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EDITORIAL.

POSSIBLY as a result of the widespread Festival Spirit, the past year has seen the development of a brighter school. The girls surprised us by discarding their drab tunics for gay candy-striped dresses; the colourful displays in the front garden, and the transformation of the embankments near the tennis courts have led us to hope that some day roses may bloom even in those formerly weedy fastnesses—the quadrangles.

The school building is now being painted inside and out, even the rugger posts are gay in black and white stripes; and the chaos of sand, bricks, chasms and girders where once we played rugger is gradually becoming recognisable as our new extension buildings.

We hope that these improvements will have the psychological effect of cheering our spirits both in class and on the field.

Here at Wath then, we may safely say that we have made some small contribution towards a Brighter Britain—we hope, too, that we have produced a brighter "*Wathonian*."

IN BRIEF

We Welcome . . .

The Staff's attempts to brighten school life. Their hockey made a lasting impression and their production of "The Lady's not for Burning" was an ambitious and highly-successful venture that spread gaiety and culture.

The visit of two German girls Almut Burgmann and Brigitte Munsch. We know that they made many friends here at Wath during their three months stay.

The Brampton Choral Society's presentations of "The Seasons," "Merrie England" and "Tom Jones" in the school hall. Several members of the school enjoyed these concerts and we received an appreciative account which we regret we have not room to include.

The coming of Miss Searle, Miss Langley, Miss Upton, Mlle. Gage, and Mr. Coomer. May their stay with us be long and happy.

We regret . . .

The serious and protracted illness of Mr. Ritchie. We hope that both he and Helga Forrester will make a speedy and complete recovery.

The departure of Miss Cheney, Miss Pickles, Mlle. Catel, and Mr. E. J. L. Gear. Our good wishes go with them.

The result of the Inter-School sports, but we notice that, although we were bottom, we were close behind the 3rd and 4th Schools, and we salute fine victories by the seniors in the Hurdles and Relay races.

MR. E. J. L. GREAR (1925 - 51).

It was with much regret that we heard last term that Mr. Gear had decided to retire. This is the end of an epoch in the history of the school, as the name of "Gear" has figured there since the early days in 1923.

Mr. Gear joined the Staff in September, 1925, and at once became Housemaster of Carthage which with Athens was then added to the existing Rome and Sparta. The original Carthaginians owe much to the efforts and enthusiasm of Mr. Gear, and many of them will have happy memories of visits to 69, Sandygate.

Mr. Gear's help was invaluable in the training of our earliest Rigger XV's and I well remember the first occasion on which our first team met Hemsworth 1st XV. Our full back missed the bus and Mr. Gear played in his place, but the team spirit of those days was so good that the missing player arrived at Hemsworth before the match was over, having walked from Darfield.

We also remember Mr. Gear's efforts as our No. 1 batsman in the Staff Cricket XI. In this position he was very difficult to move, and his slick running between the wickets was an example to young batsmen—he was a master of the short run. At practice his slow lobbs were equally effective whether delivered with his right or left hand.

Mr. Gear was one of the founders of the School Cycling Club, now unfortunately defunct. Up to the outbreak of war in 1939 this Club was very active, and members often cycled in force to neighbouring schools for away matches, and some of them to the Scout camp during the holidays.

The Old Boys' Rugger Club also owes a great debt to Mr. Gear, who has invariably given them active support and help. He was their chairman until his retirement, and except during his absence from school 1939-46, was their mainstay as referee for home matches.

Mr. Gear's retirement makes a gap in our ranks which will not be easy to fill. He was ever ready to undertake thankless jobs, and always carried them out with enthusiasm. He always set, and insisted upon, a high standard of loyalty and courtesy both on and off the field; and this was of the utmost importance when team-building in a young school.

We all wish him a happy retirement and hope that he will long enjoy it.

Shakespeare's prophetic descriptions of W.G.S.

Form I.:

"An aery of children, little eyases, that cry out on the top of question."

Middle-School boy:

His hours fill'd up with riots, banquets, sports;
And never noted in him any study.

Fourth Former:

As dissolute as desperate; yet through both,
I see some sparkles of a better hope.

Fifth Former in Exam.:

Now I am cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd, bound in
To saucy doubts and fears.

5A Girl:

Poor prattler. How thou talk'st.

Sixth Former:

What a piece of work is a man!

Prefect:

An eye like Mars to threaten and command.

Reader of Morning Lesson:

Would it not shame you in so fair a troop
To read a lecture?

Collector of Detentions :

Let the doors be shut upon him, that he may play the fool
nowhere but in his own house.

Liberal Candidate of School Election.:

The air, a charter'd libertine, is still
And the mute wonder lurketh in men's ears.

Rugger Match :

Where sighs and groans and shrieks that rent the air,
Are made, not mark'd.

HOUSE NOTES.

ATHENS.

House Captains : Margaret B. Gledhill,
B. James.

Games Captains :

Senior—Anne Bentcliffe, L. Hambleton.

Junior—Patricia Law, G. Evans.

Magazine Representatives :

Pauline Barraclough, I. Bailey.

First we would like to welcome all our new friends in form one. We trust that they will be happy and worthy members of the house.

The games results for the last year were not very good. At rounders the 1st team won one match and the 2nd team two, while the senior girls were quite as unsuccessful, winning only one match. However, both junior and senior girls have made a good start in the hockey matches this year by defeating Troy. Though the junior boys have lost their rugger match, the seniors have won all three of theirs. The house was unsuccessful on sports day, and at the swimming gala, when the seniors let us down badly. But, by trying we shall at last succeed.

The house was very proud at the success it gained in last year's Deeks' Trophy Competition for our collection of wild flowers mounted in a book, though our joy was somewhat marred by our having to share the trophy with another house.

The annual Parents' Day meetings have been held again with very great success. I am sure both Miss Thompson and Mr. Smith were pleased at the great interest shown by the parents of Athenians.

We would like to wish every success to those who have left us.

P.B.



CARTHAGE.

House Captains : Margaret Jacob,
P. Shirley.

Games Captains : Rosamund Jacob,
M. L. Roberts.

Magazine Representatives :

Cynthia Powell, J. Goldthorpe.

Having started the year well by gaining the Sports Cup, Carthage forbore to load her ship with more trophies. She might well avoid any possibility of sinking, for her fourth place in the Annual Swimming Gala, denotes her swimming abilities.

Although attendance at school societies has been quite good, an overwhelming number of detentions, especially among middle-school boys, destroyed our hope of gaining the work cup this year.

At the end of last year, we were sorry to say goodbye to our House Mistress, Miss Cheney, but we extend a cordial welcome to Miss Baldwin, and to all new members of the house. We would also like to state our pride in having once more, a Carthaginian as Head Boy.

We remember with sorrow mingled with pride, the old Carthaginian, Jack Rutter, not so "old" as to be forgotten by many still in the school. His death in the submarine "Affray" is all the more tragic since he had come through the anxious days on the "Amethyst" unscathed. When he came to the Carthaginian party two years ago, we found he was the same quiet, modest person that we formerly knew, in spite of all the publicity he had been given over the Yangtse incident.

C.P.

ROME.

House Captains : Barbara Middleton,
M. Hooper.

Games Captains :

Senior—Kathleen Woollin, M. Hewitt.

Junior—Rina Kirk, G. Barnes.

Magazine Representatives :

Mary Wilkinson, P. Barker.

Games Committee :

Kathleen Ineson, F. Hooper.

In the past year, Rome has again won the Winter and Summer Games Cups, and, for the third year in succession, has been placed second in the Swimming Gala.

The awards of these cups has been merited because Rome provided three boys, F. Hooper, M. Hooper and Kirk for the school cross-country team, and five girls, Geraldine Meyers, Mary Allemby, Kathleen Woollin, Shirley Smith and Margaret Pepper for the school hockey team.

Roman attendance at school societies has been above the average. Please keep it up. In the Dramatic Society's production of "Arms and the Man," two of our sixth formers took leading parts.

We extend a hearty welcome to all first formers and hope they will do their best to maintain Rome's prestige both on and off the playing field.
P.B.

SPARTA.

House Captains : Patricia Rodgers,
K. Hill.

Games Captains :

Senior—Shirley Spencer, T. Swallow.

Junior—Glenda Hyde, A. Crookes.

Games Committee :

Patricia Rodgers, J. Darley.

Magazine Representatives :

Jean Armstrong, J. Darley.



1951 saw Sparta triumph in three spheres. For the fourth successive year we gained first place in the Swimming Gala. The Deeks Trophy we shared with Athens, and we proudly tied a blue bow round the Work Cup.

Let not these successes blind us to our failures. We were unable to regain the Sports Cup, but for this we have hopes in the future. The Games Cup, however, is further from our grasp. Perhaps the girls' large representation in the school teams is partly responsible for their inability to win house matches, but the boys cannot plead a similar excuse. So far this term, despite keen efforts, the Spartan teams have won only one match. We should like to see Sparta as successful in games as she is in the competition for the Work Cup.

We wish every success to those who left us in July. At the same time we extend a welcome to our new members, hoping they will do all they can to maintain Sparta's excellent record.
J.A.

TROY.

House Captains : Maureen Siddons,
D. D. Gray.

Games Captains :

Senior—Joyce Ardron, P. White.

Junior—Colleen Varney, A. Dunn.

Magazine Representatives :

Mavis Clifton, T. Norman.



We cannot say that Troy was really successful last year in winning cups. This does not mean that Troy has been a miserable failure.

We narrowly lost the Summer Games Cup and the Sports Cup. The loss of the latter came more as a disappointment as most of the school believed it had been won by Troy. However, this year has taught us to be good losers.

Trojans seem to be keen members of societies. Last year two Trojans, M. Bell and Hammond, took part in the school's production of "Arms and the Man." We also provided several members for the Christmas plays.

We were very sorry to lose Stuart this year. He brought credit to his house both by his cross-country triumphs and by gaining a State Scholarship. Another Trojan, D. Hill, also won an exhibition to Sheffield University.

The Trojan girls have started something new this year. They are making toys and mending old books and toys, which will be sent to a Children's Home at Christmas. We have had an excellent response so far. This has not only provided entertainment for the girls on wet dinner hours but will mean a brighter Christmas for some poor children.

We should like to send best wishes to all old Trojans and welcome new ones. We hope that all Trojans will, indeed, as the saying goes, "work like Trojans."
M.C.

TREES.

(With apologies to the writer of the song with the same title).

I think that I shall never see
Aught lovely as a pulpwood tree.
A tree that saw such noonday suns,
To end its life as "Late Green-Uns."
A tree whose girth will prove its age,
Is now naught but a scandal page.
A tree once tinged with colours ripe,
Bears now just politics or tripe.
A tree that grew so strong and solemn,
Is now reduced to a "want-ad." column.
A tree that falls before the saw,
A new school "mag." still in the raw.

B. WILBY (Upper 6 Science).

SOCIETIES and CLUBS.

THE CHOIR.

Since the last issue of the magazine, the choir has been working steadily for the two major events in its year, Speech Day and the Christmas Concert. A few members of the choir have formed a madrigal group which has appeared twice on public occasions.

On Speech Day 1951, the choir sang "When Daisies Pied" by Thomas Arne, "I know a bank" set to music by Martin Shaw, "It was a lover and his lass" by Edward German and "Song of the Pedlar" by C. Lee Williams. The contribution from the Madrigal Group consisted of "Down in a flow'ry vale," a madrigal by Festa (1541), "Sweet Kate" by Robert Jones and two madrigals by John Dowland, "Come Again" and "Awake, sweet love."

Many valuable members left us in September, to join, we hope, the choral societies of their colleges and universities. It was feared at first that this year there would be no male contribution to the choir. Some of the sixth-form boys, however, have now overcome their shyness and we shall welcome any more embryo Norman Allins or Roy Hendersons.

In the meantime, we hope to continue to charm the guides and scouts on Friday nights. We trust that the expression on the faces of the scouts who pass the Lecture Room will turn from that of pain to pleasure as we try, by persuasive means, to further their musical education.

The choir would like to thank Miss Knowles for the time that she devotes to us, and for the valuable advice that she gives.

MARY TAYLOR (Lower VI. Lit.).

THE LIBRARY.

The Fiction Library continues to meet the needs of the School, and is most popular with the "A" and "Alpha" forms of the Junior School, and the "B" and "Beta" forms of the Upper School. On the whole more pupils seem to be interested.

At the beginning of the term a special book-case was set aside with books for sixth forms only. In this case there are about eighty new books, varied in subjects from sport to economics. We hope to add more books by the end of the year.

The collection of Library twopences amounted to £5/0/0d., a record sum for the past four years.

I should like to thank, Miss Cogill, Margaret Pepper, Merril Lilley, Ruth Collens, Janet Taylor, Whitfield D., Hargreaves, Sorby, Link, and others for the gift of books, and I may add that further gifts of suitable books are always welcome.

C. I. BAILEY (Upper VI. Gen.).

SENIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

After the usual amount of fun and hard work at rehearsals the society produced Shaw's "Arms and the Man" for Easter, 1951. The play was enjoyed by everyone, especially the cast, mainly because of those little unforeseen happenings off-stage—little things like fire-extinguishers which went off at tense moments, properties which persisted in losing themselves and costumes which would not stay sewn together. All these little things go to make our plays "hectic," but thoroughly enjoyable.

In the Christmas concert we are to present two plays, one a comedy "Gossips' Glory" and the other a fiery Mexican play called "Sunday Costs Five Pesos."

During the term, our activities have been play-readings in small groups, auditions, in which we have given of our best (we hope), and rehearsals for our plays.

M. A. PEPPER (Lower VI. Lit.).

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The term started as enthusiastically as ever, and for the first few meetings we rehearsed and acted mimes. Then we worked in groups for play-readings. At our last meeting we had an invitation from the fourth-formers to watch their play "The Monkey's Paw." This was a very enjoyable evening, both for its expected and its unexpected happenings.

In the Christmas concert we are to produce a mime based on the ballet "Coppelia."

COLLEEN VARNEY (III Alpha).

MARGARET PEPPER (Lower VI. Lit.).

SIXTH FORM DISCUSSION GROUP.

Chairmen : P. Barraclough (Upper VI. Lit.), Burden (Upper VI. Sc.).

Secretaries : Daykin (Upper VI. Lit.), M. Duffield (Upper VI. Sc.).

Last year we had outstanding contributions from Stuart (Upper VI. Lit.). This year there are several thoughtful and vocal members from both Upper Sixth Science and Literary. In January, 1951, two members of Upper Sixth Lit., represented the School at the Inter-Schools Conference in London of the Council of Education in World Citizenship. The topic was "Problems in our Colonial Empire." At school we ran a series of meetings in connexion with a nation-wide competition sponsored by the "News Chronicle." Good papers were given; by Knowles on "Has Britain assumed too much responsibility for the welfare of its people?"; by Gaskill on "Will Communist China become a satellite of Soviet Russia?"; and by M. Duffield on "The Future of the British Film Industry."

Through the Group we made most interesting contacts with students at Sheffield University—a Gold Coast medical student, an Indian doing research into Metallurgy and a German from the University of Munster. Miss Joan Parkin, a former pupil of this School and a missionary returned from China, spoke to us with conviction and clarity and made more than a passing impression.

The outstanding feature of the Autumn Term of 1951, so far, has been the School General Election, sponsored by the Discussion Group. Through the energetic leadership of Burden and the useful support of the Upper School, candidates and agents for the three National Parties were forthcoming. A full scale election with vote by ballot was held. Out of 235 votes, Labour won with 144, Conservatives received 66 and the Liberals 25.

Finally, considerable appreciation is shown for the unobtrusive efforts of Form VI girls. They run the Machinery of the Group—without which it might collapse.



SCOUTS AT WHITBOURNE.

Editor's Note—We invite photographs of school activities and hope to include one in the next magazine).

SCOUTS.

“On my honour, I promise . . .” More boys than ever are joining the troop and taking the Scout Promise. Our members have grown so considerably that a fifth patrol has had to be formed.

About fifteen first-form scouts are training for Tenderfoot Badges. Every fortnight Miss Searle conducts a cookery class for the fifth formers. This domestic tuition will come in useful at the next summer camp, when the recipes will be tried out and any reactions noted. Friday night meetings are usually rounded off by a vigorous game of handball, which is governed by a minimum number of rules.

Saturday "outings," both at Stores Mill and at school, are extremely popular with the juniors.

The St. George's Day parade was this year held at Wath. About a dozen boys from our own troop attended this ceremony. The same few, almost to a man, were present at the Mexborough Camp-Fire. Too few boys seem to attend on these occasions.

In this year's Scout Gala, held at Wath swimming baths, we finished second to Wath St. James'.

During the last week in July we camped at Whitbourne, in Herefordshire. It proved a highly successful and enjoyable week. Great emphasis was placed on musical entertainment, during the evenings. On two occasions each patrol was called upon to entertain and they did so very successfully. Hickling was chosen from a large number of competitors as the winner of the "hayseed," by virtue of his comical rendering of "There was an old farmer who had an old sow."

Malcolm Hooper was chosen, along with four other scouts, to represent this area at the World Jamboree in Austria this summer.

B. CLAYTON (V.A.)

GUIDES.

The Guides have had a very successful year. There are more seniors than usual and the new recruits are very keen.

Since we have so many Guides we have introduced a new patrol, the Scarlet Pimpernels, who won the first Patrol Challenge for a Photograph of Lord Baden Powell. Since then two more competitions on Guide work have been held.

In the Summer Term, Miss Cornish took a party of Guides hiking in Derbyshire. They had an eventful day walking around Hope and Castleton and visiting some of the caves.

Several of the Fourth-Form guides are working hard for their First Class badge which they hope to gain in the summer.

MARY WILKINSON (Upper VI. Sc.).

WENDY WOOD (Upper VI. L.).

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Junior Literary Society has not been quite the same since the Fourth (now Fifth)-Formers were compelled to leave us owing to their advancing years, but we are now "getting on our feet again." We have had several new second-form members, who are now beginning to understand that the more they take part, the more they enjoy themselves.

A meeting enjoyed by all was a debate on the motion that "It is better to be fat than to be thin," when we were told by the seconder of the opposition that fat freezes quickly, and therefore does not attract heat. I think the most amusing object we had when a session of four objects was held was "a super machine for squashing super-sized supersonic wasps." There was much argument in "Any Questions" about a rocket reaching the moon. Our worthy chairman showed great interest in this, and went as far as to write to Radio Luxemburg for the correct facts.

The chief speakers have been Link, Rees, Wallis, Dudley, Rina Kirk and June Furr. On behalf of the society, I wish to thank Mr. Smith and Miss Baldwin for their very valuable help, and I hope they enjoy attending our meetings as much as we appreciate their presence with us.

G. CAPENER (III Alpha).

ART CLUB.

Last term members enjoyed working for the school Speech Day and Festival Exhibition. It was much to their gain. Work took the form of relief-models, maps, figure-models and lettering.

During the Christmas term the type of work has included sketching lino-cutting, painting and folder-making. The atmosphere during our Saturday morning meetings is still and silent compared with the dinner-hour meetings in the week. This, I must confess, is due to a number of our so-called members, who use the club to escape Wath's wintry air.

It is to be regretted that the main interest is shown by members of the middle school. We know that the sixth form are busy people, but we feel that some excursion into wider activities, such as those provided in the Art Club, might broaden their outlook. It would make a beneficial change, both to them and the society, if the club could see more of our senior school artists.

I might add, that we also feel that the Art Club has not recently proved to the school its worth, or revealed its more personal gifts and talents, but this will be remedied in the near future as we hope to hold an exhibition of members' work.

ANNE NEAL (Lower VI. Gen.).

THE SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

Regular meetings of the Senior Society have been held this term. Interesting papers have been given, although the series has tended to be more scientific than literary. We hope to remedy this defect in the rest of the session, so that a more balanced programme can be arranged.

The first meeting took the form of an interchange of holiday experiences, and included accounts of a visit to Fingal's Cave, mishaps in the Lake District, the odd behaviour of a stoat, and what it is like to broadcast from a B.B.C. studio.

At the next meeting, Hooper M., (Upper VI. Sc.), gave an account of the Austrian Jamboree, and showed us photographs and momentos which he had brought back.

Hill's paper on Qualitative Analysis was commendably lucid and not entirely beyond the understanding of the Literary people !

Beresford and Smith then gave a paper on Nickel, followed a week later, by a discussion on the recent changes in Education.

Seago's paper on "Insect Life" was very much enjoyed by everyone, as was Hill's paper on "Printing as a Hobby."

The Society confidently looks forward to the rest of an interesting programme.

JANET NIX (Lower VI. Lit.).

NOTEWORTHY OCCASIONS.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held this year on Wednesday, July 11th. After the National Anthem, the chairman, Councillor T. Winkle, welcomed parents and friends, and the School Choir sang four Shakespearian songs set to music by British composers. Mr. Ritchie, in his annual report on the school's progress, commented on the record number of university successes gained by former pupils. The Madrigal choir then sang four Elizabethan songs.

The presentation of certificates by Mrs. N. R. Tempest was followed by a very interesting address by N. R. Tempest, Esq., M.A., M.Ed. In the course of his remarks he compared education today with that of 1851. A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor E. Wainwright and seconded by Councillor E. Cooper. The proceedings ended in the traditional manner with the singing of the school song.

MARY S. WILKINSON (Upper VI. Sc.).

THE WEST RIDING ORCHESTRA.

On October 25th, the West Riding Orchestra visited the school and gave a most enjoyable concert, in the morning to the junior school, and in the afternoon to the senior school.

We were all very pleased to have the opportunity of hearing Miss Mary Worth sing and we hope that she will visit us again soon.

Mr. Pratt conveyed the feeling of us all in thanking Miss Worth, Mr. Mason and the orchestra for a most delightful programme which suited all tastes. We hope that there will be many more similar concerts to come.

MARY TAYLOR (Lower VI. Lit.).

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE.

The 1951 Conference was held at Mexborough Grammar School on the 2nd and 3rd of July. This was a longer period than usual but the extra time was appreciated by the forty pupils present. We met in the School library and the subject of the Conference was "The Orb and the Cross—Two Kingdoms or One?" The very able speaker was the Rev. C. A. Auckland, B.D., Vicar of Maltby, who gave a series of three talks.

The first of these was given on Monday morning and had as its title "The World's Power." Mr. Auckland gave us many ideas which we later talked over in small discussion groups. Lunch followed, and then we visited Mexborough Parish Church, where Mr. Watkinson, the Mexborough Headmaster, pointed out many objects of historical interest.

The afternoon's talk was on "The Condition of Man" and again there followed interesting discussion in our small groups. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Watkinson for the enjoyable tea which ended our first day.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Auckland talked to us about "The Orb and the Cross," and after lively discussion, he summed up his three addresses and obligingly answered the numerous questions we asked him. After lunch we returned to Wath, having thoroughly enjoyed the conference. We thank our hosts for their helpfulness and we regret that Mr. Ritchie was unable to attend.

JEAN ARMSTRONG (Upper VI. L.).

THE SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

A Speech Day Exhibition seems to have become a tradition with us, and, this being Festival Year, it was decided to focus attention upon some of the interesting and typical features of our district. Possibly one of the most successful items from this point of view was the collection of photographs taken specially for the Exhibition by senior boys. Of a similar nature were a dozen paintings by members of VI General, which though not true in detail were so in spirit, with their representations of pits, ploughed fields and fish and chip shops. The biologists produced a collection of local flora and fauna, some of the latter attracting attention because of their bloodthirsty ferocity. History, of course, was well to the fore, ranging in time from Roman remains, via Conisborough Castle and Monk Bretton Priory of which there were scale models, up to 1851 costumes, made by the girls, and amusing photographs of old Wath. Nor was the modern side neglected. Wath Hump and its electrification and the new high-tension cables were explained, and the Upper VI. Sc. arranged an exhibit showing the uses of the energy obtained from a pound of coal,

the latter being ingeniously inserted, ship-like, into a bottle. Other items covered school activities such as the Scout and harvest camps, the VI Form visits to Malham, and pictures of the home town of our German visitors. Generally the Exhibition was well received, indeed some of Wath's U.D. Councillors were so impressed that, at their request, much of it was shown at the Empire Hall as part of Wath's Festival activities.

FOURTH-FORM VISIT TO YORK, JUNE, 1951.

On June 16th a party from the Fourth Form, accompanied by Miss Killoch, Miss Disley and Mr. Prendergast, visited York. The city was in the midst of its Festival fortnight and we were lucky to be able to see some of the special Festival attractions.

We first of all visited the Minster, and, climbing up the famous Lantern Tower, obtained a very good view of the surrounding country. We proceeded to the Treasurer's House, where we saw many old and valuable exhibits, and then walked to the banks of the River Ouse, where we had lunch. A regatta was in progress and we dined to the rhythm of "ins" and "outs."

After dinner we visited the Railway Museum. There, we were allowed to climb into the cabins of some of the famous engines which have been built since the 1860's.

We visited the Shambles and then went to the Castle Museum, one of the best in the country, and learnt history in the best and most interesting way. Among the larger exhibits we saw a Jacobean living-room, a collection of old-fashioned fire-places, and a full-size model of several streets of the 19th century, complete with shops, cabs, penny-farthings, street lamps, a horse-trough, and even stuffed sparrows in the gutter. It can most certainly be said of this museum that it has something to interest everyone.

We ended our enjoyable day with a trip on the river and when, after a last look round the old city, we set off on our homeward journey, I for my part, firmly resolved to visit York again.

J. LAW (VA.).

MY HOLIDAY IN GERMANY.

On the 26th July, we set off, Brigitte back to her home and I on my first trip to another country. We travelled via London, the Hook of Holland and Cologne where at midnight we saw the great cathedral nearby, tall and erect reaching up to the dark sky. We went on to Weidenau and Brigitte's joyful reunion with her four sisters and grandparents.

For the next few days I had to get used to eating a large amount of spiced sausage and having a meal at 7.0 p.m. instead of 4.0 p.m. There was no tea to drink but only coffee which did not taste at all like ours. As I walked along the streets I was surprised to notice how many girls wore embroidered aprons over their dresses, and gaily coloured three-quarter socks. It was interesting to see the number of boys who instead of wearing long trousers wore short leather ones. On asking if all houses had three or four families in them, I was informed that there were very few "one-family houses" as they are called.

As I arrived at the end of their summer term I was able to attend the girls' grammar school for two days only. I found, rather to my discomfort, that school starts at 8.0 a.m. but finishes at 1.0 p.m. with a short break when the girls eat sandwiches. However, I saw that the discipline is much stricter than ours. Whenever a pupil speaks to a master or mistress or is spoken to by one, she stands up. There are seven forms but they start in the seventh form and work up to the first. The lessons are practically the same as ours except that pupils study three foreign languages and as there is no school field there are no school games.

During my visit to Bonn and Koblenz on the Rhine, to a girls' youth camp and several country villages, I found everyone extremely helpful and friendly. I owe many happy friendships to the school exchange system which enables us to become friends with people of another nationality.

PEGGY SANDERSON (IV.A.)

PARIS — EASTER, 1951.

We never really believed in Victor Hugo's view that life is composed of contrasts until Easter, 1951. Then we saw for ourselves, "le grotesque a cote du sublime" and both "le tragique et le comique" side by side "Le grotesque" included Paris traffic, French plumbing, dandelions in salads, the atmosphere of the elephant house at Vincennes Zoo and a three-hour wait on our arrival at Gare St. Lazare. But these minor inconveniences were more than counteracted by "le sublime": Notre Dame, the view from la Tour Eiffel, "les jets d'eau dans l'ombre" at the Palais de Chaillot, and, we are assured by the boys, the beer at Sainte Croise. (We at Auteil had water—"le laid existe a cote du beau"). "Le comique" accompanied "le tragique"—Wilky met "Wilfred" and D. waved farewell to "Camels," Miss Thompson's fourposter raised a laugh and the departure of the boys from St. Lazare in lorries almost raised a tear.

Apart from these sharp contrasts, however, our stay in Paris included a large number of more average activities. A wet Versailles still remained beautiful, and Malmaison still echoed Napoleon. Even the invasion of scores of twentieth century barbarians rending "pain sec" and stabbing ineffectively at "fromage inconnu" failed to rouse Versailles' Neptune. Both "Carmen" and the Opera Comique entranced an audience still breathless from the Fire Services' display of gymnastics and tactics. (Our girls only arrived, thanks to Miss Thompson's

persuasive tactics applied to the controllers of the improvised public transport). At other times though the persuasion could still hold sway, the transport was not always there to be persuaded—so we walked. Considerable amounts of shoe leather were worn out in the Champs Elysees and the Bois de Boulogne. There the Cascades, the baseball and the racing held great attraction for many. (One would even get lost among the onlookers).

Only one broken case-handle resulted from a mad rush across London, a hasty meal and an almost missed train. On the way back to Doncaster our high spirits finally sank to a subdued acceptance of normal life for another year. Time will never take away from us the happy memories of our holiday abroad, nor will the debt of gratitude which we owe to our staff ever be fully paid. We only hope that they enjoyed it as much as we did. We had been abroad for the first time, struggled with an alien language in a foreign land, learned something of France and even of our own country by comparison. For—

“What should they know of England
Who only England know?”

MARGARET B. GLEDHILL (Upper VI. Lit.).

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Just pause for a moment,
Just think for a change
On the language of England ;
You'll admit it is strange.
First take the pronouns,
'He,' 'his' and 'him,'
Now imagine the feminine,
'She,' 'shis' and 'shim.'
This alone is a puzzle to one who would try
To our language some logic or rule to apply.
Then take the word "goose";
Now the plural is "geese,"
But the plural of "moose"
Could never be "meese."
Why stand by this language ?
Why write things so strange ?
Because child's—I mean, children,
It just will not change.

B. MIDDLETON (Upper VI. Gen.).

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Blue and green,
Gray and cream ;
Flash and glare,
Spark and flare ;
Men and boys,
Ladders, noise—
PAINT.

Paint tin, brush,
Worry, fuss ;
Banging clatter,
Nerves a-shatter ;
Blowlamps burn,
Senses turn—
PAINT.

Mystery ? No ! Just the redecoration of the school !!!

J. ARMSTRONG (Upper VI. Lit.).

**TO COMMEMORATE THE STAFF v. SCHOOL HOCKEY
MATCH (19th March, 1951) with apologies to Longfellow.**

Wath girls' first team took on staff team,
Seized their sticks around the handle,
Firmly gripped them round the handle,
Waiting with anticipation.
They had on their shorts and jerseys,
Fine they looked in shorts and jerseys,
Neat they looked in shorts and jerseys,
Ready for the vital tussle.
Then the staff began to march out,
First, in two's, the masters filed out,
First came Schofield, large of stature,
Followed by his comrade, Freestone,
Padded up was gallant Freestone,
For his task was chief defender.
There he stood inside the goalmouth.
Many folks besieged the goalmouth,
Falling, shooting in that goalmouth
When the game was under way.
Then Miss Baldwin, English Mistress,
Took the field with hesitation.
What had caused her hesitation ?
Had she need for hesitation ?
Soon the answer was apparent.
Round the corner came Miss Cornish,
She was centre-half and captain,
By the common choice was captain,
And adorned in gay apparel,
To the field must lead the way.
Now the rest came, seven in number,
Waiting only for the whistle,
Shrilly-calling, fateful whistle.
Soon the game was well in progress,
Soon our forwards reached the goalmouth,
Muddy, sticky, crowded goalmouth,
But were soon sent back defending.
Then inspired, the noble staff team,
Bulky, eager, able staff team,
Put two goals in, two smart goals in.
What a finish, how they cheered them—
Age had conquered—won the day !

P. BARKER (Upper VI. Lit.).

PARIS (after Wordsworth).

A taxi-cab that quickly passes by
Over the bridge, wide boulevards with trees
Swaying, a bird's song floating in the breeze,
The Eiffel Tower reaching to the sky—

I have thought of all by turns ; the sights of gay
"Paris," the book-stalls by the care-free Seine
I conjure ; sweet memories have I once again
Of that French river and its winding way ;

The out-door cafes with cakes, liqueur and wine,
Which anyone can buy, not using stealth.
'Tis here the scholars, poets and artists dine.
Without Her what is all the country's wealth ?
Live and be happy, still more radiant shine,
Dear city of fresh thoughts and joyous health.

MARJORIE HANSON (Upper VI. G.).

CIVICS.

(A frantic appeal to all Sixth-formers).

I like Civics. When I go to Civics I am free to expound on the countless original theories which have been boiling up inside me for years. When I first came to this school I was gently persuaded into submission. From time to time I would try to speak out. I never succeeded. The time arrived when our discussions developed into a routine. I would set the ball rolling with the accepted opening—

"Please, sir !"

"Yes ?" My heart would leap at such an encouraging opening.

"Wouldn't it be better to"

"I doubt it."

Crushed, I invariably returned to a sitting position, mentally mutinous.

Now all is changed ; one period every Friday morning is devoted to the task of setting free my fettered soul. The process is slow but sure and goes by the name of Civics.

I have seen people go to Civics and sit staring into space without saying a single word from beginning to end. I am writing this appeal to them.

Fellow Sixth-formers, are we men or mice? (no comments, please). Arise and set your burdened heart free. Now is the time.

J. WARDLE (Upper VI. Sc.).

"A SOLILOQUY."

(With apologies to "Hamlet").

To pass, or not to pass, that is the question,
Whether 'tis nobler in the field to dribble
The ball and try to net it on one's own,
Or to pass it into a sea of players,
And by so doing lose it? To stop, to hit
Again, and by this hit to strive to end
The heartache and the thousand natural shocks,
Our team is suffering, it is a hope,
Devoutly to be wished. To stop, to strike,
To strike, perchance to score, ay, there's the joy;
For in that glorious hour what thrill may come.
That we have struck the ball into the net
Must give us joy; there's the honour
That makes all the weariness worth while;
For who would bear the puffs and pants of chase,
The opponent's strength, the bruised legs and feet,
The clothes all damp with sweat, and shoes mud-caked,
Unless we are rewarded by the glow
Of victory we have fought to gain,
Or at least, if we are conquered, we have honour
In defeat?

K. INESON (Upper VI. Sc.).

THE DEFEATED LOBSTER.

A lobster who sat on the shore
Was tenderly nursing his jaw;
The shrimps were so tough,
He had had quite enough,
When he'd eaten up seventy-four.

JEAN SMITH (Form I.A.).

PORTRAIT OF A SCHOOLMASTER.

(With apologies to Chaucer).

A worthy scolemastre was ther biside,
His counseils ever were his scholars gyde,
But of his wrath the children were aferd,
And miscreants behaved when he appeerd.
Ful well he taughte them English and Latyn,
And for hir grucching cared he not a pyn.
And sangwyn was he of complexioun,
A signe of health in his opinioun.
Full forty yeer of age he was I gesse,
But yet it may be more or may be lesse.
Nowher so worthy a man as he ther nas
Or one had seyn so muchel come and pas.

MERREL LILLEY (Upper VI. Lit.).

CLIMATE AND THE EXTINCTION OF BUTTERFLIES.

The extinction of a butterfly in an area where it was once common is a phenomenon which gives rise to much interesting speculation.

One of the chief causes of extinction is believed to be a climatic change, for it is known that butterflies are very susceptible during their late larval stages and their early pupal stages to changes of temperature and humidity. Such changes have evidently taken place recently for during the Fram expedition in 1893-95 the average thickness of the polar ice was estimated at 365 cms. while in 1937-40 the Sedov expedition, which drifted over the same route, gave the average thickness as 218 cms. Recently two fossil ice islands in the Saptev Sea have totally disappeared and between 1924-42 the area of drift ice has been reduced by about a million square kilometres. Arctic fish and fowl have moved north with these changes and so it is probable that northern butterflies requiring a cool climate would become extinct in their southern habitats as in the case of the Scotch Argus which has become extinct in all but two of its habitats in northern England. If this explanation of extinction were correct, then it would be reasonable to assume that other species, finding the north less cold than before, would tend to move north. This, indeed, has been the case for the Peacock Butterfly has extended its range to the Hebrides, the Comma Butterfly to the Scottish border, and *Plusia moneta*, a moth which suddenly arrived in England about 1890, to Aberdeen.

J. H. SEAGO (Lower VI. Sc.).

“ ON WESTMINSTER BRIDGE — 1951.”

Earth has not anything to show more fair,
Dull would be he of mind that could not grasp
The vital changes made as the century passed.
“The South Bank Exhibition” standing there,
With eighteen fifty one doth well compare.
Young, small, old and grey, all come to see
Wonders unfolded—our Dome of Discovery ;
All bright and glittering in the cloudless air,
It stands undaunted and our hope sustains.
In its first splendour, the skylon’s work of skill
Proclaims the British craftsman still retains
His vision, purpose and indomitable will ;
This ancient island’s spirit yet remains
To lead the world in bold adventure still.

(Wordsworth refuses to accept any responsibility for any resemblance the above may have to any of his works).

MAVIS CLAFTON (Upper VI. Sc.).

BLACKBERRIES.

One day in August when I passed by,
I saw some blackberry flowers, small and shy.
When the petals were in the ditch below,
Little green knobs began to show.
Eagerly I watched them day by day,
And I saw them redden on every spray.
The sun shone on them all day through,
And they turned to purple and grew and grew.
Now they are black and juicy and sweet,
Ready for me to pick and to eat.

PAMELA JENKINSON (Form II.A.).

NOVEMBER THE FIFTH.

Snowdrop and Fairy Fountain,
Roman Candles shooting high,
Catherine Wheels and Golden Rain
Light the dark November sky.

J.A. (IV. Alpha).

CURATE'S EGG.

"Whew ! they've gone. Now, I have the house to myself. Plenty of time for homework. No need to start yet !" Such were the remarks of the second and third formers, on the night of the 23rd October, when their parents had departed—destination Wath Grammar School. But for all their supposed sighs of relief, they were uneasily wondering if "Miss So-and-So" would tell about "such and such" a thing, or if "Mr. _____" would remember "_____." As the time crept up to 9.30 p.m., the little "ANGELS" quietly left the kettle steaming on the hob, and the table set for supper, and furtively slipped upstairs to their own private abodes, trembling with pleasant and not so pleasant anticipation.

JOAN HOBSON (III.A.).

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We would like to congratulate that near genius who cast the parts for the staff play so excellently. We recalled how many times before we have heard Thomas Mendip roaring in dismay, not at the futility of life, but at our inability to cope with the mysteries of the French language. How often, too, we have heard Tappercoom pronouncing judgment upon our scripture essays. How pleasant it was to hear the caustic remarks of Humphrey and Nicholas directed at each other instead of at our Algebra and English Grammar.

There was, however, an exception which we are bound to point out. Never yet have we seen our P.T. master a victim of catarrh, or for that matter, so little the master of his faculties as to suppose he had joined "the blessed saints."

J. H. GOLDTHORPE (Upper VI. Lit.).

The stadium was packed to capacity. The two contestants entered the ring. Everything was quiet as the master of ceremonies announced the bout, "This is a contest for the junior championship of Wath-upon-Dearne Grammar School," he said. Then the two contestants shook hands and made ready for a gruelling contest of skill and strength. One raised his hand, took aim and struck. There was a resounding crack. There, lying shattered on the school field, was his opponent's conker.

COX (III.A.).

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Elia at the House Parties.

Remove those blackboards and registers—grim reminders of past days of toil! Come, you haughty seniors—make fools of yourselves for once. Well might you say, "I have touched the very base-string of humility," but what matter?

I love these parties—the greatest of levellers. Look at staid old P——— engaging a dusty junior in a bout of snatch-cap—the little rascal is no doubt avenging himself for that last imposition. You doubt it, reader? Come then to the party! All are welcome—come and see these strange wonders for yourself.

J.H.G (Upper VI. Lit.).

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A most interesting place is by the mirror in the girls' cloakroom. Anyone may learn many interesting facts from the conversations that take place there. However, the mirror is not merely a place for conversation and if one is observant one may witness many interesting episodes. Perhaps a curl will not go in place, or maybe some-one's plaits insist on sticking out like peggy-feet. A woman's comb is her weapon, and she will not relinquish it until every hair is in place. If only the mirror could talk, what tales it could tell!

ANN YOUNG (III.A.).

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The dull, grey landscape was cluttered here and there with a few specimens of the weaker sex. Their dejected expressions suggested that they had lost all joy in their masculine existence.

Suddenly they were transfixed to the spot. In growing awe and wonder they stared at the gay, assured, dazzling array floating towards them.

Had these males been transported to Elysium, or had fashionable Society suddenly decided to hold a more prosaic local Ascot?

Neither. The boys of Wath Grammar School sheepishly glanced at their unpressed flannels, and self-consciously straightened their ties. What competition could they offer to these dazzling creatures, their female contemporaries? Obviously none. The girls had certainly asserted themselves, and the new summer dresses were a shock from which the battered males took some time to recover.

(*Editor's Note* : The writer not unnaturally prefers to remain anonymous. HER reason? Certainly not humility).

As I have noticed the great fondness for talking shown by certain sections of the school, I have therefore started a "Learn the Correct Way to Talk Institute."

But, oh horrors ! At the first Wednesday night lesson, I found that my pupils did not know the correct posture when chatting. However, after a few lessons, they now know how to lean on a desk, chair, wall, window-sill, blackboard, or friend. The male pupils quickly learnt how to stand with hands in pockets. Now everyone at the L.C.W.T.I. will proceed to the second part of the course on—How to pronounce words—(Thomas Mendip helps here).

K.F.W. (III.A.).

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The brightest moment in the school election was supplied by the Liberal candidate. Quite rightly he stressed the housing shortage. In measured tones and mounting indignation he declaimed, "Many couples have been married four, five . . . (here he paused for effect) . . . nay seven . . ." "Times," suggested his auditors and rocked with mirth. "Years," shouted the candidate, but his effect was ruined.

"This is indeed disastrous," he continued, and once more his audience shook with mirth—but not at the plight of the homeless.

LIFE IN THE SUDAN.

The Editor regrets that he cannot include the whole of a most interesting letter from Mrs. Cole-Stokes (Catherine Larvan, 1936-43) now with her husband at Bakht er Ruda in the Sudan, 120 miles south of Khartoum across the desert.

"This desert," writes Catherine, "is not that of popular imagination . . . but a waste of dull grey-brown dust with a few scrubby trees here and there. Mirages are quite common in this stretch . . . You seem to be completely surrounded by vast misty sheets of water which waver and recede as you approach ; no houses or trees are seen unless they actually do exist . . .

"Bakht er Ruda is situated in quite a pleasant spot on the west bank of the White Nile . . . There are a few trees (my favourite being an acacia which flowers most of the year and is heavy now with gay, fluffy, golden balls . . .), cultivation plots where cotton is grown, and the British gardens. We struggle endlessly against a variety of insects and insufficiency of water to produce a few fresh vegetables and flowers to brighten the monotonous landscape . . . The gardens are watered through tiny irrigation canals, a source of the dreadful disease, bilharzia . . .

"Life out here is slow and pleasant. At first the slow tempo bored me, but now I prefer it. Time means nothing to the Sudanese ; 'now' might be 'tomorrow,' 'tomorrow' might be 'next year' perhaps."

The nearest town Dueim, a collection of mud houses, is two miles away and has a cinema where the audience "yells" its approval or disapproval. Catherine enjoys visiting schools with her husband who is an 'Inspector of Handwork.' "The people of Kawa, as almost

everywhere in the Sudan, are very hospitable, and as they see so few white people we were a great attraction and crowds of small children gathered everywhere we went. Jeremy, our small son, then not three was the 'star turn.' When we visited the native market we found ourselves rushed into shops, pushed on to chairs and presented with glasses of mint tea or dainty bowls of 'gebena' coffee. We were never pressed to buy; on the contrary, as we left we were often given some small gift."

Catherine was impressed by the beautiful embroidery, mostly in minute cross-stitch, done in the girls' school.

"The most exciting visit . . . was to Abba Island, home of Sir Sayed Ab El Rahman El Mahid Pasha, posthumous son of *the* Mahdi . . . When we 'did' the Mahdia in history at school it seemed very far in the past, but out here it is spoken of as yesterday . . ."

Catherine tells of a journey of over a thousand miles up the White Nile to very primitive people, the "lush greenery" of Juba and the multi-coloured birds and butterflies near the Belgian Congo border. At Yambio she was startled to find pine-apples "growing up from the ground like cauliflowers. We even had strawberries . . ." Her breakfast, provided by a missionary, "consisted of sardines on toast, corn-flakes, fresh fruit salad, tinned sausages, bacon and egg, salami sausage, liquorice allsorts and a glass of beer . . . in that order."

After a severe attack of malaria she visited Lerwa on the top of a nearby peak—"one of the loveliest places I have ever seen, and to add to its pleasures it was really COLD . . ."

During these travels she enjoyed the native dancing. A few dancers still wore "the full kilted skirt of bark cloth and a tall steeple-like headdress." She was amused by a choir leader who "ad libbed somewhat in the style of a Jamaican calypso, and sang, so we were told, rather a rude song about the curious 'Ingleesi'—us !" and most of all she liked "a spontaneous gay song and dance by Acholi women, who, as we stopped our car, left their work in the fields to perform out of sheer good spirits—and perhaps the hope of 'baksheesh'."

For the three months of the rainy season at Bakht er Ruda they are "cut off from the world by a sea of mud." but by the end of October they have pleasant mild weather until March "like that of a warm English Spring."

GAMES.

TENNIS.

1st Couple.

O. Davies (Capt.).

G. Meyers.

2nd Couple.

P. Rodgers.

A. Haigh.

3rd Couple.

B. Hough.

M. Allembly.

The tennis teams had a very successful season. The first team, upholding the tradition of last season, won all their six matches, against Hemsworth, Goole, Thorne, and Mexborough. The second team played five matches, losing only to Thorne.

We would like to thank umpires, ball-girls and all who have helped in any way with matches.

P. A. RODGERS (Upper VI. Lit.).

ROUNDERS

The First Team was chosen from :—

S. Warren, S. Hallet, J. Bradley (*Capt.*), I. Gardner, K. Woollin, S. Spencer, J. Snowden, S. Smith, M. Pepper.

Seven games were won, one drawn and one lost by the First Team ; the Second Team won six and lost two.

All team members extend their thanks to Miss Cornish and Miss Ward for their coaching.

JANET BRADLEY (Upper VI. Gen.).

CRICKET.

The First Team was chosen from the following :—

Jones (*Captain*), Knowles, Wilks, Greenhow, Pownall, L., Pickerill, Pownall, T., Hill D., Scott, Shirley, Needham, Gaskill, Roberts, Peace, Hooper, M.

The record reads : Games played 7 ; Won 4 ; Lost 3.

The matches with Mexborough and the Old Boys were rained off.

Results :—

- v. Barnsley (*away*). Won by 3 wickets.
- v. De La Salle (*home*). Won by 2 runs.
- v. Thorne (*away*). Won by 15 runs. School 85 ; Thorne 74 (Wilks 5 for 35).
- v. Mexborough (*away*). Lost by 1 wicket. School 81 ; Mexbro' 89 for 9 (Wilks 4 for 31).
- v. Mexborough (*home*). Won by 3 wickets. School 36 for 7 ; Mexborough 35 (Knowles 7 for 14).
- v. Hemsworth (*away*). Lost by 148 runs. School 53 ; Hemsworth 202. (Greenhow 21 ; Knowles 5 for 64).
- v. Hemsworth (*home*). Lost by 48 runs. School 19 ; Hemsworth 67 (Shirley 7 for 28).

None of the school batsmen had a successful season but Shirley, Knowles, Wilkes, bowled creditably.

The Staff Team again defeated the Prefects. Staff 110 (Mr. Spencer 45) ; Prefects 62 (Mr. Atkinson 4 for 29 ; Mr. Richardson 4 for 11.)

Full colours were awarded to Jones, Knowles, Greenhow. Half colours to Wilks, Pickerill, Pownall, L.

The Under 14 team played six games—winning against Thorne (*away*) and losing to De La Salle (*at home*), Thorne (*home*), Mexborough (*away*), Hemsworth (*home and away*).

The team improved in keenness and ability during the season and were unlucky to lose several closely-contested games.

The following played in at least three games :—

The following played in at least three games : Stables (*Captain*), Worton, Copping, Uttley, Winter, Law, Silcock B., Caldwell, Crooks, Skinner, Wood, Winder, Barnes.

THE SCHOOL AND INTER-SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

This year's school cross-country race was much more closely contested than last year's, although the result was never in doubt. Once again Stuart (Troy) came home first, with Beresford (Carthage) second, and Gray (Troy) close behind him third. The team placings were as follows: Troy, 1st; Rome 2nd, Carthage 3rd, Sparta 4th, and Athens 5th.

The inter-school cross-country race was held on the Mexborough course at Barnborough. The school team—Stuart (*Captain*), Hooper, F., Hooper, M., Weston, Kirk, Peace, Gray and Beresford—ran well to retain the shield. The race was run at a very fast pace and, after following a member of the Thorne team for most of the race, Stuart passed him to gain his second inter-school victory in two years. Other positions taken by the team were: Gray 5th, Hooper F. 7th, Beresford 8th, Peace 13th, Weston 20th, Kirk 25th and Hooper, M. 28th.

In all, forty runners, representing five schools, competed and the results were as follows: Wath 1st, Mexborough 2nd, Thorne 3rd, Goole 4th, and Maltby 5th.

J. M. BERESFORD (Upper VI. Sc.).

SPORTS DAY.

This year the Sports, which were held on Thursday, May 3rd, 1951, were so very closely contested that many people went away thinking that Troy had won, but actually Carthage had won with 292½ points to Troy's 289.

Records broken were:—

- Girls.** Group II. Relay—Carthage in 59.1 secs.
Throwing the rounders ball—E. Cooper (Rome), 170 ft.
- Group I. Relay—Rome in 63.7 secs.
Throwing the rounders ball—L. Carter (Sparta),
154 ft. 4½ ins.
- Boys.** Group IV. 440 yds.—Greenhow (Troy), 56.7 secs.
Mile—Stuart (Troy), 4 mins. 59.4 secs.
Long Jump—Shirley (Carthage), 20 ft. 2½ ins.
- Group III. 330 Yards—Hambleton (Athens), 43.5 secs.
880 Yards—Fisher (Carthage), 2 mins. 23.8 secs.
Putting the Shot—Fisher (Carthage), 39 ft. 1½ ins.
- Group II. Long Jump—Dunn (Troy), 15 ft. 2½ ins.
- Group I. Relay—Carthage in 63.1 secs.

In the Girls' Group III Hurdles, J. Brewitt (Rome) equalled the record of 13 seconds.

J. M. BERESFORD (Upper VI. Sc.).

HOCKEY.

The 1950-51 season ended rather unsuccessfully. The First XI once again took part in the Sheffield Tournament, but unfortunately did not reach the semi-finals.

Perhaps the most eventful match of the season was the one against a mixed Staff XI. The whole school turned out to watch this enthusiastic game, which resulted in a win for the Staff by two goals to one. Everyone left the field, rather tired, rather bruised, but very cheerful. It is hoped that the Staff will be willing to give this year's team a chance to avenge last year's defeat.

The 1951-52 season began as last season ended, but there is time for improvement. The First XI play well individually but appear to lack the team spirit, which has proved so valuable in the Second and Junior XI's. All team members have shown a great deal of enthusiasm, and it is hoped that this will ultimately bring success.

Results :

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
v. Barnsley High School	Drew 2—2	Won 9—0
v. Doncaster Convent	Lost 0—2	Won 3—1
v. Barnsley High School	Won 4—2	Won 3—0
v. Penistone Grammar	Lost 2—4	Won 4—2
v. Thorne Grammar	Lost 4—5	Won 3—2
v. Ecclesfield Grammar	Won 4—2	Won 7—0
v. Barnsley Grammar	Lost 2—3	Won 3—1
v. Mexborough Grammar	Won 4—0	Won 9—0
v. Doncaster Convent	Drew 4—4	Won 10—1

MARJORIE DUFFIELD (Upper VI. Sc.).

RUGBY.

In 1951-52, the 1st XV played 14 games, won 11, drew 1, lost 2.
 2nd XV " 10 " " 7 " " 1 " "
 under 15 XV " 12 " " 6 " " 5 "

Colours were awarded as follows : **Re-awards** : Hill, D., Greenhow ; **New awards** : Hill, K. H. T., Fearnley, Jones, Stuart, Shirley, Wardle ; **Half-Colours** : Peace, Burkinshaw, Davies, Jenkinson, Knowles, Wilby, Haigh, Gaskell, Pownall, L., Fletcher, Hooper, M., Hooper, F., Beresford, Wilks, Gray.

1952.

Burkinshaw, ably assisted by Shirley, is leading a fairly strong First XV. The backs are slightly faster than last year's but rely more on orthodox passing. There is an excellent team-spirit shown by backs who even volunteer to hook. The scrum, with stalwarts Wardle and Fisher, is strong. Often, however, the team is not allowed much rope by the second XV forwards in practices. Burden, the captain of the 2nds, has a keen set who frequently show more rugby ideas than the 1sts.

The under 15 XV are improving week by week. There is bound to be tremendous keenness when Ulyyott, Clements and Royston lead this team.

1st XV Games :

v. Sheffield University 'B' (home)	Won 15—3
v. Rotherham 'A' (home)	Won 14—0
v. Thorne (home)	Drew 3—3
v. Morley (away)	Won 9—0
v. Old Boys (home)	Lost 6—16

2nd XV :

v. Sheffield Tigers (away)	Lost 5—14
v. Rotherham 'B' (away)	Won 14—5
v. Thorne (home)	Won 8—0
v. Sheffield R.U.F.C. (home)	Drew 0—0

Under 15 XV :

v. Barnsley (away)	Won 8—3
v. Sheffield Schools (away)	Lost 6—11
v. Rotherham Schools (home)	Won 14—3
v. Thorne (home)	Won 6—3

SWIMMING GALA.

The fourth Annual Swimming Gala was held at the Public Baths, Wath-upon-Dearne, on Tuesday, July 17th, 1951.

"A very enjoyable evening" was the verdict of the large crowd of spectators, although a few of them had their enthusiasm damped by the splashes of the more energetic swimmers. This year, although Sparta triumphed once more, the Gala was more evenly contested. The excellent efforts of the tireless Athenian and Roman juniors were nullified by the much weaker efforts of their seniors. The final results were : (1) Sparta, 111 points ; (2) Rome, 103 points ; (3) Athens, 99 points ; (4) Carthage, 85 points ; (5) Troy, 65 points.

Once again a few local Spartans, helped by certain stalwarts of the Staff, erected and dismantled the seating accommodation. J.D.

OLD WATHONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

The highlight of the year was, as usual, the Re-Union, held this time on Friday, April 6th, 1951. We were very disappointed that the Reverend A. T. L. and Mrs. Grear were unable to come, especially as so many old boys and girls were there, and the evening was a great success. The next Re-Union is fixed provisionally for Friday, May 2nd, 1952.

The Tennis Club is to be congratulated on its success this summer. The Hockey Club has made a start and those interested should get in touch with Margaret Kitchener, 27, Probert Avenue, Goldthorpe, near Rotherham.

At the end of last season a party of old pupils and friends enjoyed "The Rose Without a Thorn" performed by Rotherham Rep. It is hoped to continue theatre visits this season. Those interested should contact Mrs. P. W. Wrightson, 15, Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, near Barnsley.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. Black from the Committee when he left the district at the beginning of the year. He has been a very stalwart member of the Association. The Committee felt that the occasion should not be allowed to pass without some token of appreciation of the work he has done. They finally decided that this should take the form of a shield carved in the likeness of the original school badge. It has been carved by the same craftsman who did the War Memorial Plaques. Any Old Wathonians who have not yet been able to contribute towards this, are invited to send their subscriptions to the Secretary whose name and address appear below.

We have news of some Old Wathonians, but we do wish that more of you would send your news items, either to Miss Swift at school or to the Secretary: Kathleen Clark, 19, Claypit Lane, Raw-Marsh, Rotherham.

MARRIAGES.

Gordon Wilde to Hazel Tindall (W.G.S.).
Norman Hellewell to Joan Moffatt (W.G.S.).
Donald Barnes (W.G.S.) to June Hirst.
Peter Coles to Winifred Horner (W.G.S.).
Val Warren to Audrey James (W.G.S.).
George Webster (W.G.S.) to Audrey C. Foster.
Alex Haley to Dorothy Walker (W.G.S.).
Brian Hudson (W.G.S.) to Grace I. Hill.
Philip Wrightson to Betty Jarvis (W.G.S.).
Brian Bailey (W.G.S.) to Jean Wright (W.G.S.).
Roger Worthy to Doreen Senior (W.G.S.).
John Staniforth to Aline Hirst (W.G.S.).
Gordon Follows to Hazel Hartley (W.G.S.).
William G. Smith (W.G.S.) to Iris Jackson (W.G.S.).
Donald C. Ramsden to Freda E. Drewery (W.G.S.).

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kitson (Muriel Parkes)—a second daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Hyde—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Bailey (Jean Wright)—a daughter.

DEATHS.

We record with deep regret the deaths of:—

Jack Rutter—in the Submarine "*Affray*."
Gordon Cook.
John S. Porritt.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS are extended to:—

Alan Sykes, B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry, Class I., Birmingham.
Derek Gibbons, B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry, Class I, Birmingham.
Brian Stott, B.Sc., Hons. Zoology, Class II (ii), Birmingham.
Pat Kilner, General Degree, Birmingham.
J. Harrison, Hons. French, Class II, Bristol.
Peter Addy, Nat. Sci. Trip., Class II, Cantab. (First part of Medical Degree).
J. R. Evans, Mining Engineering, Class II, Durham.
Donald J. Barnes, Hons. French, Class I, Liverpool.
John Potts, B.Sc. Hons. Physics, Class II (ii), Manchester.
Peter Nayler, B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry, Class I, Manchester.
Colin Bradley, B.A. Hon. History, Class II (i), Manchester.
Bernard Walton, B.Sc. Hons. Geology, Class II (ii), Manchester.
Wendy Harwood, B.A., Hons. English, Class III, Reading.
Doreen Worthy (nee Senior), B.A. Hons., Class II, Fine Arts, Reading.
Brian Bailey, B.Sc., Hons. Chemistry, Class II (i), Sheffield.
Brian Wilks, B.Sc., Hons. Chemistry, Class II (ii), Sheffield.
Arthur G. Clegg, B.Sc. Hons. Zoology, Class II (i), Sheffield.
Clifford Allatt, B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry, Class II (ii), Sheffield.
Colin Barratt, B.Sc. Hons. Gen. Science, Class II (ii), Sheffield.
Ralph Smith, B.Sc. Fuel Technology—Chem. Eng. Sec. Hons., Class I, Sheffield.

on obtaining their degrees.

Also to:—

R. V. Hughes, B.Sc., upon whom has been conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Birmingham).
Jean Thompson, on gaining the Academic Diploma in Geography, 1951, of the University of London.
Kenneth Hollingsworth } on being appointed Heads of Schools.
Roland Beasley }
Doreen Hurrell } who have qualified as Pharmaceutical Chemists.
Edna Carver }
Derek Baxter, on gaining Advanced Senior and Bronze Medal Exams. in Victoria College of Music, Sheffield.
Alan Hargrave, who has commenced duties with the Air Ministry at London.
Royal Marine T. Derek Hallworth } on doing well in their
R.A.F. Senior Technician C. H. Breislin } respective services.
L/Cpl. Joseph Turner }
W. G. Smith, on qualifying for appointment as Sanitary Inspector.
Ernest Davis, who has taken up a banking appointment in Wellington, New Zealand.
Walter Clayton, on his appointment as Headmaster of Ecclesfield Town Secondary Modern School.

OLD WATHONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Since the last magazine notes were written the "Old Boys" have gone from strength to strength. The season 1950-51 ended very successfully, the full season's results being:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points—	For	Against
29	20	4	5		403	166

At the Annual General Meeting the Club Officials were all re-elected, and Mr. Black, together with Messrs. A. Robinson and W. Young, were unanimously asked to become Vice-Presidents as an acknowledgment of their past services.

The season 1951-52 promises to be just as successful as 1950-51. Up to and including the 1st of December the Club record is as follows:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points—	For	Against
12	8	0	4		204	63

The Yorkshire Cup Matches this season were all very good matches and as the scores below show, they were very even games. We may count ourselves very unlucky to lose to Old Pomfretians in a match played under appalling conditions.

The Club was very pleased to welcome Pownall, Hill and Slack, who left school last summer, and who have all played good games this season, but from a Club point of view three new members each season is hardly enough, so we must end as usual on our perennial note.

ANYONE wishing to join the club please contact any club member, or Mr. Cooper, who is now the Staff Member of the Club Committee.

J. S. WALKER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Results since the last edition of the Magazine.

1950.								
December	26th—Barnsley (away)	..	..	..	Won		40—0	
1951.								
January	6th—Sheffield Extra 'A' (away)	..	..	..	Won		40—0	
"	13th—Rotherham (home)	..	..	..	Won		6—0	
"	20th—Burley (away)	..	..	..	Won		12—3	
"	27th—Sheffield T.C. (home)	..	..	..	Won		24—0	
February	3rd—Sheffield T.C. (away)	..	..	..	Lost		3—8	
"	10th—Old Mannerians (away)	..	..	..	Won		9—3	
"	17th—Old Dronfeldians (away)	..	..	..	Lost		0—8	
"	24th—Moortown (home)	..	..	..	Won		16—8	
March	3rd—Old Pomfretians (home)	..	..	..	Draw		13—13	
"	10th—Old Hilmians (away)	..	..	..	Won		18—3	
"	17th—Worksop (home)	..	..	..	Won		21—3	
"	21st—Wath Grammar School	..	..	..	Draw		0—0	
"	24th—Bingley (away)	..	..	..	Lost		0—9	
April	7th—Moortown (away)	..	..	..	Won		20—8	
"	14th—Scunthorpe (home)	..	..	..	Won		26—3	
"	28th—Old Otlensians (away)	..	..	..	Won		20—16	
September	8th—Scunthorpe (home)	..	..	..	Lost		9—11	
"	15th—Gainsborough (home)	..	..	..	Won		62—5	
"	22nd—English Steel Corporation (home)	..	..	..	Won		29—0	
"	29th—Heath Old Boys (away)	..	..	..	Lost		14—18	

October	6th—Old Dronfeldians (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Lost	6—12
”	13th—1st ROUND, YORKSHIRE CUP— Huddersfield Y.M.C.A. (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Won	8—3
”	20th—Burley (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Won	9—0
”	27th—2nd ROUND, YORKSHIRE CUP— Old Rishworthians (<i>home</i>)	.. ..	Won	16—0
November	3rd—Old Mannerians (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Won	17—3
”	10th—3rd ROUND, YORKSHIRE CUP— Old Pomfretians (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Lost	3—8
”	17th—Sheffield T.C. (<i>away</i>)	.. ..	Won	11—3
December	1st—Sheffield Tigers (<i>home</i>)	.. ..	Won	20—0

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1951 - 52.

Girls.

Marjorie Duffield (*Head Girl*), Kathleen Ineson, Mary Wilkinson, Mavis Clifton, Marjorie Carr, Doreen Wood, Maureen Siddons, Pat Rodgers, Betty Gledhill, Jean Armstrong, Iris Gardner, Cynthia Powell, Janet Bradley.

Boys.

R. Burkinshaw (*Head Boy*), B. Wilby, H. Outram, C. Burden, K. Hill, D. Kirk, J. Wardle, C. Smith, M. Hooper, P. Shirley, D. Grey, I. Bailey.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

Advanced—Altogether 38 candidates took papers at advanced standard and obtained certificates.

State Scholarships.

C. Needham (Upper VI. Sc.) R. P. Jones (Upper VI. Lit.)
C. Stuart (Upper VI. Lit.).

County Major Scholarships.

C. Needham.
R. P. Jones.
C. Stuart.
D. Knowles.
C. Cook.

County Exhibitions.

J. C. Bower.
D. Hill.
K. Peace.
K. Berry.
P. Gaskell.

Ordinary—137 candidates took papers at ordinary level and qualified for certificates in one or more subjects.

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