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Editorial.

SINCE War conditions prohibit the issue of more than one Magazine during the year, our Editorial will review briefly the events of the twelve months which have elapsed since the last publication.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the inauguration of the Air Training Corps, made up of four Flights, containing many external members drawn from the neighbourhood, Old Boys of the School, and present pupils, thus forming a "link" between ourselves and other local cadets. The A.T.C. has already made itself known upon public occasions and displays both keenness and smartness. Speech Day was honoured by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, the third Sheffield Vice-Chancellor to spend Speech Day with us. Professor Masson expressed a great interest in the Miners' Welfare Scholarships awarded to Megan Bentcliffe and K. Sykes, and Exhibitions to O. Edgar and L. Bourne, particularly as he himself has a close association with the Scheme.

County Major Scholarships were gained by Megan Bentcliffe, Margaret Curran, and D. Dexter; State Scholarships by Margaret Curran and D. Dexter; State Bursaries by W. Sargeantson, G. Webster, O. Edgar, and H. Cooper. D. Dexter was also successful in gaining the Medical Scholarship for the year of Sheffield University.

Old pupils' successes include J. Horn, M.B.ChB.; A. H. Horner, Senior Optime, Maths. Tripos; C. J. Curran, Div. 1, Part 1, Hist. Tripos; C. K. Phillips, Div. 1, Part 1, Law Tripos; H. B. Taylor, B.Sc., 1st Class Chem. Hons., Manchester; J. Bishop, B.Sc., Eng., 1st Class Hons. Sheffield; V. Ibberson, Diploma in Fuel, 1st Class, Sheffield; R. Smith, Inter B.Sc., London; M. Gardner, B.A., 2nd Class Hons. Hist., London; Hilda Ward, L.R.A.M.

Another notable feature of the year has been the development of the School gardens, which provide an adequate supply of additional vegetables for the School dinners from the two acres now under cultivation. Much zeal has been shown by members of the School.

The various Societies have functioned regularly, particulars of their activities being described in other sections of the Magazine. The Guides and Scouts have increased their numbers and have assisted the Old Girls' Comforts Fund for Old Boys serving in H.M. Forces, while the Guides moreover have, on their own initiative, contributed £11 to Mrs. Churchill's Fund for Russia. A Guide, Eileen Woodcock, has received a Certificate of Merit from the Chief Guide, besides a Royal Humane Society Certificate, for saving two lives from drowning.

Among fresh School amenities are the Wireless installations and Cinematograph projector, extremely useful for Class work. A School Recorder Class has also been formed and is meeting with considerable support.

The School Dramatics flourish in spite of difficulties, and the VIth Form have been able to give two public performances of Plays undisturbed by an "Alert." Their productions gave pleasure to as large an audience as could be invited, and were moreover well presented and creditable to the performers. Old Students' Rugby and Hockey Clubs have had an enjoyable season.

School Notes.

We were sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Wilkinson, and extend a cordial welcome to Miss Gibbs in her place.

School Prefects :

P. F. Thompson	E. Higgs	A. Cox
J. D. Miller	E. Evans	J. Moffatt
O. Edgar	P. Goodyear	F. Nicholson
P. Dale	B. Finean	J. Stansfield
T. Doherty	H. Metcalf	M. C. Swift
E. Kerry	K. P. Disley	D. Evans
L. Barber	D. E. Hughes	S. Wood
W. Barber	M. B. Williams	
J. S. Walker	M. Rorison	

House Officials :

Athens.

Carthage.

Rome.

Captain :

D. Smith	A. Cox	M. Rothnie
P. Dale	W. Barber	E. Kerry

Magazine :

S. Wood	E. Evans	J. Moffatt
P. Dale	W. Barber	E. Kerry

Games Committee :

F. Nicholson	A. Cox	J. Moffatt
J. Miller	W. Barber	E. Kerry

	Sparta.	Troy.	Thebes.
<i>Captain :</i>	D. Hughes P. Thompson	R. Finean M. Rorison	K. Disley F. Dyer
<i>Magazine :</i>	M. Williams E. Evans	K. Leather T. Beardsall	K. Disley R. Curry
<i>Games Committee :</i>	M. Green L. Barber	B. Sheldon R. Finean	W. Thwaites R. Scothern

Winners of the Magazine Competition were :

Senior Competition : Verse : Sheila Wood.

Prose : L. Barber.

Junior Competition : M. Richards.

1st Year Competition : J. Kenworthy

P. Kilner

Higher School Certificates were gained by :

Upper VI.Lit. :	Harwood, D.	Bentcliffe, M.
	Hudson, B.	Bridges, C.
	Hughes, G.	Curran, M.
	Mann, F.	Disley, K. P.
	Miller, J. H.	Frith, J.
	Schofield, L.	Hughes, D. E.
	Thompson, P. F.	Mumford, D.
	Bailey, L.	Rothnie, J.
U.VI.Sc. :	Cooper, H.	Sykes, K.
	Dexter, D.	Webster, G. H.
	Edgar, O.	

School Certificates this year numbered 79.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

For the first time in the history of the School, a Harvest Festival was held on October 10th, 1941. There was a fine collection of fruit and vegetables, some of which were brought by pupils and the remainder supplied by the School gardens.

During the morning a short Thanksgiving Service was held during which hymns were sung to the accompaniment of the School Orchestra. After the service we were honoured by a short address by Mr. Lewis, Chairman of the Mexboro' Montagu Hospital, in which he accepted the gifts on behalf of the Hospital.

House Notes.

ATHENS.

All Athenians were sorry to lose Mr. Orgill, who gave us such long service; but we hope to maintain our standard under our new Housemaster, Mr. Norcombe.

The School rugby and hockey teams this year contain many Athenians, and we hope that these will inspire our House teams to greater efforts in the Games competitions. Athens had a "near miss" for the Games Cup last time, but we mean to be more successful this year. In the contest for the Work Cup we had a sorry record. Do Athenians realise how many House points are cancelled by detentions and lack of effort?

We lost many Athenians last year, among them our captains D. Harwood and M. Bentcliffe, but we welcome D. Smith and P. Dale as new captains.

We also wish all Athenians in H.M. Forces the best of luck!

CARTHAGE.

Although the examinations of July, 1941, now seem very far away, we should like to congratulate all those who were successful, especially Dexter, who is now at Sheffield University, and offer encouragement to all who are taking examinations this year.

Gardening has proceeded very well this term, the juniors being particularly keen. It is a pity that their enthusiasm in this respect has not also been shown in regard to House games, but this deficiency is to be corrected in a series of dinner-hour practices. The senior rugby team, however, seems to be efficient and it has won the one match it has played.

The results of the monthly Work Reports have not been too bad, and, with a little more effort, we should find the Work Cup within our reach.

Last year, Carthage had a record sale of magazines, and we hope that this record will be maintained.

ROME.

At the end of the summer term Rome discovered herself possessor of the Games Cup. The Senior girls were well rewarded in their attempts to carry off the Tennis Finals. This term's games do not show exceptionally good results, but as a balance, Rome seems to be well represented in the School teams.

Unfortunately detentions are far too numerous. The Middle School members of the House must pull their weight if they do not wish Rome to suffer an ignominious defeat by more industrious houses.

We extend all our best wishes to those who have left our ranks.

SPARTA.

House Captains : W. E. Hughes and P. F. Thompson.

Games Captains : M. B. Williams and J. S. Walker.

Games Committee Representatives : M. L. Green and L. Barber.

Magazine Committee Representatives : M. B. Williams and E. Evans.

Sparta, much to everyone's surprise and most of all our own, last year won the Sports Cup. We were not, however, so successful with our games, though there has been a marked improvement this term, especially in the matter of turning out for practices. Keep it up!

Last year, Sparta was commended as having the best garden, and to maintain this reputation we shall require still more helpers next term, as the plot is to be made much larger.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new Spartans, and send our best wishes to those who have left us, especially those in the Forces.

THEBES.

The Theban report this term is, on the whole, moderately satisfactory. Our acute dearth of seniors is distressing in both sexes. However, this is partly balanced by a number of promising juniors. The Junior girls have won several matches, but little more, worthy of note, can be said on this subject.

All Thebans welcome our new members and hope that they will pull their weight. We also congratulate members who last year had successful examination results.

Thebes began well by being placed second in the competition for the Work Cup, but we are guilty of wishful thinking if we expect that phantom of a cup, for there are still some members who persist in spending their Saturday mornings at School.

After the holidays we hope that Thebans will return with renewed vigour and an insatiable thirst for work.

TROY.

This term we heartily welcome all new members to Troy, and equally heartily wish all who have left our bounds success in all their future careers. Also we wish M. Rorison and Finean success and luck as our respective House captains.

Alas ! our hopes of the Sports and Work Cups were again blighted, in spite of considerable effort put in by everyone, but it would be fatal to believe that goal impossible to achieve. They have been won and will be won again. Until then we must hope for better luck.

To make up for the loss of these cups, however, both boys and girls, last term, put united effort into gardening and made the plot a credit to the House, both from a decorative and utilitarian view-point. Yet work is not finished, so give a willing hand, boys and girls alike, and help to dig for victory.

Games, as usual, have been won and lost, and although perfection has not yet been achieved by a long way, the Juniors in this matter seem to be pulling their weight much better than the Seniors. Agreed, the Seniors have been suffering from lack of numbers to their teams, yet this should be an added incentive to the few who are able to play.

Detentions, we are very glad to see, have decreased in numbers, and great credit must be given to the girls who have managed to create a new record by passing a whole term without a single detention. Unfortunately, there are still a few individuals who do not seem very enthusiastic about buying a magazine or gaining House points by submitting efforts for its welfare. Girls seem to be far ahead of the boys in this respect.

Senior Literary Society.

The final meeting, which was held in the middle of September, took the form of a debate on the motion that "Civilisation has not advanced since the Middle Ages." This motion was to have been proposed by Barber and Joyce Stansfield, and opposed by Thomson and Annie Cox. Unfortunately time did not permit that all four should speak, and the meeting was broken off after Thomson had answered Barber's attack on modern civilisation with a very good defence of it. No vote was taken and the meeting was left to decide the issue for itself.

Later on in the term the Science VI. stepped nobly to the fore and gave a very good production of Bernard Shaw's play "The Devil's Disciple." The acting of Walker, as Dudgeon, of M. Green as his mother, and Finean as Mr. Anderson, was very good, but spoilt at times by indistinct speech.

On November 14th and 17th Form Va gave very enjoyable performances of scenes from "A Midsummer Night's

Dream." The actors were completely oblivious of such drawbacks as lack of costume and scenery, and acted with such spirit that the audience also forgot them. The acting and enunciation of Barrass, Mann and Betty Harrington as Bottom; Mabel Barber as Oberon, and June Stamps as Puck, reached a very high standard.

Junior Literary Society.

As the debate on "Whether rationing has proved successful or not," was starting, the Alert sounded, and the debate was postponed until Dec. 15th.

On Nov. 10th a series of snap debates was held in which there were numerous speakers.

Spelling and Literary Bees were held on Nov. 17th and 24th, when Sands and Dorothy Walker's teams were defeated by Christine Barnes and Broadbent's teams respectively.

Two reading competitions were arranged—the first was held on Dec. 1st, when passages from "Henry V," "Jane Eyre" and "Alice in Wonderland" were read; the other took place on Dec. 8th.

Attendances have been fairly satisfactory, but the meetings were not so lively as on former occasions. M.R.

School Plays.

(Easter).

"Cymbeline."

On April 7th "Cymbeline" was presented to an audience of old students and members of the School. In spite of the difficulties afforded by a war-time production, the play was much appreciated. The play opened well with the parting of Imogen and Posthumus, played effectively by Kathleen P. Disley and Schofield respectively. The angry denunciations of the King, uttered by Hughes, and the cunning speeches of the Queen, spiritedly rendered by Caroline Bridges aroused the enthusiasm of the audience. The idyllic scenes were in pleasing contrast with the Court scenes. Here, Barker as Belarius, Joan Moffatt and Annie Cox as the Princes excelled in their swordplay against the unfortunate Woten, played by Hudson. Miller aptly filled the deceitful part of Pachenio, while Thompson faithfully enacted the loyal Pisanio. The enunciation of the players was clear, particularly that of

Kathleen Disley, whose characterisation as Imogen was good. The presentation of "Cymbeline" ended the work of the Senior Literary Society for the session, and a gratifying amount was added to the fund now being raised to provide new stage setting.

(Christmas)

"The Rivals."

Sheridan's comedy "The Rivals" was presented to appreciative audiences by the Sixth form on the 19th and 22nd of December. In spite of the difficulties of holding rehearsals, owing to the black-out and the lack of adequate scenery, the performance nevertheless was equal to the standards of previous productions. Kathleen P. Disley played the part of the romantic Lydia who falls in love with Captain Absolute, whom she believes to be only an ensign Beverley, and succeeded in giving charm and life to the part. Evans was Captain Absolute, and gave a fine rendering of the young officer's attempts to conceal his real identity from Lydia, and his assumed name from his father. Walker made a good Sir Anthony Absolute, the obstinate, testy old father, even though he had to learn his part at short notice. The important and unconsciously humorous part of Mrs. Malaprop was effectively portrayed by Joan Moffatt. Beardsall as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, an Irish baronet of pugnacious character and an aspirant to the hand of Lydia, added colour to his part by cultivating a strong Irish accent and together with Barnes, as Bob Acres, provided the most amusing scenes of the play. Barnes made a typical country gentleman, whose attempts to follow a town life only rendered him an object of mirth, even to his own friends. Probert played with effect, the impetuous and jealous lover of Julia, cousin of Lydia, though more practical in her attitude. Freda Nicholson presented the various moods of Julia with artless grace. Dorothy Hughes was greatly appreciated by the audience as the scheming maid Lucy. Barber, as Fag, was instrumental in disclosing the development of the plot. The parts of the maids and servants were taken by S. Wood, K. Leather, Turton and Metcalf. The School Orchestra provided music during the intervals. The audience enjoyed the performance, and matinees were given with zest and evident enjoyment on the part of the cast.

The Orchestra.

The Orchestra has received three new members this term : Mary Lenton, Cummins and Lightley. We need to keep up our members, and in time our Junior members prove

themselves of value. The loss of T. Mann has deprived us of a stalwart performer and C. Edgar had proved himself a useful violinist. The present members include M. Williams, M. Rothnie, Evans, Hill, Thompson, Jones and A. W. Edgar, with M. Hawke as assistant pianist.

The Orchestra supplied the music for "The Rivals" at Christmas and "Cymbeline" at Easter, including the "Minuet" from the Clock Symphony (Haydn), "Hark, Hark, the Lark," by Schubert, "Saraband" and some traditional music. We feel that the Orchestra manages to surmount its chief difficulty, arising from the very widely differing stages of technical skill of the various performers and we enjoy our practices and the opportunity afforded for the enjoyment of instrumental music.

Science Club.

Chairman : J. P. Miller.

Secretary : P. Dale.

So far six meetings of the Science Club have been held this term. The talks were well attended by the lower half of the School, but the Upper School has not been strongly represented.

At the first meeting, before leaving to study medicine at Sheffield University, Dexter gave a talk on "Colloids." After this Potts of the VI.Sc. gave an interesting demonstration on the production of coal gas. This was much enjoyed by all. Doherty, whose subject was "Oil," had collected a large amount of material and gave a really informative lecture the following week.

At our next meeting a "Brains Trust" consisting of Edgar, Kerry, Dale, Dohe ty and Barber volunteered to solve problems submitted during the week. Miller acted as question master, though this did not deter him from contributing to the helpful discussions which took place.

After this, Burton dealt with "The spectrum and emission spectra," while at our last meeting Barber, W., gave a well-delivered and informative demonstration on "Elementary qualitative analysis."

We hope to hold a few more meetings before the end of term and trust that they will prove as enjoyable as those that have passed.

Model Aero Club Notes.

This term the Club had rather a poor start as most of last year's officials have left ; new officials were elected, however, and the Club is now under way again. This term we have had one flying day and as winter closes in we must foreclose our outdoor activities. The indoor activities have consisted of making solid scale models for the A.T.C. This term has seen the first one finished and painted by members of the Art Club.

Meetings are now held on Mondays at 1.15, that is during second dinner, and on Fridays at 12.30, during first dinner. Attendances have not been as good as might have been desired, but it is hoped that these will increase when newcomers to the School realise the existence of the Club, and possibly overcome shyness.

Supplies of Bolsa wood are becoming increasingly hard to obtain, but our Secretary is making valiant efforts to obtain fresh supplies. If, however, owing to transport difficulties, these supplies are not forthcoming the Club will surmount all obstacles and carry on.

Guide Notes.

(Autumn Term, 1941)

Since our last notes, the numbers and activities of the Guides have greatly increased.

On May 17 an important Patrol Leaders' Conference was held at the School, and many valuable hints on the First Class Test were given by the Guiders, who were present. Next Saturday was Empire Day, which was celebrated, also at the School, by holding competitions between the various companies and Brownie packs of this District. Miss Carr, our Division Commissioner, was present, and greatly contributed to the fun that was shared by all. Thanks are due to Miss Swift for the excellent organisation of both these functions.

Towards the end of last term, Miss Bovingdon became interested in our principles and agreed to help Miss Swift in running the Company. All Guides were very pleased to welcome her as a sister Guide.

This year, in spite of war time restrictions, our annual camp was held once more ; this time at Whitley Bridge, near Goole. Unfortunately only a limited number could be accommodated, and the privilege was given to Patrol Leaders and Seconds. A thoroughly happy time was enjoyed by all ; many hours of the week being spent on barges on the Aire and

Calder Canal, and again thanks must be given to Miss Swift and certain other Guiders for making camp the success it was.

This term, our numbers became so large that it was finally decided to have two companies: the Guides at present on first dinner (Romans, Thebans and Athenians) to remain the XXIIa Barnsley Company, and the Guides of the alternate dinner to make the new company, with Miss Bovingdon as their Captain.

On November 7th a presentation was held at School of an award of merit to E. Woodcock, who, during last term, saved the lives of two children. Mrs. Davies-Cooke, our County Commissioner, consented to present this award to E. Woodcock. This is a very high honour. E. Woodcock was also presented with a book, which the Guides subscribed to buy, in order to show their recognition of her brave deed.

Miss Carr, who for many years has been a vigorous and vital member of our Division, has resigned her post as Division Commissioner, and will shortly leave us to take up her duties elsewhere. Our hopes for her happiness and success in her new position are extended to her.

Scout Notes.

In August the Scouts changed their *modus vivendi* in their annual "return to nature" in the Lake District. With Hughes as master of ceremonies, both the evening sing-songs and the initiation ceremony were enormous successes. (Who pushed a certain E . . . into the river?) The amateur fishermen excelled themselves this year and many were the feasts held after dark on savoury "anguillae" and mushrooms. Hughes's strange contraption aroused much interest and perturbation. Several senior Scouts remained in camp for several weeks after the official "week" terminated.

At School this term, many second-class Scouts have undertaken tests to pass for proficiency badges; new ventures being taken in the direction of the hitherto little required "Signallers'" badge. Scout teams have played teams from the remainder of the School at handball and have so far been successful. The Scouts turned out in full force (and in uniform) as a mark of respect to the Guides' officers who visited the School a little time ago.

The attendance is still high and recruits are numerous, but there are still plenty of vacancies, and remember Patrol Leaders: "Disce ut doceas."

Sports Day—1941.

The School Sports Day was held on Thursday, the 22nd of May. The weather unfortunately was dull and showery, but despite this drawback we were able to carry out all the events on the programme although the High Jump was for a time held in the Gym.

We were pleased to have a number of parents, friends and Old Wathonians present, and to make the gathering as much pre-war as possible. For the second time we were lucky enough not to be disturbed by enemy action.

Sparta won the Sports Cup for the first time in many years, followed by Carthage, a close second.

Three existing records were broken. The Group III. Boys long jump by Whitaker of Troy, the Group IV. Boys 440 yards by Hughes, G. F., of Sparta, and the Group III. Boys relay by Carthage.

We were extremely grateful to the local pupils and staff who stayed behind to clear the field of sports equipment and chairs at the end of the day, thus bringing the meeting to a successful conclusion.

1st Rugger XV. Notes.

The team is as follows:—

Dale, P.—Full back.—A safe defence man both in tackling and touch-kicking.

Scothern, E. R.—A fast wing-threequarter who possesses a powerful kick. It is his second year with the first team, and he should obtain a good number of points for the team in both tries and goals.

Finean, J. B. (Vice-captain).—Second year with the 1st XV. A useful centre-threequarter in both defence and attack. Always plays a good game.

Higgs, E. W.—Fly-half.—A hefty fellow with a useful kick. He did good work with the Under 15 XV. last year and should prove to be a great asset to the team's attack.

Dutton, G. A.—Centre-threequarter.—Plays a hard game as an attacking threequarter. He has an attractive body-swerve which has enabled him to score frequently in matches so far. Second year with the 1st XV.

- Metcalf, H.**—An aggressive wing-threequarter who seldom misses his man. He is a useful player in both defence and attack.
- Crockett, H.**—Played on the wing for the Under 15 XV. last year, but is being tried out as scrum half.
- Miller, J. D. (Captain).**—It is his third year with the 1st XV., and his experience is very useful. Plays loose forward.
- Barber, L.**—A vigorous 2nd rank forward in his 2nd year with the 1st XV. A good all-round scrum man.
- Barber, W.**—A very keen loose forward. An expert at nailing the scrum half even before the ball comes out.
- Doherty, F.**—Makes sure as hooker that our scrum gets its share of the ball. A very active player in the loose.
- Goodyear, P.**—A weighty player from last year's Under 15. Uses his weight to good effect in breaking through the opposing scrum.
- Mann.**—Another scrum man from last season's Under 15. Very useful in the line-outs.
- Thompson.**—His height enables him to be active in the line-outs. Plays well in loose scrumming.
- Clark.**—Heavy-weight of last year's Under 15. Good at breaking away from line outs and a clever dribbler.

1st XI. Hockey Notes.

September 13—v. Old Wathonians. Won, 3—1.

The Old Girls won the toss and elected to play uphill first. It was a fine day and the ground was in good condition, and the game was hard for each side. The play was fairly evenly spread, though some opportunities were missed through lack of practice. A. Cox on the wing, who scored the first two goals, was outstanding. The third goal was scored after half-time by E. Rhodes as centre-forward. The forward line played well together.

October 4.—v. Rotherham. Away. Lost, 2—1.

Probably due to the early season and the infrequent practices, the team missed many opportunities, but in spite of that the play was very even. The backs were rather slow and let the ball into the circle many times, while the differences between the Wath and Rotherham pitches were strongly felt. The first goal was scored by E. Rhodes, but Rotherham

soon equalised. Rotherham's second goal was gained after half-time.

November 1.—v. Ecclesfield. Home. Won, 2—1.

The ground was slippery and made play much slower than usual. Wath won the toss and elected to play uphill first. The forwards played well together on the whole, but the whole team was slow to tackle. A. Cox scored the first goal during the first half and the second goal during the second half. M. Rothnie and K. Boyd, as inner and half back, played well.

November 8.—v. Maltby. Away. Drew, 2—2.

Wath began to play uphill and the game was quick and went hard for the ground was hard and frosty. The first goal was scored by E. Rhodes after some hard tackling; the second also being shot by E. Rhodes. The whole team played better than ever before, especially A. Cox on the wing. M. Rothnie and W. Thwaites were invaluable as inner and half back respectively. J. Gawthorpe, playing in the first for the first time as wing, was very helpful. Maltby showed some fine team work and often carried the ball to our circle, though they shot no goal until the second half.

November 29.—v. Hemsworth. Home. Won, 3—1.

The team played very well but we missed W. Thwaites as half back. The ball was in the Hemsworth circle most of the time and our forwards were quick to seize any chances which came their way. The goals were scored by E. Rhodes, J. Gawthorpe and M. Rothnie. M. Boyd and M. Robinson played well as half back and goalkeeper.

2nd XI. Hockey Notes.

Rotherham v. Wath. Away. Won, 0—5.

The School won the toss but as the ground was very level, no advantage was gained. The forwards played very well, so that at half-time Wath was leading by 3 goals. Afterwards the game became more difficult; the ground was very muddy. Our defence repelled the vigorous attacks of the Rotherham forwards and finally Wath scored 2 more goals.

Ecclesfield v. Wath. Home. Won, 0—6.

When the match first started, it was raining heavily. The School, very determined, managed to score a goal in the

first few minutes. At half-time four goals had been scored by Wath and the defence allowed no attacks to be made on the home goal.

Maltby v. Wath. Away. Won, 0—1.

Although the good team work of the School forwards helped us to score the winning goal, Maltby's defence was excellent. Our backs had little to do.

Hemsworth v. Wath. Home. Won, 0—1.

The forwards played an excellent game, keeping the play well in the opposite half of the field. Their attack was very strong and Hemsworth's defence rarely relaxed.

Tennis Notes.

Last term the School team had a rather unsuccessful tennis season. This was owing rather to a lack of practice and a failure to work together, than to a lack of individual enthusiasm. Although the second team only played one match the respective couples showed excellent team work, which promises well for this year's tennis six. We shall, however, feel keenly the loss of J. Rothnie and M. Curran, who have been mainstays of the team for the last three years.

May 17—Ecclesfield. Away.
1st Tennis six—Lost, 28—71.

June 7—Rotherham. Away.
1st Tennis six—Lost, 29—70.
2nd Tennis six—Lost, 34—65.

June 28—Penistone. Home.
1st Tennis six—Lost, 24—75.

July 12—Rotherham. Home.
1st Tennis six—Lost, 35—64.

July 19—Old Wathonians.
1st Tennis six—Lost, 47—52.

Speech Day.

Speech Day, this year, was held on July 2nd, and the proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem. The School was very pleased to welcome to Speech Day the Rev. A. T. L. Grear, our former headmaster, who is now a Chaplain in the Forces.

Professor J. I. O. Masson, M.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, presented the

Certificates. This is the third time that a Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University has been our distinguished guest at School on Speech Day. In his address, Professor Masson referred, with great interest, to Miners' Welfare Scholarships. He said that more than once had he seen the names of students of Wath Grammar School come before the Miners' Welfare Committee.

The Headmaster made his report on School activities, and mentioned the good percentage of scholarships and certificates gained by the School during the year 1940 to 1941. A State Scholarship was won by Lily Redgate ; County Major Scholarships by Lily Redgate, E. W. Higgs, J. K. Buckley, D. A. Hargreaves, and Constance Broomhead ; and a Miners' Welfare Scholarship by E. W. Higgs. Seventeen Higher School Certificates were gained, and sixty-five School Certificates. Speech Day closed with the singing of the School Song.

Parents.

My father says its time I ceased my daily tasks to shirk,
 My mother says she wished I'd do a useful piece of work ;
 They say my cousin Mary Jane earns one pound ten a week,
 While I, a lazy stupid child, don't even earn my keep.
 They say I waste my time at school in useless tasks and toil,
 "What good will Latin be to you, and analysing soil ?
 What use have you for facts about the Magna Carta, Kings,
 The Eighteen-fifteen Corn Laws, and many more such things.
 Do you suppose these facts you'll need when school is left
 behind,
 When all alone in this huge world your way you have to find ?"

Then suddenly they changed their words as my sad look they
 saw.

"Go on, my child," they said to me, "extend your school-
 days more.

You have obtained advantages which we have never had,
 We don't wish to impede your way ; go on, my child, we're
 glad."

And so if I achieve success, to them will all be due,
 Who sacrificed when I was young, when skies were all but blue.
 I give them thanks and gratitude, that's all I can just now,
 But later on, when I've left school, I'll give them more, I trow.

S. WOOD, Lower VI.Lit.

“For Valour.”

There was a profound silence in the New Rooms as Bob Acres, at great length, elaborated the details of his conduct of the morning, whilst awaiting the coming of his “concealed, skulking rival.” He had measured out his distance, taken up his stance, primed his pistol and fumed impatiently at his enemy’s delay. His listeners paid attention to his words with an amused toleration. They knew Bob Acres of old and, surely, there was Jack Absolute, his “rival,” Faulkland, Sir Anthony and others who had full knowledge of the escapade. The ladies had retired earlier, leaving the gentlemen to their wine, of which Bob Acres had taken more than his share; Sir Lucius, rather late, had not yet arrived.

The door opened quietly and the “tall, Irish baronet” stepped inside, listened awhile to Acres’s expostulations, gave a discreet cough, which Acres failed to hear, and disappeared as silently as he had come.

Acres went on to explain how he had made carefully his arrangements for any unfortunate eventuality, and then, calmly awaited his foe.

“Odd’s life, sir!” he ejaculated, “I warn’t afraid.” “Faith! so you were’nt,” came the surprising answer from Sir Lucius O’Trigger, who had re-entered the room as quietly as before, “and as a small token of my esteem for your valour, I wish you to accept this little gift.”

Acres preened himself like a “turkey-cock” as the baronet, with a twinkle not at all malicious, hung round his neck a “large putty medal,” and amid the general laughter, read the inscription: “Pro virtute verita.”

L. D. BARBER, U.VI.Lit.

Junior Literary Competition.

What I Would Like to Do When Peace is Declared.

“When we are at Peace,” that magic phrase which bring into our minds so many tantalizing thoughts. Thoughts of being able to switch on a light without having to grope for an elusive black-out curtain, or tentatively to press the switch and find out, as you had inwardly realised all the time, that the black-out was *not* up; thoughts of relief that you had not to take that tiresome gas-mask to school and carry it about all day long; thoughts that you *could* have an inch margin if you wanted to and could write as big as you liked.

One could go on like this for ever, thinking of rationing and all its sidelines (“two eggs per person this month,”

"children under six extra milk"), but instead I will say what I would especially like to do when victory comes.

I hope peace comes in the most glorious month in the year, July, so that we can all have a good holiday in some place to which we have long wanted to go.

The place which, I think, I would pick is in a lonely part of Cornwall. There is no village or town for some considerable distance, provisions are brought by boat. The house itself which is on top of a moorland hill, is long and low. It started, a long time ago, as a small cottage belonging to a solitary coastguard, but wings have been added at various times and now the original cottage is hardly visible. It is a warm-looking house, the fluted roofs, red-tiled, give it a quaint, pagoda-like look, clustering round what can be seen of the old thatched roof like children clinging shyly to their mother's skirts.

I should bathe, scramble about a shore over which rocks and boulders have been scattered about profusely, as though a giant had picked up handfuls and strewn them all over with a lavish and careless hand; stroll knee-deep through the glorious heather and browning backen, and then sit down by a brook babbling on its way to the sea. There I should sit dreaming of a golden future, and castles in Spain building themselves of airy nothings on rose-tinted clouds before deep, mysterious lakes of blue.

After such an idyllic holiday it would be easy to come back to normal life and School again. Though to pack holiday clothes away and bring out gym dress, blouse and school stockings *would* be a bit of a wrench. School books would be packed into my satchel to return to School. Monday morning, National Savings, dinner-money, milk-money, library twopence but—no gas mask!

M. RICHARDS, IIIa.

Form I. Competition.

My Pet.

Picture a cuddly bundle of black fur, coiled up in front of the fire. Suddenly something stirs, and in front of you is a queer object on four short legs, with two bright eyes, and a shiny, black nose. It was a Scottie puppy, and was I excited when my Parents gave it me for a present. It was in January when he came to us, and in the dark nights he often gave us quite a shock. When walking about we suddenly kicked or trod upon something soft which gave out awful yells. Then I had a bright idea, and I tied light coloured ribbons

round his neck, which helped us to see him better. He could sit up when quite young and has done so ever since. He always has fetched the papers, but however small the journey he always expects some reward. Jock is now 6 years old, and I have grown quite attached to him. It is hard, owing to the war, to get food for him, especially meat, but I hope I shall manage, for I would not like to part with him now.

J. KENWORTHY, Ia.

My Pet.

Sandy is an Irish terrier, and you can tell he has some Irish in him by his very amusing and entertaining ways. He can be very naughty as well as amusing; but his naughtiness makes you angry while he is doing the mischief, and then afterwards you are able to see the funny side of it and laugh. I am going to relate to you an incident of this kind, and although it may not seem very great on paper, it was very amusing and annoying while the dog was doing it.

One busy Saturday morning I was walking along the street with Sandy: I was doing some shopping for my mother, and I had to go into the butcher's shop on my way. In I went, glad that there was no queue to stand in, and stated my wants and needs. Busily engaged in talking to the butcher I momentarily forgot Sandy, but he had not forgotten that there were some bones behind the counter. The butcher was serving me when Sandy, with a wary glance or two, snatched the biggest bone that was in the basket (the bones were being saved by the patriotic butcher for munitions). Away went Sandy down the street like a streak. But the bone was soon recovered from the back garden and handed back to the butcher, and the munitions did not suffer that week.

H. CURRAN, Ia.

What I Would Like to Do When Peace is Declared.

When peace is declared I should like to go on a long holiday to Filey. Filey is only a small fishing village on the East coast of Yorkshire, but it always charms me. I have been to Filey nearly every year since I was a baby. While I am there I usually get up early in the morning and go for a stroll on the promenade and watch the fishing boats setting off. The sea is very clean and it is usually calm; we nearly always have two bathes a day. The sands are amongst the best in England because they are so firm and clean. There are many nice walks on the cliff tops, the Ravine, and one never tires of

scrambling on the Brigg, which abounds with pools containing baby crabs, pretty shells, sea anemones and seaweed.

After the turmoil of war I could not imagine a more restful place in which to spend a quiet holiday.

P. KILNER, Ia.

Colombo.

In peace time there were two different impressions to be got of the island of Ceylon depending on the time of arrival, the better of these impressions being got by arriving at night. Nowadays, however, the black-out has spoiled the thrill of arriving after the sun has set, so we must content ourselves with taking the case of a ship arriving during the day.

On entering the breakwater of Colombo harbour we become aware of a new smell—something sweet, pungent, and intoxicating. It grows stronger as we approach nearer and dispels the inevitable smells peculiar to a ship.

The harbour is wide, clean and very orderly, the ships being moored in parallel lines, the direction of which is altered according to the monsoon season. The town itself has little glamour but great attraction, the greatest discomfort being its tremendous heat.

There are many different types of inhabitants of the island of Ceylon, comprising many different colours, races, and religions. The true natives of Ceylon are the Sinhalese. The Sinhalese men wear white or coloured shirts, leaving the upper part of their body bare. Their hair is long, scraped back femininely to a bun, and held in place by a large tortoise-shell comb. The Sinhalese women wear graceful saris: this is a skirt with a drape over one arm and shoulder, the other arm and shoulder being bare.

Then there are the Moormen in the Moslem fez; handsome dark coloured Tamils who are Hindus; descendants of the first Portuguese conquerors who are now half-castes fervently Roman Catholic and lastly a few descendants of their Dutch successors who are still to this day called "burghers."

The Cinnamon Gardens—the name alone suggests enchantment—have a distinct and colourful air of prosperity. The Petah, or native quarter, is a mixture of smells with markets and bazaars showing a plentiful array of silks and other brilliant dyed commodities with a view to attracting the prospective buyer.

There are many fine modern buildings, perhaps the best example of which is the Town Hall. This is a large building built of white granite which stands in its own grounds, and

of which the Government is justly proud. There are also numerous colleges and several cinemas and large hotels.

The chief sport is, perhaps, cricket, and is taken very seriously, the season lasting from October to June. There is keen rivalry between the various clubs, some of which have mixed membership, and others being strictly European. I think what must be the finest ground in the East belongs to the Colombo Cricket Club, and there is nothing on the island more jealously guarded than its fine luxuriant turf. There is also a race-course where races are held almost the whole of the year round. Rugby, hockey, golf, polo and swimming all play a prominent part in the recreation of the inhabitants.

A few miles out from Colombo is Mount Lavinia, where you can swim or bask on the beach, afterwards dining or supping on the terrace of the hotel beneath the open sky. Below you the sea splashes gently up the beach and the palm trees rustle softly in the breeze. Bare-footed waiters in colourful sarongs glide around dancing attendance and anticipating your unspoken desires.

Back to the town and its intolerable heat. Is it impossible to escape from this heat ?

An overnight train journey in a comfortable sleeper will take you up the hills into Paradise ; Bandarawela, with its hotel like country club and gardens blazing with hibiscus, carna lilies, boungainvillaea and cool green lawns. It is here that the European residents of Colombo come in the hottest part of the season to escape the heat—here in Bandarawela where you are transformed overnight to the early morning chill of an English spring.

However, we must leave Colombo. This time we glide out of the harbour unseen in the night, where outside the harbour our naval escort is waiting to convoy us safely to our next port of call.

M. STEELE, Old Wathonian
(R.N.)

Our Harvest Festival.

The carrots to the marrow bowed their tufted heads and
smiled,

The leeks o'er the potatoes shed their fragrance keen yet mild.
The apples and the oranges arrayed in colours bright,
Looked round with glowing beauty on this strange yet
splendid sight.

The eggs with paler faces o'er the turnips cast their pride,
The parsnips and the cabbages looked on from either side ;

The grapes and pears with onions sat upon the topmost row,
 While the beetroot and potatoes were seated down below.
 This glorious Harvest Festival, our first, yet not our last,
 Will go down in our history as something of the past.
 But we who helped our comrades in this terrific strife,
 May often think about it in our later years of life.

ANNIE COX, Upper VI.Lit.

One of the Blessings of the War.

"Its an ill-wind that blows nobody good." Certainly this saying might be applied to the fact that the war affords greater opportunities of hearing the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the provinces than in normal times. The orchestra has visited quite a large number of cities in this district.

One of the most enjoyable concerts was given a few weeks ago, when Solomon was the solo artist. The programme opened with a very stirring piece of music by Mozart, the "Marriage of Figaro." After he had enchanted the audience by a brilliant performance of the first item, everyone appeared to be keyed up, waiting for more excitement. During the next item, which was a set of variations by Dvorak, everyone seemed to settle down and consent to be lulled by the smooth sounds of the instruments and melodic passages of the music.

The third item was the most outstanding. The audience, which almost filled the theatre to capacity, gave Solomon a very enthusiastic burst of applause. He returned a polite bow and sat down almost immediately although he did not wish to wait. He gave us a most vigorous rendering of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto. One would have thought that human fingers could never perform such a marvellous feat. Solomon was brought back several times by tumultuous applause at the end of his recital.

After a short interval, in which the audience tried to recover from a sort of daze, the seats were again filled for the finale, and Beethoven's dramatic Fifth Symphony was played to complete a very thrilling performance. This was a most suitable finish and brought the excitement to a fitting climax.

P. CURRAN, I.V.I.L.

A Derbyshire Ramble.

It was decided to commence the ramble from the Flouch Inn ; this lies about half-way between Sheffield and Holmfirth. About a mile of agricultural land has to be traversed before the moors are reached. When looking over the moors we saw

the horse back undulations which for miles were plainly visible, and the earthy smell of the heather combined with the fresh breeze was most bracing.

At Michelin Edge we halted to drink at a clear spring, and also partook of a few sandwiches. For about an hour we walked over springy turf, and soon we descended steeply towards a rushing stream, well endowed with picturesque waterfalls: this I understood was called Slippery Stones. For a while we bathed our feet in the cool fresh water.

The next stage of the ramble was most interesting, with the reservoirs on one side, and substantial evidence of the afforestation scheme was visible everywhere.

Between Ashopton and Bamford in Derbyshire, a huge concrete dam is being thrown across the Derwent Valley, and soon the people living in this valley will be obliged to seek new homes and the pent up waters will for ever conceal the beauties of this part of the dale and once lovely villages of Ashopton and Derwent.

Derwent Hall which contains one of the finest collections of old oak in the country, is also doomed to destruction. This was once the retreat of the Duke of Norfolk, and is now used as a youth hostel; it was originally built in 1672. Just by the Hall, the River Derwent purls under the lovely two-span pack-horse bridge which stands on the line of an old track coming down from Derwent Edge and which crosses the river at this place. Above Derwent Chapel are the two existing reservoirs constructed between 1902 and 1912. Several farms were submerged during that period, and a prolonged spell of dry weather some years ago revealed the existence of the foundations of some of these.

On reaching Ashopton we took a bus for Sheffield, and this concluded a most interesting and enjoyable day.

E. RHODES, L.V.I.L.

L'Orage.

That night a tempest burst upon the vale,
And thunder crashed beyond the rocky rill.
It roared o'er watery wastes, so pale and still,
While all things yielded to its mighty will.
It seemed the vault of heaven itself must cleave.
Lightning illumined with its ghastly glare,
Fierce flame and shadow madly interweave,
Like souls wracked on the wild sea of despair.
Then, swift as hawk ere swooped upon its prey,
A shadow fell o'er all the leaden sky;

The twisted shapes seen in the dazzling ray
 Now faded into gloom as if to die.
 The tense, the breathless hush that could be felt,
 Was of a sudden shattered by the roar
 Of thunder. See the shadows quickly melt
 The troubled earth with chaos filled once more.

JOAN MOFFATT, Upp. VI.Lit.

The Pupil Far Surpasseth the Master

One night as Adolf Hitler lay in bed
 A wierd unnat'ral dream coursed through his head :
 His room was filled with sulphur fumes and smoke
 And peals of thunder all the silence broke.
 From midst the cloud, the very breath of Hell,
 Stept Lucifer and Mephisto as well.
 Poor Adolf, from the sheets in terror cried
 "You are not come your tardy son to chide?"
 Regaining confidence: "I'm sure ye ken
 I have disposed of sev'ral million men!"
 "No! we are pleased, you far surpass our hope ;
 With your results we find we cannot cope.
 Your men arrive in such a rapid flow,
 We're faced with unemployment down below."
 "But teach me," said old Adolf, "fifty times
 More murder, pillage, sin and other crimes."
 To which the Archfiend answer'd with a snort,
 "We've come here not to teach, but to be taught!"

P. F. THOMPSON, Upp.VI.Lit. (Sparta).

The Year's Seasons.

Spring is the season of fresh green shoots,
 Summer's flowers have strong firm roots ;
 Autumn comes with the harvest time,
 Winter arrives with the Christmas chime.
 Spring is the birth of the bright new year,
 Summer is the awakening of all good cheer ;
 Autumn is the fading out
 Winter passes with the snowtime scout.

BETTY JARVIS, IIa (Troy).

Old Wathonians Comforts Fund.

The result of eighteen months activities has brought us
 in a creditable total of £32. Of this total £27 has been earned
 by our own efforts, while three guineas came from the Old
 Boys' Rugby Club, and, just a fortnight ago, the Boy Scouts

valiantly presented us with the handsome donation of £2. Many thanks! This season's Whist Drives have been given by Miss Deeks at Church House, Mrs. Mallaband (Winifred Rawlinson) and Mrs. Morton (Mary Cameron). During the summer, tennis matches were held on the School Courts.

Additional funds were supplied by subscriptions from Old Girls and Mistresses, while two guest tickets given by Sister Grace Harmer realised six shillings.

Parcels, which we send through Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son Ltd., have been despatched to the following Old Wathonians: Corporal R. Evans; Warrant Officer H. Cutler; Spr. K. Steer (now P. of War); Captain E. G. Gear; 2nd-Lieut. G. Collins; C. Gill; L. Hoyland; Sgt. F. Cartledge; A/c. J. Wilks; Pte. F. W. Robinson; Bomb. M. Findlay; Sgt. L. Whitfield; Sqn.-Leader Rev. A. T. L. Gear; Sister C. Fuller; C.Q.M.S. S. G. Lord; A/c. B. Roebuck. All these are serving overseas, except Mr. Gear, who is an Air Force Chaplain.

For the Home Forces we have been able to send "Penguins," which have been much appreciated. Although the gift is small, Old Boys seem to value this slight token of our thoughts of them. The Girl Guides helped us by the present of a considerable batch of "Penguins" and a few "Woollies," which have already been despatched. About 80 "Penguins" have been sent up-to-date.

Please let Miss Deeks know of changes of address, or any member of the O. G. Committee, who will pass information on immediately. Stalwart help has been given with packing and forwarding by Hilda Redgate. We find that about 62 Old Girls (and Mistresses) have shared our efforts, and we hope that more will join with us as time goes on, particularly as expenses are increasing.

Jean Rothnie has provided us a Whist Drive during the Christmas vacation, and we hope to hold a Whist Drive at School following the Easter Football and Hockey matches between Old Pupils and School Teams.

Recent Old Wathonian Marriages.

Kathleen Dickinson (W.G.S.) to L. J. Woolven.

Dorothy Hollingsworth (W.G.S.) to S. Cughton.

Nora Charlesworth (W.G.S.) to W. Prince.

Cissie England (W.G.S.) to F. Crossley.

Joan L. Smith to C. Cutler (W.G.S.).

Kathleen C. Carr to J. Scholey (W.G.S.).

Mary Cameron (W.G.S.) to H. Morton.

Phoebe Sanderson to H. Willis (W.G.S.).
 Joan M. Taylor to G. Collins (W.G.S.).
 Ella Reeve to D. J. Cresswell (W.G.S.).
 Eliza A. Bramham (W.G.S.) to C. W. Beard.
 Jenny Lockwood to W. Lord (W.G.S.).
 Dinah Ellis to H. Pears (W.G.S.).
 E. Andrews to G. Wainswright (W.G.S.).
 Prudence Crockett (W.G.S.) to H. Smith.
 Nora Hyland (W.G.S.) to E. Haines.
 Monica F. Hayes (W.G.S.) to W. L. L. Turp.
 Nancy M. Midwood to M. E. Thompson (W.G.S.).
 Betty Cooper to W. Scholey (W.G.S.).
 Jessie Camps to R. Andrews (W.G.S.).
 Margaret Moss to K. Hollingsworth (W.G.S.).
 Jean Harrison to R. M. Martin (W.G.S.).
 R. M. Mitchell to K. A. Steer (W.G.S.).
 Frances M. Coakes (W.G.S.) to C. R. Yeomans.
 Dora Salkeld to K. Reader (W.G.S.).
 Theresa Hyland (W.G.S.) to M. Roche.
 May E. Yates (W.G.S.) to D. C. Ward.
 Doreen Law (W.G.S.) to A. Smith.
 Elizabeth Trent to G. Beilby (W.G.S.).
 Edith Lamb to K. Shillito (W.G.S.).
 May Longley (W.G.S.) to L. Archer.
 Silvia Johnson (W.G.S.) to B. Smith.
 Molly Taylor to C. H. Cook (W.G.S.).
 P. W. Harrison to J. G. Beaumont (W.G.S.).
 Edith Rowlinson (W.G.S.) to W. Lightley.
 Lilian Holyoak (W.G.S.) to W. Smith.
 Margaret Humphreys (W.G.S.) to Ralph Spicer.
 Kathleen D. Evers (W.G.S.) to D. Hanchett Stamford.
 Marion Howard (W.G.S.) to E. Hardwick.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner (Muriel Knibbs), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Blower (Ida Midwood), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Woolven (Kathleen Dickenson), a
 daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beard (Lila Bramham), a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cresswell (Ella Reeve), a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cook (Molly Taylor) a son.

