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Editorial.

I suppose every magazine committee dreams of the time when contributions come flowing in like the waves of the sea, when it is overwhelmed by manuscripts long and short, serious and funny, prosaic and poetical, legible and illegible, good and bad. The committee imagines itself trying to sort out and grade that mass of diverse material. The hours drag on, until even the last tram has gone, and about midnight its members drag themselves wearily to bed in their distant townships. However, this is a dream, which up to now has never come true, and this term in particular contributions have been very few and the work of the committee very easy.

The lack of any attempt to write for the magazine is very disappointing. The magazine belongs to the School, exists for the School, and depends on the members of the School for its material. The School has not done its share when a committee has been elected ; it still has to supply the committee with work. The few contributions that have been received have practically all come from one form. The rest of the School seems to have no desire to write and to see its writings in print. Even the new boys and girls for whom a special competition was arranged, were so uninterested that not one of them troubled even to enter for it ! No School activity can hope to flourish unless the School supports it. We are quite big enough to produce and support a really good magazine; and the committee hopes that next term it will be embarrassed by the large number of contributions it receives. If that is to be the case, you must get to work early; the holidays are at hand with the certainty of some wet and dismal days, when time hangs heavily on your hands. When those days come, remember the magazine, get out your pen and write !

School Notes.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Evans, who comes to us straight from the University of Sheffield, where she had a distinguished career. We hope that her association with the School may be beneficial both to her and to us.

The term has been remarkable for the very large number of absences due to ill-health. We can never expect to make even normal progress, while this state of affairs continues to exist.

The plays which we are performing this year are "The School for Scandal" and "Badger's Green." A report of them by our dramatic critic will be found in our next issue. The winner of the competition for the best additional scene to a play is D. Wollman, whom we congratulate. The examination results last July were as follow:—

Higher School Certificates.—A. R. Abson, D. W. Baker, B. Carter, R. Coultard, D. J. Cresswell, K. Dickinson, R. Disley, B. Gill, M. Greenwood, J. Lawson, M. Mitchell, M. Pickering, R. Prendergast, C. Riley, K. Stear, D. Stewardson, I. Tillbrook, E. Wall and J. Wellens.

Matriculation Certificates.—W. Abson, G. Ankers, H. Beeley, I. Bramham, C. Cooper, J. Hancock, W. Horner, G. Illingworth, F. Ingamells, F. Kay, M. Thompson, O. Willis, D. Wollman, E. Houseman, N. Hyland, D. Liles, J. Lockwood, T. Redgate, M. Smith, P. Brownlow, G. Haigh, L. Peace and R. Stenton.

School Certificates.—A. Beasley, A. Cocking, H. Oldfield, J. Petty, A. Singleton, G. Wainwright, O. Chambers, F. Doherty, M. Humphreys, D. Paskell, J. Bailey, T. Haines, F. Lancashire, W. Maddison, S. Wesley, F. Wraith, A. Ellis, M. Heeley, A. Horsfield, N. Langford, M. Leneham, A. Longbottom, K. Parkin, J. Pilner, B. Pyrah, K. Rennard, A. Robinson, M. Snart, H. Swift, O. Turgoose, F. Turner, E. Wass, H. Beaumont, T. Green, E. Harrison, J. Lee, H. Savage, F. Wilson, E. Bagnall, W. Darrell, N. Midwood, M. Redgate, K. Frost, M. Hames and P. Herbert.

The following are *Prefects.*—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, J. Outram, I. Singleton, F. Ingamells, D. Hanson, F. Kay, T. Redgate, C. Rees, M. Smith.

The *Magazine Committee* consists of:—O. Willis, L. Holyoak, J. Rhodes, D. Hanson, C. Cook, H. Swift, E. Pugh, E. Williams, H. Howard, G. Harrison, J. Shaw, M. Rimmer.

The *Games Committee* consists of:—F. Kay, M. Snart, F. Ingamells, M. Pickering, C. Rees, O. Turgoose, B. Gill, M. Charlesworth, J. Outram, H. Taylor, A. Beasley and E. Turner.

The *Library Committee* consists of:—O. Willis, M. Smith, M. Thompson, D. Hanson, W. Abson, E. Housman, D. Baker,

M. Wardell, H. R. Howard, A. Pammenter, C. Bletcher, M. Hames.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

Another new year has started, bringing with it new members to replace the staunch, old ones who retired last term. We hope that, though just now they cannot replace them on the sports field, they will help us to win the Work Cup, by working hard in class and gaining a position in the first half of their form, and by steering clear of detentions.

All the Athenians join in a hearty welcome to these new members, and also in wishing all those who have left us success in their future career—whatever it may be. To all those who took part in public examinations last term and proved successful—we offer our congratulations.

House matches have started again, and it is pleasing to note that everyone is very keen. The results of the matches already played are as follows:—

Hockey:—Seniors drew with Carthage, Juniors won against Rome.

Rugby:—Seniors beat Carthage but lost to Rome and Troy. Juniors drew with Carthage, beat Rome and lost to Thebes.

As there are so many things going on this term, Athens is trying out a new experiment. Instead of holding their annual House Party before the Christmas holidays, this year, it is to be held on the 13th January. It is thought that this will prove a satisfactory beginning for a new term—and should, therefore, be very successful.

House Officials for this term are:—

House Captains:—E. Bramham and Kay.

Magazine Committee:—L. Holyoak and Willis.

Games Committee:—M. Snart and Kay.

Rugby Captains:—*Senior*:—Kay. *Junior*:—Thewlis.

Hockey Captains:—*Senior*:—M. Snart. *Junior*:—Molly Smith.

Library Repres.: Miriam Smith and Willis.

CARTHAGE.

Once more the same old grumble—detentions. Last term, wonder of wonders, Carthage had the least number of detentions of all six houses, but this term we seem to be running up a record number. Efforts have been made

by the committee to stop this increasing detention list, but all in vain. Physical violence and other means seem to have no effect on Carthaginians. Possibly this list is due to the disappointment of most of the house because the scarlet fever epidemic failed to become serious enough.

This reason may also account for the appalling defeats of the Carthaginian teams. The Senior boys lost to Rome, Athens and Sparta. The Senior girls drew with Athens and beat Sparta. The Junior boys drew with Athens. The Junior girls lost to Athens and Rome. Next term, we hope, will bring better results.

We are holding our annual house party on December 15th when we hope to have an enjoyable evening. The programme will consist of singing, games, whist, supper and dancing (This latter for the seniors only). In previous years Carthage has been noted for its house parties being successful, thanks to the hard work of the housemaster and housemistress and we hope that this year is going to break all records for enjoyment and entertainment.

ROME.

Last term we lost our detention record-holder. We hoped that his departure would mark the dawn of a new era for Rome—an era where detentions were unknown. But unfortunately it appears that of the newer "generations," two or three persons are aspiring to the heights attained by our fallen comrade and attempting to break his record. First of all then, we would remind these that there are other records, records of which the house would be proud and for which they might strive.

We were pleased to hear that three old Romans are already distinguishing themselves at college. We learn that Frost and Pears, the two Roman boys sent to York, are both in the first XV, the former having gained his colours: and that Ella Reeve is in the first Hockey XI for Bingley.

It is with amusement that we record the mixed meeting, that is of Roman girls and boys, held early in the term. It can hardly be regarded as a success. Owing to some misunderstanding, the meeting did not quite take its expected form—actually consisting of a girl and two boys conversing with our House master and mistress.

Our games results have not been entirely successful. For although the Senior boys have won all their matches, the Senior girls have done exactly the opposite—losing both the matches they have played. On the other hand

the Junior girls have won two matches out of three whilst the Junior boys have lost the two matches they have played. As there are still a few games to be played off we hope for a turn in our luck before the season ends.

Our annual party is to be held on the last Tuesday of term—December 13th. Although the date is one of ill-repute we do not mean to allow it to deter us from making the the party a great success.

SPARTA.

This term has been quite ordinary as terms go. We may congratulate ourselves that the detentions have been slightly diminished. As a matter of fact, but for the few recognised discordant elements many a Friday would have passed without a Spartan name appearing on the list. However, we can boast that unlike the case of several other Houses, not one Spartan needed scourging to remind him that prolific detention gaining is not a distinguished accomplishment.

With regard to games I am afraid that our Senior boys retire furtively from the scene. Although they crushingly defeated Carthage, they were effectively subdued by the Trojans and Romans. The less said about the scores the better. The Senior girls, too, were slightly worse, losing both their matches. The Junior girls lost to Troy and the Junior boys did the same. The loss on the boys' side was due to the forwards lagging behind. One forward was repeatedly seen behind the full back, and if they intend to win their remaining matches this fault should be remedied.

The wall on the north side of the school does not seem to be growing as it did last term. The reason is that the Spartans have belied their name, but there is something to be said on the side of the argument that the other Houses might lend a hand a little more than they have done.

The House Party will be held this term on December 12th; the charges are on the notice board.

THEBES.

Several Senior members of Thebes left at the end of last term, some of whom have entered college and University. We lost one of our House Captains, K. Dickenson, and G. Harrison has been elected in her place. The boys, however, are fortunate in retaining for their Captain, Outram, who has managed the House affairs successfully during the last two years. The other House officials are as follows:—H. Taylor and Outram, Games Representatives; G. Harrison

and Howard, Magazine Representatives; E. Wass and D. Kirk, Senior and Junior Hockey Captains; Outram, Rugby Captain; A. Pammenter and Howard for Library Duty.

It is difficult as yet, to give any opinion on the progress of the House Teams. Thebes, as always, is at a great disadvantage owing to the number of members who are in the 1st XI, and the 1st XV. The boys' rugby suffers in particular from this, having no less than seven very worthy members in the 1st XV at the beginning of the term.

At Hockey the Seniors beat Rome, and the Juniors have had one victory and one defeat. The Senior Rugby team lost to Troy, whilst the Juniors defeated Athens and Rome, and drew with Troy.

We are hoping to keep the Work Cup in our possession, but the detentions, although decreased, are still a great hindrance. The House Party will take place on Friday, December 2nd, and we are hoping it will prove a great success.

TROY.

We congratulate all Trojans who achieved success in the External examinations at the end of last term. We welcome all new members of the house and trust that they will become staunch supporters.

An enjoyable day was spent in Derbyshire at the end of last term, and we wish to thank our House master and Mistress who gave up a great amount of time in making it a success.

Detentions are still too numerous. Will Troy ever win the Work Cup again? Our hopes fade when we hear the detention list read out on Friday mornings.

The following were awarded merit badges at the end of the term, *Boys*.--Howdle F., Stott, Sagar, Causier, Gledhill, Hyland P. *Girls*.--M. Rimmer, S. Atkin, D. Bouskill, B. Rushforth, E. Hague, B. Rodger. The merit badges will be awarded again at the beginning of next term.

The House Party is to be held on December 14th. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend so that it can be a "House" Party in the true sense of the word.

The House Officials.—House Captains: Coultard and N. Wroe. Rugby Captain: Howdle T. V. Magazine Committee: Shaw J. A. and M. Rimmer. Library Committee: M. Hames and Bletcher. Games Committee: E. Turner and Beasley A.

This term has been rather an uneventful one, as regards House Activities. The Senior Girls have played no match

as yet. We had a fixture for the beginning of term, but it was postponed owing to bad weather. The Senior Boys have played three matches. The first against Thebes resulted in a victory due to some remarkable play by Ingman from the wing. Results against Thebes, 39-0 Athens, 14-0. Sparta, 35-0.

The Junior Boys have played two matches—against Sparta—result a victory, 12-8. Against Thebes—a draw, 3 all. The Junior girls lost one of their matches to Thebes 5-2, won against Sparta 7-0. We wish all teams luck in future matches, especially the Senior girls who have not had a chance yet to show their capabilities as we should like the games Cup, even if the Work Cup is out of our reach.

Sixth Form Society.

At a committee meeting held on Monday, 12th September, the following officials were elected for this session:—Chairman, A. R. Abson; Vice-Chairman, H. R. Howard; Secretaries, O. Turgoose and R. Coultard; Committee, M. Pickering, D. W. Baker, D. Hanson, C. H. Cook, L. Shillito, W. Abson, M. Smith, M. Greenwood, and J. E. Scholey.

The first meeting of the session was held on Tuesday, September 27th, at which the Rev. R. J. Jones, of Wombwell, lectured on "The Creation."

Mr. Jones opened by explaining why man wants a Creation story at all. He gave as his reason that man has always yearned to know his origin, and "with these mysteries in mind, primitive man peopled his world with gods and goblin." Mr Jones would then have us understand that although no sane man can accept an uncaused man, atheism still lingers to-day, and atheism greatly overwhelmed by advanced science. "Yet," he said, "behind all the world's myths there is a saneness of conception. Man is fundamentally a being made by God and for God." The lecturer then dealt with the world's myths in their conception of Chaos, and their influence on mankind. He asserted that a knowledge of the myths was necessary to show the superiority of the Genesis Creation Story. "The myths were very slowly evolved through the Centuries, but the divine marvel is that Israel threw off the crude beliefs of her neighbours in order to worship the true God."

From the myths, Mr. Jones passed on to examine the Creation stories of Genesis, each written by its School.

He examined the deep similarities of the two stories, and ended by speaking about the Ex Nihilo Theory and the influence of Science on man's ideas about the Creation.

The Headmaster, who presided, called upon M. Pickering and A. R. Abson to give a vote of thanks to Mr. Jones.

A meeting of the Society was held on the 11th October, when Mr. Gear gave an address on Russia. As Mr. Gear elected to speak on the Government of Russia, he first of all gave a brief survey of the Russian Government from 1900 to the end of the Great War. After the Czardom came the brief rule of Karensky, who was overthrown by the Bolshevik Party (majority party), under the leadership of Lenin. Mr. Gear then sketched the period of Lenin's rule between 1917 and 1924; and although ruthless, Lenin worked for the good of his country. After Lenin came Stalin in 1924, and this leader is still in power to-day. Although an intricate Russian constitution was drawn up in 1918, Mr. Gear pointed out that the head of the Bolsheviks is the real ruler of Russia.

After explaining the two Marxian principles on which the modern Russian State is based, Mr. Gear analysed the control of modern Russia. The lecturer dealt with the army, the press, the improvement in education, the interesting of the "Ratefacs," family life and the church. Mr. Gear touched on the Russian Five-Year Plan, a big push in industry, and concluded his address by comparing the advantages and disadvantages of Russian life.

Baker, of the Science Vith, proposed a vote of thanks and was supported by G. Harrison. Abson was chairman.

With Howard in the chair on the 25th October, Miss Deeks gave a very interesting lecture on the Minor Baltic States. As a sort of introduction, Miss Deeks briefly outlined the history of these states, with special reference to the wealth of the great cities, and the many and frequent changes which have taken place. Under the rule of Russia, these states had cause to grumble at being "russified." This "rusification" went so far as to cause the Finns to have a national strike, after which Finland received Home Rule. Miss Deeks now described the type of presidential government in Finland with the power of "referendum," and the facilities for education in Helsingki. Miss Deeks seemed determined to mention the great book-store in Helsingki.

The lecturer described the centres Tallinn and Riga, their inhabitants, their Schools, their transport and public services. Finland, Esthonia and Latvia broke away from

Russia between 1917 and 1919 and joined the League of Nations. Miss Deeks said that "the states are in a semi-vassal state under a big power" and that they are unable to resist Russia, which will ultimately seize them. "Yet they are a much greater source of trouble than many of the bigger European States." Miss Deeks then passed round some interesting souvenirs of her travels in the Baltic lands.

A vote of thanks was moved by Wellens and seconded by E. Bramham. Miss Deek's lecture proved a very enjoyable sequel to Mr. Grear's talk on Russia.

Professor Rudmose Brown came from Sheffield University to give a lantern lecture on Tuesday, the 8th November. With the help of a good collection of slides, Professor Brown related his experiences in the Antarctic Regions.

Professor Brown described first the type of vessel most used and most suited for Polar Expeditions. The stout wooden ship left Port Stanley in the Falkland Isles, passed through the "Roaring Forties" and into the most furious stretch of ocean in the "Fifties." The lecturer pointed out that "the violence of the Forties is not to be compared with the screaming Fifties, where storms continually chase each other round the globe."

The first messengers of the Polar Regions were the icebergs, and Professor Brown had a large number of slides showing different types of icebergs. Beyond the icebergs came the sea of floating pack-ice, and finally the frozen sea, which made progress extremely slow and laborious.

Professor Brown now turned to travelling on land, which is carried on only during the summer. He both described and illustrated by pictures the equipment used in travelling, and also mentioned food, cooking, and the scurvy disease common among ancient explorers. Then followed a very well illustrated account of the kind of life in the South Polar Regions. He first dealt with that peculiar, amusing bird, the penguin, and passed on to the "ugly, shapeless seal," and its cousin, the ferocious sea-leopard.

In conclusion, Professor "returned" to Port Stanley, and "on the way" showed the significance of the sooty and giant albatross.

The Headmaster now called upon M. Pickering to propose a vote of thanks to Professor Brown, which Caswell seconded. Mr. Pratt operated the lantern very efficiently. The attendance at this meeting was a record one.

A very enjoyable lecture on "The Development of Church Music" was given by the Rev. L. Meredith on November 22nd.

Mr. Meredith began by pointing out the three methods of making music,—by an instrument, by the human voice, or by a combination of the two. The lecturer then cited a passage from a book describing the elaboration of the orchestra in the ancient Jewish Church. Mr. Meredith then said a few words on the work of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, in the latter part of the Fourth Century.

From St. Ambrose, Mr. Meredith passed on to the Reformation, when there were three different churches. In the Roman Church, the music centred round the Mass, and in this connection the names of Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert should be remembered. The music of the Lutheran had as its centre the Chorale and Oratorios, with which Bach was connected. In the Anglican Church, the main body of the music consisted of the hymns, anthems and psalms. Mr. Meredith gave selections on the piano to illustrate the changes in church music since the Sixteenth Century. There are three types of church service, the Cathedral service, the parish church service, and the village service. The elaborate music of the Cathedral choirs is imitated by the village churches.

For hymn singing there are three tune-tests. First, there should be interesting part-writing; second, good rhythm; and third, a decent melody. It is common for people singing hymns to forget their common-sense, and phrase the words very badly. Although congregational singing has been made difficult by the marks of emphasis on certain words, the most modern hymn-books omit these stresses.

Miss Deeks occupied the chair. Rees proposed the vote of thanks, which was seconded by D. Hanson.

School Societies.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY.

The Metalwork Club is making good progress and has a good attendance of about eighteen members, at every meeting, when interesting models in steel and copper are made.

The Woodwork Club members have fallen off in their attendances, not many going to the meetings. It is hoped that the attendances will be increased this winter.

The Art Club has a number of good attenders at each meeting and purses and trays seem to be the favourite models.

The scenery has been painted this year by Mr. Leadley, assisted by Ingham, Maiden and Green.

A freize took a lot of time up this term. It was painted for Mr. Williams and is now hanging in the Junior Laboratory.

Scouts.

As is usual at the beginning of a term, the Scouts were very popular. Huge numbers rolled up to the meetings. However, towards the end of the term the rather weaker members dropped off and we were left with those who were really interested.

On walking up the corridor on Friday evening "a rushing as of mighty wings" meets you and a powerful draught nearly sweeps you off your feet. The fact is that the whole troop is taking part in a signalling orgy—flags flapping and sticks cracking under the strain.

The summer camp was held in July at Pately Bridge. The scenery was quite pleasing, a pinewood standing on the left, moors behind, and the tarn, or beck, or stream to the fore. A great feature of the camp was the hard work put in by the cooks who produced hot meals under the most trying wet weather. Bathing down at the river was satisfying but brown, the colour of the water leaving much to be desired. Great work was put in by Hames (Minor) and Ford, who, had it not been for the rain, would have been able to swim by the end of camp. They waded out into midstream in a shallow part of the river with a rope tied round their waists. On the word "go" they leaped forward and, with the aid of a pull on the rope, cleaved the water like speed boats. At first they didn't quite like the submarine effects obtained, but they soon learned how to keep their heads above water.

A motor-cycle contest on the hills was in progress one of the days, but, contrary to expectations, was very dull and ordinary; the water splash was a "non-splasher" and there were no exciting spills.

On Friday morning, we noticed a horse and cart bearing milk churns jolting down a rugged path-cum-roadway on the opposite hill and were quite alarmed to see the horse fall and the cart turn over. Full of perturbation for the poor animal we chased down the hill, through the wood and up the other side. Breathless, we discovered the old fellow climbing into the upright cart, and as he went by the horse gave us a stare of intermingled scorn and hauteur.

The other Saturday morning the Scouts were able to exhibit their prowess in ambulance. In the House match between Sparta and Troy, Lavelle fell and wrenched his patella, which, for the benefit of the uninitiated, means his knee-cap. Two Scouts dashed off the field for the stretcher and on their return, four gave an exhibition of lifting and placing on the stretcher. Lavelle was then triumphantly borne off the field and so the Scouts came into their own.

Guides.

The summer camp was held at Barnston, near Bridlington. In the same camp besides the School Guides were Guides from the Wath, Stainboro' and Stairfoot Companies. Miss Steer was again in charge, but this year the camp was not alone, for many Guides and Scouts were camping in the same village. All our Guides who went to camp enjoyed every day, especially the visit to Bridlington and the visits to camp-fires held by neighbouring companies.

This term we have been visited by Miss Carr, the Divisional Commissioner and Mrs. Leggett, the District Captain, who passed several second class tests. Besides second class badges we have gained several proficiency badges, which can now be taken at School. The badges won this term are books and embroiderers, but now we have no longer to go to Barnsley on Thursday evenings to take the examinations we hope to pass many more. Corner work has been keen throughout the term, which has been very successful for the Guides.

Literary Society.

Although this term rehearsals have robbed the Literary Society of some of its members, the few ardent supporters of the Society have been encouraged by the slight increase in attendances as the term has progressed. It is hoped that the attendances will continue to increase, and that few members will fail to gain the great advantage of cheap tickets for the Social.

The first meeting of the Society took the form of a debate between Upper and Lower VI. Literary, that "The Olympic Games are a factor making for international disagreement rather than international concord." The motion proposed

by Abson and D. Hanson and opposed by Harrison and J. Lockwood was carried by 19 votes. The chief feature of the meeting was the absence of speakers from the House, and we extend our warmest sympathies to the very modest members of the Society.

At the second meeting, the 5th Forms gave a dramatic reading of "Becky Sharpe." Although the failure of one member of the cast to maintain the equilibrium of his moustache proved very distracting to the audience, the 5th Forms are to be congratulated upon their performance.

The Snap and Ghost Debate proved very enjoyable and entertaining. We congratulate the modest members upon their valiant attempts at public speaking, although we cannot recommend the logic of many arguments produced.

The Science VI. Demonstration showed an enormous improvement upon their past efforts. Howard and Baker gave very interesting papers on "Solutions" and their arguments had been well prepared. The meeting attracted a large number of loyal supporters of the Scientists.

The last meeting of the term was taken up by a V. Form debate.

The Junior Literary Society.

We held our first meeting this term on September 27th, when a debate on the motion, "The House approves of the adoption of Summer-time," took place between the forms Upper IIIA and IIIA. The chair was taken by Scholey, of IVA. The motion was proposed by Painter, M. Griffin and Bullen, and opposed by Cutts, Ellison and Horner. The motion was carried.

The second meeting took place on October 3rd, when a debate on the motion, "That the popularity of the Yo-Yo indicates that we have little minds," took place between the forms IVb and IVa. The chair was taken by Hollingsworth. The motion was proposed by Bailey, J. Turgoose and Hutchinson, and opposed by Kidson, J. Atkinson and Hocking. The motion was carried.

At our third meeting, on October 11th, a debate took place between U. III.A and U. III.B. The chair was taken by J. Turgoose. The motion read "That most proverbs are false," proposed by J. Swift, Hollingsworth and M. Hill, of Upper III.A, and opposed by Davison, Whitfield and Dyer of Upper III.B. The motion was carried.

On the 25th of October, the Society met to discuss who should be saved, if six well known characters were in danger of losing their lives. E. Elliott proposed Betty Nuthall, Howitt proposed Henry Ford, I. Atkinson proposed Bernard Shaw, Hawke proposed Jack Hobbs, J. Turgoose proposed Greta Garbo, and Scholey proposed Ramsay MacDonald. Anster took the chair. After a hearty discussion by the members of the floor of the House, it was decided that Jack Hobbs should be saved.

At our meeting on November 8th, a debate took place on the motion, "That camping holidays are best." The chair was taken by Hawke. The motion was proposed by Firth, Milburn and Hames, of Upper II.B, and opposed by E. Elliott, Taylor and H. Else, of Upper II.A. There was a large number of speakers from the Floor of the House. The motion was defeated.

At our meeting on November 22nd, three readings from well-known books were successfully given. The first was from "The Mill on the Floss," given by Taylor, Atkinson, D. Green, N. Hind and M. Coates. The second was "The Trial of Charles I.," given by Clarkes, Hocking, Smith, Atkinson, Rollins, Bunn, Burton and Kidson. The third was "Mrs. Gamp's Teaparty," given by J. Turgoose and E. Hart.

Choir.

Last term the Choir lost many of its old stalwarts, and consequently we began this term with rather depleted ranks. However, new members were encouraged to join, and we are now about our usual strength.

For our concert this year we are practising two pieces, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" and "A Princess of Kensington." The former piece requires no introduction to most members of the School, as they will remember the choir singing it once before. As a result of this they will expect us to sing it all the better, and we shall have to be practically perfect.

The latter work is by Edward German, and will provide a splendid contrast to "Hiawatha." It is jolly and entertaining and makes pleasurable singing. We sincerely hope that members of the School will strongly support us when we give our annual concert. Meanwhile a few more sopranos would be most acceptable, as that contingent is rather weak.

Orchestra Notes.

The Orchestra is steadily increasing in numbers, and at last we have two new lady members, Miss Spencer and Strelsa Searle, the first schoolgirl to join. The music studied for the plays this September is in greater variety than ever before. The pieces are: Selections from "Merry England," by German; Sailor's Chorus, from "The Flying Dutchman," by Wagner; Hope March, by Suidi Papini; Minuet from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," by Lutti; Dance from "Comus," by Dr. Arne.

We have also, for the first time, violins played in two divisions, first and second violins. The instruments, however, now in use in the orchestra are not sufficiently varied.

Miss Deeks would welcome any persons who can play any wind instruments or a viola, or 'cello.

The orchestra, when in full strength, consists of: Miss Deeks (leader and pianist), Miss Knowles ('cellist), Miss Spencer, Strelsa Searle, Hall, Maiden, Atkinson. Taylor, Ormondroyd, Thorpe, Longbottom and Potts.

The Field Club.

This term the outdoor activities of this Club were confined to September owing to heavy rain which fell every Saturday during October. Two outings were, however, made during the first few weeks of the term and some quite useful specimens, particularly of Mosquito larvæ, and of wild fruits were brought back.

During November two meetings were held after School in the Lecture Theatre, at the first of which papers were read by J. Harman, on "The Preparation of Skeletons of Small Animals," and by J. V. Scott, on "Setting Butterflies." At the second, Mr. Williams gave a talk on "Heredity." There was a good attendance at both meetings.

Football.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth Secondary School (October 1st).

Result: Won by 15 pts. to 3 pts.

At Wath, after a keenly contested game, the School in its first match of the season defeated Hemsworth. The game was played in the rain and consequently the attendance was small. Hemsworth were the first to score as a result

of good passing by their three-quarters. The kick at goal failed. The School replied with strong forward work and Tunstall scored a try which Ingamells failed to convert. Half-time score, School 3 pts., Hemsworth 3 pts.

Hollingsworth opened the scoring in the second half with a fine dropped goal from the Hemsworth "25." This was soon followed by a penalty goal scored by Ingamells. Just before the close Crockett got over for a try which Ingamells converted, in spite of the difficult position. The School's victory can be attributed mainly to the superiority of their forwards.

1st XV. v. Barnsley Grammar School (October 29th).

Result : Won by 24 pts. to Nil.

The weather at Barnsley was deplorable, both the wind and the rain doing their worst. The School kicked off against the elements and immediately Hollingsworth succeeded in scoring a fine drop goal. Most of the play was in the hands of the School and Hall scored a try which Hollingsworth converted. Then Hollingsworth scored a try and added the points himself. Half-time score, School 14 pts., Barnsley nil.

Soon after the interval, Pease got over and the try was converted by Hollingsworth. The latter player soon scored another try which he himself again converted. An interesting fact is, that of the twenty-four points scored, Hollingsworth, the new captain, claimed eighteen.

1st XV. v. Castleford Grammar School (November 12th).

Result : Draw, School 9 pts., Castleford 9 pts.

The School's second home match proved a very exciting duel between two evenly balanced teams. After midfield play, Wath took the offensive, and, following a scrum infringement, were awarded a penalty directly in front of the Castleford goal, Hollingsworth, being successful with the kick. Castleford then attacked for a time and near the interval gained an unconverted try. Half-time score : School 3pts., Castleford 3 pts.

Open play ruled in the second half, Hollingsworth scored a good try, the difficult kick at goal failing. Then it was Castleford's turn to score an unconverted try. Crockett dribbled through from near the half-way line to score a fine try for the School, Ingamells being unsuccessful with the difficult kick. Castleford pressed and scored near the corner-flag from a scrum on the goal-line. The kick failed and immediately after it the game ended. Much attractive three-quarter play was seen on both sides, but the forwards, especially in the first half, generally dominated the play.

1st XV. v. Rotherham Grammar School (November 19th).

Result: Won by 37 points to nil.

The away match with Rotherham saw the School continue its winning way. School attacked from the start and Hollingsworth scored with a good drop goal. Immediately after the kick-off the School "threes" broke away and after some delightful passing Caswell scored a try near the corner. Ingamells just jailed with the kick. Hollingsworth kicked another fine drop goal and shortly afterwards scored an unconverted try. Then Tunstall scored a try after a good forward rush and Hollingsworth added the points. Directly after this Hollingsworth again scored an unconverted try. Half-time score, School 22 pts., Rotherham, nil.

Rotherham improved considerably in the second half, and a harder game resulted. After a Rotherham rush, Hollingsworth scored a try after some fine dribbling by Beasley. The kick at goal failed. After more midfield play Caswell got over but Ingamells failed to convert. The School again pressed and Beasley and Hollingsworth scored unconverted tries. As the ball was heavy and greasy it was difficult to handle so that the forwards had more of the play than the three-quarters.

1st XV. v. Goole Secondary School (November 26th).

Result: Won by 20 pts. to 3 pts.

There was a fairly large attendance at this home match, and the weather was all that could be expected. Contrary to expectations, there was no rain during the match. After dribbling the ball from the Goole twenty-five, Caswell scored the first try which Hollingsworth, from an easy position, converted. Then Goole attacked vigorously and they were awarded a penalty goal which was kicked successfully from a difficult position. Half-time score, School 5 pts., Goole 3 pts.

After half time, there was much midfield play but eventually Hollingsworth scored a try from a pass by Ingamells. The latter converted the try with a well-placed kick. After a good three quarter movement by the School "threes," Horn scored an unconverted try. Then Ingamells scored a try but from a difficult position he just failed with the kick, the ball hitting the cross-bar. Near the end, Hollingsworth scored a drop goal, there being no further addition to the score. The game was essentially one for the forwards, and many exciting tussles ensued with the heavier Goole pack.

2nd XV. v. Hemsworth S.S. 2nd XV. (Away). (Oct. 1st.)

Result: Won by 16 pts. to 3 pts.

Rees won the toss and elected to play uphill. The School "threes" quickly found their best form, and in the first ten minutes Horn crossed the Hemsworth line twice—neither try, however, being converted. Play continued on even terms until near the interval Hemsworth broke away and scored an unconverted try.

Half-time arrived with the School leading by 6pts. to 3.

With the slope in their favour, the School forwards made many concerted rushes, and following one of these, Lee scored a try, which Rees improved. A brilliant run of fifty yards by Horn ended in a try, which Lee converted.

The game was keenly contested to the end; but the School were worthy winners.

2nd XV. v. Doncaster G.S. 1st XV. (Oct. 29th.)

Result: Lost by 3 pts. to 9 pts.

The weather conditions were terrible but the field was in good order. Rees lost the toss, and the School had to face driving wind and rain. Doncaster attacked in the early stages of the game, and following a scrum infringement, gained a penalty goal. The School defended well against a much heavier set of forwards, and towards half-time, Horn broke away, scoring a brilliant try, which he failed to convert.

Half-time arrived with the score three points all.

In the second half the School were continually on the aggressive, and if the forwards had played more to the backs, in which department Doncaster were outclassed, more successful results must have ensued. The superior weight of the opposing forwards became evident when they scored two unconverted tries following forward rushes. The game was keenly contested to the end, when the referee congratulated the players on providing a very clean game under appalling weather conditions.

2nd XV. v. Castleford 2nd XV. (November 12th).

Result: Lost by 0 pts. to 18 pts.

The School were up against a much heavier team, and the opposing backs were extremely quick off the mark. They frequently broke away through the centre, and must have scored several times but for the brilliant tackling of the halves and the full-back. Near the interval, however, Castleford gained a try, which was converted. There was no further scoring in this half.

The good play of the School forwards, who continually

gained the ball in the scrums, was spoilt by weak play among the "threes." Horn, on the wing, broke away once, and would have scored if the referee had not pulled him up for some unaccountable reason. The Castleford backs, however, soon gave evidence of their superior speed, and scored three tries in quick succession, two of them being improved.

The game was not so one-sided as the score suggests, and the School are confident of avenging the defeat when Castleford visit Wath.

Hockey.

1st XI. v. Mexboro' S.S. 1st XI.

Result: School lost by 2 goals to 3.

Favoured with a most suitable day, both teams were feeling fit and eager to start.

The School lost the toss and Mexboro' decided to play uphill first half. Play started very smartly. The ball dashed uphill and downhill. After a considerable time, and after much struggling, Mexboro' shot a magnificent goal. This was only the first goal—and almost half-time. Play re-started with even more vigour, but shortly Mexboro' added another goal to their score.

At last, the whistle blew half-time. Only two persons declared that they were not ready for the light refresher—those were the referees.

Almost immediately it seemed, it was time to start again. Both sides were refreshed and ready for the keen fight that was to follow. Hardly had play begun, than Mexboro' shot another goal. The score was now 3—0 to Mexboro'.

The School now began to bustle up even more. Not a minute to lose. The School pressed hard, and as a reward, shot a marvellous goal. Mexboro' decided that they could not afford to slack. The game became very exciting. Both teams tried hard to gain complete possession of the ball and Wath were successful. Another goal was scored—bringing the score to 3—2.

Three minutes to go and another goal to be scored. Here and there went the ball—then, woe—the whistle blew, and the score remained 3—2. Mexboro' had won.

Both teams were practically all new players, and the School was unfortunate in losing M. Pickering at half-time.

She left the field ill. She was replaced by N. Midwood who played a good game.

The game was very even, though Mexboro' declare that "Wath are very fierce players."

1st XI. v. Rotherham 1st XI.

Result : School won by 2 goals to 1.

We were favoured with an ideal morning—rather cold for spectators, but quite warm for the players.

For the first half, the School played uphill and evidently meant to do their best. Almost immediately, the ball was in the goal circle. From the touch-line issued forth desperate cries of "Shoot, School" in a well-known voice, but unfortunately for us the Rotherham goal-keeper cleared the ball.

After a little play in mid-field the ball again reached the circle. We pressed hard but failed to shoot. Rotherham then decided that it was their turn. Several times the ball was in their circle, and several times did they shoot, but, thanks to splendid play on the part of E. Hague (goal-keeper) and the backs, they failed to score.

At half-time no goals had been scored. The School had been playing splendidly, and Rotherham had proved that their star-turn was passing. In the second half, we had the advantage of playing downhill.

Soon after the game had re-started, C. Jackson (centre-forward) received a good pass and shot the first goal. Play was then keener than ever.

Rotherham retaliated by a beautiful shot from their centre-forward. The score was now even, 1—1.

The School pressed again and again but only managed to shoot two off-side goals, until near the end of the game when C. Jackson managed to push through another goal. We were now leading by 2—1, and though both teams played hard and fast no more goals were scored.

In spite of the fact that the game had been warm, several members of the team were rather chilled after it. This was the first match that had been played since showers had been in use and the team were looking forward to using them. Many of them prepared for their bath, and then, much to their disappointment, discovered that the water (even the cold) was not on—and so they had to re-dress without a bath.

A dry ending to such an exciting game.

1st XI. v. Hemsworth 1st XI.

Result : School won by 2 goals to 1.

The day was not so pleasing as in the past two matches. Almost every day in the past week there had been rain and even though it was not actually raining when the match was due to start, there were dark clouds overhead, and just before half-time there was rather a heavy shower of rain, but, thanks to the shower baths (which were in working order this week) no-one was any the worse.

The School lost the toss and played downhill for the first half of the game, Within a few minutes of starting, Hemsworth gave us a shock by scoring a marvellous goal, from just inside the circle.

However, soon after the ball was taken into our own circle. The shot was stopped by the opposing goalie but before she had time to regain her position, M. Groves had pushed the ball through. The score was now equal, 1—1.

In this first half there was a number of successive corners for the School, but we failed to shoot any more goals. For the remainder of this half, both teams played hard but failed to shoot.

The second half began with both teams equally determined to score at least another goal. For some time, though the ball travelled from goal to goal, no goals were scored—only one off-side goal shot by M. Pickering. Unfortunately this was of no use.

In less than five minutes, the ball returned to our circle and C. Jackson shot a fine goal.

The rest of the match waxed furiously but no more goals were scored, and the School had won by 2 goals to 1.

2nd XI. v. Mexboro', at Mexboro'.

Result : Lost by 1 goal to 0.

Mexboro' won the toss and decided to play uphill and in the first half the game was very even.

In the second half, however, Mexboro' proved themselves the stronger team and were decidedly on the offensive. After a tussle with the School backs and goal-keeper one of the Mexboro' forwards put through a goal which was ruled offside. Later in the game the Mexboro' centre-forward shot from close range and the ball bounced off our goal-keeper's pad into the goal.

M. Limb, playing goal, and F. Doherty, as full-back, played a good defensive game.

2nd XI. v. Rotherham 2nd XI., at Rotherham.

Result: Won by 3 goals to 1.

In this match the team fully made up for their first defeat and the whole team played very well.

We won the toss and played uphill. Shortly before half-time, I Todd scored the first goal.

In the second half, we were attacking most of the time and N. Midwood and J. Scott scored for School. A few minutes before time Rotherham scored after a hard struggle with the School defence.

2nd XI. v. Hemsworth 2nd XI., at Hemsworth.

Result: Drawn 2—2.

The School won the toss and played against the wind during the first half. The ground was slippery and play was difficult.

A few minutes after the commencement of the game, Hemsworth scored, and soon afterwards R. Rodger shot the first goal for us.

In the second half, Hemsworth scored another goal after a tough fight and I Todd, playing centre-forward, shot the equalising goal for School.

One Saturday Morning.

"How many now?" the captain said.

"Not more than ten," a gloomy voice replied.

The wretched captain sighed and scratched his head,

As with more and more questions he was plied.

"Say, can I play half?"—"Has so-and-so come?"

"Oh, hang it man! I can't play in the scrum.

What about him—playing back I suppose?"

The pert inquirer wrinkles up his nose.

"Where's this forward?"—"Oh, he says he can't get."

"What about these, for they're all down to play?"

"Oh, I don't know—they just haven't come yet."

"Hm! It seems we'll play half a team to-day."

Then the ref's voice—they can but yield,

Summons them all on to the field.

Grumbling and grieving they all march out;

'Tis merely a house-match the fuss is about.

C. H. COOK, Upper VI Lit.

Conversation on Jazz.

Milton: "What unearthly row is that?"

Shelley: "'Tis like unto the rumblings provoked when

Samson pulled down that huge theatre on the assembled Philistines."

Milton: "One would imagine all the furies of Jupiter had been let loose. But stay, the furies abate; no doubt Prometheus is about to address Mother Earth."

Shelley: "But this is some instrument I hear. 'Tis like the wailing of some pre-historic flute."

Milton: "'Tis gone, and the unrestrainable furies rise again. Surely 'tis Jupiter they announce."

Shelley: "Ah! at last I distinguish some frail human voice."

Milton: "Methinks someone is in intense agony; even the furies abate at the awful sound."

Shelley: "The lamentation ceases. Yet harken, the exultant furies rise again, and pandemonium reigns."

Milton: "These things surely portend some evil. The tumult was but now at its height; yet now, all has ceased, as if swallowed in some vast abyss."

Shelley: "Shall we retire? 'tis almost 12 of the clock."

Roy Fox: "You have been listening, ladies and gentlemen, to Roy Fox and his band, broadcasting from Monseigneur, Piccadilly, London. The number we have just played concludes our programme for to-night; so goodnight every one, goodnight."

J. A. SHAW, Upper VII.

The Solution of the Problem.

It was now midnight; all through the evening the mathematician had been trying to solve the most intricate problem of his whole career. Whilst at the University he had graduated with honours in mathematics, but now he feared that this was futile. In turn he had applied the laws of Euclid and Pythagoras. He had proved triangles congruent and similar, he had constructed circles, parallelograms and many other figures which do not exist in the realms of geometry. Despondent, he turned to his knowledge of calculus, co-ordinate geometry and algebra. Suddenly he began to realise that he had destroyed the fundamental laws of mathematics, X no longer equalled Y.

Finally he rested awhile, then he renewed his quest. Ah! he had found the missing clue. Eagerly his hands worked, sweat poured from his feverish brow. He was bursting with joy—he had solved the problem. He looked at the clock; already it had ticked off the early hours of

morn, he must go off to bed. With pride he gently placed on the sideboard his completed solution, to await the arrival of his wife in the morning. She would find her skein of multi-coloured wool neatly wrapped in a perfectly shaped ball.

C. REES. Upper VI Lit

Second Impressions.

The marvels of the hall outshine the rest
 Of all School things by which I'm still impressed,
 For there's attraction even in its ceiling,
 The heavy curtains, too, are most appealing.
 The hall's mysterious too, it's very queer
 That there the prefects' voices disappear.
 It's colour scheme induces one to think;
 Green paint seems dark when tiles are pink.
 The view from the hall's windows is most sweet,
 For one sees grass untrod by schoolboy feet.
 The side doors open too, at will,
 And cause a crash when all the school is still,
 And he who never came to prayers
 Has never heard the music of hall-chairs.
 But, oh the hall has such impressive things,
 The twenty six electric lights, the chandelier which
 swings,
 I fear that if I tried to note each thing worthy of mention,
 I'd miss the number of the hymn, and not escape
 detention.

M. SMITH.

Reflection and Resolution.

(With apologies to Tennyson).

And truly we do comment, now it's o'er,
 "The old order changeth, yielding place to new;
 And we fulfil the exams. in many ways
 Lest one bad answer should corrupt the rest."
 Comfort yourself: no comfort is in me.
 But ye, if in this form ye should not see
 My face again; pray for my brain
 That it may swot for ever. More things
 Are wrought by swot than I e'er dreamed of,
 Wherefore will I make my brain to work unceasing;
 Then in the future, I shall not have to say:
 "This is the result of many a workless day."

The Announcer.

His thoughts were 'ethereal,' and he 'choked' down a feeling of nervousness which uncoiled itself within him. A 'high tension' was experienced on the 'valves' of his heart and he 'eliminated' this by rectifying his mental 'bias' to a more partial equilibrium. Yet after this 'transformation.' 'reaction' set in, giving rise to muscular 'oscillation' when he thought of all the 'ohms' (homes) which would be listening. He eased this 'reaction' by loosening his tight collar, and after clearing the 'atmospherics' from his throat, he said, "Here is the National Programme from London."

J. CASWELL, Upper VI. Literary.

Extra Scene to "Julius Cæsar"

After Act II Scene II.

(Enter Brutus and Cassius).

- Bru* : You say that you have pleased them Cassius
 And that the citizens are now with us
 In this and any enterprise we care to plan.
- Cass* : Yes they did harken carefully to me
 And at the finish of my speech they did applaud
 Most heartily. But tell me how fared you?
- Bru* : By the good will and power of all the gods
 The rabble harkened carefully to me,
 And after I had finish't, they with
 Loud applause and hearty cheers receiv'd me
 Desiring me to receive a statue
 With mine ancestors. Thou needst have no fear
 For Antony can do no mischief now.
 His speech, now we have pleased the mob, will fail
 Was I not right to say all would be well?
- Cass* : So it doth seem. Yet still I fear. For Antony
 Is famed in oratory: the fickle mob,
 Hearing his subtle speeches will straightway
 Support him. And we, his enemies,
 The enemies of the mob becoming,
 Will then be crushed as we ourselves crushed Cæsar,
 O Brutus, I have seen more days than you
 And I know Antony is to be feared.
- Bru* : Dost say then that we crushed great Cæsar?
 I tell you no; no, no a thousand times.

We gave him joy for fortune, honour
 For his valour and, for his ambition,
 Death. And do you say that Antony is
 Enemy to us? Were you not in the Capitol
 And did you not see Antony take our
 Hands and join himself to us in friendship?
 And yet you call him enemy.

Cass : I do
 And I fear him for the engrafted love
 He bore to Cæsar.

Bru : Fear him not, dear friend,
 For he can do no more than Cæsar's arm
 Now Cæsar's head is off.

Cass : Hark! What was that?

Bru : What should it be?

Cass : Methought I heard a noise
 Like to the yellow Tiber in full flood
 When the torrent rushing apace down from
 The mountain heights bears with it all the bridges
 And the banks swept by the mighty torrent
 Collapse with thunderous roar
 Into the rushing stream.

Bru : I hear it now
 'Tis only the base rabble shouting in
 Their joy at being free from tyranny.
 (Enter hurriedly, Lucius followed by the Conspirators).

Luc : Fly, fly my lords! Fly far away from Rome.

Bru : Why what is wrong? Why run you here and bid
 Us flee? Tell me Casca,

Casca : Our plan has failed. Antony has roused the mob by
 His oratory and they are clamouring for our
 blood. They are coming here to burn your house
 And tear you limb from limb. Can't you hear
 Them? 'Twere best we flee from Rome for if
 The mob get hold of us. . . .

Cass : Now have my fears come true Master Brutus.
 The mob draws nearer, let us leave at once
 Or else we are undone.

(Exeunt Omnes).

D. C. WOLLMAN, LVIL.

A Visit to York.

Miss Killock and Miss Jones took twenty boys and girls from the 3rd and 4th forms to York on July 9th, 1932. The 'bus reached York about 11.0 a.m., and first of all we visited the Minster. An adult party joined us and a verger conducted us round the Minster. The magnificent carving of the choir stalls called forth our admiration. In the crypt we found the burial place of General Fairfax. Fairfax is of importance in the history of York, for during the Civil War, he prevented Cromwell's troopers from damaging the glass windows of the Minster. Edwin of Northumbria was baptised at a well now in the crypt and thus became numbered among the few early English Christians. Going to the cellars, we came upon two great slabs of stone. There are two theories as to what they are. One says that they are the remains of a Roman Altar found on this site. Another says that they were steps formerly leading to the main entrance of the Minster. We next examined the windows. The Eastern window, the work of a skilled glazier, brought in small wages to the workman. The beauty of the coloured glass can best be seen in the light of the early morning sun. The five sisters' Windows represent the five wounds of Christ. All these five windows are of a grey colour except the middle one which has an additional tint of blue testifying to the skill of the 14th Century glaziers. The windows have been estimated to be worth about £95,000,000.

In the Chapter House the place where business meetings are held, we were shown miscellaneous treasures. We saw a horn used by an ancient Danish King. A window of the Chapter House is dedicated to General Fairfax. There is also a big book containing the photographs of those from York who lost their lives in the Great War. The most modern treasure is a hammer which Dr. Lang used in 1927 to gain admittance to the Minster. This was used to tap thirteen times on the door on the occasion of the thirteenth centenary celebrations.

Leaving the Minster we next saw a historical curio. This was a snuffer, used in olden days by torch bearers to extinguish their torches. It is said to be the only one remaining in England. We next had lunch on the banks of the Ouse.

Our next place of visit was the Guildhall, for York has no Town Hall. The Assizes are held there. The windows which are stained, represent various scenes in the history of York. In one of the rooms overlooking the river Cromwell paid the money for the Scotch alliance in the Civil War. The basement which is on the river level used to be used as a landing place of the goods in the trade of the York Merchants with the Baltic Countries. It was also here that stones were landed for the building of the present Minster, and the stones were transported thither up Stonegate, a passage running underneath the Guildhall direct to the Minster.

We next visited the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, and went round the Museum, a very interesting place.

We now visited the Merchant Venturer's Hall where we found evidences of York's trade in the past. In the hall there were pictures of past merchants. Old weights and measures show that all weights from the surrounding district were once tested here. An interesting feature was an old Danish bedstead. It was only short since the Danes had long hair and never laid themselves at full length. A partition was made at the foot of the bed for the treasure of the possessor. There is also a quaint little old chapel where an annual service is held in September.

After tea at a cafe we walked down past the Shambles, so narrow that people can shake hands from the bedroom windows on opposite sides of the street.

During a one hour's trip on the river, we saw the Archbishop of York's Palace. We then walked along the walls and examined Micklegate Bar. It was here that Richard of York's head was placed on a spike after his death at the Battle of Wakefield (1460). An old portcullis interested us. We walked back to our 'bus thoroughly pleased with our visit to York. After such an enjoyable day with fine weather we were all tired but contented when we reached home.

