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Editorial

Many Heathens this term have been doing their bit by helping school fire-watching, yet to have done this, though it is vitally important, is not enough. Whilst privileges and rights are broken down on all sides, Heath must still retain its tradition of free-thought and independent will, which will be all-important in the post-war period. That may not seem a very attractive or wonderful task to prepare for the post-war world whilst others are showing great daring in your defence, but it is fundamental to realise that the privileges possessed by each Heathen cast upon him the obligation to fight for the progress of mankind. But his opponent is not a tangible object which can be stopped by a bullet or bayonet; his opponent is ignorance, which is far worse, because he knows that absolute victory is never possible. This does not mean, of course, that we should cease the struggle for victory; on the contrary it implies, that we should take to heart the maxim of one of the sagest of modern men: "impossible ideals are a good programme for reform," and Heathens will.

School Notes

We offer our congratulations to D. Nicholl for his well-deserved success in winning the Brackenbury Scholarship for History at Balliol College. This scholarship, which is worth £100 a year, is open for competition without limit of age.

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In the annual Reading Competition the prize-winners were: Senior, Bottomley (VIM); Middle School, A. B. Robinson (LV); Junior, Shaw (IVB1).

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We regret that, through an oversight, we omitted in our last number to make mention of our contribution to the Halifax War Weapons Week. We raised in all the sum of £340 1s. 6d. The savings group now has 225 members and since its inception £838 15s. 6d. has been saved and 1,057 Certificates issued. While this is a quite creditable total, we would point out that there are over 300 boys in the School. Moreover many members are by no means regular savers, so that there is still room for a great improvement in our efforts in this important cause.

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The two successful performances of the Dramatic Society's Pantomime "The Babes in the Wood" at the end of the Christmas Term realised a profit of over £14. This money is to be devoted to the buying of comforts for Old Boys of the School who are prisoners of war. The Society's main production, which this year is Shakespeare's "Henry IV" part 1, was to have been staged at the beginning of April, but, owing to the many and varied calls on people's time and the School Hall, has had to be postponed until May 8th and 10th.

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The School has, at least for the time being, become the Headquarters of the Halifax (250th) Squadron of the new Air Training Corps, and is occupied by them on most evenings of the week. Several members of the Unit are still with us at School or have only just left. We wish the scheme every success.

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G. B. Dalzell (O.B.) has passed the Intermediate Examination of Chartered Accountants.

On Active Service

Boocock, E.	(1939)	AC/2	R.A.F.
Boothman, T.K.	(1936)		Army Dental Corps.
Coghlin, D. G.	(1933)	O.S.	Royal Navy.
Coghlin, J. E.	(1927)	Captain	Royal Military Police.
Coghlin, T. W.	(1927)	2nd Lieutenant	Royal Ulster Rifles.
Eyre, H.	(1935)		Fleet Air Arm.
Longbottom, A.	(1937)	Coder	Royal Navy.
Nettleton, E.	(1936)		R.A.F.
Uttley, A. E.	(1937)	AC/2	R.A.F.
Wolfenden, H.	(1933)	Coder	Royal Navy.

Missing

R. G. K. Jones lost at sea in the Jervis Bay convoy.

Decorations

B. Marsh (Signaller, R.N.) O.B.E. (Military division) for gallantry in rescue work while on convoy duty.
R. Leigh (2nd. Lt., A.T.). Gazetted for distinguished service in France in May and June, 1940.

Promotions

E. Hinchcliffe, 2nd. Lt. (R.A.); E. Carling, Sgt. Pilot (R.A.F.)

We should like to take this opportunity of making the following corrections and additions to the information in previous lists. We want our list, when completed, to be as full and accurate as possible; will anyone who can help us to make them so please help us?

Brook, D.	(1936)	AC	R.A.F.
Broughton, D.	(1937)	L/AC	R.A.F. (Dental).
Clegg, P.	(1936)	Sapper	R.E.
Denham, E.		Discharged for	Engineering Service.
Denham, G.		Discharged for	Engineering Service.
Denham, J.	(1938)	Gunner	A.A.
Freeman, J.			R.A.O.C.
Greenwood, A.	(1935)	Pte.	R.C.S.
Greenwood, H.	(1937)	L/Bombardier	R.A. (A.A.)
Hayes, W.	(1935)	Sergeant	Intelligence Dept.
Hutchinson, J.	(1935)	O.S.	Royal Navy.
Hetherington, S.			
F.	(1936)	Cadet Course	R.A.F.
Leigh, R.	(1932)	2nd Lieutenant	A.T.
Lewin, G. R.	(1932)	2nd Lieutenant	R.A. (A.A.) London Scot.
Marsh, B.	(1935)	Convoy Signaller	Royal Navy.
Riley, K. P.	(1937)	2nd Lieutenant	R.A.
Ratcliffe, T.	(1936)	Private	R.A.O.C.
Swift, D.		Lieutenant	Royal Navy.
Sheard, H. C.	(1936)		R.C.S.
Womersley, J. C.		Lieutenant	R.A. (A.T.)

The School Club

At a meeting of the General Committee of the School Club held on the 17th of February with the Headmaster in the chair the minutes and the reports of the Dramatic Society and Table Tennis Club were read and accepted, and R. W. Lumb elected as athletics secretary.

The President then called attention to the inaccessibility of the rules of the Club which we had pointed out in the Heathen and invited suggestions for overcoming the difficulty. The President, the treasurer and secretary were then empowered to print copies of the rules, which should satisfy those who complain that they cannot get to know them.

There was also a meeting of the Executive Committee of the School Club when a suggestion to set up a selection committee for games was postponed until next term.

HOUSE REPORTS

Heath

Apart from the Cross-country Race, the term has seen but few activities; although we did not shine very brightly in the race, the entry was quite fair, and we are not left with a great deal of leeway to make up. At fives we were victorious over King's by 7 games to 5, and may thus congratulate ourselves on having won all three matches, a fact undoubtedly due to the stern morale of the team.

The Junior fives team lost to King's and School, but were successful in beating Queen's: the interest in junior fives promises well for the future.

Next term will see the advent of the cricket season, and we must endeavour to follow up our success at fives—and, incidentally, make up for the Rugger season—by excelling with bat and ball. We hope to be well represented in all classes at the Athletic Sports; competitors should decide early for which events they are entering, and commence practising as soon as possible, if we are going to retain our hold on the Championship Shield.

In closing the House offers its heartiest congratulations to the captain, Nicholl, on his recent scholastic triumph, and wishes him all success for the future.

J.C.F.

School

This term the House has met with moderate success in its activities, which have been confined to the Fives matches and the Cross-country Run.

In the former we were able to win one out of our three matches, losing to Heath and Queen's after having defeated King's last term.

There was quite a good turn out for the Cross-country, sixteen boys entering, and although the House cannot boast of many really crack runners we managed to secure the third position. Hartley S. and Stead should be commended for their good running.

There will be many important and interesting House events taking place during the Summer Term, and every member of the House should make it his business to direct his attention keenly upon them.

Chief among these events are the Cricket matches, Junior and Senior, and the Sports.

With regard to the latter everyone should find out which department of athletics he is good at, enter for it, and practise like fury; while the cricketers should find time to put in plenty of practice at the nets.

Let me conclude with an exhortation to every member of the House to make a really determined effort to win that Shield which has eluded us for so long.

King's

There has been little inter-house activity this term as most of the matches were played before Christmas. Our remaining senior fives match against Heath was played and we were unfortunate to lose this by 7 games to 5. The junior team show great promise for the future and were successful in winning both of their games against School and Heath by very large margins.

The only other event this term has been the inter-House Cross-country run for the Billbrough trophy. Our congratulations are due to every member of the House who helped us to emerge successfully in this, and especially to Eastwood who managed to take second place in the field.

There is nothing more to say except for a few words about next term's activities. Every member is asked to concentrate all his efforts to enable us to win the House cricket matches, and also to make a determined effort to win the Athletic sports, so that we may have a reasonable chance of securing the House championship.

Queen's

This term the fives team beat School, but lost to Heath by a narrow margin. This means that we have not after all, won the Fives Cup. In the Cross-country Run there was not sufficient support, and although we carried off first place in the actual running, in the final count we were passed by King's who thus win the Trophy.

The Summer term brings Cricket, the Gym Competition and the Sports. If we can hold our own in all of these, our failures in Fives and the Cross-country Run need not prove in the least disastrous.

D.B.M.

Rugby 1940-41

The second part of the rugby season has been rather short, owing to the bad weather conditions during the first half of Term. We have, therefore, only been able to play seven matches, of which we have won four, lost two, and drawn one. Below are a few brief notes on the games which have been played.

We visited Broomfield for the second time this season, and although the Crossley side began very enthusiastically and was the first to score, we soon drew ahead and finished with a good lead. The matches with Colne, away, and Whitcliffe at home, we also won.

Although we scored thirty points against Rishworth at Kensington, we met a much keener team when we played away, and we finished with six points each. Bradford were as usual much too fast and powerful for us. Our opponents in this game played open football in spite of the mud and rain, and beat us very easily. The home fixture with Silcoates was lost although we succeeded in lowering their previous score by about twenty points.

Our record during the whole season ; played eighteen, won eight, lost eight and drawn two, is satisfactory. The record is an improvement on that of the previous season, and we hope to be able to improve upon it still further next season.

We wish to thank all the masters and boys who have supported our home games. All members of the team appreciate the support we have been given very much. We also thank all those who have taken an interest in the side, especially Mr. Place who has always been ready to help us during a difficult season.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to D. Sykes, J. A. Jackson, H. A. F. Dudley, and A. Hartley, who have been awarded rugby colours.

R.H.

1st XV Players

- D. SWALLOW (*Full Back*).—Has only recently entered the team, but has shown himself to be a capable and reliable player. He has a powerful kick although he occasionally fails to find touch by trying to kick too far. He fields the ball well, tackles well, and never appears to be worried by awkward situations.
- H. B. JACKSON (*Right Wing*).—Has only played during the last half of the season. A good wing three-quarter who has several good tries to his credit. His tackling is quite good although he should make full use of his weight and go harder for his man. A number of dropped passes has not been entirely his fault.
- J. A. JACKSON (*Right Centre*).—A player who can always be relied upon to make some ground when he is given the ball. He is not yet quite happy in the centre and sometimes holds on too long or passes wildly. His tackling, though unorthodox, is nevertheless accurate. He should be a fine centre next season. (Colours 1940-41.)
- J. H. SHOESMITH (*Left Centre*).—Plays very cleverly at times, especially on attack, and has made ground with well judged kicks. He is quite capable of tackling, but should mark his opponent more carefully. This remark applies to the rest of the three-quarters who give their opponents far too much room.
- J. A. McDONALD (*Left Wing*).—Mac is now showing the spirit and dash which he had as a second team player. He is developing an effective hand off and shows a good turn of speed. He usually gets his man but would do well to tackle lower.

- R. W. LUMB (*Stand Off*).—Plays very enthusiastically and is a good offensive or defensive stand off. His vigorous dashes would be even more effective if he could take the ball on the run. He has been rather slow to pass out at times. He defends well and with Lumb and Dudley we have a pair of half backs who always bring down their man and who always fall on the ball. (Colours 1939-40, 1940-41.)
- H. A. F. DUDLEY (*Scrum Half*).—A most reliable scrum half who keeps the backs well supplied with the ball but who is capable of making ground on his own. The rest of the team should take an example from the way in which he tackles and drops on the ball. He has saved us from many nasty situations by dropping on the ball when the forwards have been careless enough to allow their opponents to dribble through. (Colours 1940-41.)
- A. HARTLEY (*Loose Forward*).—A very hard working forward who keeps well up with the game. He dribbles well and his height is very useful. (Colours 1940-41.)
- T. L. DALZELL (*Back Row*).—He makes good use of his weight and height, pushes hard in the scrums and plays well in the loose. He is a very enthusiastic player who keeps up with the game. He should be very good next season.
- J. C. FLETCHER (*Loose Forward*).—He does not spend very much time in the loose scrums but has been very useful on occasions to take Dudley's place when the latter has been lost underneath the scrum. He always appears thoroughly to enjoy himself on the field and is a very useful member of the pack.
- S. STEAD (*Second Row*).—He is handicapped by his size but uses his weight to the best possible advantage by pushing hard and low. A very reliable forward who knows what to do when he gets the ball.
- P. L. BEDFORD (*Second Row*).—Peter is a great " barger " and is quite happy when he gets the ball. He tackles well and does not hesitate to fall on the ball. With Bedford and Stead we have a sound second row.
- S. HARTLEY (*Prop*).—Stephen works hard but lacks football sense. He often behaves queerly when given the ball. So queerly did he behave on one occasion that our opponents stood still in amazement, and we scored a try ! He is, however, a very useful member of the pack.
- D. SYKES (*Hooker*).—Bill is one of our very best forwards. He hooks well and plays keenly and effectively in the loose. He dribbles excellently and tackles accurately. We shall be very sorry to lose such a fine forward. (Colours 1940-41.)

R.H.

R. HERON (*Prop. Capt.*).—A very fine player, untiring in his efforts, always keen and enthusiastic. His powers of leadership have inspired the team, and he possesses all the qualities of a first-class forward.

We hope to see some good displays from him next season.

C.H.P.

RESULTS January-March 1941

1st XV.

Feb. 12	v. Rishworth	Won	30-0
" 15	v. Crossley and Porter's	Won	24-8
Mar. 5	v. Whitcliffe Mount	Won	15-0
" 8	v. Bradford G.S.	Lost	0-52
" 12	v. Rishworth	Drawn	6-6
" 15	v. Silcoates	Lost	3-20
" 29	v. Colne G.S.	Won	12-0

2nd XV.

Mar. 8	v. Rochdale G.S.	Lost	0-26
" 15	v. Silcoates	Lost	3-17
Colts XV.			
Mar. 1	v. Whitcliffe Mount	Won	14-0

Fives Report

This term has not lived up to the expectation which the success of last term promised. We lost the services of Barker who left school at Christmas, and this no doubt is one of the reasons. We have had a reshuffle of the first team. Nicholl playing with his old partner Dale as first pair, and Entwistle and Shoosmith as second pair.

We have played only two matches this term, as the Leeds University match was cancelled owing to mumps, and Manchester University cancelled their match at the last minute.

The College of Resurrection beat us narrowly on points after a good game, whilst Hulme Hall, playing on a type of court to which we were unaccustomed, beat us 10-2.

The second team's only fixture was against Leeds University and was cancelled for the same reason as the first team's match.

Some very enjoyable games have been played this season, and on the whole it has been a successful one. We look forward next year to a still better season.

J.H.S.

RESULTS. January-March 1941

1st XV.

Feb. 15	v. College of the Resurrection	Lost on points	118-141
Mar. 1	v. Hulme Hall	Lost	2-10
Senior House Competition.			
Heath, 30 points; Queen's 20 points; School, 10 points; King's 0 points.			

Bilbrough Trophy

The race was run on Tuesday, March 11th, and there were sixty-nine competitors of whom fifty-two finished in time to score for their respective Houses. M. W. Bottomley (Q) finished first in eighteen minutes seven seconds; E. Eastwood (K) was second and C. R. Sugden (H) third. The final House points were: King's 30, Queen's 25, School 20, Heath 20.

The Favourites

We are not aware whether or no the Lower Sixth as a whole is well-versed in its Eliot but their behaviour, at least, shows a remarkable fidelity to the worthy bard's prayer "Teach us to sit still, O Lord," and they possess an even acuter realisation that action is suffering and that suffering is not good for growing boys. Which is, of course, by way of prelude to the eternal complaint that the "Favourites" has had another unsuccessful term in debating.

The first meeting of term secured a large, welcome and appreciative audience for Miss Esme Church of the Old Vic who addressed the society on "The National Theatre." She used as an example of a national theatre that of France where the "Comédie Française" sets up a standard of acting to which all try to attain and which is a reasonably sure method of keeping up a certain level respected by the whole country.

Miss Church said that in France one learnt to act through local institutions especially devoted to that purpose, and that the intention to become an actor or actress was declared in the same way that one announces in England the intention of becoming a bank-clerk. First, however, the society was told that in learning to take up the stage as a profession it is not sufficient to be able to spout one's piece, but that the training is very arduous, including such pursuits as fencing and falling a dozen feet without being injured. (At this point the society had become so fascinated by Miss Church's talk that they quite expected her to give a demonstration of this falling from the Library table). Most important, possibly, of all the lessons which the would-be star has to learn, is how to speak standard French, and how to intonate the voice to avoid monotony. To illustrate the necessity of correct breathing in acting Miss Church quoted some lines from Twelfth Night with and without the necessary pauses and breathings, and the difference was nothing less than startling. When a young person has passed his examinations in the provinces the "Comédie Française" then receives him to show him how little he really does know, and how to learn what he does not. After much study and toil the young actor understudies some leading actor in a main—even leading—role, and then comes his great day. Before the

critical Parisians he plays the leading part in some classical drama supported by the sympathetic and brilliant players who form the rest of the cast; then, whether he plays excellently or not, he serves his time, like any apprentice, in minor roles, or even working behind the stage.

Miss Church then spoke of the lack of any such an institution as the "Comédie" in England, pointing out that the "Old Vic" may claim to be doing some of the work which a national theatre should do, though this was not a satisfactory state of affairs. Perhaps the most interesting part of Miss Church's address was when she described the Old Vic's travels abroad, to Elsinore for Hamlet, when it was the first team of English actors to play in Denmark since Shakespeare's own day, and to the Mediterranean quite recently. The tour in the Mediterranean began in Portugal, where the Old Vic staged "Hamlet" in modern dress (which they used throughout the whole of the tour), and it is highly pleasing to learn that though Portugal has a classic translation of "Hamlet" yet the Portuguese said they have never really understood the play until the Old Vic played it. The boot was on the other leg, however, in Greece when the English players had their eyes opened by a performance of the Elektra which was later to impress even London "barbarians."

Finally Miss Church said she wanted a national theatre, not a back-alley theatre, but "something big" with a magnificent approach and central position. When the society began its questions, which were mostly about Twelfth Night, it also gleaned hints about the importance of speed and reaction in a performance, which hints the dramatic society might learn before treading the buskin'd stage anon. When Mr. Mackley thanked Miss Church on behalf of the society he expressed the feelings of the meeting admirably as was shown by the hearty clapping. To have raised a hearty clap from the meeting was, perhaps, a greater feat than Miss Church understood.

In the debate on February 7th on the motion "that this House considers class distinctions a valuable part of the life of England" Mr. Collinson's speech in support of the motion was the most successful. He developed a very sound theme in which he showed the dependence of liberty on class distinction, reasoning from Bacon's Essays which he held in his hand. This practice of reading passages forms a dangerous precedent which was started by the late Secretary in a moment of inability and is likely to lead to abuse. For some unknown reason he talked about Russia. In reply to Mr. Collinson Mr. Dale quite rightly pointed out the chance nature of class distinctions in England and produced reasonable arguments against their illogicality. For some unknown reason Mr. Dale talked about Russia. Mr. Moseley in support of Mr. Collinson talked about Russia, and Mr. Heron talked about

"Art under Socialism" in his support of Mr. Dale. If it is not out of place for the Secretary to interpose a remark here, as Mr. Mackley vainly did during the whole of the debate, this discussion is a good example of muddled thinking. To confuse class equality with Socialism, to wander off onto the evils of Russian policy and to point out the defects of capitalism whilst almost neglecting to mention England was, to say the least, irrelevant. The motion was lost by 5 votes to 3.

At a meeting of the Society held on February 14th "food" was the subject on which all members—all seven of them—discussed. Only Mr. Taylor's remarks on the bellies of the English poets, and Mr. Mackley's lamentations for the absence of our pseudo-Marxists were at all lively, apart from occasional unwaranted irruptions from Mr. Moseley who held that beer is best.

The only two subsequent meetings this term were attended by the very select—and the very few—who enjoyed both Bottomley's talk on local flora and Collinson's paper on "Arthurian Legend."

Library Notes

Once more the Library has made valuable and learned additions to its stocks and certainly deserves more attention than it receives at present. Keir's *Constitutional History 1485-1937* is brilliant throughout, but more especially in the chapters on recent bearings in the government of the country. A new line of library development has been opened up by the addition of Joad's guides, to philosophy and to the philosophy of morals and politics; Joad is best in both works on the earlier periods, whereas his accounts of modern theories, especially Whitehead's, are, as he admits himself, unsatisfying.

The modern poetry section is still growing, and both selections from Ezra Pound and Bridge's *Testament of Beauty* have been acquired. *Tradition and Romanticism* by Ifor Evans and Burrell Smith's *Germany 1815-95* have also been bought. Finally, anyone who thinks that different kinds of books should be added ought not to hesitate to suggest them to Mr. Mackley. Obviously the recent books obtained by the School have been for a somewhat narrow circle of readers, but this is due to this circle's interest and the lack of interest which the rest of the School shows.

Scouts

A SECTION.

The main event of this term has been the change from Friday to Saturday as our meeting night. For some time after this change the attendance was very weak but now it is improving and we

are almost back at full strength. The instruction of the troop has been turned over to the P.L.s., who, poor souls, have to undergo the agonies of lecturing to the rest of the troop each week. Our greatest need at the moment is recruits. We need new members in large numbers but they must be keen and able to attend regularly on Saturday nights.

B SECTION.

I don't think anybody, even our prize grumblers, can say that the Spring Term has been at all dull for "B" Section. Oh no, far from it! We have, among other equally delightful, though by no means equally original, activities, formed a band: this band, which whatever you may think, is *not* one of those deservedly maligned shatter-your-ear-drums bugle-and-big-drum scout bands, at present consists of four members: Funf and George play enthusiastically, to say the least, upon the ukelele, and Gough and Andrews perform variably upon assorted wind instruments. Funf, who is the Leader of the Band, also plays the mouth-organ. The rest of us, the public, as it were, hear periodical outbursts from the, as yet, imperfectly synchronised performers, and retaliate by yelling at the top of our voices all the camp-fire songs we can think of. Which is all very amusing.

Work, which was never our strong point, has been revived as an activity during the term, and a peculiarly apathetic troop has got down to it—quite successfully in a lot of cases. Ambulance badges have been won by various people; George has got his well-earned second-class ('bout time too!); Shoosmith has got a green and yellow all-round cord. (According to the Log, he passed his King's Scout last year, and he still hasn't received his badge).

Summer, to a Scout, means CAMP: I hope everybody realises that. A Scout's training, as all the best text-books will tell you, is, in part, "intended to teach him self-reliance, common-sense, team-spirit, and, in a word, good citizenship." All very fine: all very beautiful: everyone would like to have those good qualities taught to him. That's why he joined the Scouts. Very well then, and here we speak as much to Parents, (without whose indefatigable co-operation our scouting could not continue) as to every "B" sectionite, "why don't you allow that training to be carried to its logical conclusion?" We have known cases of people saying, "Please I mustn't come to camp; Mother says I might catch cold." We look with scorn upon such twittings: are we not likely to catch cold anywhere, and, in point of fact, very much less likely to become ill in the country than in the murky atmosphere of Halifax? And, for the benefit of anxious parents, we are not (on the whole) idiots! We don't run unnecessary risks.

So there you are. Let there be no concerned gasps when camp is mentioned—for mentioned it will be, although nobody

knows as yet how the food problem will be overcome—but a concerted rush to be the first to offer to come. As our previous S.M. John Cockcroft once said, "There ought to be four or five killed in the rush!"

Next term, every man-jack of the troop *must* turn up for meetings on the pain of goodness knows what! No excuses now! Remember, Thursday evening from 6.45-8.45 p.m. is booked all through the term—even if your father is on fire-watching.

That means YOU!

Summer is the time of wide-games, bridge building and open-air meetings. Summer is the high-spot of the Scouting year.

WEBECES.

Last term saw the real testing time for our Section and we showed everybody that under the watchful eye of Mr. Gain we are able to run the troop ourselves.

The Court of Honour tried to plan brighter programmes, for which many new ideas came from Da. We have studied the flight and recognition of aircraft as well as nursing, many of us now being ready to take and pass the Missioner Badge.

Not content with this brief terminal survey of our activities, we have written and printed a magazine of our own, "The Webece," which is published monthly.

The older hands in the troop are eagerly looking forward to another Easter in the Lakes with that bonnie Scotch laddie, Mr. Fraser.

Although there have been a few patrol outings during the Winter months we hope that the countryside will see more of the Webeces shortly.

Junior School Notes

There is little to report this term. Despite the usual crop of coughs and colds, no serious epidemic developed, and the work of the term was not seriously interrupted.

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At the end of term Palmer N. H., was once more top of Transitus. Fevers, M., top of Ia and Barker A., top of Ib.

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We were pleased to have Halstead, D. L. join our numbers.

This term, as was the case last year, was spoilt from the games point of view, by snow and bad weather. On only half a dozen occasions was it possible to play football.

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The National Savings Group keeps up the pressure and is making regular terminal contributions of £25 or more to the war effort.

M.S.M.

The Cubs

One scarcely knows where to begin. I suppose we ought to comment upon the astronomical number of badges gained, (although to mention any names would surely be unfair) and the second stars. A few of these last were extremely creditable, being won in a remarkably short time.

Meetings were held, for the first half of the term, on Wednesday afternoons, much to everybody's annoyance and disgust, and later on Mondays after school, to Kaa's personal annoyance and disgust. You'll notice he scarcely ever comes in uniform now. Hathi, the always good-natured, is also a constant offender in the matter of uniform, whereas Akela, who, you'd have thought, would have the least time of all, always manages to change.

Everybody, I think, has enjoyed themselves : except perhaps we poor few whose job it is to 'look after' the Pack. People have fallen and shed tears : people have got into horrible tempers : people have been disgustingly rude and spoilt. But these are isolated elements—a thread of good team-spirit runs through all our make-ups, and, on the whole, we are a devoted and friendly community.

Reds are the 'cock' six this term and we must congratulate their sixer, (who, by the way, is constantly agitating to be elevated to the scouts, with the senior sixer), and the star gainers who helped to win the totem.

We welcome Greenwood as an experienced and keen new member.

We wish everyone, Good Hunting. And if I've missed anything out, I'm sorry.

KAA.

We wish to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt since our last issue of the Leodiensian and K.E. VII School, Sheffield's Magazine.