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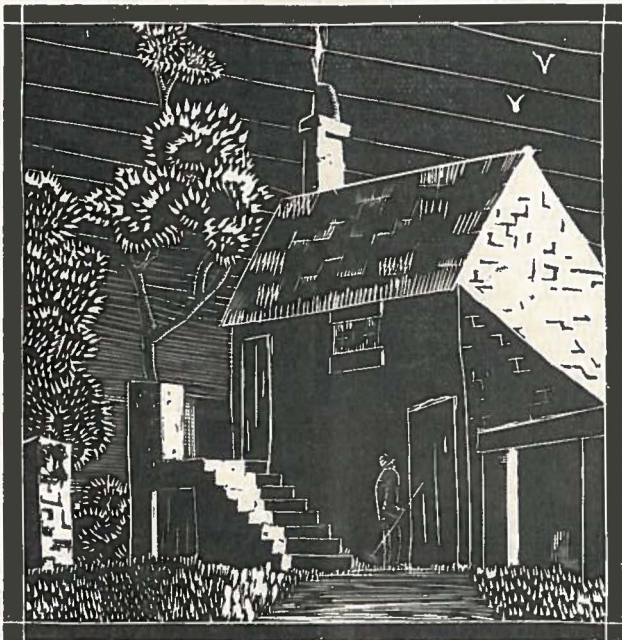
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## School Notes.

We have to congratulate the following on gaining Exhibitions or Bursaries at Hull University College:— A. R. Abson, B. Gill, J. M. Outram, L. Shillito and R. Coultard. We hope that they will have a successful career there and that their success may be an encouragement to others in the future.

We have also to congratulate A. R. Tennyson on gaining a first-class in his final examination in Mathematics at the University of Manchester, and to express the wish that such a good start may be the prelude to a very successful career.

This term has seen the beginnings of considerable improvements in the School grounds. The gardens in front of the School have made a good start and we can foresee the time when the School will be beautified by a ring of stately trees.

The work of levelling the area for the first two hard tennis courts has been completed and by next term the courts themselves should be constructed.

The Sports were very successful this year, as the weather for once proved kind, and we were able to hold them on the date originally arranged.

Speech Day is to take place at the end of term on July 20th and we are fortunate in securing the Provost of Sheffield as our speaker.

We have thirty-one candidates taking full Higher School Certificate this year, and one hundred and three taking School Certificate. We hope to be able to record a full list of successes in our next issue.

The School Prefects are as follows:—H. R. Howard, M. Pickering, K. Hollingsworth, D. Stewardson, B. Gill, G. Harrison, L. Shillito, L. Holyoak, R. Coultard, M. Rimmer, J. Caswell, E. Bramham, F. Ingamells, I. Singleton, C. Rees, T. Redgate, A. R. Abson and M. Smith.

The winners of the competitions are G. Ingham for his wood-cut of Abdy and H. Howard for his story, "The Humour of Fate."

## House Notes.

### ATHENS.

Athens, as a whole this term, has been very industrious. Work on the tennis courts has been fairly brisk (with a little persuasion) and, very soon, we shall be labouring with our exams. Indeed, we have been working so hard that a few of the bright individuals of the lower School have forgotten to pile up detentions with their customary gusto. Let us hope that they will now expend their surplus energy in concentrating on exams.

Last term we had a pleasant surprise when we won the Games Cup, and, for this, we have a lot to thank our girls for, since they obtained the major supply of points.

This term the boys have been even less successful, having lost both the junior and senior matches that they have played.

This term we have a few entries for Higher School Certificate and School Certificate exams., and we wish all Athenian candidates the best of luck, and we hope that they will be successful.

Unfortunately we shall be losing both our House captains this term. They are F. Kay (VIr) and E. Bramham (U.VI. Lit.), and they have rendered us valuable services for the last year and last two years respectively. We give them our heartiest good wishes and wish them all future success.



### CARTHAGE.

Great excitement was caused at the beginning of the term by the Sports. After a grim fight with Thebes and Rome, we just managed to pull through on the last event of the day. Praise cannot be given to any particular section, but combined effort, as always, won the day, and Carthage triumphantly carried away the Staff Cup, for the first time since it was given to the School. Next year we have resolved to carry away the cup with much greater ease ; in fact if we practice hard we shall be invincible. This is the moral for all Carthaginians, young and old : practice, practice, and still more practice.

After many debates and meetings, a decision was made to go to Edwinstowe for the House Trip, but enthusiasm lagged and the trip has now fallen through altogether. This is very regrettable, for Carthage have always been keen on their House Trip in previous years. Thus the keenness which was shown at the Sports has been balanced again by the slackness over the House Trip. Perhaps next year we shall have none of that element of slackness, and win several more of the cups.

### ROME.

This term has marked the beginning of the Renaissance of Rome. No longer is our House either declining or falling; rather she is just beginning to exist. In every sphere of action there are some conspicuous Roman members. They were in a majority at the Gym Display; we can boast of successful Scouts, Craftsmen, etc. W. Darrell deserves special mention for her work exhibited at the Art Club; and in the "Health Posters" Competition, of 3 prizes given, two successful competitors—O. Chambers and J. Turgoose—are Romans.

Then there were the Sports. How pessimistic we were concerning them ! It is even rumoured that certain members declared that they would be satisfied if only the House would avoid bottom place . . . The fact is, that hitherto Rome has depended on a few "stars" : This year there were no "stars." By sheer hard work we reached second place—by dashed hard luck we failed to carry off the cup by  $3\frac{3}{4}$  points. Romans were responsible for the breaking of several records and in this connection we mention M. Mann and Bailey. But at the same time we offer hearty congratulations to all who helped.

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As everything in Rome seemed to be revised or improved we decided that the occasion demanded an innovation to the

House Notes. With this in view a "Rogues' Gallery" has been instituted.

Under this heading we record the famous three who found a new way to notoriety—by standing in front of the Hall at prayers. Here also we must remind some of our members that it is not necessary to prolong the detention list in order to attend School on Saturday.

This seems, too, the best place to remark that it is with pleasure we noticed the naturalistic tendencies of a certain Roman; but we would remind him that even this delightful hobby should not demand attention during a cross-country race. Surely a more suitable place could be found for studying the habits of British birds.

And now comes the least pleasant task of all, when we must bid "good-bye" to *both* our captains. They have worked untiringly for their House; they have instituted a new system of co-operation between boys and girls. But as the "moody fate" ordains the departure of both, the best we can do is for all, "uno animo et voca una," to bid them "Good Luck" in their new lives.

### SPARTA.

This term Sparta has shown some of its old form and also raised its prestige by an amazing burst of originality. With bated breath this notice was posted on the board

#### "SPARTAN HOUSE TRIP.

The trip will be to Scarborough . . ."

An amazing stir was created throughout the School and the idea was even held in high derision by several wordly-wise persons. But we did not waver. The Spartan fixity of purpose was maintained and the House Trip is still going to Scarborough.

However, to speak on the other side of the question, the team spirit among the senior boys is very lax. The Housemaster, Mr. Pratt, will turn out to umpire at a cricket practice when asked, but some of the boys never turn up at all. One person was picked for 5 matches, one after the other, and a different excuse was found for every single one. Then comes the question of supporting the captain; to be perfectly correct, of not supporting the captain. Some of the younger seniors exhibit fits of sulkiness both on and off the field if they are not put on to bowl and if they are not allowed to bat early. As we all know, the Spartan Star is in its period of eclipse. We may rest assured that it will not emerge into the light of esteem until the above defects are removed.

### THEBES.

A large number of detentions, chiefly among the third and fourth Forms, has considerably lessened our hope of gaining the Work Cup. We regret to say that the number of detentions this term is greater than those of the previous two terms.

Again, as usual, we suffer in the Games competition from the fact that many of our best players are claimed by the School teams. The results of the House matches show that their support was really necessary.

Outram and Poole were unable to compete in the Sports, and we all agree that Thebes was thus deprived of a considerable number of points. We offer our congratulations to H. Taylor, who broke the record for the Senior Girls' Long Jump, and to Lee, for his valuable support.

It has been arranged that a House Outing to Wharncliffe Craggs will take place on Saturday, 15th July. We all hope that the weather will be suitable, and that the outing will prove a success.

### TROY.

It always seems to be the work of the Magazine Committee representative to make some mention of detentions. As usual, the number of detentions is still far too high ; in fact it increases rather than decreases. Apparently there are a few people in the House who are responsible for nearly all these detentions. We hope that next year they will make a big effort to avoid detentions and also to raise the standard of work so that Troy may be in possession of the Work Cup once more.

This term we are losing both our House Captains, Norah Wroe and Coultard. Both House Captains have only held office for one year, yet during that time they have tried to increase House Spirit. We are losing too, Shaw and Shillito, both of whom have gained admission to a Training College. There are also a few of our Senior members leaving, most of whom have served their House well. We wish them every success in their future life.

May we congratulate Coultard and Shillito on gaining bursaries at Hull University College.

We failed to carry off the Cup at Sports day. It may be said in our favour that we gained more points this year than we have ever gained. There was a lack of brilliant middles. The Senior girls had only one really good competitor, which was Ivy Todd, who broke the record for the Senior Girls' High Jump. The Junior Boys did very well.



The House Outing is to take place on July 15th "somewhere" in Derbyshire!

We wish the people who are taking external exams every success.

The following were awarded Merit Badges, this term—  
D. Bouskill, M. Copley, Hyland, P. Simpson, Boyd, Stables.

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## School Societies.

### THE ART CLUB.

As summer terms go this has been a good one, both for attendance and work. Besides the usual activities members have been stimulated to great efforts by the Magazine illustration competition. No less than twenty-three blocks were engraved, no mean achievement, bearing in mind the many lengthy processes which have to be gone through in each case. The fact that we possessed only three engravers was another difficulty in our way. Of the quality of work done readers may judge for themselves from the cuts published in this magazine. It is remarkable, though, that not one girl made an attempt to compete. We hope this will be remedied next term.

Another frieze has been commenced, but the summer lethargy has killed enthusiasm—temporarily it is hoped.

No more full members have been appointed this term, but it may be necessary after our final Exhibition, which we hope to hold on Speech Day.

### FIELD CLUB.

Unfortunately it was not possible to start operations until after half-term. There is consequently very little to report.

On Saturday, June 24th, a small party did some dragging along the banks of the canal and collected some good specimens of Fresh Water Shrimp (*Gammarus*), Fresh Water Louse (*Asellus*), Larva of Alder Fly (*Lialis*) and of Dragon-Fly (*Agrionid*), as well as a large newt tadpole carrying external gills.

During the term J. V. Scott, U.IV.a, has been busy during dinner hours collecting and setting butterflies to form the beginning of a School collection. He hopes to continue with the task next term, and is prepared to give instruction to others who may be interested.



## Scouts.

As this is the last term of the School year, and the end of the term is approaching, excitement and anticipation are growing. Soon we shall be going on our summer camp. This year, Cromer is the place favoured with our presence. The choice of Cromer is undoubtedly due to an advertisement under the Midland Railway bridge at Wath.

Another reason for internal ebullitions at the present moment is the Pontefract display. Eight of our boys are going and two are in the display. This effort must be good because the people in charge have only been able to get two of our Scouts in.

The last reason for these emotions, apart from exams., is the fact that on July 14th a week-end camp is probable.

Meetings this term have been better than ever and much keenness has been shown by all the members. We have had a few Saturday outings, and hope to have some more, or of course the equivalent camp, before the end of term.

Finally, good luck to all the members who are taking exams. this term.



## Guides.

During this term we have visited several woods on Saturday afternoons. We have been to Barnborough, Wentworth, Frickley, Wombwell, Hooper, Greasborough and Sprotborough,

and have enjoyed each ramble. On the first two occasions storms interfered with the proposed programme.

The Church Parade, held at Ardsley during the Empire Day celebrations, was also somewhat spoilt by rain.

In spite of the bad weather of the week-ends, we have been able to enjoy several out-of-door meetings on Thursday evenings, and a good deal of Guide work has been done on the field.

Six Second Class and three Athletes badges have been gained, and an enrolment held. Ten School Guides are to go to this year's camp at Skipsea, near Bridlington. Miss Stear, who has had charge of the two previous camps, is again supervising. This time it will be quite a big camp, for there are fourteen other Wath Guides, and several from Stairfoot, besides the School party. All who have been to camp before feel certain we shall have a jolly time.

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## Sports Day.

Dame Fortune actually allotted us a fine day for our Sports, and in spite of general uneasiness, 2 o'clock arrived with the sun still shining. The attendance was the best since the Sports have been held on the School field; and for the benefit of visitors, cups of tea and buns were provided at small cost. The general opinion was that the standard would not be so high as usual, since most of our best athletes had left us.

However, all doubters were soon confounded, for by the end of the day, new records had been set up for the Senior Senior Girls' High Jump, 100 yards, and Long Jump; the Senior Boys' High Jump and Long Jump; the Middle Boys' Long Jump and Throwing the Cricket Ball; whilst the Junior Girls also registered good times for the sprints.

The best individual performance was by Scholey, of Sparta who not only gained nineteen points out of a possible twenty, but also eclipsed the previous Middle Boys' Long Jump and Throwing the Cricket Ball records.

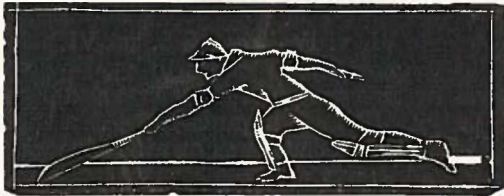
Carthage were the ultimate victors, but Rome, who were only three and a quarter points behind, were very unfortunate to lose the services of Horn early in the day through cramp.

## Cricket.

1st XI. v. Mexborough S.S. 1st XI.

Won by 10 wickets.

This being the first match of the season the School eleven were very keen to give of their best, and a beautiful day aided their ardour. Mexborough won the toss and elected to bat. Hollingsworth opened the bowling from the Sandygate end and seemed to get plenty of life out of the wicket, the ball rising sharply very frequently. Mexborough did not appear to find the bowling difficult, and the innings eventually closed for 87 runs. Hollingsworth took 4 wickets for 37 runs, Lee 3 for ten, and Howard 2 for nineteen. After tea Howard and Shillito opened the School innings. Playing very slowly at first they proceeded to wear the bowling down. The wicket was awkward and the ball rose head high at times. However, the bowling was soon completely mastered and runs came at a rapid pace. The School declared at 89 for no wicket, Shillito being not out 39 and Howard not out 38. Thus the season started rosily, and let us hope the School will continue in the same vein.



1st XI. v. Hemsworth S.S. 1st XI.

Lost by 82 runs to 69 runs.

This match was played at Hemsworth under good weather conditions. The School won the toss and elected to bat. After only five minutes Shillito was unlucky to be run out—a good recovery on an overthrow beating him. Hollingsworth's wicket fell a few minutes later, and things began to look black. However, Thompson came in and proceeded to play a fine innings of 31, the last wicket falling at 69. The wicket was exceptionally fiery, and at times the batsman was hit more often than the bat. After tea Hemsworth found the wicket just as lively, and runs none too easy to obtain. They batted steadily and determinedly to pass the School total. The School fielding was keen—three men being run out.



1st XI. v. Thorne Grammar School 1st XI.

Won by 5 wickets.

Weather conditions for this game were very unsettled—rain, sunshine, rain, sunshine, the whole afternoon.

Thorne won the toss and went in to bat. In the first over Howard got Harrison caught behind the wicket. Wickets fell in quick succession and the score soon stood at 17 for 5. The batsmen then settled down for a spell and the score went to 40 before the partnership was broken. Very little resistance was then offered, and the innings closed for 64. The bowling analysis was : Howard, 4 for 13; Shillito, 3 for 13; and Hollingsworth, 3 for 12.

The School innings opened in very bad light, and when 7 runs had been scored a retirement was necessary owing to rain. On resuming the wicket was sodden and it is only fair to say that the bowlers were handicapped by a greasy ball. Hollingsworth batted splendidly, his timing on leg hits being remarkable, and he was undefeated at the end with 33. The School made 65 for 5.

## Tennis.

1st VI. v. Penistone G.S. 1st VI.

Lost by 70 games to 45.

This was the first match of the season and began in very suitable weather, although towards the end a slight shower was experienced. The School was at a disadvantage playing on such splendid courts as those at Penistone and lack of practice further undermined our chances. The play seemed on the whole uneven, although it was considerably brightened by a number of long rallies. H. Taylor put in some outstandingly good net play.

As Penistone only had two courts on which to play, time was lost and the third couple had to play a short set of eleven games instead of thirteen.

1st VI. v. Penistone 1st VI. (Home).

Lost by 63 games to 30.

This match was lost by a slightly larger margin than the previous one, although we had the advantage in previous play on the courts. The weather was responsible for some very wild play. A strong westerly wind blew throughout the match, preventing any swift play from the lower side. Balls served against the wind were carried out of their course and thus good placing was hindered.

The School were encouraged by the large number of spectators.

1st VI. v. Rotherham 1st. VI. (Away).

Lost by 61 games to 38.

This meeting between the School and Rotherham was favoured by ideal tennis weather. The courts were obviously well cared for and these conditions were responsible for the very keen play.

The School VI. looked very smart in their tennis frocks which they wore for the first time, and must be congratulated on their appearance.

Play in this match was much more even than in other matches, and, as is evidenced by the number of deuce games which were played, Rotherham did not gain their victory easily.

The two matches which have still to be played are against Hemsworth Secondary School and the Old Girls.

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## A Visit to the Steel Works of Messrs. Steel, Peech & Tozer

### And an Inspection of the Working of Automatic Telephone Exchange.

At 2.15 in the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th April, a party of 26, from the Science and Remove Sixths, led by Mr. Pratt, left the Woodman *en route* for Rotherham. The steel works were about a mile and a half the other side of Rotherham, and as we alighted from the tram at the wrong gate we had a ten minutes walk to the correct one. This gives some idea of the length of the works.

We were taken in and shown the electro-magnet at work. This, worked from above by a moving crane, lifted out scrap steel from wagons and dropped it into a crusher where the strips of steel were pressed together by a press. From this another electro magnet removed the steel into large iron crucibles, shaped rather like large deep porcelain crucibles. These crucibles were then taken along, on a small train in front of the furnaces. These crucibles were picked up by a long thick arm which held them by friction, thrust them into the furnace and inverted them, emptying the steel in the furnace and bringing out the empty crucible.

The molten steel inside the furnace bubbled like boiling water, and it had to remain in this state for several hours. At intervals small amounts of the steel were taken from the furnaces to be analysed.

We were fortunate in being there just at the time when a furnace was to be tapped. The molten steel ran down a groove into a large circular iron vat which held about 80 tons. As the molten steel ran in, bags of anthracite coal and manganese were thrown into the mass to provide the carbon and manganese in the steel.

The large vat was lifted by an overhead crane and the steel was run into moulds and was then taken off to be rolled in the mill. This was the most fascinating part of the process. A red-hot ingot about 2 feet square and 6 feet long, came rushing along on rollers went through the mill, came back again and continued backwards and forwards until within the space of two minutes a long rod of steel, still red-hot and about 50 yards long appeared. This was taken along, rolled still more, and finally cut into strips about 12 feet long. In another place the steel was milled into cylindrical bars, and in another springs were made. This was done by winding a long flat strip of steel round a central pole while the steel was red hot.

After this we had tea and then made our way to the Telephone Exchange. There we were taken round in groups of seven. First of all we were shown a cable which brought in the wires and saw how they were separated out. The theory of the whole working was purely elementary electromagnetics; the brains were needed to put the whole together in such a small space. When a number is dialled on the telephone the circuit is cut that same number of times. All the subscribers in the Sheffield Automatic area have numbers of five digits. The first three are all registered on different selectors. From these the call goes on to the final separator, where the last two digits are obtained. This last separator is a minute switch-board and is worked by the subscriber himself. The difference is that only one call can occupy one separator at once.

We learned that the service is not run by alternating current but by interrupted direct current, as this is not so harsh. The current is obtained from simple secondary cells, very large and of large capacities. There are 30 cells and consequently the Potential is 60 volts. These cells are just ordinary accumulators and have to be charged.

Leaving the Exchange, we returned home and reached Wath at approximately 10 p.m.

E. PUGH, Upper VI. Science.



## A Vith Form Alphabet.

**A** is for Abson, a scholarship winner ;  
**B** is for Baker, who goes home to dinner :  
**C** is for Caswell and Coultard as well,  
 Which is the worthier I cannot tell.  
**G** is for Gill who is lacking in guile :  
**H** is for Hollingsworth who wins the mile :  
 And also for Howard a bowler of pace :  
**L** is for Leneham, Irish by Race :  
**O** is for Outram who gets us our fixtures :  
**P** is for Pugh, who mixes strange mixtures ;  
**R** is for Rees, and also for Rhodes :  
**S** is for Shaw, a writer of odes :  
**T** is for Tunstall, not short of excuses,  
**W** for Wellens, an expert on fuses.  
**X Y Z** are for those who feel slighted,  
 Because they're omitted, or rather omitted.

GAMMA.



## The Humour of Fate.

So this was the end of it all. Marston shrugged his broad shoulders. Well, he was ready. There would be no starting again for him—he was broken. Three years it had taken him. Three years of constant toil, ceaseless striving day and night. He'd borrowed money recklessly to keep up his experiments—borrowed it from anywhere, everywhere. Now, at the end his invention was turned down and he, penniless, was left to face his creditors. Well, they'd never put him in gaol. What

if it was a coward's way out? That's what he was—a despicable, mean, selfish coward. Then there was Maisie. What would she think? What did he care about what she thought! What did he care about anything!

He gulped down the whiskey at his side and poured out another. From his waistcoat pocket he drew a small phial of colourless liquid. He removed the cork and emptied the contents into the glass. Cyanide—the quickest and most painless death known! With a steady hand he raised the glass and tossed down the liquid. Hardly had the glass left his lips than the telephone rang. Mechanically he reached out his hand and took the receiver. "Hello," he gasped. Why was there a mist before his eyes? Someone seemed to be sitting on his chest too. Now he knew. Bodenstein, his lawyer, was talking to him. What was he saying? "... great news . . . . .  
 . . . syndicate wants to buy invention . . . make a million." Then Marston started laughing. A horrible laugh—peal after peal of high-pitched cackling.

"Tell 'em," he croaked, "Tell 'em they'll have to come to Hell for the formula."

With a thud the telephone receiver fell to the floor.

H. R. HOWARD, Upper VI. Science.

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## Vith Form Syncopation.

Within the library I linger yet,  
 I hesitate to close the door:  
 Outside the bustle and commotion  
 Coldly bid me linger more.

For here secluded from the throng  
 That bristles in the corridor,  
 Grim Caswell croons a lingering song,  
 The Form, enthralled, still yearns for more.

What need to question, and what cause for fear?  
 We need no longer idly wait.  
 True harmony we now at length shall hear,  
 For Shillito will syncopate.

The glorious choristers pour forth their song,  
 A lazy air the room pervades;  
 Can such ecstasy really last for long?  
 Or must it pass beyond the shades?

Alas ! a rude, unwanted ringing  
 Warns that School has now begun.  
 Our heroes have to leave their singing,  
 For their class-room at a run.

J. A. SHAW, Up. VI. Lit.

## The Dance.

It was a wild barbaric spot hidden in the mountains, where the tents of the gypsies were carelessly scattered. At the opening of a tent set apart from the rest an old gypsy was sitting. He was an awe-inspiring figure, his massive head was haloed by flowing white hair which formed a startling contrast to the dark mahogany of his face and his deep-set eyes smouldered with a hidden fire. He played a reed pipe to whose sweet notes a youth and girl were dancing.

The youth was slim, but muscularly built, with a strong, graceful body. He was hatless, with tumbled black hair, and his eyes held a strange half-smouldering light. The girl moved like thistledown carried on a strong wind, her head fell back a little so that her dusky hair clouded her partner's face. They moved as one, hypnotised by the haunting melody. The dance grew faster, the dancers losing themselves in the mad rhythm of that barbaric music.

Faster and faster they whirled, abandoned to the lure of the dance, the pipe wailed, uttering a haunting cry. Suddenly the music ceased on a wild ringing note. The dancers stopped, stood swaying awhile, then moved away, half sighing.

M. FROST, Upp. V.r.

## In Defence.

Someone says we lack in wit :  
 But don't believe a word of it.  
 In making poems the words won't fit,  
 Although we are the Lower Lit.

O'er these poems our brains we knit :  
 We think until our heads could split :  
 Then no one likes them, not a bit :  
 But of our efforts makes a skit.

Composing in the tram we sit,  
 But still our poems don't make a hit,  
 Although with poetry's fire we're lit,  
 I think we must be short of "it."



We will be poets, if the Fates permit,  
 But not until this earth we've quit,  
 And then 'twill be our ghosts that flit,  
 And not we twelve of the Lower Lit.

LOWER VI. LIT.

## The Introduction.

By the side of the fire was a large basket well padded and extremely comfortable, containing a tiny but very engaging little baby. It was lying there with its eyes shut tight, evidently at peace with the world. At one side of the basket stood a charming, dainty little lady, the very proud mother. She was looking down at the baby, possibly wondering whether it was advisable to wake it or not. At the other side of the basket stood a big lady, of a rather rough blustering nature, who seemed somewhat afraid of the tiny infant, as though it was too frail for her touch. Her admiration for it was evident. The two ladies, though so different in every way, had been playmates and companions from very early childhood. They had shared meals, games, and homes and now there was a third young lady to share their friendship. It might be expected that this was going to make a difference to their comradeship; but no! the big lady was only too ready to help mother it. Tentatively the mother touched the baby to wake it. Very slowly it began to yawn and stretch itself, but its eyes remained shut. By degrees it rose to its feet, only to tumble back again. Its legs were hardly strong enough to hold it yet. After all it was not two days old. Its mother looked up at her friend, "Is she not very sweet, Peggy?" she seemed to ask. "She's a darling," answered Peggy, and the two ladies occupied themselves in discussing the baby's welfare, no doubt, if one could only have known what they were saying to one another.

The big lady was my dog, Peggy; the proud mother was Topsy, a cat of whom she was very fond, and Peggy was meeting the kitten for the first time.

K. M. PARKIN, Upp. V.r.

## The Revised Science Sixth.

Removed from the midst of the literary folk,  
 In the Sciences to dab,  
 Live a band to whom life is one long joke,  
 Inside the Chemistry lab.

There's females two, both young and fair,  
Though one, I fear, has ginger hair.  
And thus, she is inclined to "flare."  
There's one whose face is rather grim,  
A clever youth, and learned him.  
His friend, whose hair is chestnut brown,  
Can loudly laugh, and then looks down.  
And one who's long, and dark, and tall,  
Who's hair will on his forehead fall.  
Another one—a foolish youth,  
His temper he must try to soothe.  
There's one who walks at a good pace ;  
Short are his legs, but round his face.  
Yet when he smiles, he smiles with grace,  
He and his friend—a studious youth,  
Think themselves saints—but in good sooth,  
I know not if they think the truth !  
There's one whose face is rather thin,  
In spite of its continual grin.  
The other member of this band,  
His writing fails to keep in hand.  
And these do form that jolly ring,  
Who in the Chemy. lab. do sing.  
I only say in their defence,  
There are better coming hence.

L.H.









