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EDITORIAL

Speaking quite frankly, and without fear or favour, did you go to the "Rivals"? Of course, if you are public-spirited enough to have paid your school-club subscription, and thus laid your hands on a magazine, the chances are that you did, but there must be scores in your own form who not only did not go and never even allowed the thought to enter their close-shaven (or curly) heads, but did not tell even their parents that a play was about to be given. The school cannot splash itself over hoardings like a cinema: it relies upon its members to tell everybody they meet that their Dramatic Society—a venerable body with many remarkable performances to its credit—is presenting a play, and "Will you please come?" Perhaps you yourself are not in the Society; perhaps you don't like the sort of plays it gives; perhaps you have been slighted in the casting: the remedy is in your own hands. Every year, early in October, new members may join, a new committee is elected which will decide the Society's policy, and the assembled congregation may get up on its hind legs and say what it thinks. There, gentlemen, should be the criticism; not grumbled into a grimy ear behind a grimy hand in a classroom.

Mountains out of molehills possibly: but a state of affairs which stings the Head himself into caustic comment, leaves a hall half-empty, and disappoints all concerned—even though it redeems itself at the next opportunity, almost too late—augurs ill for England. For the most part, even people who do pay their school club half-crown are not careful to see that their interests are looked after: "one representative shall be elected from the Club members of each form below the Sixth." The scrubbiest little ragamuffin, who can't get away quickly enough when the choice is made, is—alas!—too often sent to the General Gommittee—or none at all. And if the right man is, by accident, sent up what does he do? Sits there dumb, while Mr. President and Mr. Secretary spout—and everybody looks daggers at any other brave committee-man who dares raise a peep—and votes, and goes away asking his neighbour what all the talking was about.

Gentlemen of Heath, this is a democratic country; in our time we shall be called upon to elect a member to Parliament: and yet, we *compel* our School Club to be a very close oligarchy indeed.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Science Library wishes to thank F. Parker, Lower V. for a copy of Ganot's Physics: copies of this book are becoming rarer and more valuable. It is an interesting addition to the library.

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The annual Founder's day service was held on June 8th, at the Parish Church, where the choir and the orchestra sang and played "Jesu, joy of man's desiring," accompanied by Mr. Shackleton-Pollard—whose work as musical instructor to the school can hardly be praised highly enough—on the organ, and where the address was given by the Rev. G. V. Jones.

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We have been more than pleased, at the end of term, to meet Mr. Fraser once again. Since he left us—it seems ages!—we have indeed noticed the gap.

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Thus ends a year noteworthy for the absence of air-raid practices: we feel that if an alert had sounded during school hours, a noticeable section of the inmates would have been completely lost. Admittedly, it is unlikely that we shall get an alert while we are at School, but it is very far from impossible, and, unless the Authorities propose that we shall all stay in the building—which is unthinkable!—, speed and organisation in our trek to the shelters are essential, for should we not form a notably juicy target for a machine gun?

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One Tennis match with the High School has been played: we won.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Lieut. O. Travis, Duke of Wellington's: Reported killed in action in Burma.

MISSING

Capt. W. Peach, R.A., posted missing at Singapore.
Sergt. R. T. Stephen, R.A.F., Prisoner of War in Germany.

O.H.M.S.

G. Hirst (1939), W/Mech. R.A.F.: S. Longbottom (1939) O.S. R.N.:
G. J. Normanton, 2nd Lieut. R.A.C.: P. L. Priestley (1939) R.N.:
E. R. Bradford (1939) R.A.C.: D. Drake (1939) R.A.F.V.R.

SUCCESSES AND DISTINCTIONS

Mr. Lionel Fox, M.C. has been appointed (April 13th) Acting Chairman of the Prison Commission.

D. Broadbent, B.Sc., 1st Class Hons. Physics, Manchester.
R. V. Scales, (Christ's College, Cambridge), 2nd Class in Part 2 of the Classical Tripos.

M. W. Bottomley (Queens', Cambridge), Class II. Division I. in the Preliminary Examination in English.

HOUSE REPORTS

SCHOOL. Once more we must regret that our achievements have not been very spectacular this term: the seniors lost all their cricket matches, and fared little better in the sports, although, here, S. Hartley and P. L. Sutcliffe must be praised for their good work. Yet, taking all in all, considering the fellows in the House, we have done our best, and it will be up to those left next term to improve the House's performance. J.D.P.

KINGS. Moderate success has marked the activities of the House this term. In the athletic sports we managed to gain second place, being but narrowly beaten by Queens, who have been our most formidable rival throughout the term. At cricket, the seniors, though again losing to Queens, succeeded in beating Heath and School, while the juniors won all their matches, thus giving us the lead. Of fives there is little to report, except that we won the one match played. These successes have enabled us to take second place in the house competition for the year. Though we must give praise where praise is due, one cannot help feeling that, had all the members of the House pulled their weight, complete victory would have been ours. In congratulating the House on its performance, we wish to exhort all members to greater efforts next term. The only other thing to report is that the House-prayers innovation has been continued this term, and even extended during the examination period: it is pleasing to note that our "orchestra" now comprises some five players.

QUEENS. Congratulations to the House on winning the House Championship for the first time for four years: following on our successes at Rugby and Fives last term, which gained us a big lead, we went forward to win the sports, and the senior cricket. It has been a very successful year; the team-work and the spirit of the House have been good, and there is no reason, if this is maintained, why we should not do very well next school year.

J.H.S.

HEATH. The outstanding feature of the year's activities has been the winning of the cross-country race: and, on the whole, the House has enjoyed a good year, although only third in the final list of points. Well done, Queen's! Only look out next year! During the term, one senior cricket match was won; but the senior eleven has acquitted itself worthily in all its matches, as have the senior fives four. The junior eleven also did well. Those who entered for the sports gave a good account of themselves, but more members must work for success next year. The House was very glad to see Mr. Fraser—a late master of the House—looking so well and hearty. F.E.W.

SCHOOL CLUB. One very short meeting of a very small General Committee has been held this term. The committee made very short work of its task, and the following officers were elected:—

Cricket Captain	Shoesmith.
Cricket Vice-Captain	Atkins.
Cricket Secretary	Wells.

The committee then found it necessary to look into two matters which were connected with the last meeting's minutes. It was found that the system of selection of school teams had been surprisingly successful, and it was, therefore, decided that the same system should apply to the selection of cricket teams. The house captains reported that the junior fives house matches had been played, but that the standard of play did not justify the awarding of points. R.H.

CRICKET, 1942. The first eleven has had a fairly successful season: out of a total of eleven games, it has won five, lost three, and drawn three. Unlike last year's team, this year it has shown good team spirit, and the fielding has consequently been of a high standard.

Atkins has bowled better this season than ever before, because he has sacrificed some of his speed for a good length, with an occasional faster ball; his bowling has thus been more accurate. Clarke, our other opening bowler, has not been quite so effective as last year, because he has not found so easily the good length which, last year, kept the runs down, and took the wickets.

Naylor, who only bowled towards the end of the season, has shown good form, and his 7 for 26 against Crossley's was a grand effort. Lumb has bowled better

than last season, and has dismissed one or two batsmen who were proving a menace. P. L. Sutcliffe has not been called upon to do much bowling, but, while not taking many wickets, he has kept down the runs.

Shackleton has shown more confidence this season, and has batted very well, showing a good array of strokes: he was unlucky enough to be out through a bad stroke when he seemed in fine form. G. W. Sutcliffe, our youngest member, shows signs of becoming a very promising batsman, and he should be a valuable asset to next year's eleven. He has plenty of confidence, and, when he develops, should score many runs.

Naylor and Clarke have both come to the rescue when runs were needed, and have shown that they can handle the bat. The rest of the team's batting has lacked resolution, but, on occasions, all have helped to make runs.

As already mentioned, the fielding has been good, and no runs have been given away: the slip fielding of P. L. Sutcliffe and Clarke deserves mention, while Lumb and Atkins have both taken hot returns. Our wicket-keeper, Dudley, has performed with his usual ability behind the stumps, and has learned to stop Atkins' loose balls very well.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Place and Mr. Withycombe for their enthusiasm and guidance during the season, and to our scorers, Green and Hearn, who have done their job well.

Congratulations to Lumb and Shackleton on gaining their colours. J.H.S.

LIBRARY

The emphasis this term has been on Anglo-American relations. This meant that sundry volumes on America had to be acquired. The historical background was provided by the two volumes of "The Oxford History of America"; while modern America was explained to us in two shorter books of engaging interest. The most important addition during the term has been "Conditions of Peace," by E. H. Carr, the most well thought out work of this type which has yet been published. Other works acquired were five of the Cambridge Economic Handbooks, which few have yet dared to open, and the two volumes by Jane, "Fighting Ships," and "All the World Aircraft." These last two have been in great demand, and we must ask the School to treat them with the respect due to their value and importance.

THE SPORTS. At Springhall, on June 11th, we saw some very good racing, mainly owing to the increased amount of training done by competitors. There was a keen competitive spirit present in all the events, which led to some very good results.

RESULTS:—

220 Yards (Open)	H. B. Jackson (Q)	25'8 sec.
120 Yards (Hurdles)	P. L. Sutcliffe (S)	18'8 sec. Eq. Record.
100 Yards (Open)	W. G. Wells (K)	11'1 sec.
440 Yards (Open)	R. W. Lumb (K)	60'9 sec. Record.
1 Mile (Open)	S. Hartley (S)	5 min. 21'4 sec. Record.
880 Yards (Open)	S. Hartley (S)	2 min. 22 sec.
880 Yards (Handicap, Open)	A. O'Shea (H)	2 min. 23 sec.
170 Yards (Under 14)	Naismith (H)	23'2 sec.
100 Yards (Under 15)	Heppenstall (Q)	12'1 sec.
80 Yards (Under 13)	Greenwood (K)	11'2 sec.
80 Yards (Under 12)	Dawrant (Q)	11'5 sec.
High Jump (Open)	A. O'Shea (H)	4 ft. 11 in.
High Jump (Under 15)	Heppenstall (Q)	4 ft. 5 in.
High Jump (Under 13)	Foulds (H)	3 ft. 10 in.
Long Jump (Open)	R. W. Lumb (K)	18 ft. 4 in. Eq. Record.
Long Jump (Under 15)	Heppenstall (Q)	15 ft. 4 in.
Long Jump (Under 13)	Kershaw (H)	13 ft. 3 in.
Cricket Ball (Open)	J. H. Shoesmith (Q)	95 yds. 1 ft. 8 in. Record.
Cricket Ball (Under 15)	Cowper (H)	80 yds. 2 in. Record.
Cricket Ball (Under 13)	Kershaw (H)	59 yds. 2 ft. Record.
Discus	P. L. Sutcliffe (S)	97 ft. 4 in.
Putting the Shot	J. H. Shoesmith (Q)	37 ft. 7 in.
House Relay Race (Open)	Kings.	
House Relay Race (Under 14)	Kings.	

Junior School.

220 Yards Handicap. (Under 10) Bott. (Over 10) Oates.		
80 Yards (Over 11)	Pollit (S)	11'4 sec.
80 Yards (Over 10)	Whitworth (H)	11'4 sec.
80 Yards (Under 10)	Rucklidge (Q)	12'0 sec.
60 Yards (Under 9)	Maule (H)	9'8 sec.
High Jump		
Long Jump	Greenwood (S)	
Cricket Ball	Whitworth (H)	54 yds. 1 ft. 9 in. Rcd.
Egg and Spoon Race	Oates (H)	
Sack Race	Pollit (S)	
Three-Legged Race	Pollit and Whiteley	
House Relay Race	School	

Senior.

House Championship—1st, Queens (157); 2nd, Kings (154); 3rd, Heath (141); 4th, School (98).
Connal Trophy - J. H. Shoesmith.
Victor Ludorum - J. H. Shoesmith.

Junior School.

House Championship—1st, School (35); 2nd, Heath (33); 3rd, Queens (24).
Victor Ludorum—Whitworth.

LOGOMANIA, OR MODERN POETRY. The following poem was written by a strong man in his relief at the end of the most laborious task he ever undertook. During his toil, we watched him, week after week, grow thin and pale from the strain; the word went round '5 to 1 against his finishing the course!': the odds lengthened rapidly to 100 to 1 with no takers; still he ploughed on. The sight of this strong man in his agony was almost too much for us, but we knew that, unless he suffered, we should never survive: so we let him work. At last the task was finished, and we gazed in awe and gave thanks. His poem of joy, although it may not scan, most certainly comes from the heart.

"Words, words, words!"

What a saintly man the man must be,
The man who makes a vocabulary:
No vice could lure him into crime—
For that, poor man, he has no time.
He has no time to even drink,
His only tippie is duplicating ink.
His sole relief, when feeling over-solemn,
Is the joy of squeezing in another column;
His sole professional form of levity—
Perversely using obscurant brevity;
The wordliest of his saintly pleasures,
And one which he most dearly treasures,
Is to meet a German word
Of which the Dic. has never heard.

THE RIVALS

Sir Anthony Absolute	S. Hartley.
Captain Absolute	R. J. H. Collinson.
Faulkland	M. K. Sykes.
Acres	R. Heron.
Sir Lucius O'Trigger	Jones.
Fag	O. Smithies.
David	Gaukroger.
Coachman	Whiteley.
Mrs. Malaprop	P. W. Brooke.
Lydia Languish	Taylor.
Julia	Greenwood.
Lucy	McDonald.

After many experiments the Dramatic Society has at last found a small group who can play female characters with a fairly great measure of success. In the production of "The Rivals," Brooke, Taylor, Greenwood, and

McDonald all played their parts well: of course there were some minor faults, but these can easily be eradicated by experience. That is one of the greatest problems the Society has had to solve, but there are others, one of which was clearly apparent in this production—there is a definite need for boys who can play love scenes successfully. Whatever else may be said of the acting of Collinson and Sykes, it can never be said that on the stage they look like the answer to a maiden's prayer; the task before the Society is either to find boys who can play such scenes with more verve, or else to spend more time on the rehearsal of the present members. Because we are able to make a great success of the humorous scenes in a play owing to the fine acting of people like Heron, there is a tendency rather to subordinate the more serious parts of the plays produced. This makes for patches of flatness which leave the audience with a dry taste in their mouths.

There was some very fine acting in "The Rivals." Hartley and Heron played their parts to perfection, ably supported by Collinson and Brooke and the other female characters; Sykes would do well to speak up more clearly, for at times he was scarcely audible from the back of the Hall. We could also have had much more fire and spirit from Jones as Sir Lucius; as it was, we saw under the make-up only the Jones we all know—not the character who ought to have been created. The secondary characters were sound throughout, Mallinson as a maid provoking howls of laughter through the introduction, wittingly or unwittingly, of one of Tommy Handley's "gags."

We must not forget to praise the work of the men behind the scenes who as usual assisted the smooth running of the play. On the whole the Society must be congratulated on yet one more successful production.

THE FAVOURITES. At the first meeting of the term a programme was drawn up including two play-readings, a debate and a Mock election: the election was subsequently cancelled.

First came the debate "that this House regrets the predominance of the scientific outlook": we, proposing, pointed to the *soul destroying* qualities of the scientific outlook, and exhorted those present towards tolerance. Mr. Heron, in opposition, stressed the *orderly* and *neat mind* of the scientific outlooker: he questioned whether it was, in fact, predominant. Mr. Hartley, seconding the

motion, said that men were 'treated like electrons and units,' bringing in a juicy red-herring when he mentioned congregations in churches. Mr. Dudley, supporting Mr. Heron, spent his time methodically demolishing our address, which stung us, two speeches later, into an even more incoherent, yet none the less earnest, tirade. The debate, thrown open, languished: however, spirits waxed warmer as time passed. Mr. Whiteley professed to have much to say but not to know how to say it; Messrs. Ward and Wellman conducted a lengthy contest of doubtful relevance culminating in a challenge to the definition of Truth. The motion was defeated by 14 votes to 6, with 1 abstainer.

Two play-readings completed the scheduled programme: we read Sheridan's "School for Scandal" at which we were not over-amused, and Shaw's "Appelcart" which everybody enjoyed wildly.

The high-spot of the term came as a surprise: on Friday, June 26th, we received a visit from Dr. Chisholm who talked to us on "Opera." Himself a composer of no mean repute, he spoke to us authoritatively and movingly about the trials of opera companies in England: he played us some illustrations from Faust and La Bohème, on our poor room K piano, of picture painting in music: in response to a question he launched himself upon a masterly description of modern opera. He had himself written several Gaelic operas—he came from Glasgow—and named as possibly the greatest musician living Richard Strauss. The main interest for a number of us, however, came when he spoke of Arthur Bliss, and Vaughan Williams, and William Walton, and the American jazz operas. He was kept for at least half an hour after he had finished by a small knot of enthusiasts who hemmed him in a corner and, as it were, sun-bathed in the light of his musicianship, drank in his opinions, and, through him, hobnobbed with the modern masters. R.J.H.C.

2nd (H.G.S.) HALIFAX SCOUTS. Nothing outstanding has come of this term, except that we are now down to two sections; the Webecers are, for the moment, alas! gone the way of 'D' Section and are split up between the two survivors. But that you will discover as you peruse the reports below.

The Scouts are still very much in evidence: despite clothing coupons, blackouts and official sneers we are still thriving: please Heaven we shall go on thriving, and we only pray that, when the much advertised New

World does arrive, we may be given more than our share of the toil in organising it, and may show that patriotism is not produced by drill and physical jerks alone.

'A' SECTION. We have had a very successful term, during the latter part of which a patrol from the Webece joined us. There have been many week-end camps held at a new site near Pecket Well, which have been thoroughly enjoyed by all: our new site is excellent.

The Whit camp was held at Mytholmroyd, and this year we used patrol tents: these were found to be very suitable, and the majority now agree that they are superior to the small tent, especially in wet weather. The camp competition was close: Otters won with 36; Owls 34; Peewits 32.

A wide game against Beavers gave us our revenge for the soccer match: 13 from A section beat 21 Beavers in an afternoon battle on Norland Moor.

BEAVERS. As far as I can remember, the last report finished with the arranging of a football match against 'A' section—so I'll carry on from there. April 7th—the day of the match—was rather wet, but we played in spite of the weather and beat 'A' by two goals to nil.

The next four or five meetings were taken up by tree-felling at Bradley Wood, Brighouse, and many trees were successfully felled.

Then the jam-jar craze caught us and we started to collect them fast and furiously. In one week we collected 2,500 jars, and we wish to thank all who donated them. On the Saturday of that week we held a wide-game with 'A' Section at Norland, and we are still arguing as to who won.

Whit Camp was held at Askwith, nr. Otley, and an enjoyable time was had by all, though the weather rather dampened everyone's spirits.

The "Opening of Bradley Wood" provided our next camp, but, again, the weather was rather wet. On the return journey we missed the train by two mins. and had to wait two hours for the next. A backwoods camp at Northowram proved very successful, no doubt owing to the fact that the weather was glorious.

We wish to welcome numerous 'new boys' from out of the Webece.
R.L.F.

CUB NOTES

CUBS. The Summer Term was all too short for cubs, in spite of the fact that it is very evident that the clerk of the weather has not approved of us. Three times we tried and three times it rained, but all those of us who did turn out came back with the satisfaction that we had not been beaten, and memories of two hours of an ear-splitting band in the Works canteen at Brighouse, and of marching past the Mayor in soaking rain in Manor Heath, will long remain.

The competition for the Trophy did not damp our enthusiasm, although we came sixth out of fourteen packs . . . some of us ought to spend our holidays tying ourselves in knots if we want to do better next time.

As usual there has been more enthusiasm than work for badges, but next term should see us a much wiser and cubbier pack than a year ago when we were all very young. Congratulations go to Mitchell and his Reds for their well-earned victory in the Bone Trophy . . . it's up to the others to make sure they do not hold it next term. Good Hunting!
AKELA.

H.G.S. FILM SOCIETY. During the last term, a new School Institution, the H.G.S. Film Society, has been formed around a nucleus of boys who were interested in cinematography. The objects of the society are "to promote the appreciation of good films by members, to encourage the art of cinematography among members, and to arrange interesting and educative activities from time to time." Although the society has now a good membership, it has not yet overcome all its "teething" difficulties, one of which is the financial problem.

The society has been very fortunate in being able to borrow from the Headmaster a sound projector, with the aid of which two outstanding film exhibitions were given at the end of term to members and their friends. Both shows were successes in spite of the technical hitches which were due solely to the projector. Few of those who enjoyed or criticised the show realized what was the hard work done in preparing and presenting the films: the Committee is grateful to Mr. C. Thomas who operated the projector for the first show and also gave some very helpful advice and assistance in preparing the performance, and to Mr. Lindley who kindly operated the projector for the second show.

The following members are worthy of mention, for it is due to their combined effort that the shows were a success: B. Auger switched the auditorium lights on and off just at the right moment; M. R. Pollit operated dexterously the lantern projector; K. Pollit chose and played on the gramophone appropriate and varied incidental music which put the finishing touches to the show, and smoothed over the technical hitches; G. N. Smith stoutly assisted Gledhill with the lantern; Townshend is to be thanked for assisting in the electric wiring and effectively working the stage lighting for the second performance; the curtain was vigorously operated by P. Wade; R. Whitehead was one of the ushers, and checked the accounts; F. Wolfenden, the treasurer, besides acting as usher, kept a close eye and a tight hand on the collection; the President operated the stage lighting, and generally poked his nose in; D. J. D. Wood, the business manager, arranged most of the programme, and, besides obtaining the films, was assistant projector operator; the beautiful coloured posters displayed in the school were the work of K. Pollit. There were about two hundred people present at both shows. A small silent film show was arranged for the last day but one of term for the Junior School and fourth forms, and proved quite as successful as the talkie shows.

The society owes many thanks to Dr. Ewart whose untiring devotion to the boys has kept the Society on its feet, and who acts as his father.

F.E.W.

JUNIOR SCHOOL. The School has had a successful term in every way. The general health has been excellent and few boys have been absent: consequently both work and games have gone steadily ahead. Numbers tend to increase, and the School is now over 50 strong.

We congratulate P. P. Carter on obtaining a County Minor Scholarship; M. Pollit on being 1st in *Transitus*; D. A. Howarth on being 1st in Ia, and T. Wolfenden on being 1st in Ib. At the Annual Sports Meeting, School House won the Trophy, Heath and Queens being 2nd and 3rd. The Victor Ludorum was won by D. A. Whitworth.

In the Cricket matches Queens beat Heath by 64 runs, but they were beaten by School by 49 runs. Owing to war-time difficulties, there were no boys capable of passing their swimming test at the beginning of the term, but during the term five boys succeeded in passing.

The School is much indebted to the *Transitus* for presenting a picture of the "Last Supper." This is a magnificent present and will be much appreciated by all who come after them. Arrangements are being made to hang several pictures in the class-rooms, but this is no easy matter these days. Suitable pictures are hard to get, and frames take some time to make, when once the wood has been obtained.

Most of *Transitus* have been reading the lessons regularly during Morning Prayers.

We were pleased to welcome G. H. Helliwell, R. A. Hoyle, J. R. Sharples, J. R. Park, F. B. Bottomley, and T. Smith at the beginning of the Summer Term. We are sorry to be losing R. P. Lowe, F. A. Fowler and T. Bunney, who leave us to go to other Schools. We wish them the best of luck in their new surroundings.

May I draw the attention of parents once more to the urgent necessity for having all property belonging to the boy clearly marked. Each boy on entering the school is given a number. I would like to suggest that football boots have this number put on the underneath part of the boot in small nails. Initials or school number could be marked as large as possible on the heel of gym-shoes. The same should be done with coloured wools, on all games clothes, thus making it easy to identify. Quite a large amount of clothing still finds its way to me, without any visible sign of ownership.

I should be grateful too, if parents who purchase second-hand clothing from me will see that the original owner's name is erased or taken out if it is there, as failure to do this leads to complications.

The total saved in the National Savings Group this term was £58 2s. 6d. This brings the amount saved since the outbreak of hostilities to nearly £500.

M.S.M.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS

"Can the Moon, in all her glory shining,
Compare with D . . . , for his dinner pining?"
Who doped the firewatchers?
Is he short-sighted? Or was he just slow on the uptake?
Does he sparkle?
Is he really as dumb as he looks?
Is it a fact that he blushed in that embrace? Or does he
use rouge?
Did he begin with a damme?

WHO SAID—

'Toes!'
'... down the slippery slope ...'
'That, of course, is blonde beer.'
'I'm afraid, Mr. Chairman, I've mislaid the Minute Book.'
'Somebody forgot the windows this morning.'
'Love shall be our idol and support!'
'It should hardly be necessary for me to wait. ...'
'Cover orf, 'Eath! what the '—ll are yer doin'?'
'Fire-watchin' expenses at break.'
'Isn't it my homework tonight?'
'If you don't want to, son ...'
'Come on! Out!'
'Nowt o'th'sort.'
'Dash me!'

DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF? Lo ye all Englishmen, see ye not what a mischief here was? For he that was the most king and knight of the world, and most loved the fellowship of noble knights, and by him they were all upholden, now might not these Englishmen hold them content with him. Lo, thus was the old custom and usage of this land; and also men say that we of this land have not yet lost nor forgotten that custom and usage. Alas, this is a great default of us Englishmen, for there may no thing please us no term.

(Sir Thomas Maleore, Knight, 1470.)