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Editorial

It is proverbial that a prophet is not honoured in his own country and that men are often buried before their true worth is realized, yet the revolving year has brought to us the satisfaction of having our sayings not only quoted but even of having them put into practice.

Instead of suffocating inside the tomb of school as we (some of us) did last year, the youth of Heath School will go into the wide open spaces, farming "somewhere in Yorkshire." *Evertere glebas* must be our battle-cry to rally us on to victory.

Finally, my brethren, we may venture another prophecy which will have been realized by the time the Magazine is issued. Everyone who goes farming will be aching in all his bones for the first day or two, but he'll be immensely happy.

School Notes

The annual Foundation Day Service was held in the Parish Church on Thursday, June 12th. The sermon was preached by the Headmaster, and the Choir, accompanied by the Orchestra and M. W. Bottomley at the organ, sang the Bach Chorale, "Jesu, joy."

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We are very grateful to Mr. I. Hitchen for a gift of books to the School and especially to the Science Library. These books have been presented in memory of his son, Sgt. J. G. Hitchen, of the R.A.F., whose death on active service we have recorded in a previous issue.

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A. B. Wade was selected last term to run in the 100 yards race for the University of Leeds against the University of Manchester.

Successes and Distinctions

A. GUEST, B.Sc. (Chem.), 1st Class, Leeds.

R. V. A. SCALES, Classical Tripos, Part I, Class II, Division I, Cambridge.

A. MARSLAND, Durham University, Kitchener Scholarship.

On Active Service

Culpan	K.O.Y.L.I.
Dawson, D. W. B.S.M.	A.A.
Firth, P. (1936)	East Yorkshire Regt.
Holden, J. 2nd Lieutenant	Pioneer Corps.
Ratcliffe, T. (1936)	R.A.O.C.
Waring, A. J. Sergeant WO/AG.	R.A.F.

Roll of Honour

Capt. R. G. de F. Byrde (Welch Regt.).

MISSING

Sgt. A. J. Waring (R.A.F.).

PRISONER OF WAR

Capt. Kenneth Henderson (R.A.S.C.).

PROMOTION

H. Hunter, 2nd Lieutenant (D.W.).
J. Eastwood, Sergeant (R.A.F.).

House Reports

SCHOOL HOUSE

Once again we have to regret that we were unable to obtain the House Shield, but nevertheless, the performances of the House during this term, and indeed the whole year, have been far from discouraging, and there is every reason to look forward with confidence to the coming year.

The Summer Term has been devoted to the House cricket matches, Junior and Senior, and the Athletic Sports. In the former the House did not fare too well, the Seniors only winning one match against Queen's, while the Juniors fared little better; but in the Sports the House put up a very creditable performance, gaining third position, just behind King's, while only a small margin separated us from Queen's, the winners.

With regard to the Sports, one event is worthy of mention, the Senior House Relay, in which the House team ran well to reach the tape first.

In anticipating the coming year, I think it well to point out that, owing to the lack of Seniors in the House, the burden of House affairs will fall upon the Junior members, who must realize their important position and strive to make School House the "best House."

J.D.P.

QUEEN'S

During the year 1940-1, Queen's House led at Rugger, was Second at Fives, second in the Cross-Country Race, first in the Sports, tied for first place at Swimming, and gained a meagre 10 points, for which we were indebted to the Junior team, at Cricket. Cricket, then, was our only real weakness and the cause of our gaining only third place in the House Championship. This result is disappointing, but once the weakness is known, there is no reason whatever why it should not be remedied; so that the coming year must see Queen's House exert itself still more and allow nothing to stand in the way towards winning the House Championship in 1942.

D.B.M.

HEATH

Without making any bones about it, we will feel sorry for ourselves for losing the House Shield and congratulate King's on their well-deserved victory, which is specially pleasing to them as their first win since the formation of the House.

We did just as well as we expected we should, faring badly in the Sports and winning the Cricket Competition, three wins to the Seniors and two to the Juniors, who showed splendid determination in their defeat of Queen's. Like all disenthroned monarchs, we ask why it came about, and the answer is simple. Heath very rarely does well in the individual events, such as Sports and Cross-country, but usually comes out top in Rugby, Fives and Cricket. This year we lost the Rugger matches very heavily, from which we might draw the moral: don't start badly next year, because it is a difficult task to get back the few points lost early in the year.

D.N.

KING'S

This term has seen two inter-House activities decided, namely, House Cricket and the Athletic Sports. Both these performances have produced good results for the House. In the Junior cricket, not one game was lost, while the Senior eleven beat Queen's in an exciting match, obtaining the winning run in the last over, beat School easily, and were narrowly beaten by Heath by two wickets. These results speak well for the coming year.

In the Athletic Sports we started the day with a clear lead, which we succeeded in holding until the very last events, the Relays, which let us down badly, and we were beaten by Queen's

by a very few points. Against those who did their bit in the Sports we have no grumble, but there were quite a number of capable members who flatly refused to enter for events in which they could certainly have shown their worth.

All that remains to be done now, is for us to offer our most hearty congratulations to the House on its winning the championship for the first time since its inauguration, four years ago. This is, indeed, a very fine performance in view of the fact that we have not been outstandingly brilliant in any one sphere but have pulled together solidly in every way to enable us to carry off the trophy.

J.E.D.

The Sports

The annual Sports took place at Springhall on Thursday, June 19th. The weather favoured us and was fine, but not too hot, though at one time a thundercloud looked to burst. A good crowd was present to see some fine racing in which four records were broken. The trophies were presented at the end of the meeting by Mrs. W. E. Horsley.

RESULTS

120 Yards Hurdles (Open).—J. H. Shoesmith (Q.). 2 min. 7/10 sec.
 1 Mile (Open).—M. W. Bottomley (Q.). 5 min. 30 1/10 sec.
 880 Yards (Open).—M. W. Bottomley (Q.). 2 min. 19 sec. RECORD.
 880 Yards Handicap (Open).—C. S. Maude (S.). 2 min. 33 9/10 sec.
 440 Yards (Open).—M. W. Bottomley (Q.). 1 min. 31/10 sec.
 220 Yards (Open).—H. B. Jackson (Q.). 26 3/4 sec.
 170 Yards (Under 14).—F. Berry (S.). 23 3/4 sec.
 100 Yards (Open).—W. G. Wells (K.). 11 1/4 sec.
 100 Yards (Under 15).—W. G. Wells (K.). 11 1/4 sec.
 80 Yards (Under 13).—R. Naismith (H.). 10 3/4 sec. RECORD.
 80 Yards (Under 12).—M. Hearn (K.). 11 3/4 sec.
 High Jump (Open).—A. Hartley (S.). 4 ft. 9 in.
 High Jump (Under 15).—W. G. Wells (K.). 4 ft. 2 in.
 High Jump (Under 13).—J. B. Capindale (H.). 4 ft. 1 in.
 Long Jump (Open).—A. L. Calveart (S.). 18 ft. 2 in.
 Long Jump (Under 15).—W. G. Wells (K.). 17 ft. 7 in. RECORD.
 Long Jump (Under 13).—J. B. Capindale (H.). 13 ft. 2 in.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).—J. H. Shoesmith (Q.). 82 yd. 10 in.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15).—R. Smith (K.). 74 yd. RECORD.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 13).—G. S. Walmsley (K.). 53 yd. 9 in.
 Throwing the Discus.—R. Heron (S.). 95 ft. 8 in.
 Putting the Shot.—J. H. Shoesmith (Q.). 32 ft. 10 in.
 House Relay Race (Open).—School.
 House Relay Race (Under 14).—Queen's.

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220 Yards Handicap.—A. M. Bolt. 30 9/10 sec.
 80 Yards (Over 11).—M. H. R. Greenwood. 11 7/10 sec.
 80 Yards (Over 10).—D. S. Wilson. 11 3/4 sec.
 80 Yards (Under 10).—D. A. Whitworth. 11 7/10 sec.

60 Yards (Under 9).—M. A. Rucklidge. 9 1/2 sec.
 High Jump.—M. H. R. Gledhill. 3 ft. 7 in.
 Long Jump.—K. Firth.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—A. Whitworth. 134 ft. 8 in.
 Egg-and-Spoon Race.—M. R. Gledhill.
 Sack Race.—B. S. Bulter.
 Three-Legged Race.—J. K. Hodgson and P. M. O. Jollie.
 Relay Race.—School.
 Victor Ludorum.—M. W. Bottomley.
 Rose Cup.—C. S. Maude.
 Connal Trophy.—J. H. Shoesmith.
 R. E. Dalzell Cup.—W. G. Wells.
 House Championship.—1st, Queen's (60); 2nd, King's (59); 3rd, School (57); 4th, Heath (47).

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Victor Ludorum.—M. Gledhill.
 House Championship.—1st, Heath (48); 2nd, School (37); 3rd, Queen's (23).

Cricket

The season's ebb and flow of fortune has shown very clearly how easy it is for team-spirit, or the lack of it, to alter the fortunes of the game completely. The team was playing in the perfect spirit for victory during the first five games, when no-one showed any fear whatsoever for the opponent's bowling or batting, the result being clear-cut victories against Keighley (twice) and Woodhouse Grove, a very narrow and gallant defeat at the hands at Whitcliff Mount, and a draw at Thornton, which we could probably have turned into victory with time. Then the team began to get scrappy and half-hearted in its play, which inevitably meant being saved by time at Rishworth, a trouncing from Woodhouse Grove and quite a heavy defeat from Silcoates; this seemed to knock all the nonsense out of our heads and the growing determination to concentrate more, produced a successful final win, which rounded off a season more successful than we have had for some time.

There is one department of the game where we must make some complaint, and that is in the fielding section. The absurdity of training like professionals for Rugby matches and then pretending to prepare for cricket by loafing around the nets, was brought out at Rishworth, where half of the side were worn-out after about two hours in the field. One ought to be just as annoyed with oneself for failing to get down to a ball or throwing it in wide, or even for not putting all the grace possible into a throw-in, as when one plays a wretched shot. It is bad for any of the team to disregard his fielding, but it is worse to see pillars of the team ambling after shots or lackadaisically fielding them with their feet. Atkins and Lumb have been the keenest in the field.

In the batting department Entwistle has been the star. His scores—17, 37, 4, 32, 32, 21 (not out), 15, 24, 5, 52 (not out) and 7—must constitute one of the most consistent efforts made in recent years; and he has not achieved this result without great patience and minute concentration on every ball. Shoesmith, on the other hand, has not done as well as his ability deserves; though he has some very attractive forward strokes, he fails to concentrate on his back-shots. In fact, they can hardly be called back-shots since there is neither movement of the feet nor flick of the wrists, but no doubt he can overcome these difficulties with care. The rest of the batting, apart from occasional breezy (very breezy) knocks from Atkins, Bulmer and Dudley, has not been successful. Nor is it surprising. The absence of Mr. King, our Coach, in past years, has meant that our batsmen have played some of the weirdest, and therefore most unsuccessful, shots conceivable. This considered, as well as the amazement of our batsmen—when playing away—at any ball that does not break either on a lump or their heads, School cricket is likely to lose its high standard unless some alterations are made.

Clarke has been just as successful with the ball as Entwistle with the bat, and it has certainly been well-earned. His slow off-breaks, coming off the pitch with surprising quickness, have brought about the final analysis—overs, 129; maidens, 34; runs, 330; wickets, 48. Much of this could not have been accomplished unless he had been "old-fashioned," and unless he had plugged away as he did at Rishworth for the whole afternoon, securing 8 for 54. "Thomas" Atkins has, of course, bowled with vim, and with much greater steadiness than last year; the team would have often looked a sorry sight but for his all-round ability. Sutcliffe, who came into the side late in the season, has already showed considerable promise with the ball.

We should like to thank Mr. Place and Mr. Withycombe for their encouragement and readiness to help without which the side might well have fallen to pieces.

Dudley, who has kept wicket efficiently, Entwistle and Clarke are to be congratulated on winning their colours.

Others who have played were Dale (Captain for many matches), Dawson, Kershaw, Wells, Lumb, Sunderland, Ward, Birch, Lees, Shackleton and Platts.

Dramatic Society

HENRY THE FOURTH, PART I.

PERFORMED ON MAY 8TH and 10TH

CHARACTERS

<i>King Henry the Fourth</i>	Mr. C. O. Mackley
<i>Henry, Prince of Wales</i>	D. Nicholl
<i>Earl of Westmoreland</i>	E. S. Entwistle

<i>Thomas Percy, Earl of Worcester</i>	R. J. H. Collinson
<i>Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland</i>	T. L. Dalzell
<i>Henry Percy, his son, "Hotspur"</i>	M. W. Bottomley
<i>Edmund Mortimer, Earl of March</i>	A. Ward
<i>Archibald, Earl of Douglas</i>	P. Jones
<i>Owen Glendower</i>	H. A. F. Dudley
<i>Sir Richard Vernon</i>	O. Smithies
<i>Sir John Falstaff</i>	R. Heron
<i>Poins</i>	Mr. N. J. Gain
<i>Peto</i>	R. W. Smithies
<i>Bardolph</i>	F. E. Wellman
<i>Lady Percy, wife to Hotspur</i>	J. Raney
<i>Mistress Quickly, Hostess of a Tavern</i>	P. W. Brooke
<i>Sheriff</i>	D. V. Ingham

Produced by Mr. E. J. Taylor.

Stage Manager: Mr. A. F. Owen.

Music by the School Orchestra, led by Mr. A. Holt

The first scene puzzled the audience. They could not hear too well and the exertion required to follow this historical survey surprised them. However, being roused and put on their mettle, they were in a position to cope with the subtleties of Falstaff's jokes and innuendoes that followed and relish them with gusto. Jokes that are flat when the play is read sprang to life, pointed by a wink or a gesture that took the audience into the confidence of the actor. The mere sight of Heron slightly expanded into Falstaff was unforgettable, but he rounded the part and sustained it with more than padding and stage sack. Whenever he appeared and whatever he was doing, he held the audience vastly amused. His acting did justice to the broad and the subtle, the valorous slaughter of dead men and the intricacies of comic soliloquy. The faces of the front rows wore a wrapt expression that reminded me of children watching Punch. It is right that Falstaff should receive most attention because he makes the piece. The other characters in the comic scenes supported him well. Nicholl hit off the Prince, having his fling before taking up the burden of kingship, and gave us admirable fooling. Their satellites, Poins (Mr. Gain), Peto (Roger Smithies), Bardolph (Wellman), the drawer (Atkinson), all helped effectively and made the most of their parts. I particularly liked Poins. P. Brook deserves special mention for his interpretation of the hostess, Mistress Quickly.

Of the historical characters, Hotspur was an exacting part of sustained fire and poetry. Bottomley tackled it well but did not quite get its measure. The other conspirators, Collinson as Worcester, Ward as Mortimer, and Dudley as Glendower, did their parts ably, and it was not their fault if their plotting was not sinister enough to seem of vital interest. King Henry was,

unfortunately, a sick man at the time of performance and we missed his customary vigour and grip. Raney found the pathos of Lady Percy beyond him but did as well as could be expected.

The production was smooth and rapid. The staging and lighting were as good as any we have ever had. The tavern scene was outstandingly good.

The Orchestra played before the play and during the intervals. They chose some lively music and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

School Club

At a meeting of the Club, held on May 12th, with the Headmaster in the chair, the following elections were made:

Captain of Cricket	Nicholl
Vice-Captain	Dale
Secretary	Shoosmith
Secretary for Swimming	Walker
Secretary for Athletics	Moseley
Secretary for Tennis	Shoosmith

The Club then conducted a long and highly amusing debate on the question of some substitute for the Swimming Sports. Finally, as always, it was entrusted to a committee, which has not yet come to any conclusions.

Before we take our farewell of this chamber of strife, we may add, as one who for a year and more has been a disinterested observer of the high matters of state there debated, that the School Club lacks impetus for a simple reason. It falls between two stools by failing to give democrats or demagogues the room they need, whilst successfully "committeeing" would-be authoritarians.

The Favourites

Quality rather than quantity has prevailed for the "Favourites" this term, only three complete sessions having been held. The first was the reading of one of the less well-known of Shakespeare's plays, "King Henry IV," Part II. It is, perhaps, a reflection on the intelligence of the Society that nearly all the important parts were taken by the same people who took them in the School production, and this is but one of the numerous illustrations of where the cream of the School resides. Though we did not like the play as well as we enjoyed the first part, some of the reading was very good, especially Mr. Taylor as the hostess, and Entwistle as a most characteristic Doll Tearsheet.

The other play we read this term was Bridie's "Tobias and the Angel," which was also quite enjoyable, though the play itself seemed to lack form.

The only other meeting this term has been the talk by Mr. Taylor on "Elizabethan Music," though, as a matter of

fact, the talk ranged as far as social customs, and almost inevitably touched on Elizabethan poetry.

We were glad to be borne back for a time to the spirit of sixteenth-century England, which Mr. Taylor achieved by his delightful records and skilful discourse.

Scout Notes

"B" SECTION

"Who hath smelt the wood smoke at twilight?"

It would be more to the point to-day to ask who hath not, for "B" Section's camps have been, almost for the first time within living memory, moderately well attended. There is, however, still a sizable clique in the troop who have neither any desire, nor any intention, nor the least idea that they ought, to go to camp. They are all, with almost no exceptions, useless encumbrances. So there!

Attendances at meetings rose sharply until the swotting for the School Certificate caused most of Stags to spend their Thursday evenings riding bicycles round the moor: such is life. Meetings have naturally taken place outside, and puddox has prevailed as a game, but many of them were special ones, such as a good-turn night when Stags lost Bill Aske's car's wash-leather, a treasure hunt, and a camp fireplace competition.

There is an atmosphere of almost complete satisfaction in "B" section now, only, of course, we can never be completely satisfied, for, as Mr. Fraser once said, "It is probably this *divine discontent* of theirs which drives them to still greater achievements." Let our divine discontent, therefore, keep us moving ever upward, ever forward.

"Who hath smelt the wood smoke . . . ?" Have you ever tried to wash it out of a lumber jacket?

Junior School Notes

This term has been a successful one in many ways. There has been very little illness and the School has been full. Good weather has also enabled us to get plenty of cricket. Earnshaw, D. A., was first in *Transitus*. Feavers, C. M., was 1st in Ia and Baker, T. A., in Ib.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing good luck to those boys going up into the Senior School, also to Crawshaw, M., who is going to Ackworth School, Wigg, J. D., to Northampton, and Bell, D. V., to Nevil Holt, Market Harborough. I hope each one will do well in their various spheres.

I would also like to welcome Wilson, G., Wilson, D., Horsley, P., Bott, M., Reaker, D. C., Rushworth, C. W.,

Wolfenden, J., Dilworth, J., Dawcant, J. M., who came to us this term.

Congratulations to Palmer, H., for gaining a County Minor Scholarship.

Queen's won the Cricket House Matches.

Heath won the House Shield at the Sports.

Gleahill, M., won the Victor Ludorum.

£250 is the total money saved in our National Savings Group since the war began.

M.S.M.

Cub Notes

Monday night at six-thirty has always found us busy this term, and although there is nothing outstanding to report, the sum-total of our multifarious activities is a large one.

We started by losing Butler and Hodgkinson, who after long and valiant service as Cubs, were inducted to the Scouts by a very proper Going-Up Ceremony—but there were, as ever, many clamorous aspirants to take their place. We've had visits from Mr. Drake, the Toy Maker (and I hope there are going to be plenty of Badge winners next term), and from Lieut. Somerset, R.E., who thrilled us all with his tales of hunting big game in Rhodesia.

We discovered, with only a fortnight in which to practice, that the Trophy Competition was upon us, but in spite of considerable exertions on the part of the team we failed to win first place: now we know all about it we are going to start preparing next term so that we make sure of winning it next summer.

Yes, in spite of difficulties and failures and tying ourselves up in knots, it's been a good term, and we are not going to be discouraged, for if every Cub keeps the Law and the Promise we shall yet be the best-Pack in Halifax as well as something even better than that.

I hope we all realize the great debt we owe Kaa and Hasty for their unfailing devotion to our interests when their spare time is already non-existent. We should find our meetings very difficult indeed without them.

Good holidays, and don't forget that although the next meeting is not till September, there's plenty for a good Cub to do before then.

AKELA.

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