill and W. Charlesworth all entered either Universities or Training Colleges last September. We wish them every success in their College life and afterwards.

The Senior Girls hockey team is much weakened by the sacrifice of their three first XI players, as the rather crushing defeats inflicted by Rome and Carthage show, but it is improving and we are determined to avert any other such disaster. The Junior girls display keen enthusiasm on the games field, and after a very tough game, drew with Thebes, no goals being scored. We have great hopes for them in their next game.

The Senior boys have played two matches this term, beating Rome, but being defeated by Carthage after a very hard game. The Junior boys have had no chance yet of showing their skill, but when the time comes, it is greatly hoped that they will do very well and so cancel some of the many black marks against them for the numerous detentions they have had this term.

The House Party was held on Friday, November 21st, and was very successful—about ninety people being present, including several old Spartans—The Juniors especially had a very enjoyable evening. Thanks are due to our House Master and Mistress, Mr. Pratt and Miss Baker, our House Captains, J. Smith and Scholey, also to M. Greenwood and Steer who spent considerable time and thought in preparing the Party.

The girls have subscribed £1 9s. 8d. up to date, i.e., Dec. 2nd, 1930, in weekly subscriptions, towards the Tennis Court Fund.

Scholey is to be congratulated on gaining a County Major Scholarship last July.

THEBES.

The detention list is still very high, the House being—at present—second to Carthage for the highest number of detentions received, and we must reduce the numbers considerably before we have a chance for the Parent's Cup.

The Theban members of the 1st and 2nd XV's. form quite a large proportion, there being five members of the House in the 1st fifteen and two in the second fifteen.

With regard to House matches the girls have played two, in which they defeated Athens by two goals to nil and lost to Troy by two goals to one. The boys have played one so far, when they defeated Athens by twenty-seven points to nil. Thus we still have hopes of carrying off the Games Cup.

Thebans are looking forward to the Christmas social, which is fixed for the last Tuesday of Term. We hope that as many Thebans as possible will attend and make it a real success. One or two boys have formed a small 'jazz' band, and if this proves a success we hope to utilize it for dancing purposes at the social.

As Tennyson the former House Captain has now left, Outram has succeeded him, and we wish him the best of luck in his new office.

TROY.

We are pleased to welcome all new members of the House and hope they will become staunch supporters.

Troy was successful in winning the sports cup last term and is hoping to win it again next term. The senior girls have won the two matches they have played but the senior boys have not been so successful. However, we hope they will have improved before they play again. We are still trying to obtain the work cup although we have not yet done so.

The girls have had a short social, after school, in the gymnasium. Everyone is looking forward to the House party which is to take place on Dec. 15th.

School Societies.

Art Club

This term, very little has been done at the Art Club. The chief reason for this is that only the Thursday Meetings have been open to the general members. The other meetings

have been reserved for the purpose of painting the scenery for the plays. There are two other reasons. Most of the pictorial work done has been for the poster competition. Then comes the old complaint, most of the members are always slow in finding a subject and starting work.

As leatherwork is a newly introduced subject, it is, at present, a craze, and great keenness is shown for it. Woodwork is also a new subject and the meetings have been attended rather well. The other arts and crafts have been neglected.

At the beginning of the term, a general meeting of the club was held for the purpose of electing a committee: Ingham, Dickinson, Fitch, S. Atkin, Steer and Lawson were elected—about half-term an exhibition of modern-art paintings by Mr. Leadley was given.

Next term, there will be nothing to interfere with the work of the Art Club and we hope to see an extensive exhibition by the end of the term.

Choir

At the end of last term we gave, for the first time during our existence, a public entertainment of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," by Coleridge-Taylor, together with other songs by well-known composers. Although our audience was not very large, for which we blame the terrible weather we were experiencing at the time, we were not disheartened and for the past term have been hard at work practicing several of the more well-known choruses from "Handel's Messiah," which we hope to present to parents and friends at the beginning of the Easter Term, on January 30th, 1931.

From holding our meetings on Thursday each week, we have changed our day to Wednesday, which is more convenient.

The members of the choir display keen enthusiasm, thoroughly enjoying the weekly meetings, and the attendance is still well maintained at about fifty. Unfortunately, we lost practically all our basses at the end of last term and are now eager to welcome any new members, especially boys from the upper School who can sing tenor or bass.

We offer our heartiest thanks to the Staff members, especially to Mr. Pratt, our conductor, and to Miss Spencer, our accompanist.

Literary Society

As usual the first meeting of the term was held to determine the programme for the year, and Scholey and J. Smith were elected as secretaries. The first real meeting of the Society was held on September 29th, when a Snap Debate took place. Forster took the chair. There was a variety of subjects, but the speakers were lacking in self-confidence and initiative. Among the speakers were V. Carroll, Prendergast, Webb, I. Chesney, M. Rowley, K. Carr, and J. Smith.

The second meeting of this session was held on Monday, October 13th, when a House Debate took place between Rome and Troy on the motion that: "International correspondence is the foundation to world peace." The chair was taken by Scholey. V. Carroll, opening the debate for Rome, stated that international correspondence arouses interest in other countries and brings the desire to see those countries in reality. Cresswell of Troy, in opposing the motion put forward as a proof the successful Commonwealth known as the British Empire which was the most powerful factor for world peace, a factor which no international system of correspondence could surpass. Other speakers were: E. Reeve of Rome, M. Lythe of Troy, Tunstall and Dickinson. The motion was lost by 13 votes to 35.

On the 27th October, the Literary Society next met on the occasion of a debate between the Upper Literary VI and the Lower Literary VI on the motion that: "Conformity to fashion in dress is an advantage." Steer occupied the chair. M. Rowley opened the debate for the Lower VI and said that fashion exercises an influence on character, furthers the culture of beauty from all aspects, and is a benefit to trade. In opposition to this, Scholey maintained that fashion was nothing, but a tyranny. E. Reeve, seconding the motion declared that fashion was attempting to be an advantage to life in general, but V. Carroll opposed this. There were several other speakers who came readily forward. The motion was won by 32 votes to 20.

A Mock Trial was presented by the Science VI on the 17th November. The case brought up for consideration was that of Higgins, "charged with stealing a diamond worth £2,000, from Charles Talbot Hamilton of Church House, Sudbury, Middlesex." Both counsels set forth their evidence very clearly and the prisoner was convicted chiefly on the incriminating evidence of having been the

only person alone in the room, and of having been concealed there when the diamond was on the table. The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," and the judge sentenced the prisoner to twelve months penal servitude.

The last meeting this term was held on November 24th. when the Lower VI Literary presented a short play, "The Land of Heart's Desire," by W. B. Yeats. A spirit of mysticism pervaded the whole piece, and Irish superstition was the framework round which it was woven. The part of Mary Bruin was well taken by V. Brown, and N. Midwood made an ethereal Faery Child. The singing and dancing added considerable charm to the play.

The literary meetings for the autumn term have now been completed, as the efforts of the senior members are entirely devoted to the production of two School plays, "The Critic," and "The Admirable Crichton."

Boy Scouts

The annual camp which was held as usual during the summer holidays was a great success. The site was satisfactory in every way and the bathing facilities were very good. The weather, though not at its best did not hinder anyone from having a very good time.

This term our meetings have been held on Friday Evenings. Mr. Kendal expressed his willingness to hold a weekly Gym class for Scouts but after three meetings we were compelled to suspend it because it conflicted with the School dramatics. We hope Mr. Kendall will be willing to continue these classes next term.

To take the place of these we have held a number of short lectures on anatomy, with the assistance of the new school anatomy models, with a view to increasing the proficiency of our ambulance team.

The School Dramatics this term have deprived us of the assistance of our Senior Patron and their absence has had a detrimental affect on the progress of our younger members. We hope that next term they will be able to renew their work.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Clay our Assistant Quarter-master is leaving. We wish to thank him for the valuable service he has rendered in the organisation of our annual camps and to wish him "Good Scouting" in the future.

Guides

This has been a term of particular industry. We have now several more recruits, all of whom have either been enrolled, or are ready for enrolment. A few more Guides have also been successful in their second-class tests.

A section of second-class Guides are shortly to take some badge-examinations and we must thank Miss Davenport for so kindly consenting to help with the Sick-Nurse Badge. It has been a great help and has given us something to work for.

There is a keen competition running among the different patrols, for the smartest corners, and the prize is a shield that was given by Miss Shilvock.

Football

Oct. 4th—1st XV v. Goole 1st XV., at Wath.

Result: Won by 33 points to 6 points.

The School team, having nine new members, started well by winning the first match easily. Goole won the toss and decided to play uphill first half. From the beginning of the match the School pressed hard and Webb soon scored a try which was converted by Carr. In a second rush Clayton added to the score by a try which Carr converted. For the remainder of this half the play was mainly forward work during which Prendergast scored two tries and Carr scored one and converted these three. Touch-finding constituted the better part of the second half, making the play rather poor. In this half Goole scored two penalty goals and the School's score was increased by a try scored by Webb and one scored by Frost which Carr converted. This left the School 27 in advance of Goole.

Oct. 11th—1st XV. v. Castleford 1st XV., at Castleford.

Result: Lost by 31 points to 9 points.

At Castleford, the School, helped by both sun and wind, managed to make an even game during the first half as shown by the half-time score. Frost opened the scoring for the School with an unconverted try and soon afterwards Castleford equalised with another. During the rest of the first half two more tries were scored for the School through Webb and Frost, bringing the score up to nine. Castleford succeeded in equalising each time and thus the score at half-time stood at 9—9.

In the second half Castleford took charge of the game and began scoring at once. As far as the School was concerned the tackling was weak and the forwards did not follow up as they should. With the exception of a short time towards the end of the game the play was totally in the School's half, and during this time Castleford made up their score to 31.

Oct. 25th—1st XV. v. Sheffield T.C. "A" XV., at Wath.

Result: Won by 56 points to nil.

This game was very uneven even when Sheffield had the help of the wind. The School kicked with the wind during the first half and the score was made up to twenty-eight through tries by Carr, Frost and Hollingsworth, and five tries converted and one penalty goal kicked by Carr. In the second half the same number of points was scored from tries by Carr, Hollingsworth and Prendergast. All these were converted except one.

Nov. 8th—1st XV. v. Barnsley R.U.F.C. "A" Team, at Barnsley.

Result: Lost by 16 points to 7 points.

The match was played on a very muddy ground. For the first fifteen minutes of the game the School pressed hard but afterwards their opponents brought the play into the middle of the field. During an attack on the School's goal-line Beaumont received a sprained ankle and this compelled him to stay off until after half-time. In the second half the play was mostly forward work during which Carr got a drop goal and a penalty goal. Ten minutes from the end of the match he was taken off with cramp. Although the School had, for the most part, the best of the play the final score was against them.

Nov. 15th—1st XV. v. Wakefield G.S. 2nd XV., at Wakefield.

Result: Won by 24 points to nil.

The weather conditions were very bad for this match, making the ball greasy and bad for handling and kicking. From the beginning, the School pressed hard and after a series of scrums in the Wakefield half, Swift got one try and Carr got two. Practically all the play in the second half went on in Wakefield's half. Wakefield usually got the ball out of the many scrums which followed but their backs made no use of it. In this half Hollingsworth, Carr and Prendergast scored tries not one of which was converted.

Nov. 22nd—1st XV. v. Hemsworth S.S., at Hemsworth.

Result: Lost by 8 points to 6 points.

The field was in a bad condition which prevented play of a high standard. The Hemsworth forwards were more lively than ours but their backs relied too much on touch-finding. The School's first try was scored by Carr but was not converted. After even play for the remainder of this half Hemsworth scored a try and took the lead by converting it. Early in the second half Hemsworth increased the score still further by an unconverted try. The remainder of the game consisted chiefly of scrums and line-outs, and it was only towards the end of the game that the School backs broke through and Hollingsworth scored a try. It was not converted.

Nov. 29th—1st XV. v. Castleford S.S. 1st XV., at Wath.

Result: Lost 11 points to 10 points.

Very bad weather conditions prevailed during the match and the School's outlook was not in the least bright at half-time. From the beginning of the match Castleford pressed hard and scored a try early in the game. Another try scored later on in this half made them eight in advance. They were still holding this lead at half-time. Early in the second half Castleford scored their last try, and soon afterwards the School's play improved. Prendergast opened the scoring by a try which was not converted. Then Hollingsworth kicked a drop-goal after which the School pressed until the end of match. Near the end of the match Hollingsworth again added to the School's score by a try which was not converted.

Oct. 25th—2nd XV. v. Barnsley Grammar School.

Result: Lost 11 points to 6 points.

The first 2nd XV. match was played at Barnsley under conditions which made good play impossible. Swift won the toss and took advantage of a strong wind blowing across the pitch from goal to goal. Play opened evenly on both sides until a fine passing movement by the school three-quarters led to Swift opening the scoring with an unconverted try. The school continued to press, and shortly afterwards Haigh increased the score. Shortly before half-time Barnsley pressed and just on time Chapman reduced the School's lead. This try was converted.

In the second half the School were playing against the wind and were kept on the defensive. Late in this half Chapman scored two further tries, neither of which was converted.

The School three-quarters tackled well but lacked speed and often their passing led to ground being lost instead of won.

Nov. 8th—2nd. XV v. Castleford 2nd. XV.

Result: Won 19 points to 8 points.

This re-arranged match was played under ideal conditions—The Castleford XV turned up with two men short; the School reserves Ingamells and Hollingsworth, accordingly played for Castleford. About thirty people were present when Castleford won the toss and elected to play towards Sandygate. Ingamells opened the scoring for Castleford. Shortly afterwards a fine run by Steer, ended in Sale equalising. The School soon returned to the attack and Carter got over to give the School the lead, Petch converted.

Shortly afterwards Carter scored a second try which was not converted and a few minutes later added a third. Castleford had a spell of play and eventually Ingamells scored and converted his own try—The School quickly returned to the offensive and Robinson scored, Beasley converting.

In the first half the School three quarters persisted in passing back when near their own goal line but in the second half they showed improvement—The School pack was successful in holding a much heavier one at bay.

Nov. 22nd.—2nd. XV v. Hemsworth 2nd. XV.

Result: Won 23 points to 0 points.

This match was by no means such a one sided affair as the score suggests. Hemsworth played pluckily and were unlucky not to score.

Shortly after the kick off Sale made a good run on the wing and opened the scoring; Beasley did well to convert from a difficult position. After an even patch of play Steer accepted a good pass and ran round the posts to score; Beasley again converted. Shortly before half time, Beasley added a further try which he converted. Half time: School 15 points: Hemsworth 0.

The second half opened with some stern work near the School line. Two five yard scrums followed a line out near the goal line. Tension was eventually relieved by a fine kick by Beasley. The same player increased the School's score by a good try shortly afterwards. Near the end Steer scored a final try which was converted by Ingamells.

Nov. 29th—2nd. XV v. Castleford 2nd. XV.

Result: Draw 3 points to 3 points.

This match was played in inclement weather. It rained hard all the first half and most of the second. Swift lost the toss and Castleford opened with the advantage of a strong breeze. The first half was even, Castleford secured the lead with a good try near the close. Towards the end of the first half, Sale was injured and had to leave the field to seek medical attention.

Swift equalised for the School early in the second half. The remainder of the match resembled a keen tug o war neither side being able to score.

Hockey

1st. XI v. Rotherham 1st. XI. Oct. 4th. At home.

Result: Lost 3—4.

This, the first match of the season proved to be a very close game. The School played uphill first, and in the first few minutes, M. Hawksworth took the ball up the field and scored. Rotherham attacked with renewed vigour and after a hard struggle in the goal-circle, succeeded in scoring. Play was very even up to half-time, their score then being level, 2—2.

Immediately after the restart the School gained the lead, when M. Hawksworth, with an excellent bit of play passed the Rotherham defence and shot hard. Play was very even throughout the game, but despite the efforts of the School Rotherham succeeded in drawing level, and in the last few minutes scored again.

1st. XI v. Mexboro' 1st. XI. Oct. 11th. Away.

Result: Lost 2—0.

The match was played under fairly good conditions, but the School, unused to the sloping field, were at a disadvantage. Mexboro' won the toss and played uphill first half. No goals were scored up to half-time; although much of the play was in the Mexboro' goal-circle, the forwards being unfortunate in their shots.

In the second half, Mexboro' pressed hard upon the School goal and a hard shot from the right inner was brilliantly saved by I. Hoyland. The forwards rallied well and succeeded in getting the ball into the Mexboro' goal circle several times, but failed to get a goal. With brilliant passing, Mexboro' scored two goals not without hard struggles in the goal circle. Although the School lost, the score was a decided improvement upon that of last year,

and the School is looking forward to a hard fight in the return match.

1st. XI v. Penistone 1st. XI. Oct. 25th. At home.

Result: Lost 2—3.

The match with Penistone was undoubtedly the best match of the season. Throughout the game the play was hard and even. Penistone won the toss and played uphill first half. In the first half, no goals were scored, although both teams pressed hard upon the defending goal. The game was remarkable for the rapidity with which the ball moved about the field.

A few minutes after the restart, M. Hawksworth scored for the School. Penistone then pressed hard upon the School goal, and the right wing scored. Despite the attempts of the backs, Penistone scored again, but the School forwards pressed forward the Penistone goal and M. Hawksworth scored again. A good game was ended by Penistone winning 3—2.

2nd. XI v. Mexborough 2nd. XI.

October 11th.—Result: Lost 3 goals to 1 goal.

There had been rain during the night, but it stopped soon enough to allow the game to be played.

Play seemed to be even, and Mexborough were the first to score. This was soon followed by some quick passing upfield by the forwards from which K. Rawding scored.

In the second half the School reached the goal circle many times but failed to score. Mexborough scored two more goals after some play in the centre of the field.

2nd. XI v. Penistone 2nd. XI.

November 29th.—Result: Lost 4 goals to 1 goal.

The weather was unsettled, and the ground was in a very muddy condition, which made it hard to play.

The School forwards attacked straight away, and an offside goal was shot by M. Cameron. Then Penistone obtained a goal, and after a few minutes the School retaliated with a goal scored by M. Rowley.

During the second half the forwards did some good quick passing, but each time they reached the goal circle they failed to score. Meanwhile Penistone obtained three more goals after some good work by their back.

D. Pardon played up well at half-back.

Old Wathonians Rugby Club.

Matches played :

Oct. 11—Old Danensians	..	Home	Won	53—6
18—Barnsley G.S.	..	Home	Won	29—3
25—Barnsley "A"	..	Away	Lost	0—18
Nov. 8—Balfours "A"	..	Home	Won	48—3
15—Rotherham G.S.	..	Away	Won	25—0
22—Sheffield T.C.	..	Home	Won	8—0

Up to the time of writing the 1930—31 season has been very successful. We have played six matches, winning five and losing one : and have scored 163 points against 30.

The Club's membership has also increased, and little difficulty is now experienced in fielding a full team.

During the early matches of the season the team's play showed great want of combination, but great improvements have since been made. A good defence has now been built up, and our forwards are rapidly gaining confidence. Scrums are still rather weak, the ball often being held by the back rank. By reason of its permanence the three-quarter line has improved greatly, and Birks, at full back, is always to be depended on.

Except on two occasions, the Club has not experienced any great opposition, and our victories have been easily obtained.

The match with Barnsley "A" team is the only dark spot on our otherwise rosy career. On this occasion we were handicapped by not being able to turn out our usual forward line, and were greatly outweighed in the scrums.

The Sheffield T.C. fixture proved to be a good one. The Sheffield team played a hard game, and the Old Boys were forced to put up a sterner fight than had been necessary in previous games. The team, however, rose to the occasion and won a hard earned victory.

More games of the nature of the Sheffield T.C. match would go far to improve the team's play, and although it is impossible to improve our present fixture list, the 1931—32 fixture list, which is now well in hand, will ensure a greater number of better class matches.

Overheard at a Rehearsal.

Britannia ? Well, if Britannia we lose—
 It's all right : she's only changing her shoes.
 Where are the sentries, those lazy louts ?
 They'll soon be here, they're up at the Scouts.
 Lord Burleigh? Is *he* on the downward path?
 No : he's only having his shower bath.
 I wish I could find our Mr. Dangle ;
 He's here, methinks, just list to the wrangle.
 Where's Father Thames? The minutes are fleeting
 He's at a Carthaginian meeting.
 Of looking for Walter Raleigh I tire ;
 He won't be long : he's gone to the choir.
 Where are Sir Fretful, Puff and Sneer?
 They're coming from ruggger, they'll soon be here.
 Where's Mrs. Dangle? Is she in sight?
 Not yet she's on library duty to-night.
 The Italian ladies, where are they?
 They're on prefect duty, you know, to-day!
 Where's Ferolo, Tilburina's lord?
 In the prefect's room, a'fetching his sword.
 Go for them all, I need my caste.
 Ah! here they are ; at last, at last !

V. CARROL.

A visit to the Montagu Hospital.

At the invitation of the Secretary, Form IIIb., accompanied by the form mistress, Miss Shilvoek, visited the Montagu Hospital on Friday, 27th June, 1930.

The hospital is a stately building, situated in a rural part of Mexborough. Passing through the door, a queer smell assails the nostrils : a smell which is peculiar to all hospitals and Nursing Homes. While traversing the long stone corridors the sense of quietness strikes one most forcibly.

We first made our way to the wards, conducted by the Matron. In clean white beds lay the sufferers, and the nurses moved silently about the wards performing their various duties. On the opening of the ward door, all heads were turned our way ; how greatly must a strange face be appreciated as something which will break the monotony of the day !

Some of the patients lay on the verandahs, inhaling the fresh air, as an aid towards recovery. In the Children's Ward the small sufferers lay with patient faces, eagerly watching our every movement.

We were then conducted to the "torture chamber," in other words the Operating Theatre. What a fascinating, yet awe inspiring room it is. How the surgeon's instruments attract one!

Leaving the white room we made our way to the X-ray department. The X-ray machine looked like some grim instrument of torture in the ghastly green light. The Matron was kind enough to show us two X-ray photographs, one a skull, the other an elbow-joint. We were then conducted outside the hospital to the Massaging department. All the appliances were exhibited to us, and the Ultra-Violet Ray was show in action.

From this room we were conducted to the laundry. Everything is done by machinery. In the boiler room, which we visited, the heat was almost overpowering. A pump was working, and we were told that it works night and day, and in this manner no water is wasted.

Bidding "good-bye" to the Matron and expressing our appreciation of her kindness, we passed out into the street, thinking how utterly lost we should be without such institutions. How thankful I felt that we have easy access to such places for the relief of suffering!

M. FROST (Form IVb.)

Form IIIb. (1929-30) earned £1/11/6 from the sale of the Form Magazine, and gave it to Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.

An Ordeal, or a Comedy performed

Now doth the murmuring hum of waiting crowd
 Bid actors bold and actors timid rise,
 When prologue's said and Mr. Puff has bowed
 The curtain upwards folds, and to all eyes
 Reveals the actors who this moment reap,
 Their satisfaction for the weeks of pain,
 The murmur dies, the folk their gossip keep.
 Until the stage is hidden once again,
 The caste now sees its relatives in force
 And Dangle, on the boards is justly proud
 That he, whose voice rehearsals rendered hoarse,
 Should use that solemn voice before this crowd.

Now do the feathered, warblers in the wings
 Make noises, which do represent, they say
 The soaring lark, which near to Heaven sings.
 But which is more like squeaks of mice at play.
 Before the awful time is really past,
 Full many a budding Hamlet feebly bleats
 His dreaded speeches, fully learnt at last,
 Which even now, reach not the shilling seats.

C.R.

A Fantasy

(Inspired by a VIIth Form Debate).

Scene: The Library of Wath Secondary School.

Time: Midnight of the 27th October, 1930.

(Several shades of old authors are sitting in the room, and there are gaps on the shelves to which they belong. They have evidently been speaking before the scene opens).

Milton: "Verily, I say, such sweeping skirts and frills and flounces are scarcely seemly. Life is again returning to the old state of chaos in which it was when those accursed Cavaliers held their sway. Plain home-spun material and simple dresses were then the mark of purity amid the worldliness of the enemies of the Commonwealth."

Keats: "If this famous century wishes to change its fashion in dress, what example can it desire more than that of the Greeks? Such flowing robes would enhance the beauty of the age, and, as I have often said:

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty, That is all
 Ye know on earth or need to know."

(Here Lamb interposes. He has been gazing up at the ceiling, and contrasting the carelessness of builders of the twentieth century with the careful solidity of the builders of his own age).

Lamb: "What does fashion in dress matter so long as one is comfortable? I remember an old brown suit I wore until it was threadbare and all my friends cried shame upon me. I was laughed at, but I had rather wear that than forego that folio Beaumont and Fletcher which I longed to buy."

Keats (bitingly): "You certainly were not fashionable! But come, you must admit that there is nothing so charming as the simple garments of the Greeks. There is an oppor-

tunity for the revival of the Greek legends, by reviving Greek dress. So, beauty would again be born into the world."

Milton : " 'Tis sure that if dress should reflect the inward character, such robes as you desire, young man, would indeed be beneficial in this world to-day."

(Here enters a schoolgirl who has evidently become so fond of school that she walks there in her sleep. The Shades start back in amazement).

Thackeray : "Here comes one in strange habit. She has two plaits, and her features remind me of—why, Becky Sharp, the greatest character I ever created. You must all remember her."

(Silence).

Schoolgirl (as if talking in her sleep) : "Dress—fashion—dress. Someone said that conformity to fashion in dress was desirable. Now what exactly can that mean? What is fashion?"

Lamb : "This child has heard our conversation. 'Tis strange she should not know what fashion is."

Thackeray : "I must own I am as ignorant as she. Can you enlighten me, Elia?"

Lamb : "Well, I should simply call it a vogue."

Schoolgirl : "Fashion helps trade—provides work for men—brings money into the national exchequer. Surely fashion cannot do all this? If this is so, we schoolgirls do not aid our country. Give me a free and easy dress, and fashion can stay in London and Paris where it is born."

Milton : "Here is one who is neither worldly nor virtuous. She wears not the silken dresses of the worldly nor yet the modest garb of the young Puritan maidens who were the only virtuous women there have ever been."

Keats : "There is no beauty here."

Schoolgirl : "What! Still at school! Who are you? Why I do believe that is Lamb in his dear threadbare brown suit! You are Milton, are you not? I always feel sorry for you—but then, I don't suppose you want the pity of an insignificant personage like myself. Are you Keats? Yes. I can tell by your high intellectual brow and mien. I have always longed to meet you and tell you how much I admire your poetry and your poetic creed of beauty. (Turning to Thackeray). I do not know you, though."

Thackeray : "Well, you remind me of one of the greatest characters I ever created, Becky Sharp."

Schoolgirl : "Oh, you are Thackeray. How I laughed

over your 'Vanity Fair,' and half admired while I hated Becky."

Lamb: "Well, Miss Modern, we have been discussing fashion in dress. Perhaps you have some ideas on the subject."

Schoolgirl: "Fashion? We had a debate on that only the other day, and we came to the conclusion that fashion in dress was desirable. For my part I believe in comfort and freedom, with a certain amount of conformity to the dictates of fashion. It is pleasant to have a change of dress occasionally."

Thackeray: "Miss Sharp—I call you by that name since you remind me so much of my great creation, Becky Sharp—if you would pardon my asking, what dress are you wearing at present? It seems very odd."

Schoolgirl: "This? Oh, this is my school dress. It is perhaps the best fashion you could choose for sport, and when we are in the gymnasium we are not hindered by any unnecessarily long skirts."

Milton (horrified): "Do you mean to say that you take part in such—such manly activities?"

Schoolgirl: "Why not? Have you forgotten that this is the Twentieth Century? Girls have as much freedom as boys in this century, and rightly so."

(Chorus of invisible schoolgirls: "Twentieth century, sport, freedom. Twentieth century, sport, freedom. Twentieth century, sport, freedom." Voices fade away gradually).

Keats: "And I had thought that perhaps the ancient Greek myths might be revived."

(Fades disappointedly away into his volume of collected Works).

Milton: "Did I not say this was a worldly age? Where religion and virtue have disappeared?"

(He, too, fades away into the bookcase).

Thackeray (regretfully): "I'm sure Becky would never have spoken like that—she was too fond of jewels and beautiful dresses."

Lamb: "Of course, no one could emulate your Becky, my dear William. Miss Modern, though I cannot say I approve of your sporting attitude and outlook on life, nevertheless I believe that everyone should go his own way."

(The two spirits grow dim and disappear).

Schoolgirl: "There, I've sent them all away, and their

personal opinions of each other's works might have been so useful in my examination!"

(She, too, disappears as suddenly as she came, and the library is again empty—and silent, save for the steady drip of the water from the chemistry laboratory overhead).

J. C. L. SMITH.

A Translation of a French Poem by Alfred de Musset

Man is a servant, ruled by Misfortune's crushing hand,
Bound at all times to yield to her command,
Little he knows of the world around,
Who has not felt its pain,
Only a part of life he has found,
Who is not marked with misfortune's stain.
But the law which has reigned since the world began,
Commands that through all his life must man
Bow before the decree of Fate:
Each must obey it—poor or great.
The sun's loved by all, the rain by few,
But to ripen the crops we need sun, storm, and dew,
We seek the pleasures joy has to give,
Avoiding the paths of sorrow or pain,
But without these we cannot live,
We must have both, the sun and the rain.
Only with tears can the price be paid,
For the gilded pleasures to us displayed,
And behind them, forboding, Joy's symbol appears,
'Tis a dying plant, drenched with rain and tears.

M. SMITH.

The Hold Up

The stout little man with the bandy legs and piteous face shivered as he stared at the man who had placed himself in front of him. The man was a tall muscular fellow with a thick bull-like neck, and a huge pugnacious jaw. His hands were large, his arms long, and altogether this man seemed a big, blundering, bulk of bone, muscle, and flesh.

His dark glittering eyes were fixed on his victim in a fierce domineering glare.

"Stick'em up," he roared. "Both of 'em, and look lively and do it quickly."

No help was at hand. No one was there to back him up. The trouble was between him and the bully. So frightened he was that he could scarcely find the strength to raise his hands above his head, and then he had great difficulty in keeping them there.

He sought the giant's face for some glimmer of pity, but he saw nothing, but a pair of angry eyes which seemed as if they were going to stare at him for ever. Pity in the monster had dried up long ago.

The little man shuddered, allowing his hands to droop. Uttering an angry bellow, the big man advanced to where his victim stood trembling, not daring to move away. He stopped when only a pace separated them, and scowled into the other's fearful face. Then with a muffled roar of anger he seized him by the arms.

"Straighten those elbows!" The physical training instructor then commenced to laugh. This new recruit could not straighten his elbows, if he had to try for ever.

E. HARRISON.

The New School

A little while ago,
We wandered to and fro,
 From place to place.
We had no fixed abode,
From school to school we strode,
 A sorry case.
Our teachers, with a frown,
Wandered around the town,
 Sad at their fate.
How patiently they heard
Excuses that we made
 For being late !
But having gained a home,
We have no wish to roam,
 Desire to stray.
Each morning in the hall,
We answer to the call
 Each must obey.

For now we have a school,
 Where each is taught the rule
 Of "Play the game."
 And everyone must try,
 To raise unto the sky,
 Our glorious name.

K. CARR.

Top o' the Tree

There's a motto that's good for each lassie and lad
 Who would wish for a place in the sun,
 And those who don't heed it will wish that they had
 Long before their life's journey is done.
 It is this : when you're starting on work or on play,
 Just resolve your position shall be,
 Whatsoever the obstacles set in your way,
 Not below, but at Top o' the Tree.

It's a jolly hard task, as you'll all of you find,
 To keep pace with the others that run !
 And you soon will perceive you are falling behind
 If you slacken before you have won.
 You must brace yourselves up as you make for the goal
 And from faltering shake yourselves free ;
 For you never, if laziness gets the control,
 Will arrive at the Top o' the Tree !

So all lassies and lads who decidedly feel
 That they'd like a nice place in the sun,
 Should be putting their shoulders right well to the wheel.
 And make sure it is kept on the run.
 Oh, for sure! A back seat is a poor sort of post
 From the which life's surroundings to see,
 And its up to your own common sense to know most
 Of good fruits at the Top o' the Tree.

D. HILL.

