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OPENING OF HEATH SCHOOL EXTENSIONS

A group at the opening of the Heath Grammar School extensions. *Back row (left to right)* : Lt.-Col. C. H. Fox, O.B.E., Coun. W. H. R. Skemp, Mr. O. R. A. Byrde (former Headmaster), Ald. W. Brenard, J.P., Mr. W. E. Horsley, Mr. Lewis Rhodes, J.P. *Centre row* : Canon P. E. James, Ald. F. Watkinson, J.P., Ald. P. N. N. Whitley, J.P. (Chairman, Halifax Education Committee). *In front* : Mr. T. Hey, J.P., the Mayor of Halifax (Ald. J. Radcliffe, J.P.), Brig.-Gen. Sir E. N. Whitley, K.C.B. (the opener), the Mayoress of Halifax, Mr. D. J. D. Smith (Headmaster), Mr. F. Constantine, Mr. W. O. Bell (Chief Education Officer of Halifax).

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Editorial

We sat in our chair for the last time. M'Bongo, faithful African retainer, sat on his haunches in front of us, his great brown eyes fixed upon us; his shield and spear, inverted as a sign of sorrow, at his side. Our office had been pleasant, we had enjoyed our stay, yet we could not but admit that it was all because of M'Bongo. Somehow, as you looked into his unflickering eyes, you got a queer impression. Generations of Editors had been, generations more were to come, yet throughout it all M'Bongo would remain, loyal to each in his turn, unchanged and unchangeable. He did something to you, did M'Bongo, in some uncanny fashion. He was always the perfect servant, never in the way, yet it seemed somehow as if positions were reversed, as if you, not he, were the servant, he the master. You felt you must live up to him, not he to you, and you accepted this topsy-turvy idea, without question, as the most natural thing in the world. Strange, this power of his. It had been exercised before, it would be exercised after: perhaps that was all M'Bongo was, an eerie power crystallized in human form. It would explain many things

Somewhere a bell rang faintly. We rose and picked up our bag, and opened the door. Beyond the threshold we paused, and looked back. He was still in the same position, his eyes still fixed upon us, his shield and spear still by his side. We looked at that unmoving inscrutable face, those deep unwinking eyes, and gently closed the door. It was the last we saw of him. We felt suddenly alone.

Dimly we heard a door open and shut: that would be our successor. There was a vague yet persistent hammering at the back of our brain—"The King is dead. Long live the King."

We turned away. Our eyes held a touch of sadness. Could it be that in M'Bongo's too there had lurked a hint of sadness? We like to think so.

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Congratulations to R. V. H.-Scales on winning a Tancred Studentship in Classics. This is tenable at Christ's College, Cambridge, and is worth £100 a year. We have also to congratulate R. Mann for winning a bursary at Hulme Hall, Manchester, in Modern Languages.

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Mr. Charles F. W. Illingworth, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Lecturer in Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, an Old Boy of the School has been appointed Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow.

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There are two changes in the Staff this term. We all regret the departure of Mr. F. Coleman who is taking up a post at Rendcomb School. More than one side of the School will sadly miss his ingenious mind. He wishes us to say that he will be glad to see any members of the School who happen to be in his part of the country. His address is Shawswell, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. His place is to be taken by Mr. C. F. Whorwell, B.Sc., from Cheltenham College. We are also sorry to lose Mr. J. W. Eddy who has been with us for a year. He is going to Urmston Grammar School, Manchester.

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A famous Old Boy of the School, Sir Frank Dyson, died at sea on voyage from Australia to South Africa. His distinguished career began at this school though later he went to Bradford Grammar School from where he won a mathematical scholarship to Cambridge. In 1920 he was appointed Astronomer Royal, and retired in 1933 from the post which he had held with great success.

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We regret to record the death on June 28th of Alderman W. Brenard, J.P., a Governor of the School. He was always very interested in the progress of Heath and two or three weeks before had been prominently engaged in our Opening Ceremony and seemed in the best of health. We offer our sympathy to his widow, son and daughter.

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We are glad to note the success of Mr. Eric Harrison who appeared at a concert in the Queen's Hall in the London Music Festival and later at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, as pianist in the first performance of Fokine's ballet "Paganini."

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DISTINCTIONS AND SUCCESSES

- H. Pitchforth, Queen's College, Oxford: 1st Class in the Final School of Modern History.
- H. Eyre, St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford: 2nd Class in *Litteræ Humaniores* ("Greats").
- R. A. Ingram, LL.B.: 3rd Class Honours in the Examination of the Law Society for admission to the Roll of Solicitors.

The New Buildings

On Tuesday, June 6th, the alterations and extensions to the School, which had taken over a year, were formally opened in the presence of a large company of friends by Brigadier-General Sir Edward N. Whitley, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The word 'formally' is especially apt as even after this date electricians and joiners were for some time busy about the place and at the end of the term our new clock, which had proved quite incapable of keeping time with its splendid surroundings, had been removed for readjustment. We have gained a splendid new hall, which includes a beautiful stage, an art-room and manual room, a more spacious library and several new form rooms, not to mention an extra week's holiday at Easter. Altogether our accommodation is now much more civilized and we are comfortably supplied with 'elbow-room' but what, perhaps, is most noticeable is the increase of light: the new parts have generous windows and even in the old parts, which are structurally unaltered, the judicious use of less gloomy colours enables us to see our way where before we groped in the darkness.

In his speech, Sir Edward drew a parallel between the present age and that when the School was founded, which, he said, "was a time of tremendous change—change perhaps as great as we were going through to-day. The new learning had penetrated all parts of Europe and, not only that, but under Elizabeth the whole of the new world was being discovered and its riches were being poured into the old. It was a time of tremendous mental change and the foundation of Heath, 350 years ago, was a stage which we now realized was a step forward in the history of England.

"What subjects were thought proper at that time for a school being founded in a time of change? He noticed that the Charter provided that it should be 'grammar and other good learning.' Surely, to-day, we needed just as much grammar as ever. In fact, he thought, probably more, because words were apt, at this time, to rule the world. How quickly they caught up words like 'appeasement' and 'encirclement' and also 'ideologies'—whatever that might mean. It was more important than ever that the School should, not in any narrow sense, but in the widest sense possible, teach grammar and good learning. . . .

"The Elizabethan period was a period of change but to-day we were living in days of enormous changes and no-one could foresee the direction which civilization would take. He believed that education was to enable us to see life steadily and see it wholly. It seemed so much more important that a man should have a quiet soul in these days and that could only come through

the course of education which widened his intellect, extended his knowledge and established his character."

Sir Edward was followed by Mr. O. R. A. Byrde (a welcome re-appearance), who in an amusing speech stressed the value of tradition which new buildings might cause us to lose sight of. The Mayor of Halifax and Col. C. H. Fox, O.B.E., both spoke of Heath's proud record in the past and the promise of the future.

The School was open to inspection on the Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Many friends of the school attended and were delighted with the many displays and demonstrations which they saw. Chief among these was that in the Science Laboratories where boys from each Form performed experiments connected with their actual school work. In the Hall the School Orchestra gave a good account of itself in a concert to an appreciative audience and there was a fine display of physical training on the lawn. Displays in the Library and Art Room also attracted much attention.

Thursday, June 8th, was the first occasion, so far as records show, when Foundation Day was celebrated in the Parish Church, the building with which it has the closest associations. The service was in keeping with the occasion. The Parish Church, traditionally the place of community intercession and worship, was filled with a congregation of boys and parents, while it made perfect the clear music of the School choir singing Bach's "God liveth still."

The organist was Raymond Crowther, and the lesson was read by the Headmaster from Ecclesiasticus xlv: "Let us now praise famous men." The Rev. A. J. Symonds, President of the Halifax Free Church Council, led the prayers. The Vicar of Halifax, Canon P. E. James, who gave an address on "They continued steadfastly," recalled that it was on Thursday, June 8th, 1598, that John Favour then Vicar of Halifax, after a sermon preached in the Parish Church, went to the place where Heath School now stands, "with his clergy and some other men and consecrated the ground with a short prayer and a Psalm."

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We are largely indebted for the above account and for the photograph in the front of the Magazine to the *Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian* to which we wish to express our thanks.

Heath House Report

We have nothing but success to report this term. In the Athletic Sports, as last year, we acquitted ourselves nobly, coming out first by a handsome margin; in Cricket our Senior team has won all three matches, though our Junior team has not been quite as successful, and finally we have won the

Swimming Sports, though it was rather a struggle, with things looking black for quite a while. This splendid record, coupled with our successes at Rugby and Fives, assures us of the House Championship, and we have, therefore, just cause to be proud of ourselves. We cannot afford to rest upon our laurels, however. We shall lose several stalwarts of the House at the end of term (to whom we offer our best wishes for the future), and next year we shall have to work hard if we are to retain our championship. Once again it is up to every member of the House to do his utmost, for it is only in this way that we shall be able to come out top once more.

School House Report

This cricket season saw the introduction of the twenty overs system in House cricket, and School Seniors and Juniors have done well in most of their matches. The Seniors had an exciting match with King's, finally beating them by one run, after a heated discussion on the subject of no-balls. Seniors also gained a victory over Queen's; a sparkling innings by Bland, and good bowling by Dennison, Hall, Lister and Sanderson, together with combined team spirit, helping us to win by eight wickets. Unfortunately we were beaten by Heath, thus making us lose points in the House Championship.

The Juniors have not let us down either, their performances in the House matches being most pleasing. They beat Heath comfortably by eight wickets, due to some fine bowling by Hartley and Berry and that combined team spirit so noticeable this year. The Juniors next played Queen's, and again victory resulted, Queen's being beaten by nine wickets; eight of these wickets being taken by Hartley—a very good piece of bowling. In the final House match with King's we were beaten by the narrow margin of ten runs. Credit is due to the way in which Bedford, P., has handled his team, and brought them through their matches so well.

On July 27th the Swimming Sports were held, and though we tried hard we were beaten by six points by Heath much to our disappointment, as we had been in the lead up to the last race. However, we cannot grumble, and Adamson is to be congratulated in his position of swimming captain for handling his men so well and gaining for us so many valuable points in the House Championship.

Looking back over the House events for the past year it is gratifying to see that we have a good many victories to our credit, for instance, the rugby matches—in which both Seniors and Juniors did well, the cricket matches, and our efforts in the swimming sports. We must not forget our running members,

who had a hard task at the sports due to the low entrance figures of School House members. Whilst on the subject of running it is very pleasing to note that the Lower Form members take an interest in this field of athletics, and next year we may hope to see School House at the top of the list again, as it has been in the past on Sports day.

As this report goes to press the House Championship results have just arrived, and I am glad to say that School have come out second, and so we can look forward to even better results next year, and restore School to its old position at the top of the list.

D.P.

Queen's House Report

This year has, sad to relate, been one of the worst experienced by our House for many years. The failure has been due to the poor support given to the few star competitors we have in the House. Far too often the captains have had to go round trying to persuade people to enter for events in which they have been too lazy to enter of their own accord. Next year I hope to see a great improvement; the talent is there if only members will be willing to compete. Remember you lose nothing by competing, but you may gain something!

During the Summer Term we have fared only moderately. All cricket matches have been lost, some admittedly by only a small margin. In the Athletic Sports we finished second to Heath; the highly pleasing feature here being our victories in both relays. The Swimming Sports finished very close, for although we were third, we were only three points behind Heath. Congratulations to the Junior relay team on their victory, and also to Jackson on winning the Under 14 Cup.

We are sorry to have to say "good-bye" to one of our House Masters, Mr. Coleman, but we do wish him the best of everything at his new school at Cirencester.

A. B. WADE.

King's House Report

Although we have not succeeded in obtaining the House Championship this year, we have seen from the excellent performances put up by our Junior members that we have every reason to look forward confidently to success in the near future.

At cricket the Seniors lost to Heath and School, but beat Queen's. The Juniors, however, won all their games.

The result of the Sports was rather disappointing, mainly owing to the low number of entries. We cannot hope to be successful unless every member pulls his weight.

We must congratulate White on his fine running in the mile and half-mile.

In the Swimming Sports the Juniors made up for the lack of Senior entries, and the final result was not too bad. We can expect an early victory in these sports.

Even though our ambitions have not been realized this year, the ability and talent shown by the Junior half of the House gives us every hope of victory in the near future.

A.M.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

	H.	S.	K.	Q.
Rugger, Senior ..	45	30	15	0
„ Junior ..	25	25	10	0
Fives	30	10	0	20
Cross-Country ..	29	21	23	30
Athletics	60	32	32	45
Cricket, Senior ..	30	30	30	0
„ Junior ..	10	20	30	0
Swimming	60	58	42	57
Totals	289	226	182	152

Athletic Sports

After being postponed on account of the bad weather from the previous Thursday, the Sports were held on June 22nd at Spring Hall. Except that the wind was too strong for the hurdles, we were fortunate in the weather and conditions were good. Four records were broken and one equalled in the course of the afternoon. Points in the Senior House Championship were: Heath 197, Queen's 149, School and King's each 104. In the Junior School House Championship: Heath 57, School 40, Queen's 11. A. B. Wade was *Victor Ludorum*. At the conclusion of the racing the prizes were presented by Mrs. F. N. Dudley.

The results include the hurdles which were run later when the weather was calmer.

- 80 YARDS (Under 10).—1, B. H. Beaumont (H.); 2, K. Pollit (S.); 3, M. G. Gledhill (H.). Time: 12 secs.
 80 YARDS (Over 10).—1, K. Pollit (S.); 2, J. T. L. Jackson (S.); 3, S. B. Balmforth (H.). Time: 11 4-5 secs.
 80 YARDS (Over 11).—1, I. Proctor (H.); 2, E. Heppenstall (Q.); 3, J. D. Crossley (H.). Time: 10 3-5 secs.
 80 YARDS (Under 12).—1, F. Berry (S.); 2, E. S. Rotheray (K.); and M. Ward (S.) tied; 3, A. B. Robinson (Q.). Time: 10 4-5 secs. (School Record.)
 80 YARDS (Under 13).—1, J. Fort (H.); 2, P. W. Brooke (Q.); 3, W. H. McDonald (K.) and R. G. Hallowell (S.) tied. Time: 10 3-5 secs. (School Record.)
 120 YARDS HURDLES (Open).—1, D. Broadbent (H.); 2, R. Mann (H.); 3, G. Sanderson (S.). Time: 20 1-10 secs.

100 YARDS (Under 15).—1, J. Harrington (H.); 2, J. C. Fletcher (H.); 3, A. Williams (S.). Time: 12 1-10 secs.

100 YARDS (Open).—1, A. B. Wade (Q.); 2, R. Mann (H.); 3, K. P. Carlin (Q.). Time: 10 4-5 secs. (Equals School Record.)

170 YARDS (Under 14).—1, H. B. Jackson (Q.); 2, J. A. McDonald (K.); 3, J. Fort (H.). Time: 22 1-10 secs.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Junior School).—1, K. Pollit; 2, M. G. Gledhill; 3, R. B. Schofield. Time: 29½ secs.

220 YARDS OPEN.—1, A. B. Wade (Q.); 2, K. P. Carlin (Q.); 3, D. Broadbent (H.). Time: 25 1-5 secs.

440 YARDS (Open).—1, A. B. Wade (Q.); 2, G. White (K.); 3, D. A. Carlin (Q.). Time: 61 secs. (School Record.)

880 YARDS HANDICAP (Open).—1, D. Verity; 2, S. Hartley; 3, T. W. Butler. Time: 3 min. 51 4-5 secs.

880 YARDS (Open).—1, G. White (K.); 2, D. Verity (K.); 3, B. Wilkinson (H.).

MILE (Open).—1, G. White (K.); 2, M. W. Bottomley (Q.); 3, D. Broadbent (H.). Time: 5 min. 51 secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Junior School).—1, S. Lord (S.); 2, K. Pollit (S.); 3, J. T. Broadbent (Q.). Distance: 51 yds. 6 ins.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Under 13).—1, B. Robinson (Q.); 2, K. R. Hodgkinson (K.); 3, F. Berry. Distance: 54 yds. 2 ft. 3 ins.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Under 15).—1, D. Wright (K.); 2, J. C. Fletcher (H.); 3, N. Spink (K.). Distance: 71 yds. 1 ft.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, R. Nicholson (S.); 2, R. W. Lumb (K.); 3, P. Wood (Q.). Distance: 76 yds. 3½ ins.

LONG JUMP (Junior School).—1, I. Proctor (H.); 2, S. Lord (S.); 3, E. Heppenstall (Q.).

LONG JUMP (Under 13).—1, J. Fort (H.); 2, P. G. Midgley (S.); 3, R. G. Hallewell (S.). Distance: 12 ft. 10 ins.

LONG JUMP (Under 15).—1, J. C. Fletcher (H.); 2, J. Harrington (H.); 3, N. Spink (K.). Distance: 15 ft. 5 ins.

LONG JUMP (Open).—1, A. B. Wade (Q.); 2, B. Wilkinson (H.); 3, P. Wood (Q.). Distance: 18 ft. ½ in.

HIGH JUMP (Junior School).—1, S. Lord (S.); 2, G. Heighington (S.); 3, K. Pollit (S.). Height: 3 ft. 7 ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 13).—1, A. B. Farrar (H.); 2, R. G. Hallewell (S.); 3, R. Harper (S.). Height: 3 ft. 5 ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 15).—1, J. Harrington (H.); 2, A. Hartley (S.); 3, A. Williams (S.). Height: 4 ft. 6¼ ins.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, R. Mann (H.); 2, D. Nicholl (H.); 3, D. Broadbent (H.). Height: 4 ft. 10 ins.

PUTTING THE SHOT (Open).—1, D. E. Nutter (H.); 2, R. Nicholson (S.); 3, J. J. Wheelwright (H.). Distance: 29 ft. 7 ins.

THROWING THE DISCUS (Open).—1, R. Mann (H.); 2, D. Broadbent (H.); 3, R. Heron (H.). Distance: 92 ft. ¾ in.

HOUSE RELAY RACE (Junior School).—1, Heath; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

HOUSE RELAY RACE (Under 14).—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's.

HOUSE RELAY RACE (Open).—1, Queen's; 2, Heath; 3, School.

EGG AND SPOON RACE (Junior School).—1, B. H. Beaumont (H.); 2, W. H. Watkinson (Q.); 3, G. Heighington (Q.).

SACK RACE (Junior School).—1, S. Lord (S.); 2, E. Heppenstall (Q.); 3, E. M. Manson (Q.).

CHARIOT RACE (Junior School).—1, G. Heighington's team; 2, B. S. Butler's team; 3, S. Lord's team.

THREE-LEGGED RACE (Junior School).—1, G. Heighington and E. Heppenstall; 2, J. T. Broadbent and I. Proctor; 3, R. B. Holdsworth and M. G. Gledhill.

Swimming Sports

The Annual Swimming Gala was held at the Woodside Baths on July 27th. Many new records were set up and the competition was so keen that the result of the House Championship was in doubt up to the last race.

RESULTS

25 YARDS BACK STROKE (Under 13).—1, P. Butler (Q.); 2, B. Robinson (Q.); 3, W. G. Wells (K.). Time: 24 secs. (Record.)

25 YARDS FREE STYLE (Under 14).—1, H. B. Jackson (Q.); 2, P. Hawes (K.); 3, A. Tate (Q.). Time: 20 1-5 secs.

50 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Under 15).—1, S. Hartley (S.); 2, T. L. Dalzell (Q.); 3, P. L. Sutcliffe (S.). Time: 43 9-10 secs.

100 YARDS FREE STYLE (Open).—1, G. Carling (H.); 2, J. Gibbs (H.); 3, T. W. Butler (Q.). Time: 75 9-10 secs. (Record.)

25 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Junior School—Open).—1, Stocks; 2, Heppenstall; 3, Wood. Time: 27 7-10 secs.

25 YARDS FREE STYLE (Under 13).—1, W. G. Wells (K.); 2, K. G. McGill (K.); 3, B. Robinson (Q.). Time: 16 secs. (Record.)

25 YARDS BACK STROKE (Under 14).—1, H. B. Jackson (Q.); 2, D. C. McGill; 3, T. L. Dalzell (Q.). Time: 19 3-5 secs. (Record.)

50 YARDS FREE STYLE (Under 15).—1, P. L. Sutcliffe (S.); 2, P. L. Bedford (S.); 3, S. Hartley (S.). Time: 42 3-5 secs.

100 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Open).—1, E. Adamson (S.); 2, T. W. Butler (Q.); 3, D. Broadbent (H.). Time: 1 min. 39 secs.

25 YARDS FREE STYLE (Junior School).—1, Proctor; 2, Pollit, K. Time: 26 2-5 secs.

OPEN DIVE.—1, T. W. Butler (Q.); 2, J. Gibbs (H.); 3, H. Birch (K.).

25 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Under 14).—1, T. L. Dalzell (Q.); 2, H. B. Jackson (Q.); 3, D. C. McGill (K.). Time: 9 13-5 secs. (Record.)

50 YARDS BACK STROKE (Under 15).—1, A. Hartley (S.); 2, S. Hartley (S.); 3, P. L. Sutcliffe (S.). Time: 46 secs. (Record.)

50 YARDS FREE STYLE (Open).—1, G. Carling (H.); 2, J. Gibbs (H.); 3, D. Nicholl (H.). Time: 33½ secs.

ONE BREADTH (Junior School).—1, W. Beaumont; 2, Palmer; 3, Butler. Time: 15 1-5 secs.

25 YARDS BREAST STROKE (Under 13).—1, W. V. Ingham (H.); 2, W. G. Wells (K.); 3, P. Butler (Q.). Time: 24 secs.

DIVE (Under 15).—1, P. L. Sutcliffe (S.); 2, P. Butler (H.); 3, B. Robinson (Q.).

50 YARDS BACK STROKE (Open).—1, D. Nicholl (H.); 2, J. Gibbs (H.); 3, D. Broadbent (H.). Time: 41½ secs. (Record.)

25 YARDS FREE STYLE (Under 15).—1, P. Hawes (K.); 2, H. B. Jackson (Q.); 3, P. L. Sutcliffe (S.). Time: 17 4-5 secs.

PLUNGE (Open).—1, R. Heron (H.); 2, P. Hawes (K.); 3, B. Robinson (Q.).

JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY.—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Heath.

JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE RELAY.—1, Heath; 2, Queen's.

HOUSE MEDLEY RELAY (Under 15).—1, School; 2, Heath; 3, King's.

SENIOR HOUSE RELAY (J. C. Bouch Memorial Trophy).—1, Heath; 2, Queen's; 3, School.

Total Points:	Heath	..	..	..	60
	School	..	..	..	58
	Queen's	..	..	..	57
	King's	..	..	..	42

Victor Ludorum, J. Gibbs; Under 15 Cup, P. L. Sutcliffe; Under 14 Cup, H. B. Jackson; Under 13 Cup, W. G. Wells.

Cricket, 1939

Generally speaking a score-book shows and means little. but a glance at this season's first eleven score-book will give a true impression of the team. Only one match has been won and only on one other occasion have we looked like winning. In our one successful match the batting was so dull and characterless that it should have been on the losing side. We were very unfortunate not to reach a decision in our second Thornton match when the team, or at any rate Nicholl and Aked, gave a good batting performance. Most of the other matches have been defeats more or less heavy.

We began the season as we meant to go on. We lost by 80 runs to Thornton. On an ideal wicket it was not a weak performance to put Thornton out for 117, but when we went in to bat we gave what was to be but the first of several batting displays with no spine and a lot too much tail. On this wicket we could only muster 32 runs.

At Pannal on a rather more difficult wicket we thought the team was going to put up a better performance. We had collected the quite reasonable total of 42 for four wickets. Then the last seven men managed with great difficulty to raise four runs between them. But remembering last year's Pannal match, we still had hopes. We had four wickets down for 30, but our morale was broken too easily by a hard hitter who was dropped before he had scored. He went on to score 23, about half his side's runs. Such mistakes in the field we could ill afford. Higgin, as his figures suggest, bowled well. Sutcliffe bowled better than his figures suggest.

The less said about the Keighley match the better. We were overwhelmed, massacred, or as Myers picturesquely used to put it, 'mopped.'

Then came the Crossley's match about which we have already spoken. We won by good bowling, by our dropping no catches (an exceedingly rare event), and by some fine stumping by Musson. Our batting was fit for nothing but oblivion.

The return game with Crossley's was a weary affair; Nicholl, with a stolidity worthy of his county, batted throughout the innings. Hall amused the pavilion by collecting eight unorthodox runs, his most lucrative stroke being a straight drive over slips' heads. The rest was one long dreary tail. In spite of the fact that we had two wickets down for three runs we cannot honestly say that we ever, once Patterson and Chambers came together, seemed likely to get Crossleys out. Nor did we.

The second Thornton match was Aked's day. He played an elegant and interesting innings of 68. Once again Nicholl, with the true solidity of his county, was undefeated. Unfortunately the day was marred by rain. This promised to be our most interesting match.

Both the Rishworth and the Silcoates matches were from our point of view depressing affairs. By the time we had reached these matches we had developed a first rate inferiority complex. Musson, in desperation, decided he must do something about all this and in both matches played a desperately 'enterprising' innings. One suspects that he planned his innings in the pavilion. One thing at least we feel is certain—he was out against Doncaster, in the next match, because he had decided what he was going to do with the ball before the bowler had decided what kind of a ball he was going to bowl.

But this form was so bad that we couldn't keep it up. Against Doncaster, probably because we heard they had not lost a match this time, we decided to play cricket. We almost succeeded. The game was alive and did not seem so one-sided as the two previous matches. Lumb, Hall and Dale all bowled well, but they received little support from the field.

Only one man in the team has an average of more than ten. Only four men in the team have ever reached double figures. Such has been the state of our batting. Aked has been the success of the season; his defence has improved and he has been interesting to watch. Nicholl has been the surest batsman, Musson the most spectacular—if the least rational. He has batted like a carefree man who feels that his end will soon come. Generally it did. No other batting is worth mentioning.

The bowling has been inconsistent, varying from good to very mediocre. Never has it been very bad but seldom has it been really dangerous. Higgin's bowling at Pannal was the best bowling we have seen this time. It was really good. He has not, however, been able to maintain this form. Ackroyd and Hall had a good day at Broomfield, but apart from some good bowling by Hall against Doncaster neither has bowled as well since. We have not had much opportunity of using Dale or Sutcliffe, our own scores have been so low. Against Doncaster Dale struck a puzzling length. Sutcliffe received punishment at Pannal and he has had the misfortune to see several catches dropped off his bowling. Lumb and Barker have bowled some good balls without any great success. They will, we hope, be useful next season.

Only by very good work in the field could this team have hoped for any success. It is perhaps significant that on the

day when we were really on our toes in the field that we won it. But speaking generally, too many catches have been dropped, too many runs given away. The stumping has been good. In ten matches our wicket-keeper has nine victims. He has been quick to get the bails off and has missed few chances. Nor has he been slack in stopping the balls outside the stumps.

And before we close, we would like to thank Mr. Withycombe for the advice and the time he has given to the team and to apologize to Mr. Young for any inconvenience we may have caused him and his team. We would also like to point out that Bland has occasionally scored. We offer our congratulations to Musson and Aked on winning their colours.

B.W.

May 13th.—1ST XI v. THORNTON G.S., at Thornton. Lost by 85 runs.

THORNTON.		HEATH.	
Cowman, b Ackroyd.....	10	Nicholl, l.b.w., b Cowman..	0
Leach, c Nicholl, b Dale....	13	Aked, b Sharp.....	4
Markwell, c and b Sutcliffe..	12	Wilkinson, c Booth,	
Mault, c Sutcliffe, b Higgin..	4	b Cowman.....	6
Sharp, c Sutcliffe, b Ackroyd	37	Musson, l.b.w., b. Sharp....	10
Booth, c Moger, b Bottomley	21	Sutcliffe, c Sharp, b Orme..	7
Orme, c Bottomley,		Shoesmith, l.b.w., b Rae....	3
b Ackroyd.....	0	Moger, not out.....	1
Flagg, c and b Bottomley....	3	Higgin, b Orme.....	0
Rae, l.b.w., b Sutcliffe.....	6	Ackroyd, b Orme.....	0
Lister, not out.....	4	Dale, c Booth, b Flagg.....	1
Brooksbank, b Sutcliffe.....	7	Bottomley, c Mault, b Orme	0
Extras.....	0	Extras.....	0
Total.....	117	Total.....	32

May 20th.—1ST XI v. PANNAL ASH COLLEGE, at Pannal. Lost by four wickets.

HEATH.		PANNAL.	
Nicholl, b Stuart.....	10	Fernandes, b Higgin.....	5
Aked, b Stuart.....	3	Alcock, l.b.w., b Sutcliffe..	13
Wilkinson, c and b Clayton..	15	Barden, b Higgin.....	2
Musson, b Stuart.....	5	Drinkwater, not out.....	23
Moger, b Drinkwater.....	0	Stuart, c Moger, b Higgin..	1
Sutcliffe, b Stuart.....	2	Mortimer, c Wilkinson,	
Shoesmith, run out.....	2	b Higgin.....	0
Higgin, b Stuart.....	0	Clayton, c Nicholl, b Higgin	0
Ackroyd, not out.....	0	Ruegg, not out.....	5
Dale, run out.....	0	Extras.....	5
Lumb, b Drinkwater.....	0		
Extras.....	10		
Total.....	47	Total (for 6 wks.)....	49

Higgin, five for 9.

May 24th.—1ST XI v. KEIGHLEY G.S., at Spring Hall. Lost by 84 runs.

KEIGHLEY.		HEATH.	
Clapham, b Hall.....	0	Aked, l.b.w., b Wellock....	4
Binns, b Ackroyd.....	1	Nicholl, b Clapham.....	9
Wellock, b Ackroyd.....	15	Wilkinson, ht. wkt.,	
Mitchell, not out.....	60	b Clapham.....	4
Pearson, b Hall.....	0	Musson, c Chester, b Wellock	4
Birch, c Nicholl, b Sutcliffe..	10	Moger, c Binns, b Clapham..	0
Chester, b Lumb.....	10	Sutcliffe, run out.....	1
Seabrook, l.b.w., b Hall....	0	Shoesmith, b Wellock.....	0
Tearnside, not out.....	6	Hall, b Wellock.....	1
Extras.....	9	Ackroyd, b Clapham.....	0
		Lumb, run out.....	0
		Dale, not out.....	0
		Extras.....	4
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	111	Total.....	27

May 31st.—1ST XI v. CROSSLEY'S, at Broomfield. Won by 25 runs.

HEATH.		CROSSLEY'S.	
Wilkinson, c Downard,		Sutcliffe, b Hall.....	10
b Sutcliffe.....	5	Patterson, run out.....	1
Nicholl, run out.....	1	Chambers, b Ackroyd.....	9
Aked, c Cardus, b Sutcliffe..	11	Lees, c Wilkinson,	
Musson, l.b.w., b Patterson..	8	b Ackroyd.....	2
Quinn, c Lees, b Sutcliffe..	5	Black, c Nicholl, b Ackroyd..	0
Sutcliffe, b Sutcliffe.....	0	Cardus, c Nicholl, b Hall....	1
Ramsden, c Downard,		Bairstow, st. Musson, b Hall	1
b Sutcliffe.....	5	Downard, c Wilkinson,	
Hall, b Patterson.....	6	b Ackroyd.....	1
Ackroyd, c Lees, b Patterson	0	Lumley, b Ackroyd.....	0
Lumb, b Patterson.....	0	Fisher, st. Musson, b Ackroyd	0
Dale, not out.....	4	Brown, not out.....	0
Extras.....	9	Extras.....	4
Total.....	54	Total.....	29

Hall, three for 12 ;
Ackroyd, six for 12.

June 17th.—1ST XI v. CROSSLEY'S, at Spring Hall. Lost by seven wickets.

HEATH.		CROSSLEY'S.	
Aked, b Sutcliffe.....	1	Black, b Higgin.....	0
Nicholl, not out.....	20	Cardus, run out.....	1
Musson, c Black, b Sutcliffe	7	Chambers, not out.....	23
Wilkinson, b Sutcliffe.....	0	Sutcliffe, c Wilkinson, b Hall	8
Quinn, b Sutcliffe.....	0	Patterson, not out.....	14
Sutcliffe, b Patterson.....	1	Extras.....	10
Ramsden, b Sutcliffe.....	0		
Hall, b Patterson.....	9		
Ackroyd, b Patterson.....	1		
Higgin, b Patterson.....	0		
Dale, b Sutcliffe.....	1		
Extras.....	13		
Total.....	53	Total (for 3 wks.).....	55

June 10th.—1ST XI v. THORNTON G.S., at Thornton. Match drawn.

HEATH.		THORNTON.	
Aked, c Lister, b Cowman..	68	Leach, b Dale.....	20
Wilkinson b Sharp.....	2	Cowman, c Musson, b Hall..	23
Quinn, c Markwell, b Sharp	4	Markwell, l.b.w., b Dale...	5
Musson, l.b.w., b Cowman..	0	Sharp, l.b.w., b Sutcliffe...	21
Nicholl, not out.....	23	Booth, not out.....	8
Extras.....	18	Mault, b Higgin.....	0
		Extras.....	2
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	115	Total (for 5 wks.)..	78

June 14th.—1ST XI v. RISHWORTH G.S., at Spring Hall. Lost by eight wickets.

HEATH.		RISHWORTH.	
Nicholl, c Lumb, b Hall....	5	Haynes, not out.....	14
Aked, b Hardy.....	0	Longbottom, st. Musson,	
Musson, run out.....	19	b Ackroyd.....	0
Wilkinson, c Longbottom,		Lumb, c Aked, b Sutcliffe...	10
b Hardy.....	0	Hardy, not out.....	15
Sutcliffe, c Haynes, b Hall..	1	Extras.....	6
Ramsden, ht. wkt., b Hardy	8		
Quinn, c Sutcliffe, b Hall....	1		
Hall, c and b Hall.....	2		
Ackroyd, b Andrew.....	4		
Higgin, c Hankard, b Hardy	0		
Dale, not out.....	0		
Extras.....	1		
Total.....	41	Total (for 2 wks.)....	45

June 21st.—1ST XI v. SILCOATES SCHOOL, at Spring Hall. Lost by six wickets.

HEATH.		SILCOATES.	
Aked, b Hall.....	8	Hall, l.b.w., b Ackroyd.....	4
Nicholl, b Calverly.....	8	Calverly, b Higgin.....	3
Musson, c Musson,		Musson, b Barker.....	22
b Calverly.....	9	Simpkin, b Dale.....	12
Wilkinson, l.b.w., b Birchenall	3	Roe, c Sutcliffe, b Nicholl..	26
Ramsden, c Hall, b Storey..	3	Talbot, b Higgin.....	7
Sutcliffe, b Calverly.....	3	Anderson, c Wilkinson,	
Entwistle, c Rae, b Storey...	0	b Sutcliffe.....	18
Barker, b Storey.....	0	Hollows, l.b.w., b Ackroyd..	14
Ackroyd, ht. wkt., b Storey..	2	Birchenall, st. Musson,	
Higgin, not out.....	0	b Sutcliffe.....	4
Dale, b Storey.....	0	Storey, st. Musson,	
Extras.....	8	b Sutcliffe.....	0
		Cochrane, not out.....	0
		Extras.....	0
Total.....	44	Total.....	110

July 12th.—1ST XI v. DONCASTER G.S., at Spring Hall. Lost by four wickets.

HEATH.		DONCASTER.	
Nicholl, b Seaton.....	0	Jones, S. G., st Musson,	
Aked, b Jones, W.E.	10	b Lumb.....	6
Musson, b Seaton.....	2	Neald, c Entwistle, b Hall...	0
Wilkinson, c Neald,		Ambrose, b Lumb.....	9
b Jones, W. E.....	8	Casson, l.b.w., b Hall.....	6
Entwistle, c Roberts, b Seaton	8	Simons, c Bland, b Dale....	0
Sutcliffe, b Jones, W. E....	4	Jones, W. E., c and b Dale..	9
Bland, st Jones, E. G.,		Moore, not out.....	10
b Jones, W. E.....	7	Seaton, not out.....	10
Ramsden, b Jones, W. E....	0	Extras.....	0
Hall, st. Jones, S. G.,			
b Jones, W. E.....	0		
Lumb, not out.....	2		
Dale, st. Jones, S. G.,			
b Jones, W. E.....	2		
Extras.....	4		
Total.....	47	Total (for 6 wks.)....	50

July 22nd.—1ST XI v. DONCASTER G.S., at Doncaster. Lost by 5 wickets.

HEATH.		DONCASTER.	
Nicholl, c Simons,		Jones, G., b Hall.....	15
b Jones, W. E.....	2	Moore, c Barker, b Lumb...	6
Aked, run out.....	24	Harrison, not out.....	2
Musson, b Neald.....	8	Hughes, b Dale.....	4
Entwistle, run out.....	2	Jones, W. E., st. Musson,	
Bland, b Jones, W. E.....	1	b Hall.....	13
Ramsden, c & b Jones, W. E.	2	Ambrose, run out.....	4
Sutcliffe, b Jones, W. E.....	0	Extras.....	1
Hall, st Jones, G., b Neald..	2		
Barker, st Jones, G., b Neald	1		
Lumb, not out.....	0		
Dale, b Neald.....	0		
Extras.....	2		
Total.....	43	Total (for 5 wks.)....	45

SECOND XI

This has not altogether been a good season; our record being: Won, 3; Lost, 7; Drawn, 1. We have been weakened from time to time by calls from the 1st XI, and therefore we have not had a very good side for the last seven games. Quinn, Ramsden and Shoesmith have been our best batsmen and Saunders our most regular bowler. Since his inclusion in the team, Dean, as stumper, has been a credit to the side and has had some fine innings. Here are some averages.

BATTING.				
	Innings.	Highest.	Total.	Average.
Ramsden	3	21	47	15·7
Shoesmith	8	78*	124	15·5
Quinn	5	23	54	10·8
Dean	4	26	39	9·8

* Not out

BOWLING.					
	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Ackroyd	5·4	3	5	8	·63
Lumb	32·3	7	94	11	8·54
Lister	33·2	9	113	12	9·44
Saunders	62·1	21	148	14	10·57
Hall	27	2	94	7	13·42

J. LISTER.

The Favourites

We take up our pen with a heavy heart. For three short years has our hand caressed it, has its nib grown blunt and bent in our service; and now we must lay it down for the last time. Strange that it will no more cramp our fingers, warm our hand. Another, more fitted than we, will guide its point, will with it here record your works. And yet, can it be that soon even you will be gone? Sadly have we watched you dwindle from your 'fair round belly' into 'the lean and slippered pantaloons,' can it be that next will come that 'second childishness and mere oblivion'? Surely we are unduly pessimistic: whatever its cloak, your spirit remains unchanged, and while that spirit lives, the body can never die; can indeed once more wax fat.

But come! cease this sentimental scrawl! we are still your Scribe, we still possess our pen, the sands are not yet all run out . . . There is work to be done.

There have been but five meetings this term, and in jovial mood the Society convened for the first to debate whether or no it considered the English Public House to be an essential institution. Mr. Nicholl insisted that it was, urging the Society to remember that they provide havens of refuge from our womenfolk, allow us to converse freely, and enable us to participate in the praiseworthy pastimes of darts, dominoes and skittles. Further, he hinted darkly, without them there would be worse dens of vice. Mr. Mann took an opposite view. He treated the Society to a brief and entertaining history of the public house, purporting to prove that their original use was now non-existent. He produced physical, moral and psychological arguments for their abolition, and also denounced them because they sold beer. A dissentient voice arose with Mr. Mackley, for he could not agree with Mr. Mann. He considered many pubs were so constructed as to render impossible anything but the consumption of alcohol, and suggested fewer but better ones. He begged the Society not to be carried away on the wings of Mr. Mann's eloquence, though personally we could not quite envisage Mr. Mann as an aviator. Apparently neither could the Society, for the motion was carried by five votes to four.

At the next gathering the topic for debate was Conscription, and Mr. Moseley, in his own inimitable style arose in support of it, informing us that opposition took many forms. He emphasized the benefit in health which conscription would afford, produced the somewhat startling statement that no man ought to be married at twenty, and concluded by assuring the Society that unemployment would be materially reduced. In contrast to Mr. Moseley, Mr. Mann delivered a well reasoned attack upon Conscription, maintaining that it makes a mockery

of the voluntary system, and gives the impression that lack of public spirit has caused this system to fail. He opposed Conscription on the grounds that preparedness for war did not give security, and concluded with an attack from the moral aspect.

Mr. Wade spoke in much the same strain, though in a different accent, as Mr. Moseley, for he stressed the physical benefit which would accrue, and vigorously denied an assertion of one of his feminine associates that "conscription will ruin many pretty boys." We ourselves supported Mr. Mann, affirming that conscription was a step towards Fascism, and a factor in the destruction of the individual. Diverting them into idealistic mood, we denounced conscription inasmuch as its object was to maintain territorial and racial divisions, a sad and retrograde step. The opinion of the Society, however, was against us, for it welcomed conscription, by five votes to four.

The following two meetings were devoted to an analysis and subsequent synthesis of the School rules. We cannot give here a full account of their friendly approved form, but we can reassure the *hoi polloi* that for all practical purposes they are inappreciably altered.

The last meeting of term took the form of an open discussion, initiated by ourselves. The subject was "Euthanasia" and we were heartily in favour of it. We pointed out how often law and conscience come into conflict, and demonstrated that it would scarcely be the peculiar sacredness of human life which was preventing its introduction. We indicated the inadequacy of the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill, and suggested that the best thing was to remove the legal stigma from suicide. It was strange, we mused, that in England, where individual liberty was almost a fetish, a man was not at liberty to dispose of his most personal and private possession, his life, in whatever manner he chose. In support of his right to do this, we quoted extensively from classical literature, and so concluded. After open discussion the Society was asked to vote in turn upon two measures, the first that suicide be made legal, and the second that some such bill as the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill be passed. The Society rejected the first by five to four, and approved of the latter by eight votes, *nem. con.*

'Tis done: remains but one thing more. A new hand, a new nib. . . .

We were wrong, we do not lay down our pen, we pass it on. Our hand feels strangely empty. . . .

Go to it, Benjamin.

Meccano Club

The Club's activities have been suspended during the Summer Term, since Meccano and Hornby demand indoor meetings, but will be resumed as usual next term. A General Meeting will be called early next term to elect new officials and deal with any others matters of importance. New boys who are interested should attend one of our meetings, or see the Secretary.

M.W.B.

Scout Notes

The chief event this term has been the resignation of Bill Aske from the post of Group Scoutmaster. Of the Bill of old days who grew up as a Scout at Heath we know little except for a few chubby photographs; but judging by the Bill we know to-day (still chubby!) he must have been that very rare thing a real Scout in the days when, as old stagers tell us, scouting was a complete way of living, not just something to be put on with a uniform once a week. One thing at least is worth noticing: That he was allowed to join on condition that he did not go to camp, and that he has never stopped camping since. Of recent years he has been the ideal G.S.M., brimful of scouting facts and the scout spirit, efficient in action, wise and experienced in counsel. Do the Scouts—does the School—realize what they owe to Bill and also to the other Old Boys he has gathered round him, ready to devote valuable time and energy to the service of their old Troop and School?

In case this sounds like an obituary notice we had better add that Bill is still very much alive and kicking, and that nearly all the spare time of a very busy man still goes in scouting. Only he is devoting it to bigger jobs, notably running the Rover Scouts throughout the whole county. (We should be proud that Heath can spare men to do these important and difficult tasks.) So, in theory, we are losing Bill, but, bless you! he won't be able to stay away from his native troop, and we hope to get any amount of help from him unofficially.

Mr. Fraser has the unenviable task of succeeding him.

We have been paid a very high compliment indeed. *The Scouter* included in a recent number a long article, illustrated by luscious photographs, about the Heath Troop and its activities. That means we are known all over the country as a good live troop. We can feel pleased about that, but we can't help asking the question "Do we deserve the reputation?" . . . Do we? . . . Some years ago we were a small Troop and a good one. To-day we are a huge Troop and—?

For instance, this year twenty-six Scouts are going to camp. Twenty-six! We did as well when the Troop was a quarter the size. They knew then that scouting without camping is like swimming without water.

Still the year's camps should make up in quality what they lack in quantity. One is at Great Tower, Windermere, under real backwoods conditions. The other is in the French Alps camping with a French Troop. What more could anyone want?

Section reports follow. There is no report from the Rovers but they continue to be one of the most enthusiastic associations of Old Boys with varied activities. The Sea Scout Patrol also have not only been tasting the waters of the canal, but have been doing coastguard service at Whitby. National Service has been much to the fore lately, and many Scouts in all sections have qualified, and non-Scouts from the School have also been attending the Scout courses.

"A" SECTION

This term has been a very progressive one for our section: three Scouts having gained 2nd Class and four Scouts having completed 1st Class. Many badges have been taken, including Cooks, Swimmers and Rescuers, National Service, Interpreters, and Athletics.

A very successful wide game, followed by an even more successful supper, was held on Norland Moor: many and varied were the hiding-places for messages. This has been a successful term and we are looking forward to a really good summer camp.

"B" SECTION

"B" Section has had a distinctly uninteresting term. The Court of Honour, devoid of ideas of any sort has expected the Troop to carry on all by itself, with not much work on the part of P.L.s. Curiously enough, attendances decreased: we are, however, next term, determined to start with a new set of programmes.

Several people attended their first camps this season, and an excellent Whit camp was held near Ripon, unmarred by rain or snow.

("B" Section are never satisfied. They are a most efficient and active section, in spite of a certain number of poor Scouts, and they have just created a record by coming in very good seconds in all three inter-Troop competitions in Halifax. It is probably this divine discontent of theirs which drives them on to greater feats. This is what their scribe says about the Camp Competition:—

In the Camp Competition "B" Section was unable to muster a full team of six; nevertheless, we were second by

two marks from "C" Section. This was hard luck, considering that all its usual campers were doing School Certificate.

Discontent again! "C" Section don't mention it in their notes.

WEBECES

"C" Section as usual muddle along pleasantly (except when Doop and Spanner start a dog fight). We have had one or two high spots, viz.: The Trek at Easter. Claude, the one wheeled Chinese trek cart went surprisingly well considering what it looks like. Only you have to do five miles an hour to keep up with him. The weather, of course, was wet and windy, but we have happy recollections which include the voiceless gamekeeper who put the gunshot in our pants, the slither axle-deep in mud down to Gordale Scar, the cold spray in the Scar, the rabbit we ran down, and the tents which didn't blow away at Airton.

The inter-Patrol camping competition, stoutly won by the Kingfishers. The ordinary competition, won as usual by Hawks.

The "Parents' Night," when we showed those parents who came what we really do in the Scouts. This included dropping a man with a broken leg bump on the floor, losing an egg and covering lots of good food with mud and soot. These and other items were greatly enjoyed.

The Camp Competition. Runners-up last year, our first attempt, we won it (don't listen to "B" Section!) this year, and the Camp Competition is something worth winning. We are pleased.

"D" SECTION

We remain as happy a band as ever and have even begun to get a number of Second Classes and badges. What is more we have done a little more camping and as we are no longer the little lads we used to be we are making up our minds to do more and more bigger and better camping in future.

Akela, of the Cubs, in the middle of terrific piles of books, gave us some hurried notes about the Cub Pack:—

"There are," he said, "twenty-two in the Pack. Tell 'em, that. Everybody's working hard and many badges have been got. The Pack was fourth in the Jungle Trophy, and some of the older Cubs have been to camp, where, although we got wet, they were happy: that shows that Cubs are waterproof! We were very sorry to lose Kaa. Very sorry. That's all, I think."

Murmuring our thanks, we left, and wrote this down amidst howling mobs of schoolboys, playing games; for the end of term's approaching.

Differences between the English and French Systems of Education

As I have been asked to write a few words for *The Heathen* (for whose good wishes in the Spring issue I am extremely grateful), my remarks will concern the differences between the English and French educational systems.

We have in common a Minister of the Board of Education, but ours seems to have more extensive powers. His functions are both executive and legislative and he is surrounded by a ministry which centralizes authority. Moreover, he is advised by an educational "parliament" of experts of ripe experience (Le Conseil Supérieur de l'Instruction Publique) which elaborates nation-wide educational syllabuses which are to be followed by all pupils attending French Secondary Schools.

This creates a unity which has advantages; this central authority with the help of the "Conseil Supérieur de l'Instruction Publique" maintains the standard of our secondary schools at a very high level.

It may be suggested that it has a drawback, and that France, which in so many other respects is the country of variety and caprice, is educationally standardized. Does this high standard of education, often given *ex cathedra*, always suit the average pupil, the "not so good" or backward scholar?

Some of them feel terribly bored at school and have to leave prematurely. English schoolboys always seem to be glad to go to school, they seem to feel at home there. As a matter of fact if there is something of the cloister about some English schools as there is about some of ours—I mean the old ones,—in the case of an English school it is only about the architecture of the building. To a French pupil, unlike an English pupil, a school is a place where he has only to work during certain hours of the day, a place which he may forget as soon as the lessons are over. In some French schools there are extra-curriculum activities—the most common being sports—but they are never as important as classes, and entirely optional. Most of the staff is perfectly indifferent to their performance. Only a small number of the scholars can be members of the school teams. This does not mean that our pupils dislike relaxation, but that it is not to be found at school. In most cases it is supplied by out of school organizations to which pupils are at liberty to belong.

So an English schoolboy would be very disappointed if he came over to France to improve his knowledge of French in one of our secondary schools, as he would find no Scout Troop, no chance for school journalism, no musical or dramatic clubs,

etc., etc. Yet should he postpone his visit he might be more lucky as, under a recent national scheme—promoted by the present Minister of the Board of Education, M. Jean Zay—there is no school on Saturday afternoon, and the time is devoted to such activities as establish contacts with practical life, an easier adaptation to the everyday world. But so far, this is only optional and this innovation has been met with very strong resistance, though it does not concern senior pupils—say the Sixth Form in England—who are sitting for an examination.

Though there can be no question of passing a judgment on both educational systems, it is unquestionable that they both have their merits whether they excel in training the elite of the youth and preparing them to compete for entrance to the "Grandes Ecoles" or producing good English citizens.

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What's in a Name?

In ancient times, when men lived in tiny villages, many of which were composed of one family only, short, easy names sufficed to distinguish one person from another. One name only was necessary, so that there were no surnames. As time went on, however, and communities became larger, it sometimes happened that there were two men who bore the same name, and it became necessary to distinguish between them. So surnames came into being, and as "necessity is the mother of invention," man had to exercise his ingenuity in making these names.

One of the earliest and simplest of ways was to name a man after his father and add "—son" to the end of the name. So the son of Robin became "Robinson," from which were derived such alternatives as "Robson" and "Hobson," from Robert, a later form of Robin, came Robertson, and, as this method was easy to use and remember, it served man's needs for quite a time. But then, pressed for more names, people were named from the trades that their families followed, and, as every village had its smith, names like Smith and its additions came into being; Wright, with names like Wheelwright and Cartwright; Baker, from that necessary member of the community, and many others. And after that, what could be easier than to make a fresh set of names by adding "—son" to these? Smithson is an example of this class. Some trade names have survived the trades themselves, e.g. Biller, an axemaker, and Fletcher, an arrowmaker.

Another early way was to name a man after the village in which he lived; later, men were named after the part of the village in which they dwelt, and such names as "John above Brook," "Robin at the Croft," and "William in the Dale," became shortened to "Brook," "Croft" and "Dale."

Habits and features formed another source of names; Brown, White, Little and Black are examples of these.

Then come the nicknames: a name like John Stutter is obvious in its derivation, and a name like "Boardcleaver" would naturally belong to a good trencherman.

The people in other parts of the world had their own customs too. The North American Indians provide some good examples of the Habit method, in names like "E-yah-pa-sis" (Young Deer).

We must consider also the Christian names; some of these were names of famous men used as Christian names. The Puritans had names taken from the Bible, as well as component names like "Praise-God" Barebones and his son, "If Christ had not died for thee thou wouldst not have been saved" Barebones.

Names are things of which to be proud. It is said that Tennyson was talking with Hallam about the former's son. "What are you going to call him?" asked the great historian. "We had thought of calling him Hallam after you," replied the poet. "Ah, but why do you not call him Alfred, after yourself?" asked Hallam. "Yes indeed," replied his friend, "but suppose he should grow up into a fool!"

Another story is told of a man who was brought before Alexander the Great as a deserter. "What is your name?" asked the great general sternly. "Alexander, Sire," replied the man. "Then if you cannot live up to your name, change it," he was fiercely told.

Whatever our name is, let us try and live up to it and not disgrace it for:

"A good name is more to be desired than riches."

J. C. FLETCHER,
Lower V.

My First Impressions on Entering School

Not having seen the School throughout the holidays, which had been extended, I was rather excited to see what improvements had taken place during the vacation. I rose early, lit the fire, had breakfast and was off to school by 9.35 a.m. As soon as the bell had rung I, with the other unruly, eager boys (following the directions of a notice board), shot into a delightful cloakroom

on the right, the advantages of which we had not experienced before; and then out of another door, and every one was struck by the swing doors, decidedly a great improvement.

Along the corridor we "flew," having joy and comfort in every step on the new floor, being surprised at what every doorway revealed as we passed, noting the colour schemes the while, and were astounded by the position of the master's common room (I don't know what bus passengers will think when they look into it if it becomes as untidy as the old one!). Thus we proceeded, glancing hurriedly around and making wild guesses at the appearance of our new form room, but all our thoughts were surpassed, and the hurry and scurry was checked at the form room door both by the appearance of the light green walls and cream ceiling and by the strong influence of the form master. So, realizing that we were once more under steadfast rule, we went quietly to our desks, which to our great surprise were all new and spacious. Settling down we fell to questioning the form master concerning the School and the good gentleman kindly satisfied our curiosity.

After a short period we were summoned to the Hall for prayers and paraded more slowly, making wide sweeps with our heads and viewing nearly all that could be seen, and then the crisis came, we gasped and blinked as we saw the Hall: it was marvellous, stupendous, sumptuous, even romantic and Utopian—all indeed excelled our expectations. What fortunate boys we are to own such a delightful school: surely work will be almost play. There my first impressions ended and so must end this short account.

F. E. WELLMAN,
Lower V.

Who is he?

There is a man, who, when the school
Is dark and silent (as a rule),
Goes round it like a flitting sprite
To see that everything's all right.
With broom (sometimes) in hand, he sweeps,
And so the school quite tidy keeps:
While when we're bored by lessons—well
'Tis he who always rings the bell.
In summertime he stokes our fires,
But then in wintertime he tires
And all the school is (rather) cold,
But we wear coats, for we are bold.
Yet were it not for him, you know,
We could not empty baskets show.

M.W.B.

There was a school in days of old
 (Whose colours were maroon and gold),
 Whose walls were oft with ancient mould
 And even *Mushrooms* tainted.
 The Education Committee
 Then granted a sufficient fee
 Enabling the old school to be
 Extended, cleaned and painted.

And so they delved beneath the ground
 And *Manuscripts* in *Bottles* found.
 Created rubbish, mound on mound;
 The noise we found a strain.
 We bravely toiled while hammers rang,
 While joiners whistled, plumbers sang,
 And members of the painting gang
 Did splashes on us rain.

So now we all cast awesome looks
 At cloakrooms simply crammed with hooks
 And brand-new desks to hold our books,
 The sumptuous light-shades, too!
 The new hall's really fine to see—
 Our room—in green—is large and free,
 The trouble is we've got to be
 So careful what we do!

J. C. FLETCHER,
Lower 5.

Empire Air Day

The day broke, fine but dull, but a great improvement on last year, some showers during the morning gave us moments of anxiety, but when at 2 p.m. we set off for Yeadon, it was fine.

Outside the aerodrome we had to wait for about five minutes in a queue. After paying 3d. entrance fee which went to swell the gift towards R.A.F. charities, we were able to enter the aerodrome.

We had only just settled down, when the announcer's voice boomed out from the many different loud speakers installed in the grounds. "Attention, please! In a few moments you will see a speed demonstration by a 'Supermarine Spitfire' from Catterick." Just as he finished speaking the Spitfire arrived. Just ambling along at about 90 m.p.h.; the plane circled round and then climbed away to gain height for his speed dive on to the aerodrome. Then he came zooming back at about 300 m.p.h. After this he went off to show his plane at other aerodromes.

Event after event followed one another with startling rapidity. Pupil Pilot Peabody receiving instruction in an Avro Tutor. Arrival of Whitley heavy bombers who bombed a target with smoke bombs. Aerobatics by a Hawker Hind, one of nine stationed at Yeadon. A fly past by five Fairey Battles from 106th Squadron Thornaby, which were almost unnoticed because of the roar of two Hawker Hinds warming up for the next event, which was an attack on a target by a Hawker King using a camera-gun instead of a machine-gun. A demonstration of range of speed by a Westland Lysander, Army co-operation aircraft from Catterick. The range of speed of this aircraft is 30-220 m.p.h. Then some formation flying by five Hawker Hinds.

All the aircraft mentioned above were on view except the Supermarine Spitfire and the Lysander. Much information was given us by the helpful members of the Air Force, one of whom was on duty at each aeroplane.

In between the flying events we wandered inside the workshops and parachute packing sheds. We investigated the A.R.P. trenches which somehow looked rather useless after seeing the powers of the Whitley heavy bombers. At about 5.50 a Bristol Blenheim put in an appearance, landed for an all too short interval and then flew off again. After this the military side of the display was over and the civil machines came in for more attention. The capitalists among the party took flights in one of the joy-riding machines, and said afterwards that it was worth more than the 2/6 that they had paid.

We then took our departure, having enjoyed ourselves and having gained much more confidence in the ability of the Air Force to defend our homes against attacks by any enemy.

A.W.

Junior School Notes

We welcome the following boys this term:—Jollie, P. M. O., Wood, D. J. D., Palmer, M. H., Thomas, A. D. T., Haigh, J. D.

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The following leave us this term and we take this opportunity of wishing them every success at their new schools —Proctor, I., Watkinson, T. G., Holdsworth, R. L. B.

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As a result of his term's work, P. Wade finished first in Transitus; I. Manson first in IA and H. Palmer first in IB.

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For the first time for some years a cricket fixture was arranged with another school: Bronte House, Bradford. Un-

fortunately they developed mumps towards the end of term and our fixtures had to be cancelled.

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In the Inter-House cricket matches, rain for the most part prolonged the games for so long, that a great deal of the interest was lost. The final results were that Queen's beat Heath by two runs and School beat Queen's by an innings and 43 runs.

The two outstanding innings during the House matches were 62 by Proctor and 50 not out by Lord.

Beaumont, W. A., shows distinct promise as an all-rounder and Pollit, K., has also played well. Broadbent has at times bowled with success.

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As regards the swimming, this term has produced more boys who have passed their swimming test than for many years. Actually, seventeen boys were eligible for the swimming gala at the end of term. The one disappointing factor is that there are still too many of the senior boys who are unable to swim.

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We were very pleased to see so many parents during the two evenings in June when the School was on view. I want to thank all those boys who lent models of various kinds to show what out-of-school activities boys are interested in to-day. Every encouragement should be given to boys who are keen on working in this way during their spare time. For this reason we are very glad to have had the opportunity this term of working in the new Art Room, the atmosphere is such that boys should, in future, be able to do some very pleasing work. I am also pleased to say that manual work will in future be carried out in the new Manual Room, below the Art Room.

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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those boys in the Transitus who have helped in the organizations of the Junior School, and we wish them all possible success in the Senior School.

M.S.M.

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