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Editorial

In normal times the Editor would probably have been able to fill this column with all sorts of gossip and tittle-tattle, but nowadays school has sunk to an almost insignificant dot against the background of the world's politics, and what once was notable is not now worth mentioning. It is worth mentioning, however, that education must not be allowed to drift into insignificance merely because of external affairs. Youth organizations and training-schemes are all very well but the tendency, as far as one can gather, is for the members not to grow up, to remain for ever pass-word givers and salute-takers. The healthy scepticism engendered by education is a good guarantee against foolish newspaper propaganda which, without a doubt, sways the great mass of the people nowadays. We, the little boys of England, demand that our education be not stopped.

A welcome sight this term have been the Old Boys who have occasionally popped in to smell the old air. The old air is not quite the old air, however; and the studious somnolence pervading Heath before the new buildings were erected has now changed for the breezy vigour of youth. In any case, it was good to have John Hutchinson sinking his tough-looking frame (now clothed in Navy uniform) into the Library armchair. He told us about all the Old Boys whom he has met and we should be most glad to see at school. It would be great to have another school camp with all the ancient pillars of the school present . . . *après la guerre.*

School Notes

Our best congratulations go to J. E. Dale for his Hastings Scholarship at Queen's College, Oxford, and to M. W. Bottomley for his Exhibition at Queens' College, Cambridge.

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We wish to thank Mr. H. Jackson for a kind gift of touch-flags in the School colours which are a great help both to players and referee at Kensington, and also improve the appearance of the ground.

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We regret to record the death on active service of Sergeant John Gregson Hitchen (R.A.F.), who lost his life returning to this country from a bombing raid on Germany.

The Science Library wishes to acknowledge with many thanks the gift of two valuable books. The first, presented by its author, is *The Science and Practice of Gas Supply* by Arthur Coe, Principal of the Gas College, Halifax, being Vol. III of a work in three volumes, published (1939) by the British Commercial Gas Association and printed in Halifax by Stott Bros. (pp. xxviii + 847). This great work, which is a valuable contribution to the Gas Industry, is profusely illustrated with drawings and photographs and contains full technical details and formulæ. It is a most useful book of reference, particularly for thermodynamics and is a fine example of the practical application of chemistry, physics and mathematics. The other book, one rare to come by in these days, is *Practical Metallurgy for Engineers* published by and for E. F. Houghton & Co., Philadelphia (1923 at \$3.00), and pleasantly bound in soft blue leather. This has been presented by R. Heron. For both our scientists are most grateful.

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News of one of our prisoners of war was published in *The Times* which quoted the report of a camp where Flight Sergeant Hall is camp leader of 231 N.C.O.s and 57 privates. The report read: "Food good. Prisoners satisfied. Quantity of clothing. Sufficient pullovers. Hopes for mittens and socks. Canteen sells fresh vegetables, beer, cigarettes, toilet requisites. Library of 100 books. Radio. Piano. Men work in labour detachments, get a minimum of 20.8 marks a month. . . . All like to work in labour detachments, where are well treated and receive pay."

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Berwick, J. F. R.	1926	Queen's Rifles.
Biggin, R.	1933	R.A.F.
Breaks, H. L.	1938	Wireless Operator- Air Gunner.
Butler, T. W.	1940	R.A.F. (Volunteer).
Carlin, K. P.	1939	Aircraft Apprentice.
Clegg, P. H.	1935	R.A.F.
Crossland, D.	1936	Private.
Davey, S.	1932	R.A.S.C.
Dobson, W. A.	1936	"
Duce, H.	1938	Gunner.
Farrar, A.	1935	R.A.P.C.
Farrar, F.	1935	Private.
Farrar, P. T.	1936	Sapper.
Firth, G. B.	1933	Private.
Hetherington, S. F.	1936	Midshipman.
Illingworth, K.	1937	R.N.
Jackson, A. K.	1935	Gunner.
Matthews, B.	1936	R.A.
Musson, E. T.	1937	R.A.P.C.
Radcliffe, T.	1936	R.E.
Sheard, H. R.	1936	R.A.P.C.
Smith, T. E. W.	1938	R.A.
Stephen, R. T.	1936	R.A.F.
Walshaw, G.	1935	R.A.F.
White, R.	1937	R.A.F.
		R. Corps of Signals.
		R.A.F. (Volunteer).
		R.A.F.
		R. Armoured Corps.
		R.A.F. (Volunteer).

ROLL OF HONOUR

J. Hitchen, Sgt.-Observer, R.A.F., killed on active service, October 30th, 1940.

PRISONERS OF WAR

J. F. R. Berwick. C. E. Emmott.

PROMOTION

J. Lewin. 2nd Lieut. (A.A.), R.A.

C. R. Lewin. 2nd Lieut. (A.A.), R.A. (London Scottish).

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

D. H. Swift, Lt. (R.N.), for gallantry aboard H.M. Minesweeper *Dunoon*.

Speech Day

Though it has hitherto been not very clear how Heath boys can help to build, not only a better England but a better world, they at least received some indications of the path they must follow when Professor B. Mouat Jones distributed the prizes on Speech Day, Thursday, November 30th.

Boys at secondary, grammar and public schools, so he said, had been granted very many privileges in life, but they must remember that with privileges there always goes a corresponding obligation. In leading the nation to greater things the secondary and grammar and public schoolboys would be fulfilling their obligations. But leadership was no light task and all who undertook it should be ready to devote the whole of their energies to it. Nevertheless, he was confident that the coming generation would be quite equal to it if they had enough ambition and kept to certain rules.

These rules would guide those who were to replace the men who fell in war. This gap would, no doubt, be a very large one, since in war-time it is always the cream of a nation's manhood which pays the supreme sacrifice. Boys ought not to despair, however, if they did not seem equal to the task at first, because although qualities of leadership are often born in a person it is equally true that they are often developed.

The rules, or qualities of leadership, which Professor Mouat Jones thought necessary, were sincerity, initiative, loyalty, vision, enthusiasm and responsibility. The initial letters of these qualities fell, by sheer accident, into the word "silver," so that they might well be called the silver rule of leadership.

On the subject of sincerity, said Professor Jones, it was essential to be honest with oneself or else no-one would find you trustworthy. Especially was this true in matters of school work where you ought to make quite certain that you understand what you read. It is only by promiscuous reading, and by the use of public libraries that a person can realize his own ignorance and thus be absolutely honest with himself.

Turning to initiative, Professor Jones said it was surprising the number of people who always wait for someone else to tell them what to do and how to do it. "Try unusual things, use

your own initiative and you will find you get experience which will qualify you for leadership."

Loyalty, the third word, was the quality of being loyal to those below rather than those above, which is quite simple.

Vision, which is demanded in leadership, does not necessarily mean the vision of the prophet or the genius but the clear vision of a man who knows his job, his aim and who is prepared to stick to it. Coupled with this was enthusiasm, which the carrying out of the vision demanded. Enthusiasm was not the dash on the football field but the enthusiasm never to let oneself be cast down by possible difficulties and dangers. All the fun in life consisted in surmounting them.

Finally, responsibility must never be shirked. "Whenever you are asked to take on a job, take it on. Don't make the excuse that you have not time or that you are not fitted for it. Someone must think you are or you would not have got the offer."

In the headmaster's report, Mr. Smith pointed out the strain which had been put upon the school in the last year. Despite this strain school had increased its numbers and taken in evacuees, and the school medical officer reported no signs that the war was getting on top of anyone.

As to the school's aid for the war effort, Mr. Smith mentioned that Mr. Young and Mr. Haigh had now joined Mr. Birchall to make three members of the staff in the forces, and that we were doing our bit in National Savings, there being 100 per cent membership in the Junior School. He referred to the war service of Old Boys, where special tribute must be paid to Donald Swift, Lieut., R.N.R., who was mentioned in despatches for his gallant conduct on the minesweeper *Dunoon*, when he was the last officer to leave the ship. Honour must also be paid to the memory of Gunner Murrell, killed in action in Flanders, and Sergeant Observer F. G. Hitchen, R.A.F., who lost his life on active service. Enemy action had also robbed the school of A. H. Stocks, C.M.G., one of its most distinguished Old Boys, who had continued to serve his school when he served the Empire. Of the Old Boys who left school at the end of the year, not one remained at the end of September without a worth-while post.

In the scholastic world, Mr. Smith said two senior degrees were obtained by thesis, two medical degrees, four in science and an honours in the classical school at Oxford. There was also the Hastings Scholarship in Modern History won by B. Wilkinson, and the Hastings Scholarship in Natural Science won by J. E. Dale in November. In the Higher School Certificate, seven candidates scored 100 per cent success. For the School Certificate, 63 were obtained in all.

The Chairman, in his address, paid tribute to Professor Connal, who marked the end of his 50 years' connection with

the school by presenting to the school a trophy for field events in the form of a discus.

The Mayor and Ald. Mrs. M. Lightowen, O.B.E., J.P., also spoke. Musical entertainment were provided by the school choir and orchestra. The choir sang Purcell's "Fairest Isle" and two songs by Handel, "Come, ever smiling Liberty" and "Come, lovely peace," and the orchestra played the Sonata in F by William Boyce.

PRIZE LIST.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Transitus.—1st Prize, J. M. Helliwell; 2nd Prize, I. Manson.
Ia.—1st Prize, N. H. Palmer; 2nd Prize, D. A. Earnshaw.
Ib.—1st Prize, A. D. Thomas.

SENIOR SCHOOL.

IVb i.—1st Prize, D. N. Butterfield; 2nd Prize, J. Palmer.
Drawing Prize.—R. Whitehead.
IVb ii.—1st Prize, J. Richardson; 2nd Prize, G. Cowper.
Drawing Prize.—I. Wood.
IVa i.—1st Prize, E. S. Rothery; 2nd Prize, R. T. Gaukroger.
Drawing Prize.—F. Wolfenden.
IVa ii.—1st Prize, G. Foster; 2nd Prize, G. Atkinson.
Drawing Prize.—J. J. Marklew.
L.V..—1st Prize, W. Tordoff; 2nd Prize, J. Green.
Vb.—1st Prize, G. Rushworth; 2nd Prize, J. A. Barrett.
U.V..—1st Prize, J. Fletcher; 2nd Prize, O. Smithies.
Va.—1st Prize, P. G. Walker; 2nd Prize, F. Nesbit.
Remove I.—1st Prize, R. J. H. Collinson; 2nd Prize, R. Heron.
Remove II.—1st Prize, T. W. Butler; 2nd Prize, A. Hall.
Economics Prize (presented by H. V. Wiseman, Esq.).—G. Barker.
Reith Classical Prize.—D. B. Moseley.
Science Prize.—D. Pickles.
Mathematical Prize (presented by E. J. Sutcliffe, Esq.).—J. E. Dale.
History Prize (presented by His Worship the Mayor).—D. Nicholl.
C. E. Fox Prize.—B. Wilkinson.
Connal Trophy.—R. W. Lumb.
Junior House Shield.—Queen's.
Bilbrough Trophy.—Queen's.
Fives Cup.—Queen's.
Gymnasium Cup.—King's.
House Championship Shield.—Heath.

"The Babes in the Wood"

A report of the Dramatic Society's productions may usually take the work produced for granted, and confine itself to the Society's success in showing forth the author's mind. But the 'book' of the *Babes in the Wood* was as much the Society's work as the production, and must call for comment. It is doubtful what canons govern the writing of a pantomime: with its story perched on the fantasies of far away and long ago, and its detail a commentary on the daily life of its time, it is possible to maintain that anything and everything has a right to be included. But it

is the opinion of one, at any rate, of the audience, that the canons, whatever they are, were violated when Mercury brought the news of the death of the twins' parents, killed in air raid. Painful sombreness seemed to take the place permitted in pantomime to sentimental melancholy; and though the occasion gave Mercury the opportunity for some beautifully Euripidean observations, the reaction to the news seemed almost poignantly heartless. Others might, however, quarrel with this judgment. That matter laid aside, what a good 'book' it was! The story, properly interspersed with irrelevant episodes, was far more conscientiously knit together than the demands of pantomime exact; the dialogue, if a little in need of pruning in the middle scenes, racy and pointed; and the finale, in which the Baron's villainy was unmasked by Miss Sally Flattenham, and suitable punishment awarded, was in the best traditional vein. The lyrics demand a special word of praise for a polished and topical treatment in something approaching a genuine succession in the line of Gilbert and A. P. Herbert.

So much for the composition. In the acting, the variety of talent displayed makes it difficult to particularise individuals without seeming invidious, but perhaps special word might be given to the coy sprightliness and remarkable vocal virtuosity of Mr. Fraser as the Dame; to the perfect appearance and manner of Joe the Murderer and to the charming deportment of the Kitchenmaids as they rendered their songs in a technique halfway between crooning and singing. The Headmaster's deportment was clearly the result of careful and subtle study, and the stolid nonchalance of the twins, broken and made more effective by contrast by one heartrending chorus of lamentation on being sent to Hard Castle, was impressively sustained. The Baron's malevolence persisted with a confident energy which effectively crumpled in the final scene.

The work then was skilfully written round the cast which had been chosen; and they entered into their parts with an infectious abandon to produce a really cheerful and effective entertainment.

The School Club

The meeting of the General Committee of the School Club, which was held on October 7th with the Headmaster in the chair, illustrated very well the danger to a supposedly democratic body, due to the members' lack of interest in the body's activities. As far as one could gather there were two of these present, both masters, who knew how and whether the School Club system worked. It also showed, however, that the letter of the law is not very binding; despite the meeting itself being a convention, despite the fact that the minutes were read before a secretary was elected and that the committee failed to elect half the

necessary executive officers, there has been no noticeable disorganization in the Societies affiliated to the Club. We might, perhaps, plead here that it is hardly the fault of the school in general, or of the people who drew up the constitution; all are in the grasp of a system of government which is not very incomprehensible, but very much inaccessible. It would, perhaps, be well to print a constitution in the same way as the School Rules are printed,—in a handy form. The trust that the Secretary ought to know the rules and guide the meeting is rather *naïf*, since the Secretary tends to control the press and the executive, which, with the addition of the legislature, amounts to a tyranny.

The following officers were elected for the current year:—

<i>General Secretary</i>	D. Nicholl.
<i>Sub-Treasurer</i>	B. Moseley.
<i>Auditor</i>	Mr. Withycombe.
<i>Editor of "The Heathen"</i>	D. Nicholl.
<i>Captain of Football</i>	R. Heron.
<i>Vice-Captain of Football</i>	R. Lumb.
<i>Secretary for Football</i>	H. Dudley.
<i>Captain of Fives</i>	D. Nicholl.
<i>Vice-Capt.-cum-Secretary of Fives</i>	J. H. Shoesmith.

The Treasurer, Mr. Dudley, then presented the following very satisfactory statement of accounts:—

SCHOOL CLUB, 1939-1940.			
RECEIPTS. £ s. d.		EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.	
Balance brought forward	3 7 11	Rugby	10 8 9½
Subscriptions:		Cricket	3 14 5½
28s at 2/6	35 2 6	Fives	1 12 4
4 at 1/6	0 6 0	Sports	1 0 2½
Balance from School Magazine	3 8 9½	Sundries	1 6 6
Donation from Nomads C.C.	0 10 6	Bank Charges	0 1 0
Sale of Sports Programmes	1 11 6	Balance:	
		Bank	23 16 10
		Cash	2 7 1
	£44 7 2½		£44 7 2½

Audited and found correct. (Signed) T. H. WITHYCOMBE.
September 24th, 1940.

King's House

This term the House has met with some success, although not the success for which we had hoped. In the Senior Rugger the team won all three matches played, beating Queen's 11-3, School 16-3, and Heath by 17 points to 3. The Junior XV fared rather badly and were unable to secure victory in any of their games. To Queen's we lost 8-3, to School 22-0, and

by 6 points to 3 against Heath. These results gave us an equal second place with School in the House Rugger table.

The Fives have been somewhat disappointing. We lost badly to Queen's, who had the School's best pair, 10 games to 2, but were unfortunate to lose to School by 6 points, after having shared the games equally with them. Next term we must try our best to beat Heath if we are to have a chance of winning the House Championship.

Next term we must make a determined effort in the cross-country run, at which the House has always distinguished itself. Every member is urged to get into training early so that we may have a reasonable chance of taking this event.

Queen's House Report

The countenance of this report may be seen to have changed. The usual tears and lamentations are put aside, and we have to announce with jubilation a great and encouraging success, and success in a field where, for several years past, we have had nothing but disaster. I refer, of course, to the Rugger field. At Fives we have been consistently the leaders (we hope to retain this leadership during the present year; indeed, we have already won the match against King's); but Rugger has been our weakest point, and now, after years of inglorious and ignominious failure, we are once more in occupation of this coveted position. In short, we are Rugger Champions.

The start of the season was unpromising. The first Senior game was against King's, and we lost. This did not prevent us, however, from emerging victorious from the remaining two games. The Juniors similarly won two games, losing only to School.

With such a team at our backs, we must put forth all our efforts to win the remaining Fives matches, the Cross-Country Run, the Sports, the Gym. Competition and, above all, the Cricket matches, which should give us the House Shield, although we have not held it for three years. But we must not forget that hard work still lies ahead: "*per ardua ad astra*" (or should we say "*ad scutum*"?).

D. B. M.

School House Report

The chief activity of the House during the term has, of course, been Rugby. The House matches, both Senior and Junior, have been played, the results of which are quite pleasing and give promise of good teams next season. In spite of the loss of such players as Pickles and D. W. Bedford, who left at the end of last term, the Seniors have managed to win one of their three games, playing well and defeating Heath 16-11, but losing

against King's, and narrowly and rather unexpectedly against Queen's; the score in the latter game being 3-5.

The Juniors have played splendidly and succeeded in winning all their three matches.

Besides Rugby there is nothing else worth mentioning except the Fives matches, but only one of these has been played, when King's, our opponents, were defeated.

As regards next term, the chief sporting event will be the Cross-Country Run, and everyone who is eligible for this should enter and help the House on to victory, but don't forget to begin your training early.

Our chances of gaining the House Shield are not slight, and this should be our chief aim, so let us all work hard to contribute to it.

Heath House Report

Fortune has not smiled favourably on the House Rugger teams this season. Suffice it to say that the Seniors, hampered by injuries, lost all three games, and the Juniors won only one, that against King's. It is therefore imperative that every member of the House strains every muscle and nerve during the coming term, so that we may pull off the Fives matches and the Cross-Country. All prospective competitors for the latter should start training at once, for it is no use waiting until a few weeks before the event. We hope that by Easter we shall have recovered our lost ground, and be well on the way to winning the House Championship.

J. C. F.

1st XV

The 1st XV has had a moderately successful term. Out of eleven matches, we have won four, lost six, and drawn one. We started the season with only six of last year's team, and the side at present is probably the youngest that the school has had. At the beginning of term, most of our players had no experience of 1st XV Rugger, and some had been members of last year's Colts XV.

Our first match was against Whitcliffe Mount, when the team gave a really promising display. In the first half, when we were playing up the slope of the mountainous Whitcliffe ground, our defence was good, and our opponents had only a small lead at half-time. In the second half, we soon passed the Whitcliffe score and found little difficulty in increasing our score to the region of twenty points.

We have played some strong teams during the term including Keighley and the Hostel of Resurrection. The older and more experienced Keighley team ran up a large score against us, but we gave them a good game, and were not disgraced. The best match of the term was against the Hostel, when we finished

with sixteen points each. We were assisted by Mr. Fraser, who was fortunately able to play scrum-half when Dudley had to go off early in the first half with a sprained ankle. We should have fared rather badly without his help. The rest of the games do not call for much comment.

Our play has been rather erratic. For instance, Rochdale beat us very easily at Kensington, and yet the result of the match at Rochdale was in doubt until the last few minutes.

The three-quarters play well when attacking, although their passing should be quicker and more accurate, but their defensive play is weak. This weakness is often due to bad positioning, and not merely inability to tackle. Jackson and Macdonald have been sound wings, although we should like to see Mac run with the determination that he showed on the second team. Harrington and Shoesmith are good centres. Harrington runs very strongly and has scored several good tries, while Shoesmith, who lacks the thrust of his partner, plays clever Rugby.

Lumb and Dudley have played well at half-back. They are both excellent in defence, and have saved us from many awkward situations. Lumb found the stand-off position strange after playing scrum-half all last year, but his play is improving. Dudley passes the ball quickly and cleanly. His chief fault is that he is often found enjoying himself in the middle of a loose scrum when he is required behind the pack.

The forwards keep well up with the play and should develop into a strong pack. Their set scrumming is good, but they must bind tighter and heel quicker in the loose scrums. They are small and for this reason are rather unsuccessful in the line-outs. They must jump higher, and concentrate on preventing their opponents from catching the ball if they cannot take it cleanly themselves.

The team is very young and we can be confident of winning more matches next year, when we shall not be handicapped by losing all our best players as we have been in the last few years.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Place who has been untiring in his efforts to help us, Mr. Taylor, who has coached the forwards, and Mr. Fraser who assisted us against the Hostel. We also thank the Masters and boys who have supported us in our matches at Kensington, and last, but by no means least, our faithful touch judge, Entwistle.

RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOL MATCHES

September-December, 1940.

1ST XV.

Date	Opponents	Result
Sept. 28	Whitcliffe Mount	Won. 28—8
Oct. 5	Colne G.S.	Won. 23—6
„ 16	Keighley G.S.	Lost. 0—38

RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOL MATCHES

Date	Opponents	Result
Oct. 23	Crossley's	Won. 11—0
„ 26	Rochdale	Lost. 3—21
„ 31	Halifax Building Society	Lost. 5—21
Nov. 9	Thornton G.S.	Won. 9—3
„ 13	Hostel of Resurrection.	Draw. 16—16
„ 20	Woodhouse Grove	Lost. 16—38
„ 23	Rochdale	Lost. 3—10
Dec. 7	Silcoates	Lost. 6—43

2ND XV.

Sept. 21	Rochdale	Won. 16—0
„ 28	Thornton G.S.	Won. 23—0
Nov. 9	Bradford G.S.	Won. 27—0
„ 16	Keighley	Lost. 3—16
„ 30	Thornton G.S.	Won. 43—0
Dec. 7	Silcoates	Won. 17—3

COLTS.

Sept. 28	Whitcliffe Mount	Won. 9—6
„ 5	Rochdale	Lost. 0—41
Nov. 6	Woodhouse Grove	Lost. 3—17
„ 16	Keighley	Lost. 5—9
„ 23	Bradford G.S.	Lost. 0—11
Dec. 11	Woodhouse Grove	Lost. 0—39

FOOTBALL HOUSE MATCHES

QUEEN'S.	Senior	Won 2 .. 30 points	} 50 points.
	Junior	„ 2 .. 20 „	
KING'S.	Senior	„ 3 .. 45 „	} 45 points.
	Junior	„ 0 .. 0 „	
SCHOOL.	Senior	„ 1 .. 15 „	} 40 points.
	Junior	„ 3 .. 30 „	
HEATH.	Senior	„ 0 .. 0 „	} 10 points.
	Junior	„ 1 .. 10 „	

FINAL ORDER

Queen's	50 points.
School	45 „
King's	45 „
Heath	10 „

Fives Report

This term has been a very successful one for the Fives teams. The first four has won four matches out of five, while the second four, two out of three matches: a very creditable performance by both.

The first match was against Crossley's, whom we beat comfortably, 8—2; the second team game being unfortunately

cancelled. Our next encounter was a first and second team match against Leeds, the former, after a close struggle, defeated their opponents 7-5, and the second team lost 10-2.

The other two matches won by the first team against Hulme Hall, 10-2, and the College of the Resurrection, 8-4, were very enjoyable. We lost narrowly to Manchester University, 7-5, perhaps owing to having dined not wisely but too well, prior to the game. Nevertheless, we had one of our best outings.

The second team twice beat a newly formed Fives team of the Hostel of Resurrection. Here, I might add, that the second team have shown considerable promise, and should help to make a strong first team in the near future.

The good performance of the first team this term has been due largely to the unbroken partnership of Barker and Shoemsmith as 'second' pair. Barker has a good serve and hits hard with his left hand, but is a little weak on his right. Entwistle has admirably filled the place of Nicholl, who has been *hors de combat* owing to a wrist injury, but he is inclined to hit too high and would benefit both himself and his partner by a better serve. Dale has improved considerably this season, playing a good all-round game with a strong serve. If this standard of play is maintained next term, we should have a very good season.

J. H. S.

FIVES SCHOOL MATCHES

September-December

1ST IV

Opponents	Result
Crossley's	Won. 8-2
Leeds University	Won. 7-5
Hulme Hall	Won. 10-2
Manchester University	Lost. 5-7
College of Resurrection	Won. 8-4

2ND IV

Leeds University	Lost. 2-10
Hostel of Resurrection	Won. 12-0
Hostel of Resurrection	Won. 10-2

Library Notes

As usual there has been quite a good addition of new books to the Library list this term, but for some unknown reason they have not been placed in the Library for general consumption.

In the main they are historical works. The two *Histories of the Tory Party* by Festing are very interesting and learned works, but the second is not to be recommended to anyone who is not studying the period in great detail. Other historical works, all quite slight and of general interest, are *Cavalier or Puritan*, *Commonwealth and Restoration* and *The Age of Queen Anne*.

Another volume, as yet unread, is Marriot's *English history in English fiction*, which should be quite entertaining to anyone who wishes to see England through its literature.

There have also been obtained several books of political interest: Hampden Jackson's *Finland* and Horrabin's *Geography of the War*, both of which are full of information without being brilliant or particularly well written. The other political essay, Jennings' *Federal Union*, is already well-thumbed, as it deserves to be, and it is so lucid an exposition of the "new world order" and its innumerable difficulties that the whole upper school ought to read it as a duty.

The rest of the books are mainly on literary topics, including Boas' *Life of Marlowe*. One book which everyone in the school will enjoy is Davies' *Adventures of a Super Tramp*, and if anyone feels like reading some of his poetry we also now possess his complete poems. In contrast to Davies' poems and Cecil's *Oxford Book of Christian Verse*, which is probably the best of the Oxford anthologies, the Library now has selected poems of Louis MacNiece and W. H. Auden. Auden is, of course, best known for his "Spain" which brought him into prominence; the present volume is interesting even if it should not meet with your approval:

"May with its light behaving
Stirs vessel, eye, and limb;
The singular and sad
Are willing to recover,
And to the swan-delighting river
The car-less picnics come,
The living white and red."

MacNiece's poetry is decidedly coarser and without the same feeling for verbal delicacy, and is typical of the modern "headline" tendency.

"Conferences, adjournments, ultimatums,
Flights in the air, castles in the air,
The autopsy of treaties, dynamite under the bridges,
The end of laissez-faire."

It is for everyone to examine the poetry for himself but this illustrates the stress on fleeting impressions without any indication of what they signify.

THE EDITOR.

The Favourites

Once more it is the task of the Secretary of the "Favourites" to bemoan the sparse attendances at meetings this term. Whereas it has been thought sufficient in the past to stress the fact, *we* would very well wish to know the reason why; more precisely still, *we* shall tell the reason why.

The most intelligible answer yet received from those outside the hallowed circle, is that the "Favourites" always debate on politics. In the first place, why not? The thoughtlessness of someone who complains that too much politics is being discussed, is not only amazing, but criminal, in view of the lack of constructive statesmanship which has brought about such destruction in the world. Political consciousness, and minute investigation into the manifold national and international problems, is no longer the hobby of professors and the career of the few, but the obligation incumbent upon the youngest and oldest of us. To avoid it is cowardly. Secondly, who, might we ask, arranges the subjects for debate? Not, as one might expect from the complaints, an omnipotent oligarchy; it is the members of the Society themselves. (Even here, however, we have active and passive citizens, for it has been a small minority in recent years who have terminally racked their brains for subjects to interest the members.) Lastly, examine the debates for this term!

No. These are not reasons, but vain excuses for those desiring to wallow in the mud. If, then, one who has seen the light should wish you to receive some of it, turn your back on him by all means, but please don't use politics as your excuse for lack of energy and interest.

Before ending this timely but unpleasant discourse, may we plead that you be not put off by the secretary. He may sometimes appear scornful, and he is most certainly ready to argue until the crack o' doom, but apart from this he is quite harmless and inoffensive.

For the first time, probably, in a decade, the "Favourites" had to begin a term without Mr. Mackley, who, with Mr. Taylor, always restores sanity into the Society's occasional giddiness. But, with all respect to him, it must be recorded, that the "Hat debate," with which we opened term, was one of the best we have yet had. The subject of "Cheese," upon which Mr. Taylor spoke, resolved itself, naturally, into a funeral speech on a late lamented pedagogue. Moving as was this oration, however, it was surpassed by the eloquent members of Mr. Moseley's learned exposition on the ethics of mice-chasing; this distinguished member of our company then ended a speech of sound and fury by the pregnant cry, "Quo vadis?" Even more notable, perhaps, was Mr. Heron's telling "Well," as a prologue to an erudite discourse on classical antiquities, "about men an' 'orses an' viaducts," after which, with becoming modesty, Mr. Heron told us he knew very little about classical antiquities. All this subtle reasoning was, nevertheless, as nought when compared with Mr. Brigg's though-provoking statement, that "the best air-raid shelters were those which were neither above ground nor below ground." The profundity of this declaration struck the following speakers dumb; the rest of the speeches were sad rubbish.

"That this House would approve of reprisals against Germany in the form of bombing of civilians" was the motion before the Society on October 18th when Mr. Taylor took the chair. Mr. Bottomley, who defended the motion, had as his main argument the theory that to bomb civilians would not lessen the pressure to be placed on military objectives. Hardly less important, he said, was that revenge was not to be the motive prompting such reprisals, and that Britain would be quite justified in so doing since Germany had begun the bombing. This attempt at justification seemed rather superfluous in view of Mr. Bottomley's avowed suspension of what he called Christian principles. His idea was to show our brotherly love towards the Germans by blowing them to bits with bombs, which would, he said, break their morale. (Do Germans have "morale"?)

In our reply to Mr. Bottomley we indicated the fallacy in his statement that civilian bombing would not be a substitute for attacks on military objectives. This we attempted to illustrate by means of the unknown quantity "x" but, sad to say, the formula was clear neither to the Society nor to ourselves. We next expressed doubt whether the German people would break down under bombardment, and gave as our reason the invincible spirit shown by the people of Madrid in their heroic stand against the combined forces of international capitalism. In transferring the motion to the plane of morals we seemed unable to secure the sympathy of the Society. The arguments were: "Christian principles," if suspendable, are not principles; to adopt the means suggested would defeat our ends by our loss of respect in the eyes both of ourselves and others; and Mr. Bottomley's demand for reprisals so as to satisfy suffering Englishmen merely subjected morality to the wishes of the mob.

"Two men fighting" was the metaphor around which Mr. Entwistle built his speech in favour of civilian bombing. In his harangue he identified foul means with successful ones, and made an unsupported statement that Germans were the cause of all wars. Mr. Moseley, in seconding the opposition to the motion, reiterated most of our points with more firmness than we could command, but also made the original contribution of a boxing-match to offset Mr. Entwistle's "men fighting."

When the Chairman threw the debate open to public discussion the original motion became somewhat submerged under questions of anatomy, and whether the German people had, or was, a disease. To cut short, the motion was lost by 11 votes to 3.

The reading of Shaw's "Arms and the Man," which occupied the Society on October 25th, was not very successful as a reading, but quite so as an occasion for amusement. Only Mr. Taylor really did his part well and the reason is to be sought in the play itself. It is the sort of play to read to oneself when

it does not matter whether you laugh until you cry, but laughing unto tears, as the Society did, is not conducive to good reading.

In the last debate of term, when Mr. Collinson upheld Shakespeare against the Secretary defending Shaw, and Mr. Taylor championed Shelley against Dickens under Mr. Mackley's protection, it would be difficult for us to remain absolutely impartial. Not only were we speaking in one dispute, but the remembrance of one day reading all Shelley's longer poems at a gasp constrained us to disdain in the other. The Shaw *versus* Shakespeare debate raised one of the two main questions, whether a man is justified in devoting himself to the fine arts and ignoring the conditions of his fellow-sufferers? Mr. Collinson vigorously stated that Shakespeare's lasting qualities were enough for him, whereat we pugnaciously proclaimed that every man might have his doctor but Shavian Socialism was the medicine for us. The Society, quite rightly no doubt, preferred Mr. Collinson and his candidate by 7 votes to 3.

The second main question cropped up in the next debate, that is, whether Shelley's influence on a set of ardent intellectuals is offset by Dickens' homely effect on everyday Englishmen? The answer must depend, of course, on one's own peculiar temperament, but the intellectual feast provided made every minute interesting. It was also interesting to see Mr. Taylor bringing his enthusiasm for Shelley to a defence of the poet's life, a life which Mr. Mackley's solid sense of manly respectability found irritating. There must have been much doubt in the minds of the Society because Shelley only won by 3 to 2; a fitting decision on one of the best debates in the last two years.

Scout Notes

"A" SECTION

The Section has been wandering round in circles most of this term, as we have not yet recovered from the loss of our mainstay, Fishy. We have also lost two of our Patrol Leaders, Dizzy and Titley (i.e. D. W. Bedford and A. B. Thomas), who have taken their place among the world's workers and now look down on us with scorn. As a result of this we now have only three patrols instead of four, but these are larger than usual. We had a swimming competition against "C" Section and though occasionally we were out of our depth, there was no fatal casualty. We have conveniently forgotten the result, and about all we can remember is the grand feed which saved our lives.

We hope to hold our party on Thursday, December 19th, and we trust it will be successful.

"B" SECTION

The summer camp, held on the same site near Burnsall that all the other sections used, was a remarkably enjoyable affair: the unfortunates who did not go (Alas! How many

they were!) missed what was by far the most enjoyable of our summer camps—except, perhaps, those at Wray Castle. What with altercations with farmers over stopped-up water supplies, torch signalling over about a mile during the black-out, searching for 'DA.' and 'Robinson,' and building bridges (not to mention poaching), we had a thoroughly enjoyable time, even if we, all unconsciously, did leave a rather unfortunate impression behind us.

Turn ups, during the first month or so of the term, were as small as they could be without stopping meetings altogether; we can't *think* why people don't turn up—after all, what did they join us for if they aren't keen to come? Dash it all, we mean to say . . . !

Then, what was "D" Section joined us: we welcomed them with rather more than our usual reserve—they must have sensed the coolness. They have, though, by now proved their worth, and are thoroughly fused into the Section—we really do welcome them.

The annual Party happened on December 18th, and, despite rationing, etc., there was a goodly, if un nourishing, array of eats there. Everyone enjoyed himself except T—y, who was sick.

Scouting goes on. "B" Section carries on. Parents, please don't stop Johnny from coming because of the black-out or the rain: we'll see him home, or on to the bus.

WEBECES

Owing to the large number of recruits we received this term, the meetings have been busy with the passing of tenderfoots and Second Class. The training for this has been carried out successfully in patrol corners under their P.L.s, three of which, being new, were very enthusiastic.

Looking back on the outstanding events of the term we recall our return Rugby match with "A" Section in which they again were beaten. After the match, which was played in biting rain, we treated them to a very welcome tea of peas, pies and chips. A further activity worthy of record was a hike for Second Class Scouts which took us many a weary mile over the Ogden Moors to Fly Flats reservoir. We returned via The Rocking Stone and Wade Wood.

Lastly, it remains for me to express our regret for the departure of our Scout Master, but I feel sure that his good work and the happy times we have had together will never be forgotten and we all join in wishing him success and good scouting in the future.

Junior School Notes

It is some time since any notes were written in the Magazine, due largely to the fact that there was no recognized holiday during the summer.

The end of July brought to conclusion a very satisfactory school year, despite the difficulties of war-time. The Junior School was, in fact, larger than it had been for some considerable time. This is seen when I report that eighteen boys left, to go either into the Senior School or to other schools away from Halifax.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all those boys the best of luck in their new sphere, and also to welcome the new boys who came to us in September.

I would like to congratulate everyone for the spirit in which they tackled the 'holiday term.' Most boys had a break from school of a week or so during this period; those remaining at school, however, entered into the spirit of a holiday at school, with keenness and enthusiasm, with many ideas for the benefit of all.

Our thanks are due to M. Gledhill who entertained us with his cinema, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Whorwell for so kindly talking to us on postage stamps and their experiences in Australia.

Perhaps the big event of the year was the school camp in September. Nineteen boys went to Crimsworth Dene, and despite rationing and the difficulties of such a venture in war-time, the camp was a great success. I hope this will prove to be the first of many more camps. My thanks for the camp's success are especially due to Mr. and Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Moxon and Mr. Young, who cooked, organized and looked after us so well. Also the many kind parents who helped in various ways.

This was the first camp of its kind for the Junior School, and I do feel that all the boys benefited not only from the change, but also from living together and having to fend for themselves and each other.

As regards this past term. We have gone steadily ahead and despite the loss of so many of the senior boys the school has settled down with a will, and shows no lack of determination to carry on despite these difficult days.

Our effort in the National Savings Campaign is worthy of note. Since the war started the Junior School has saved nearly £200 by means of weekly contributions, and the War Weapons Week produced £56 6s. 6d., nearly £2 per head.

In the House Football matches, so far played, School drew with Queen's one goal each, and Queen's beat Heath 2—1.

At the end of term H. Palmer was 1st in Transitus, M. Feavers was 1st in IA, and J. Barker was 1st in IB.

I hope that 1941 will prove a successful year for everyone.

M. S. M.

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