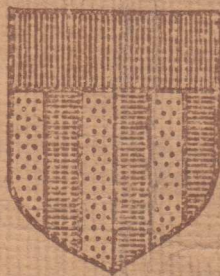


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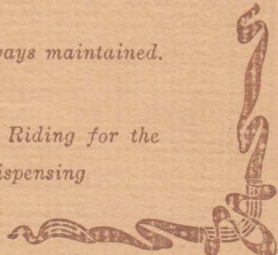
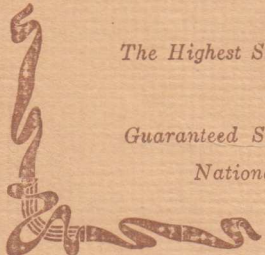
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“ Save that from yonder ivy-mantled tower
The moping owl does to the moon complain ”

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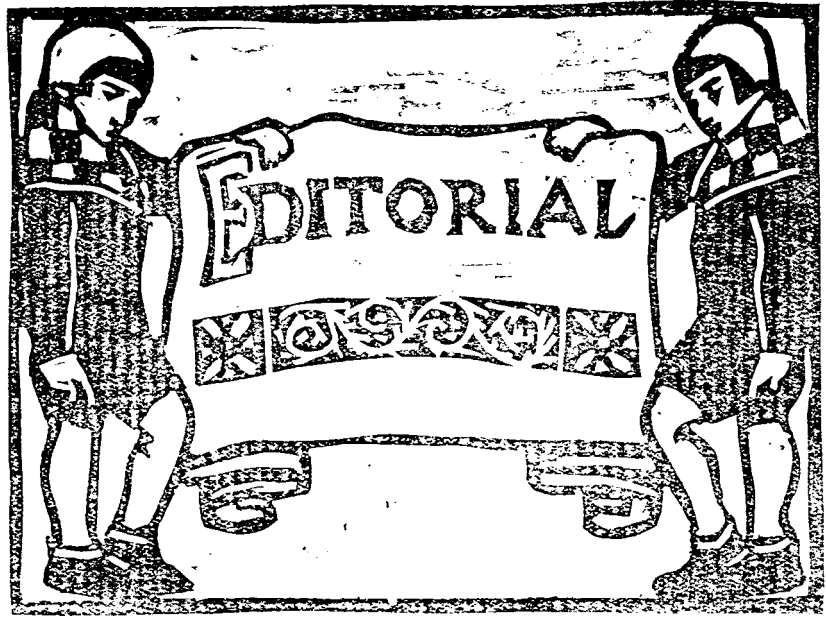
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The weather once again takes first place in these notes, not for many years has winter pinched us so severely before Christmas, and the last five weeks of term have been a continuous alternation of fog and frost. Luckily our first team football matches have not been interfered with but the House Competition is behind schedule. Under the circumstances attendance at school has been quite good, particularly among senior boys preparing for examinations.

The evening of Speech Day provided one of our worst samples of weather. During the proceedings a heavy fog settled down on the district and many people found great difficulty in getting home. All buses were stopped and several trains cancelled : Professor Strong reached home about 2 a.m. ; one boy walked all the way to Kippax, another to near Temple Newsam (with an adventure in a hedge bottom *en route*) and a party of parents and boys from Woodlesford spent the whole night on Normanton Station.

An Inspection of the school by the Board of Education will take place in the week ending Feb 6th, 1926. Such inspections are now very infrequent (our last took place in May, 1914) and are consequently all the more important but we feel sure that everyone in the school will rise to the occasion and do his best to gain a satisfactory report.

Dr. A. C. Hunter, whom many will remember as French Master here until 1919 has been placed in charge of the French and English courses at the newly-created St. John's Memorial College, Newfoundland. We congratulate him on the excellent appointment and upon his Doctorate of the University of Paris.

The "Editorial" block is by Hartley J. ; the full page illustration by White, initial letters by Mace, White, Gothard and Barker, tail-pieces by Earnshaw J. and Young.

VALETE.

SUMMER TERM, 1925.

FORM Lower VIA.	-Wilkinson J. H.
FORM VAI—	Thomas G.
FORM VA2—	Price A.
	Smith R. K.
	Swales W.
FORM IVa—	Hepworth E. O.
	Ostler L.
FORM IIA—	Coghill J. E.

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FORM Upper VIS-	Reed L G. B.
FORM Lower VIS-	Albrighton F. A.
	Hardwick H. F.
	Hopwood N.
	Jones J. F.
	Lambourne W.
	Wall C.
FORM Lower VIA-	Easingwood F.
	Wilson Ed.
FORM V—	Armstrong J. C.
	Newton K. H.
FORM IVa—	Rudge A.
FORM IIIB—	Kendall P. S.
FORM IIIC—	Lucas E.
	Moorhouse W.

SALVETE.

FORM Ila—	Albrighton C.	Johnson R.
	Beardmore W.	Kirkham C.
	Bird C. J.	Lamb W.
	Brittlebank O.	Lindop A. E.
	Crowhurst S. E.	Mason H.

	Dodd E.	Musgrave J.
	Durham A. J. L.	Papworth F. A.
	Evans N.	Richards J.
	Fellows H.	Roberts C. P.
	Fletcher	Seymour J. W.
	Green J. E.	Taylor P.
	Hayden R.	Teasdale E.
	Hesford E.	Ward J. E.
	Holt C.	Webb G. S.
	Holt O.	West R. S.
FORM IIB—	Arundel L.	Greenwood H.
	Batley N.	Johnson C. M.
	Brannon T.	Pennington F. I.
	Brook A. E.	Sadler R. G.
	Clarke H. V.	Stringer G.
	Crossley F. S.	Stringer J.
	Evans A.	Walker G.
	Farrell J.	Woodhouse M.
	Gabriel G. E.	
FORM I —	Appleyard G.	Fossey K. A.
	Bingham J.	Massey H.
	Binns K.	Spencer J.
	Bramham J. T.	Urwin J. B.
	Clague D.	Ward D. F.

The following boys have also returned :

FORM Upper VI—	Beedle W.	
FORM Lower VI—	Pyrah C.	
FORM Lower VIa—	Wilson Ed.	
FORM Va—	Brown C.	Coe T.
FORM V.—	Rummings G. A.	



been brought about namely the decisive victory over Ackworth at cricket and the football victory over Barnsley.

The question prevalent concerning education to day was "are we getting our money's worth out of education?" The answer must be "Yes." Education indeed, had done much for the civilizing of England during the past century. Although the destructive scientific inventions of Germany were typical examples of the misuse of education, yet if the education were wise and humane and working on the lines of true human welfare, then peace and progress would inevitably follow. The imperfections in education could only be remedied by more education not by a diminution of it. No country had Secondary Schools like England ; they were her pride and Normanton Grammar School was striving to uphold this reputation.

The Chairman, Mr. G. S. Butler, commenting on the headmaster's report said that the Governors were very pleased with the high standard of work attained at both the High School and the Grammar School. Speaking more directly to the boys he said he hoped that above all they would have self-reliance and confidence in themselves, for once they started on the educational ladder, everything rested with themselves as to how they were to succeed in the future. Seeing that many Normanton boys were having and would have the benefit of tuition at Leeds University, it was up to the parents to make the University as efficient as possible by aiding in the scheme for enlarging its buildings. In concluding the chairman said that the Governors were doing their utmost for the schools and he only hoped that the boys themselves would uphold the honour of their school.

After distributing the prizes, Professor Strong congratulated the supporters of the school on the brilliant report given by the headmaster and said that the Normanton Grammar School had a very good name at Leeds University, as was shown by the fact that there were now two students in training at the School. Normanton differed from any other school in Yorkshire because of its close connection with the University in Mr. Brittain who was the only headmaster in Yorkshire on the University governing body. Twenty-five years ago no such connexion was possible for the simple reason that there was no Leeds University. In those days higher education was not admired nor were there then so many Secondary Schools. Not until 1902 did Secondary education receive any great measure of support. It was the resultant spread of Secondary Schools in Yorkshire which led to the foundation in 1904 of Leeds University. Along with this increasing activity in higher education there had arisen a corresponding increase in the number of University students and it was because of this that numerous inadequate premises had had to be requisitioned. In the scheme for the extension of the University, he hoped Normanton would take its part.

In speaking to the boys he related the small beginnings from which the great Universities of the present day had sprung. He also described in a vivid manner the conditions under which fellow students of the Middle Ages had worked when Latin was the universal language. As the difference between modern and medieval students so was the difference between the University of Leeds and practically every Secondary School in Yorkshire, "for" he said in conclusion "had we as good a provision in Leeds as you have in Normanton, there would be no need for an appeal."

A vote of thanks to Professor Strong was proposed by Cr. W. J. Beard and seconded by Mr. Geo. Wilson, the evening terminating by the singing of the School song and the National Anthem.

The school choir, under the leadership of Mr. Gimblett, this year excelled itself, each of the four part songs receiving warm applause. Contribution was also made to the musical side of the evening by D. L. Stones, who, although in the lower school, is a violinist of unusual merit and received a double encore ; and also by D. R. Jackson, who gained an encore for his splendid pianoforte playing. Mr. Young, coming heroically forward at the last minute to take the place G. G. R. Tate, who was indisposed, gave a delightful and fully appreciated rendering of his two songs.

AB.
F.H.T.

Prize List.

THE SCHOOL MEDAL—Roberts J. E.

UPPER FORM VI—(Arts) First Prize, Fisher J. ; Second Prize, Allen V. ; Third Prize, Gordon D. S. R. ; Fourth Prize, Chapman L. P.

UPPER FORM VI—(Science) Thos. W. Freston Memorial Prize, Roberts, J. E. ; Second Prize, Lodge E. F. ; Third Prize, Hammond J. G. ; Fourth Prize, Baldwin H.

Mathematics Medal.—Baldwin H.

LOWER FORM VI.—(Arts) First Prize, Haslop G. S. B. ; Second Prize, Butler A. ; Honourable Mention, Pennington J., Wilkinson J. H.

LOWER FORM VI.—(Science) First Prize, Jones C. S. ; Second Prize, Keightley, G. M. ; Third Prize, Teasdale H. ; Honourable Mention, Beedle W.

FORM Va (1)—First Prize, Thomas G. ; Second Prize, Bentley R. ; Third Prize, Fisher G. H. ; Fourth Prize, Clarke E. ; Fifth Prize, Thompson F. H. ; Sixth Prize Watson G. E. ; Seventh Prize, Wall C.

FORM Va (2)—First Prize, Hopwood N. ; Second Prize, Swales W. ; Third Prize, Gothard H. W. ; Honourable Mention, Flint S.

Form Vb.—First Prize, Stringer, J. H.

Form IVa.—First Prize, Edmonds J. V. ; Second Prize, White H.A. ; Third Prize, Scruton R. R. ; Fourth Prize, Barker E.

Form IVb.—First Prize, Shaw H. ; Second Prize, Webster F. J. D. ; Honourable Mention, Beardsall J. W.

Form IIIa.—First Prize, Wilson C. ; Second Prize, Moy E. S. ; Third Prize, Beddows J. ; Fourth Prize, Brittain J. A. ; Fifth Prize, Rudge E. ; Sixth Prize, Roberts C. ; Honourable Mention, Allen C.

Form IIIb.—First Prize, Heald E. S. ; Second Prize, Atkinson R. ; Honourable Mention, Higgins G. R.

Form IIa.—First Prize, Elliot F. ; Second Prize, Naylor J. A. ; Third Prize, Hubble E. ; Fourth Prize, Headley T. ; Fifth Prize, Hammond D. ; Sixth Prize, Mason C. A. ; Honourable Mention, Martin A., Poyner J. H.

Form IIb.—First Prize, Chapman E. ; Second Prize, Ridyard R. ; Third Prize, Ward J. D. ; Honourable Mention, McNally J., Stones D. L. , Schofield A.

Form I.—First Prize, Buckle C. E. ; Honourable Mention, Thompson R. G.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SWIMMING.

Championship :—Reed I. G. B.

Two Lengths (over 14) :—Siddron H., Teasdale H.

One Length (under 14) :—Kendall P. S.

Novices Race (one breadth) :—Beardsall J. W.

Senior Swimming Award :—Allen C., Holt R., Reed I. G. B.

GYMNASTICS.

Form VI. (upper)—Gordon D. S. R.

Form VI (lower).—Butler A.

Form Va (1).—Wall C.

Form Va (2).—Sykes H.

Form Vb.—Rummings G. A.

Form IVa.—Williams F.

Form IVb.—Tate G. G. R.

Form IIIa.—Kaye J. W.

Form IIIb.—Fox L. V.

Form IIa.—Banks R.

Form IIb.—Hartley F. L.

Form I.—Thorpe E. V.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, Session 1924-25,

FREESTON EXHIBITION at UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Fisher J.

AYKROYD ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP at LEEDS
UNIVERSITY.

Lodge E. F.

BROWN ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP at LEEDS UNIVERSITY

Roberts J. E.

W.R.C.C. MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP.

Fisher J.

Lodge E. F.

JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD.

(a) HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

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Allen V.

Chapman L. P.

Fisher J. (Distinction in French).

Gordon D. S. R.

(ii) In Science and Mathematics.

Baldwin H.

Hammond J. G.

Lodge E. F. (Distinctions in Physics and Chemistry).

(b) SCHOOL CERTIFICATE AND MATRICULATION.

Bentley R. (Distinctions in Mathematics and Chemistry).

Clarke E.

Fisher G. H.

Thomas G (Distinction in Mathematics).

Thompson F. H.

Wall C.

Watson G. E. (Distinction in Mathematics).

(c) SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Albrighton F. A.

Easingwood F.

Flint S.

Gothard H. W.

Jones J. F.

Lambourne W.

Pyrah C.

Siddron H.

Hardwick H. F.	Smalley L.
Hopwood N.	Swales W.
Jackson D. B.	Weaver N.

RECOGNISED STUDENTSHIPS IN TRAINING.

- (i) AT LEEDS UNIVERSITY.
 Allen V.
 Gordon D. S. R.
 Hammond J. G.
 Roberts J. E.
- (ii) AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, YORK.
 Pollard A.
- (iii) AT BATTERSEA TRAINING COLLEGE.
 Moore H. W.
 Siddron H.
 Vernon J.
- (iv) AT CHESTER DIOCESAN TRAINING COLLEGE.
 Binks G. C.
 Braime T. H.
 Green H.
 Pitchford L.
- (v) UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SOUTHAMPTON.
 Tarpey M. B.

ADVENTURES BY THE WAY,

Crabbing in the North Sea.

One day last summer holidays I arranged to go out crabbing with a fisherman at Robin Hoods Bay. We got up before the sun rose, which was about three o'clock in the morning, and went down to the coble. We took with us fish heads and tails for bait.

When we reached the crab-pots, which were about two miles from the shore, we first took in the buoy and then began to haul in the crab-pots. The crab-pots were semi-circular in shape with flat bottoms which were made of hard pieces of wood. In the making of these crab pots hoops were bent and fixed to the wood at the bottom in three places—in the middle and at each end. A thick twine net was made and placed over the hoops and also at each end. A hole was left at each end for the crabs to enter.

Crabs must be taken from the pots very carefully as they are liable to bite off a finger with their powerful claws. When the crabs were taken out of the pots, bait was tied to the bottom inside to tempt other crabs to enter the pots, then the pots were lowered again to be picked up on the next day. We then prepared to sail back to the shore. As we sailed towards the land we packed some crabs in barrels and placed sea-weed over the top to keep them alive ; thus they would arrive at their destination quite fresh.

People were waiting on the scars to buy the crabs which were not packed to be sent to town.

N.B, (IIb).

An Adventure on Filey Brig.

Viewed from the coble landing at Filey on a rough day the Brig looks very formidable, but we attempted to get round it. Walking from the landing about a quarter of a mile we noticed a memorial stone describing the death of two people washed from the Brig by a tidal wave.

Then we came to the really rough part of the Brig. Here are the remains of a cafe washed away by a high tide. Going over to the left we started to round the Brig and soon passed a large pool going by the name of "Little Pool," where the fisher boys come to collect bait. Further on still was a smaller pool known as the "Big Pool."

But while we were examining the wonders of the pools the treacherous tide had been slowly creeping up. Looking up with a sudden remembrance we saw the spray tossing high over the end of the Brig. The tide crept further up until it drenched us with spray and we thought of the fate of the unfortunate two chronicled on the memorial stone. Our last ray of hope now lay on the small fishing coble by the buoy on the other side of the Brig and frantically waving we at last attracted the notice of the fishermen who, bringing their boat in as close as they dared, waded in to fetch us.

R.H. (IIIa).

Eastnor Castle.

I spent part of my holiday last year in a little village called Eastnor, situated three miles from the ancient town of Ledbury, the home of Lord Biddulph.

Eastnor Castle belongs to Lord Somers, as does most of the village. It was erected by John, first Earl Somers, in the year 1812. The stones used in building it were brought from the Forest of Dean on the backs of mules, and cost about £12,000 ; the timber used is oak from trees grown on the estate.

I went with a friend and looked through the castle, entering through a great door into the entrance hall. Here is a chest rescued from the Armada ; it has twelve locks all opened by one key. The walls of the hall are adorned with armour, spears and shields from Africa, maces swords, bludgeons and all sorts of weapons.

From this I passed into the grand hall, where there is an ebony cabinet inlaid with ivory and having a gold lock. When a portion of it, is removed a secret drawer is revealed There is also a suit of polished armour placed on a stuffed horse in full trappings. On the walls are swords, scimitars, pistols, halberds, glaives and spears of all ages.

There are two libraries ; the great library which is 62 feet long and contains over 1000 books, has a carpet almost covering the floor, woven in one piece. The small library is magnificently adorned with carving, pictures by Cousens, Rembrandt and others. In this room is a cut glass chandelier with forty candles.

The walls of some of the rooms are covered with huge tapestries on which are worked designs of battles and historical events.

In order to reach the topmost room of the castle one has to climb the great staircase, which is made of solid oak and has 365 steps.

The bedrooms are all very beautiful, especially the state bedroom, which contains a seventeenth century Italian bedstead which belonged to Cardinal Bellarmin.

The Somers coat of arms is a shield bearing the inscription "Spes Nescia Vinci."

J.W. (IIIa)

An Exciting Experience on the River Trent.

Our steam-boat was travelling from Gainsborough to Hull and had almost reached the mouth of the river Trent when we noticed that a motor-boat which was chugging along in front of our steamer, on turning at a bend in the river had run full into an eagle and was being whirled round at an enormous speed sinking deeper and deeper at every turn. Then the people in the boat realized their danger and began to shriek and cry for help. A lifebuoy was thrown to one of the wretches and on catching it she was pulled to safety. Another buoy was thrown but with no success for on one of them trying to catch it she fell into the centre of the eagle and was drowned. Soon I saw that it was impossible to save any more lives and we were to witness the death of these people before our eyes. The captain on seeing that we should be in a similar plight ordered "full steam ahead" and soon we were out of sight of the disaster.

R.J. (IIa).

PAN IN NORMANTON.

(After reading "Pan's Pipes" by R.L.S.)



KETON is a small village situated on a slight hill and on a certain summer afternoon, in order to escape the road with its motor cars and buses I set off across the fields towards that delightful spot. I had not gone far, indeed Normanton church was still very near, when I came on the Old Lane and passing over the small bridge I heard a sound as though five musical notes had been blown quickly up and down. Looking over the bridge I saw nothing but ripples on the stream. I went on and turned my attention to the weather for it was a beautiful afternoon and the sun shone with all its brilliance in a clear blue sky. When I reached the end of the lane however, the sun had become hidden by a huge black cloud and everything was dark. Suddenly a great streak of light shot across the sky and the thunder roared fearfully. I sought shelter under the railway bridge for I knew that there would soon be rain, the whole world seemed to tremble. It came on to rain and I wondered how such changes could happen with the quickness of thought. Whilst under the bridge I noticed a rose tree bearing beautiful flowers growing out of the railway bank of refuse and ashes, such changes are wrought by the work of nature. The great sun came out again and I resumed my walk. Suddenly I seemed to hear a scuffle on the other side of the hedge ; and a half-seen figure dashed across the field. As I turned a corner I caught sight of a pair of goat feet which I recognised as belonging to him who had been causing all those changes. It was the great god of nature and now I knew that Pan was not dead!

H.B. (V).

OXFORD LETTER.

University College,
Oxford.

Dear Mr. Editor,

About two years ago a certain progressive undergrad, put on a pair of rather original trousers. A wave of excitement immediately thrilled through the Press, and 'Punch' fulfilled his ancient function by a cartoon depicting a deputation of fishermen who were about to protest at the infringement of their patent. Since then Press and Stage have attacked the language, customs, and laws of England's oldest University. 'Charley's Aunt' was acted in Oxford a few weeks ago and achieved notoriety by placing telephones in the student's rooms, and producing a

dean who wore gaiters. These were howlers : the student finds all his work cut out to use the College telephone without paying for it, and the dean is very seldom a pious cleric. And these howlers illustrate the distorted idea of Oxford which is prevalent in the outside world. Oxford is not merely a place connected with the Boat Race, nor the home of those famous 'bags,' nor the refreshment bar of the younger 'fast set.' It is rather the pinnacle of English learning and the nursery of our empire-builders, as it always has been. It is the place where one might say with perfect truth, "Antiquity, thou wondrous charm, what art thou, that, being nothing art everything !"

A thousand years have passed since the foundations of Oxford rose upon the water-meadows where the Cherwell meets the Thames. The Angles and Saxons, the Danes and the Normans built upon them. Wycliffe, Master of Balliol 1360, thundered his reforming doctrines in its churches. Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer made their defence of the Reformation in 1554, only to be martyred in 1555. It was to Oxford that Charles I brought his lost cause, and here he found men who proved their loyalty with the sacrifice of money, possessions, and of life itself. This has resulted in the peculiar atmosphere and antiquity which exudes from the grey walls of Oxford's colleges, and which penetrates everywhere.

The old Bodleian, whose million volumes eliminates the possibility of any academical Alexanders existing in Oxford, sleeps on in silence, and houses the student of 1925 as it did the students of 1602. The beautiful chimes of Magdalen are answered by the deep boom of 'Old Tom' as they were centuries ago. The student can walk over the flat country of Shotover, which was covered by a great forest, and read a book with more security than his medieval ancestors. For here a student of Queen's, walking through a glade in Shotover Forest and reading a volume of Aristotle, was attacked by a wild boar, and only saved his life by pushing the said volume down the ferocious animal's throat. The ceremony of 'the boar's head' at Queen's commemorates his escape to this day. The dons of University College, basing their actions upon the doubtful legend that King Alfred founded the College in 872, celebrated their millenary in 1872 in the teeth of all their opponents from Merton and Balliol, who also claim the longest pedigree.

Old customs also still survive. The scene in Hall is almost the same as it was five hundred years ago. The 'scouts' and undergrads are only different in dress from the 'sturdy knaves' and students of the old days, and long-bearded dons are very rare. Some jovial victim, detected in his pursuance of a forbidden topic at table, may still be seen 'downing' the 'scone' of a pint and half of beer which is the fine for his crime ; and if successful, he still has the power to make the scholar who fines him drink a pint and half also, or, if teetotal, pass it to thirsty onlookers at the same table. The pleasures of the silver flagon were not enjoyed solely by those who wore cowls in the old days.

At half-past seven, long before the chapel bell's call to prayer, the sleepy student is awakened by his scout ; later as a final demand, he is roused again by the noise of a poker beating some tom-tom tune on the wooden stairs. This custom is centuries old.

The 'scouts' or servants, are mostly men grown old in the service of the college, and they are part of it. It is they who help in the preservation of such customs as that which decrees that a dead body must be carried out for burial by a side quadrangle, for, according to some superstitious divines, the devil always waits in the centre path to seize it.

Students returning from some celebration of a victory are often pounced upon by the Proctors and their 'bull-dogs.' The 'bullers' are in such cases often used very roughly, and this reminds one of the old custom of pushing some unpopular 'watch' into a barrel and rolling the barrel down a steep hill, one facing a river for preference. There are occasionally clashes between students and 'Townees,' a survival of the old 'Town and Gown' battles, when some injured student would run and ring the bells of St. Mary to call out his comrades ; in a few moments a mob of enraged students would fall upon the offending 'Townees' and reduce them to bones and bruises, while a 'Townee' survivor would call out his fellow-citizens by frantic peals from St. Martin's (now non-existent) —hence a regular organised battle, after which the street often ran with blood.

The extensive use of Latin, also, is a survival of the times when Latin was in universal use by educated men. The College graces, recited by the Senior Scholars with all the assembly standing, are very long generally and in Latin. The freshman, on matriculation or reception into the University, is blessed by the Vice-Chancellor in Latin. The latter makes a speech in that language in which he beseeches those assembled to observe the 'Statutes.' These are in Latin, and their antiquity and the conservatism of Oxford are proved by the fact that two statutes, one forbidding the student to carry a crossbow, the other forbidding him to play marbles for money on the steps of the college, are still retained.

The glorious old pedants are replaced by worthy sons who still argue vehemently on the exact route of Hannibal's march, or on the proper position of a certain verb, or on some disputed quantity in classical verse. The ordinary Oxford student is not so enthusiastic as these, but content to pursue the even tenor of his own quiet way and to have faith in his own opinions :—

“But leave the wise to wrangle, and with me
The quarrel of the universe let be ;
And in some corner of the hubbub coucht
Make game of that which makes as much of thee.”

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Fisher.

FROM A FOURTH FORM LITERARY DIARY.

The Woman of Knockaloe.

HALL CAINE.



HIS book is not only a powerful work of fiction but it has a point which drives truly home, and leaves one thinking hard. One seems to realise fully the horror of a modern war, and all its terrible rendings of civilization.

The rocky Isle of Man, where the drama is enacted, is a spot which fits the tale exactly, a better place could hardly have been chosen by the author. The story itself is of simple construction ; the love story of a German prisoner and an Englishwoman, who after the bitterness of the Great War take away their own lives in search of peace.

The winding up of the book makes one quite sure that Peace is better than War.

Iliad (Book I).

POPE'S HOMER.

From the point of view of the literary critic this epic is a "magnum opus" ; but not so for the schoolboy. In fact I found it very dull and uninteresting when I read it, although the thoughts of Homer are expressed in noble language. The scheme of the work is the eternal strife of Troy and Greece, —but give a schoolboy a good adventure story !

The Spanish Student.

H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Longfellow, although a poetical writer of great talent, wrote but few plays, of which little are heard—probably because he devoted most of his attention to lyrics, in which his genius has fuller play.

The drama is an account of the conflict of several men for a certain belle, by means both fair and unfair. At the finish the student is seen with his bride : all's well that end's well.

J.A.B.

"THE FRIDAY EVENINGS"

After a period of inactivity the School "Friday Evening Society" was re-opened on Friday December 11th, by a Lecture entitled "Wireless" given by Pennington J. in co-operation with Jones, C. S. The lecturers acquitted themselves in an efficient manner before a large and appreciative audience, and at eight o'clock a Concert was transmitted from Daventry by means of a four valve set kindly lent by Pennington The chair was taken by Butler, and votes of thanks were proposed by Haslop and seconded by Wall. The whole Evening was quite a success.

On Thursday, December 17th, Jackson will arrange the usual musical evening, and next term the work is hoped to be carried on by more lectures.

STAMP SOCIETY.

In order to help those boys who collect foreign stamps, a Stamp Society has been formed this term, and it shows every promise of success. Help is given in the identification of stamps and the arrangement of collections and the meetings are the best time to exchange duplicates. Every month a large packet of stamps will be bought and divided among the members. Although the Society has only been in being a week or two about forty boys have joined and any other boy who is interested is invited to the meetings, whether he has few stamps or many.

FOOTBALL.



FOOTBALL has on the whole been favoured this term by the weather, although two matches have been played in pouring rain. Out of ten matches only three have been away, which is rather unfortunate since the student teachers will have left next term, when the majority of matches will be away. The School team has this term accomplished a feat which has never happened before within the memory of all the the Masters, except perhaps Mr. Brittain—Barnsley were defeated by the substantial margin of four goals to one, neither can it be said that Barnsley had a particularly weak team. We shall greatly miss the student teachers after Christmas, but the same thing happens every year, and yet we recover from the loss.

N.G.S. v. HECKMONDWIKE SECONDARY SCHOOL (home)
September 19th.

School for the first half played downhill in pouring rain. As Heckmondwike had only ten men School monopolized the play, and in the first half goals were scored by Reed, Broadbent and Butler. The second half was a repetition of the first, but owing to the inability of the forwards to shoot, only one goal was obtained, by Easingwood. In view of the weather conditions quite good football was played.

Result :— N.G.S. 4 ; H.S.S. 1.

N.G.S. v. OSSETT G. S., Sept. 26th. (home).

School won the toss and elected to play uphill. Our team pressed heavily in the first half and scored through an excellent shot by Broadbent. In the second half, two more goals were added from scrambles in front of goal.

Broadbent and Reed played well but the rest of the forwards lacked shooting ability.

Result :—N.G.S. 3 ; O.G.S. 0.

N.G.S. v. BATLEY G. S., Oct. 3rd. (home).

Batley, aided by the wind and slope, pressed in the first half ; but by good defensive play school managed to keep them out.

The second half was more even and Hopwood and Reed combined effectively on the left wing. The only goal of the match was scored by Broadbent from a penalty.

Broadbent, Jones and Mace played well, but on the whole school were somewhat lucky to win.

Result :—N.G.S. 1 ; B.G.S. 0.

N.G.S. v. RASTRICK G. S., Oct. 10th. (home).

School were the better side throughout the match and five goals were scored in each half. The scorers were :—Broadbent 4, Hopwood 3, Haslop 2, Reed and Butler.

The game was very one-sided and our defence was rarely tested.

Result :—N.G.S. 10 ; R.G.S. 0.

N.G.S. 1st. XI. v. ACKWORTH SCHOOL Oct. 17th. (away).

The School team seemed lost on a field much wider than ours, but nevertheless managed to hold their own in the first half. The second half was disastrous from our point of view, Ackworth scoring five more goals. In spite of the fact that we were defeated. School fought gamely, Jones and Albrighton defending well.

Result :—Ackworth 6 ; N.G.S. 1.

N.G.S. 2nd. XI. v. ACKWORTH 2nd. XI. Oct. 17th. (home).

Easingwood won the toss and elected to play uphill against a strong wind. Ackworth were a much bigger side and at half time were leading by two goals to nil. In the second half School fared somewhat better, goals being scored by Banks and Flint. Towards the end of the match, however, Ackworth obtained the winning goal.

Credit is due to our centre-half Easingwood who, without doubt, was the mainstay of the team.

Result :—Ackworth 3 ; N.G.S. 2.

N.G.S. v. WEST LEEDS HIGH SCHOOL Oct. 24th. (home).

School won the toss and chose to play against the slope. West Leeds were slightly the stronger team and their efforts were soon rewarded by a goal. School made several breakaways, Broadbent hitting the crossbar, and later the same player scored from a centre from the left wing. Leeds went ahead again just before half time and, despite several desperate efforts by the School forwards, held the lead for the rest of the game.

Broadbent was the best forward, and Jones and Mace defended well.

Result :— West Leeds H. S. 2 ; N.G.S. 1.

N.G.S. 2nd. XI v. WAKEFIELD ACADEMY, Oct. 31st. (home).

This match was an absolute fiasco. After being a goal down, school pressed continually and scored eight goals in each half.

Banks who scored 6 goals, was our best forward.

Result :— N.G.S. 2nd. XI 16 ; W.A. 2.

N.G.S. v. THORNES HOUSE SCHOOL, Oct. 31st. (home).

This match was played in a slight drizzle. School, playing uphill were superior to their opponents and were leading at half-time by 3 goals to 1, the scorers being Broadbent (2) and Butler.

School continued to press in the second half and further goals were added by Broadbent (3) and Haslop.

Broadbent played a great game and shot powerfully, and Reed was a fine forager.

Result :—N.G.S. 7 ; T.H.S. 1.

N.G.S. v. BARNSELY G. S., Nov. 14th. (home).

School pressed from the kick-off and were soon two goals ahead through Butler and Haslop. Barnsley then scored and half-time came with the score 2-1.

The second half was a ding-dong struggle for supremacy and school increased their lead through two goals by Broadbent.

The victory was well deserved and the team are to be congratulated on a magnificent performance. Broadbent was a great leader and was ably backed up by the rest of the forwards whilst our backs and half-backs played like heroes.

Result :—N.G.S. 4 ; B.G. S. 1.

N.G.S. 2nd. XI v. BARNSELY G. S. 2nd. XI. Nov. 14th. (away).

The ground was treacherous and the wind was strong. From the first it was apparent that Barnsley were much the better team. School backs held the brilliant Barnsley forwards for a time, but once our defence was pierced, the latter could not be held. Bruce in goal played a fine game, but the backs were slow and the forwards often too selfish.

Easingwood played a great game at centre-half, and Banks despite his smallness put up a good show at left-outside.

Result :—Barnsley 2nd. XI 6 ; N.G.S. 2nd. XI 0.

N.G.S. v. PONTEFRAC T K. S. Nov. 28th. (away).

The game started with school playing only ten men. Pontefract with the advantage of a strong wind monopolized the play during the first half, and towards half time scored. In the second half school had the advantage of the wind but failed to score, although once Broadbent was unlucky, his shot hitting the crossbar out of the goalkeeper's reach. School backs who, during the first half had played well, fell off and consequently the forwards, not being supported could do little.

Result :—Pontefract K. S, 1 ; N.G.S. 0.

N.G.S. 2nd. XI v. PONTEFRAC T K. S. 2nd. XI, Nov. 28th. (home).

Pontefract, playing downhill, did most of the attacking and led at half-time by 3 goals to 1.

School improved in the second half and goals were added by Buckley 2 and Barratt 2.

Our left wing was very aggressive, whilst Pennington at centre-half and Bruce in goal played excellently.

Result :—N.G.S. 2nd. XI 5 ; P.K.S. 2nd. XI 3.

N.G.S. v. WEST LEEDS HIGH SCHOOL, Dec. 12th. (away).

After a rather uncertain start, school took control of the game and until the end the greater part of the attacking came from our team. Playing uphill in the first half, they were not however able to finish off by sending the ball through the posts and at the interval the score sheet was clean. Ten minutes later Haslop in the goal mouth got his head low down to a pass from Reed and scored a clever goal. Ten minutes from time Reed also scored and shortly after, Butler. All departments of the team were good, but the best feature of School's display was their understanding and team work.

Result :—N.G.S. 3 ; W.L.H.S. 0.

Football—House Matches.

The House matches this year have been more even than in previous years. The Buffs as usual hope to win the shield, but the Blues are again keen rivals. It is a pleasure to see the Whites once again holding their own.

WHITES v. REDS.

The Whites had most of the play in the first half but their forwards could not score. The second half was more even but the only score came when Easingwood unluckily put through his own goal. Despite several attempts the Whites could not equalise.

Result :—Reds 1, Whites 0.

BUFFS v. BLUES.

The play was fairly even in the first half but towards half-time the Buffs scored from a scramble in front of goal. In the second half the Buffs added two more goals whilst the Blues scored once. Reed played well for the Buffs.

Result :—Buffs 3, Blues 1.

BLUES v. WHITES.

The Blues were the stronger team and, ably led by Haslop, pressed strongly throughout the match. The Blues won somewhat easily.

Result :—Blues 4, Whites 1.

BUFFS v. REDS.

The Buffs were easily the superior team and most of their goals were the result of good combination between Reed and Broadbent. Mace and Wall played well for the Reds.

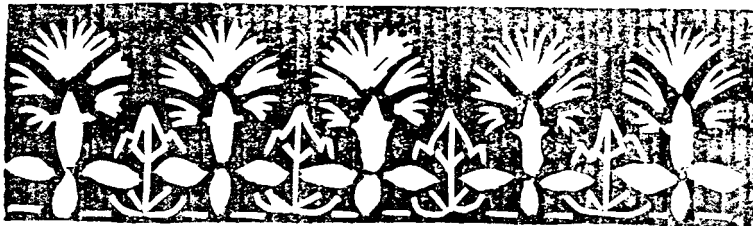
Result :—Buffs 6, Reds 1.

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Junior House Football.

By making full use of the first half of the term before the evenings became dark we have played sufficient matches to ensure some good fights next term. The Blues, with Beddows as their tower of strength, seem the strongest team, but there is nothing to choose between the other three houses. As one looks to the Junior School for the First XI of the near future it is pleasing to note that Banks, Barratt, Cook, Dunkley and Fox have played in the Second XI this term.

BLUES	-	6 points.
BUFFS	-	2 "
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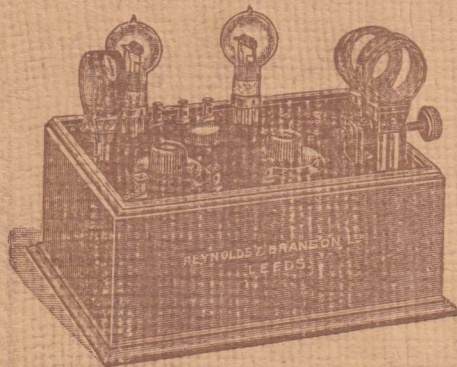
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