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EDITORIAL

The war, cause of our present meagre magazine (and consequently, of our loss of popularity), has affected our school life very slightly, except in so far as we now have a sixth form of huge, and unwieldy proportions; a movement of apathy has also arisen whose members are so self-centred that they are not only unashamed when they stand chattering in morning prayers with proud head unbowed, but are even too lazy to bother to pay their school club subscription. What is more, they are so buried in their Lewis and Short, or Partington, that they with difficulty realize that the Dramatic Society's plays are produced for their especial benefit, and that there is an out of school.

But, gentlemen, on the other hand, the Dramatic Society has this year a record membership, the Favourites are once more widely patronized, and Rugger matches actually draw some number of spectators. So, despite the prevailing tendency to litter Olympus with milk-bottles—*O tempora, O mores*—, there are rays of hope, and the horizon is singularly bright; let us recollect ourselves, and pull ourselves together, let us once more make the name of Heath resound throughout the land for sportsmanship and scholarship.

Gentlemen, the tiller is in *your* hands.

SCHOOL NOTES

We must welcome the following new members of the staff:—Dr. Morel, Ph. D. Frankfurt, a refugee from Nazi oppression and contributor to the English classical journals, who takes Mr. Owen's place as Senior Classical Master; Dr. Ewart, Ph. D. Aberdeen, who comes to us from Banffshire, and replaces Mr. Martin; Dr. Fleet, Ph. D. Edinburgh, of St. Catharine's, Cambridge, who teaches the Junior School; Mr. Gornall, B.A. London, who having returned from retirement has taken up the cudgels in Mr. Gain's place; Mrs. Whorwell, and Mrs. Maddock from the Royal College of Art.

The classical Sixth begs warmly to acknowledge a gift of books from Mr. A. G. Naylor.

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Postcards acknowledging the receipt of comforts sent by the school have been received from the following Old Boys who are prisoners of war in Germany: R. Berwick, E. Emmott and J. Marsland.

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The Senior school savings group has contributed £367 11s. this term to a target of £350: of this, Upper Vth saved £77 8s. 6d. and are to be heartily congratulated; second come IVth with £54 11s. 6d. and they too deserve a good pat on the back. More this term, though, you guys!

ROLL OF HONOUR

F/O E. Lewin, (R.A.F.V.R.) Reported killed in action, August 13th, 1941.
Serg. A. J. Waring, posted missing, now presumed killed in action, in Greece.

DECORATIONS

Lieut. D. H. Swift, R.N. Distinguished Service Cross, for courage, resolution and skill in minelaying.

PROMOTIONS

Lieut. R. R. Belford (Royal Marines) promoted Captain.

O.H.M.S.

Birch, E. W. G., Cadet, R.A.F.; Carlin, D. A. ('38), R.T.R.; Dalzell, G. ('20), Captain, West Yorks; Dalzell, G. B. D. ('37), O.S., R.N.; Day, J. ('38), Aircraftman, R.A.F.; Ellis, W. ('33), Sergeant, R.A.O.C.; Halliday, G. (-), Sub-Lieut., R.N.; Hirst, J. ('36), Aircraftman, R.A.F.; Hoyle, T. ('36), O.T., R.N.; Mitchell, R. ('37), Private, R.A.P.C.; O'Keefe, L. ('38), O.S., R.N.; Smith, T. E. W., Volunteer, R.A.F.; Williams, R. A. ('40), B/T, R.N.; Wilkinson, B. ('40), Cadet, R.A.F.

MASTERS

Private L. Corney, 1st. A.A. Div. Sigs.
2nd. Lieut. W. S. Martin, Royal Marines.

J. T. JOLLEY, M.A., HEATH SCHOOL, 1890-1922.

We have received a most interesting article from Mr. W. B. Crump on the late Mr. J. T. Jolley, giving many intimate and exceedingly intriguing details of life at Heath, soon after the opening of the present main buildings. Some extracts from this are printed below:-

'To generations of boys at Heath, Mr. J. T. Jolley, who died at his home at Dersingham, Norfolk, on 8th October, 1941, at the age of 77, was mathematical and German master. They will easily picture his tall figure, handsome fair face, either with long moustache, or in later years bearded and spectacled . . .

'Of Jolley's influence on the development of Heath several illustrations come to mind. He was an early advocate of reform in the teaching of geometry, and banished Euclid as soon as he could. Nor was he content until the teaching of arithmetic came under his own control. In quite another direction, he believed in the value of swimming—it was his only active recreation—and he succeeded with the support of one or two others, in placing it in the programme of school sports, and the competition for the House Championship. But his most notable contribution was his long service as Librarian. He was perhaps the most persistent advocate of a Library as the most fitting and useful memorial of the Tercentary of the school in 1897. The Old Boys had worked loyally to swell the Tercentary Fund by promoting a bazaar, and in recognition of this the Governors agreed to allot a sufficient income to equip a library and provide a small endowment. There was no question who should shoulder the work, Jolley accepted the post and willingly gave his time and services as the first Librarian. I don't remember just when "The Heathen" first made its bow as the school magazine, but Jolley was its sole sponsor and editor throughout its short life. Yet with all his wide knowledge of English literature Jolley was never called upon to teach the subject, apparently because his time-table was already full.

'Perhaps Jolley's most distinctive quality was his child-like buoyancy of spirit. With many sorrows in his early married life, and much suffering in his later years he never lost his cheerfulness. To the end he was happy in the enjoyment of the simple things of life, and never lost his love for Heath.'

Another tribute has been received from a one-time pupil of Mr. Jolley. 'Unfortunately for several years past he had suffered from ill-health; but he had been a great invalid, maintaining that courageous, calm and serene outlook on life that characterised his work and influence at Heath.'

'With Mr. W. B. Crump, Mr. J. W. Hardie and Mr. J. P. Martin, he was of that select band of Heath Masters who spanned the 1890's and the 1920's with an

average of 30 years' or so devoted service to the school. Those four were the warp of the Heath School fabric during the greater part of their day. To most of us who came within that span, Heath without them, would have been unthinkable. They were Heath.

'Mr. Jolley was a first-rate Mathematician, a Senior Optime in his Mathematical Tripos. At Heath he also taught German, French and English, and, at times when a Form was getting restive with boredom at such tiresome things as the Binomial theorem, he would quickly arouse full interest with entertaining and racy talks on Astronomy.

'He used to devote a great amount of time and care each year to the production of the School Play, presented in those days at the School in conjunction with a play by the Old Boys each night for a week. This was one of the chief social events of the year in the life of Halifax at that time, and Mr. Jolley was invariably at the heart of things.

'He was very approachable, at a time when there was not quite the same camaraderie between Masters and Boys which exists to-day. Any boy who went to him for help got it, and knew he would get it before he went. He inspired an immediate and instinctive liking. It was inevitable. His whole life at Heath was a blend of ability, kindness and generosity. He was the pattern for most of us of an English gentleman.' W.E.H.

PRIZE GIVING. On Thursday, November 27th, before a crowded Hall, the prizes were distributed by Colonel A. T. Shakespear, D.S.O., M.C.; we regret that, owing to unexpected restrictions upon our space, we are unable to offer our usual full report of the speeches.

PRIZE WINNERS, 1940-41

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Ib.—1st Prize, J. A. Barker; 2nd Prize, F. R. Earnshaw.
Ia.—1st Prize, C. M. Feavers; 2nd Prize, A. D. Thomas.
Transitus.—1st Prize, D. A. Earnshaw; 2nd Prize, N. H. Palmer.

SENIOR SCHOOL

IVb i.—1st Prize, R. H. Naismith; 2nd Prize, B. Greenwood.
IVb ii.—1st Prize, B. Halliwell; 2nd Prize, G. S. Walmsley.
IVa i.—1st Prize, J. A. Carter; 2nd Prize, J. Palmer.
IVa ii.—1st Prize, D. Jackson; 2nd Prize, J. Richardson.
L. V.—1st Prize, E. S. Rothery; 2nd Prize, R. T. Gaukroger.
VB.—1st Prize, G. Foster; 2nd Prize, D. Bake.

U. V.—1st Prize, W. Tordoff; 2nd Prize, L. J. Atkinson.
Va.—1st Prize, J. A. Barrett; 2nd Prize, P. Crowley.
Remove.—1st Prize, P. G. Walker; 2nd Prize, P. Lumb.
Reith Classical Prize.—J. D. Pybus.
Mathematical Prize (presented by E. J. Sutcliffe, Esq.).—R. Heron.
Science Prize.—A. R. Curtis.
History Prize (presented by His Worship the Mayor).—D. Nicholl.
Economics Prize (presented by H. V. Wiseman, Esq.).—P. Crowley.
Geography Prize.—R. G. Halliwell.
Reading Prizes:
Senior.—M. W. Bottomley; *Middle.*—A. B. Robinson.
Junior.—K. E. Shaw.

HOUSE REPORTS

QUEEN'S. We may say that we have had a very successful term: the senior rugby XV has won all its matches, although our victory over Kings was a very narrow one. The junior team has been successful in both matches played, and is confident of winning the third. Only one Fives match has been played so far, against Kings, which we won 7-3. Players, senior and junior alike have been keen and enthusiastic; if this enthusiasm is maintained in all other branches of sport, the House should be in a good position at the end of the school year.
J.H.S.

SCHOOL. This term the Rugby House matches, junior and senior, and one Fives match have been played. In the former the seniors defeated Heath and Kings, but lost to Quens, while the juniors lost to Heath and Queens, and drew with Kings. The seniors were defeated by Heath in the Fives match. The House came out second for all Rugby.
J.D.P.

HEATH. We have lost all our rugger matches this term. Let us not, however, moan over our losses, but let us rather each make a superlative effort during the next two terms in the various matches and sports. All those contemplating making an entry for the Cross Country should already be in training. At the beginning of the term we all missed Mr. Owen, but we are glad to welcome Dr. Ewart who has stepped unhesitatingly into Mr. Owen's position as one of our House masters.
F.E.W.

KINGS. We are cautioned to be brief, and therefore we may set out our activities for the term as follows:—our rugger team which, looked the most formidable in the school lost to Queens and School, and beat Heath. The juniors have been beaten, but forced a draw

with School. The one Fives match we have played we lost. We must also entreat our senior members to go into training for the Cross Country which we will surely win.
H.A.F.D.

THE SCHOOL CLUB

At the beginning of the term, a meeting of the General Committee was held, with the Headmaster in the Chair. The following officers were elected for the current school year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

General Secretary.—R. Heron; *Sub-Treasurer.*—F. E. Wellman.
Editor of the Heathen.—R. J. H. Collinson.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Rugby Captain.—R. Heron; *Vice-Captain.*—R. W. Lumb.
Secretary.—H. A. F. Dudley; *Fives Captain.*—J. H. Shoesmith.
Vice-Captain-cum-Secretary.—J. G. Clarke.

The question of awarding points for the Junior House Fives matches was then raised, and the Committee finally decided that points should be awarded if, in the opinion of the House Committee, the standard of play justified the award.

A motion, proposed by Mr. Place that committees should be set up for the selection of school teams was carried. The committee was to consist of the games master, one other master, the 1st and 2nd team captains, the vice captains and secretary.

The Treasurer then presented his Statement of Accounts which was duly passed.

SCHOOL CLUB, 1940-41.											
Receipts.				Expenditure							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance	26	3	11	Rugby	16	0	10				
Subscriptions:				Fives	3	4	9				
224 at 2/6	28	0	0	Cricket	3	5	9				
6 at 1/6		9	0	Sports	2	2	10				
Refund from				Printing	2	17	6				
L. E. A. on				Sundry		7	6				
Sports a/c	1	16	4	Balance:							
				Bank	26	0	8				
				Cash	2	9	5				
									28	10	1
	£56	9	3						£56	9	3

Audited and found correct. (Signed) T. H. Withycombe.

A very short but satisfactory meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the end of term. It was proposed by Mr. Phoenix and seconded by Mr. Place, that an annual subscription of three guineas should be made to the Infirmary in repayment for the valuable assistance which they so often gave to us. The motion was carried unanimously and with much pleasure.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS
TO KNOW

Did he *really* have as many punctures as he said he did?
What is the true use of the firewatchers' helmets?
Is the female of the species more deadly than the male?
When is a band an orchestra? And does it enjoy performing piano concertos?
Who has it here somewhere?
Is Apollo a demoralising agent, or a help, to classical studies?
When will 'House full' notices be instituted for the office?
Is the Corporation considering using him as a deputy steam roller?
Is our new secretary misplaced?
Do they really learn biology at the High School?
Does it need self-hypnotism to see the '25' line at Kensington?
Has a firewatcher, in truth, been found dead under a bed?
Who is Her? and what is an S.O.J.?

THE 1st XV. It is not possible to give our usual complete account of this term's rugby. A list of matches which have been played is given below, and we must allow these results to tell, as far as is possible, their own pleasant story.

We have been beaten only twice by school teams, both defeats being at the hands of Bradford. Although we were beaten, our home match with this school was probably the best of the season, a more open and interesting game having seldom been seen at Kensington. We have also been beaten by an Army XV. and by the Building Society, both of these defeats being due rather to the weight than to the skill of our opponents. All

our other matches have been won, some, such as those with the Old Boys and Rochdale, with difficulty, and others, such as the Colne and Rishworth games, with ease. Almost all the games have, however, been very interesting, and players and spectators alike have enjoyed the half season very much.

We conclude this very short report by offering our thanks to Mr. Place and other members of the staff who have always been willing to help, and also to all those who have supported our matches. The attendances at some of our home matches have been very encouraging.

R. Heron.

RESULTS

Sept. 20—Colne, H.	Won	54—0
.. 24—Keighley, H.	Won	26—6
.. 27—Bradford, H.	Lost	16—34
Oct. 4—Army H.	Lost	12—18
.. 11—Woodhouse Gr. A.	Won	27—3
.. 25—Old Boys H.	Won	8—6
.. 29—Whitcliffe Mt. A.	Won	13—0
.. 30—Halifax Bldg. Soc. H.	Lost	9—16
Nov. 1—Rishworth School H.	Won	24—3
.. 15—Bradford A.	Lost	14—44
.. 19—Rishworth School A.	Won	39—11
.. 22—Rochdale H.	Won	17—10
Dec. 13—Rochdale A.	Won	6—3
.. 20—Old Boys H.	Draw	14—14

2nd TEAM. Although we had a late start this term we have had a very successful season. We have won five out of six games including one against Whitcliffe Mount 1st XV and have only lost to Hipperholme 1st XV. We have not had our line crossed in second team games and have only had a total of 35 points scored against our 187. The pack has played well together and has proved itself exceptionally powerful for a second team. The threequarters have run hard but will have to remember that they are not all wing men. With luck and hard playing we should have an equally successful term next year.

P.L.S.

LIBRARY. Although a thing seldom done, the School as a whole must be congratulated on the excellent use which they have made of the Library this term. It has been used as a Library and not as a sanctuary from avenging gym-masters or as a shove-halfpenny parlour. Several new books have come into circulation this term including the report of the Royal Commission on the "City of Oxford." For two more additions to the Library

we are indebted to Mr. Walker who has presented the "Times Atlas of the World" and "Out with Romany." On the other hand we regret to announce that the "Dictionary of National Biography" is now overdue and must be presumed lost. Any information regarding this volume will however, be welcomed by the Librarian.

A.W.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It was unfortunate for the success of "The Perfect Hero," that the humour contained therein was inclined to be above the heads of the audience. An excellent production, presented in a most finished manner, the play was full of thinly veiled allusions to the ancient Greek Drama, and to the not so ancient works of Mr. T. S. Eliot. As regards the acting, we most particularly mention the clear enunciation of O. Smithies and the spirited performance of Jones as the monster. We would have welcomed a little more verve in the acting of F. E. Wellman and S. Hartley as the King and the Perfect Hero. It is our opinion that a greater element of the farcical would have turned an already extremely amusing play into what we can only term a "riot."

We must thank all the actors who took part for a very interesting play, not forgetting to mention those unsung heroes whose work in scene shifting and on the lights helped to make the play.

ADVENTURE ISLAND, by O. Turner. A party of schoolboys is wrecked upon an island 50 miles off the Chilean coast, having been cut adrift in Auckland: they at first imagine the island to be uninhabited, but a tribe of pygmies with a most fortunate taste for ship's soap, soon puts in an appearance. A quarrel takes place between the two senior boys which results in four leaving the main party when it moves inland, and their being captured by a gang of mutineers. The mate of the mutineers' ship, having eluded them, warns Gordon, the senior prefect, of this new peril, and organises a rescue-party. But the pirates arrive in the settlement, overpower the garrison, and are just about to dispose of them when the rescue party with the rescued four, reinforced in the nick of time by the pygmies, turn the tables, and, in a glorious rough-house, overcome the pirates. Amid general rejoicing, the boys set off for Chile in the mate's boat.

It was obviously a school-boys' story; so much so that some of the elder players seemed at times somewhat embarrassed by their parts. Yet the whole effect was quite delightful, and out of a very competent cast, it is difficult to select any for especial mention. Stansfield as the pygmy chief was consistently excellent, and his self-concocted jargon was an inspiration: who can ever forget his (somewhat scanty) tribe queueing up for their ration of soap? Ward and Dudley as Donagan and Gordon, the two quarrelling prefects, gave a convincing impression of efficiency—looking as though they were used to handling rifles every day—and held what might have been a rather disconnected piece quite tightly together. Heron, as Koko, the negro cook, was of course good, but he was not given half enough to do: his trembling with the rifle was really perfect. "Oh Lordy, Lordy!" Garnet (Macdonald) sang his blushing song very effectively, and unlike some, really looked as though he were shipwrecked on a tropical island. Of the youngsters, who only had small parts, all were effective; Palmer strutted about like a king in his white sweater, and young Macdonald, in his green one, was always to the fore. "For we all be shipwrecked mariners. . . .!" The pirates looked villainous and aged enough, but surprisingly young were their voices: the pirate chief would have done credit to a Hook himself. ". . . To live till we're hanged or a hundred and three!"

The scenery and lighting showed evidence of hard work—we noticed with approval that the holes in the cyclorama had at long last been repaired—but the play must have been an absolute nightmare to the poor property-master—Sykes. Most of its effectiveness must be gratefully ascribed to him. Apart from the camp fire which lit up hill and sky with singular white glare, and the unusual illuminating powers of a single hurricane lantern, not even the most critical could find any fault.

Mr. Taylor, and all the back-stage hands must most heartily be congratulated on their production of this difficult play. And finally, all concerned in the remarkable fight in the last scene, with perhaps, thirty people on the stage at a time, when bodies covered the floor, and Koko laid about him with his rifle butt, must be honoured, and remembered for productions to come.

THE FAVOURITES. For once, we need not complain of lack of attendance: for the lower Sixth have become accustomed to turn up in overwhelming force—com-

pletely outnumbering those few stalwarts of a year's longer standing who dare to pull their heads out of the sand to spout before their contemporaries—and, what is more astounding, considering their age, to show an intelligent interest in the proceedings, which, if the truth be told, have been well worth taking an interest in, for many very eloquent, if rather heated debates, have taken place, and two play readings which were, as is the unfortunate tendency, attended only by those actually performing.

For the first meeting of term, the library was overflowing with packed lower Sixth, sparsely dotted with the Upper—although the Classical element was noticeably absent—and a markedly ambitious programme was drawn up, starting with hat speeches the next week. For these, the attendance was significantly reduced, and those brave spirits who did contrive to raise a speech were sadly at a loss for ideas.

The first debate, "That this House should welcome a more ambitious programme from the Dramatic Society," was ably and with much quoting of Macbeth, supported by Mr. Heron, who suggested that the society was too slow in making full use of the School Hall now that it had, at long last, been built. We, in opposition, concluded a somewhat not-to-the-point speech with the pathetic plea that the society be not saddled with the impossible. After much abusive public discussion, it was decided by 11 votes to 9 that we were in favour of a more ambitious programme.

The next week, the High Court of the Favourites was summoned under Mr. Justice Heron to try three lower Scientists—Messrs. Sykes, Swift and Hutchinson, on a charge of aggravated kitten slaughter: before a huge jury of nineteen—mostly second-year scientists lured to a meeting for the first time (and still no classicists)—the Crown, Messrs. Smithies and Dudley prosecuting, established that the kitten had been observed to be cut open while the heart was still beating. The defendants, conducting their own defence, demonstrated that any life still in the animal was purely accidental, that it was all "in the cause of science," and proposed the enormous suggestion that it was Mr. Hutchinson's grandmother who ought by right to be the defendant. The jury, after a twenty minute absence, were unable to agree upon their verdict: nevertheless, Mr. Justice Heron, striving to keep his face straight, condemned

Mr. Sykes to perpetual acceptance of all future offspring of the deceased's mother, and the other two the provision of the food.

Barrie's "Admirable Crichton" followed this most enjoyable trial; we enjoyed the play most heartily, albeit there were only just enough of us to go round the parts.

A debate was then held "That this house considers the cinema to be better than the theatre" which was noteworthy mainly for a mighty speech by Mr. Mackley seconding the opposition. Mr. Whiteley, proposing, very effectively compared the theatre to a leaded window, and the cinema to the huge plate glass window in the Art room. He, and his seconder, underlined the obvious drawbacks of the theatre, no cartoons, no street scenes, no aeroplanes, etc. Mr. Jones, defending the stage, apologised for the absence of good variety in Halifax, and declared that the cinema was a new scholar as compared with the theatre's thousands of years' tradition. Mr. Mackley bewailed the inexorability of the cinema, how the actors could not pause for applause, how one's attention was directed willy-nilly wheresoever the producer desired, how plays and novels were ruthlessly distorted into films.

Public discussion centred round stage experience and love scenes until the vote was taken, and the motion rejected by 9 votes to 3.

The last meetings of term were used in reading, in two spasms, D. L. Sayer's 'Busman's Honeymoon.'

This, gentlemen, has been the most successful term in our (short) experience: keep it up, you Lower sixthers.

R.J.H.C.

2nd HALIFAX SCOUTS. Last Summer's camp, though of immense size, was contrary to all expectations, an exceedingly enjoyable affair: some fifty scouts from all three sections and a Derby troop, combined to populate a mighty plantation of tents at Wray Castle on Lake Windermere. We had a rattling good time, and were kept under a useful discipline, at the same time inexorable yet retiring; those who were lucky, patronized the boats, while the youngsters vented their disappointment in their tents by gorging tinned pears (shame!) and, on the shore, by throwing stones at the boats' crews. In fact, though it be shame to say it, Might—or Cheek—throughout the camp was Right. The weather was as inexorable as the

inevitable "Whose crumb is this? C'mon, c'mon, c'mon!" for most days it rained as only the Lake District can rain, and on the others, the sun shone vaguely and fitfully (on the day we got there and the day we came away, it was really hot!) in a troubled sky: numerous hikes and climbs were held—although at least one of the latter ended in the Ambleside Hotel. In fact, we all enjoyed ourselves in our various ways, and although one who you would have thought knew better upset all our hard earned plums all over the fire, and someone else refused to eat his bread crusts—and then went for an evening swim, all alone—we were well fed. Thanks. Spud; thanks, Ambleside Co-op!

On December 22nd, a concert by the Beavers raised £3 7 0 to help the County buy the proposed new camp site at Bradley Wood: it included an ambitious production of Mr. T. K. Smith's "Calder Cannibals." Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, and the actors were all extremely competent (albeit inexperienced).

SEA SCOUTS. We have started off very well this term with 16 scouts and Inky and Fred as leaders. We have been given a barge (or should I say "The Heathen of Halifax"?) by the Calder and Hebble Navigation, and the same have repaired it for us. We feel very much indebted to them, and to the Chappie and his horse who pulled it to Sowerly Bridge for us. You've heard the saying "Who hath smelt the woodsmoke," but you want to be in the cabin with someone standing on the hatch, and the chimney blocked up! G.B.C.

'A' SECTION. This term has seen a great advance in the troop. The enthusiasm has increased tremendously. This is due to the reinstitution of a patrol competition, points being awarded for badges gained, tests passed, inspection and games. This last point is of interest since the points awarded to the patrol which puts up the best show for its size. Thus the points are not necessarily awarded to the strongest patrol. Since the start of the competition we have had a great increase in the number of 1st class tests passed, including Signalling and Mapping, not to mention the passing of the Cook's badge by several scouts.

The closeness of the points, at the end of the "first round," indicate the keenness with which the competition is viewed. Peewits are first with 113 points, Owls second with 104, and Otters third with 100. O.S.

BEAVERS. The Beavers started this term with poor attendances, but recruits soon began to roll in, and we now have a full section of four patrols. As far as badge-work is concerned, this term has been very successful, as several new badges—4 Pathfinders, 4 Firemen, 3 Cooks, 2 Handymen, (with 10 more possibles to come)—have been obtained. Senior Scout meetings for scouts over 14 have been held, and have proved very interesting.

Bill (Aske) caused a sensation at a recent C. of H. by saying that he considered we were now strong enough to run on our own, and that in future we poor P.Ls. would arrange and carry out our meetings, he himself just popping in to see if we were getting along adequately. It can be said that we have had a good term despite the dark nights, and hope the next will be quite as successful—if not more so. R.W.F.

WEBECES. We have had a very successful term, having gained three First Class Badges, and two King's Scout Badges. Numbers have decreased somewhat, and we have had to cut down the number of patrols to three, the P.Ls. being P. L. Sutcliffe, R. D. Binns and E. B. Spencer.

We regret to say that our A.S.M., D. A. Carlin, has had to join up, but we get along quite well with Spud Wood as acting A.S.M. The annual Summer camp was very successful in spite of Spud's accidental wetting, and Daurant's evening swim. The weather was rather wet, but it failed to damp anybody's spirits. E.B.S.

CUBS. The Pack which began this term was a very young one, having lost nearly all its Sixers and Second Stars to the Scouts, but had by the end of term a number of First Stars, and six Second Stars had almost been achieved. (It is to be hoped that the latter will not have forgotten all they have swotted by the time of the second half of the Test at the beginning of next term.)

Only two badges have been won—the others failing in their Athlete Badge owing to their inability to stand on their heads—a faculty which can be remedied during the holidays. Holidays are the time to prepare for badge tests, and the Pack may look for a better crop of Badges next term.

We have been very glad to welcome Bagheera this term, and he has been a very valuable assistant to Akela on the many times when the latter has been unavoidably absent.

In spite of black-out and many other difficulties, we can truthfully say it has been a good term, and we look forward until the brighter evenings to more work and more play next term.

Greys, with Pollitt, the new Senior Sixer, are to be congratulated on winning the fight for the bone. We hope the three remaining Sixes will see there is a harder fight next term—Good Hunting! AKELA.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. This term has been noteworthy for several reasons. The number of new boys who entered the Junior School in September last was 17. This was the largest entry for many years. The total strength of the school is just short of 50.

This increase in numbers, has led to the establishing of a separate Ib form, which has been so well looked after by Mrs. Whorwell, who joined the staff in September. In the same month we also welcomed Dr. Fleet, who came to us from St. Peter's School, York.

The health of the school has been of a high standard this term, and the favourable weather has enabled us to have our full quota of football.

The results of the Inter-House Football matches so far are:- Heath 2. Queens 0. Heath 2. School 2.

Owing to a continued effort, the National Savings Group was able to exceed the term's objective of £50 (the cost of a Bren Gun). The actual total reached was £65 15 0. A record for any one term.

We are grateful for the help that Dr. Fleet has given Mr. Whorwell in the running of the Cubs, who are indeed fortunate in these times, to have such help. I hope the Cubs will continue to show their appreciation of this, by regular attendances.

Throughout the term, most members of the Transitus, have been reading the lesson during morning prayers.

We were glad to be able to able to repeat our last year's help to the 'bombed out' people of West Ham, by sending two crates of clothes, books, toys and other articles. Our thanks are due to Mr. Thomas for arranging their transport. Owing to the kindness of Michael Gledhill, in lending us his projector, we were able to have two film shows during the term, at which we saw films of a wide variety, ranging from travel, natural history and general interest to — yes, you've guessed correctly — Mickey Mouse.

An innovation this term for 1b, has been the Model-Construction class held on Friday afternoons. This had a real appeal for many of the boys who worked well. It is hoped that their enthusiasm will spread to the whole form next term. This class has great possibilities.

At the exhibition of models, done in this class, during the term, at Christmas, J. Todd won the first prize, with an excellent model of a windmill and garden worker in plasticine; and S. Gee thoroughly deserved second prize, with several exhibits, of which his model Spitfire was easily the best.

The form positions at the end of the Christmas Term were:—Transitus: 1st M. Pollit. 1a, 1st J. Barker, and 1b, 1st R. Sykes.
M.S.M.