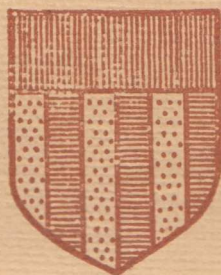


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V. R. Westwood (Art).

The Sonnet tells of Milton, patient, blind ;
Of Wordsworth's love for England's liberty ;
Of poor, enamoured Keats and maid unkind;
Unwonted Editorial, 'tis to be.
Eye not askance this plan exceeding bold,
For feelings more intense than poet's dream
This volume have begotten as of old,
—Of breathless effort, chaos void of beam.
Ye know not how with sweating, streaming brow,
With starting, staring eyes o'er proofs we strain
In tremulous, fond haste, nor know ye how
We labour unto death to please again.
Alack ! in vain our cause is justified;
Our matter for our manner is too wide.

SALVETE.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.

FORM IIB —	Abbott W. J.	Anderson F. G.	Atkinson N.
	Blaza A. J.	Caswell A.	Cressey G.
	Eames R. G.	Ellis J.	Guy S.
	Hinchliffe S. L.	Leake R. F.	Lockwood D.
	Preene A. H.	Ramsden S. W.	Rollin E. J. M.
	Sidwell G.	Walker A.	Wilkinson J. M.
	Yarrington N. C.		
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	Blaza A. R.	Briggs D.	Brown B.
	Carter B.	Clare R.	Dickinson Ronald
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	Kirk A.	Hardcastle R. W.	Leech D.
	Lindsay J. A.	Mason D. G.	Nelson G.
	Nicholson L. G.	Prestwich W. K.	Price R.
	Reynolds E. E.	Sadler G.	Salisbury K.
	Stone J.	Sylvester A.	Toobey H.
	Williams D.		

FORM IIIA.—Smith D. W.

VALETE.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.

L.VI.SCIENCE —	Audsley W.,	Hunt R.
L.VI. ARTS—	Blacker H. W.	
VAI.—	Fothergill E. J.	
VA2.—	Greenaway R. E.,	Spires G. M.
VB.—	Dunmore G. J.,	Pickles D.

DE OMNIBUS.

THE FRONTISPIECE.

The success of this issue is ensured by the appearance of the personnel of the 1st XI. in our frontispiece. The names of the exhibits are, from left to right:—Back Row, Mr. J. H. Young, Edmonds, Watson, Greenaway, Wall, Brooke, Price G., Mr. T. H. Hewson ; Front Row, Lumb, Fisher, (vice-capt.), Oliver (capt.), Westwood V. R., Earnshaw.

CRICKET COLOURS.

These boys were awarded their colours last term :—Edmonds F. F., Holmes R., Armitage D. W., Gordon L., Broadbent J., Hill W. L.

ARTS v. SCIENCE.

We of the Arts propose to abuse our official capacity as we announce the result of the Arts v. Science cricket match last term. Suffice it to say that our opponents scored 53 (Morris 3 for 0), while we only managed to scrape together a meagre 34 as a result of the unplayable bowling of Mr. Marshall who obtained 9 wickets for 7 runs. We wish ourselves better luck next time.

PREFECTS.

The prefects for this year are :—Fisher A. R. (Captain of Cricket), Oliver J. (Captain of Football), Lumb D. S. W., Holmes R., Myers C. G., White H., Wood F., Hicks F., Jones R., Swaine J., Westwood V. R. Richardson I. is Head Boy.

MUSIC.

Although we no longer have the gramophone recital before assembly because of the new eight-period basis, there are still a number of music enthusiasts in our midst.

A large and representative party from School attended one of the concerts for schools given at the Unity Hall, Wakefield, at the beginning of the past term.

Mr. Edward Maude conducted in his inimitable, self-effacing way an admirable performance by members of the Northern Philharmonic Orchestra, there being over thirty performers. Mr. Cyril Wynn explained the differences between the four orchestral choirs,—strings, woodwind, brass and percussion, and preluded each item with a short discourse on its substance and treatment.

Nicolai's overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor" with its lively music and opening descriptive of the moon rising over the forest, was one of the most popular pieces in the programme. Bizet's "Jeux d'Enfants" was comparatively new to many of us, but nevertheless we appreciated the amusing imagery of "La Toupie" and also of the "Petite Causerie" in which the male has trouble in making himself heard. The First Movement of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony thrilled us from the moment the deep-voiced 'cellos introduced it. But the most truly delightful item of the afternoon was the Scherzo from Mendelssohn's incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Woodwind and strings tripped the joyous measure with a fairy-like charm—little wonder the orderly Victorian dilettantes worshipped the neat and workman-like Mendelssohn's genius. The concert was brought to a close with the stirring strains of the Wedding March by the same composer. Here the brass

and percussion came into their own, and we had the rare opportunity of hearing the march admirably rendered by a full orchestra, instead of, as Mr. Wynn remarked, an emaciated performance on an organ (at a time, we may add, when the music has little saving grace anyway).

The afternoon was marred however for certain Senior members of the party who had to employ their athletic (?) faculties too quickly and energetically after the pleasant use of their artistic capabilities, in order to catch the train back to Normanton.

FILMS.

On October 15th the Governors and members of the School attended a demonstration of sound films in the School Hall. The films proved very interesting and instructive, while the "talkie" machine added to the pleasure which was obtained from this demonstration.

Towards the end of the term certain activity became evident in the B Room. This activity was connected with the conversion of this room into what might be called the "Projection Room." One of the first additions was a large wooden structure to house the new Sound-on-Film Projector and also our Epidiascope. It has been referred to as "The Sentry Box," but woe betide any IVa boy found therein. It is possible to open either side of the box, so that each instrument can be operated very simply without having to move either. A third door can be opened in the front to allow the light from either instrument to be projected on to the new screen. The latter is one of the latest type, contained in a handsome case, and erected merely by being pulled out of the box. The surface has a very high reflecting power so that the pictures are much brighter than those obtained on an ordinary screen. When the new blinds are fitted, the room will be ready and the School awaits with interest the practical demonstration of this wonderful addition to our modern equipment.

THE OSIRIS PLAYERS.

On November 3rd the Osiris Players paid their third visit to the School, and on this occasion presented Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado about Nothing." Despite the unavoidable lack of appropriate costume, the players gave an admirable performance, which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

ARMISTICE DAY.

On this day of remembrance, a short but impressive service was held in the School Hall. It opened with the singing of "Lord, while for all mankind we pray," which was followed by the reading of a passage, taken from Ecclesiasticus—"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God." The Head Boy then read out the names of Old Boys and Masters, who gave their lives in the Great War, and placed a wreath of

poppies on the School Memorial. After the observance of the two minutes silence, the service concluded with the singing of Kipling's Recessional and the National Anthem.

The sale of poppies at School realised £ 2 /7 /9.

LINO-CUT.

We must thank Brooke L. for our splendid colour block. It is indeed a happily conceived contribution. Mr. Rainbow is also deserving of our thanks for his valuable assistance in its printing.

THE PLAYS.

It seems that summer term prognostications of activities of the Dramatic Society are invariably wrong. The producer reserves, and practises, the right to change his mind during the summer holidays. At the end of this term we are presenting Dekker's "Shoemaker's Holiday," and whatever the result, much hard work has been enjoyed in the Hall after school on most afternoons this term.

NOTICES.

On the first day of the holidays, a visit is to be made to the Transmitting Station at Moorside Edge, near Huddersfield. The party is to be limited to twenty.

A visit to the Kirkstall Power Station, Leeds, arranged for December 10th, by our hard-working factotum Mr. Bellamy, had to be postponed until next term because of fog.

Readers will be pleased to know that Mr. C. L. Clarke, Secretary of the Kodak Fellowship, will be giving a lecture on photography at the beginning of next term. All those, who have heard Mr. Clarke on previous occasions, will know him for a pleasing talker with a keen sense of humour.

CONTEMPORARIES.

Our somewhat attenuated list of magazines received includes those of Ackworth School (the Cupola), Ilkley Grammar School (the Olicanian), Wakefield Grammar School (the Savilian).

THE KING.

Following the abdication of Edward VIII, the Duke of York was proclaimed King George VI, on Saturday, December 12th, 1936. The ceremony at Normanton on the following Tuesday was attended by the Sixth Form as representative of the School.

SPEECH DAY, 1936.



HIS year, Speech Day was held on November 19th, and was again largely attended. The evening opened with the rendering of the hymn "Great Lord of Wisdom, Life and Light," and this was followed by a pianoforte duet given by C. Heald and B. H. Wilkinson.

After the Headmaster had given a very warm welcome to Sir Charles McGrath, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes, he presented his annual report of the School life during the

past year.

Mr. Holden began by saying that the number of boys in the School was now two hundred and seventy. Of the boys who left last year, six had proceeded to universities; while of those who had applied for admission to training colleges, only one had not been accepted. The number of boys who entered universities and training colleges, was about one-fifth of the total number that had left the School. The rest had entered all kinds of professions.

In general it has not been found, Mr. Holden continued, that a lack of knowledge of commercial subjects had proved a handicap in obtaining clerical positions.

The School had upheld its former reputation in examinations. Thirty-seven candidates qualified for the School Certificate, and of these, seventeen were awarded Matriculation Certificates, while thirteen "A" credits had been gained. In the Higher School examination, eighteen candidates were successful, and fourteen distinctions were obtained, an unusually large number. Six County Major Scholarships were awarded, while Myers and Hinchcliffe, the quality of whose work had reached a very high level, were both awarded State Scholarships. The latter also gained the Freeston Scholarship at University College, Oxford. Myers was not old enough to proceed to the University, and indeed was not old enough to be awarded a County Major Scholarship. Parkes, the Head Boy, and Umpleby were now at University College, Oxford, reading for Honours Degrees in English and Physics respectively, while Edmonds was at Leeds University. The School still continued to be well represented at the universities, having the record number of eleven representatives at Oxford and Cambridge.

With regard to sport, the football season had been marred by bad weather, which resulted in the postponing of several matches. The First XI won all but one of their matches; the Second XI won

all their matches. The School was still gaining benefit from the F.A. Coaching Scheme. At Cricket, the School had a moderate season, the First XI winning six games out of the fourteen played. At the Annual Sports, Barker was again Victor Ludorum. The School, after previous valiant attempts, succeeded in winning the coveted shield at the Inter-School Sports, besides making the Senior Plaque its own property. H. White and P. White were Senior Champion and Junior Champion respectively in the Swimming Sports.

There had been other School activities. Members of the School had explored the Isle of Wight during the Summer, and had spent a happy week there. The Dramatic Society had greatly enhanced its reputation by its presentation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." The photographic, stamp, and handicraft societies were still flourishing, and sustaining interest. Educational visits had been made to the Railway Exhibition at York, to a Leeds Newspaper office, and a woollen mill.

The School day is now arranged on an eight-period basis, making possible an adjustment to the increasing demands of the curriculum and timetable. Broadcasts, games periods, and preparation periods for the lower forms had been introduced, while the Upper VI Arts added handicraft to its list of subjects.

Finally Mr. Holden expressed his pleasure at the sustained interest in the Old Frestonians' Society, and his gratitude to his staff for their zeal, and their ready responses to calls made upon them.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. S. Butler, then spoke of the privileges afforded secondary school students in Normanton, and the advantages available to them through the endowment of the schools by T. W. Freeston. Quoting from an Old Boy's letter, he observed that the financial aid obtained through the endowment relieved anxiety and increased confidence.

Sir Charles McGrath, Clerk to the West Riding County Council, distributed the prizes, and afterwards gave a speech. He congratulated the successful boys, Mr. Holden, and his staff on the high standard of their achievements. In extending sympathy to the non-prize winners, he pointed out that force of character as well as intellectual ability gained success in the world. Sir Charles, turning to the administrative point of view, declared that poverty was no bar to success. Under the present condition of State provision, life held pleasant prospects and glittering prizes to both rich and poor. To the younger boys, he emphasised the value of good manners, manners not only making man but ensuring success. Speaking to the whole School, Sir Charles stated that they were surrounded by many advantages. But on all sides there was revolution, violence and

clouds of war. Our democratic institutions, Sir Charles said, had been hard-won and must not be lightly lost.

A vote of thanks to Sir Charles was proposed by Cr. O. H. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Beard.

The rest of the evening was taken up by a musical programme. The School sang "Forty Years On," and then a pianoforte duet was ably presented by J. Swaine and K. Limbert. The choir kept up its tradition, and sang four part songs, of which the "Cradle Song" was especially well rendered.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the lusty singing of the School Song and the National Anthem, concluding another great day in the School life.

R.H.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

FREESTON SCHOLARSHIP—

University College, Oxford, Hinchliffe N.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS—

Hinchliffe N., Myers C. G.

W.R.C.C. MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS—

Edmonds F. F., Hinchliffe N., Holmes R., Lumb D. S. W.,
Parkes B., Umpleby K. F.

GOVERNORS' EXHIBITION—

Hinchliffe N.

JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD :

(a) HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(i) Mathematics and Science—

Askham J.; Brunt G. A. ; Edmonds F. F. (Distinction in Physics); Hicks F.; Hinchliffe N. (Distinction in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry); Hunt H. E. ; Mitchell J. F.; Myers C.G. (Distinction in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry); Umpleby K. F. (Distinction in Physics) ; White H.; Wood F.

(ii) Arts Subjects—

Bagshaw R.; Holmes R. (Distinction in English and History); Lumb D. S. W. (Distinction in English and History); Morris W. (Distinction in History); Parkes B. (Distinction in English); Richardson I.; Webster J. P.

(b) EXEMPTION FROM MATRICULATION (by Higher School Certificate Subsidiary Papers)—

Burgess G. H., Limbert K., Smith J.

(c) MATRICULATION—

Armitage D. W.; Audsley W.; Barr R. H. H. ("A" Credits in Mathematics, Physics); Bird J. ("A" Credit in History) ; Blacker H. W.; Chalkley J. ("A" Credit in Mathematics) ; Francis N. C.; Green J. E.; Knowles J.; Perkin E. G. ("A" Credit in History); Price G, ("A" Credits in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry); Ryder R. H.; Smith R. S.; Terry A. L.; Warburton R. W. ("A" Credit in Mathematics); Whittingham F. S. ("A" Credit in Mathematics); Williams J. ("A" Credits in History, Chemistry).

(d) SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—

Burnley J. D.; Carr E.; Cooper E.; Dunn J.; Easter D.; Gordon J. L. ("A" Credit in Chemistry); Hunt R.; Linford R.; Lister J.; Nichols A.; Ramsbottom A.; Ramsden R.; Shillito K.; Spruce J.; Stamp T. E.; Sweeting R. F.; Wall B. ; Wilkinson B, H.; Wilkinson L. G. W.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM IIB.—First Prize, Buckle H.; Second Prize, Buckle N. ;
Honourable Mention, Jordan H., Williams J. V.

FORM IIA.—First Prize, Rann C. H.; Second Prize, Downing G. ;
Third Prize, Warrender E.; Honourable Mention, Edwards T.,
Westerman A., Hoskins J. A.

FORM IIIB.—First Prize, Sweeting J. H.; Second Prize, Holmes
F. A.

FORM IIIA.—First Prize, Madeley J.; Second Prize, Wilkinson D. ;
Third Prize, Smith M. B.; Honourable Mention, Prince D. E.,
Ward A. J., Whiteley D.

FORM IVB.—First Prize, Oxley W. N.; Honourable Mention,
Townsend A. W., Senior H. W.

FORM IVA.—First Prize, Gullick T. A.; Second Prize, Dunkley J. ;
Third Prize, Guy W.; Honourable Mention, Terry R. E.,
Mason J. H., Clarke W. S.

FORM VB.—First Prize, Heald C.; Honourable Mention, Chivers J.,
Skidmore K., Galloway E. N.

FORM VA.2.—Second Prize, Sweeting R. F.; Third Prize, Wall B.

FORM V.—Matriculation : Armitage D. W., Audsley W., Barr R. H.
H., Bird J., Blacker H. W., Chalkley J., Francis N.C., Green
J. E., Knowles J., Perkin E. G., Price G., Ryder R. H., Smith
R. S., Terry A. L., Warburton R. W., Williams J.

FORM L.VIA.—First Prize, Edmonds O. P.; Second Prize,
Hepworth H.
FORM L.VI.S.—First Prize, Jones R.; Second Prize, Swaine J.
FORM U.VI.A.—First Prize, Parkes B.; Second Prize, Holmes R.;
Third Prize, Lumb D. S. W.
FORM U.VI.S.—First Prize, Myers C. G.; Second Prize, Hinchliffe
N.; Third Prize, Edmonds F. F.; Fourth Prize, Umpleby K. F.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Gimblett Prize	Richardson I.
Forster Prize for Physics	Price G.
Mathematics Medal	Myers C. G.
E. H. Dixon Memorial Prize	Parkes B.
C. E. Brittain Memorial Prize	Hinchliffe N.
T. W. Freeston Memorial Prize	Myers C. G.
School Medallist	Hinchliffe N.
House Trophy	Frobisher House

RECOGNISED STUDENTSHIPS IN TRAINING.

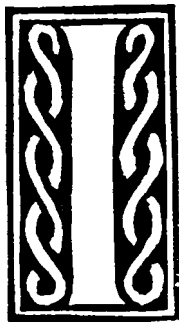
(a) Trinity College, Carmarthen	Bagshaw R. Barker A.
(b) The Training College, Chester	Braime G. G.
(c) City Training College, Leeds	Brunt G. A.
(d) The Training College, Saltley	Askham J.
(e) St. John's College, York	Mitchell J. F. Morris W.

SWIMMING RESULTS.

Four Lengths— White H.	Cooper E.	Pickles D.
One Length Breast Stroke— White H.	Wood F.	Holmes F. A.
Best Style, Breast Stroke— Cooper E. White H.		Holmes F. A.
One Length Back Stroke— White H.	Smith J.	Cooper E.
One Length Free Style— White H.	Cooper E.	Hailing J _v

Plunge—	Barr R. H. H.	Pickles D.	Perkin E. G.
Two Lengths Free Style—	White H.	Cooper E.	Smith J.
Dive—	Cooper E.		Hartley E. J.
	Pickles D.		
	Senior Champion, C. E. Brittain Cup		White H.
	Junior Champion, Walley Cup		White P.

THE SENIOR WALKING TOUR ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT.



suppose that to have been able to write a really detailed account of the walking tour, I should have kept a diary and described the events in the order in which they happened. This, I fear, besides being very irksome to myself, would have proved very boring to the reader. Therefore it will be impossible to describe more than a few of the many interesting happenings which took place during the week, owing firstly to my lack of memory and secondly to lack of space.

On the outward journey, the short stay in London enabled us to get an impression of the city.

We ambled along as far as Bush House and then had to sprint to catch the Southampton train at Waterloo. The "Queen Mary," much to our disappointment, had left Southampton the day before. However, when passing down Southampton Water we were presented with a very good view of the "Empress of Britain," as she glided through the water within a hundred yards of our tiny ferry boat.

The Isle of Wight at last ! At Merston we were received by a trusty guide, Mr. Swallow, and finally, after much puffing and blowing, we reached the Hermitage, which was situated amid a maze of paths on a hillside.

The spacious common-room of the Hostel contained good table-tennis and billiard tables. Many and amusing were the hours spent playing on these (although the tips to the cues were missing and the table-tennis net was made of bits of paper).

It was considered a very long walk to the Needles, being thirty-five miles there and back, one to be attempted only by experienced walkers. Consequently when some of the tough guys of our party stated that they were going to do it, a fierce argument ensued. Not being a tough guy myself I travelled by 'bus part of the way and then had a charming little walk as far as the Needles. Brrrr ! I shall never forget that enchanting sea-breeze on the Military Road. Both parties met at the Needles, where we lunched, but split up again later. Our party visited Alum Bay, which is famous for its coloured sands. At any rate we got within a hundred yards of the Bay and then gave up the ghost, because the sandstorm which had arisen made further progress practically impossible. Two members, I believe, did manage to fight their way down, but they passed the rest of the day removing sand from their ears, hair and eyes.

By the time we reached Freshwater Bay we were beginning to feel that a 'bus-ride would do us a world of good. Imagine our dismay therefore when we discovered that we had just missed one 'bus and the next was not until 6-15. As we had to be in the Hostel for dinner at 6-30, and there was a five mile walk after the 'bus-ride, things certainly looked black. Then came a sudden inspiration, a carrier's van was unloading nearby, on it was printed in large white capitals "Deliveries to all parts of the Island." It looked promising. To cut a long story short, the driver finally told us that he could take us as far as Chalegreen, about a mile from the Hostel. This suited us down to the backbone and in we piled. We were badly shaken, but who cared, especially as we had had the entertainment of passing the other party who were 'legging it' bravely for Brook.

The proposal of a journey to Carisbrooke Castle was met with approval by all, as it was a comfortable walk of about fourteen miles. The Castle, which was in a very good condition, contained two very deep wells, one 168 feet and the other 162 feet. A donkey was engaged in drawing water from the latter by means of a treadmill. The most interesting part of the Castle, however, was the museum. It contained many of the belongings of Charles I who was kept a prisoner there whilst awaiting execution. The document, signed by Cromwell, for the execution of Charles was one amongst the countless interesting exhibits which were displayed.

It might be considered that it was not worth while travelling so far for a mere week's holiday, but the variety of experiences gained, which included glimpses of the largest city in the world, a most important waterway, and the Isle of Wight itself, which in general build and appearance is so very different from our own Yorkshire countryside, made us consider as well-spent the few extra shillings taken up in travel.

R. H. H. Barr, L. VI. Sc.

A WEEK IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

This year a party of twenty-six juniors went to the Isle of Wight. We stayed at Whitwell on St. Catherine's Down in the south of the Island.

The first day, Mr. Trustram joined our party; we spent the day on the beach bathing and walking along the cliffs.

The next day the older boys went to Ventnor, the rest going to the nearest bathing spot.

On Sunday we attended Chale Church, after which we made for the coast.

Monday was our big day. We travelled by train to Cowes to see R.M.S. "Queen Mary," after her record-breaking voyage. About twelve o'clock the liner came within sight. We were only about three hundred yards away, getting an exceptionally fine view of her. During the afternoon we visited Carisbrooke Castle.

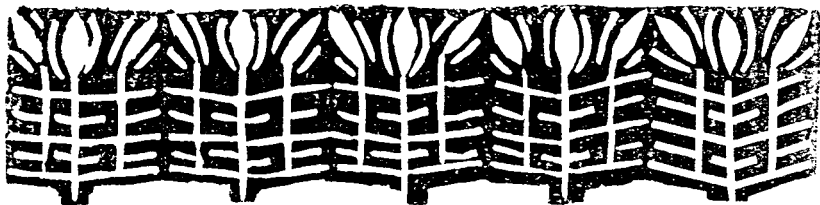
The next day, the party went to Shanklin, where an enjoyable day was spent on the beach.

On the following day we were joined by Mr. Carroll (a former master). Some went to Niton to bathe ; others to Godshell and over the Downs. Those who went to Godshell were fortunate again in seeing the "Queen Mary" on her return journey to New York.

Thursday came and we made for home, excepting one of the party who had been taken ill, and had to remain.

We had fine weather, and spent a most enjoyable week on the Island. We all felt grateful to Mr. Whittlestone for the work he had done to ensure the success of the venture.

Wilby H., Vb.



FROM OXFORD.

Oxford.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Like J. Alfred Prufrock,
I grow old.....I grow old.....
I shall wear the bottom of my trousers rolled.

I, the Secretary, the Recording Angel, of the Oxford Old Frestonians, feel poetical because I have read "The Scholar Gipsy" and "Thyrsis" to get me into the mood. I feel age creeping on when I see around me a host of new faces up from the old School. To be precise there are two of them, with the prospect of a third. Salvete.

Where were ye Nymphs when the remorseless deep
Clos'd o're the head of your loved Lycidas ?

Vale—not to Lycidas, but to F....1....X, to whom we wish that which seems most requisite, a powerful right arm. For long he has been almost as essential a part of Univ. as the gargoyles. Our loss is grievous.

The rest of us are pretty well, thank you. Two have "schools" this year and our B.A. says that the finest view of Oxford is to be had in the mornings about now from the hill where he lodges. So we are all disposed of; and now to be really literary.

Did you know, Mr. Editor, that in Elizabethan English there were in use eighty-three words to express personal violence, far more than are used in Chicago to-day ? I have meditated on this, and it has reminded me of Oxford's street names.

In Chicago, under modern scientific conditions, murder is a form of office practice, a means of getting rid of business competitors. But read about the murder of Kit Marlowe. He died mysteriously, in a tavern. They had imagination then, they entered into their violence with gusto and poetical enthusiasm, hence variety in manner and nomenclature. We have discovered this term, evidence in Oxford of this same poetical zest in life ; consider "Catte Street," "Turl Street," Magpie Lane," "Logic Lane" and "Blue Boar Lane."

But in Oxford the spirit of adventure is not quite dead for it needed a wit to make "Morrell Avenue" join on to "Divinity Road," especially since Mr. Morrell was a brewer, but it needed a positively stout heart in a fellow of Magdalen who allotted rooms to a couple of gentlemen so that the list of inhabitants at the foot of the staircase read

Greene
Pease.

And so I leave you, with all best wishes on behalf of
yours truly,

The Oxford Old Frestonians.

“WINGED FRUIT OF THE SYCAMORE.”

Lino-cut by Brooke L. Val.



CONFESSIONS OF A PUNSTER.

“O Shakespeare now put forth thy hand !
O lesser poets, Eliza’s band !
O lend thy strength stern Milton’s name !
O furtive wights blacked out of fame !
Owe not that courage which I lend ;
The art of punning we defend.”
(“The Art of Punning”).

“All puns can not be wholly bad ;
’Tis true some may drive people mad,
And often men of high degree
By puns quite vanquish thee—and me.”
(Idem).

“Let us like Milton aim our shafts,
Regale ourselves with cordial draughts.
The pun can be a subtle thing,
With soothing grace or bitter sting.”
(Idem).

Probably the first seeds of punning (or pun-craft) were sown in me when I gave up the riddle :—Why is a chatter-box like a bell ? The answer, as you all know is :— because neither will keep quiet when told (tollèd). The brackets are not mine, but in the belief that we must approach the subject by easy stages, I have retained the indication of the correct place in which to gasp (with admiration of course). Although I was as then a mere infant, I immediately saw the possibilities of an authorised revival of this literary art which had been neglected since the days of the Elizabethans and the Stuarts. Throughout my life I have worked to this end ; from that moment, my whole being has thrilled to the music, the surprise, the subtle satisfaction, the “je ne sais quoi” of the pun. It is inconceivable with what rapture, what exalted sentiments, what burning thoughts, the cadence of a well-turned and refined pun has blessed me.

My first tendency was towards injudicious and indiscriminate punning,—it is usual for new or new-found devices to be used in excess at the outset. But as time went on, experience tamed my wilder instincts ; the desire to shoot at any mark was curbed ; my bow was bent, my arrow levelled with a true archer’s care,—no longer any rash pepperings and fusillades, for I had learned that one well-directed shaft was worth quiversful of ill-sent bolts. At last I had mastered my medium ; at last I had disciplined my pen and my tongue, so that they might give forth nothing offensive to my numerous and critical British public.

But Man is only human, however great his self-knowledge may be, and I must make a shameful confession of having uttered extremely foul

and fierce puns ; but these lapses, it may be pleaded for me, have only occurred in moments of utter self-abandonment and regrettable verbal horse-play. To my intense mortification, such ill-timed sallies were often the subject of unseemly mirth, and this more than any other pretext spurred me on to write the only standard work on pun-craft,—“The Art of Punning,” a didactic poem in the style of Boileau’s “Art Poétique.” This epoch-making master-piece will be published posthumously,—so would-be purchasers, please note, and do not deluge the poor Editor of this magazine with inquiries regarding the publishers and price of this volume. I make this appeal because, having held that office for some time, I know how articles come pouring in and inundate the one who controls this publication (by whose kindness I have had my “Confessions” printed).

Somehow I seem to think that thereby hangs a tale. Yes, here it is,—a most base and unfounded calumny ! We had occasion to rap the knuckles of some unbridled punster with our Editorial pen, and calumnious Rumour noised it abroad that it was done in a fit of jealousy ! Such a statement is the blackest lie imaginable. ’Twas not jealousy, but an oft-repented temporary lack of sympathetic feeling,—and I bow my head and ask the offender forgiveness for being hasty in reproaching him for one of my own lamentable failings—for we are only human after all.

To return to my former theme ; —a new ideal of pun-craft must be set up. At a time of intense internal turmoil, the country, wallowing in its slough of split-infinitives, omitted and intrusive aspirates, deplorable Americanisms, and unscrupulous and inartistic punning, needs a leader, —someone who will fearlessly call forth all our nobler instincts and band the select few together so as to pull our degraded yet happy brethren from the mire. I feel that as a result of my thorough and laborious research, my reputation as a punster with a true aesthetic sense has made me the cynosure of literary eyes ; everyone, I am sure, looks to me to bring the nation forth out of its tyrannical bondage; at last my powers of perception have pierced my armour of reticent modesty.

If, then, I am to be your leader, let us be determined to fight to the bitter end ; let us crush all petty disputes between ourselves “de gustibus” ; let us sally forth, a gallant little band, and put to flight the forces of degenerate taste. Should a counter-attack be organised against us, let us retire into the fastnesses of Fastidiousness ; let us bolt and bar the portals against all assaults, and however loud may be the summons, never open to inquire the identity of him who knocks.

So barren and thorny is the ground whereon we scatter our seeds that our harvest will be scanty.....*

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* It would be tedious on our part to remind you of the notices in the

daily newspapers concerning the assassination of our learned contributor—but Man, as he remarks, is only human. We regret to announce that the manuscript of his unprinted book “The Art of Punning” was destroyed in a fire which consumed the greater part of his bureau before help was summoned.—Ed.

A VISIT TO A STEEL WORKS.

A party of men and boys, together with a guide—a chief engineer of the works,—set out one rainy evening last summer to visit the steel works of Dorman-Long & Co., Redcar.

We approached the works through sidings of coke trucks, and then entered the boiler-houses where the boilers are heated by the “waste” gases from the blast furnaces. Then, after climbing up rickety wooden stairs, we entered the Power-House. In it were huge turbines each driving an electrical generator, running very fast but very smoothly. The electricity is used by other machines which create the blast for the furnaces.

From here we passed quickly through a maze of buildings, coolers, railway trucks, and by the huge blast furnaces, until we came to the main L.N.E.R. line. Crossing with due caution, and passing through a few more miles of sidings (or so it seemed) we approached a huge shed surmounted by ten steel chimneys. This shed had two floors; on the ground floor were the ingot moulds, and machinery for dealing with pig and scrap-iron; on the second were ten Talbot steel furnaces. From the roof were suspended travelling cranes.

After climbing to the top floor we saw a furnace about to be tapped. The men engaged in tapping it removed the clay plug and the molten metal ran into a waiting ladle. A workman nearby handed us a pair of blue glasses through which the metal in the ladle could be seen frothing. An overhead crane carried the ladle forward and filled the ingot moulds. All these operations were carried on very smoothly ; the workmen, very few of them under six feet in height, performed their duties in an efficient manner, and when spoken to, their politeness and dignity was amazing, considering the oppressive heat and the exacting nature of the task.

Reluctantly we left the scene, and walked further on to watch a furnace being loaded. A special ladle, full of molten pig-iron from the blast furnaces, was lifted up to the mouth of the furnace. Meanwhile an ingenious machine had brought a chute to the opening ; down this the ladle was emptied. More metal was needed, so another machine replenished the furnace with bars of pig-iron. Heaps of manganese, silicon and other metals were then added to give the right alloy.

From here we walked to the rolling mills. The ingot, after being

brought to a white heat is pressed between huge rollers, finally being reduced to a long thin plate, still red hot. The power used in this department is tremendous, for each of the seven or eight cogging mills is driven by a 40,000 horse-power electric motor.

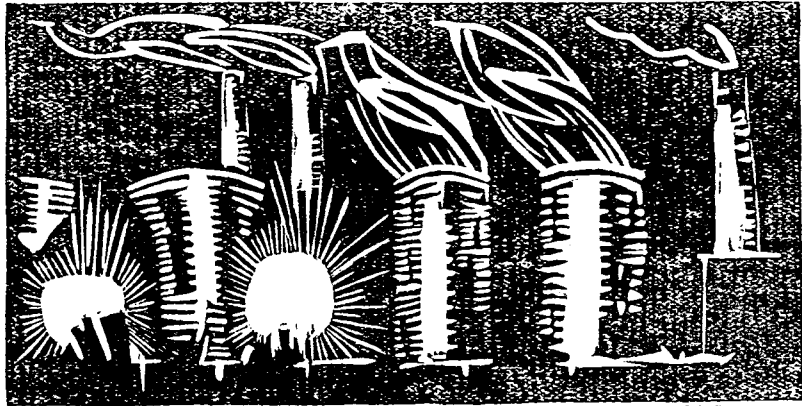
When cool the plates are cut up to any required shape by machines known as castor shears and other types of cutting machines.

It was now getting dark and the rain had stopped, so our guide, wishing us to see the grand spectacle of a blast furnace in the dark, led us out into the dark.

We arrived in time to see the furnace tapped. Amid a shower of sparks the molten metal cascaded into a waiting ladle. As the furnace emptied the roar became louder, and the pyrotechnic display increased in splendour. We retreated in great haste, to the amusement of the workmen who were standing without flinching in the sparks, and watched the impressive spectacle. The sky was lit up in all directions, the electric lamps seemed mere pin-pricks of light in comparison with the lurid glow.

Groping our way, and looking back at the furnaces, we left; and so ended a most enthralling visit to a steel works.

F. Wood, U.VI.Sc.



A WOOLLEN MILL.



ON the Friday afternoon of half-term a party of twenty-seven boys with Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Parker left the School gates for an Armley woollen mill. On arrival we were welcomed by two officials of the works and the party was divided into two smaller groups, each in charge of a Master and an official.

We were then conducted on a tour of the works, seeing all the numerous processes which the wool, stolen from some harmless sheep, has to go through before we can wear it in the shape of a smart suit. Anyone who

has not seen it, would think it impossible that there were so many marvellous things to be done in the production of cloth. It would be too huge a task to describe all we saw, so I will give a mere outline of the processes.

The first group of processes get the wool prepared for the intricate jobs of spinning and weaving. We were first shown samples of materials used in making cloth, and we had a surprise, for besides sheep's wool, rabbit fur, skunk fur, goose feathers, artificial wool, and old pulled-out stockings go into the machines for making fancy yarns. The natural wool is first placed in a large revolving drum which shakes out sand and grit. If some of the materials mentioned above are to be added, they are put in a blending machine and thoroughly mixed. So far the wool is of a dirty white hue, so next it goes to the dye-house where fashionable colours are imparted to it, in a large tank of dye. The wool is still a tangled coloured mass of no use for spinning and has to be carded. This process of pulling out all the fibres into one straight line is performed by massive machines which run the whole length of one building and consist of rollers covered with spikes; there are about three million spikes on each machine. The wool comes out as a number of strands which look like untwisted darning wool, which is called slubbing and is wound on condenser bobbins.

The next main process is spinning. There are two methods of spinning used, the first by a spinning-frame, which works in exactly the same way as the picturesque old spinning-wheel, only it spins a few hundred threads at once. First the slubbing is stretched a little by passing it over two rollers, the second revolving faster than the first. The spindle on to which it is to be wound revolves in an upright position so that the yarn is twisted as it is wound on. The other method is by a spinning-mule, which spins five hundred threads at once by repeating these three movements. The front part runs forward on rails pulling off a certain

length of slubbing from the condenser bobbins, which stop before the machine is fully out, thus stretching the wool. The spindles now twist the slubbing and as the front part runs back this yarn is wound onto spindles.

Cloth consists of strands running from end to end—the warp, and cross strands called the weft. First the warp, which may contain from three to six thousand, is set. About one hundred and fifty bobbins of various coloured yarns, called cheeses, are placed in a frame, called a creel. The length required is wound onto a drum, this is repeated with another hundred and fifty next to them and so on until the width of the piece is completed. For putting into the loom the warp is wound onto a roller called a beam and the end of every thread has to be hooked through a small eyelet in a shaft, a task which requires patience, there being as many as ten shafts when an intricate pattern is made. The beam and the shafts are placed in the loom, together with four shuttles, each of which has a differently coloured yarn wound round its spindle. As different shafts are raised and lowered one of the shuttles flies across, weaving a pattern. Endless numbers of patterns can be made by arranging in various ways the shafts and shuttles which are automatically controlled by small pegs on an endless band. The wool is now in the shape of a sheet of cloth, but is not ready for making up into suits or coats, for a shower of rain would soon shrink it. The piece is made much larger than it is wanted and then fully shrunk ; also there may be small faults in it and the surface is not smooth ; so the material has to be finished before sending to the tailors.

All this finishing is the last section in the production of the cloth. The pieces are examined carefully and all faults are mended ; if there are too many the piece is rejected. A good wash with soap and water comes next, after which the pieces are dried in centrifugal dryers and then between steam-pipes in a rather warm room. All loose fibres which make the surface rough are now cut off in a machine whose action is like that of a lawn-mower. The shrinking is done by damping the cloth and hanging it in a room to dry naturally. When this is done the pieces are pressed under a pressure of two tons per square inch. This leaves a gloss on the surface which is steamed off before the piece is cramped for a short while. The spinning and weaving is now finished and the cloth is ready for dispatch to the tailors.

After seeing so many wonderful processes and machines we went to the canteen until our 'bus returned. Here some members of the party tried their skill at darts while others had a game of cards. We left the works very grateful to the management and our guides for allowing us to see such an interesting factory.

K. Limbert, U.VI.Sc.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

During the past year, increasing interest has been shown in cross-country running, especially by the Juniors, and the weekly runs are always well supported. It is pleasing to note that several of this term's new boys are taking part in the runs, so that the future of this branch of athletics is assured.

Since the departure of Barker, one of the best all-round runners the School has ever produced, to Trinity College, Carmarthen, the leadership has been taken over by Curtis and it is encouraging to see the keenness with which the teams rally round. Over a third of the Juniors have now taken part in these runs, and a small body of Seniors including several prefects have been in the habit of turning out during gym. lessons as well as on the general runs,—the recollection will be clear in the minds of many, of the day when the Editor allowed himself to be inveigled into taking part in one of these mid-week runs.

The value of cross-country running during the autumn and winter terms (weather permitting) cannot be over-emphasised. Besides improving a boy's physical condition it creates a love of open air and outdoor activities. It provides an easy and pleasant way of preparation for the School Sports. It is inadequate and harmful for a boy to leave his training to the last fortnight before Sports Day, and for his own sake he should begin much earlier to build up his stamina gradually in order not to overstrain himself. The success of the School in the last Inter-School Sports at Huddersfield, where the Championship Shield and Senior Plaque were won, was due in no small measure to the preparatory training of cross-country running.

Only boys medically fit are allowed to take part in the runs. They are instructed in the technique of running, during gym. lessons and are taught that it is no disgrace to walk and run alternate distances. This system builds up speed and endurance till the boys can easily run the whole distance.

The runs take place over a course of two and a half to three miles, but if the boys wish it, longer or shorter runs can be taken. Juniors and Seniors run together but competition is not encouraged as it leads to overstrain in boys not used to the runs.

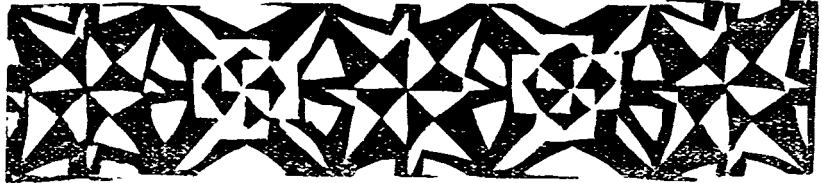
Unfortunately few Seniors take an interest in the runs. Regular runners among the Seniors are Curtis, White, Holmes, Lumb, Wood, Hepworth and Fisher. If more Seniors took part, no doubt promising runners, as yet unaware of their ability, would be discovered. Mr. Hughes would be glad to see more turning out, and to advise them on their training whether for personal fitness or for Athletics.

H.W.

THE LIBRARY.

The most notable addition to the Library this term, has been made possible by a special grant from the Governors. This was expended in the purchase of modern plays and fiction. Such authors as A. A. Milne, Sean O'Casey, Aldous Huxley and C. E. Montague are now represented on our shelves. The gifts by boys leaving in the summer term were well up to the average. In addition a number of books have been received from Old Boys and Masters. The list of donors is as follows :—Messrs. F. Swallow, J. W. Hughes, W. Batty, A. J. L. Durham, E. B. Haslam, R. G. Thompson, A. Barker, G. G. Braime, G. A. Brunt, F. F. Edmonds, H. Hunt, B. Parkes, J. Smith and J. P. Webster. The duties of Assistant Librarian have been undertaken by R. Holmes, VI^A, who is proving himself as orderly and efficient as his predecessor.

F. Swallow.



HOUSE NOTES.

BENNETT HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. T. H. Hewson.
Mr. R. Law.
Mr. K. M. J. Tryon.

House Captain }
Football Captain } Oliver J.

Our best wishes go out to W. Morris, last year's Football Captain, who is now at York Training College.

Last year we did not succeed in retaining the C. E. Brittain Memorial Trophy, being third in the competition. Although we were bottom in the Swimming Sports we hope for an improvement in this direction.

The House has been fairly successful at football, the Seniors having won two of their three matches. The Juniors, though not so strong as last year, have contributed some useful points. We have four members of the House in the 1st XI.

FREESTON HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. H. Whittlestone.
Mr. D. H. Bellamy.
Mr. S. W. J. Marshall.

House Captain : Myers C. G.
Football Captain : Shillito K.

The House must congratulate N. Hinchliffe and C. G. Myers on obtaining W.R.C.C. Major Scholarship and State Scholarship, and State Scholarship respectively. Hinchliffe is expected to take up residence at University College, Oxford, in the New Year and we wish him every success in his academic career. Our last year's House Captain, B. Parkes, takes our best wishes for success with him, on entering University College, Oxford. We also send our best wishes to G. A. Brunt at Leeds Training College.

In Swimming we finished second and expect to be champions next year. Neither Senior nor Junior football teams have done as well as expected, so that there was plenty of room for improvement next term.

FROBISHER HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. I. Parker.
Mr. D. Brabban.
Mr. L. R. Harris.

House Captain : Richardson I.
Football Captain : Holmes R.

We congratulate K. Umpleby, who is now at University College, Oxford, D. S. W. Lumb and R. Holmes on their obtaining County Major Scholarships.

Last year we were successful in carrying off the Athletics, Cricket and Swimming Shields, and in winning the coveted House Trophy.

The House has been very successful at football this term, the Senior side being victorious in all its matches in a convincing manner, and consequently we have great hopes of gaining the Football Shield. Four members of the Senior side are also members of the School 1st XI, and we are well represented in the 2nd XI. The Juniors, too, are doing their share, and making a valiant effort to add to our successes.

HANSON HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. F. Swallow.
Mr. H. Gott.
Mr. J. H. Young.

House Captain }
Football Captain } Fisher A. R.

We must congratulate F. F. Edmonds, who is now at Leeds University, on obtaining a County Major Scholarship. He and Barker, Victor Ludorum for two years, who is at Trinity College, Carmarthen, will be greatly missed this year. Our best wishes also to J. Askham at Saltley Training College.

The Seniors are very weak, and have won no matches this term. They have, however, shown excellent spirit and tried hard, a sure foundation for the Juniors, to whom we must look for any success in the future. The Juniors have a good team, and several show promise of making really good players. We shall all keep together, and continue our efforts.

SWIMMING NOTES.

As usual we held our Annual Swimming Gala on the last Monday of the Summer Term, and the enthusiasm of the representative crowd of spectators was a tribute to the boys who took part in the various events. The standard of swimming in the School is being maintained, and yet White H. was able to create three new records—a very fine achievement. As a result he became Senior Champion—an honour he missed last year only by a narrow margin. As White P. was successful in gaining the Junior Championship, also as a result of some good swimming, the Sports became quite a family affair.

Frobisher House was again successful in winning the Shield. They are worthy of all praise because their victory is due to an all-round strength. In all events, both Senior and Junior, they are well represented by a keen band of swimmers.

This year we decided to have finals only at the Gala. For those taking part in a large number of events this was a great help, for it saved them from becoming over-tired, and for this reason we hope to continue the practice in the future. Two new events were introduced—One Breadth Breast Stroke—Best Style—for Seniors and Juniors. This was to give opportunity to those swimmers who, in spite of lack of speed, swim with style. The diving, this year, was the subject of much favourable comment, and in particular we must congratulate Newton K. on his really beautiful display.

The new Senior Swimming Certificates were designed this term and several boys have been presented with theirs. Although the tests are severe, many boys are capable of obtaining one of these certificates, and we hope for more entries next summer. Also, it is hoped that we shall be able to enter a large number of boys for the various awards of the Royal Life Saving Society when the swimming season comes round again.

D.H.B.

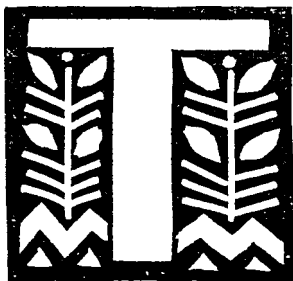
CRICKET.

N.G.S. v. OLD FRESTONIANS, July 27th.

We looked forward keenly to this annual match, and hoped this year to defeat the Old Boys.

School fielded smartly, and some excellent bowling by Holmes helped to dismiss their opponents for 98. Our optimism was dashed when Shillito was run out in the first over. The Old Boys' bowling was consistently good, and in spite of stubborn batting, the School were all out for 54.

FOOTBALL.



HIS season the School team has undergone a complete reshuffle, only five of last year's team being left. However, the newcomers have acquitted themselves well, and only one match has been lost. We were rather unfortunate to be beaten by Barnsley, and hope to avenge this defeat next term.

The success of the team has not been due to individual play, but to the excellent combination and spirit of the whole team. All the players have given of their best, both on and off the field, while Fisher has rendered valuable assistance as Vice-Captain. We have been fortunate in securing the services of the F.A. coach early in the year, and it is hoped that the effects of the coaching upon the Juniors will soon become evident.

N.G.S. v. BATLEY G.S. (away) September 26th.

Playing downhill, School attacked persistently, and goals were scored by Oliver, Wall and Hunt. In the second half, the School defence proved too strong for the Batley forwards, and further goals were added by Westwood, Brooke and Hunt.

Result: B.G.S. 0; N.G.S. 6 (Hunt 2, Wall, Oliver
Westwood, Brooke).

N.G.S. v. PONTEFRACT K.S. (home) October 10th.

Fisher soon scored for the School, but Pontefract quickly equalised. Play was very even for a time, the School forwards being checked by a stout defence. Towards half-time, however, goals were added by Westwood V. R. (2), and Brooke.

On resuming, our lead was further increased by Westwood (2) and Hunt. Towards the end Pontefract scored again.

Result: N.G.S. 7 (Westwood 4, Hunt, Brooke, Fisher); P.K.S 2.

N.G.S. v. BARNSELY G.S. (away) October 31st.

The pitch was rather muddy, and the School team could not settle down. Barnsley, however, combined well, and scored twice in the first half. Play was even in the second half, and Oliver scored twice, but Barnsley added two more goals.

Result: B.G.S. 4; N.G.S. 2 (Oliver 2).

N.G.S. v. THORNES HOUSE S.S. (away) November 7th.

School attacked continuously from the kick-off, but the muddy conditions proved a handicap. After good play by Shillito, Westwood scored, and a little later, a 'Thornes' player put through his own goal. In the second half, the School defence subdued the Thornes' forwards, and, well supported by the half-backs, School scored almost at will. Goals were added by Westwood 4, Shillito 2 and Fisher 2.

Result: T.H.S.S. 0; N.G.S. 10 (Westwood 5, Shillito 2, Fisher 2).

N.G.S. v. ACKWORTH SCHOOL (home) November 28th.

School started very impressively, and quick goals were scored by Holmes (2) and Oliver. Ackworth played a good open game, and scored once. In the second half, Ackworth pressed strongly, and were unlucky not to score. The School team, however, played well throughout, and neither side scored again.

Result: N.G.S. 3 (Holmes 2, Oliver); A.S. 1.

N.G.S. v. PONTEFRAC T K.S. (away) December 12th.

The ground was frozen, making good football impossible. School attacked strongly, but Pontefract defended well, only conceding one goal, scored by Edmonds, in the first half. On resuming, Pontefract were rarely out of their own half, but the School forwards shot badly, and only one goal was added, this time by Oliver.

Result :—P.K.S. 0 ; N.G.S. 2 (Edmonds, Oliver).

SECOND XI.

N.G.S. (away) 1 ; PONTEFRAC T 1.
(Spinks)

N.G.S. (home) 4 ; BARN SLEY 2.
(Armitage 2, Oxley, Spinks).

N.G.S. (home) 6 ; THORNES 1.
(Edmonds, Spinks, Armitage 2,
Westwood, Oxley).

N.G.S. (away) 2 ; ACKWORTH 4.
(Westwood, Linford).

N.G.S. (home) 7 ; PONTEFRAC T 3.
(Westwood 4, Linford 2,
Armitage).

HOUSE MATCHES.

	BENNETT	FREESTON	FROBISHER	HANSON	<i>Total Points.</i>
BENNETT (Blue)	_____	WON 2—0	LOST 0—4	WON 4—1	4
FREESTON (Buff)	LOST 0—2	_____	LOST 0—2	WON 3—0	2
FROBISHER (Red)	WON 4—0	WON 2—0	_____	WON 5—0	6
HANSON (White)	LOST 0—4	LOST 1—3	LOST 0—5	_____	0

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Hanson 2, Bennett 1. Freeston 2, Frobisher 2.
 Hanson 6, Freeston 3. Bennett 2, Frobisher 0.
 Bennett 4, Freeston 2. Frobisher 4, Hanson 2.
 Points :— Bennett 4. Hanson 4. Frobisher 3. Freeston 1.

Junior XI. 4, Pontefract K.S. 5 (home).
 Junior XI. 0, Barnsley G.S. 11 (away).
 Junior XI. 1, Pontefract K.S. 3 (away).

OLD FRESTONIAN NOTES.

"For we were nursed upon the self-same hill."

The issue of these notes finds us with The Old Frestonians' Syllabus almost completed and our thoughts turning to the end of the Financial Year, with the Annual Re-Union Dinner and General Meeting fixed for Friday, 12th February, 1937.

Our two functions in this session, whilst not affording much financial help to the Association, have confirmed the Committee in the belief that they definitely supply a demand amongst Old Boys, and that each can in time be made into as important an event as the Dinner.

On 9th October, the second of the Dinner Dances was held in the School, and the eighty or so guests present mingled in such a genial atmosphere as to suggest an Old Frestonians' Party. The time taken over Toasts was cut down to a minimum, the only one besides the Loyal Toast being that of the "Ladies" proposed by Mr. H. Brook, responded to by Mrs. J. Moore, and there was this year no Whist Drive, so as to avoid breaking the continuity of the evening's entertainment. The Committee felt justified in this move by the way in which the subsequent dance appeared thoroughly to be enjoyed.

The more ambitious Dance in the Baths Hall on 20th November, would undoubtedly have gladdened the hearts of the Committee by its success, had it not been marred by inclement weather. Satisfaction was felt that some 120 people attended, in spite of the fog that kept many away. Here again there was shown that best spirit of camaraderie appropriate to a gathering of Old Boys.

Whilst the Association itself must at the moment limit its activities to the somewhat modest syllabus given in the past few years, Old Boys have put their team spirit into other efforts. The Old Frestonians' Cricket Team have continued their season and had an enjoyable game against The Old Savilians at Wakefield on 31st July. Attention might be drawn here to the number of Old Boys in the Castleford Rugby Union Club, which has had such a successful season. Mr. H. Buckley is the Captain and Team Secretary, and there are five other Old Boys, namely Messrs. W. White, C. Gill, S. Pickles, G. Travis and C. Howden in the Team, with Mr. C. Lee as Secretary of the Club.

The Treasurer is anxious to have a satisfactory Financial Report to present in February, and we might here, whilst wishing every Old Boy happiness and prosperity in the coming year, remind all readers that the prosperity of the Association depends on their assistance, and request an early remittance of subscriptions.

A.M.S.

OLD BOYS' NEWS.

MARRIAGES :

- 5th Sept., 1936—Mr. H. E. Appleyard to Miss D. Marsden at Altofts Parish Church.
- 12th Sept., 1936—Mr. A. M. Smith to Miss M. Fox at Normanton Parish Church.
- 28th Oct., 1936—Mr. R. Fox to Miss E. Nicholl at Kippax Parish Church.
- 14th Nov., 1936—Mr. S. K. Reynolds to Miss E. Jewell at Whitkirk Parish Church.

APPOINTMENTS :

- Mr. A. E. Fletcher is now an Army School Master at Shorncliffe.
- Dr. R. W. Goldsbrough has recently left Normanton to take up a Medical Practice near Wigton, Cumberland.
- Mr. D. Hammond has obtained an appointment in the Administrative Class of the Civil Service, and is now at the War Office.
- Mr. J. F. Jones has been appointed Head of Kirkhamgate Council School.
- Mr. W. Lamb has been appointed Warrant Officer School Master in the Royal Navy, and is stationed at Devonport.
- Mr. F. R. Passey has been appointed Post Master at Filey.
- Mr. P. Taylor is now Assistant Maths. Master at King Edward VII School, Sheffield.
- Mr. W. White has been appointed P.T. Master at the New Senior Mixed School at Normanton.
- Mr. J. H. Williams has been appointed Technical Research Assistant in the Defence Section of the War Department.
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