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## Editorial.

**T**HIS term sees the inauguration of our Scholarship Fund, and we are making every effort to lay its foundation firmly and well. The full results of our work are still unknown, but we have already received some very useful help in the subscriptions sent by many parents and Old Wathonians. As we go to press, the final efforts are being made to ensure that the Sale and the Plays will do their share.

We dare not state how much money we hope to have collected by the end of the year, but we are sure that, if the work that has been done meets with its due reward, the total will be something to be proud of.

We hope next term to be able to congratulate all who have helped on the success of our efforts; in the meantime we offer them our hearty thanks.

## School Notes.

We were very sorry to hear at the beginning of the term that Mr. Williams was ill, and would have to be absent from School for a long time. We are glad that he is making progress, and hope that his return to health and to School may be sooner than was originally expected.

We offer a welcome to Mr. Edwards, who came to us at very short notice to take Mr. Williams' place.

The School Plays are to be held on Dec. 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. The plays to be presented this year are "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Rising Generation." We hope to play to full houses!

The Sale is being held each day before the Plays start. Although happily most of the more expensive articles have been sold in advance, there should be a considerable variety of articles for sale at most reasonable prices. We hope that everyone who comes to the Plays will have a look round, even if he has no intention of buying anything.

On Armistice Day we tried a new experiment, as we could not have our ordinary School celebration, and held an Armistice Service in the Hall on the Sunday evening. Our sale of poppies was very successful, bringing in a total of £9 6s. 1d.

We congratulate the following on their successes in public examinations last term:—

**County Major Scholarships.**—C. H. Cook and M. E. Thompson.

**Higher School Certificates.**—W. Abson, J. Bailey, W. A. Horner, L. Peace, G. C. Ankers, C. Bletcher, I. Caswell, C. H. Cook, E. Harrison, G. P. Illingworth, M. E. Thompson, D. C. Wollman, E. Bagnall, D. Beckham, D. Hanson, E. Housman, J. Lockwood, M. Smith and E. Turner.

**Matriculation Certificates.**—F. Abson, E. Broomhead, J. Ellis, R. Ellison, E. Glover, D. Higgins, P. Hyland, J. Maiden, J. Camps, J. Lowcock, M. Mann, B. Rushforth, E. Stopforth, R. Bennett, K. Buckley, F. Cooper, E. Hague, L. Horsfield, M. Naylor, P. Parkin, H. Rhodes, C. Wenman, E. Hocking, C. Kidson, I. Shepherd, G. Hardman, J. Kenning and D. Walker.

**School Certificates.**—D. Davis, W. H. Dixon, G. Hizzard, R. Lister, J. Picton, H. Brocklesby, C. Hanson, C. Jackson, G. Pryse, M. Rayner, A. Robotham, J. Rollin, C. Dorlin, D. Guy, D. Hardy, H. Sagar, R. Sands, C. Smith, H. Stott, W. Thompson, D. Hickling, M. Jackson, E. Rawlin, M. Stott,



H. Bunn, H. E. Clarke, A. Moore, W. J. Oliver, K. Reader, W. Scholey, I. Atkinson, E. Hart, M. Noon, L. Senior, A. Shaw, J. Turgoose, E. Cameron, R. Carnill, E. Cullingworth, A. Lockwood, L. Martin, T. Oates, J. V. Scott, J. Ward and L. Barlow.

The Magazine competitions did not produce as big an entry as usual. The prize for the best lino-cuts was awarded to C. H. Cook and that for a story in verse to F. Youel.

## House Notes.

### ATHENS.

At the end of the Summer Term we lost an unusually large number of the senior members of the House ; however, we welcome all the juniors and hope they will prove themselves keen and valuable members to the House.

The Christmas term is invariably the busiest period of the School year, for the long, dark evenings of November and December always tend to make the numerous School Societies more popular and attractive. On this account, therefore, the Athenian girls deserve added congratulation for the way in which they have responded to the Scholarship Fund with their efforts for the Sale of Work to be held on the nights of the Annual Christmas plays. On the other hand, however, individual boys alone have attended the Wood and Metal work sections of the Art Club to contribute to the fund.

As in other years, the detention list is again very long; the total number of detentions in the first half of the term was well over fifty, and two Athenian boys have already been suspended from the House.

The glory which attended the Senior XV. last year, when they won all five games, is not in evidence this term, for, depleted by the calls of the 1st XV., the seniors were easily defeated by Carthage.

The junior boys suffered a similar defeat, but the girls have enjoyed some success.

The annual House Party will be held on December 11th.

### CARTHAGE.

The House extends a hearty welcome to all its new members, and wishes to congratulate all those who were successful in the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate last year.

With regard to the Sale of Work, we can only admit that the efforts of the girls have far exceeded those of the

boys. The energy of the boys has as usual been concentrated on the detention list in which the number of Carthaginians is extremely high. It is time the boys, especially those in the Vth Form, were made to realise that all efforts at making the House a success are useless while their names figure in the detention list week after week.

However, the Carthaginians are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm on the games field. If only the junior boys who have not yet won a match, would follow the example of the senior boys, and the girls, who have not up to the present lost a match, we should ultimately carry off the Games Cup.

We are holding the annual House Party on Dec. 14th, and having adopted the new system of catering, we hope this year that it will break all records for enjoyment and entertainment.

The House officials for this year are as follows:—  
House Captain—Girls, N. Langford; Boys, Thompson.  
Games Committee—Girls, P. Sanderson; Boys, Findlay.  
Magazine Committee—Girls, N. Langford; Boys, Findlay.  
Library Committee—Girls, C. Wenman; Boys, Wright.  
Secretary—Andrews.

### ROME.

First of all we should like to congratulate all Romans who were successful in their July examination, and to express our regret that our Girl House Captain is not at present amongst us owing to illness. We hope she will soon be back again. We are extremely proud of Cook, our Boy House Captain, who has won a County Major Scholarship. He is, we believe, the first Roman to have won such honours. Romans are also taking important parts in the School Plays.

Preparations for the House Party have now begun in earnest. Several entertainments have been arranged. These include a dumb show called "The Spanish Tragedy," by three senior girls, recitations from "Canterbury Tales" by two junior boys, and a dialogue by two other boys. Singing under the direction of M. Frost and Horner ought to be a success.

All the Roman girls have worked fairly well for the Sale of Work, but work done by the boys seems to have been restricted to just a few seniors. The girls hope to be able to give the Head £5 at the end of the term.

We were favoured with fine weather on our House Outing to Knaresborough, at the end of the Summer Term. The attendance was fairly good, but we don't seem to be able to make plans for juniors, for what pleases them does not please seniors and *vice-versa*.

The detention list has not been much reduced, boys and girls have added alike to it. It must be reduced if we hope to win the Work Cup. Detentions can be avoided, as a rule, by taking more thought over conduct and work.

With regard to Games, Junior Hockey deserves mention. At the beginning of Term we only mustered six juniors, but owing to the amendments of the age rule we can now put eleven warriors on the field. They deserve praise already, for they are tough fighters and show the true Roman quality of un-defeated spirit in face of, often, considerable odds.

### SPARTA.

This, the most eventful term of the year, has been a particularly busy one for all Spartans.

We congratulate our new girls' House Captain, S. Johnson, on her able organisation of the parties of girls who are continuing their jam-making this term. They have also started sweet-making for the Sale of Work, and have held sewing parties on Friday evenings. Apart from these activities many boys and girls have been to the Art, Woodwork and Metalwork Clubs, where they also are working for the Sale of Work, although the boys in general have not displayed as much enthusiasm in their work as the girls.

The Spartans, despite their big handicap, started well, and have continued keenly in the competition for the largest sale of tickets for the plays, and although they are not at present leading in the race, they hope yet to reach Melbourne first.

The House teams have been fairly successful at Rugger and Hockey, the Senior Girls being as yet unbeaten.

Unfortunately to detract from the success of the House there have been an unusually large number in detention from Sparta, with the lamentable result that it has been necessary to exclude some members from the House for this term. In spite of this, we are looking forward to a very enjoyable House Party on Friday, Dec. 7th. It should also be noticed that the demand for magazines is very small indeed, and we think that many more people might make an effort to buy one each term and hope that there will be a large increase in the number sold next term.

In conclusion, may we recall the House Outing to Knarborough last July, which was not mentioned in the last magazine. It was certainly one of the most enjoyable House Outings we have had, and we hope that the House may have many more as pleasant.



### THEBES.

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members, and hope that they will be successful while they are at School. We congratulate all those who were successful in the School Certificate Examination and Higher School Certificate examinations. As usual, this term we have had far too many detentions: so many that some offenders have been temporarily suspended from the House.

If the chosen team would turn up for the matches, we should do better at games. Next year all Thebans must make a resolution to support their House better than they have done this term. Some girls have been working hard for the Sale of Work, so we hope to have a good show.

The officials for this year are:

House Captain—Girls, P. Crockett; Boys, Lake.  
 Senior Games Captain—Girls, E. Stopforth; Boys, Law.  
 Junior Games Captain—Girls, E. Elliott; Boys, Knutton.  
 Library Representative—Girls, L. Horsfield; Boys, Hodgson.  
 Games Representative—Girls, E. Lockwood; Boys, Lake.  
 Magazine Representative—Girls, P. Crockett; Boys, Hodgson.

The Party was a great success last year; we hope it will be the same this term. Judging by the slow progress of our aeroplane, we have not sold many tickets for the Plays yet, but we know that we shall arrive at Melbourne, though it may be rather late.

After the holidays, we hope that all Thebans will work hard and help the House in all its activities.

### TROY.

The main activities amongst the girls of Troy this term have been in preparing for the Sale of Work. Some good work has been done and we are hoping to make a creditable show at the end of Term.

All are looking forward to the House Party, which will take place on December 10th. Some amusement in the form of a play has been prepared; whether it will be successful or not remains to be seen.

Credit is due to the Junior girls who have played very well in the House matches. In their first match they played against a team consisting mainly of Seniors, and, supplying enthusiasm for skill and size, were successful in beating them.

Tickets for the Plays are going favourably, and Troy comes after Athens and Sparta, which have such a great advantage.



There is not much hope of Troy carrying off the Work Cup this term. It seems useless to mention detentions; they never diminish. Some girls have had as many as three this term, although no-one has been thrown out of the House.

We hope that next term will be successful in every way, and the number of detentions decidedly less.

It is hoped that all will have a good holiday.

### TOMMY AND THE GHOST.

Now Tommy liked football much better than work,  
And that was why, quite late at night  
His Maths. was not done; and he went up to bed  
With a heart that was not very light.

He was thinking of Maths. all the time while in bed,  
And before he had dropped off to sleep  
He had seen many hundreds of holes in a fence,  
And counted a few thousand sheep.

But suddenly Tommy awoke with a start:  
A figure had entered his room.  
It stood out of reach of the moon's yellow light,  
And, motionless, stared through the gloom.

At length the Ghost said "Thy Maths. homework, my lad,  
Has not been done!" Tom said, "Who cares?"  
But he did care, and when he was beckoned to do,  
He followed the Spectre downstairs.

The Ghost now said "Tommy, you must promise me  
That never again you will shirk";  
"All right," Tommy said, "and in future I will  
Try and do, without help, all my work."

"And now," said the Ghost, "out of practice I am,  
But for this once your homework I'll do.  
Will you show me the questions?" Tom answered "Of course.  
They are all on page one-ninety-two."

So to Tommy's great joy the Ghost did all his Maths.,  
In just over half of an hour.

"But in future," the Ghost said, "You do it yourself.  
But those questions taxed all of my power."

"Now get back to bed." Tommy did so straightway,  
His mind was at peace once again.  
No detention he feared, no remarks made in class,  
Nor an hour's staying in at 4.10.

In the morning, at School, Tommy felt full of glee  
 When he handed the teacher his book,  
 As he knew that his homework for once had been done  
 By the Ghost; 'twas a stroke of good luck.

But all of a sudden he heard his name called,  
 "Thomas Brown!" After that 'twasn't long  
 That he rested at ease, for he saw with despair  
 That the Ghost had got all his sums wrong.

F. YOUEL, Upper VI. Science.

## School Societies.

### ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY.

The report this term is not at all exciting. Work in all branches has been limited mainly to the Sale of Work, except for one short period when Health Posters loomed into prominence. Not even the complaint that seniors are not as enthusiastic as they might be, is a new one. Instead therefore, of stressing an old text, let us seek interest in the workshops.

Stepping blithely across the yard, avoiding cement-mixers and piles of clay, we arrive at the woodwork shop and, after a struggle with an obstinate door, pass inside. On all sides are pieces of furniture—racks, stools, coffee tables, cake-stands, bookshelves, everything that might be expected, in fact, at an "Ideal Homes Exhibition," but hardly at School.

Soon, however, we tire of this environment, its white-washed walls, remote radiators, whirring lathe and drill, and the independent clock that is so far original as to refuse to fall in line with all other chronometers.

So we return again to the Art Room. Opening the door we are regaled by the delicious smell of glue; stepping inside an erratic piece of cane advances towards our cheek to caress it—somebody's making a tray. As for leather-work, we once thought Morocco the place to see purse-makers, etc.—it is wonderful the discoveries that have been made in geography. Morocco has, of course, long since been surpassed, and Wath takes its place.

But beyond all this clipping, this hammering, this staining, thonging, plaiting, our eyes are attracted towards an unusual sight. At the back of the room a select few are preparing the scenery for the Christmas plays. With great gusto these "fortunati" swing their brushes to and fro,

depositing now a red-brick wall, now an oak-panel on the top of a jungle or a lake.

The whole operation is extraordinarily attractive, even as children we longed to take part in distempering, and now perhaps our ambition will be realised, perhaps—yes, Tom Sawyer allowed his friends to whitewash the fence on payment of dead cats or rats (former preferred), glass marbles, or apple cores. Eagerly we feel in our pockets and drag out a French sou, maybe the boy at work on the mortar would like it . . .

Stepping forward we cough and are about to make our offer when a voice from the store-room calls, "I think you people had better begin to pack up."

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## Field Club.

In the absence of Mr. Williams the Field Club has been run this term by Mr. Edwards. As was suggested last term, the Club has been divided into Senior and Junior sections, meeting on alternate Mondays.

Two meetings of the Senior section and one of the Junior section have so far been held. At the first meeting of the Senior section, on October 8th, J. Horn (Upp. VI.Sc.) read a paper on the "Inheritance of Acquired Characters." On October 15th, at the second meeting of the Senior section, a new feature in the form of a debate was introduced. The motion that, "Animals are a greater hindrance than Plants to Man in his Development," proposed by E. Fitch and E. Rawlin, and opposed by G. Hardman and L. Willis, was lost. On October 22nd E. Williams (Upp. VI.Sc.) read a paper to the Junior section on the "Adaptation of Organisms to their Surroundings." It is hoped that on Dec. 10th a paper will be read by F. Youell (Upp. VI.Sc.) on "Colour in Animals."

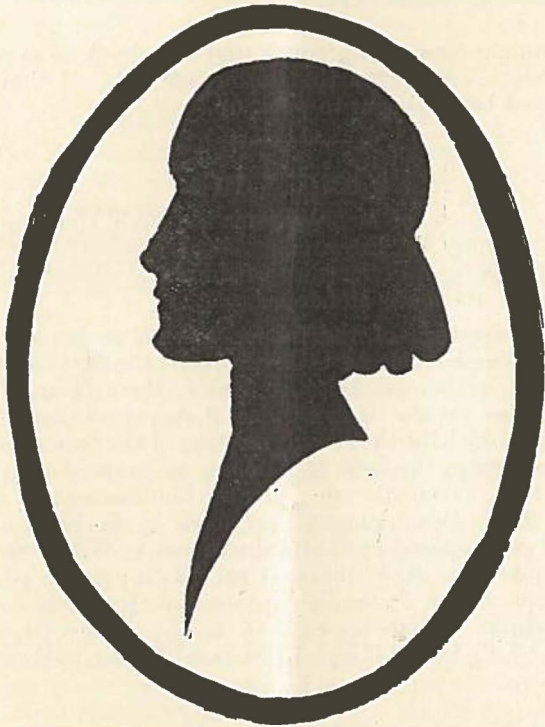
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## Senior Literary Society.

The Session opened on Monday, September, 24th, with a House debate on the motion "That a censorship of the Press is desirable in any country." The houses were divided into two groups; Thompson (Carthage), Teresa Redgate (Athens) and Cook (Rome) proposed the motion, which was opposed by Collins (Sparta), Prudence Crockett (Thebes) and Ankers (Troy). The motion was won by 33 votes to 16, and Cook's was voted the best speech.



The second meeting, held on Monday, October 8th, took the form of a debate between the Lower VI. Literary and the VI. Remove. The motion was "To live dangerously is better than to follow a policy of Safety First." It was proposed by Jessie Turgoose and Sylvia Johnson, of the VI. Remove, and opposed by Higgins and May Mann, of the Lower VI. Lit. Ankers was in the chair. The VI. Remove carried the motion by 19 votes to 13.



On 22nd October the third meeting was held, when Cook, Upper VI. Literary, gave a paper on "The English Novel." He outlined the novel from its beginnings in Elizabethan days, to Robert Louis Stevenson, giving brief quotations to make the paper interesting as well as instructive.

The fourth meeting was held on November 19th, when the Lower VI. Literary gave a performance of "The Devil's

Disciple," by G. B. Shaw. Inexperience, nervousness, and insufficiently studied parts led to pauses that were far too lengthy to be considered dramatic, but on the whole it was quite well done. Among the actors who showed promise may be mentioned, Jessie Camps, as Mrs. Rudgeon, Hyland as Christy, and E. Stopforth as Essie, while Guy took his part quite well.

The last meeting of the term is to take place on Dec. 3rd, when there will be a Vth Form debate on the motion "That man has come to depend far too much on machines."

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## Junior Literary Society.

The Junior Literary Society has been very popular this term. Although it was only possible to have fortnightly meetings many good debates were held.

On the first night there were four small debates with one principal speaker on each side.

At the second meeting a debate was held, the motion being, "Men's dress should be reformed." This motion was lost. Two French playlets, based on "La Fontaine," were presented by members of Form Upper IIIa. The titles of these playlets were "Le Roi et L'Abbe" and "La Cigale et La Fourni."

A debate was again held at the fourth meeting. The motion, "That private cars should be abolished," was lost. The fifth meeting was enlivened by a debate on the motion "That life in the Middle Ages was more exciting than life to-day." The motion was lost by twenty-five votes to twelve.

The maximum attendance this term was about seventy-five. The new full members elected this term are, Miller, Curran, Hallows, Hawksworth, Smith and Knutton, of Form Upper IIIa.; Stones, Higgs, Buckley, and Stopforth of Upper IIa, and Lord, of Form III.

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## Orchestra Notes.

The Orchestra has been practising for its appearance at the School Plays at the end of this term.

One new member has been added, namely, Joan Parkin, who plays the violin, but we have been handicapped by the loss of Maiden, whose position as violin leader, has been taken by Atkinson.

Although the majority are juniors, the standard of playing is quite good, and attendance has been good, the members being full of enthusiasm.

The full strength of the orchestra this term is fourteen, the members being : Miss Deeks, pianist ; Miss Knowles and Idris Preece, 'cellists; Taylor, Longbottom, Potts, Thorpe, Ardron, Mann, Kenning, S. Searle, J. Parkin, first violins; and Atkinson and Ormondroyd, second violins. The pieces being practised this term for the plays are : Selections from "Norwegian Dances" by Mullen, selections from "Le Nozze di Figaro," by Mozart; Romance from the "Queen of France"; Symphony by Haydn, and the "Folk Tune and Fiddle Dance" arranged by P. E. Fletcher.

The junior members are finding the music a little difficult, but they are now progressing.

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## Scouts.

The Scouts came back to School this term with pleasant memories of Summer Camp, which, this year, was held in the Lake District, near the little village of Levens. A delightful feature of the Camp was the number of inter-tent competitions organised. These included swimming, cricket, long-ball, and a remarkably sludgy cross-country run. During the week two parties of three Scouts each hiked to Ullswater by road, and back over hilly stony paths, the latter part of the journey being covered during a thunderstorm. Still, everything considered, the hike was voted well worth the trouble.

This term has been notable for the unusual amount of work done. Numerous tests have been organised, in which the Scouts on the whole have acquitted themselves well. Boxing competitions have been arranged, but these have had to be confined to the corridors, as the gymnasium has been annexed for rehearsals of the School Plays.

Attendances have dropped slightly, due, probably, to the foggy November weather, or to the fact that one or two members have been rendered houseless and are therefore forbidden to attend School Societies. Those who do attend, however, are keen, and it is hoped that they will remain so.

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## Guides.

During the summer holidays a number of Guides, under the supervision of Miss Steer, spent an enjoyable week in camp at Arnside.



We were very sorry to lose our lieutenant, Miss Rees, last term, and wish her every success. The autumn term has brought us a few more recruits, but we would gladly welcome others who are interested in Guide work. We have had an enrolment, and one of our members has been successful in gaining her ambulance badge. We are also hoping that some second class badges will be gained in the near future.

A Christmas Stocking Trail has been organised for all Guides, so at the present we are engaged in making stockings and collecting toys to fill them.

This term we are holding our meetings in the gym., where we have more possibility of carrying on patrol work.

## Just Something About Mr. Brown.

With a smile on his face, and his eyes aglow,  
Mr. Brown issued forth from the local store :  
He paused to count up the parcels he'd got,  
And then murmured, "No—nothing more."

For, you see, Mr. Brown had been out for the wife  
A-shopping, since she had a cold :  
And to go back incomplete was more than he dare,  
—You know what these wives are who scold.

And as he stood there on the pavement's edge,  
Surrounded by parcels and boxes,  
He saw something there that made him stare,  
And half close his eyes, like a fox's.

For there on the ground, quite near to his foot  
Was a sixpence, a "bob" and a penny—  
He glanced quickly round to the right and the left,  
But of passers-by there were not many.

So he thank'd all his gods and pick'd up the coins,  
And was thinking "a good bit of luck this,"  
When he saw a big navvy just looking at him,  
And at once it struck Brown "Why they're his."

With a smile and a word he return'd the coins,  
And somehow felt strangely enlightened.  
In fact, by restoring this wealth to the man  
John Brown's day had been very much brightened.

A little time after he boarded his tramcar,  
And then—well now, what do you think ?  
Again near his foot, at rest on the floor  
He saw—guess—"encore de chink" !

With a pleasant smile and a little laugh,  
 Brown gathered the coins from the floor,  
 And a small boy, when asked if they were his,  
 Just took them and slipped through the door.  
 At about half-past three in that same afternoon,  
 Mr. Brown arrived home at "View Sunny,"  
 And with pride and great joy began to relate  
 How he'd found and restored much lost money.  
 But grim Mrs. Brown didn't seem interested,  
 She coldly demanded her change.  
 So into his pocket John Brown slipt his hand—  
 And then turned and retired out of range !  
 From the scullery door, with a gloomy face,  
 He uttered a sigh, brought right up from his soul ;  
 For the only thing his hand had found  
 In his trouser pocket, was—a hole !

RIGO.

### Football.

1st XV. v. Hemsworth G.S. Away.

Result : Lost by 6 points to 3 points.

The School opened their fixtures with a hard game with Hemsworth on a muddy field and were unlucky to be defeated. There were six new players in the team as compared with the previous season, and this accounted for the bad positional play in the opening minutes of the game. After settling down, the School pressed strongly and Ankers was unfortunate to knock-on, whilst cutting through the Hemsworth defence. Hemsworth were still kept on the defensive. From a forward rush the ball travelled the breadth of the field via the School three-quarters, Horn scoring in the corner. Lake just failed to convert.

In the second half the School were kept on the defensive but keen tackling by all sections of the team kept their line intact for twenty minutes. During this period the forwards dominated the game, the School forwards getting some much needed scrummaging practice. Near the end Hemsworth scored two quick tries from breakaways near the centre of the field. Between these tries, however, a good passing movement by Bunn and Peace nearly resulted in a further score for the School, but the final whistle only left us "moral victors."

1st XV. v. Castleford G.S. Home.

Result : Won by 13 points to 10 points.

The first home match of the season resulted in the School laying "The Castleford bogey." Castleford were

defeated by the School for the first time in four years. This was due to the fact that behind the scrum, the Castleford outsides were entirely out-generalled by a faster three-quarter line.

Castleford lost the toss and Ankers elected to play downhill, the School's advantage told, and Castleford were kept very much on the defensive. Peace soon broke through, after some clever swerving and selling of dummies, to score the first try, which Lake converted. Greenall then, from the full-back position, made a bull-at-a-gate rush for the Castleford line, and succeeded in gaining much ground. From a scrum near the Castleford line the ball was passed out to Scholey who scored a good try between the posts, Lake adding the goal points.

In the second half the greater weight of the Castleford pack was very dangerous ; the ball was kept in the tight by the visiting forwards, which resulted in them crossing our line to score a try which was converted ; by the same methods another five points were added to their score. For the rest of the game the School attacked strongly.

1st XV. v. Goole G.S. Away.

Result : A Draw, 11 points all.

The School opened with the wind and sun in their favour. Bann hooked the ball well from the scrums, and Lake, Findlay and Thompson passed back from the line-outs to the three-quarters, who were unable to hold the greasy ball. These efforts were at last rewarded by a try, scored by Scholey, which Lake converted. Both sets of forwards from now until the interval engaged in a battle-royal, thoroughly enjoyed by all, the only score during this period being a penalty goal scored by Goole. We had heard tremendous stories of the fire-eating Goole forwards. However, we fairly beat the much-boomed pack by steadily wearing them down, and bustling them in the tight and line-out towards the interval.

Hovering black clouds promising a tremendous down-pour cut short the interval, and this told on the forwards after their gruelling efforts. The game became scrappy for a time and the forwards were slow in backing up. Goole crossed our line twice in quick succession, which added eight points to their score. From this point onwards good passing movements were experienced by both sides, but keen tackling resulted in mid-field play. The School now added to their score by good combined team work and reached the Goole total.



1st XV. v. Castleford G.S. Away.

Result : Lost by 12 points to 9 points.

The School team was not at full strength for this match. Davis coming in for Findlay and Lockwood for Guy. The match started with a scrappy opening and the School were surprised to find themselves three points down in the opening minutes. Scholey soon equalised with a good try between the posts ; the kick failed. The School forwards now tried some close dribbling, but their tactics proved fruitless; the three-quarters then began to exploit the ball more freely among themselves. From a break through in the Castleford half, the home team scored another try. Soon after, combined work by Ankers, Bunn and Peace resulted in a pass out to Horn, who crossed the line, but had the bad luck to drop the slippery ball.

After resumption of play Horn swooped round unexpectedly at a great pace, to gather the ball off the toes of the opposing forwards, bringing confusion to the Castleford backs, and crossing their line to score an unconverted try. This try was followed by another by Scholey, after a straight hard run down the field. Lake just failed to convert. Castleford soon equalled the score and carried on to gain a three points lead by making the most of their opportunities. Lake, Thompson and Horner were the conspicuous forwards.

1st XV. v. Goole G.S. Home.

Result : Lost by 10 points to 6 points.

The School field was a nice muddy mess for our return match with Goole, and a good, clean, keen, ding-dong game was witnessed by a large crowd who had faithfully turned up, despite the doubtful weather. Woodcock opened the scoring for Goole with a good try behind the posts in the opening minutes. The School required no further warning and retaliated by strong pressure in the Goole territory. After combining in the most efficient way at the right moment, the forwards got possession of the ball to pass it out to Horn on the wing, who darted forward to score an unconverted try. Both teams now strove hard to increase their points, but the position remained unaltered when the half-time whistle blew.

Uphill the School forwards were paramount in attack and defence, and Bunn soon scored a try in the corner from a well timed pass from Scholey. The Goole threes then improved, and scored two sharp tries, one of which was disallowed, the other being converted.

Farthing, Findlay, Lake, Ankers, Bunn and Greenall were good in defence.

1st XV. v. Barnsley G.S. Home.

Result : Won by 17 points to 5 points.

The School were without the services of Findlay during the first quarter of an hour of the game, but after an adventurous journey he turned up to play a useful game. During this period the Barnsley team, who had proved stronger than expected, had a lead of five points. The School refused to be upset by the unexpected opening, and penned the Barnsley forwards and the ball into the lower corner of Barnsley's half. This vigorous forward play resulted in Bunn scoring in the corner ; Lake's kick just fell short of the posts. Soon, however, Barnsley lost their lead after Horn crossed their line to score an unconverted try. Thus the score was in our favour by one point at the interval. The fate of Barnsley indeed looked terribly black ; they still have remembrances of the times they met the School team in the past.

In the second half the School entirely dominated the game and the School forwards were in high glee. Lake barged his way through the Barnsley defence to score a try which he improved upon. Scholey then added to the score after a fine downhill run. The kick at goal failed. Barnsley showed by their play that they are an improving side.

1st XV. v. Rotherham G.S. Away.

Result : Won by 8 points to 0 points.

The School opened strongly and forced the play into the Rotherham half. A new method of attack was tried out, but it did not work successfully, and we resorted again to the old method of touch finding instead of cross-kicking. The Rotherham forwards and backs were tackling well, and they made ground with the ball when they had it. Greenall stopped many breakaways, and the score from the kick-off remained unaltered at half-time.

After resuming the play for the most part was in the Rotherham area, and only occasionally did the ball pass our twenty-five. There were some good movements by the School threes, from one of which Bunn scored cleverly between the posts. Lake converted the kick, thus removing the spell which seemed to have been cast over him from the beginning of the season. From now onwards the game was in the hands of the forwards, and in a mid-field scrummage the School were awarded a penalty ; Lake succeeded in adding a further three points by a good kick from the centre of the field. Preston, Ellis and Abson were prominent among the forwards.

2nd XV. v. Hemsworth 2nd XV. Oct. 6th. At Home.  
Result : Won by 17 points to 6 points.

For this, the opening game of the season, the 2nd XV. was essentially an experimental one. The teams appeared to be evenly matched in size, but the Hemsworth tackling was very weak and the School three-quarters were able to score several times in quick succession. The visitors replied with two unconverted tries. Of the newcomers to the 2nd XV., Clarke, Bann and Farthing were most successful.

2nd XV. v. Castleford 2nd XV. Oct. 20th. Away.  
Result : Lost by 6 points to 22 points.

Conditions for this game were particularly good, and with the advantage of the dry ground and light ball to improve three-quarter work, we anticipated a fast game. However, the Castleford XV. were by far the heavier side and with this advantage they often held control of the scrum-work for long periods, and established a good lead. Just before the interval, however, Rowlinson received from a free-kick and scored a try which Whittaker failed to convert. On the resumption the Castleford superiority was much more pronounced; the School forwards tired considerably and repeatedly lost ground in the line-out. Castleford increased their lead to 22 points, but Whittaker kicked a penalty goal towards the close.

## Speech Day.

Speech Day was held this year on July 24th, the visitors being Dr. W. Edwards, M.A., headmaster of Bradford Grammar School, and Mrs. Edwards, who presented the Certificates. Mrs. A. Poiner, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. In her opening remarks she paid a tribute to the Headmaster and the Staff for bringing the School up to a high standard. The School song was then sung with great gusto.

After the School song the Headmaster gave his report for the year. He welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Edwards, saying that in the past we had had at School a Vice-Chancellor, a University Professor, a distinguished Churchman, and Under-Secretary for State, and now a headmaster, a man familiar with School life and the schoolboy. Furthermore, Dr. Edwards represented a School with tradition, and would give some encouragement to a comparatively new School. The Headmaster said that at present we were an average



School, with adequate playing fields, 550 pupils, a capable Staff, and a wide curriculum. He went on to say that the School must not be satisfied with its present standard, but must try hard to achieve a higher one.

With regard to work, the Head mentioned successes gained by Old Wathonians, and the usual School successes. With regard to sport, a sports meeting had been held with Doncaster Grammar School, and the Headmaster expressed the hope that it would become an annual meeting.

He then stressed the value of School Societies, and complained of the small and irregular attendance. A Sale of Work was to be held in December to give a good start to the Scholarship Fund. The Headmaster then closed by thanking the Governors for their valuable work in helping the School forward.

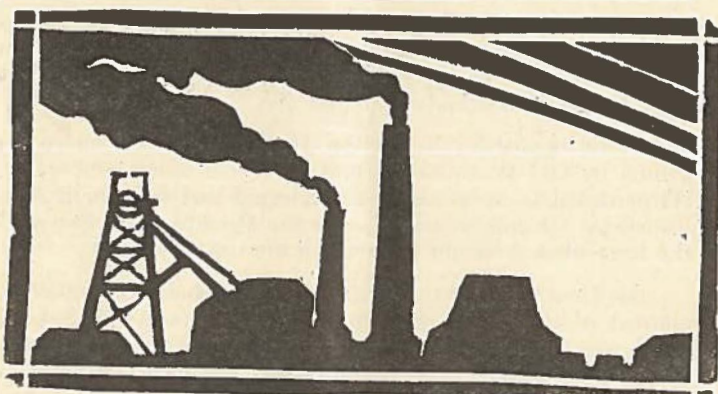
The School Choir then sang "The Seekers," by Dyson, and Mrs. Edwards presented the Certificates. This was followed by another song, "As Torrents in Summer," by Elgar. Dr. Edwards then gave his address. He expressed great pleasure at the reception which he had been given. He congratulated the Certificate winners and urged them not to treat it as a final success, but as a stimulant to further successes. Dr. Edwards stressed the importance of education backed by vocational training. Education was not only a means of developing intelligence and mental activity, but also of developing character. Dr. Edwards then expressed his great faith in the rising generation and their capacity to meet further dangers ahead.

After Dr. Edwards' address the School Choir sang "Worship," by G. Shaw. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. D. Knowles and seconded by Mrs. Harwood. The proceedings closed with "God Save the King," and three mighty cheers from the School, led by Caswell, for Dr. and Mrs. Edwards, the Headmaster, and the Governors.

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