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J. Chivers (Old Boys).
A. Westwood (Art).

Once again the flaming torch of tradition is handed down from experienced to inexperienced hands. At first it seemed very hard to hold, but we have been able to retain our grip long enough to light a new faggot from the old one, and again the torch flares up triumphantly.

We trust our readers will find something of topical interest in the article on the recent crisis written by an old Boy. It has been kept as unbiassed as possible, so as to avoid giving offence to anyone.

No Editorial would be complete without a reference, however brief or veiled, to the weather. It is worth noting, perhaps, that the English winter has got us in its grip again, just as the School dentist has had us during this term.

And now, heaving a sigh of relief, not unmixed with apprehension, the Editor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a bright and successful New Year.

SALVETE.

Form IIA.—Brook W.

Bullock W. M.

Fewster A.

Gill J. M.

Harrison N. M.

Hirst R. W.

Horner E.

Kaye A. G.

Morgan D.

Perry E.

Poole J. G.

Richardson C.

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Tindall E.

Tyson K. G.

Virgo G. D.

Welsby G.

Westwood C.

White R. G.

Wilby J.

Form IIB.—Addy E.

Booker G.

Briscoe K.

Copley H.

Gelder F. P.

Harper G.

Helks F.

Helks J. R.

Holmes F. H.

Jackson R.

Jones R.

Malpass J.

Marshall R.

Seymour P.

Simpson H. E.

Smith C. K.

Warburton J.

Wilkinson L.

Lockyer J. K.

RETURNED:

L.VI.S.—Holmes F. A.

VA.1.—Newton J. W.

VA.2.—Carter K. T.

VALETE.

SUMMER TERM, 1938.

U.VI.Sc.—Barr R. H.

IVB.—Conlon J.

IIA.—Blacker J.

IIB.—Roberts A.

AUTUMN TERM, 1938.

VA.1—Beaumont J.

DE OMNIBUS.

CRICKET COLOURS.

Retrospecting for a moment, we wish to state that the following members of the 1st XI. were awarded their colours :—Edmonds O. P., Green J. E.

PREFECTS.

Edmonds O. P. is head boy this year, with Hepworth H. as senior prefect. The rest of the prefects are, in order of seniority :—Price G., Hampshire W. R., Westwood A., Nuttall G., Wilkinson B. H., Guy W., Spencer S., Midgley F., Curtis O. H., Dunkley J.

STAFF.

We welcome Mr. E. G. Shalders, who has succeeded Mr. Marshall as Junior Mathematics Master. We hope his stay here will be both long and happy.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The usual service was held in the school on November 11th to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the war.

W. R. Hampshire read aloud the names of those Masters and Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice, and placed a poppy wreath on the memorial. The singing of the Recessional and the National Anthem brought the short service to a close.

It was gratifying to note that almost every boy was wearing a poppy, and, as a result, a satisfactory sum of money was realised.

PLAYS.

During the term, a surreptitious interest in the forthcoming productions has been aroused by the appearance of stage fittings which, unlike Rome, were built in a day. Four One-Act Plays are to be presented on December 15th and 16th, but reports on them are unavoidably held over until next term's issue.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate Madeley J. on securing no fewer than six "A" Credits (Distinctions) in his School Certificate, and that before he reached the age of 15.

THANKS.

We tender our sincerest thanks to Mr. A. J. L. Durham for his very interesting article on a well-known figure in the Industrial Revolution. Mr. Crawshay apparently came from this part of the world, and we agree with Mr. Durham that the School Magazine is the fitting place for this intriguing piece of original research.

LINO-CUT.

We are indebted to Edmonds O. P. for this issue's lino-cut. It is highly suggestive of hidden power ; moreover, the artist's power of lino-cutting was hitherto hidden. Is this a coincidence ?

CONTEMPORARIES.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines, and to apologise for any omission :—The Legiolian (Castleford G. S.) ; The magazine of Heckmondwike G. S. ; The Savilian (Wakefield G. S.) ; The Granthamian (The magazine of King's School, Grantham) ; The Olicanian (Ilkley G. S.) ; The Cupola (Ackworth G. S.) ; The magazine of Goole G. S.

COLLECTION.

This term, a collection was taken up for the Foreign Refugee Children fund. Each boy gave one penny, so that a sum of about £1 was realised.

NOTICES.

Some time next term, at a date to be announced later, a visit will be made to Crompton Parkinson's, the Instrument-makers of Leeds.

During the Summer term, a further visit to Moorside Edge is to be arranged. Those who went on the last visit will be able to tell how-interesting it was.

On December 19th, a party of boys are paying a call on the Nox Electric Lamp manufacturers at Leeds. A full account of this visit will appear in the next magazine, as also will the descent of Water Haigh colliery which takes place towards the end of this term.

PHOTOGRAPH.

Our photograph this term shows the first group of fully-fledged scouts.

SPEECH DAY.

Our annual Speech Day took place this year on November 17th. The evening opened with the usual rendering of the hymn "Great Lord of Wisdom, Life and Light," followed by an entertaining pianoforte duet by B. H. Wilkinson and D. Wilkinson.

Mr. Holden extended a hearty welcome to the guest of the evening, Professor Frank Smith, Professor of Education in the University of Leeds; and then proceeded to read his annual report.

He deplored the continual fall in the numbers of the School, a particular disappointment being the inability of some County Minor Scholarship winners to take up their awards. The number of applicants for Training Colleges had dwindled to a third of its former size, and the Headmaster mentioned the difficulty of qualifiers obtaining posts, particularly within the County. The number of boys proceeding to places of higher education was one seventh of the number leaving. Some boys entered the Services, and the rest entered many different professions.

In reviewing the year's examination results, Mr. Holden especially referred to one or two boys. The outstanding name was again that of Myers, who last December had obtained a Major Scholarship in Mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge. His was probably the best individual record of which the School had note. Swaine had been awarded a Freeston Scholarship in Science. Another boy, Madeley, before becoming fifteen, had reached "A" Credit standard in six subjects, in the School Certificate Examination. The School continued to be well represented at the Universities. Moreover, a number of appointments in Grammar Schools had recently been secured by Old Boys. Hearty congratulations were accorded to H. L. Haslop, who had obtained first place in England

in the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

In regard to football, the First XI had won twelve out of fourteen matches played; the Second XI and Junior XI also enjoyed a successful season. At Cricket, however, the School had had a poor season, the First XI winning only three of ten matches played. At the Inter-School Sports, the Shield had been won, together with both the Senior and Middle Plaques, thanks chiefly to magnificent running by Curtis and Wombwell. Enthusiasm in Swimming had been maintained.

As for other School activities : there had been a holiday in North Wales; and the Handicraft, Stamp, Gramophone and Photographic Societies still flourished. The Dramatic Society had upheld its reputation, in the presentation of four One-Act plays. Finally, a Scout Troop had been formed. Mr. Holden also referred to the use made in School of the film apparatus and weekly broadcasts. He then thanked the members of his staff for their loyal support and co-operation at all times and ended with a few remarks on discipline.

Mr. Butler began by expressing concern at the decline in the numbers of the School, and quoting Scholarship figures for Normanton and Royston, suggested more effort on the part of Normanton entrants for the County Minor Scholarships. Stressing the modesty of the Headmaster's report, he went on to speak of the recent General Inspection—the first since 1926. The Inspectors commented on the unusually high proportion of boys going on to Universities and Colleges, the sound general work of the School, and the outstanding record of Scholarship successes in recent years. The Headmaster and Staff were also complimented. On behalf of the Governors, Mr. Butler heartily agreed with all the remarks of the report.

Professor Frank Smith distributed the prizes, and afterwards made a very interesting speech. He noted the great attention now given to the education of the body, and the appointment of the National Fitness Council. While emphasising the benefits of good physical condition, he stressed the even greater importance of the healthy mind. The mind and body were inter-acting, so delicately related, so dependent on each other. Mental slacking weakened character.

The Speaker went on to make a brief reference to recent happenings abroad, in which the participation of the young was the most revolting feature. The idea of fair play had always been a characteristic of English Education, and he hoped the audience felt this tradition to be one of our highest achievements as a people and one of the greatest stand-bys of our national character.

Professor Smith commented on the fine variation of our school activities, and so reached his final point--the social virtues of

education. By this he meant the ability to “get on” with each other, to learn to tolerate and like other people. The real test of the school was the difference it made to the life of the community in which it was placed. He concluded by complimenting the School on its fine records.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Beard and seconded by Cr. Hampshire.

Then came the usual musical programme. After the School had sung “Forty Years On,” the choir rendered four part-songs, and the two Wilkinsons played their second pianoforte duet. The evening was brought to a successful close by the hearty singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

H.H., U.V.I.A.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

MAJOR OPEN SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS—
Christ’s College, Cambridge, Myers C. G.

FREESTON SCHOLARSHIP—
University College, Oxford, Swaine J.

JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD.

(a) HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(i) Mathematics and Science—

Barr R. H., Clarke R., Hampshire W. R., Price G., Swaine J.
(Distinction in Chemistry).

(ii) Arts Subjects—

Edmonds O. P., Green J. E., Nuttall G.

(b) SCHOOL CERTIFICATE —

Atack D. (‘A’ Credits in English Literature, Chemistry), Bagg M. N., Batten G. H., Brown A., Burgess E. H., Chivers J., Curtis O. H., Denison E. M., Doughty A., Dunmore K. E., Grainger J. W., Griffiths R. A. (‘A’ Credit in Mathematics), Holmes F. A., Holmes A., Kirk W. A., Lister E. B., Locker J., Madeley J. (‘A’ Credits in History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Milner A., Prince E. D., Smith M. B., Staines K. A. B., Sweeting J. H., Tate J., Teal M., Ward A. J., Whalley K., Whitely D., Wilkinson D. (‘A’ Credit in Mathematics), Wombwell D.

PRIZE LIST.

- FORM IIB.—First Prize, Wandless K.; Honourable Mention, Clarkson C., Smith L. G., Hudson J. B.
- FORM IIA.—First Prize, Pearson N. T.; Second Prize, Ferguson L. ; Third Prize, Cartwright J. W. D.; Fourth Prize, Webster W. ; Fifth Prize, Young D.
- FORM IIIB.—First Prize, Kirk A.; Second Prize, Sadler A. G. ; Honourable Mention, Dickinson, Ron.
- FORM IIIA.—First Prize, Leech D.; Second Prize, Reynolds E. E.; Third Prize, Nelson G.; Honourable Mention, Ellison J., Sylvester A.
- FORM IVB.—First Prize, Ashurst G.; Second Prize, Handscombe N. ; Honourable Mention, Buckle N.
- FORM IVA.—First Prize, Warrender E.; Second Prize, Rann C. H.; Third Prize, Downing G.; Honourable Mention, Westerman A., Edwards T.
- FORM VB.—First Prize, Davenport P. H.; Second Prize, Newton K. ; Honourable Mention, Woolford R. A., White P.
- FORM VA2.—First Prize, Holmes F. A.; Second Prize, Milner A. ; Third Prize, Burgess E. H.; Honourable Mention, Denison E. M., Dunmore K. E.
- FORM VA1.—SCHOOL CERTIFICATE : Attack D., Bagg M. N., Griffiths R. A., Holmes A., Kirk W. A., Madeley J., Prince E. D., Ward A. J., Whalley K., Wilkinson D., Wombwell D.
- FORM L.VI.A.—First Prize, Gullick T. A.; Second Prize, Ramsden R.
- FORM L.VI.SC.—First Prize, Guy W.; Second Prize, Dunkley J.
- FORM U.VI.A.—First Prize, Edmonds O. P.; Second Prize, Green J. E. ; Third Prize, Nuttall G.
- FORM U.VI.SC.—First Prize, Swaine J. ; Second Prize, Price G. ; Third Prize, Clarke R.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

- UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP, CAMBRIDGE— Myers C. G.
- FREESTON SCHOLARSHIP, OXFORD— Swaine J.

PRIZES FOR DISTINCTION.

- HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—
- Chemistry Swaine J.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—

English Literature, Chemistry	Atack D.
Mathematics	Griffiths R. A.
History, French, Latin,	
Maths., Physics, Chemistry	Madeley J.
Mathematics	Wilkinson D.
Gimblett Prize	Green J. E.
Forster Prize for Physics	Madeley J.
Royce Prize for Chemistry ;	Madeley J.
Headmaster's Prize for Maths.	Griffiths R. A.
Mathematics Medal	Price G.
E. H. Dixon Memorial Prize	Edmonds O. P.
C. E. Brittain Memorial Prize	Swaine J.
T. W. Freeston Memorial Prize	Myers C. G.
School Medallist	Swaine J.
House Trophy	Bennett House.

RECOGNISED STUDENTSHIPS IN TRAINING.

(a) Trinity College, Carmarthen	Ramsden R.
(b) Education Dept., Leeds University	Green J.E., Swaine J.
(c) Westminster T. C. and King's College, London	Clarke R.
(d) The Training College, Saltley	Swaby G.
(e) St. John's College, York	Gullick T. A,

AFOOT IN NORTH WALES.



EADED by three masters, a party collected at the Llanrwst Hostel on the 5th of September, 1938, after journeying through typical Welsh scenery. The hills on one side of the valley were wooded, on the other side they were heather-covered. The only scar on the landscape had been the power-station with its pipe-line at Dolgarog. The hostel was built high on the side of a heavily-wooded hill, and enjoyed continual breezes. Dinner and bed-making over, some of the party decided to go to the cinema, while the rest explored the town.

Next day, the tour commenced with an easy walk to Bettws-y-coed, where the party was joined by another stalwart walker who had travelled there by 'bus. From this spot we walked up the river to the famous and much-photographed Swallow Falls.

Wednesday dawned in a torrent of rain, but about 11 o'clock we were able to shoulder our packs and set off on our 25 miles walk to Idwal. We climbed to a height of about 1,300 feet amid barren rock, where the only sounds were the crying of sheep and the rush of water. Here we reached a farmhouse and promptly absorbed many cups of tea ; we were loth to leave this haven, but we had to hurry off because a storm was threatening. We soon reached Capel Curig, but then we had to traverse a stretch of country six miles long which, according to the Guide Book, "might be wet in places." Where it was not wet, it was deep in mud, and we were glad to see Idwal Cottage again.

Our next visit was to Bethesda, where we saw a huge slate quarry. Some of us tried our hands at splitting slate, but were not very successful.

Friday's weather was a repetition of Thursday's. The sun was brilliant, so we set out for Snowdon. We went by 'bus to Llanberis Pass, which is at the mountain-foot. By the time we had climbed 1,500 feet, less than half-way, we were tired. We kept on, however, and by the time that we were within 1,000 feet of the summit, all available ballast had been cast off. We reached the summit of Snowdon, but a heat-haze cut the visibility down to thirty miles. We scrambled down the mountain-side and ended our walk by a 'bus-ride.

Next day we returned to Llanrwst, passing several disused lead mines, surrounded by an air of desolation. This night, we said "Good-bye" to Mr. Marshall.

On Sunday, being ignorant of the Welsh language, we missed church, but had a quiet ramble on the hills round Llanrwst, arriving back at the

hostel in time to do all possible packing in readiness for the morrow's departure for Conway and home.

J. D. (U.VI.Sc.).

"A MEETING OF THE HUNT."

One Thursday morning I noticed this little paragraph in the local paper : "On Saturday, the tenth of September, at 10-30 a.m., the Badsworth Fox Hounds will meet at Woolley Village Green." I showed this to my uncle and we decided to 'follow the hounds.'

Saturday came, a bright and cheery September morning, and at half-past eight we set off. With the birds singing, the sun shining, no frost which could put the hounds off the scent, we were in for a good time. We reached Woolley Village Green at a quarter to ten after an energetic walk of five miles.

Already there were assembled many people, cars and horse-boxes. As time went on the numbers increased, until at half-past ten about thirty people were ready for starting, including six "Red-coats," men, women and children. Just before this the hounds arrived in a big van. The master got out his horse, a big brown hunter, and then took the dogs into a nearby field for a little exercise. What amazed me was how he could distinguish between them all and remember their names when they all looked alike to me.

In ten minutes they were ready to start, and with laughter and shouting the company departed for Woolley Hall. The first fox was scented after five minutes 'beating,' but it escaped across the fields and over the main road. A few minutes later a second was scented. This was the most beautiful fox I have ever seen. Its coat was red, orange, brown, black and white, intermingled so artistically that it looked almost artificial. The master was galloping up and down, making a noise I can't describe ; the hounds were baying and almost falling into the pond in eagerness.

"Look out! it's here," and round the fence came the fox chased by three hounds. Two more were waiting ready. With one leap the fox cleared the hounds and a six foot fence, and was away.

This was becoming exciting, for two foxes had been seen, chased, and had escaped in ten minutes. "There's another !" This one soon escaped, but was followed across the fields and lanes until Seccar Wood was reached.

Here we ate our sandwiches and sat waiting for something to happen. Nothing did and so we went to Notton Park where we finished the morning.

Foxes were in plenty, but none were caught. One was chased and then it 'earthed.' Five minutes were spent in 'digging it out'

when the hounds began to bay and away down the fields was the fox, making its way to the wood where it was lost.

Glancing at my watch, I saw it was half-past two; this meant that we should have to go for dinner. On our way home we saw one of the hounds which had evidently followed a wrong scent. It followed us for a while and then turning round it made its way back. We arrived home, tired out, but with appetites that made us feel as "hungry as hunters."

G.D. (Va1.)

CONFESSION.



ERE is a new idea. Instead of Old Boys' Letters, this term we have asked five past editors of The "Frestonian" to write for us. We asked these questions :—

What did the School teach you ?

and/or

What do you remember of your School Life?

What have you learnt since ?

I.

Six years have elapsed since I left the N.G.S. for the great adventure of University life ; looking in retrospect at those Grammar School days, a curious, brilliant kaleidoscope of memories presents itself.

First days at school, strange turmoil, mingled with awe and delight; the Speech Days in the Baptist Schoolroom, singing under the baton of Mr. Gimblett, the later Speech Days in more spacious surroundings..... strains of "Floruit, floret, floreat" echoing even now in the memory. The fascination of new smells encountered in the laboratory, a whole new world revealed in the pages of textbooks and a growing sense of awareness which found meaning in the four o'clock sun dipping down behind Cambridge Street.

A thousand and one such memories leap forward at the mention of Normanton Grammar School, some perhaps memories of momentous occasions, but the majority just tiny flashes like the light reflected from the background of a huge mosaic.

Perhaps the most striking thing I have learnt since I left N.G.S. is the value of such a store of memories and sensations, the bright random chips in the mosaic, the real stuff of life ; and of these I wish all Frestonians, past, present and future, a joyful abundance.

J. H. Williams, (1932),

II.

I remember realising, while still at school, that education is much more than the imbibing of knowledge ; I remember discovering, when I went up to Oxford, the relative absence, compared with other schools, of restriction and repression in the life of N.G.S., accompanied by less than the usual reverence for corporateness.

I value retrospectively the training, common to all schools, to live unreservedly for the life of the moment.

Since, I have learnt, that, while the first point above remains true, accurate and full knowledge is very essential to right judgement ; that a vast amount of specious nonsense is talked and written, based on incomplete knowledge, incompetent thinking and popular prejudice, and that the authors are usually convinced that they talk plain common-sense ; that life has to be lived first and theorised about afterwards, for theories are a lame attempt to explain and supplement facts. I have come to regard truth as pragmatic and relative, and absolute truth as unattainable by human beings. Tolerance is therefore, not only a virtue, but a duty.

A. J. L. Durham (1932-33).

III.

There is no time of a man's life about which more lies are told than his schooldays (unless it be his insignificant years at a university). By an easy transference, the wished-for qualities that others revealed become one's own, the unpleasantest schoolfellows and experiences become subjects for a drink and "old so-and-so" who was hated in detention, is haloed with a glow of affectionate reminiscence.

Perhaps in this way, the respect and affection of boyhood which often reveals itself in hostility and aloofness finds a delayed release in adolescence ; perhaps also one thinks kindly of the place where several critical years elapsed, quietly enough in the framework of this chaotic social order.

With such mental caution I allow myself to remember N.G.S. A host of silly things return to mind ; little incidents, faces, prepositions, contour, the chemy. lab. and the sliding partitions in rooms C and D. These little things, apparently symbolical of nothing, are the keys that tighten the strings of one's early emotional life. Upon them depended vital experiences long ago. I remember the English lessons in the Adult School where I learnt the difference between 'on' and 'onto.' I remember the old hut where Science was appropriately exiled before its smelly insolence invaded the haunts of art and poetry. I remember too how an ink bottle exploded on a fire and delightfully spattered a new map. (I must punish boys now for doing that). Most vivid of all in the years in the Junior school I remember the encouragement of the master who insisted that, since the poetry I wrote for the magazine was dreadful, I should write an article on cigarette-cards—that was wisdom and experi-

ence ! And the long afternoons in the library ! The Faerie Queen, King Lear, Hamlet (old Rosypants and Guildedstern), and the joy of a known quotation.

These things I remember with delight. But there are things which I have had to learn since I left N.G.S. School taught me to believe in co-education, in the necessity of girls playing girls' parts in drama, in the utility of clubs and games as a preferable means to education, in the necessity of abolishing homework and the futility of examinations for assessing a boy's qualities. It taught me much by omission as well as practice. I am a loyal Old Frestonian ; that is why I like to criticise, and I will add one last word. N.G.S. educated me too well. In doing so, it omitted to teach me one thing—to doubt. And of all intellectual factors the capacity to doubt wisely is the most necessary.

E. B. Haslam (1933-34).

IV.

What Valuable lessons N.G.S. taught me.

Not to worry unduly about examinations.

That a man has a duty to his neighbour.

Not to stand in awe of editors and schoolmasters—they are quite human.

That he who wishes to command must learn to obey.

That pronoun objects go before the verb.

What I remember most vividly of N.G.S.

The smell of grease paint; also an extremely queasy stomach ten minutes before the curtain was due to go up on the opening performance of "Twelfth Night."

The rush to get page proofs read for the Christmas issue of the Frestonian.

Butting the low archway near the main notice-board (I remember that seemed particularly vivid at the time).

The queer habit the Prefects' Room door had of swinging silently open during our more joyous outbursts.

Performing an experiment with Hare's apparatus, and becoming bilious through swallowing a mouthful of copper sulphate solution (as the Americans say, "What a Sucker !").

The smell of School at the beginning of a new term.

The occasion when a questionable pronunciation led to the disclosure that at least one scholar had never studied "fanatics."

What I have learnt since.

How little I know.

To smoke a pipe.

That the common-sense exhibited by the average undergraduate occasionally surpasses that of a child of 11 +.

To ascend and descend steps two or three at a time.

That a tune called "The Lambeth Walk," shortly to be broadcast for the first time, is expected to prove very popular during the coming season.

Irvine Richardson (1934-37).

V.

At School I learnt much. Lest this statement appear fantastically exaggerated to the people who had the doubtful honour of educating me, I will qualify it by saying that at School I was taught much by experience which has proved of value to me. I have, therefore, upon agitation of the grey matter, been able to obtain, apart from the customary headache associated with such a rare activity, the following synopsis of the interesting things I learnt.

First, to cultivate a sense of humour and laugh when the joke was turned against me. No one in a school is treated so mercilessly as a boy who cannot tolerate being ridiculed. To make the jokers laugh with you rather than at you is to ensure popularity.

Second, as a prefect, that the best way to handle junior boys was to be friendly without being familiar. In being firm yet making a command appear to be something of a request boys were induced to undertake tasks willingly which they could only have been compelled to do with difficulty.

Third, that though genius may not be one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration, success in many examinations depends as much on a candidate's desire for work as on his brilliance.

Fourth, not to consider people fortunate if they possessed a car. That idea was literally knocked out of me in a ride I once had in a history master's car, famous for its antiquity.

During the short period of time since I left school I have learnt few lessons. In the liberty I have enjoyed and the toleration for the opinions of others that I have acquired at the University I have discovered some of the ideals and weaknesses of democracy.

J. E. Green (1937-38).

“CHIMNEYS AND SMOKE”

Lino-cut by Edmonds O. P., U.VI.Arts.



THE SHREWD MR. CRAWSHAY.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO there set out from this town of Normanton a lad of fifteen who was destined to become one of the most typical and characteristic figures of that great series of industrial and commercial developments which the text-books call "The Industrial Revolution."

The lad was Richard Crashaw, the eldest son of a Normanton farmer. He had quarrelled with his father and had determined therefore to seek his fortune in the place where so many sought it—the city of London. In later days, when he was the acknowledged "king" of his particular branch of industry, the whole country-side would turn out to view him as he drove to and from London in his four-in-hand. This first journey was, by contrast, humble and laborious. He rode on a pony, his whole fortune, and the journey took a fortnight.

When he arrived in London Richard Crashaw sold his pony for fifteen pounds and lived on the money until he found employment. This he found with a Mr. Bicklewith, ironmonger, of York Yard, Upper Thames Street. He was taken on trial as office cleaner, errand boy and porter all in one. He proved himself very industrious and attentive, and above all shrewd, being known in the office as "the Yorkshire Boy."

Now the London washerwomen were also very shrewd, and it is related that they usually bought one flat-iron and contrived to steal two. The shrewd Richard Crashaw was therefore set to catch the shrewd washerwomen and succeeded so well that the flat-iron department prospered under his management.

After a few more years Mr. Bicklewith retired and left to Richard both his business and the hand of his daughter in marriage. Richard increased the business and soon had at least one son, whom he called, after his father, William. Another happening of these years which needs recording is that Richard's surname was now spelt Crawshay instead of Crashaw. The reason probably lay in the difference between the spelling of London and of Yorkshire. The name would be pronounced the same as before but different spellings would be used in the two places to represent the same sounds.

About the end of the War of American Independence Richard, now about forty-five, became an ironmaster in South Wales. In 1765 one Antony Bacon had begun the creation of Merthyr "Tudful." For the trifling rent of £100 a year he bought from Lord Talbot the ninety-nine years lease of the mineral rights which lay within a radius of forty miles round Merthyr "Tudful" and set up ironworks at Dowlais, Pen-y-Darran, Cyfarthfa and Plymouth, which were respectively north, east, west and south of the town. Bacon made a fortune from the manufacture of cannon for the wars and retired to become an M.P. in 1782.

Crawshay took over what David Mushet, the great engineer and

inventor, has called "the Cyfarthfa flitch of the great Bacon domain." He found the works capable of producing ten tons a week of poor quality iron. It was worked with coke instead of charcoal and the bar iron which was hammered out was very inferior, but for casting it was better, because it was more fusible and homogeneous than charcoal iron, though not as strong. The works produced mainly cannon, which were cast, and Crawshay continued to make money as his predecessor had done, counting each stroke of the forge-hammer near his house at the works as earning one more penny for him.

But soon Crawshay was moving rapidly ahead. He had left his son William at the London shop and as fast as William made money by retail trade his father used it to expand the works. In two ways Richard showed his shrewdness. He was the first to employ Cort's new puddling process, which enormously quickened and cheapened production of good malleable iron. He also took advantage of Cort's financial difficulties (which were due to the sudden death of a partner who had been misappropriating Admiralty funds) to avoid paying to Cort the royalty of ten shillings a ton which was due to him.

Thus aided by his own business acumen and by the favourable conditions of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, Crawshay was able to produce ten thousand tons a year of good iron, and to employ two thousand men.

He also made, in partnership with Homfray, a neighbouring iron-master, a canal from Merthyr Tydvil to Cardiff. This was opened in 1795 and gave so great an impetus to the industry of Merthyr Tydvil that this was soon famous as the richest and dirtiest district in all Britain. Richard died towards the end of the wars, worth one and a half million pounds.

There is a good deal more that can be said about the career of this Normanton boy. But this brief sketch must suffice until it is possible to follow up all the references and investigate the authority of all the statements which have been made about him. Where, for instance, was the Crawshay farm in Normanton ? Sometime it is hoped to have recorded in this magazine a fully documented and detailed account of Crawshay's career, together with some study of its economic significance. This much, though, can be said now. Richard Crawshay was a business man, not an inventor, but it was the business men who were the driving force of the Industrial Revolution. The inventors found new processes and machinery and made them available as the times demanded. The business men, almost all of them self-made, called for the inventions, took them in hand, and made out of them factories and fortunes.

A. J. L. Durham.

GERMANY, THE CRISIS AND ME.



SEPTEMBER ! what strange thoughts run through my mind as this month is mentioned. I left Bremen in North Germany at 5-45 in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 27th, 1938, after spending a wonderful month's holiday in Heidelberg. The German-owned ship was the S.S. "Adler." It had been loaded with a cargo of cheap glass ornaments, toys and kitchen utensils for sale in our multiple stores. There were only six passengers on board because most English travellers had been scared home by the thoughts of war, about which there had been endless rumours. These passengers consisted of an elderly gentleman who had gout, and his friend ; an old woman and her son who, I believe, were Jewish Refugees trying to escape the clutches of the Gestapo (secret police), and an old gentleman who seemed to spend most of his retired life travelling from place to place and to and from Germany. Lastly there was a young Englishwoman who had been in Bremen for nine months learning the German language. We drifted slowly down the river Weser (pronounced Vaser in English) past all the smaller fishing craft, cargo boats, passenger boats and tramp steamers of other nationalities. Everyone by now had been shown to their respective cabins and had washed and changed ready for Dinner, which was served in the Dining Room on the Promenade Deck at 7 o'clock. We had German food which was very similar to our own ; only the way in which it was served was different. We had soup, which was made of sultanas and currants, with toast; then we had fish, and for this course, every kind of fish was served. After the fish we had venison, potatoes and cabbage, followed by tea and biscuits. The tea, by the way, was not as good as ours. It was terribly weak. Everyone was tired after travelling many miles that day ; so we all retired early.

On Wednesday morning we expected to wake up and find ourselves well out in the North Sea; but this was not so, and when I got out of bed. I noticed the ship was not rocking. I went to look out of the port hole. The ship was anchored and we were still in the river. Just then a young fellow-passenger barged into my cabin and told me that the German Government had ordered us to drop anchor. Naturally I was very much worried, and, slipping into a dressing-gown, I ran on to the boat-deck where I found all the other passengers clustered round the Captain, trying to obtain information. He was unable to tell us anything except that we had been ordered to

stop, and all other ships and and liners had either been recalled or ordered to stay in port. We had been anchored in the river from 9-45 the previous night. After taking as much breakfast as we could, which was very little, we resolved to sit in the sun on the top deck and relax. We were fortunate, however, in one way, and that was that we were provided with a radio which could receive the English stations quite reasonably. Periodically we would gather round the loud-speaker and listen to the latest developments in the situation. In between the English bulletins, there were several lots of news given out from the German stations and those who understood German would go and listen and then afterwards would tell us less fortunate ones what the German version was about. By playing cards, sleeping, talking and reading, we were able to while away the time quite well. No news came all day Wednesday, so we went to bed early again, rather worn out by the strain.

Thursday morning came round and still we were in the river, but the Captain told us he would go ashore in a rowing boat and see if he could get in touch with the Steamship company by telephone to ascertain if any news was forthcoming. After breakfast, he suggested we all should write postcards and telegrams, and he would land in the rowing boat and post them for us. The rest of the day passed more quickly, partly because we knew that the Four-Power conference at Munich would decide our fate, and so we were all looking forward to the late afternoon when Hitler, Mussolini, Daladier and Chamberlain would meet. We waited until nearly midnight and still the great four had not come to any decision ; so we all went to bed.

At about 4-30 on Friday morning we were awakened by a clanking of chains and a gabble of men's voices. I jumped out of bed and found that the anchor had been weighed and that we were just passing the "Europa," which had been recalled from her voyage to America only 48 hours previously.

I could hardly sleep for joy that I was on my way to England. When I rose at 5-45 on Friday morning we were just passing the Rodsande (red sand) lighthouse which is the last piece of German territory.

Friday was spent mostly in talking about the experience and in showing our relief.

When I arrived home on Saturday afternoon, everyone greeted me and expressed their good wishes on my safe arrival. Naturally everyone I met in the street said : "Well, I see you got home all right then."

By an Old Boy.

FROM IIIB.

SOMETHING I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN.

I shall never forget when I went to see Leeds play Hunslet in the Rugby League Championship. When I got to Elland Road about two hours before the kick-off, the ground was packed, and boys were standing on the top of an old shed where the roller and sand are kept. Two men even sat on the top of the stand, until the police ordered them to move. At one time I thought I was not going to see any of the match, so I asked a man to lift me up. I had to crawl on people's heads until I reached a position where a policeman lifted me on to the touchline. I shall never forget the struggle I had to see the match in a crowd of 60,000 people.

N.R.A.

THE DESERTED HOUSE.

The old house had been empty for years. People thought it was too old-fashioned to live in, but in its time it had been the best house in the long avenue where it stood. Many people had lived in it but now modern houses were springing up all around it. The present owner had many houses, and he lived in a modern house with everything up-to-date. He had tried his best to sell the old house but he could not succeed. Many people wanting houses had read the man's advertisements and had been to inspect it, but not one of them would buy or even rent the house. So there it stood, all alone and deserted, gradually breaking up.

W.R.W.

A DAY'S RAMBLE.

I like neither the term "hiking" nor the act ; the former sounding strenuous, and the latter being strenuous. A hiker we think of as a person with a huge pack on his back, perspiration streaming down his face, plodding wearily along dusty roads. A Rambler seeks pleasant scenes of country lanes, shady woods, and rejoices in the song of birds.

So when my sister suggested a ramble one Saturday in August, I immediately agreed. As she works at Leeds, I met her and a friend at mid-day, and we went by tram to Bramhope. From there we walked into Pool and on to the moors.

The sun was glaring hot, but there were shadows on the very green and gently wooded country, and we remained fairly cool as we passed from one pleasant scene to another.

After wandering over this lovely countryside all afternoon we called at an isolated cottage and had tea. All they could provide was lettuce sandwiches but they tasted delicious.

Then we walked to Otley, where we caught a bus back into Leeds. My sister's friend quoted something about the sun, the heath and the wind, with which, in spite of aching feet and sleepy eyes, down in my heart I agreed.

C. R. (Va.l).

THE LIBRARY.

The most important development of the Library this term is the formation of a Junior Library for Forms II and III. One hundred books have been transferred from the main library, and suitable new books have been purchased. They are housed in A room, and the new venture is in the charge of Mr. Banks.

We have added to the Library since July 192 books, and of these 68 have been given by the following masters, old boys, and boys :—The Headmaster, H. Gott, T. H. Hewson, J. W. Hughes, G. Mackay, F. Swallow, J. H. Young, A. J. L. Durham, A. Featherstone, J. E. Green, T. A. Gullick, E. B. Haslam, R. Holmes, D. S. W. Lumb, C. G. Myers, R. Ramsden, A. M. Smith, Nuttall, Speed, Jackman, Webster W.

In addition we have received books from two form-libraries, IIIb and IVa, these libraries having been rendered redundant by the formation of the Junior Library.

T.H.H.

THE CHESS CLUB.

We are pleased to announce that there has been renewed interest in the Chess Club during this term. Many more boys have enjoyed the privileges of the club, but we should be glad if they would pay their subscription fees to Mr. Swallow without delay.

Although meetings were originally held only on Wednesdays and Fridays, so great has been the interest shown that meetings are now held every night and during some dinner hours, much to the mental anguish of our esteemed president. We are hoping to hold a competition before the end of term. In closing may we wish all members the compliments of the season.

K.W.,
K.A.B.S.

HOUSE NOTES.

BENNETT HOUSE.

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

House Captain : Price G.

Football Captain : Westwood A.

Our best wishes go out to Swaine J., last year's House Captain, and Clarke R., who are at Leeds and London Universities respectively. We also wish to congratulate Gullick T. A. and Ramsden

R., who are in residence at York and Carmarthen Training Colleges.

Last year, we won both the Football and the Cricket Shields, and this, followed by good School work enabled us to win the coveted House Trophy.

We finished third in the Swimming Sports and hope for still more improvement in this direction.

Owing to the loss of such stalwarts as Earnshaw, Gullick and Spinks, the Senior Football team has been very much weakened and have not yet gained a point (how are the mighty fallen!) The Juniors, however, have obtained three points out of a possible six.

FREESTON HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. H. Whittlestone,
 Mr. D. H. Bellamy,
 Mr. E. G. Shalders.

House Captain : Hepworth H.
Football Captain : Guy W.

Once more we find ourselves forced to wrack our brains—if any—and make anxious inquiries about the brilliant achievements of the House—if any. Here is all the information we have been able to collect. We were last in the Swimming Sports, a redeeming feature of our mediocre display being the magnificent form of Hinchliffe, whom we heartily congratulate on winning the Junior Championship. Newton again did excellently in the diving.

Guy has the distinction of being the first Secretary of the newly formed Athletic Club, of which we furnish a few—that is, two— of the leading members.

Now, having discharged our melancholy task, we put down our faltering pen with a sigh of satisfaction and relief.

FROBISHER HOUSE.

House Masters : Mr. I. Parker,
 Mr. C. A. Banks,
 Mr. G. Mackay.

House Captain : Hampshire W. R.
Football Captain : Wood R. H.

Although the House had a very moderate run of successes last year, we hope to improve this season.

The Senior Football team have already beaten Bennett House and drawn with Freeston House, so our hopes may yet be realised. Unfortunately, the Juniors have had a poor season against heavier players. However, they intend to improve after Christmas.

We wish Green, our ex-House Captain, every success in his academic career at Leeds.

HANSON HOUSE.

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

House & Football Captain : Edmonds O.P.

Our best wishes go to Barr who has left us to pursue his studies at Leeds University. Captain of Cricket and Swimming Champion, he will be missed.

Although we won the Swimming and Athletic Shields last year, we failed by a narrow margin to gain the House Trophy. Undaunted, we return to the fray and have made a good start at football, for both Junior and Senior teams are undefeated, although there is only one more to play. The Seniors are particularly fortunate in having five members of the 1st XI among their numbers. So, with many stalwarts left, we look forward to another successful season.

CRICKET.

N.G.S. v. SENIOR OLD FRESTONIANS, July 21st, 1938. Lost.

N.G.S.			SENIOR OLD FRESTONIANS.		
Barr lbw b Mr. Buckley	...	9	Mr. Buckley b Mr. Law	...	16
Edmonds retired	...	24	Mr. K. Brooke retired	...	32
Mr. Mackay b Mr. K. Brooke		1	Mr. H. Brooke retired	...	12
Price b Mr. H. Brooke	...	23	Mr. W. Frost retired	...	6
Mr. Tryon b Mr. H. Brooke		1	Mr. Appleyard b Edmonds	...	6
Green J. E. b Mr. H. Brooke		1	Mr. W. D. Cartwright b Edmonds	...	2
Mr. Banks b Mr. H. Brooke		0	Mr. R. G. Ball c Attack b Edmonds		2
Earnshaw lbw b Mr. Buckley		6	Mr. Wilson c Edmonds b Mr. Tryon		10
Mr. Hughes c & b Mr. W. Frost		0	Mr. Burgess run out	...	2
Attack retired	...	0	Mr. Hawkins not out	...	9
Mr. Law not out	...	0	Mr. Swallow not out	...	4
Extras		12	Extras		13
Total		77	Total		114

N.G.S. v. OLD FRESTONIANS, July 23rd, 1938. Won.

N.G.S.			OLD FRESTONIANS.		
Barr lbw b Mr. Jenkins	...	7	Mr. Bolton b Barr	...	21
Edmonds c Mr. Lay cock			Mr. Haslam c Mr. Mackay b Partridge		0
	b Mr. Edmonds	25	Mr. Laycock b Partridge	...	3
Westwood st Mr. Bolton			Mr. H. Blackburn b Partridge		0
	b Mr. H. Blackburn	8	Mr. Simpson run out		6
Green J. E. c Mr. Bolton			Mr. G. Dunmore lbw b Partridge		1
	b Mr. Edmonds	0	Mr. R. Banks c Green J.E. b Partridge		0
Mr. Marshall c Mr. Laycock			Mr. Patterson lbw b Partridge		1
	b Mr. Blackburn	2	Mr. Jenkins run out	...	9
Price c Mr. Blackburn b Mr. Simpson		7	Mr. R. Blackburn c Price b Barr		15
Earnshaw c Mr. Simpson			Mr. E. L. Edmonds not out		10
	b Mr. Jenkins	10			
Green E. G. b Mr. R. Blackburn		2			
Mr. Mackay b Mr. Simpson		3			
Partridge not out	...	4			
Hepworth b Mr. Simpson	...	0			
	Extras	25		Extras	19
	Total	93		Total	85

MASTERS v. BOYS, July 26th, 1938. Masters won by 5 wickets.

BOYS.			MASTERS.		
Barr lbw b Mr. Swallow	...	1	Mr. Parker not out ...	...	53
Edmonds lbw b Mr. Marshall		0	Mr. Law c Price b Hepworth		25
Westwood b Mr. Hughes	...	12	Mr. Marshall b Hepworth	...	2
Green J. E. c Mr. Mackay			Mr. Swallow b Westwood		17
	b Mr. Swallow	44	Mr. Tryon b Westwood	...	1
Price c & b Mr. Marshall		0	Mr. Hewson b Partridge	...	1
Earnshaw c Mr. Mackay			Mr. Gott not out ...	...	2
	b Mr. Marshall	12			
Green E. G. b Mr. Law		24			
Swaby lbw b Mr. Swallow	...	2			
Teal b Mr. Swallow		2			
Hepworth b Mr. Swallow	...	1			
Partridge not out	...	0			
	Extras	7		Extras	7
	Total	105		Total (for 5 wks.)	108

Mr. Swallow 5 for 26.

FOOTBALL.



OR this term's matches, the 1st XI has been a little unsteady, and although depleted teams won against Thornes House and Ossett, and altogether, 5 matches have been won out of 7 played, defeats were sustained at Batley and at Ackworth. The goal average of 55 goals against 16 is, however, a credit to the side.

The 2nd XI has won three matches out of the five played, while the Junior Team has played two matches, winning one and losing the other.

FIRST XI.

Oct. 1st. N.G.S. (away) 7 ; PONTEFRAC T. K. S. 4.
(Guy 2, Chivers, Midgley, Newton, Westwood, Wood).

Oct. 8th. N.G.S. (home) 20 ; OSSETT G. S. 0.
(Guy 5, Edmonds 5, Chivers 4, Westwood 3, Midgley 2, Wombwell).

Oct. 15th. N.G.S. (home) 6 ; BARN SLEY G. S. 1.
(Edmonds 4, Chivers, Westwood).

Oct. 22nd. N.G.S. (home) 3 ; THORNES HOUSE S. S. 1.
(Madeley, Newton, Spencer J.)

Nov. 12th. N.G.S. (away) 1 ; BATLEY G. S. 2.
(Midgley).

Nov. 19th. N.G.S. (away) 2 ; ACKWORTH 4.
(Edmonds, Chivers).

Nov. 26th. N.G.S. (away) 16 ; OSSETT G. S. 4.
(Guy 6, Edmonds 4, Newton 3, Wombwell, Midgley, Carter).

SECOND XI.

Oct. 1st. N.G.S. (home) 3 ; PONTEFRAC T. S. 1.
 Oct. 15th. N.G.S. (away) 1 ; BARN SLEY G. S. 7.
 Oct. 22nd. N.G.S. (away) 12 ; THORNES HOUSE S. S. 1.
 Nov. 12th. N.G.S. (home) 2 ; BATLEY G. S. 4.
 Nov. 19th. N.G.S. (home) 3 ACKWORTH G. S. 1.

JUNIOR XI.

Oct. 1st. N.G.S. (away) 12 ; Pontefract K. S. 1.
 Oct. 15th. N.G.S. (home) 2 ; Barnsley G. S. 4.

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR.

	BENNETT	FREESTON	FROBISHER	HANSON	<i>Total Points.</i>
BENNETT (Blue)	-----	WON 2—1	LOST 0—2	LOST 0—5	2
FREESTON (Buff)	LOST 1—2	-----	DRAW 2—2	LOST 2—7	1
FROBISHER (Red)	WON 2—0	DRAW 2—2	-----		3
HANSON (White)	WON 5—0	WON 7—2			4

JUNIOR.

BENNETT	———	LOST 4—5	WON 11—0	DRAW 2—2	1½
FREESTON	WON 5—4	———	WON 8—3	DRAW 3—3	2½
FROBISHER	LOST 0—11	LOST 3—8	———	LOST 2—5	0
HANSON	DRAW 2—2	DRAW 3—3	WON 5—2	———	2

SWIMMING NOTES.

The outstanding event at the Swimming Sports this year was the success of Hanson House who won the Shield by such a large margin of points from Frobisher House who have held it for several years. Hanson House are to be congratulated on this success because they have an enthusiastic team of swimmers. Although Barr has left, the others will still be at School next year, and it will require a great effort if the shield is to change hands so soon. We must acknowledge the fine swimming of Barr, Hailing, Holmes F. A., Griffiths, Roberts and Wilkinson J. They also won both squadron races as a result of excellent team work. Barr was a worthy Senior Champion, although Hailing and Garfitt were not far behind. The latter swam very well indeed and broke two records. Hinchliffe had little difficulty in winning the Junior Championship. His fine swimming is an asset to Freeston House. There was an enthusiastic entry for the new swimming under water event which was won by White P., with a length of 132 ft. We very much appreciated the kind things which Mr. A. Smith, one of our Governors, said about the swimming, and we hope to maintain the high standard which has been established.

D. H. B.

SWIMMING RESULTS.

SENIOR CHAMPION — C. E. BRITTAI N CUP — BARR, R. H.
 JUNIOR CHAMPION — WALLEY CUP — HINCHCLIFFE, J. E.

SENIOR.

FOUR LENGTHS :—

1st Hailing J.	2nd	White P.	3rd	Holmes F. A.
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ONE LENGTH, BREAST STROKE :—

1st Barr R. H.	2nd	White P.	3rd	Atack D.
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ONE BREADTH, BEST STYLE :—

1st Hoskins J. A.	2nd	Barr R. H.	3rd	Newton K.
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ONE LENGTH, BACK STROKE :—

1st Garfitt J.	2nd	Hailing J.	3rd	White P.
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SWIMMING UNDER WATER :—

1st White P.	2nd	Griffiths R. A.	3rd	Barr R. H.
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DIVE :—

1st Newton K.	2nd	Tetley W. R.	3rd	Edwards T.
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ONE LENGTH, FREE STYLE :—

1st Garfitt J.	2nd	Hailing J.	3rd	Barr R. H. Ward A. J.
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PLUNGE :—

1st Barr R. H.	2nd	Griffiths R. A.	3rd	Ward A. J.
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TWO LENGTHS, FREE STYLE :—

1st Garfitt J.	2nd	Hailing J.	3rd	Barr R. H.
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THE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Although the idea of an Athletic Club was brought forward rather late last term, there was a keen response, and this, the first full year of the club, promises to be a record-breaking year for athletics.

Several new members have been enrolled this term, and there are now nearly eighty members in the club.

This year we shall probably, for the first time, have cross-country fixtures. It is almost certain that a cross-country team will be sent to Hemsworth during the Spring Term, and fixtures are likely to be arranged with Pontefract and Castleford Grammar Schools.

A large number of boys have turned out for cross-country running this term, many of them hoping to have twenty "runs" to their credit before June. Several cross-country runners left last July, and there will be some new athletes at the next cross-country race. Some old men ought to be warned, because it is terribly hard to run three miles without practice.

W. Guy, U.VI.Sc.

OLD FRESTONIANS' NOTES.

You have probably turned to this page in the firm expectation of reading another jeremiad. We are therefore so much more pleased to record, that for the first time in years, we should finish a year's working with a profit in hand, due to a modest yet satisfactory gain on the recent Annual Dance and February Dinner and a very gratifying profit on each of the two term-end Dances held in Spring and Summer.

Our prophetic nature, however, impels us to point out that these two cheaper and well attended Dances, run primarily for those down from College and University and for Old Boys who look twice at Two and Sixpence, were neglected by the older generation who faithfully flocked to the Annual Dance recently held in the School. On the other hand, the supporters of the less formal functions did not maintain their dancing enthusiasm and were notably absent from the Annual Dance, which at 2/6 was actually better value for money. Although each Dance in its turn was most enjoyable, there was not the mingling of very young and very old Old Boys the Committee desired.

The next items on the Association Syllabus, fuller details of which are given in the enclosed circular, are such that, without care, we might again have a division of attendance, and we would like to stress in these columns that no Association event is intended or hoped to draw only one section of Old Boys. The same Frestonian spirit will be apparent at each and the fullest measure of success will be achieved by all supporting our President in his attendance at both.

Our Notes in the Spring Term issue referred to the continued enquiry into the question of our finances following the increased subscription, and those of you who remember the referendum sent out in August will have in mind the exhaustive Financial Report prepared by Mr. Haslop, and the action the Committee decided thereon. The referendum revealed a majority supporting the Committee in the reduction of standing charges and of the annual subscription : so with this authority and the help of Mr. Holden in generously offering to supply one copy of the Magazine per year at the cost of 1/- each member, your Committee has framed proposals which will come up before the Annual General Meeting. These proposals will enable future subscription income definitely to meet outstanding charges, and so keep us on a sound financial basis, even if no profit is made from any functions throughout the year.

We shall also be able to reduce the annual subscription and consequently, it is hoped, increase membership. At the same time, if any member desires to take three Magazines per year, the Associa-

tion, in an effort to foster that desire, will act as a collecting agency for the cost of these two additional magazines. If these proposals are put into effect you will, as a reader of these notes, have to keep in mind that if you wish to take three magazines each year you must make up your mind before Easter and pay the Secretary a subscription in accordance with your desire.

With the clearing of this difficult position and the increased support we have received in the past year, we may confidently, it is hoped, look forward to an extension of activities. Again, however, as a last thought let us not be complacent but remember that active and constructive criticism is eagerly awaited by your Committee and active and continued support a prime necessity of our successful working.

MARRIAGES.

- 10th June, 1938—Mr. G. E. Poyner to Miss Margaret Ruth Tomlin, at Normanton Parish Church.
- 18th July, 1938—Mr. R. Holt to Miss Emma Dimmock, at Normanton Baptist Church.
- 30th July, 1938—Mr. W. B. Manning to Miss Kathleen Barnett, at Normanton Parish Church.
- 6th August, 1938—Mr. R. Abson to Miss Ruby Agnes Green, at Normanton Parish Church.
- 10th September, 1938—Mr. A. Price to Miss Maggie McDonald, at Normanton Parish Church.
- 5th October, 1938—Mr. F. L. Hartley to Miss Grace Smith, at Castleford Parish Church.

BIRTH.

- 25th September, 1938. To Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Butler, a daughter.

APPOINTMENTS.

- Mr. L. Simpson, B.A. (Cantab), has been appointed Mathematics Master at Torquay Grammar School.
- Mr. R. Lawson has taken up a new post in the Architects' Department of the Cheshire County Council.
- Mr. H. L. Haslop has taken up an appointment with a firm of London Accountants, to the Loss of the Association Committee.
- Mr. J. W. Brown has secured a post under the Air Ministry, having been allocated to the Elswick Works of Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong at Newcastle.

Mr. F. Holdsworth has been appointed Cashier in the Parcels Office at Sheffield.

Mr. J. Smith has become a Police Officer in the County Constabulary.

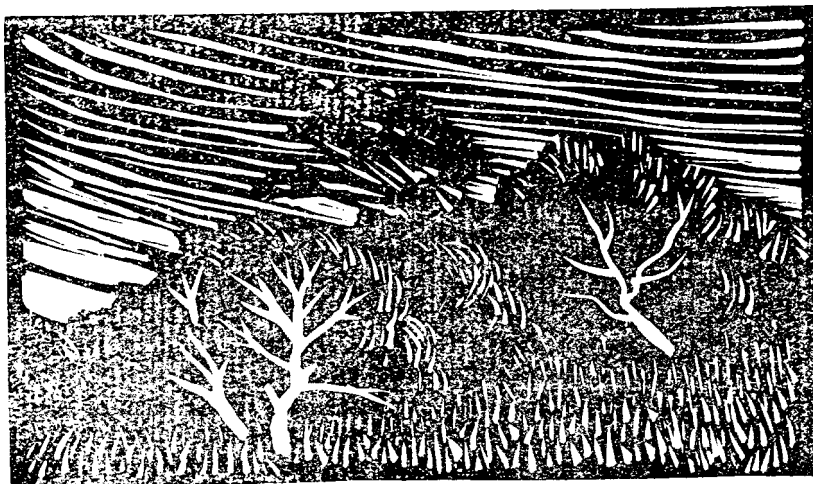
SUCCESES.

Mr. A. J. L. Durham who in January next is to take a course at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, preparatory to ordination, has this year taken a second degree in the degree in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics following his B.A. (Oxon) of 1936 in the Final Honour School of English Language and Literature.

DEATH.

We regret to announce the sad death by drowning of Mr. R. I. Walker who had disappeared from home some time previously, after undergoing treatment for nervous trouble.

Mr. W. Stokes who has been described as the best left wing in local junior football, has had trials with Huddersfield Town.



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