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EDITORIAL.

Among several new features which we are glad to recall in the life of the school during the past year, perhaps the most appreciated innovation has been the instalment of a hot water supply at both ends of the school; for nearly 12 months now this has proved very popular, particularly to our sports enthusiasts. We now note signs that foreshadow a beginning of the task of diverting the footpath which divides the Sports Field from the School playground, and no doubt before very long a start will be made on our much needed extension. In regard to this matter we should like to thank the Parents and Staff Association for their valuable help which was so gladly given in the difficult task of securing legal sanction for the diversion of this footpath.

Another much appreciated new feature of the school is the Cine-Camera, which has secured for us a permanent visible record of many school events. Recently we have had the pleasure of seeing pictures taken by Mr. Paul of the Athletic Sports, the Swimming Sports, and many features of the Belgian tour of last Easter. On this subject of foreign tours we should like to recommend parents of boys to take advantage of the school trips to the Continent which are annually arranged by Mr. Knowles, for these excursions combine a healthy and really cheap holiday with valuable educational experience. We understand that another tour—this time to Switzerland—has been provisionally arranged for July or August, 1937. Further details will be available later.

Last February we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. J. S. Rolfe (B.A. London) as a new member of our staff, while in September Mr. R. E. T. Pratt came as our new Handicrafts Master in place of Mr. Hunt. We extend to these new Masters the best of good wishes for a long and happy stay at Southgate. We understand that Mr. Rolfe is hoping to arrange another interchange of scholars next summer with our old friends of the

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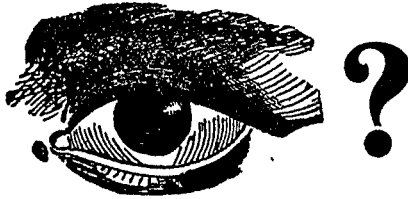
Oberrealschule of Berlin-Steglitz, and hope that this will be as great a success as it was on a former occasion.

It was a great sorrow to us all, girls as well as boys, to lose Mr. Hunt at the end of the summer term, when he retired after twenty-six years devoted service to the school. At the farewell ceremony in the School Hall, Mr. Everard presented to Mr. Hunt a cheque as a token of our high regard and esteem; with this we understand he has purchased a wireless set. Mr. Hunt is still living in the district and we are likely to see him visiting again the scene of his labours on sundry occasions.

Another interesting development in the life of the school has been our recent adoption, under the Ship Adoption scheme, of the s.s. "Cheldale," owned by Messrs. J. Morrison and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne. We understand that the Headmaster has already been in communication with the Captain of our ship and we hope to receive regular accounts of her travels and in return to keep her well informed of our school activities. Perhaps one day a party from school will be able to visit the "Cheldale" when she is in a home port and so gain a closer acquaintance with our new friends.

During the past year the academic successes gained by the school have again reached a very high standard. For the General School Certificate, 107 candidates entered and 97 were successful, while 53 received also a Matriculation Certificate. Though distinctions in individual subjects are no longer given, D. Vandenberg gained marks high enough to qualify him for Distinction in seven subjects and also in Oral French while Olive Bayley also gained sufficiently high marks in seven subjects. Both are entitled to our congratulations on an extremely good result. For the Higher School Certificate, 7 candidates entered on the Science side, all passed and 5 in addition gained an Intermediate B.Sc. certificate, and there were 5 distinctions in Mathematics. Our hearty congratulations are due to the candidates themselves and also to the Science and Mathematics Staff on these excellent results. On the Commerce side 2 candidates entered, both passed and one gained also an Intermediate B.Com. Certificate, and there was one distinction in French. On the Arts side, Joan Appleby completed the requirements for Intermediate B.A. Certificate by passing the Higher School Examination in Latin.

This year also two pupils of the school have been awarded State Scholarships, Joan Evans, who, in addition, won the Arnott Science Scholarship tenable at Bedford College, London, and J. D. W. Janes. Only once before in the history of the school have two State Scholarships been won in one year; that was in 1920, when Jessie Butterworth and B. D. Edwards won this coveted award. We should mention also the award by the Priscilla Ingram Trust of a grant of £50 a year for two years to Joan Appleby, who is thus enabled to fulfil her ambition of undertaking training for a scholastic career and is now in residence at White-



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lands College. Parents of children of marked ability would do well to bear in mind the possibility of grants from funds such as this, as well as the better known grants from the Middlesex Education Authority when they are considering the advisability of allowing their children to remain at school for a higher course after gaining a matriculation certificate.

The members of the Operatic Society again scored a notable success last Easter with their production of H.M.S. Pinafore. We understand that next year the members of this society will enjoy a well-earned rest after their labours of the last six years, and that the annual effort on behalf of the Memorial Scholarship Fund will be undertaken by the School Dramatic Society, which intends to produce on Friday and Saturday, March 19th and 20th, 1937, "Emil and the Detectives," a play which we are given to believe is full of incidents and devastatingly funny. The total of the Memorial Scholarship Fund now stands at £771, of which £700 is invested in War Stock and the interest year by year is devoted to the assistance of boys and girls who are leaving the school to proceed to courses of Higher Education. The fund received from the production of H.M.S. Pinafore last Easter the sum of £71, which although not a record was a very gratifying sum. We should also like to express the gratitude of the school to the officers and members of the Parents and Staff Association who at their annual general meeting made a grant to this fund of £17 2s. 4d. All such gifts are very welcome.

The Old Scholars' Association is still flourishing but would greatly appreciate a large number of additional members in view of the excellent Sports Ground at Brackendale which is nearing completion. We believe that the Old Scholars are already in possession of part of the new ground and that arrangements for playing tennis this present winter on their new hard courts are well in hand.

At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to Margaret Bickmore, an old pupil of the school, who had given con amore for two years valuable help with the clerical work of the school. We were very sorry to lose her but glad to know that she left to take up a clerical position at King's College, London. We thank her for all her help and wish her success and happiness in her new sphere of life.

The silver cups bought with the legacy left to the school by the late Mr. S. B. Walter Gay, were awarded for the first time at the annual athletic sports last July. Both cups went to the Blue Houses. We would also draw the attention of all present athletes in the school to a new arrangement by which any boy or girl on leaving the school will receive on application a certificate giving his or her school record in sports and athletics of all kinds.

We should like to express the thanks of the school to Mr. and Mrs. Piggott for their contribution of the sum of £5 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund and also for their offer of a tennis racket as the prize for an annual tennis tournament amongst the girls.

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At the same time we should like to express our thanks to all who submitted articles for inclusion in the present issue of the magazine. It has been impossible owing to lack of space to print many of the contributions that were offered, but we should like to thank any that have been disappointed in this way and urge them to send in their contributions again another year.

Our hearty congratulations to the following Old Scholars on distinctions gained during the past year:—

- Agnes I. Alexander: University of London, B. Com.
 A. F. Alexander: University of London, B.Sc. (Engineering).
 Joan Appleby: Tied for Gillott Scholarship at Whitelands College.
 A. V. Austen: First Professional Parts 1 and 3 for L.D.S., R.C.S.
 D. L. Brown: Associate of Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
 F. J. M. Bustard: L.D.S., R.C.S. (England).
 Lena Chivers: University of London, B.A.
 N. W. Collop: Intermediate Examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.
 E. C. Cushen: Final Examination of Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Institute.
 P. J. Duck: Parts 1 and 11 of the Institute of Bankers.
 Eileen Flowers: Teaching Diploma in Domestic Science (Berridge House), Distinction in Science, Household Management and Needlework.
 W. J. R. Harman: Assistant Traffic Superintendents Examination in the Telephone Service (9th place).
 Brenda Randall: Law Society's Final Examination qualifying as solicitor.
 Guineth Randall: N.F.U. Diploma.
 J. Hartsilver: University of London, M.B., B.S.
 E. V. Hoffmeister: Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Insurance.
 J. H. Roberts: University of London, B.Sc. (Engineering).
 Hilda Schroder: Scholarship at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.
 W. S. Slate: Officer of Customs and Excise Examination, 11th out of 1,333 candidates.
 B. D. Stutter: The "Mrs. Charles Davis" Prize for Practical Surgery at the Middlesex Hospital.



THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

We have suffered a great loss this year. Joan Evans, who has been the mainstay of the Society for the last two years, has left us for the University. We are now looking for someone to step into her place, and give the enthusiastic service that she has been so ready with in the past.

AN APPEAL TO YOUTH

You only know of the Great War, which ended eighteen years ago, through your history books and the talk of your elders. The ordeal of the Great War will be nothing compared to that of a future war. Science has advanced to such an extent that even one aeroplane may wipe out a whole city in a few minutes. **IT IS IN YOUR POWER TO HELP PREVENT THIS BY RIGHT THINKING.** The people of to-day desire war no more than the people of yesterday, but that their desire may be accomplished, it is necessary that the Nations' attitude to each other be one of Peace and Goodwill.

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A. J. HILL,

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The Society has begun its session well. The debates have been well attended and well argued. That the present system of detentions is unsatisfactory was agreed to by a clear majority. Some of the heart-rending tales told by the old gang sitting at the back brought tears to the sympathetic eyes of the Chairman, and even some of the Prefects were affected. The probity of the General Practitioner was endorsed in another debate.

The Society is anxious for new members and new speakers. Membership has been extended to the Fourth Forms and we are looking to them to fill the gaps that come at the end of each Session. Come along with your ideas. Long speeches are not required, but short ones, and questions—if possible, to the point—add to the fun of the evening. Roll up in your hundreds!



ICELANDIC EPISODES.

EPISODE I.—THE VOYAGE THITHER.

The voyage there from Glasgow on s.s. Esja was a very bumpy one, the Esja being a very small boat of some 759 tons—previously used for coastal survey work by the Government of Iceland. The captain told us that in 1935 she travelled 35,000 miles, visiting every month all the seaports round the coast, thus circumnavigating Iceland monthly. A larger boat than the Esja would have difficulty in negotiating some of the sand bars at the entrance to the lagoons on which several of the small fishing ports are situated (the S.E. coasts are particularly bad in this respect).

However, though very lively, I must admit she was very seaworthy. It is a good test of one's stability of stomach to go to sea on one of these small boats. There is only one craft worse in this respect known to me—a trawler. There were few of us who had not to be absent—sooner or later—from some of the meals, of which there were five every day. My trouble was of short duration but the majority were bunkered for two or three days and those with queasy stomachs disappeared on leaving the Clyde Estuary and reappeared like stowaways when we made our first landfall. The North Atlantic, West of the Faroes, can be very bumpy (the Faroes have the reputation with sailors of being breeding grounds of bad weather), I was struck with the absence of shipping en route, some days there was not a single ship in view, and the ships encountered were mostly isolated trawlers.

The distance from Glasgow to Reykjavik is approximately 1,000 miles and took about four days. I asked the captain if he was sailing Rhumbline or Great Circle; his answer was "I mostly follow the variation (Icelanders pronounce v as w; variation becomes variation). I should not advise so small a boat as the "Esja"—as apart from her friskiness the cabin accommodation and deck space are both severely limited; there is no room for deck games which while away the time so pleasantly on most cruises. The boats sailing from Leith are, I believe, considerably larger and less mercurial in behaviour.

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EPISODE II.—LANDFALL AND VATNAJOKULL.

The weather both outward and homeward was Icelandic in character, misty and rainy. On arrival off the S.E. coast at Hofn, we were welcomed by a most depressing depression; it rained "dogs and cats" as our Icelandic guide expressed it. After dropping anchor in the Lagoon we went ashore in a motor launch. Our destination was to be the Vatnajokull, Europe's largest icefield, some 30 miles away. My word! what roads! What transport! What a hair-raising experience! The ladies of the party had the advantage of the shelter afforded by a wooden Noah's Ark contraption roped on to a Ford motor lorry. The mere men exposed to the elements mounted an old fish lorry having temporary seats lashed on to the floor. Pitiless driving rain all the time, practically unceasing, both outward and return journeys, and when the seat of one's trousers became moist one stood up and gave the water a chance to run out at the nether extremities. The road was atrocious—merely lava chippings overlying the uneven surface of the ground, mainly lava plains and moss-covered boulders. The ruts made by the traffic were six inches deep. Frequent stops were made by the driver to water the radiator of his engine from wayside streams, and as there were no bridges it was necessary to cross the streams at fording places—the water being well over the bottom of the engine. Novelty wore off after we had crossed about a dozen of these streams.

At last we arrived half-drowned at the edge of the icefield—it was a wild, depressing, desolate scene, and somewhat disappointing, as in my ignorance I had anticipated seeing something comparable in beauty with the Rhone glacier or the Norwegian glaciers, but I am told that the glaciers of Iceland—for the most part—are black and dirty as this was. This is due to the surface being covered with a deep layer of volcanic ash and dust, the accumulation from many previous eruptions—some of which have covered the whole island with a layer of dust inches thick. There was a short respite from the driving rain on our return journey, but by the time we were back again on board ship we were as miserable as drowned rats. I noticed on climbing down from the lorry that the front off-tyre was worn down to the canvas, but the drivers in Iceland, I must say, though disposed to take risks, are very skilful.

EPISODE 3.—EXCURSION FROM REYKJAVIK TO
GEYSIR-LAND.

One glorious day we motored 180 miles to the waterfall of Gullfoss (Golden Falls) and on to Geysir-land, passing over Lava plains—for all the world like a troubled sea transformed into stone with here and there patches of heather, moss, crowberries, and very infrequently areas misnamed forests—stunted bushes, a foot or so high. In the distance we saw what looked to be a cloud of dust which the guide informed us was a sandstorm—the sand being in this case the pulverized lava dust.

First stop was on a 1000 feet cliff overlooking a vast coastal plain with a sanatorium—built near sulphur thermal springs.

Second stop at up-to-date creamery, buttery, cheesery, and piggery all rolled into one. We looked over this and saw the Danish Co-operative System in full swing. Most of the machinery I noticed came either from Sweden or Denmark. There were mechanical cream separators, milk weighing machines, and analytical chemists all complete. We each consumed a specimen of milk and were given a small cheese.

Third stop. Visited extinct volcanic crater now filled with a circular lake. On over lava plains—inexpressibly desolate.

Fourth stop Gullfoss. I have yet to see Niagara and the Victoria Falls, but if I do not, in Gullfoss I have seen a magnificent sight. It is a two stepped fall, the larger step being some 150 ft. and having a potential 250,000 horse-power—the approaching gorge several miles long is also impressive (like Giants Causeway in structure).

Fifth stop. Geysir-land. Geysirs are essentially water volcanoes and represent the moribund stage—the last dying kick as it were of a volcanic area, just before the crust of the earth heals up and becomes stable. There are at present three well-known areas (1) N. Island of New Zealand—both volcanicity and earthquake. (2) Yellowstone National Park, U.S.A. (3) The Iceland areas—the prototype. Geysir is an Icelandic word in fact. Although there are hundreds of thermal springs, sulphur springs and geysirs in Iceland, the area where Great Geysir is situated is only a few acres in extent. Visualise a vast plain—sandy—with here and there small craters a few feet high dotted about, and here and there cracks in the earth through which sizzles steam having a very strong sulphurous odour (H_2S) reminiscent of one's chemical laboratory days. In the centre of this plain stands a miniature Mount Pisgah—the Great Geysir—the great grandfather of all geysirs. The crater ring is less in diameter than the length of a cricket pitch. The crater is almost filled to the lip with hot water which emits a strong smell of sulphuretted hydrogen. A uniformed caretaker on the spot looks after the behaviour of the Geysir. When our party arrived on the scene it was about 3 p.m. The caretaker told us that there had been an unprovoked eruption that morning about 5.30 a.m., but that he would do his best to stimulate the slumbering monster. Now! It is no use impatient people going to Geysir land and thinking they can bully Great Geysir into immediate activity. He will not be bullied, but he can be coaxed. The modus operandi is as follows:—

First. The caretaker takes the temperature of the patient, inserting a thermometer—result 96° Centigrade. Patience! recommended by caretaker—by the way Iceland is a great land of homely wisdom. They are famous for their proverbs—I do not know, but surely they must have a proverb which runs—“as tedious as waiting for Great Geysir to spout,” if not, I make them a present of the proverb. In all we waited just two and a quarter hours—but it was well worth the wait.

Second. The caretaker keeps popping in the thermometer from time to time, and when it registers approx. 99° C.—the emetic is applied. This consists of 1 cwt. of ordinary Castile soap in 1lb. bars. These bars are thrown into the cauldron of the crater—dissolve—and presently the attendant drains off some of the water from the basin through a side channel, thus lowering the surface water several inches. All that is now required is Patience!! and more Patience!!! Time crawls tediously along. Doubting Thomases openly declare that Great Geysir is a fraud and suggest moving on—as a German party had done the previous day, only to learn later that the eruption had taken place fifteen minutes after they had left. However, the faithful ones, or rather the believing ones of the party prevailed, and we remained, fortunately for us. All sorts of suggestions were offered to expedite the operation. One wag thought that perhaps the emetic had not been sufficiently soapy and suggested to the caretaker that a couple of Beecham's pills might put on the finishing touch.

At long last the announcement by the caretaker "You may expect it any moment now." The critical signs, it appears, are subterranean rumblings under one's feet, followed by a troubling of the waters of the basin, a boiling-up like porridge in a pot. This is the psychological moment to beat a hasty retreat from the lip of the crater to a windward site. Then hey-presto!! the eruption has begun—first a pianissimo effort, a column of water some 6-10ft. high, then comes a better effort, mezzo-forte 10-20ft.; later forte, later f.f.f., the water in the basin is shot up sky high (100ft. perhaps) and pours in torrents over the lip of the crater—steamingly hot water—until all the water has been ejected from the cauldron. When this is over the really impressive spectacle begins—incidentally it was very curious and to me somewhat ludicrous to hear the spectators encouraging Great Geysir in his initial efforts by rounds of clapping, which increased in enthusiasm as the Geysir's efforts improved. In the final phase the spectators—following the caretaker's lead—rush back on to the lip of the crater, and there see an empty crater shelving down to a funnel shaft some 10ft. in diameter and 70ft. or so deep. Up this shaft comes an enormous column of steam forced by a prodigious pressure and rising vertically into the air 250ft. The ground under foot vibrates, the noise is terrific—a deep-throated roar—the sound of a mighty rushing wind, or perhaps a better comparison is the deep throated roar of the surf on a storm-swept beach, intensified one hundredfold.

One gets in this last phase some idea of the overwhelming store of energy imprisoned in this subterranean boiler. Truly a most awe-inspiring finale! From preliminary rumblings to the final puffs of steam, the eruption took some 20 minutes. Virtuous patience had been rewarded.

EPISODE IV.—VISIT TO THE STATE MUSEUM AT REYKJAVIK.

This museum was built by the State to house both the sculpture of the Icelandic genius Einar Jónsson and the sculptor

himself, for he lives in the house built at the top of the museum.

Jönsson, who is still living, is a poet who works in stone as his medium instead of words. Iceland, its history—the Eddas and Sagas—is his inspiration. One discovers in all his statuary some touch of his native land. Although he has studied and mastered the classic sculptures of Greece and Rome he refuses to be a servile imitator, and is intensely individualistic (i.e., Jönssonian). I was told that he is an eccentric in habit. For one thing—and I think that here he is extremely wise—he refuses to explain in writing the meaning and significance of his statuary. His attitude being that for those who have eyes to see and brains to think with, the sculpture explains itself, for the others—well! they don't matter! I wish you could be spirited away on a magic carpet and dropped down for a few hours in this museum to see for yourselves one remarkable statue of his—THE OUTLAW.

It illustrates the story of one of the Icelandic Sagas. A barbarian chief who was outlawed for marrying a Christian maiden—driven into the ice and lava deserts of the interior. He becomes an Ishmael, every man's hand against him and his against every one. But his married life is happy. In time his wife bears him a son, but when the child is barely three years old the mother dies—her last dying wish being that she should be buried in a Christian grave. He promises, knowing full well that if discovered he will be going to his own death. Jönsson depicts him stepping down, under cover of night, from crag to crag, with the dead body of his wife slung over his right shoulder, whilst on his left arm he carries his little boy who nestles lovingly against his right breast; slinking stealthily along closely by his feet is his faithful wolfhound. The expression of grim determination on the face of the outlaw is wonderfully depicted, and the ensemble is strikingly effective! A work of genius! I may be getting sentimental in my old age, but this piece of cold marble, touched to life by the hand of a master, brought a lump to my throat.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

President: T. Everard, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.), L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M. Hon. General Secretary: Mr. C. W. Dean, 52 River Avenue, N.13. Hon. Ladies' Secretary: Miss C. Pirrie, 16 Osborne Road, N.13.

The Old Scholars' Association stands now on the threshold of a new era. On the day these words were written the keys of the Brackendale Sports' Ground were handed over to the officials of the Club. After months, even years, of waiting and bitter disappointments, our dream of a private sports ground has at last been realised and our future now depends on ourselves.

The past twelve months have differed very little from previous years. We have had our ups and our downs, but on balance we

believe we have made a slight, but nevertheless, definite move forward towards a strong and stable organisation.

Of the various functions we have held the greatest success, despite a rainy day, attended the Summer Re-union on July 11th. The cricket match against the school, and the tennis tournament, alas! came under the ban of the clerk of the weather, but the social and dance in the evening amply compensated us for the disappointments of the afternoon.

The Old Girls' Social in February did not appear to be as popular as in the past, and the Committee would welcome suggestions, either for improving this event, or for an alternative function.

The Old Boys' Supper, on the other hand, was even better than in previous years, and although a small loss again resulted, the enjoyment which all who attended so obviously derived from this gathering encourages the belief that the day is not very far distant when this event will be self-supporting.

The great success which attended our dance at Southgate Church House last March has, to our keen disappointment, been more than offset by the dismal failure of the first of this season's functions on Wednesday, October 14th. Four hundred and fifty notices of this dance were sent to members, and exactly one-tenth attended despite the fact that even when the usual number of tickets that always come back after the event had been received, there were still 120 double tickets unaccounted for!!

Such slackness and lack of club spirit on the part of members not only costs the Association about £7 and disheartens the officers of the club, but it gives rise to doubts regarding our ability to make a success of the new ground, for enthusiastic support from all old scholars, now and in future, is essential if the acquiring of the Brackendale ground is to make, and not to break, us.

The various clubs are the medium through which you can best give that support. The Football, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis (summer and winter) Ladies' Badminton, and Dramatic Clubs are all in a fairly sound state of health, but there is ample room for improvement. Why not join one or more of these sections and do yourself and the Association a good turn? Of course, it will take us a little while to get the ground and its attendant problems settled to our satisfaction, but your support now will be worth infinitely more than your application for membership when success has been attained. Every one of you can do much to make the Old Scholars' Association unrivalled in this district, and the iron is hot for the striking.

If you have not already responded to the appeal for subscriptions for the Ground Equipment Fund, now is the time to remedy the omission and to make your first move towards an enthusiastic and unswerving support of all things pertaining to the Old Scholars.

Miss Barham would like to thank all Old Pupils who have kindly sent contributions for the Christmas parcels.

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| Hammond, P. H. | 3 South Lodge Drive, N.13. |
| Haines, R. T. | 37 Mandeville Road, N.14. |
| Hall, D. | 2 Aldermans Hill, N.13. |
| Hamment, K. J. | 13 Lightcliffe Road, N.13. |
| Holloway, S. | 577 Green Lanes, N.13. |
| Howe, C. | 37 Grenoble Gardens, N.13. |
| Ingle, N. H. | 24 Shrubbery Gardens, N.13. |
| Janes, J. D. W. | 7 Birch Avenue, Hedge Lane, N.13. |
| Johnson, E. M. | 41 Manor Court, Whetstone, N.11. |
| Jones, R. L. | Ryebank, Belmont Avenue, Cockfosters, Herts. |
| Jolliffe, K. A. P. | 60 Cranley Gardens, N.13. |
| Leech, The Rev. T. | St. John's Vicarage, Edmonton, N.18. |
| Manthorp, G. L. | "Far End," Valley Avenue, N.12. |
| May, R. | 118 St. James's Terrace, Paddington, W.2. |
| Morpeth, D. H. | 23 Caversham Avenue, N.13. |
| Mundie, J. H. F. | 47 Broomfield Avenue, N.13. |
| Ney, P. | Oakdene, Oaklands, N.21. |
| Nisbett, H. A. | 16 Oaklands, N.21. |
| Parr, D. G. and M. P. | 149 Fox Lane, N.13. |
| Perrin, A. S. | 18 Hazelwood Lane, N.13. |
| Poole, D. | 104 Fox Lane, N.13. |
| Ranwell, A. E. | "Widdicombe," 29 Stone Hall Road, N.21. |
| Raffaelli, F. H. | 64 Conway Road, N.14. |
| Renvoize, G. A. | Arnodale, Chase Side, N.14. |
| Readett, A. G. | 108 Broomfield Avenue, N.13. |
| Richardson, C. | 110 Riverway, N.13. |
| Roberts, E. T. | 44 Burleigh Gardens, N.14. |
| Shaw, K. W. | 22 Chelmsford Road, N.14. |
| Stephens, H. B. | 82 Pollard Road, Whetstone, N.20. |
| Spriggs, H. J. | 6 Stone Hall Road, N.21. |
| Siburns, D. | 1 Selborne Road, N.14. |
| Spooner, K. S. | 46 St. George's Road, N.13. |
| Taylor, M. F. | Eldonbury, 17 Cecil Road, N.14. |
| Tosh, C. D. | 40 Belsize Avenue, N.13. |
| Tucker, G. R. | 27 Fox Lane, N.13. |
| Ward, J. S. | Little Hampden, Grimsdells Lane, Amersham, Bucks. |
| Watson, A. | 5 Haslemere Road, N.21. |
| Watson, D. L. | 45 New River Crescent, N.13. |
| Walesby, H. | 43 Hoppers Road, N.21. |
| Wastell, F. E. | 58 Melbourne Avenue, N.13. |
| Western, R. C. | Delmari, Wades Hill, N.21. |
| Williams, E. | 8 The Crest, N.13. |

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.



Back Row: A. Friend, J. Smethers, P. Dyer.

**Middle Row: Mr. R. S. Smith, D. Tipple, J. Simons, J. Clayton, R. Benger, R. Widdicombe, D. Enright, H. Bermon,
K. Evan, R. Norton, G. Ivatt, R. Roberts.**

**Front Row: A. Ryder, Joyce Harvey, D. Morpeth, Mr. W. Auger, Mrs. Everard, P. Clayton, Eileen Caparn,
Esmé Nicholls.**

MARRIAGES.

The following marriages of Old Pupils have taken place recently:—

Marjorie Booth to Captain Edward Stanbury.
 Marion Bradley to Mr. R. A. Gifford.
 Dora Britton to Mr. Jack Moore.
 Doris Forsaith to Mr. S. G. Ryder.
 Marjorie Alice Harrison to Mr. R. S. Penny.
 Emmeline Johnson to Dr. Kenneth Soddy.
 Peggy Matthew to Mr. G. Bolton.
 G. H. Motley to Miss B. M. Coombe.
 Dorothy Pirnie to Mr. Geoffrey Cross.
 Maud Want to Mr. J. J. Fecci.
 Nancy White to Mr. J. Head.
 Hilda Wesson to A. Ranwell (both old pupils).



SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

President—T. Everard, Esq.

Producer—May Cawkwell.

Secretary—G. H. Parkinson, 23 The Meadway, N.14.

The Society would appear to be well suited for the production of farcical comedies of the Ian Hay and P. G. Wodehouse type for "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" by these joint authors given at the School on February 7th and 8th, was received with undoubted enjoyment by both critics and friends.

May Cawkwell is to be warmly congratulated on the way in which she handled the relatively large cast of 15 and provided each with a clear understanding of the part to be played. Her help is invaluable, and the Society is indeed fortunate in having her unstinted support.

As for the cast itself it would be unfair to comment on the performance of any individual as the play was such that each part depended on the others for complete success. It was very gratifying to observe how new members fitted in so well, and this was no doubt due in part to the fact that before Christmas there was a decided social atmosphere about rehearsals.

The President, Mr. T. Everard, again provided much required assistance as the time for production drew near, and showed his readiness to help the Society in every conceivable way. Mr. H. A. Paul kindly arranged the stage lighting, and Miss Jeans and Miss Rogers did splendid work in selling tickets among those still at School.

The Society will present "Three-Cornered Moon," by Gertrude Tonkonogy, on February 19th and 20th, and look for the support of all Old Boys and Old Girls.

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLARS' LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The fourth season of the Old Scholars' Tennis Club proved to be rather an unsettled one in many respects, but nevertheless enjoyable. Our long-awaited ground at Brackendale was not ready for us at the beginning of the season, and in a last minute rush we managed to find quite good accommodation on the Southgate Borough Council's ground at Tottenhall Road.

Being in this unsettled state the Committee decided that it would be unwise to fix up matches for the season with other clubs. We did, however, have matches against the Masters (which resulted in a victory each) and against the girls of the school (won by the Club ladies), and these were thoroughly enjoyed. Our thanks are due to the ladies for their very able management of the catering throughout the season.

The membership showed a slight decrease on the previous season, but this was mainly due to the inaccessibility of the ground for the majority of the members. This will be more than counter-balanced next year when we shall (for a certainty this time) be on our new ground. Here we shall be starting a new lease of life, for with a fine well-equipped pavilion and two hard and three grass courts amidst ideal surroundings in a central position we shall be able to enjoy our game to the greatest possible extent. With the increased number of courts we shall, of course, be able to have a corresponding increase in membership—so Old Scholars and their friends who wish to join the finest Tennis Club in the district should give their names to any member or officer of the club.

We are hoping to run another Social this year which we are sure will be as thoroughly enjoyed as those of previous years. So let us see you both at the Social and next year.

ARTHUR J. MILLS, Club Captain.



SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

The season of 1936 was the most successful we have had for many years in spite of the many difficulties which faced us at the beginning of the season. Chief among these difficulties was the fact that we had no ground, and this seemed likely to curtail our activities very considerably. Mr. Everard saved the situation, however, by giving us permission to use the school ground, and we were able to carry out our programme almost in its entirety. This we did with no little success despite the weather (eight games were completely washed out and the others were interfered with by rain), and the results were as follows:

1st XI. (including Sunday games): Played 31, won 17, lost 11, drawn 3.

2nd XI.: Played 17, won 4, lost 11, drawn 2.

We had several interesting games, the most enjoyable being those against Southgate, the first of which we won easily, and the second we lost by a few runs; Old Dunstonians, Enfield (an evening game in which an unbroken stand of 152 for the third wicket was made by Parr and Holloway), Tottenham G.A.S., and Wimbledon Park. Several games were won or lost by close margins, and there were some exciting finishes, notably that against the Chartered Bank of India, which we won in the last over. We had a few runaway wins, but these were more or less balanced by some heavy defeats. On the whole, however, we feel that we did justice to a fixture list much stronger than we have had before.

The most successful batsman of the season was Holloway, who played a number of good innings and hit very hard when set. Westaway solved the problem of finding an opening batsman, and played several good innings. Graham and Penny batted well at times, and Rush helped the Second XI. out nobly.

The wickets did not favour high scoring, however, and there were few outstanding individual efforts.

The bowling was considerably stronger than the batting, and once again Hill and Graham were the leading lights. Graham was unlucky in not securing his hundred wickets, the last three games in which he played being washed out. Hill did not take so many wickets as the previous season, but had an improved average. Penny, bowling slightly faster than last season, was the most successful change bowler. Holloway's swingers were effective at times, but Westaway was inclined to be expensive. Tyler was the most successful Second XI bowler, although he was erratic. Drew and Palfreman gave him good support, and D. and P. Dyer both showed promise.

The First XI. fielding was a feature of the season. A few years ago this department of the game was our weakest, but thanks very largely to the example set by Westaway, a great improvement has been effected, and our fielding was several times favourably commented upon.

Our fixtures for next season are in the main stronger than those we have just completed, but if our present form is maintained we should have no difficulty in holding our own. We have plenty of room for more members, and it is to be hoped that those members of the School XI.'s who helped us this year will play for us regularly next year.

We can promise good games and pleasant grounds, and a good wicket and practice facilities on our own ground, which will definitely be ready for the coming season. The secretary will be pleased to give full particulars to anyone who is interested.

Herewith are the leading averages:—

| Batting. | Highest Times | | | Runs. | Ave. |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Innings. | Score. | not out. | | |
| S. H. Holloway | 30 | 67† | 5 | 512 | 20.48 |
| W. R. Westaway | 28 | 58 | 4 | 451 | 18.79 |
| H. N. Graham | 28 | 47 | 4 | 284 | 14.95 |
| P. J. Duck | 24 | 44 | 2 | 254 | 11.55 |
| B. Penny | 34 | 45† | 3 | 347 | 11.55 |
| F. K. Willmer | 14 | 29 | 2 | 127 | 10.58 |
| P. W. Rush | 29 | 34† | 3 | 258 | 9.93 |

† = Not out.

| Bowling. | Overs. | Mdns. | Wkts. | Runs. | Per cent |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| D. S. Tyler | 62 | 18 | 24 | 125 | 5.21 |
| H. N. Graham | 348 | 73 | 96 | 879 | 9.15 |
| D. L. Dyer | 40 | 6 | 12 | 115 | 9.58 |
| E. J. Hill | 257.4 | 40 | 76 | 759 | 9.99 |
| J. G. Drews | 106 | 17 | 26 | 269 | 10.34 |
| B. Penny | 192 | 34 | 49 | 533 | 10.87 |

THE OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Old Boys' Football Club can look back upon its fourth season with considerable satisfaction, for it was both successful and enjoyable. With the First Team steadily going ahead and the Second and Third Teams holding their own in the Secondary Schools' Old Boys' League, the Club is gaining the recognition it deserves in Old Boy Football. Season 1935-36 was remarkable for the extraordinary weather conditions. Continuous rain flooded the grounds and rendered them unfit for play for nearly six weeks of the season. This difficulty and the loss of our Vera Avenue ground at Christmas gave us an anxious period at the beginning of the New Year, but the Club pulled through and finished the season in fine fettle.

The First Eleven, playing its first season in the Senior Division of the League, did well to finish fifth out of the eleven clubs competing in that Division. They won 6 and drew 5 of the 20 League games played, scoring 30 goals against their opponents' 49. In friendlies they won 3 and lost 5 with no drawn games (goals for 16, against 24). The chief goal scorers were Neate with 16, Stephens 10, and Graham 8.

The Reserve Eleven started the season strongly, but unfortunately they fell away towards the end. The League record was, played 18, won 5, drawn 5, lost 8, with the commendable goal aggregate of 39 against 40. In friendlies they won 1 and drew 2 out of 5 games played, scoring 13 goals against 16. Thacker was chief goal-scorer with 13, followed by Stockton with 8.

The Third Eleven showed decided improvement over previous seasons' performances. In spite of the demoralising effect of constant changes necessary to give all members a fair share of

games, they won 6 and drew 4 out of 20 League matches, scoring 60 goals against 71. In friendlies they were not so successful, only winning 1 out of 5 games played, with 4 goals scored against 19. The chief goal-scorers were H. S. Elkington (11), Hoffmeister (10), and Fermor (8). The success of the team was largely due to the untiring efforts of E. Hoffmeister as captain.

So much for the teams. The Club was well served by its Officers and Committee. Their hard work and unfailing enthusiasm are well reflected in the progress made during the season. The Club's thanks are due to Mr. Everard and Mr. Allen, whose continued support was much appreciated by all.

The present season has opened encouragingly. A large influx of players straight from the School Elevens is a real boon, enabling us to put fresh talent into all teams, particularly the First Eleven. Also we are fortunate in having the services of Mr. George Chaplin, an experienced coach who has trained several leading amateur sides, including Leytonstone, Tufnell Park, and London Caledonians. With his invaluable assistance and the continued support of the School Leavers, the Club can look forward to the future with great confidence.

ERIC G. GREENWOOD,

96 Maidstone Road, N.11.



SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' BADMINTON CLUB.

The Badminton Club, which meets on Fridays at 7.30 p.m., will be happy to welcome new members.

Since September we have had the pleasure of seeing several new faces on Club nights, but as some of the old members have moved from the district there are still vacancies for any Old Girls who are interested in this particular sport.

Badminton is one of the most exciting indoor sports. One has only to pass by the Assembly Hall on Friday evenings to testify to this. Rumour has it that Bedlam is let loose once a week at Southgate County School, but actually it is only some of our more enthusiastic members fighting over the "game point."

All this excitement can be yours for 5/- per season plus an entrance fee of 2/-. What more inducement can a secretary offer, when in addition all racquets and shuttles are found?

DORIS L. LONG,

17 Minchenden Crescent, N.14.



SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

Secretary: Jean Smith, 26 Lodge Drive, N.13.

The first season of the Hockey Club proved to be more successful than at first anticipated, in spite of the many various setbacks. We had obtained fixtures for two teams, but our

membership fell far below expectations, and, in fact, we had only 15 members when the season commenced.

The Second XI. fixtures up to Christmas were cancelled, but at Christmas we did some canvassing, and managed to swell our numbers to 20, so that with one or two other girls who made up occasionally we managed to run two teams. The standard of play improved a little towards the end of the season, due mainly to the fact that the teams were not changed every week. The records of the teams:—

First Eleven: Played 24, won 6, lost 10, drawn 1, scratched 7.

Second XI.: Played 10, won 2, lost 2, drawn 0, scratched 6.

This season we hope to have a much better record; we arranged to have a professional coach, and she gave us some helpful tips; we had two practices, and so far each eleven has played 2 matches. First Eleven: Won 1, lost 1, scratched 1. Second Eleven: Won 1, lost 1, scratched 1.

We have a total membership of 23, but we still require more members.

Will anyone who is interested please apply to the hon. secretary at the above address for full particulars.



DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

At the Prize Giving last December the School Dramatic Society presented the "Princess and the Woodcutter," an amusing fairy play by A. A. Milne. The atmosphere of the play was very well conveyed; Alison Margetts as the dainty and charming princess and T. Bath as the lowly born but intelligent woodcutter giving us that touch of lightness that the play demanded. A contrast was shown by Lavinia Collison and T. Taylor as the short-tempered, strong-willed Queen and the pompous but hen-pecked King respectively. The three princes played by Dora Hoyle, P. Mundy and M. Stutter, were extremely well-cast, and each brought out the characteristics of his part to the great amusement of the audience. Apparently, no sufficiently effeminate boy could be found for the part of the Orange Prince; Dora Hoyle, however, filled the role efficiently. Eileen Chivers and Irene Bowman completed the cast as a capable pair of pages.

Again we are extremely indebted to Mrs. Pole for her able direction of a play that required delicate handling.



ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports were held on the School Ground on Monday, 13th July, before a good muster of spectators.

The number of entries was as good as in the previous years

and, in spite of the great demand made on their time by other school activities, the competition reached a reasonably high standard, due largely to wise and careful training. A new feature of the sports was the introduction of three field events—Throwing the Javelin, Throwing the Discus, and Putting the Shot—which attracted a very good supply of competitors, and the results both in these sports and at the White City Stadium were very creditable indeed. The entry for the hurdles (120 yards) was but meagre, a surprising fact as the field events supply an interesting spectacle at a sports meeting. It is hoped that a still greater number of those who have no enthusiasm for track events will support these innovations in our sports programme.

Records, however, are still being attacked in spite of the difficulties provided by the strange convolutions of the sports ground—the undulations of the 100 yards' track, the "uphill and down dale" surface of the long distance track, and the yearly tendency of the hurdles track to present all the jolts and lumps of a miniature steeplechasing course.

Three new records were made: In the mile (open) five minutes, the half-mile (open) 2 minutes 11 secs. by G. Charrot, and in the half-mile Junior 2 minutes 19 secs., by R. Ward, a worthy representative of an athletic family. D. Dyer equalled the record of the 100 yards (open) in 10 3-5 secs.

En passant, it should be noted that the record of the Long Jump (open), 19ft. 2½in., P. Bigg (1921), the 100 yards (open), 10 3-5, G. Styles, 1924, and the High Jump (girls), 4ft. 8in., M. Smith (1925), are still holding a distinguished position on the sports programme.

The senior school was well represented by G. Charrot (this year's stalwart in the senior long distance races), J. Leverett, E. Williams, K. Spooner, B. Bengier, C. Howe, D. Dyer, P. Dyer, H. Nisbett, R. Simmonds, K. Hamment, H. Gay, G. Tucker, E. Hutchinson, V. Patrick, J. Haslam, G. Little, M. Clark, D. Barker, K. Fielder; and the Junior school by R. Ward, D. Marchant, D. Lovett, J. Simons, P. Wieland, H. Bruce, T. Paine, D. Ryan, M. True, J. Kirby, J. Shearer, J. True and M. Rendell.

The school gave a great welcome to the visiting competitors for the School Challenge Cup in the 440 yards Invitation Race and to the competitors representing the Old Pupils' Association. Eight competitors arrived for the Invitation Race, which was well contested and finally won by J. Parker, of Tollington School. The races reserved for former pupils were for the Broomfield Challenge Cup and for the Old Girls' Challenge Cup. The former, held for many years by J. G. Stubbs, who has unfortunately retired from our athletic meetings, was won by R. Ling. The latter, which is for a Relay Race, was won by the Green House.

At the conclusion of the sports, the trophies were graciously presented by the Mayoress, Mrs. John Joy, to whom the school gave its usual hearty vote of thanks.

WHITE CITY ATHLETIC MEETING.

The general standard of our representatives was much higher than usual right throughout the two days' contests. There were some excellent performances, including the running of G. Charrot (senior) and R. Ward (junior) in the long-distance races. The Junior Team numbered only 4, and their achievement was very creditable indeed. R. Ward's half-mile, in the final of which he was beaten only by inches out of a field of 35, and the Junior Relay, where the school finished third out of 35 competitors, were outstanding and exciting events. The whole meeting was creditable from the school's point of view, and the good result was due largely to hard and painstaking training undertaken by every member of both teams.

Senior Team.—D. Dyer (*220 yards, *relay), E. Williams (*440 yards, *relay), G. Charrot (*half-mile, *1 mile), B. Benger (long jump, *javelin, *hurdles), H. Nisbett (*high jump, *relay), C. Howe (*shot), P. Dyer (*discus, *relay), H. Gay (*javelin), K. Hamment (Discus).

Junior Team.—D. Lovett (*220 yards, *relay, *long jump), J. Simons (*440 yards, *relay), R. Ward (*half-mile, *relay), D. Marchant (*high jump, *relay).

* Standard Certificates gained.

FINAL RESULTS: SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS (BOYS).

1. The Cross-country Run (open): The "Eddie Newman" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Charrot (Blk); 2, J. Leverett (Blk); 3, E. Williams (Blk). Team results: 1, Black.
2. The Cross-country Run (Juniors): The "Junior" Challenge Cup.—1, R. Ward (Red); 2, R. Smith (Red); 3, P. Wieland (Blk). Team results: 1, Red; 2, Black; 3, Blue; 4, White.
3. Throwing the Cricket Ball (open).—1, K. Spooner (Red); 2, B. Benger (White) and D. Vandenberg (White). Distance 64 yards.
4. Throwing the Cricket Ball (Junior).—1, T. Paine (White), D. Ryan (Black); 3, H. Gay (Blue).
5. Long Jump (open): The "Bigg" Challenge Cup.—1, B. Benger (White); 2, E. Williams (Black); 3, D. Dyer (Blue). Distance 13ft. 7ins.
6. Long Jump (Junior).—1, D. Lovatt (White); 2, D. Marchant (Black); 3, R. Ward (Red). Distance 16ft. 8ins.
7. Half-mile (open): The "Geere" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Charrot (Black); 2, J. Leverett (Black); 3, E. Williams (Black). Time 2 mins. 11 secs. (New Record).
8. Half-mile (Junior).—1, R. Ward (Red); 2, J. Simons (Red); 3, D. Marchant (Black). Time 2 mins. 19 secs. (New Record).
9. One Mile (open).—1, G. Charrot (Black); 2, J. Leverett (Black); 3, R. Ward (Red). Time 5 mins. (New Record).
10. Putting the Shot (12 lbs.) (open).—1, C. Howe (Black); 2, D. Dyer (Blue); 3, B. Benger (White). Distance 28ft. 5ins.
11. 100 Yards (Junior).—1, R. Ward (Red); 2, D. Marchant (Black); 3, D. Lovett (White). Time 11½ secs.
12. 220 Yards (under 13).—1, P. Wieland (Black); 2, H. Bruce (Red); 3, R. Sowter (Black). Time 30½ secs.
13. 100 Yards (open): The "Norman Leslie Day" Challenge Cup.—1, D. Dyer (Blue); 2, E. Williams (Black); 3, H. Nisbett (Red). Time 10½ (equalled Record).

14. High Jump (Junior).—1, D. Marchant (Black); 2, D. Ryan (Black); 3, H. Green (Red). Height 4ft. 7ins.
15. 100 Yards (open handicap).—1, K. Cox (Blue); 2, E. Williams (Black); 3, R. Simmonds (Black).
16. 110 Yards Hurdles (open): The "Hurdles" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Charrot (Black); 2, B. Bengier (White); 3, E. Williams (White).
17. 100 Yards (under 13).—1, P. Wieland (Black); 2, H. Bruce (Red); 3, J. Troughton (Red). Time 13½ secs.
18. 220 Yards (open).—1, D. Dyer (Blue); 2, E. Williams (Black); 3, H. Nisbett (Red). Time 24½ secs.
19. Inter-House Relay (Junior) (4 x 110 yards).—1, Red; 2, Black; 3, White. Time 56½ secs.
20. 220 Yards (under 16).—1, R. Simmonds (Black); 2, G. Duncan (White); 3, P. Clayton (Red). Time 26½ secs.
21. 440 Yards (Junior).—1, R. Ward (Red); 2, J. Simons (Red); 3, D. Marchant (Black). Time 60½ secs.
22. 110 Yards Hurdles (under 16).—1, D. Marchant (Black), R. Simmonds (Black).
23. 440 Yards (open): The "Old Boys" Challenge Cup.—1, G. Charrot (Black); 2, D. Dyer (Blue); 3, C. Howe (Black). Time 57½ secs.
24. 220 Yards (Junior).—1, R. Ward (Red); 2, D. Lovett (White); 3, D. Marchant (Black). Time 28 secs.
25. Throwing the Discus.—1, P. Dyer (Red); 2, B. Bengier (White); 3, D. Hamment (White). Distance 91ft. 4ins.
26. High Jump (open): The "Bradshaw" Challenge Cup.—1, H. Nisbett (Red); 2, E. Williams (Black), G. Charrot (Black). Height 4ft. 11ins.
27. Throwing the Javelin (open).—1, B. Bengier (White); 2, H. Gay (Blue); 3, G. Tucker (Red). Distance 130ft. 6½ins.
28. Old Boys' Half-mile: The "Broomfield" Challenge Cup.—1, R. Ling; 2, S. Butler; 3, N. Ingle.
29. Inter-House Relay (open): The "Finlayson" Challenge Cup (4 x 110 yards).—1, Black; 2, Red; 3, Blue. Time 54 secs.
30. The Quarter-mile Invitation Race: The "Southgate County School" Challenge Cup.—1, Parker (Tollington School); 2, Wynne (Tollington School).
31. Inter-House Tug-of-war: The "Stanley Wiggins" Challenge Cup.—1, Blue; 2, White.
32. The "Junior" Cup.—R. Ward.
33. The "Under 16" Cup.—J. Leverett.
34. The "Victor Ludorum."—G. Charrot.
35. Champion House Points: The "Vivian" Challenge Cup.—1, Blacks, 73½; 2, Reds, 44½; 3, Whites, 27; 4, Blues, 22.

FINAL RESULTS (GIRLS).

1. High Jump.
 A: 1, V. Patrick (W); 2, G. Little (G); 2, M. Walsh (B). 4ft. 5ins.
 B: 1, M. True (R); 2, J. Shearer (G); 2, M. Walsh (B). 4ft. 3ins.
 C: 1, J. Kirby (W); 2, B. Kite (G); 3, J. Bath (R), B. Broadbent (G).
 4ft. 4ins.
 D: 1, J. True (R); 2, V. Grou (W); 3, B. Burgess (R), A. Goodger (R).
 4ft. 3ins.
2. 100 Yards.
 A: 1, J. Haslam (W); 2, G. Little (G); 3, E. Le Croisette (G).
 B: 1, M. True (R); 2, J. Shearer (G); 3, K. Bradbury (R).
 C: 1, B. Kite (G); 2, J. Ayling (G); 3, M. Griggs (W).
 D: 1, V. Grou (W); 2, J. True (R); 3, M. Rendell (R).

3. Potato Race.
A: 1, M. Clark (W); 2, G. Little (G); 3, J. Haslam (W), J. Camp (R)
B: 1, D. Baines (R); 2, D. Barker (R); 3, J. Harvey (R).
C: 1, B. Broadbent (G); 2, J. Bath (R); 3, J. Kirby (W).
D: 1, P. Bunce (R); 2, A. Aldridge (W); 3, A. Goodger (R).
4. Inter-House Relay (Senior): The "Mistresses" Challenge Cup.—1, Red; 2, White; 3, Green; 4, Blue.
5. Sack Race.
B: 1, D. Barker (R); 2, B. Millbourn (B); 3, J. Blaver (R).
C: 1, J. Welsh (R); 2, J. Bowman (R); 3, D. Tenneson (R).
D: 1, M. Rendell (R); 2, J. True (R); 3, A. Aldridge (W).
6. 100 Yards (open): The "Marjorie Kindon" Challenge Cup.—1, M. True (R).
7. Egg and Spoon Race.
A: 1, J. Brown (G); 2, D. Mackenzie (W); 3, M. Thomas (R).
B: 1, M. Piggott (W); 2, J. Harvey (W); 3, B. Fraser (R).
C: 1, J. Bath (R); 2, D. Tenneson (R); 3, M. Bolton (G).
D: 1, M. Rendell (R); 2, M. Lansdown (R).
8. Obstacle Race.
A: 1, J. Haslam (W); 2, K. Fielder (W); 3, I. White (W).
B: 1, J. Shearer (G); 2, D. Barker (R); 3, R. Fawcett (W).
C: 1, J. Kirby (W); 2, D. Howe (G); 3, D. Sentance (B).
D: 1, M. Rendell (R); 2, M. Lansdown (B); 3, J. Deex (B).
9. Competitions (Inter-House).
A & B—A: Netball Shooting: 1, Red; 2, Green; 3, Blue.
B: Hockey Dribbling: 1, Green; 2, Red and White.
C: Tennis Competitive Hitting: 1, Blue; 2, Green; 3, Red.
Rounders Throwing: 1, Blue; 2, Green and White.
10. Old Girls' Relay (Inter-House): The "Old Girls" Challenge Cup.—1, Green; 2, Blue.
11. Inter-House Relay (Junior): The "Prefects" Challenge Cup.—1, Red; 2, Green; 3, Blue.
12. Individual Championship Cups.—A, J. Haslam; B, M. True and J. Shearer; C, J. Kirby; D, M. Rendell.
13. House Championship: The "A. T. Warren" Challenge Cup.—1, Red, 139½; 2, White, 85½; 3, Green, 78; 4, Blue, 54.



HOCKEY.

The First Eleven played very well last year considering the changes the team suffered during the season. The team in the Autumn Term consisted of: M. Clark, J. Evans, E. Evans, D. Hoyle, E. le Croisette, R. Philpot, M. Braybrooks, B. Fraser, M. Smith, and B. Pruden. Before Christmas we lost our best forward, Dora Hoyle, and later two other excellent players, our goal-keeper, Beryl Pruden, and right-back, Margaret Smith. Their places were taken in the Spring Term by L. Collison, J. Ward, and V. Patrick. Joan Evans made a very good captain again last season.

In the Autumn Term the Second Eleven was as follows: D. Heslop, L. Collison (captain), J. Sanderson, P. Austin, J. Cottrell, B. Rae, V. Patrick, K. Fielder, J. Ward, D. Mackenzie, and D. Walesby. Vacancies were filled in the Spring Term by B. Farthing, R. Williams and I. White.

| | 1st XI. | | | 2nd XI. | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-----|---------|-------|---|
| Tottenham High School ... | W 8-0 | W 2-1 | ... | D 1-1 | — | — |
| Glendale County School ... | W 2-1 | D 2-2 | ... | — | — | — |
| Tottenham County School | L 1-3 | L 0-3 | ... | L 2-3 | — | — |
| Finchley County School ... | L 3-5 | W 3-2 | ... | D 3-3 | L 1-2 | — |
| Hendon County School ... | L 3-4 | W 3-1 | ... | L 2-8 | L 2-8 | — |
| Minchenden School ... | — | W 2-0 | ... | — | D 1-1 | — |
| Enfield County School ... | W 3-0 | W 2-0 | ... | L 1-4 | — | — |
| Old Girls | D 2-2 | — | ... | — | — | — |

There was very keen competition between the houses last winter for the "Poulton-Jones" Hockey Cup. After two exciting rounds, the White House "pulled off" the much-coveted trophy, with the other Houses in the following order, Blues, Reds and Greens.

Some very promising hockey was seen amongst the Juniors last season, and among the most outstanding performances were those of Mary True, a Red House junior forward, and Margaret Alaway, a Green House junior back, also Alison Margetts, Joyce Harvey and Margaret Alexander.

All these juniors are in the School 2nd XI. this year, and we hope that the present juniors will follow this good example. The Juniors also played two eagerly contested rounds, and the Red House came top at the end of the season, after winning five out of their six matches, Blues second and Greens third.

Hockey colours were awarded at the end of the Easter Term to the following girls: M. Clark, E. Le Croisette, V. Patrick, B. Fraser, B. Pruden, L. Collison, M. Braybrooks, E. Evans.

JOYCE BROWN, Captain.



SWIMMING (GIRLS).

This year has been fairly successful with regard to swimming events. Representatives of the school were sent to the North Middlesex Gala and the combined North and South Middlesex Gala. At these success was good considering the number of entrants.

The North Middlesex Gala was held at Tollington School Baths on July 17th, and the finals at Lime Grove Baths, Hammer-smith, on October 16th. At the North Middlesex Gala the successes in the Juniors were Jessie True, second in the diving and second in the free style; Daphne Heslop, third in the breast stroke; and the team consisting of Ruth Williams, Jessie True, Audrey Goodger and Daphne Heslop third in the relay race.

The senior team consisted of Gladys Little, Lavinia Collison, Mary True, who came second in the diving, and Vera Patrick, with Beryl Broadbent as reserve.

Following this gala was the combined North and South Middlesex Gala, in which the first three from each event in the previous gala are qualified to enter. Although the school entered

only for three events we came fifth out of 14 schools. The junior team was unsuccessful, but Mary True came fourth in the junior diving, and Daphne Heslop first in the junior breast stroke.

The annual school gala, which took place on July 22nd, is one of the most popular events of the year, and although many people compete, there might be still more entries. Some of the events were held before the day as there was not time for them all to be held on the same afternoon. These were plate-diving, plunging, and the 100 yards.

A new feature this year was for girls who are not very brilliant at swimming to win points for their House by swimming a length, a width, or a quarter-mile, or by diving off the side. Through being very enthusiastic about this the Red House obtained a lead which they kept to the end of the gala, when they were leading by 1 point.

The House results were as follows:

1st.—Red House, 96 points.

2nd.—Blue House, 95 points.

3rd.—Green House, 83 points.

4th.—White House, 36 points.

The Challenge Cup for the senior girl with the highest number of points was won by Lavinia Collison with 35 points, and the junior medal by Daphne Heslop with 33 points.



THE ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE MUSICAL COMPETITION.

The sixth competition for the S. B. Walter Gay Silver Challenge Cup was held on the last afternoon of the Summer Term. The chief adjudicator this time was Madame Elsie Duniam-Jones, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., and it was quite evident that she thoroughly enjoyed her afternoon. The same can equally certainly be said of the 500 odd amateur adjudicators who sat in the body of the Hall with her. All listened at the end with great interest and excitement while Madame Duniam-Jones gave her considered judgment with some of the reasons for her verdict. She awarded the cup to the Whites, who gained 278 points. The Red House tied with the Black and Green House with 253 points, and the Blues were fourth with 238 points. We are once again publishing the adjudicator's notes written at the time, as we feel sure that they will prove interesting and instructive to all who took part.

PROGRAMME.

BLACK AND GREEN HOUSES.

Unison Song.—“The Erl King”; The House Choir.

Instrumental Sextet.—Selection from “Pagliacci”; R. Benger, A. Ryder, Esmé Nicholls, R. Norton, A. Friend, R. Simmonds.

Dramatic Item.—“Peach Pie”; Connie Clark and T. Taylor.

Song.—“Love will find a Way” (from “The Maid of the Mountains”); Joyce Powell.

Surprise Item.—Gilbert and Sullivan (not quite); The House.

ADJUDICATOR'S NOTES.

Choir.—Attempt to differentiate between the voices of the Erl King, the child, etc.—fair. Climax very fair. Pianist good. Conductor's voice too obvious at times; finish very effective.

Sextet.—A really musical performance. A little more difference in light and shade would have made it even more interesting.

"Peach Pie."—Memory failed somewhat. Clear diction and impersonation good. Turned too much away from audience—let us see your eyes sometimes.

Song.—Pretty voice and good diction. Get hold of deeper breathing and it will help you to use a pretty voice more easily and with more confidence.

Surprise.—Full of imagination and good fun.

WHITE HOUSE.

Unison Song.—"The Erl King"; The House Choir.

Dramatic Item.—Scene from "Twelfth Night"; D. Morpeth, A. Readett, G. Duncan, M. Stutter, Eileen Chivers.

Quartet.—"Strange Adventure" (from "The Yeomen of the Guard"); Kathleen Fielder, Hilda Schroder, R. Bengier, A. Readett.

Instrumental Trio.—Andante (Reissiger); Joyce Harvey, D. Morpeth, J. Smethers.

Surprise Item.—The House Captain's Dream; The House.

ADJUDICATOR'S NOTES.

Choir.—Differentiation good. Piano less able but improved later. Conductor was more conducted than conducting. Rather less musical than first choir.

"Twelfth Night."—Characterisation good. Clear speech. Text well known. A good sense of comedy.

Quartet.—Voices immature but very promising. Lost pitch sometimes but this is a difficult quartet to attempt. Music of merit—a good thing to attempt anything so worth while.

Trio.—Ensemble good—really played together.

Surprise.—A very clever skit on Headmaster, Adjudicator and Conductors. Most amusing and really surprising. Very clever.

RED HOUSE.

Unison Song.—"The Erl King"; The House Choir.

Song.—"Serenade" (Schubert); K. Nisbett.

Accordion Solo.—"Czardas"; G. Tucker.

Elocution Solo and Mime.—"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" (Robert Browning); Joyce Brown and the Red House Drama Group.

ADJUDICATOR'S NOTES.

Choir.—Interpretation good. Conductor good—got what she wanted.

Song.—Beautiful voice. True but at times restricted. More ease in production would make it even more beautiful. Very carefully studied as to notes and time. Words fairly true. Phrasing very good.

Accordion.—Very rhythmic and spirited performance.

Elocution and Surprise.—Elocution—excellent voice and clear communication. Miming very good.

BLUE HOUSE.

Unison Song.—“The Erl King”; The House Choir.

Solo.—“The Second Minuet”; Margaret Willmott.

Saxophone Solo.—“Valse Vanito”; D. Dyer.

Recitation.—“Trouble your head with your own affairs”; Lavinia Collison.

Surprise Item.—“Films and Reality”; The House.

ADJUDICATOR'S NOTES.

Choir.—Interpretation less dramatic. Choir divided. Pretty treble voices. Forgot words and broke rhythm too often.

Song.—Good voice. Words not always clear. Told the story very well. Forgot words near the end.

Saxophone.—Spirited and musical performance.

Recitation.—Voice at times thin. A poor poem.

Surprise.—Very clever and original.

**THE ORCHESTRA.**

The School Orchestra has completed another successful year, having met for rehearsal each Friday afternoon except in the second half of the Summer Term. It has still continued to lead the singing at the Morning Assembly on Fridays and has also appeared publicly at the Prizegiving and at the Parents and Staff Association meeting in December.

In common with all other school societies the orchestra must receive annually a number of new recruits in order to make up for the loss of its more experienced members each year. We would once again take this opportunity of urging parents to consider the claims of this old-established school society. If your child has already started to learn an orchestral instrument make sure that he or she joins the orchestra, because twice as much progress is made that way. If you have not yet considered the matter we urge you to do so now. Most children derive some benefit from a musical education, and the most profitable experience is gained when making music with others. There is so much more fun that way. The orchestra is fortunate in possessing a number of instruments—all of which are thoroughly well worth learning—which it is prepared to lend to suitable pupils whose parents under-

take to see that instruction is provided. At present we have a flute, an oboe, a 'cello and a double bass waiting to be claimed. We would particularly like volunteers for the flute and oboe.

We should like to acknowledge with many thanks the gift of a violin from H. Ward, Esq., late H.M. Inspector of Training Colleges.

The following have played in the Orchestra during the past year :—

Violins.—Joan Evans, G. Tucker, A. Ryder, D. Tipple, J. Simons, A. Bean, Joyce Harvey, Esmé Nicholls, P. Dyer, H. Bermon, K. Evan, Jessie True, R. Norton, R. Roberts, G. Ivatt, Eileen Caparn.

Viola.—P. Clayton.

'Cello.—D. Morpeth, Mr. Auger, Mrs. Everard.

Clarinet.—D. Dyer, R. Widdicombe, R. Simmonds, D. Enwright.

Cornet.—F. Raffaelli, R. Bengier, J. Clayton.

Drums.—P. Dyer.

Piano.—H Nisbett, A Friend.



"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

Comments by Dr. Harold Watts.

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By their successful and enjoyable production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" on four evenings last week, the Southgate County School Operatic Society added one more success to their growing list, and gave immense pleasure to all their friends and well-wishers. It is small wonder that we all look forward to these annual productions, for we know assuredly from past experience that we shall not only be satisfied artistically, and that as high a standard of merit as conditions permit will be reached, but that we shall once more experience that none too common thrill and pleasure that results when stage and audience react to each other in perfect friendliness and co-operation, and so it comes about that these reproductions are not only entertainments well worth seeing for their own sake, but very happy and jolly reunions of staff, scholars, parents and friends.

This is not the place to discuss the immense educational benefits of these performances, nor their very definite place in the general scheme of education, but we are sure that all taking part will never forget the experience, and if not now, certainly later realise its real value.

The Southgate County School is well known for its excellent tone and spirit of goodwill, comradeship and happy unity, and it is this spirit that not only triumphs over difficulties and gets things done, but gets them done with a cheerful and inspiring

efficiency. As I have said before, the School is fortunate in having Mr. P. Knowles as its producer, and the worthy headmaster as its musical director.

Mr. Knowles is a clever and skilled craftsman who knows how to adapt not only a very small stage to his requirements, but to manage and mould his human material to his will, and yet preserve the intentions of the author.

Mr. Everard is equally skilful as musical director in his handling and control of both voices and orchestra, and always treats Sullivan's music with that insight and sympathetic knowledge it demands. The balance between orchestra and voices was always well kept, and indeed the playing of the orchestra was commendable throughout and in thoroughly good taste. The overture especially was a very spirited piece of work that at once set the right atmosphere and mood for what was to follow. The chorus work generally reached a high standard, even if it was not consistent always. It is no easy matter to weld together voices that at any rate on the male side are either at the breaking point or in the awkward transient period. The chorus work with few exceptions was bright, attractive and well done, lacking neither suitable animation or expressiveness.

The School always seems very happy in its choice of principal characters. There was not a single misfit, and a very high average of distinction and ability. Mr. E. J. Armstrong as Sir Joseph Porter (First Lord of the Admiralty) was extraordinarily good, both musically and dramatically. He made all his points with ease and security, and gave us a most convincing and satisfying performance. There was sufficient realism, subtle suggestion and fidelity without an overplus of caricature, and to do all this as successfully as Mr. Armstrong did needs considerable skill.

The audience's sympathy very rightly was extended to Mr. R. S. Smith as Captain Corcoran. He was indeed a gallant captain, not only in his conception of the part, but in his triumph over a very bad cold and almost loss of voice, so far as his singing went. He has decided natural gifts, and even his handicap could not conceal the expression of more than average ability, and a naturalness and ease that gave the character its right dignity and vitality.

Ralph Rackstraw (the able seaman in love with the captain's daughter) was excellently handled by Mr. G. C. Fawcett. His singing was always graceful and his general bearing most suited to his station. He has a good stage sense and a knowledge of the "why and wherefore" in dramatic matters.

L. Key deserves very high praise indeed for his clever impersonation of the villain of the piece, Dick Deadeye. An extremely difficult part to play, and yet this youngster carried it off and made it tell with skill and judgment.

Another difficult part for a young person to tackle is that of Josephine (the captain's daughter), but here again in Grace Hatcher we had most praiseworthy ability and good and promising talent. Her voice, though small (for the exacting vocal needs

of the part) has an attractive and charming quality particularly in her upper register, and she managed the technical difficulty of her music with much credit. Her diction was perhaps better, neater and clearer in her recitatives than in her songs, but she has individuality and heaps of good intentions and feeling for the right thing, and is most promising, and hers was a performance pleasing alike to ear and eye. Nervousness and youth easily account for a semblance of rigidity in stage action and gesture. She came through a trying ordeal with much honour and credit to her account.

Hilda Schroder's "Hebe" was also a performance in a minor way that was excellent in its appositeness, control, and for her age, maturity of expression and confidence.

Little Buttercup found in Miss May Bell an ideal counterpart in every way. Miss Bell is a very great asset to a School production of this kind, and must bring joy to the producer's difficult task, as she brings pleasure to her audience. She has high natural gifts and a personality that illuminates any part she takes—always knowing the right thing to do and when and how to do it.

Very attractive and praiseworthy too were the smaller parts of Bill Bobstay (boatswain) by D. H. Morpeth, Bob Becket (boatswain's mate), by A. G. Readett, and Tommy Tucker (midshipmate) by K. J. Nisbett. These three added their full share and pulled their weight in the general merriment.

Mr. T. Everard (headmaster) in an interesting speech at the close of the performance suitably thanked all who had taken part in the performance and behind the scenes, giving deservedly high praise to the Art, Physics and Woodwork departments for their splendid contribution to the scenic and lighting effects, and announced that these seven performances had contributed no less than £600 to the School Scholarship Fund, and that next year a dramatic performance would take the place of the usual operatic performance, which he hoped would be resumed in 1938 with a new hall and larger stage at their disposal. Mr. P. Knowles (producer) also thanked everyone for so loyally helping him in the production, especially the headmaster for his interest, enthusiasm and most capable help as musical director.



ENFIELD FESTIVAL, MARCH, 1936.

The entries for the Enfield Festival this year were well up to the usual standard in quantity but rather uneven in quality. We presented four choirs, two miming groups, three dramatic groups and four soloists. Of the latter, Lavinia Collison won the 1st place, Joyce Brown coming 2nd with only half a point less. The test piece was Lascelles Abercrombie's "Stream's Song," presenting delightful contrasts of strength and gaiety.

Our miming was our weakest point. We chose "Green

Broom," but failed to get its "homespun" quality. The first place went to an Enfield group who chose the alternative "We Three Kings of Orient Are." The grouping and movement with this were very beautiful, and the spirit of reverence was well expressed.

The Choirs did better. The Second Form boys were bracketed second and spoke Vaughan's "Peace" really beautifully. This was a very difficult test for boys of this age, but their work did them credit. The other poem "Dirge for a Bad Boy," they did with great spirit. The Second Form Girls came third out of eight choirs with 87 per cent.—a very high mark. Their poems were "The Pigs and the Charcoal Burner" (W. de la Mare), and "Raptures" (W. H. Davies). The Middle School Choir was our weakest, getting only 73 per cent. They came seventh out of ten, speaking "The Ship," by Masfield. They were criticised for lack of variety and for having too many members who were just "luggage." Our Senior Girls Choir again won the Cup with a beautiful rendering of "Job," Chapter 28, Verses 12 to 28, the famous passage exhorting "Wisdom." Their work was marked up for its sense of structure, its good choring, and the way they achieved their climax. They obtained 85 per cent.

We presented two groups for the Shakespeare scene. The Third Form group did Act IV, Scene 1 of the "Midsummer Night's Dream," with Marjorie Caparn and Doreen Sentance as Titania and Bottom. Others in this scene were Barbara Millbourn, Joyce and Beryl Hobbs, Joan Purnell and Mary Hurt. The standard of the scene was very fair, but Titania and Bottom were criticised for lack of contrast and the former must look to her vowels. The other scene was the Workmen's rehearsal from the same play presented by a Fourth Form group. The players were Sheila Chard as Bottom, Joyce Harvey as Quince and Connie Clark, Joy Elsdon, Phyllis Wragg and Margaret Palmer as the other workmen. They were marked at 80 per cent., the winners, Enfield, obtaining 81 per cent. Bottom was good but Quince was too "genteel"; the other workmen supported well.

It was the Dramatic Society, however, that won the Cup for the scene from "Saint Joan," where Joan identifies the Dauphin and persuades him to support her. We had to compete against a girls' school whose Joan was very good, but we had the advantage of having boys for the men's parts. B. Stutter made an excellent Dauphin, a most finished and mature piece of work for a boy of his age. Eileen Le Croisette made an adequate Joan. She had an excellent conception of her simplicity and downrightness, but her performance lacked a little of Joan's serenity and poise. These two were well supported by P. Mundy as the sophisticated Bluebeard, T. Taylor as the peppery La Tremouille, D. Arnott as the Archbishop, F. Bath as La Hire, Alison Margetts as the supercilious Duchesse de la Tremouille and Eileen Chivers as the hardworking Page. Ailsa Ferry and C. Gafford supported and the crowd work was good. Altogether a very satisfactory performance.

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

The County School Branch of the Association pursues its unobtrusive way (generally in Room 6).

The membership does not grow so much as could be wished. Are the newcomers less thrifty than their older brothers and sisters? To keep the branch alive more new members must come in each year from the Second Forms, to fill the gaps caused by the leavers among the Seniors. It is never too late nor too early to save. Learn to save now, and you will acquire a good habit which will well repay you in later life.

During the financial year ending March 1936 the Association saved £28. Next year accounts will show a fall in this figure unless some new members join the branch this year. Join any time, but join soon.

A. E. J. (Hon. Sec.)



TENNIS, 1936.

1st Couple: Muriel Clarke (Captain), Doris Cotton.

2nd Couple: Betty Fraser, Vera Patrick.

3rd Couple: Chosen from Gladys Little, Molly Lawson, Betty Fletcher, Lavinia Collison and Marion Braybrooks.

1936 proved a fairly successful season from the playing point of view. Whilst there are not a great number of victories to report nor trophies to show, the tournaments and matches in which we were engaged were closely contested and very enjoyable.

The keenly anticipated competition with Minchenden School resulted in a draw; thus each school holds the Rose Bowl for six months. The first match, played away, was lost by only one game, whilst the second, on our courts, we succeeded in winning by a satisfactory margin.

Muriel Clarke, the School Captain, won the School Championship racket by defeating Betty Fraser, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

The Junior racket was won by Connie Clark, a very promising Green House member, after a hard fight with Mary True (Red House).

Tennis Colours were presented to Betty Fraser, Vera Patrick, Doris Cotton, Gladys Little, Marion Braybrooks, Lavinia Collison.

HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

Seniors.—1st, Whites; 2nd, Greens; 3rd, Blues; 4th, Reds.

Juniors.—1st, Greens; 2nd, Reds; 3rd, Blues; 4th, Whites.

We have at last obtained four new hard courts of our own at Minchenden, together with a small shed for storing rackets and balls. At first, in our eagerness to try out the new courts, we did not wait long enough for the tar to harden properly, and

consequently made the unfortunate mistake of leaving behind mute witnesses of our foot-faults! However, the surface was soon put to rights, and those who wish are now able to continue playing tennis throughout the winter, and even this summer (?) we have no longer been forced to suspend play owing to wet ground.



CRICKET.

The season 1936 was very successful. The First XI lost the first match against Latymer but after that were undefeated, while the Second XI went through the season without a single loss.

In the First XI the success was due more to the bowlers, who played consistently well, than to the batsmen who were erratic. The fielding was also erratic, but on the whole better than the previous season's. Palfreman bowled well for 2 matches but then he left, so the brunt of the attack fell on Gay, Hailey and Dyer, all of whom bowled well, especially the two former who took over 40 wickets between them. Gay had the better average but was less consistent than Hailey who bowled his slow left-hand spinners brilliantly; but as school boys are able to hit slow-bowling but are afraid of faster stuff he had more runs knocked off him.

No batsmen were found who could successfully open the innings and it was usually left to number 3 and 4 to do this job after the two opening batsmen had failed. Wyld at number 3 played stylishly and successfully in this difficult position and headed the batting averages in which he was greatly helped by an excellent half-century against the parents. Number 4 usually fell to the captain in order to stop a collapse. In this he was only sometimes successful but managed to collect enough runs to be just behind Wyld in the averages. D. Dyer played the part of a hitter splendidly and was largely responsible for a good win over Edmonton County. Hailey and Shaw the left-handers were very useful batsmen and R. Bengier and Allen at 9 and 10 once or twice saved us in awkward situations. Tosh and Spooner played one or two excellent innings.

In the field Allen at first slip, Gay at point and Wyld in the deep fielded very well, while R. Bengier at wicket made one or two very good catches and kept the byes down well.

The Second XI ably captained by Nisbett were well served in batting by Wright, who played very consistently, and Sibuns, a powerful hitter; and in bowling by P. Dyer and D. Ryan (a Junior). Williams kept wicket very well for this team. The Second XI played excellently and are to be congratulated on such a successful season.

The Junior XIs had many enjoyable games, and ended the season with the balance of victories in their favour. In the Third Forms, R. Smith, Green, Drew and Bunyan played very well;

and we were pleased to find some talent among the Second Formers. Gay bowled consistently well and along with Sunderland helped to knock up some good scores.

The Inter-House Competition was won by the Blues, who beat the Reds in the Final. This is the first win of the Blues in this event and was a just reward for D. Dyer who has worked for the past 2½ years as House-captain with so little support. The Junior competition was won by the Reds, who defeated the Whites, the runners-up.

Our best thanks must go to the Parents for far and away the best match of the Season. The school was just successful by 10 runs and the last few overs were played in great excitement. The parents were greatly helped by some good all-round cricket by a newcomer, Mr. Daynes. Unfortunately matches with the Staff and Old Boys had to be abandoned through inclement weather.

The other high spot of the season was the coaching of Mr. Jack Lee, the famous Somerset opening batsman. He was a very popular coach and we all hope to see him next season and hope he will have equally good results as he has had this year.

In conclusion I should like to thank our scorer, Robson and all our supporters—Old Boys, Parents, Staff and Scholars, who encouraged us to do so well during the past season.

Colours were awarded to:—R. Bengner, Gay, Wyld, Hailey, Shaw.

DETAILS.

First XI. Played 8, won 5, lost 1, drawn 2.

Second XI. Played 7, won 5, lost 0, drawn 2.

B. BENDER (Captain).

First XI. B. Bengner (Captain), D. Dyer, Shaw, Hailey, Spooner, Wyld, Tosh, Gay, R. Bengner, Allen, Western.

Second XI. drawn from: Nisbett (Captain), Woolmer, Williams, Wright, Sibuns, D. Ryan, P. Dyer, Tucker, Leverett, Robertson, Smethers, Maskens, Wicks, R. Smith.



FOOTBALL.

Last season, although only fairly successful as regards results, was the best for three years. Although the First XI could not increase the number of wins they greatly reduced the number of lost matches. From these facts it will be deduced that many matches were drawn. The Second XI also had quite a good season, due to the fact that for several positions we had two good players available, one of whom had to play for the Second XI.

The improvement in the First XI was more in attack than in defence. Williams at centre-forward provided the necessary dash combined with shooting ability and was top goal-scorer with 26 goals in 17 matches. He is a greatly improved footballer. A

young left-wing pair, Woolmer and Carter, were tried after Christmas with much success, owing to their excellent understanding with each other.

The key position of centre-half was well filled by Bath till after Christmas when a temporary loss of form caused him to lose his place to Gay, this season's captain. Shaw, D. Dyer and Holmes filled the wing-half positions with fair success. At back, Rafaelli, one of the three "colours" men left, took a long time to find his form but was a useful member of the side. The other full-back position was taken by Holmes or Jolliffe, both of whom played excellently; Jolliffe could use a little more science with advantage, but was a good worker. We had two excellent goal-keepers who spent the season in a keen but friendly duel for a place in the First XI. Rollo, bigger and more daring, was at length successful in obtaining his colours, and R. Bengier, who is still young, has two more seasons in which to get his.

In the Second XI, outstanding players apart from those mentioned above, were Harrild at left-half and Woodman in the forward line. Many others did their best and helped to make it one of the best Second XI seasons for many years.

An excellent feature this year was the many Junior matches arranged by Mr. Fawcett. The "Under 14" XI had an excellent season, losing only one out of eleven games, two being drawn.

The most enjoyable matches were those with Enfield Grammar who beat us away 3-1, and Finchley County at home, with whom we drew 6-6. We played our best while beating Trinity 5-1 and drawing with Latymer 3-3. The two matches played with the Old Boys' Second XI were rather scrappy as the Old Boys' weight which they had no qualms about using, rather intimidated the small school side. Nevertheless we won 4-1 away and drew 2-all at home. The Senior Inter-House Football Cup was won by the Whites by very narrow victories over each of the other Houses; Blacks were runners-up after a run of six successes. The Junior Cup was won by the Reds, and the Blacks were again runners-up. Colours were awarded to Rollo, Shaw, Williams and Woolmer.

We are indebted to Mr. O'Brien, the ex-Fulham player F.A. coach for three useful instructional visits, and to Mr. Rowe, the Spurs centre-half and captain, for hints given after watching some of our games. Lastly I should like to pay tribute to Mr. Fawcett and Norman Ingle for the hard work and team-building they performed in the two previous seasons, which have at last been rewarded with some measure of success. Unfortunately Ingle was no longer at school to enjoy it.

DETAILS.

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | Goals | |
|--------------|--------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | For | Ag'st |
| 1st XI | 17 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 56 | 73 |
| 2nd XI | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 40 | 19 |
| Under 14 XI | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 57 | 16 |
| 3rd Forms XI | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 2nd Forms XI | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

1st XI.—Drawn from Rollo, Jolliffe, Raffaelli, Holmes, R. Benger, Shaw, Gay, Palfreman, Williams, Carter, D. Dyer, B. Benger (Captain).

2nd XI.—Drawn from R. Benger, Nisbett, Wright, Marchant, Gay, Harrild, Bath, Tosh, Spooner, Marriage, Leverett, Woodman, Wyld.

B. BENDER (Captain, 1935-36).



NETBALL, 1935-36.

Last season the three Netball teams, the First Senior, the Second Senior and the Junior team, did fairly well. The games were very enjoyable and quite exciting, but the teams were inclined to overwork themselves in the first half and so the opponents gained over them in the second half, but not without a struggle.

Colours were presented to five girls this season. They were: Sadie Cook, Daphne Fox, Joyce Haslam, Ena Ransom and Gladys Little.

Eileen Bulmer made a very efficient captain and we were sorry when she left in February. Her place was taken by Gladys Little who played very well. This year Ena Ransom was elected as Netball Captain and is proving very capable.

First Senior Team: J. Haslam, S. Cook, M. Willmott, J. Shearer, M. Lawson, D. Fox, E. Ransom.

Second Senior Team: C. Clark, E. Ellis, J. Blaver, J. Fraser, G. Westwood, J. Breed, K. Taylor.

This year the school is running two Senior teams and two Junior teams and they are playing very well.

1935-36 RESULTS.

First Team: Won 4, lost 7, drawn 0, scratched 5.

Second Team: Won 3, lost 6, drawn 1, scratched 5.

Junior Team: Won 3, lost 3, drawn 0, scratched 5.

1936 RESULTS UP TO OCTOBER 31ST.

First Senior Team: Won 1, lost 2, drawn 0, scratched 1.

Second Senior Team: Won 2, lost 0, drawn 1, scratched 1.

First Junior Team: Won 2, lost 1, drawn 0, scratched 1.

Second Junior Team: Won 2, lost 0, drawn 0, scratched 1.

The House Matches, as usual, were played with much enthusiasm and both winners and losers thoroughly enjoyed the games.

RESULTS OF SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.—1935-36.

Green House, 12 points; Red House, 5 points; White House, 4 points; Blue House, 3 points.

RESULTS OF JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.—1935—36.

Green House, 8 points; White House, 8 points; Blue House, 4 points; Red House, 0 points.

E. R.

**CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS.**

We are again indebted to the Southgate Harriers for their kindness in allowing us to use their Headquarters at Clay Hill on Saturday afternoons. A few boys regularly use this facility. We engaged in two matches last season, in the first of which we just beat the Harriers. The second was a triangular match v. Harriers and Tollington, and in this we took third place. The Inter-Schools race saw us just beaten into last place by Minchenden. Many seniors seemed to find the call of the cinema too strong on the afternoon of the Inter-House Race with the result that only one house turned out a full team.

RESULTS.

Senior House: 1, Black. Individual: 1, G. Charrot; 2, J. Leverett; 3, E. Williams.

Junior House: 1, Red; 2, Black; 3, Blue. Individual: 1, R. Ward; 2, R. Smith; 3, P. Wieland.

**PARENTS AND STAFF ASSOCIATION.**

The year's meetings arranged by this Association were similar to those of the previous year.

In December a Physical Training display was given by teams of boys, and music was played by the school orchestra. The evening's performances received the hearty applause of the parents present.

The January Social Evening was cancelled owing to the death of King George V.

The Whist Drive in February was well attended.

The Annual General Meeting was held in October, when about 250 parents were present. The Chairman (Mr. H. C. Wright) in his report announced a membership of 413, the largest recorded. He reported that two matters in which the Association was interested had been settled. A hot water supply was now in the school, and the diversion of the footpath to allow building extension had been sanctioned.

The Accounts showed a balance of over £17, which the meeting voted to the Scholarship Fund.

The retiring members of the Committee, viz., Mrs. Spooner,

Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. True, Mr. Wright and Mr. Nisbett, were re-elected.

It had been asked whether trophies for permanent retention by the winners could be given as prizes at the Athletic Sports. The Headmaster said that this would entail too heavy an expenditure from the Games Fund, and suggested that a certificate showing the complete athletic record throughout the school career should be issued, if applied for, to a pupil on leaving school. This suggestion was approved by the meeting.

Under "other business," a discussion arose on Homework. Several parents expressed views on this subject, and at the end the Headmaster answered queries and dealt with points raised. Impressions left on a listener were that a large majority of parents approve of some homework, that all concerned are anxious that the amount set shall not be excessive, and that the Headmaster is always ready to consider individual cases which seem to require the lessening or cancelling of homework. A Board of Education enquiry into Homework has recently been made, and a report is expected to be issued shortly.

The November Whist Drive was again a popular event.



COMING IMPROVEMENTS.

Soon, owing to the increased number of people who drink milk at break, the school will have its own herd of cows. These cows will serve a double purpose as they will also be grazed on the field, thus saving A.....t the trouble of disturbing the Huttites when he cuts the grass.

It has also been rumoured from H.M.'s study that 30 m.p.h. speed limit signs are to be erected in the corridors. Those exceeding the limit will be duly "gonged" by a prefect. The prefect's "gong" will consist of a penny whistle attached to the prefect's person by a piece of cord. The whistle will be used as the mark of office, the present badge being abolished as it is much more easily lost.

In the coming year it has been arranged that the School should play "ships." It is not sure whether there will be a pond in the playground for the Second Forms to paddle in or whether the captain's bridge from H.M.S. Pinafore will be once more erected on the platform. If the latter is chosen, H.M. will be captain, the prefects mates, and boys the cabin boys. Each group will wear a different badge, which will be lost on pain of the utmost anger from the bridge. This plan will also be furthered by having a secret code and a secret sign.

These improvements, other than giving me something to write about this year, will give the Editor something to write on next year when they are completed.

C. MASKENS (4a).

A TRIP TO U.S.A.

What a thrill I felt when stepping out of the train at Southampton I saw the huge liner—the "Aquitania" (45,000 tons) which was to carry me 3,000 miles to New York. The boat stands so high from the water that at once I got a feeling of confidence and I was quite sure that on such a boat no possible chance of mal de mer could occur. This I found later proved to be a fallacy, though, I am glad to say, not so far as the writer is concerned. I wondered as I stepped through the covered gangway on to the ship how many people were, like myself, making their first long sea trip. The staff on the Aquitania is about 850 and it is intensely interesting to go all over the boat and see the inner workings of such a floating hotel. It carries its own printing press and produces the menus for each day also a small paper called the "Ocean Times." The first serious business after leaving Southampton is life-belt drill. Within an hour all passengers had to put on their life-belts and to assemble at a given place on the deck (according to the location of their cabins) and to receive instructions in case of need. I had been told that I should forget at times that I was on the ocean; I must say that I accepted this statement with a good deal of reserve, but I did several times on my trip lose consciousness of the fact that I was on the Atlantic; particularly was this the case after coming out from the cinema on board where two films are shown during the trip. The days passed quickly and the weather, cool at first, was delightful for the remainder of the voyage. The ship's log reported a light sea practically all the time. There is quite a buzz of excitement towards the end of the journey at the thought of seeing land after being five days with only the sea to look at—no sign of a boat or a bird after a passing glimpse of the Channel Islands. The thrill of seeing the famous statue of "Liberty" at the entrance to New York harbour and the first glimpse of the skyscrapers of New York was spoiled for me by the Embarkation Officer demanding my presence and those of other aliens at that moment to ask numerous questions which one must answer if staying in America only for three weeks. Too bad this on one's first and probably only visit. After a goodbye to a very pleasant cabin companion from Worcester, I took a taxi to Douglaston, on Long Island, a suburb of New York, which was to be my headquarters.

New York City on Manhattan Island is certainly unique for its buildings. They seem to suit the city, however, but on first acquaintance I nearly overbalanced in my desire to look up to the top of them and consequently qualified myself to be known as a "rubber neck"—all New Yorkers know strangers by this desire to look up. Woolworth's building, at one time the highest, is dwarfed by Radio City building. I went to the highest building in the world—the Empire State Building, taking a non-stop lift to the 80th floor and thence by another lift to the 120th. The view from this height over the surrounding city is a wonderful one and it was in brilliant sunshine that I looked over the vast panorama and in the street below the people and motors looked like toys.

There are so many tall buildings around you that it prevents any feeling of giddiness. The buildings are constructed of steel throughout and as the city is built on rock they are likely to stand any storm; all the lifts I went in seemed to be of the "Otis" pattern. Most of these high buildings are used as offices. Radio City contains also the largest cinema in the world—it holds 6,000 people and is so constructed that all can see and hear.

It is easy to find one's way about the streets of New York as they are all numbered and run east and west of the principal avenues. I did not find their subways so convenient as our Tubes; no maps showing the stations and connections as we have and the stations are not as well named, I mean not so plainly named as ours.

The famous Fifth Avenue contains the wealthiest as well as some of the poorest inhabitants. In a side road off this avenue I saw a street shut off from motor traffic where children can play in the road (such is the shortage of open spaces) and in the very hot weather the fire hose is put on them to cool them down. It costs 10 cents to ride in a bus in Fifth Avenue but only 5 cents in the Sixth or Seventh Avenues. There are no bus tickets because one pays the same fare for any stage of the journey and either the conductor or the driver, if there is no conductor, collects one's money in an automatic money holder. New York has Central Park running through it but this does not compare with our Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens.

I found the American people very friendly and helpful; they are most eager to talk to English people and at once notice the difference in the accent. There is an abundance of restaurants and candy stores in New York; the atmosphere makes one very thirsty and ice cream soda shops are legion; even the chemists sell these drinks and nothing is ever served without the addition of a glass of iced water.

In striking contrast to New York is Washington, the capital, to which city I travelled by one bus from New York. It was a fast one and did the journey in about 9 hours. We got away from New York into New Jersey by going through the famous Holland Tunnel which has been built under the Hudson river between Manhattan and Jersey City. This tunnel consists of twin tubes which accommodate 4 sections of vehicular traffic; the air in this tunnel can be changed 42 times during an hour. Washington must be one of the most beautiful cities in the world; it has so many white granite or marble buildings of the Greek type, well spaced and with background of trees and in contrast to New York the avenues are broad and spacious. Washington is the mecca for all people in the States and one could spend a long time visiting all the interesting buildings. To mention only a few I saw the Capitol with its dome, second only to that of St. Peter's at Rome; this building has added grandeur and impressiveness by its situation on a height overlooking the City, the Potomac lowlands and the distant hills. I was fortunate to be able to get into the Hall of Representatives when in session and also the Senate

Chamber, but I was not impressed with the same sense of dignity that one feels in our House of Commons. The Congressional Library is another of the fine buildings which covers $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres and it houses one of the largest libraries in the world. The White House, the home of the Presidents of the U.S.A. is another of the sights I visited. I must not forget to mention the Lincoln Memorial in the form of a Greek Temple of pure white marble in Potomac Park where there is a reflecting pool which mirrors the memorial; The Washington Monument is a landmark particularly for aeroplanes; this is in the form of an obelisk 555 feet high. Another world-famous building is the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum where is housed the plane in which Colonel Lindberg crossed the Atlantic to France.

My other long distance trip was to Niagara Falls. On this journey I took the night train from New York and reached my destination soon after 8 a.m. I saw a very beautiful sunrise which I shall not easily forget and this together with the Falls were well worth the two nights I spent in the train, not in a luxurious sleeper I might add. I took the trip down underneath the Falls for which one has to be specially clothed in oilskins or rather first of all unclothed and then put on the special garments provided. The rush of swirling water is deafening and it is most exhilarating (especially after a night in the train) to feel the spray over your face. It was in brilliant sunshine that I saw the Falls and they look very beautiful but they must also be striking in winter. At present the Authorities are using only about one-sixth of the power which is at their command; 15 million cubic feet of water pass over the Falls each minute.

I must not omit to mention two other places of note in their own particular way—Coney Island the haven for poor jaded New York city dwellers who go out for fresh air and sea bathing, with its huge amusement park and Jones' Beach on the shores of the Atlantic on Long Island. The latter is really a State Park and the property of the people of the State of New York; it is under the jurisdiction of the Long Island State Park Commission and very particular they are to keep it for the benefit of the people. It has not been allowed to be commercialized and the 8 miles of sand $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide are a model of cleanliness—no paper or litter of any sort. I understand that people come from all over the world to see how the place is managed. It has special bathing pools for children and adults and there are opportunities for every kind of sport and artistic pleasure—concerts and operatic performances included.

I returned on the s.s. "Britannic," a much smaller boat than the Aquitania (27,000 tons). The weather was not so good and on several days there were heavy seas with a good swell recorded on the log. Even at this time of the year the "fiddles" had to be put round the tables to keep the crockery in its proper place. The boat contained a large party of Irish Americans returning to their home after, in some cases, very long absence and there was much enthusiasm and celebration on their last night.

So ended my American trip and it will always remain a delightful memory. Perhaps some of the readers of my experiences will themselves one day visit the places that I have briefly tried to describe now that facilities for travel are coming more and more within reach of ordinary people like the writer.

M. L.



EASTER ENJOYMENT, OR TOURING IN BELGIUM.

At 8 a.m. on the morning of the 14th April, a crowd of boys all with school caps, new and old, dirty and clean, moved towards the escalator at Wood Green Tube Station to begin a tour on the "Battlefield of Europe," or Belgium.

We arrived at Victoria where we were given our money and badges in time to catch the 9.40 train which was going to Dover, where we arrived at 11.30. The boat we embarked on was a turbine steamer of recent construction, burning crude oil and known as the *Marie José*. All began to tell all that it was a lovely rough sea and they were never seasick, but alas, once out in the Channel when they turned a sickly green, it could be seen whether they had told the truth or not. However, after a tedious journey we arrived at Ostend and our normal spirits rose again. We got on the sugar boxes—pardon, I mean railway coaches—driven by a slag-burning pre-war engine or so it looked to our modern English eye. Anyway, the journey to Brussels was very enjoyable, and one boy declares to this day—no names mentioned—that his hat is half-way along the Belgian railway line. At Brussels we crossed the road to the "Hotel des Acacias," an ultra-modern hotel, complete with lift which we worked ourselves. We there had dinner and a walk round the town, and arrived back at the hotel with pleasant recollections.

The next morning we rose at 6.30 like martyrs and got on the Radio Train which told us where we were and the places we passed through, and gave us music. We got off at Namur and went to the fort where we had a fine panoramic view of the town. Namur is a pleasant town famous for its cutlery. There are many charming public walks and many picturesque corners to intrigue the wayfarer. At Namur we boarded the train to Dinant. On the way there are many delightful castles, and the natural scenery of wooded heights, rocks and river is wonderfully varied when one realises the comparatively confined area and the short distance of some 20 miles which separates Namur from Dinant. At Dinant, a Roman town on the banks of the Meuse, we went to see the marvellous grottoes whose exit is near the Mont-Fort tower, through which there are numerous subterranean passages into the town itself. Having had our lunch we got on the train for Rochefort. Rochefort is a delightful little town and not as spoiled by the modernising spirit which pervades so many Continental resorts. From there we took the train to the grottoes of

Han which were discovered in the middle of the 18th century. The grottoes are a natural phenomenon which has brought fame to the little village. The entrance to the grotto is a half-mile above the village itself and near the Froude Salpêtre. When we went in we found ourselves in the first wonderful gallery. The beautiful cave is known as the "Grenouille," occupied by many stalactites. We then had tea in the Salle des Draperies where there is a marvellous echo, and then went to the Lac d'Embarquement where we took a boat to the entrance. The next morning we went for a charabanc ride round Brussels, where we were escorted home by some "speed cops"; our favourite was called "Smetz," and showed us how well armed they are, and in return we became firm friends with him. In the afternoon, again escorted by these "speed cops," we went about seven miles south of Brussels to a place which awakes the echo of a tragic period in history. The mound rising from the plain of Waterloo and the surmounting lion immortalises the memory of the great Battle of Waterloo. The scene in all its simplicity is of an imposing grandeur and has a vast surrounding of woods known as the Forêt de Soignes. Here was fought a battle which decided the fate of Europe. Also in the villages is a panorama of the battle painted by Dumoulin. Arriving back from Waterloo we took the train to Blankenberghe. All in our carriage were in high spirits and at the end of the journey declared it the best they had ever had.

At Blankenberghe we went to the Hotel Richmond which we shared with some boys from West Hartlepool. In the evening we went along the promenade to view the casino and other places of interest. The next day we took the train to Bruges, a world-famous town which reached the height of its prosperity in the 15th century. In the market place at Bruges is an old belfry surmounting the Halle and its princely crown dominates the square. It is one of the most remarkable specimens of the builders' art, and its inception dates from a very old period. It is presumed that the original wooden structure was rebuilt in durable materials for the first time about 1240 A.D. The Town Hall is one of the most beautiful of the Gothic town halls. It was built in 1376. From Bruges we took the train to Ghent where we went to the famous "Castle of Counts," from which we had a panoramic view of Ghent. We then came back to Blankenberghe. Blankenberghe is one of the most popular of Belgian seaside resorts. It is about three miles from Zeebrugge. The next day we got up early and packed, and took the tram to Zeebrugge where we saw the "Mole" and went over the war museum, and had our photographs taken under the war memorial. We then left Zeebrugge and took the tram to Ostend where we said "au revoir" to Belgium. The sea was worse than when we came, but we arrived safely at Wood Green which we had left some five days previously, and with thanks to Mr. Knowles and Mr. Paull, who organised the tour, we returned to our homes.

D. ENRIGHT (5c).

SWIMMING (BOYS).

The season began well with a period of fine weather and there was an enthusiastic group of swimmers in regular attendance at the Barrowell Green Baths.

We had lost many of our best swimmers, and it was no surprise that there were few successes at the Annual Inter-Schools Gala. Holmes and D. Ryan deserve credit, however, for very plucky efforts in the 100 yards Senior Breast Stroke and the 30 yards Junior Back-Stroke races.

The School Gala was favoured with very fine weather and there was an excellent entry for all events. The long run of successes on the part of the Whites was at last broken by the Blues. The final placings in the Inter-House Competition were:—
First, Blues, 73 points; Second, Whites, 52 points; Third, Blacks, 42 points; Fourth, Reds, 30 points.

Congratulations to Holmes on again carrying off the Championship Cup, and to Calcraft on winning the Junior Championship medal. G. Ryan and J. Sterns were the runners-up in the Senior and Junior Competitions respectively. The most popular event of the afternoon was the boys' Surprise Item, when the School narrowly defeated a team of Staff and Prefects in an "all-in" Water Polo Match. There was little evidence of skill, but the boisterous tactics of the combatants together with a brief interlude on the diving-board were amusing and certainly surprising.

In conclusion, a word of praise to those who tried so hard in the Inter-Schools Competition. The teams gave of their very best and it was a pleasure to see their keen spirit. The school swimming is still in a healthy state, as is seen by the record entry of twenty-four in this year's quarter-mile race, and we trust that the newcomers to the school will do their best to keep it so.



A VISIT TO THE ROTHAMSTEAD EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 27th October, I was fortunate enough to find myself a member of the first party from Southgate County School to visit the Rothamstead Laboratories at Harpenden. We were cordially received about 2 o'clock and were first shown the glasshouses where experiments upon the diseases of plants were in progress. Returning to the main building, we visited the library of scientific books which are used for reference to reduce unnecessary repetition of work. In the physical department we were shown various instruments used in research upon the varying physical properties and agricultural values of different soils. We were allowed to inspect the chemical laboratories where

we saw work in progress and several interesting pieces of apparatus whose use and construction were explained. On the roof our guide showed us the wind direction indicator, sunshine recorders and rain gauges used by the physics department. In the entomological department, Dr. Branes described to us the use of the various insect traps. The work of this department is to study the fluctuations of numbers and kinds of insects with regard to strength of light, temperatures and other varying factors. We were kindly invited to tea in the clubroom, and were afterwards shown the bacteriological department where we were given a very interesting talk on the subject. Before leaving, our guide invited us to make another visit in the summer months when more work is in progress.

Our best thanks are due to Miss Slee for kindly arranging such a successful visit, which, I am sure, proved most interesting to every member of the party.

J. A. PEDLER (6 Science).



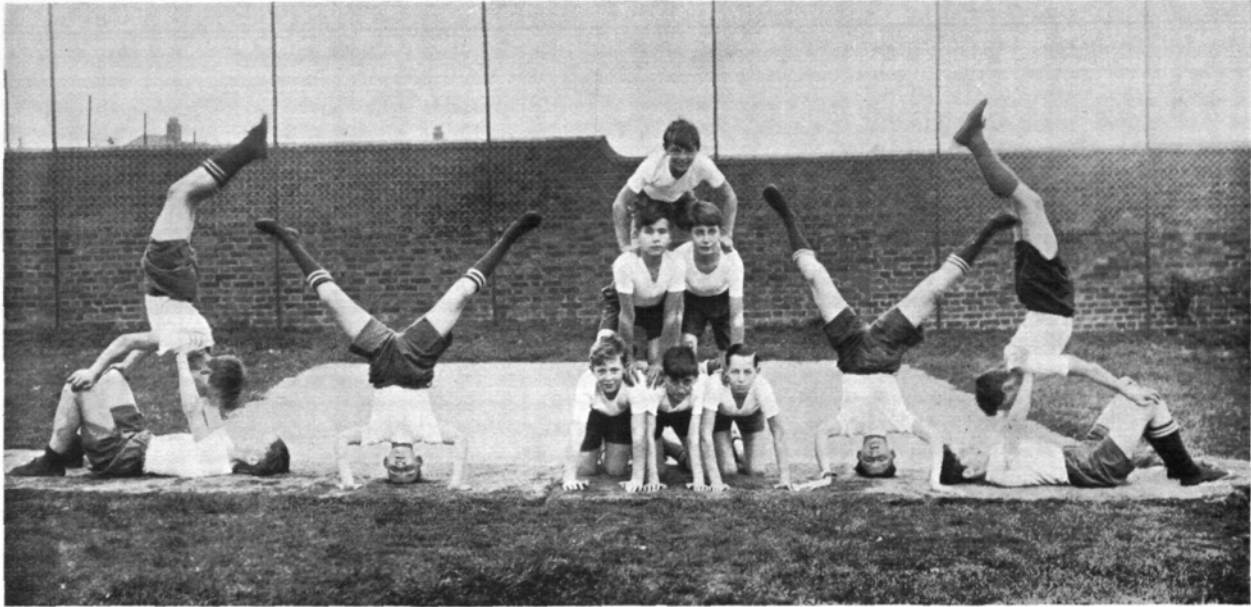
ONE SUMMER'S DAY.

For just a few minutes this August I was the highest person in the whole of Great Britain. I was not particularly conceited about it at the time, for, when I looked round to behold the world at my feet, I could truly have said "I viewed the mist, and missed the view."

That day ranks as one of the most pleasant, yet one of the most painful that I have ever spent. We started out early, and before long I became aware that the path up Ben Nevis is the rockiest on earth, the rock ranging from boulders on which you barked your skin or stubbed your toe, to gravel on which you slid, and twisted your ankle. Where no rocks menaced our path, oozy peat bog lay deceitful, or an icy streamlet trickled down. It was intensely hot, and the only consolation was the view, which grew better as the path became worse.

After about three miles of this we rounded a bend, and I saw the last thing that I had expected to see; two thousand feet up, on the bleak, windswept hillside, lay a small blue lake. We continued along a level ridge for about half-a-mile and then our troubles began in earnest. The path grew steeper and rockier, the heather disappeared, and even the occasional black-faced sheep seemed to look discouraged. About three thousand feet up we entered the mist, and soon after reached the top. What a change! Bitter cold; a house whose walls were the thickness of a mediaeval castle but were wrecked as if by the hands of a Titan; two squat obelisks, the trigonometrical station and a climbers' guide post. I dropped a stone down a precipice here, and received no answering sound because the depth was so great. All round us howled a mighty wind, which moaned round the

THIS SIDE UP.



D. Little.
J. Taylor.

D. Griffiths.

D. Melville. H. Green. C. Allday.

P. Wieland.

E. Bithrey. R. Rosser.

C. Hamment.

J. Sterne.
J. Andrews.

shattered house with the sound of the souls of the damned in torment. Here was a scene of desolation equalled by none on earth, even that of countless leagues of bleak grey ocean beneath a pale sun, dimly struggling through a gloomy mist.

Half-frozen we descended; the mist condensed on our hair, and ran down off the ends of our noses. After a walk through the most barren and desolate place on this earth (at any rate that I have seen), we came upon a most marvellous sight. With an almost human shriek, the wind blew the streamers of mist from before our eyes, and a never-ending panorama was unfolded as if on a gigantic map. Far below, on the mountain-side, the thread-like path zig-zagged down to the glen, where two parallel strips of silver marked the road and the river. On the former, tiny black specks moved, denoting cars, while beyond, mile upon mile of grim grey mountains, topped by fleecy cloud, stood like a rampart cast up by Ancient Gods, to guard the heathery moorland, with its lochs of sapphire deep set in its emerald and amethyst. Farther away still lay the long arms of the encircling sea, repeating in softer tones the sapphire of the mountain lochs.

Bed was a luxury that night; I lay motionless, dog-tired, my feet blistered and aching. But as the feeling of extreme exhaustion left me, I lived again through the sensations of that day; the hunger, the thirst, the weariness, the bitter cold. "Well, it was worth it! And some day I will do it again."

R. WILSON (4a.).



LIFE IN THE ROYAL NAVY.

A letter has recently been received from A. S. Henderson, who is training as a wireless operator in the Royal Navy, and we hope that the following extracts will prove of interest to our readers. The address is:—

A. S. Henderson, W/T

J.X. 141558 Mess 15

H.M.S. "Sussex,"

c/o G.P.O. London.

From July, 1935, until November, 1935, I was on H.M.S. "Resolution," at that time flagship of the Mediterranean fleet, from which I was drafted to "Sussex," at Alexandria, after the ship had been recalled from an Australian cruise owing to tension in the Mediterranean.

In July, 1936, we proceeded to Haifa, where we stayed until October, dealing with the situation in Palestine. As soon as we reached Haifa we had to land 90 per cent. of the men on board to patrol the roads and railways for weeks on end in armoured

trains, Pom-pom and Lewis Gun lorries. We did not lose a man, but the Arab death-roll ran into hundreds. I often had to land with a portable W/T set for use on patrol duties. All drivers, firemen, signalmen, etc., for the railways were volunteers from the ship's crew. I was glad when we left Haifa because there was too much shooting for my liking.

I am now at Malta and after a trip to Spain expect to return to Malta early in December. I hope to be back in England during January, 1937, and after that I am looking forward to having a quieter time out here and an opportunity to see more of various foreign countries.



THE GERMAN EXCHANGE, 1936.

International holiday exchanges between school-children have greatly increased in popularity in the last few years. It is not difficult to account for this. The cheapness of the holiday wins over many hesitating parents, while the schoolchild himself makes his earliest visits abroad as a guest of a foreign family, rather than as a member of an English touring party.

Of the party from this school who made exchanges this year, four visited Hamburg, and one was fortunate enough to stay in Berlin. The journey, though long and awkward, held our interest all the time. Our first night was passed in Cologne, where we were greatly impressed by the number of boys and girls making walking and cycling tours. Their habit of wandering about the country during holidays is one that might be well adopted in England.

We would find it difficult to forget that Hamburg is a ship-building centre, for our first glimpse of the city was the harbour, with the lights of shipping twinkling in the distance.

In daylight Hamburg seemed small to our London eyes, but its cleanliness and lack of slums was conspicuous. Its surroundings are free from ugly suburbs, for the city workers live in old villages situated amidst fields and forests. Each house seems to have an individuality of its own, a trait sadly missing in London. They are modern and labour-saving, and each has its garden, which is usually turned to useful account.

The countryside is flat and sandy, and many miles inland the sand dunes which once formed the north coast of Germany are found. There is practically no pasturage here, only corn-fields, forests, and market-gardens, for no land must be wasted in this poor country. Imported food in Germany is very dear, and home produce is by no means cheap. All goods which are brought from abroad are abnormally expensive.

All attention this summer was turned on Berlin, where the Olympic Games took place. The city was visited by hundreds of

foreigners, and in their honour the streets were gaily beflagged. Unter den Linden, the main street, was hung with flags of every nation represented in the games, and with the flags of German towns and a characteristic view of each.

The Games were a triumph of organisation and endeavour, for not a single hitch arose. Germany's success, however, was not a surprise, for the team she put into the field seemed at least six times the size of any other. The member of our party who visited Berlin met there Herr Salewsky, who brought over the first German visitors to this school in 1931. He was also fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of Hitler returning from the stadium.

We must thank Dr. Hasse on the German side and Miss Capell on the English side for enjoyable and profitable holidays.

ISABEL MURRAY (6 Comm.).

MARGARET WILLMOTT (6 Comm.).

A. FRIEND (6 Comm.).

JEAN SANDERSON (Upper 5).



A TRIP TO WIMBLEDON.

A casual observer flying over London in an aeroplane on the morning of the thirtieth of June, might have noticed a speck of orange threading its way through the meaner streets of North London. The traveller could have followed its progress past the drab rows of houses, mere shadows of their former magnificence, over the Thames and southwards, till it finally came to a standstill outside a futuristic building set amid fine houses and pleasant gardens of a more prosperous district. A closer inspection would have shown the speck resolving itself into an Orange coach, taken possession of by a party of Southgate County School girls, identified for the time being with that horde of tennis enthusiasts who yearly invade the otherwise peaceful Wimbledon.

All of us were determined to derive full benefit from the thrilling experience of watching the finest players of all nations compete for the honour of their country. Once admitted after a long wait, into the building, most of us by a preconcerted plan of action made straight for Court 1. All seats were taken in a very short while. Soon packets of sandwiches appeared and the rustle of paper bags mingled with the chatter of the crowd. All were anxiously scanning the sky for signs of bad weather, wondering if to-morrow's papers would report yet another day of postponed and interrupted matches. Our fears were justified, for soon a steady drizzle set in, to be greeted by universal groans augmented by a sorry spectacle opposite of a few brave souls huddled together in the open stands, under depressing umbrellas.

At last, to everybody's relief, a break appeared in the clouds, the rain ceased and a burst of sunshine flooded the court, herald-

ing the appearance of several men who rolled up the tarpaulin cover and revealed the glory of the smooth velvet turf. Soon the net had been put up and the umpire and linesmen had taken up their positions. The day's play opened in a fitting manner, with a match that was a model of style and a delight to watch, and proved an exciting, though unsuccessful attempt of youth to defeat experience. The contestants were slim, dark Fraulein Horn and well-built fair-haired Madame Mathieu. While the younger player leapt with an extraordinary agility from side to side of the court, playing an energetic and spectacular game, the older woman seemed always in the right position to produce her perfectly finished shots, although she rarely appeared to shift her ground. In the end, youth, perforce, had to bow to experience.

It was evident from the outset that the standard of play in the next match was even higher, although some of the more ambitious shots of the players failed to achieve their object. We were to witness the unfortunate defeat, by long-limbed Fru Sperlinger, of lissom Dorothy Round, immaculate in neatly pleated shorts. The English girl was certainly not in her best form and played in a wild and erratic manner. Yet her service was always wonderfully produced. The ball seemed suspended in the air for a split second by some strange power emanating from the server, till in a flash her racquet sped it over the net. The match must have severely taxed the stamina of Fru Sperling, for besides having an opponent formidable under all circumstances, the crowd's sympathies lay with Miss Round, though in that sporting manner characteristic of the English, they applauded the winning shots of both players.

Some of us decided to work off the excitement caused by these two matches in exploring the building. We made rather futile efforts to squeeze our way through the dense mass of people into the Centre Court, where a doubles match was in progress between Crawford and Quist, and Borotra and Brugnon. However, we were forced to wander round without obtaining a view, although we could plainly hear the cheers of the excited crowd and the bursts of laughter occasioned by some well-remembered mannerism of Borotra, always a favourite with the Centre Court. We eventually made our way back to Court 1 and watched an exhilarating Men's Doubles Match which consisted for the most part of a marvellous display of breath-taking stop-volleys and spectacular leaps for a smash.

At length it was time to re-assemble for the homeward journey, and we took a last look at the concrete building whose cold, hard outlines were softened by trailing clusters of ivy and creeper. Our final impression was of a huge noisy crowd relieved by an occasional white figure lost in a besieging mob of schoolgirls clamouring for autographs. The pleasant ride home along the North Circular Road formed a suitable end to a thrilling day of keen enjoyment, made possible through the efforts of Miss Simmonds and the other members of the Staff who accompanied us, to all of whom we extend our hearty thanks.

GRACE HATCHER (6 Arts).

A WELLS DIARY.

Friday.

At 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 29th, twenty-nine excited girls rushed out of School and hurried home to fetch all their luggage for the long Whit-Week-end botanical trip to Wells. Not long after, the same twenty-nine girls in the charge of Miss Slee, were assembled on Palmers Green Station ready to catch the 4.40 p.m. train to King's Cross. Here, after many struggles with heavy bags, we joined an Inner Circle train which bore us to Paddington. The best part of the journey was still to come, but that may be left to the imagination of the reader. It was about 10 p.m. when we arrived at Wells, feeling very tired; each party was then taken to the house at which it was to stay over the week-end.

Saturday.

By Saturday we had recovered from our weariness and met at the corner of the road at ten o'clock, complete with lunch. It was a beautiful sunny morning when we started. We reached the railway station—a very quaint place with a single line—and found we had to wait about ten minutes. But at last our train arrived and we were borne slowly but surely towards Burnham. When we reached our destination we found it very windy and looking as if it would rain, and before long it simply poured, and we were forced to take shelter, although somewhat reluctantly and impatient to start our journey. It did not last long, though, and we set out for our long tramp just as cheerfully as before the rain. We walked for several miles along the beach until we reached the sand-dunes, and having climbed about them for a little while we found a tiny village shop which supplied us with much-needed drinks. On obtaining our lemonade we returned to the dunes and ate our lunch. Afterwards many of us took snaps. Now it was time to do some work—at least, Miss Slee said we were going to do some work. She informed us that it consisted only of discovering as many specimens as we could find growing on the sand-dunes; we were much relieved. When we returned with our collection, Miss Slee told us the different names. Then we went down to the salt-marsh and did a bit more "work."

At about 4 o'clock we turned our steps homewards. When we arrived in the town itself once more we found a place for tea, and afterwards we were allowed to explore it at will, having previously arranged a time at which to meet at the station. Many of us enjoyed ourselves at an amusement hall near the front.

In spite of the most enjoyable day we had spent, we were all thankful to reach our temporary homes at about 7.30.

Sunday.

Sunday morning was bright and clear, and after breakfast we made our way to the bottom of Portway, where with Miss Slee we commenced our walk to the Cathedral in warm sunshine. The Cathedral is a most beautiful building at all times, but then it appeared very imposing, especially the interior, where the light from the beautiful windows contrasted ethereally with the shadows about the great pillars. The service, accompanied by fine singing, was very enjoyable.

After the service, we regarded with interest the chiming of the famous clock from both within and without.

In the afternoon we commenced a delightful walk, following the directions of our hostess, which led us through wooded lanes and by daisied meadows. Being town-bred we advanced with hesitation and not a little caution into the cow pastures to pluck hastily a desired specimen of Somerset flora, for a cow's direct gaze is often a little disconcerting!

Some girls proceeded with their host to Glastonbury Tor, a well-known landmark and much-visited beauty spot, and there enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

Monday.

As the Cathedral clock indicated with musical measured strokes that it was 9.30, a bevy of blue-frocked girls gathered at the corner of Portway. The sun was shining, though dark clouds hung ominously over the hills. The chief event in Monday's programme was the visit to the Wookey Hole Caves; we had already been told of the legends of the wicked old witch that are connected with this famous spot.

The route chosen led us over the Mendips, which commanded a splendid view of the surrounding country. Through fields and quiet roads we proceeded to Priddy Pool where we were interested in some disused lead mines. On the opposite side of the road purple heather grew in profusion on turf which was delightfully soft and springy. Kingcup picking was somewhat handicapped by the boggy nature of the soil. It soon came on to rain, and we were glad to shelter and eat our lunch in Hunters Lodge, a solitary inn. Having rested, we set off again and soon came to Ebbor Gorge whose sides are abnormally wooded. The celestial colour of bluebells relieved the myriad tints of green, whilst wild strawberry plants straggled over the fern-covered banks.

We had tea before entering the caves. Our impression of the outside was awesome enough. Mighty sheer cliffs rose to the sky, and seen from the high slope they appeared all the more majestic. We entered the caves and were guided down a dark passage. We mounted some steps, slimy with age, and were shown into the first chamber, lofty, silent and cold. A queerly shaped stone figure represented the witch. We marvelled at the particularly fine stalactites which Nature has most exquisitely

tinted. Turning, our guide showed us the dried-up courses of an underground river where the Axe formerly flowed. The river is absolutely clear; nothing is able to live in its still, green waters. We were shown three more chambers and then we left the weird, gloomy underground and emerged into the open air. The air smelt fresh from the recent shower—quite different from the somewhat oppressive atmosphere of the caves.

Some of our party took the 'bus home, whilst the more energetic walked. We spent the evening as we liked, taking snaps of Wells and wandering by the moat around the Bishop's Palace. We partook of a delicious supper at 8.30, and then to bed, thoroughly tired and quite content, to dream of caves and witches, bogs and hills, sausages and meringues, all mixed up in a fantastic pot-pourri.

Tuesday.

Tuesday came all too soon, and we greeted the sunny morning with sighs of regret that our holiday had nearly ended. After breakfast, we all met at the bottom of Portway, where a motor-coach awaited us to take us to Cheddar. After a glorious drive through country new to us, we arrived at the famous Gorge and gazed with awe at the rugged beauty of Nature's handiwork. Those who had brought cameras with them took as many photographs as possible while we less fortunate ones had to content ourselves with picture postcards, not forgetting the small cheeses which we took home to our parents.

All too soon it was over, and we climbed back into the coach to drive back to Wells, so that we might see the Cathedral clock strike twelve. We found it very interesting to watch this unusual device for striking the hours. After taking a few more photographs, our last of Wells, we walked round the town, collecting souvenirs.

For the last time we returned to our temporary homes to do our packing. We had an early tea and after wishing a fond good-bye to our hosts and hostesses, we met at the station and caught our train.

Thus after a journey with scenery which became more town-like every mile, we arrived at Paddington. A little later, tired but happy schoolgirls alighted from the train at Palmers Green Station and made their ways to their respective homes. No account of our holiday would be content without our sincerest thanks to Miss Slee for arranging a programme which made a delightful time even more delightful.

CONNIE CLARK (5a).

EILEEN CHIVERS (5a).

MARGARET PALMER (5a).

IRENE LOWTHER (5a).

BARBARA MILLBOURN (5a).

MY DOG.

By A. TRAMP.

My Fido is a bloomin' nut
 But still I s'pose we two
 Is great companions day by day
 What with the things we do.
 Some wintry nights the rain comes down,
 I'se feeling sort of dead,
 But Fido—Huh! He wouldn't care
 If I had broke me head.
 'E barks and barks and wags 'is tail
 As if to say "Cheer up."
 'E's been the same old scalliwag
 Since 'e was just a pup.
 Now some days when the goin's bad
 I nearly 'as to starve,
 But ever when I 'as a crumb
 My Fido gets his 'arve.
 I mustn't boast that Fido's clean
 A wash we can't afford;
 'E aint alike them blinkin' tykes
 What's treated like a lord.
 We trudge along through muddy roads
 And sleeps in fields at night.
 But even if we aint got beds
 We use the stars for light.
 Now one day when I quits this world
 My dog'll be alone
 And then them awful copper blokes
 Will put him in an 'ome.
 But still if 'e is nice and warm
 And better off than I,
 Then all the better for me dog
 When I lays down to die.

L. H. WRIGHT (5c).

**THE WIND.**

It tore over seas, it tossed over towns,
 Over the mountains and over the downs,
 It frightened the animals as it went by,
 It warned all the people and made children cry.
 When it got to the market and heard all their cries,
 It pulled people's hats off, blew dust in their eyes,
 And howled through the trees to leave them quite bare,
 And spoiled all the flowers so fragrant and fair.

BRENDA RAWLINS (2c).

THE NIGHT.

The Night comes softly creeping down,
 Upon the hill, the plain, and town,
 Upon the school and playing ground,
 Upon the fields and all around,
 The Night comes softly creeping down.

The Night, a silent shrouding veil,
 Comes down upon the hill, the dale,
 Upon the village, farm and vale,
 Upon the plants, both strong and frail,
 The Night comes shrouding like a veil.

Then all is quiet through the land.
 No noise in town, all noise is banned.
 No children play upon the sands,
 No music comes from heated bands,
 And all is quiet through the land.

ELSIE CLIFFORD (4a.).

**A SLIGHT MISHAP.**

(With apologies to Tennyson.)

Then quickly sped the flashing car and rush'd
 And dashing down Green Lanes, collided
 With the traffic lights, and knocked them down,
 And swiftly swerved, and skidded just as fast;
 So crashed and fell the brand new car.
 But ere the driver could emerge
 There rose an arm
 Clothed in white samite, large and powerful,
 That caught him by the wrist, and questioned him.
 "Now see I by thine eyes that thou art drunk;
 Speak out; what is it thou hast seen and done?"
 Then answer made the bold young man at once—
 "Sir Cop, I closed mine eyelids, lest the gems
 Should blind my purpose, for I never saw,
 Nor shall see, here or elsewhere till I die,
 Not tho' I live three lives of mortal men,
 Such brilliance as yonder lights at Bowes."
 So saying from the wreckage he half rose,
 In pain, reclining on the other's arm,
 Who, rising, bore him to the "Cock" near by,
 Where kind men of St. John bound up his wounds,
 And quickly sped him to the hospital:
 On one side stood the silent crowd, on one
 The Man in Blue, and the moon was full.

DOREEN SEAR (3a).

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The storm was raging wildly,
The billows tossing high,
Dark clouds were drifting slowly
Across a wintry sky.

One little boat put out to sea,
'Twas driven to and fro,
The restless wind would give no peace,
But tossed it high and low.

Two men stood in this tiny craft,
Steering as best they could,
Wond'ring when the storm would cease,
And they could get some food.

The raging waters of the deep,
The winds, the clouds, the spray,
Were very gently lulled to sleep,
Until the close of day.

The boat arrived in the bay with ease,
With two glad hearts inside,
Its sails filled out with the evening breeze,
As the vessel breasted the tide.

CATHERINE FAWCETT (2b.).



JACK'S MITTENS.

Jackie wished to make him mittens
For to keep him warm in winter
Keep his cold hands warm in winter
Keep his small hands warm in winter,
So he took his new air-rifle
Bright and shiny new air-rifle
Smart breech-loading new air-rifle
And he shot a little rabbit
Hopping 'mongst the leaves of autumn
In the silent darkening forest.
And he took his skin from off it
And he tanned it till 'twas supple
Supple as a twig of birch tree
Supple as the chamois leather
That his mother's gloves were made of
And he, to get the warm side inside
Turned the warm side, outside inside
And to get the rough side outside
Turned the inside, rough side, outside.

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And he cut it to a pattern
 Which he wanted for his mittens,
 And he sewed them, stitched, and tied them
 In the shape which he required them
 And he showed them to his mother
 And he showed them to his schoolmates
 And they all were loud with praises
 For his cleverness in the making
 Of his new and marvellous mittens.
 And he wore them all the winter
 And for many a winter after
 Till they grew too small to fit him.
 Then he put them in his bedroom
 Stored up in his bottom locker
 With his other priceless treasures
 Which he made when he was younger.
 And for ever they'll remain there
 Stored up in his bottom locker
 With his other priceless treasures.
 Which he made when he was younger.

P. STEVENS (3a).



OUR CAT.

Who is it that likes to prowl
 At midnight when the watchful owl,
 Sees him go by with footfall soft
 With tail erect and head aloft?
 Our cat.

Concealed in bushes he will lie,
 Surveying the birds with eager eye,
 Then all at once, out he'll spring
 And ne'er again will that bird sing.
 Our cat.

And if by chance a dog he'll meet,
 He'll arch his back there in the street,
 But then the dog's white teeth he'll see,
 And off he'll scamper up a tree.
 Our cat.

In winter by the fire he sits,
 And then his face and paws he licks.
 And if you stroke his silky fur,
 He'll close his eyes and softly purr.
 Our cat.

MURIEL ODD (4a).

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Close by a well spread table,
 My pretty Nancy sits,
 Heeding not our babel,
 Just waiting for our bits.

When the meal is over,
 And she has had her fill,
 She jumps clean through the window
 And walks abroad at will.

When the day is dawning,
 And downstairs father goes,
 He is sure to find her yawning,
 And mewing out her woes.

R. C. FENN (2a.).

**OCTOBER.**

I linger in the park to-day ;
 The sun shines on the rippling lake,
 The falling leaves are whirled away
 As myriads flutter in their wake.

What glory now each tree achieves
 In hues of crimson, gold and green ;
 Whilst underfoot the crisp dry leaves
 A carpet spread as for a queen !

Methinks 'tis oft at going down
 The sun his richest splendour shews ;
 And surely thus does summer crown
 Her beauty with this wondrous close.

OLIVE BAYLEY (6 Arts).

**THE EARTH.**

The earth is very old,
 But year by year
 It grows young again,
 When flowers appear.

The earth is very old,
 And sometimes sad,
 But when the daisies come
 The earth is glad.

The earth is very old,
 But in the night,
 Its friend, "The Moon,"
 Sends us its light.

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