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## Editorial Notes.

The outstanding feature of the Term has been the production of "Eliza Comes to Stay"—by general consent a great success. For the first time a three act play was chosen, and with some misgivings the show was given to the public on two evenings. The result has justified the decisions: Good houses were attracted, and the substantial sum of £15 has been handed to the Memorial Field Fund. We must have some more full-length plays.

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We must not forget to mention the "Under 15" XI. By decisively beating Camberley 9—0 they now enter the Final of the S.S.S. Junior Cup. At the time of writing, the date and place of this match have not been fixed, but we hope to record their complete success in our next issue.

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We have pleasure in announcing the names of four new Governors: Mrs. Noel Lee, representing Tilford Parish Council; Mr. C. Gordon Macpherson, Haslemere Urban Council; Mr. W. W. Szlumper, Hambledon Rural Council; and Mr. Byron Brown, Guildford Rural Council.

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Congratulations to M. A. Sherfield on passing the London Matriculation Examination.

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New appointments this Term are: A. E. Job and J. A. Watling to be Prefects.

M. A. Sherfield has been appointed Librarian.

S. J. Pooley has been elected a member of the Games Committee in the place of J. A. Watling, who now is a member of the House Committee.

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C. L. Larmer and G. S. J. Pearson have been elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of Athletics.

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The Rest beat the Sixth Form in an Open Sight Shooting Match, held on December 20th, by 19 points.

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Valete: G. D. Cæsar, F. H. Eavis, L. D. Foote, B. P. Harper, F. T. Holmes, P. E. Huckin, M. B. Margary, S. B. Sands.

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Salvete: D. Baker, C. J. V. Fisher, B. A. Garfath, R. Newberry, A. H. Pocock, W. G. B. Sims, R. J. Taylor, T. Tidd, R. C. Vandeleur.

## Speech Day.

We have congratulated ourselves many times this winter on the mild weather, but never so gladly as on December 12th, when we rallied at the Memorial Hall for the prize-giving. We still had bitter memories of the previous year's arctic conditions, and we welcomed a warm sunny day, however unseasonable. Perhaps it was the weather that infected F. T. Holmes in his great concluding speech from "Dr. Faustus." It is possible to doubt whether the subject was suitable for the occasion, but it is certain that such a remarkable example of declamation has rarely been heard from a boy at school. P. E. Huckin, too, did well with his French recitation. In the course of the singing we were all pleased to hear the new "Shepherd's Carol," recently composed by Mr. Dean, and we are led to hope that we shall have some more compositions from his pen.

The prizes were very graciously presented by Mrs. H. A. P. Sawyer, who received in return a very beautiful bouquet from the hands of Robson.

Here is a list of prize-winners:—

### FORM PRIZES.

Prep.—1, D. R. Goddard; 2, J. A. Judge; industry, G. E. S. Jones.

Form I.—1, R. L. Webber; 2, J. H. Whitehead; industry, J. A. Mills.

Form IIB.—F. H. S. Bridge; 2, H. P. LeClercq; industry, R. A. Jeffery and L. A. Lintern.

Form IIA.—1, P. F. Copping; 2, A. E. Crawte and J. L. Stevens; industry, W. A. Chapman.

Form IIIB.—1, E. G. Woodhatch; 2, G. A. D. Evans.

Form IIIA.—1, G. P. Shandy; 2, D. J. Reeve; industry, S. F. Munday.

Form IVB.—1, F. M. Loughlin; 2, C. D. Williams.

Form IVA.—1, S. H. Mason; 2, D. A. Harrison; industry, S. Wells.

### SUBJECT PRIZES.

Reading.—Senior, A. E. Job. Junior: 1, G. P. Shandy\*; 2, J. L. Stevens.

Drawing.—Senior, J. J. Parratt; Junior, W. B. Witt.

Manual.—Senior, D. Wilson; Junior, R. W. Dipper.

Tidy Work.—E. A. Barker, J. T. Ballett, J. S. Debenham, T. R. Harrington, T. R. Hern, R. A. Jeffery.

\* Awarded the prize previously.

### EXAMINATION PRIZES.

Form VB.—R.S.A. School Commercial Certificate: R. Ewens and G. F. Parker.

Forms VA. and VB.—General School Examination, London University, with exemption from Matriculation: T. R. Alston (Latin\*, Maths.\*), D. W. Blake (English\*, Maths.\*), M. E. Handley, D. W. Jepp (Maths.\*), G. S. Pearson (History\*), L. W. Percival, R. H. Portlock (Maths.\*), and J. H. Trandell (Maths.\*).

Also passed the General School Examination: T. C. Alexander, F. T. Holmes, P. E. Huckin, A. E. Job, M. A. Sherfield (Geography\*), R. R. Stewart, R. F. Symes, C. W. Clarke, J. A. Watling and C. F. M. Woollaston.

\* Subjects in which distinctions were gained.

Form LVI.—Matriculation (London University): G. J. Knott.

Form VI.—Higher School Examination (London University): *Group B* (Modern Studies): T. K. Gardner and G. A. P. Hern (second time). *Group D* (Science and Mathematics): R. J. Turner (awarded the Stedman-Methuen Scholarship).

“Dr. George Brown” Prize for Chemistry.—R. J. Turner.

“C. R. Gibson” Prize.—W. A. Smallman.

After the presentations, Canon H. A. P. Sawyer, sometime Headmaster of Shrewsbury School, gave an address full of instructive and significant comment. Although he had been associated with boarding schools most of his life, he thought that the day school, with its combination of school discipline and home influence, was the ideal. Addressing the boys more particularly, he reminded them that they were at school to learn the truth and to speak the truth: after everything had been done to make learning interesting and attractive there still remained the necessity for much drudgery and painful effort if they wished to arrive.

Going on to speak of liberty, he urged his hearers to use well that subtle mingling of discipline and freedom which is the mark of English education. To that he attributed the fact that England was one of the few countries in which democracy had not broken down. Finally, he hoped that they were learning to enjoy the beautiful things in life and to delight in overcoming difficulties.

An inadequate summary of Canon Sawyer's speech. May it serve to remind us of the important things in life—beauty, truth and goodness.



## Debating Society.

A preliminary meeting of the Debating Society was held on January 18th to arrange the debates for the term and to elect a Secretary and Committee.

The first debate of the term was held on January 25th. Mr. Eavis proposed that: “In the opinion of this House, the school leaving age should be raised to 16.” Mr. Eavis said that by raising the leaving age the mind of the elementary school boy would become more developed; also there would be less child labour and more employment. Mr. Taylor was then called upon to oppose the motion. He then put forward the difficulties which would have to be overcome before the leaving age could be raised. Mr. Morgan then described the recommendations of a committee set up to report on the question. The motion was carried by 18 votes to 3.

On February 8th Mr. Mason proposed that “Betting and gambling in any form are detrimental to the Individual and the State.” He said that betting and gambling were the cause of much of the misery and cruelty in the poorer parts of the country, and that people gambled who could not really afford to,

and their families suffered. Mr. Genese was then called upon to oppose the motion. He said that gambling relieved the monotony of life, and people gambled rather for the thrill than for hope of gain. The motion was finally defeated by 2 votes to 16.

The next debate was held on March 1st. Mr. Raggett proposed that "Compulsory games are harmful to mind and body, and miss the first aim of all games—pleasure." After a very witty speech by Mr. Raggett, in which he said that very often a sickly boy was forced to play games in all weathers and became ill as a result, Mr. Larmer was called upon to oppose the motion. He said that boys were not forced to play in bad weather, and that exercise was good for a boy both physically and mentally. After Mr. Larmer and Mr. Raggett had summed up, a vote was taken, and the motion was defeated by 5 votes to 11.

A.J.B.

### “Honoris Causa.”

Many people have no doubt noticed the simple inscription:

“SURG.-MAJOR LLOYD, V.C.,”

on the Honours Board at the foot of the School stairs, and in passing have stared vainly at the board for an explanation of how this Old Boy of the School earned such honour. The following is an extract from the *London Gazette*, January 2nd, 1894:—

D.W.C.J.

“Owen Edward Pennefather Lloyd, Army Medical Staff. During the attack on Sima Post by Kachins, on 6th January, 1893, Surgeon-Major Lloyd, on hearing that the Commanding Officer, Captain Morton (who had left the fort to visit a picket about eighty yards distant) was wounded, at once ran out to his assistance under a close and heavy fire, accompanied by Subadar Matab Singh. On reaching the wounded officer Surgeon-Major Lloyd sent Subadar Matab Singh back for further assistance, and remained with Captain Morton till the Subadar returned with five men of the Magwe Battalion of Military Police, when he assisted to carry Captain Morton back to the fort where the officer died a few minutes afterwards. The enemy were within ten or fifteen paces, keeping up heavy fire which killed three men of the picket and also Bugler Purna Singh. This man accompanied Captain Morton from the fort, showed great gallantry in supporting him in his arms when wounded, and was shot while helping to carry him back to the fort.

“(The native officer and men alluded to have been awarded the Indian Order of Merit, as at that time they were not eligible for the Victoria Cross).”

## In Defence of History.

Many faults are found from time to time with the teaching given in schools, but there is probably no subject which suffers as much adverse criticism as does History. Even the people who do not disagree with the teaching of such so-called "dead" languages as Latin and Greek will join the band of dissenters when the question is of History. Indeed, there are very few people who are not, as they themselves say, too thoroughly wrapped up in the affairs of the present day to take any interest in what has gone before, or to agree that children should do so.

But can we, when we consider it, afford to ignore what have been the stages of civilisation and culture in the world? Are we, after all, so securely tied to the present day? Time can be likened to a serial story of which each generation is an instalment. We may read an instalment of a story, but to understand fully that portion of the story we must know what happened in the previous instalments. So with time. We may know a great deal of our own generation, our instalment in time, but we cannot understand it fully if we do not know what happened in the generations which have gone before, the previous instalments in the Great Serial.

And then I do not think anyone can truthfully say that in the days when he learned History he did not find it interesting. There are many little human touches which break the stiff formality which sometimes prevails in historical records. Once a certain well-known foreigner, when visiting this country, was thrown into a horse-trough, and the British Minister excused the action on the ground that the foreigner was "a great moral criminal!"

Yet another point, and though this does concern people in general yet it is of particular benefit to the politician, and, indeed, to all those interested in politics. There have been many mistakes made in History, many great blunders, from the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava to Lord Palmerston's unfortunate choice when he appeared before Queen Victoria very gaily dressed when she herself was in mourning. The little mistakes which are recorded for us by historians hold their messages for us in these days and certainly we should not ignore them.

There are many examples in History that are well worth following—examples of bravery and chivalry, of which (although the age of chivalry is said to be past) the succeeding generations ought not to be ignorant.

And now for what is probably the greatest merit in the teaching of History. History trains the memory in a way which nothing else can. In learning this subject one learns a large number of facts, but the point is that there is a definite, unaltering sequence to them. There is only one order in which these numerous facts can be rightly placed, and they have to be marshalled into and considered in that order. At any time it

may be necessary to pick out one incident in History, and this is the great test of clear thinking. History, indeed, is as effective in training one to think clearly as is such a language as Latin, and it is probably the greatest of all subjects for training the memory. In this way the learning of History is an aid to the study of other subjects.

And, lastly, let us consider the builder; and I mean that man who takes sufficient care in his work to be worthy of his trade. Nowadays to many so-called "builders" quantity is of sole importance, but the real builder is also concerned with the quality of his work. Now when our builder chooses a site on which to work he considers not only the surface of the ground, but more important to him is his foundation. Before he builds above the ground he first digs down to lay a firm foundation in the ground. On this foundation he can produce a strong, firm building. Ought not schoolchildren, before they leave school, to "build above the ground," first to "dig down" to lay a firm foundation in the ground of History? On that foundation will they not be able to build up a worthy career?

T.J.P.

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## Dorset Country.

One of the most beautiful parts of this country is undoubtedly Dorsetshire. Thomas Hardy's novels have done much to make the beautiful scenery of Dorset familiar to many people; but I think it is necessary to live in the county, walk through the narrow country lanes, and delve in all the byways to realise and experience the fascination which this district had for Hardy.

Let us take a ramble through one of its most characteristic districts in the summer-time, when everything is bright and gay and the sun shines down from a cloudless sky. A gravel road takes us from the village with its quaint little church into the country. Leaving the road and surmounting a mossy bank, we make our way by means of a well-beaten track into the cool shades of a pine wood. The low brambles are heavily laden with berries, and the ground strewn with fir cones and pine needles, while protruding roots now and then cause us to stumble. The cry of many rooks takes our gaze upwards to the treetops, where the branches are swaying in a gentle breeze.

The trees are thinning now, and in a short while we come out into the real country—open fields and narrow uneven lanes. Breaking through a gap in a hedge, our ramble takes us along a grass bordered lane. Here and there many-coloured flowers can be seen, while the song of numerous birds in the hedgerows complete an enchanting situation. In gateways hay hangs from the adjoining hedges, snatched from the passing load. Making our way through meadows, we disturb skylarks, which immediately fly off and disappear in the ethereal blue.

Skirting another wood, a small lake comes into view, fed by a sluggish winding river. Standing on the little wooden bridge we get a magnificent thrill in realising that here is true country beauty. Almost entirely surrounded by trees, the lake reflects the sun's rays like a mirror, despite the dimpling of the surface by the breeze. But it is not a glare, for it seems that the cool waters softens the intense rays and makes us realise that the sun is not just a fiery ball in the sky, but an essential factor in our lives. One bank is almost obscured by a dense green mass of reeds and flags, but a touch of colour is added by a variety of water lilies. Through the trees an old-fashioned manor can just be discerned with a faint wisp of smoke rising from one of its tall chimneys. The gay attitude of the little birds which flit across the water, and which from time to time send tiny waves rippling across the surface to the bank, seem to convey the impression that they too can appreciate the full beauty of the landscape.

From the trees, the lake, and the soft breeze, there comes an infection which excites our deepest emotions, and knowledge is born in us that beauty is not just an abstract idea in a man's mind, but something real and eternal.

W.M.R.



## Do we Indulge too much in Sport ?

This is a question which has been debated widely during the past few years. Possibly the arguments were provoked largely by what amounted to public frenzy in Test Cricket and by our various unfortunate encounters with American and French sportsmen. Nothing seemed to matter at that time but "sporting" results and graphic accounts of divers sporting performances. The sage and sober looked vainly for appreciation of the national and political situation. To a foreigner we appear a people wholly engrossed in playing or watching games. Even the peril in India was nothing when compared with Bradman's centuries; and it mattered little what happened in the Saar as long as Aldershot didn't lose.

To-day we see sporting interest at its zenith. Turn where we will, the populace about us rarely has any topic of conversation other than sport. The grave financial crisis which affects the country means nothing to the majority of them. Politics bore them; their ignorance protests against "organised religion," though they hardly understand the meaning of the term. Few know anything of science, save where the motor car or aeroplane be concerned, and then they talk with a glib and superficial eloquence which might well move professors to mirth. But let

the subject be "records," or the place of the Arsenal in the football table, and a very tornado of talk will follow.

Do we see in our own School people who consider their games halves far more important than their work in class—the primary object of school life? Is it true, in other words, that we young people look upon sport as our one interest in life, and upon hard work as an abhorred necessity?

Not entirely, surely. Enquiry will reveal that sport is not the only pastime. Many take as keen an interest in the Debating Society as in House Matches; others indulge in scientific pursuits—out of official hours be it noted; no forced labour this: a few (let us utter this in an awed whisper) are interested in music—real music, that is, not negroid cacophonies.

No; not entirely are our thoughts and energies outside the routine of home and school devoted to sport. If a verdict must be given on the question at the head of this article, then at the worst, in so far as the School is concerned, it must be "not proven."

G.S.J.P.



## Ping-Pong.

Table tennis, or ping-pong, is a good game despite letters from "Retired Colonels" in Wapping and other misguided persons who write to the newspapers to say that table tennis is a child's game and only fit for invalids. It is not an easy game. It is no mere hitting of a ball from one side of a table to the other, but a game of hard drives, spinning chop shots and accurate placing. For it are needed an eagle eye, wrists of steel, and braces of gutta-percha.

The experts have their own peculiar strokes. Take, for example, Mr. Chopshotski, an Americanised Russian who plays for the land of his birth, viz., Czecho-Slovakia. Mr. Chopshotski's chop shot is indeed a masterly stroke. Here are the instructions; after a few years' practice you should be able to perform the stroke with grace and ease.

Place bat, held in right hand, under the left armpit; reach with bat over the nape of the neck towards the right ear; hide bat behind the ear; you are now ready for the shot. As soon as the ball comes towards you, bend quickly and flick your right wrist sharply. The ball is, or should be, sent back at great speed to the opposite side of the table. Your opponent will be taken by surprise at seeing the ball appear suddenly from behind the ear, and he invariably fails to return the shot. Great care should be taken by beginners not to use a bat with a sharp edge, or they are liable to lose an ear. If this happens, the student should not let it interfere with his game but should change the bat to his left hand and carry out the instructions, reading left



for right and vice versa. It is a delight to see the players skipping round the table, pausing only to suck a lemon or pull up their socks.

Umpires are used at all important games. At a certain championship match an umpire who used to live near me leaned over the table to tighten the net. At the same moment one of the players served the ball and—well, I said he used to live near me. On another occasion—(Not now, thank you. Some other time, perhaps.—Ed.).

LLAMA.



## Postprandial.

He sat under a large tree. Leaves were gently rustling; birds were singing loudly. It was a perfect summer day. Spread out before him was a beautiful view of thirty odd miles of country. But all was lost on him. He felt dizzy, his eyes saw nothing, and his ears only heard a soft and soothing drone. Smoke rose hazily before his face, and in the smoke he seemed to see his school. In great contentment he gave thanks for the blessing of holidays. Masters appeared but far away in the distance; he knew they could not touch him now—he was safe. Slowly his mind roved to sport, and he saw himself in the First XI. hitting a mighty six, scoring a century, his captain dashing up and congratulating him. . . . . By jove, the beast had given him a hundred lines just for . . . . . Ah! well, what did it matter? He was not at school now—nowhere within the reach of authority. He was in a small world of his own and himself master of it. He was omnipotent. What an odd place the real world was! But he would soon put it right. Hitler would have to be abolished. He realised without any surprise that he was to be the saviour of the world. In a few years he . . . . .

His fingers were burnt, the smoke got in his eyes and he started to cough. Turning an unpleasant green, he staggered to his feet, realizing with disgust that the mood produced by a large lunch, a hot summer afternoon, and the whole of a long and strong cigar ends in bitter disillusionment.

H.B.



## The Viewfinders.

During this term activity has been restricted to meetings and demonstrations. Mr. Lock has given a series of talks on some very interesting photographic topics. The Armoury has now been fitted up as a darkroom. A photographic library has been started and is now going smoothly.

E.B.

## Phantasy.

A bus trundles along the road, at its speed limit of thirty miles an hour, full of school-children, shrieking, fighting, laughing, packed like sardines in a tin. Small boys with red caps struggle with their French homework; others are seeking help with their geometry. The road winds through a countryside of pine trees, occasionally giving way to heath land. Here and there are to be seen houses, newly built, seeming to spring up in a night like mushrooms, evil to look at, unsightly. And the bus draws up at the village school, deposits the larger proportion of its occupants, who, under the eye of a prim and elderly mistress, march in orderly rows into school. The bus goes on, negotiates a bridge—a narrow and winding bridge, picturesque but a menace to all on the road. A shallow, muddy stream winds lazily under the road, sometimes overflowing its banks, making a watering place for half-a-dozen cows. And the bus slowly wends its way towards the town. . . .

A flying machine shoots up from its aerodrome above the city, its rockets propelling it through the air, thousands of feet above the ground, faster than sound can travel—probably making for some distant European capital. We descend from an electric car in the street. In a matter of two minutes we are on the aerodrome, borne up by a powerful lift. We both take our seats with other passengers in a small flying machine used for local transport, and are soon in sight of some provincial landing ground. A fast electric car is waiting for us to land. We are in no hurry, and wish to walk through the district where once, many years ago, we went to school.

Yes, a hundred yards from the aerodrome runs the same old road—yet what a difference. Three times as wide, smooth steel-like surface, banked steeply on corners, used almost entirely for fast passenger vehicles. Here, at the entrance of the aerodrome, there once stood a building. Men used to call it the "Home of the Good Shepherd," and came here each evening to consume alcoholic liquids over a game known as darts. And at ten o'clock they stumbled out into the road and sought their way home; and the next morning would strike for another half-penny an hour so that they could buy more beer.

And still are seen some of those houses, made less conspicuous by sixty or so years' weather. Some have given way to more modern and pleasing residences. The land upon which they stand, once heather covered—parts still heather covered, but now mostly picturesque gardens. Years ago it was known as common land until some unscrupulous person came along, called himself the Lord of the Manor, erected fences with threats to prosecute trespassers. A legal form of robbery.

And the village, still as drowsy as ever—yet perhaps more awake. The school, now a social hall for neighbouring dwellers—the children have long since gone to the town schools. And the bridge, picturesque, rebuilt, no longer representing a cubic

equation. Farther along a farm, full now of electrical machinery: petrol driven tractors, everything mechanical, except the cows—they are just the same. Almost on the outskirts of the town is this farm; and in the pine woods now a residential settling, with its lake and its landing ground for the use of people living there. They all have flying machines, some still driven by hydrocarbons; the more expensive ones are probably electric. . . .

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The bus has stopped with a jerk. I alight with the rest of the people in red caps. Yes, there are the chemistry questions, and then a maths. paper to start: all to be done during the first period of the morning, apart from the physics I intended to read in the bus. . . .

B.G.B.



## Jazz.

In these days of the radio and the gramophone, the cinema and the various forms of cheap, comfortable and easy travel, music has become the personal belonging of everyone. That is to say, everyone can have as much music of whatever kind he chooses; and whether he has it "potted" or not depends entirely on himself. The most popular of all music to-day is dance music, which is a sub-division of jazz.

Now jazz has given rise to more controversy in the bare forty years of its existence than has all serious music since the days when the antiphonal choirs sang in Solomon's temple. The reason for this, of course, is its popularity and commercial value, and the righteous anger of genuine musicians that so debased a form of music should assume such importance. But is jazz really debased? Is the anger truly righteous?

Obviously the first thing to do when examining jazz is to study its history. It is found that jazz saw the first light in America some forty years ago, and is of decidedly negro origin. It was indeed a product of the American negro population of America, and bears decided traces of this fact. In its infancy it was known as "ragtime," and was introduced into England during the 1900's. It was enjoying a vogue in 1914, when the war came along and made it a permanency. Of barbaric origin itself, it was the natural medium of expression of a barbaric period. After the war the gramophone helped to spread it to every home, and the introduction of commercial radio in 1922 only served to establish it still more firmly. Indeed, in America it is the only music obtainable on the radio, and gramophone records of serious music are both expensive and difficult to get.

This, briefly, is the history of jazz. Now consider it according to periods. First the pre-war period of "ragtime." In

its infancy it made none of the elaborate and somewhat preposterous claims to "rhythm" and "syncopation." They came later. It was then just a form of music with a heavily marked bass in waltz or common time. Upon this was superimposed a simple melody of rather jerky texture. It was this latter quality which later became confused with syncopation and was known by that name. The heavy bass, marking the time with almost mechanical regularity, later came to be called "rhythm," in utter defiance of the fact that true rhythm is the subtle variation of stress and accent in each successive bar of the music, which goes to make the whole interesting. Rhythm, true rhythm, is the antithesis of strict time.

During the war period ragtime was hardly altered in style from the pre-war days, but whereas previously it was the property of the popular song-writers, in America several young musicians of sound musical education began, about this time, to study "ragtime." The effect of this was not felt until after the war.

Foremost among the exponents of the new music was White-man. By clever regrouping of the orchestra, halving the strings, and immensely increasing the brass, as well as introducing the entire family of saxophones, he produced a new and very remarkable effect. Gershwin, another of the moderns, was struck by the idea and wrote for the new orchestra his "Concerto in F" for Piano and Orchestra. Since then he has written his "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Second Rhapsody," both fine examples. Mention should be made also of Wiener's "Blues" Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, and Ellington's "White Rhapsody."

But alas! these are but scattered examples of what jazz might have been. Instead, we have had poured at us endless streams of rubbishy dance music, which did little to uphold such great beginnings. Mention should be made of scat singing, introduced by an American, Calloway. This was the substitution of rhythmic syllables for the foolish words usually favoured by lyric writers. A good idea, but the execution was unfortunate, and the experiment a musical failure.

Thus one may sum up by saying that jazz is a gigantic failure musically—a lost ideal, a hope and idiom unfulfilled. But, since it is a popular success, does this matter?

H.N.G.



## Football.

### 1ST ELEVEN.

*Captain:* D. W. Taylor.

*Vice-Captain:* J. A. Watling.

Played, 11; won, 7; drawn, 3; lost, 1; goals for, 45;  
goals against, 24.

### SURREY SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SENIOR CUP.

Played, 4; won, 1; drawn, 2; lost, 1; goals for, 10;  
goals against, 13.

Oct. 13th: v. Guildford Royal Grammar School (Away)—  
Lost, 5—1.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, C. L. Larmer and J. A. Watling; G. A. Bacon, R. R. Kirk, G. R. Blower, R. W. Brown and J. J. Parratt.

Oct. 27th: v. Woking County School (Home)—Drawn, 2—2.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and C. L. Larmer; A. E. Job, R. R. Kirk, G. R. Blower, R. W. Brown and T. R. Hern.

Nov. 10th: v. Woking County School (Away)—Won, 4—3.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. R. Blower and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; A. E. Job, R. R. Kirk, C. L. Larmer, D. Wilson and T. R. Hern.

Dec. 1st: v. Guildford Royal Grammar School (Home)—  
Drawn, 3—3.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. R. Blower and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; G. A. Bacon, R. R. Kirk, C. L. Larmer, D. Wilson and T. R. Hern.

### FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Played, 7; won, 6; drawn, 1; lost, 0; goals for, 35;  
goals against, 11.

Sept. 29th: v. Fareham Grammar School (Home)—Drawn, 5—5.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. R. Blower and D. W. Taylor; D. Wilson, C. L. Larmer and J. A. Watling; G. S. J. Pearson, W. M. Robertson, R. R. Kirk, R. W. Brown and J. J. Parratt.

Oct. 6th: v. Farnborough Secondary School (Away)—Won, 3—2.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and D. W. Taylor; G. W. Allen, C. L. Larmer and J. A. Watling; G. R. Blower, D. Wilson, R. R. Kirk, R. W. Brown and J. J. Parratt.

Oct. 10th: v. Thomas Whites, Ltd. (Aldershot) (Home)—  
Won, 1—0.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and D. W. Taylor; D. Wilson, C. L. Larmer and J. A. Watling; G. A. Bacon, R. R. Kirk, G. R. Blower, R. W. Brown and J. J. Parratt.

Oct. 20th: v. Eggar's Grammar School (Alton) (Home)—  
Won, 3—2.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; G. A. Bacon, R. R. Kirk, G. R. Blower, C. L. Larmer and J. J. Parratt.

Nov. 17th: v. Midhurst Grammar School (Home)—Won, 6—1.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. R. Blower and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; A. E. Job, R. R. Kirk, C. L. Larmer, D. Wilson and T. R. Hern.

Nov. 24th: v. Strode's School (Egham) (Away)—Won, 14—1.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. R. Blower and D. W. Taylor; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; A. E. Job, R. R. Kirk, C. L. Larmer, D. Wilson and T. R. Hern.

Dec. 8th: v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College (Home)—  
Won, 3—0.

F.G.S.—S. J. Pooley; G. S. J. Pearson and G. R. Blower; W. M. Robertson, J. A. Watling and R. W. Brown; A. E. Job, R. R. Kirk, C. L. Larmer, D. Wilson and T. R. Hern.

## 2ND ELEVEN.

Played, 8; won, 3; lost, 5; drawn, 0; goals for, 15;  
goals against, 46.

Oct. 6th: v. Farnborough Secondary School (Home)—Won, 6—3.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; R. A. Donald and F. C. Martin; R. W. Judd, T. C. Alexander and P. E. Huckin; G. A. Bacon, L. W. F. Percival, J. O. Levison, A. G. Prince and T. R. Hern.

Oct. 13th: v. Guildford Royal Grammar School (Home)—  
Lost, 7—0.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; R. H. Portlock and F. C. Martin; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. Wilson; C. L. Merricks, L. W. F. Percival, J. O. Levison, A. G. Prince and T. R. Hern.

Oct. 20th: v. Fareham Grammar School (Away)—Lost, 8—2.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; F. C. Martin and R. H. Portlock; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. Wilson; J. O. Levison, A. G. Prince, P. E. Huckin, D. A. Little and T. R. Hern.

Oct. 27th: v. Camberley County School (Away)—Lost, 8—0.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; R. Strange and F. C. Martin; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. Wilson; G. A. Bacon, J. J. Parratt, D. A. Little, D. A. Harrison and F. P. Clark.

Nov. 17th: v. Guildford Royal Grammar School (Away)—  
Lost, 2—0.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; R. Strange and J. J. Parratt; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. A. Harrison; G. A. Bacon, F. P. Clark, K. W. Bolter, P. E. Huckin and A. H. Greenfield.

Nov. 24th: v. Strode's School (Egham) (Home)—Won, 3—2.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; G. S. J. Pearson and J. J. Parratt; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. A. Harrison; G. A. Bacon, R. Strange, D. A. Little, P. E. Huckin and K. W. Bolter.

Dec. 1st: v. Midhurst Grammar School (Away)—Won, 3—2.

F.G.S. C. D. Williams; G. S. J. Pearson and J. J. Parratt; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. A. Harrison; F. P. Clark, L. W. F. Percival, P. E. Huckin, G. P. Shandy and K. W. Bolter.

Dec. 8th: v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College (Away)—  
Lost, 14—1.

F.G.S.—G. P. Shandy; J. O. Levison and J. J. Parratt; T. C. Alexander, G. W. Allen and D. A. Harrison; G. A. Bacon, L. W. F. Percival, P. E. Huckin, D. A. Little and W. P. Wise.

## UNDER 15.

## FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Oct. 18th: v. Farnham and District Elementary Schools—  
Won, 7—0.

F.G.S.—C. D. Williams; F. C. Martin and T. R. Hern; D. Wilson, D. A. Little and J. W. Stoye; J. O. Levison, A. G. Prince, R. R. Kirk, R. W. Brown and G. A. D. Evans.

Oct. 25th: v. Farnham and District Elementary Schools—  
Lost, 2—1.

F.G.S.—R. W. Brown; F. C. Martin and D. A. Little; D. G. Davies, A. G. Prince and A. E. Crawte; S. Wells, G. H. Lawrence, J. O. Levison, L. D. Foote and T. R. Hern.

## OTHER MATCHES.

Nov. 17th: "Under 14" XI. v. Guildford R.G.S. "Under 14" XI.  
(Away)—Lost, 9—3.

F.G.S.—R. W. Dipper; R. W. Judd and F. C. Martin; J. A. F. Gabb, D. A. Little and D. G. Davies; J. W. Stoye, G. H. Lawrence, J. O. Levison, A. G. Prince and G. Evans.

Dec. 1st: "Under 14" XI. v. Guildford R.G.S. "Under 14" XI.  
Lost, 3—2.

F.G.S.—R. W. Dipper; R. W. Judd and F. C. Martin; J. A. F. Gabb, D. A. Little and D. G. Davies; A. E. Crawte, J. O. Levison, V. G. Anderson, A. G. Prince and G. Evans.

## INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL.

## AUTUMN TERM.

SENIOR.—School 6, Harding 0; Childe 5, Morley 1; Massingberd 0, School 12; Morley 8, Harding 1; Childe 10, Massingberd 0; Morley 4, School 2; Harding 2, Massingberd 1; Childe 4, School 1; Morley 10, Massingberd 0; Childe 8, Harding 1.

JUNIOR.—Childe 2, Morley 1; Harding 5, School 1; Harding 6, Morley 0; School 4, Massingberd 1; School 8, Morley 0; Childe 0, Massingberd 0; School 3, Childe 1; Harding 4, Massingberd 0; Harding 3, Childe 0; Morley 0, Massingberd 0.

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## Boxing.

The Inter-House Boxing took place on the 10th, 11th and 14th of December. Mr. F. L. Swain acted as referee on the Monday afternoon. On the Tuesday evening the second series and a few semi-finals were fought, and on each occasion Mr. Court acted as referee; whilst the Rev. J. Penry Davey, c.m.g., ably carried out duties, on the Friday afternoon, as referee of the rest of the semi-finals and the finals.

A high standard of boxing was maintained on the Friday afternoon, and good sportsmanship and pluck shown by the

losers, however badly beaten, was in full keeping with the traditions of the School.

In Classes 1—7 the first and subsequent series consisted of one round of two minutes; Classes 8—12, first and subsequent series, one round of 1½ minutes. Semi-finals and finals in all classes consisted of two rounds of 1½ minutes duration. There were one hundred and eighteen entries.

Medals were awarded to all winners of finals, and in addition, L. D. Foote was awarded the Best Loser Medal.

The Inter-House contest was won by Harding with a total of 67½ points; School House was second with 66 points; Childe gained 55 points, Morley 46½, and Massingberd 34 points.

## RESULTS.

### CLASS 1.

Semi-Final.—S. J. Pooley (Childe) beat G. S. J. Pearson (School).

Final.—Pooley beat P. E. Huckin (School). Pooley proved too strong for his opponent, who was saved only by the ropes from being floored during the first round. The result was obvious in the second round, and the referee stopped the fight.

### CLASS 2.

Semi-Finals.—C. L. Larmer (Morley) beat D. E. P. Raggett (Harding); G. R. Blower (Childe) beat J. A. D. Wood (School).

Final.—Larmer beat Blower. The fight started off in great style. However, Larmer scored with several powerful punches, and after one minute of the first round Blower ceased to take any active interest in the fight.

### CLASS 3.

First Series.—D. W. Taylor (Childe) beat D. Wilson (School).

Semi-Finals.—D. W. C. Jepp (School) beat R. B. Harper (Morley); Taylor beat R. A. Donald (Harding).

Final.—Taylor beat Jepp. A keen contest between captain and vice-captain of School boxing. Jepp had a strong punch, but did not land as frequently as Taylor, who was certainly leading on points at the end of the first round. Each contestant attacked in turn in the second round. Taylor's in-fighting was better, and he again proved himself superior.

### CLASS 4.

First Series.—W. M. Robertson (Childe) beat F. T. Holmes (School); R. R. Kirk w.o. D. J. Reeve (Morley), absent; R. Strange (Harding) beat M. B. Margary (Childe); R. W. Brown (Massingberd) beat P. Lillywhite (School); K. W. Bolter (Morley) beat T. R. Alston (Massingberd).

Second Series.—Brown beat Bolter.

Semi-Finals.—Robertson beat Kirk; Brown beat Strange.

Final.—Robertson w.o. Brown (scratch).

### CLASS 5.

First Series.—A. E. Job (Harding) beat L. W. F. Percival (Childe); D. A. Little (Childe) beat M. E. P. West (School); W. P. Wise (Childe) beat M. C. Colwill (Childe); R. W. Judd (School) w.o. A. T. Taylor (Childe), scratch.

Second Series.—Judd w.o. J. V. Hewes (Childe), scratch.

Semi-Finals.—Little beat Job; Judd beat Wise.

Final.—Little beat Judd in first round, Judd's severe attack of nose-bleeding making it impossible to continue.



## CLASS 6.

First Series.—G. A. Bacon (Harding) beat A. St. C. Garrood (School); C. L. Merricks (School) beat C. D. Shelley (Harding); F. P. Clark (Massingberd) beat A. L. Baber (School).

Semi-Finals.—Merricks w.o. Bacon, scratch; Clark beat L. M. Roberts (Morley).

Final.—Clark beat Merricks. The opening round showed both contestants to be eager, and yet cautious, Clark being a little more persistent in attacking. The second round was more lively. Merricks twice went down to the boards, once through slipping. Towards the end of the round Clark scored several times and fully deserved once more to win his weight.

## CLASS 7.

First Series.—G. J. North (Morley) beat H. de B. Brock (Massingberd); F. P. Lambert (Massingberd) beat W. H. Perry (Childe); T. R. Hern (Harding) beat C. E. Taylor (Childe); S. Wells (Morley) beat A. F. Enticknap (School); D. R. Coxall (School) beat R. Shelley (Harding); G. P. Shandy (School) w.o. S. H. Mason (Harding), absent; S. F. Munday (School) beat R. K. Stevens (Harding); L. P. Jepp (School) beat R. E. Hack (Morley).

Second Series.—B. G. Louch (Harding) beat L. P. Jepp after an extra round.

Third Series.—Lambert beat North; Wells beat Hern after an extra round; Coxall beat Shandy; Louch beat Munday.

Semi-Finals.—Lambert beat Wells; Louch beat Coxall.

Final.—Louch beat Lambert. Extra inches, longer reach, and better footwork gave the victory to Louch. Lambert stood up well but found it difficult to reach his opponent, and Louch, in the second round, made sure of the decision by scoring several well-judged punches.

## CLASS 8.

First Series.—G. Findlay (Harding) beat J. B. Gedye (School); A. E. Briant (Harding) beat A. E. Crawte (Massingberd); J. W. Stoye (Childe) beat N. S. Davies (School); J. O. Levison (Morley) w.o. A. G. Prince (Harding), scratch; V. G. Anderson (Harding) beat R. E. Mair (School); C. D. Williams (Morley) beat D. B. Allen (Childe); G. A. D. Evans (Childe) beat G. H. Lawrence (Harding).

Second Series.—Findlay w.o. Briant, scratch; Levison beat Stoye; Williams beat Anderson; Evans beat J. W. Clark (Massingberd) after an extra round.

Semi-Finals.—Levison beat Findlay; Williams beat Evans.

Final.—Levison beat Williams. A heavy punch on the head sent Williams to the boards early in the first round. He came up somewhat dazed; Levison clearly had the better of the remainder of the round, and in the second round was easily on top.

## CLASS 9.

First Series.—L. D. Foote (Morley) beat R. F. Hughes (Childe); P. H. Richmond (Childe) beat P. J. Mellors (Harding); M. I. Power (Massingberd) beat R. E. Lintern (Morley); S. C. Goldman (Massingberd) beat H. J. G. Smith (Childe); P. E. D. Elphick (Morley) beat G. E. Wheeler (School); J. H. James (Massingberd) beat M. R. Jones (School); A. Barnes (Morley) beat R. A. Edmonson (Harding); B. O. Friend (Childe) w.o. A. F. Rawlinson (Massingberd), absent; D. S. Dalton (Harding) beat J. A. F. Gabb (Massingberd); P. F. Copping (Harding) beat H. L. King (Massingberd).

Second Series.—Friend beat Barnes after an extra round; Dalton beat Copping.

Third Series.—Foote beat Richmond; Power beat Goldman; Elphick beat James; Dalton beat Friend.

Semi-Finals.—Foote beat Power; Dalton beat Elphick.

Final.—Dalton beat Foote. This was one of the most evenly contested finals, both contestants keeping up a great pace. Dalton's slight advantage of height, with his strong right, gave him the decision.

## CLASS 10.

First Series.—D. J. Wood (Harding) beat W. A. Riseborough (Childe); F. R. Barclay (School) beat J. A. Sharpe (Harding); W. B. Witt (Massingberd) beat L. A. Lintern (Morley); K. B. Talbot (Morley) beat R. J. Durham (School); P. Gardner (Harding) beat J. J. Lowry (Morley) after an extra round; L. A. Goode (Harding) w.o. W. J. Baker (School), absent.

Second Series.—Witt beat Talbot; Goode beat Gardner.

Semi-Finals.—Wood beat Barclay; Goode beat Witt.

Final.—Wood beat Goode. A good, spirited contest; the first round was very even. Fierce onslaughts marked the beginning of the second round, Wood's quicker footwork and more frequent scoring eventually giving him the fight.

## CLASS 11.

First Series.—R. L. Webber (Morley) beat D. A. Preece (Childe); P. J. Rose (Harding) w.o. G. J. Over (School), absent; J. M. Aylwin (School) beat M. S. Binning (Massingberd); B. H. Durham (School) w.o. F. H. S. Bridge (Massingberd), absent.

Second Series.—Durham beat H. P. LeClercq (School).

Semi-Finals.—Rose beat Webber; Aylwin beat Durham after an extra round.

Final.—Rose beat Aylwin after an extra round. This match was really well fought. Both rounds opened fiercely, the boys becoming more cautious towards the ends of the rounds. Aylwin was cool and unshaken, though Rose got home with more punches. An extra round was necessary for a decision.

## CLASS 12.

First Series.—K. R. Kirk (School) beat P. J. Levison (Morley); J. M. Hutchings (School) beat G. E. S. Jones (Massingberd); O. R. Shelley (Harding) beat J. A. Judge (School); J. Robson (Harding) beat D. R. Goddard (School).

Semi-Finals.—Hutchings beat Kirk; Shelley beat Robson.

Final.—Hutchings w.o. Shelley, scratch.

## Shooting.

A team of four entered in the S.M.R.C. Junior Winter Competition returned an aggregate of 727 points, attaining a position of thirteenth.

February 8th: v. The Tiffin Boys' School, Kingston—

Won by 36 points.

## F.G.S.

		Deliberate.	Timed.	Total.
B. G. Barnard ...	...	100	95	195
G. M. Elphick ...	...	94	99	193
A. E. Job ...	...	97	95	192
D. W. Taylor ...	...	91	93	184
		<hr/> 382	<hr/> 382	<hr/> 764

				TIFFINS.		
				Deliberate.	Timed.	Total.
Scarffe	...	...	...	99	93	192
Wagner	...	...	...	95	92	187
Wells	...	...	...	90	85	175
Barton	...	...	...	90	84	174
				<u>374</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>728</u>

February 16th: v. Rutlish School Cadet Corps—Won by 92 points.

				F.G.S.		
				Deliberate.	Timed.	Total.
B. G. Barnard	...	...	...	98	98	196
A. E. Job	...	...	...	98	97	195
G. M. Elphick	...	...	...	95	94	189
C. D. Barrow	...	...	...	88	91	179
T. J. Pegg	...	...	...	87	80	167
G. R. Blower	...	...	...	82	84	166
				<u>548</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>1,092</u>

				RUTLISH.		
				Deliberate.	Timed.	Total.
Markey	...	...	...	93	89	182
Nelson	...	...	...	93	87	180
Sturk	...	...	...	87	82	169
Denyer	...	...	...	80	85	165
Kelsey	...	...	...	84	79	163
Harrison	...	...	...	69	72	141
				<u>506</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>1,000</u>

### INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING (Autumn Term).

#### 1.—MORLEY.

R. J. Turner	...	...	...	91
G. M. Elphick	...	...	...	87
R. J. Morby	...	...	...	84
J. A. Watling	...	...	...	75
S. Wells	...	...	...	75
B. P. Harper	...	...	...	74
				<u>486</u>

(Counted out: G. J. North 68,  
P. D. Elphick 48).

#### 3.—MASSINGBERD.

B. G. Barnard	...	...	...	97
A. J. Beard	...	...	...	79
H. de B. Brock	...	...	...	73
S. C. Goldman	...	...	...	69
W. B. Witt	...	...	...	69
A. Crawte	...	...	...	66
				<u>453</u>

(Counted out: L. Linney 66, G.  
Ridout 31).

#### 2.—HARDING.

A. E. Job	...	...	...	85
C. D. Barrow	...	...	...	77
G. G. Nolan	...	...	...	77
D. E. P. Raggett	...	...	...	77
R. A. Donald	...	...	...	76
M. A. Sherfield	...	...	...	74
				<u>466</u>

(Counted out: G. A. Bacon 73,  
R. Strange 74).

#### 4.—SCHOOL.

P. Lillywhite	...	...	...	79
P. E. Huckin	...	...	...	77
F. T. Holmes	...	...	...	73
J. A. D. Wood	...	...	...	72
D. Wilson	...	...	...	69
D. W. C. Jepp	...	...	...	68
				<u>438</u>

(Counted out: R. Mair 56, A.  
St. C. Garrood 21).

## 5.—CHILDE.

D. W. Taylor ...	...	...	82
J. A. Mills ...	...	...	78
T. J. Pegg ...	...	...	77
G. R. Blower ...	...	...	68
D. B. Allen ...	...	...	67
R. D. Dipper ...	...	...	63
			435

(Counted out: W. M. Robertson 42, J. V. Hewes 41).

B. G. Barnard was awarded the Spoon for the highest individual score (97).

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## House Notes.

### CHILDE.

We at present hold second position in the Cock House table.

Our entries for the Boxing Competition showed a decrease on the previous year, and accounted for us obtaining only third place.

The Football, as it has been for the past two years, is good, and with a little luck we should again win the House Cup.

Shooting is still our weakest point. However, the talent is there, which is the main thing, and when more steadiness has been obtained we should do well. D.W.T.

### HARDING.

The House's entry for the Boxing Competition was not at all bad—about two-thirds entering. They must all be heartily congratulated on helping Harding once more to win the Cup and upholding our old reputation.

In the Inter-house Shooting, as is often the case, we did not fire up to form and are twenty points behind the leaders. We must do better this term.

There is nothing to report on the Football except that the Juniors should win the Cup; but they will have to try their hardest, as they are leading only by a small margin.

The Athletic Sports will soon be in full swing, and there is room for a lot of new talent, both Senior and Junior.

A.E.J.

### MASSINGBERD.

It cannot be said that we did well in the Boxing, although our position was largely due to a small entry. The Juniors, however, kept their end up fairly well, and one Senior again won his weight.

The Shooting was the tragedy of the term. It is to be hoped that Massingberd will have by now recovered from its nervous attack sufficiently to refrain from aiming at the wooden structures at the end of the range.

We are again relying upon the Juniors in this term's football. There is no reason why they should not do quite well; at the same time, we are pinning great faith upon both Seniors and Juniors in the Inter-House Athletics at the end of this term.

B.G.B.

### MORLEY.

Our low position in the Boxing Competition was largely due to the small number of entries. Those who did enter, however, did quite well. More enthusiasm must be shown in this next year.

By winning the Shooting by a margin of twenty points we showed a welcome improvement on last term, when we were last. Keep it up, Morley!

The Senior team are doing well at Football, holding second place, but the Juniors must back them up better than at present—they have gained only one point.

The time for the House Sports is drawing near, and we may hope that many members will soon be doing some serious training, since there is no reason why we should not do fairly well this year.

J.A.W.

### SCHOOL HOUSE.

Last term was rather uneventful as regards House activities.

Our Football was quite good; the Seniors are at present third, the Juniors excelling them by being runners-up.

The House showed good spirit in the Boxing Competition; entries were most inspiring. Unfortunately the boxing wasn't quite so—we lost many of our "boxers" in the earlier rounds. The luck of the draw? Two more points (or entries) would have given us the Cup!

Our Shooting!! We finished fourth.

The Inter-House Sports are approaching. Can we repeat those last year's successes? Anyhow, we'll try.

At present we are heading in Cock House points, and hope to maintain this lead throughout the term.

G.S.J.P.



## The Entertainment.

Again we have to congratulate Mr. Horner on a successful production. This is becoming an annual duty and pleasure—a pleasure which we hope to indulge in on many future occasions. He set himself a difficult task when he chose a play in which half the characters are female; but difficulties are made to be overcome, and he overcame them admirably. I was present on Thursday evening, when the note of genuine enjoyment and appreciation by the audience was obvious. No courtesy clapping this to damn an amateur production with kindly condescension, but the generous and ungrudging applause of a house entertained.

Before the play the Choir gave three songs. Clearly much hard work had been put in by Mr. Kingcome in rehearsing, and the result in the last two items—cheerful words to jolly tunes—was very pleasing. The first song, "Land of Hope and Glory," is admittedly difficult, and the Choir found it so. To some members I recommend the phrase of the song: "wider still and wider." Let them apply it to their mouths in singing. H. N. Genese played the accompaniments and also provided music between the Acts.

Most people know the plot of "Eliza Comes to Stay," and so there is no need to give it here. The various members of the cast knew the play and not only their own lines, and in consequence the play was a whole and not a collection of parts. If there was a fault it was an occasional failure to reach the audience. This was due at times to inaudibility, but sometimes the reason was lack of emphasis and, of course, timing—that most important and most difficult element in dialogue.

And now for individuals. Ladies first: A. E. Job is an accomplished lady of uncertain age on the stage, and he did as well as we expected of him. He looked well, he spoke well, he acted well—so well, in fact, as to deceive even the elect among the audience as to his sex. At the dress rehearsal he distinguished himself by some brave gagging at an awkward moment. This may be his last appearance as a lady. He has scored a triumph in that part, but it is possible that he will go on to greater successes in male characterisation.

G. P. Shandy is a seasoned female impersonator and thoroughly at home on the stage. He spoke clearly and unhurriedly, and suited his manner and speech to different situations like a practised, experienced actor. I thought he was still developing the part on the second night. What a pity we cannot have more dress rehearsals or more performances!

Owing to the succumbing of H. de B. Brock to whooping cough, D. R. Coxall was called upon to take the part of "Vera" at short notice, and very nobly he stepped out of his breeches and into skirts to oblige. As, moreover, it was his first appearance on the stage he put up a good show. He looked very beautiful, but certain tricks of behaviour suggested that he would do well as a sailor with business of hoisting slacks. Still, a gallant effort.

S. H. Mason was well cast for his part and gave us an adequate nurse. But he must learn not to turn his back on the audience.

Of the males, B. G. Barnard had the long and difficult part of Sandy, which he did with some skill. I thought he managed the last curtain—a difficult one—very well. At present he does not finish off his words, with a resulting loss of clearness. Otherwise he makes a good juvenile lead.

Both T. R. Alston and E. A. F. Barker are new-comers, and both had the difficulty of being young people representing oldish men. They both entered into their parts with zest and thoroughness, with the result that the audience was on very good terms with them. R. Strange made an admirable valet. He looked well, spoke clearly, and did his business convincingly. I hope to see him in bigger parts.

And I pray you remember the porters. Their time will come next year.

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Special thanks are due to Mrs. Horner, who spent much time in helping to make the play a success. Her activities include the following: Supply, collection and arrangement of properties; wardrobe mistress; maker-up; dresser. In return for such valuable service we can only offer our gratitude.

## PROGRAMME.

### 1. SONGS BY THE CHORAL SOCIETY:

"Land of Hope and Glory" ... ..	Edward Elgar.
"Three for Jack" ... ..	W. H. Squire.
"Go to Sea" ... ..	H. Trotère.

Accompanist: H. N. GENESE.

### "ELIZA COMES TO STAY"

(A Farce in Three Acts, by H. V. Esmond).

#### CHARACTERS:

The Honourable Sandy Verrall...	... ..	B. G. BARNARD.
Alexander Stoop Verrall	... ..	T. R. ALSTON.
Montague Jordan	... ..	E. A. F. BARKER.
Herbert, a Valet	... ..	R. STRANGE.
Lady Pennybroke	... ..	A. E. JOB.
Miss Vera Laurence	... ..	D. R. COXALL.
Mrs. Allaway	... ..	S. H. MASON.
Eliza	... ..	G. P. SHANDY.
Porters	... ..	D. WILSON and D. E. P. RAGGETT.

Act I.—The Scene is in the Breakfast Room of the London Flat of the Hon. Sandy Verrall.

Act II.—Scene the same, a week later.

Act III.—Scene the same, a month later.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION.

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### NEW MEMBERS.

Since the last issue of the Magazine the following Old Boys have joined or rejoined the Association:—

- A. H. Smith (1926-1933), 1, The Borough, Farnham.  
 W. A. Smallman (1927-1934), 6, Cannon Hill Lane, Merton Park.  
 I. C. Patrick (1924-1934), "The Alpines," Upper South View, Farnham.  
 A. R. Auchterlonie (1933-1934), "South-Hatch," Elstead, Godalming.  
 R. J. Sutton (1928-1934), "Wakefares," Coleford Bridge Road, Frimley Green, Aldershot.  
 W. C. Hosken (1930-1934), "Pine View," Lower Bourne, Farnham.  
 D. F. Wagstaff (1927-1934), The Gem Stores, Grayshott, Hindhead.  
 R. M. Tatham (1929-1933), 57, Gordon Square, W.C.1.  
 E. A. Thurston (1929-1934), 6, Arthur Road, Farnham.  
 W. F. Larn (1919-1923), Liberty Hall, Stroud Park Avenue, Christchurch, Hants.  
 J. N. Roe (1916-1924), 27, Baronsfield Road, St. Margarets-on-Thames, Middlesex.  
 J. R. Hoar (1927-1933), Camberley House, Lynchford Lane, S. Farnborough, Hants.  
 R. J. Turner (1926-1934), 20, Harewood Road, Colliers Wood, S.W.19.
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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Mr. F. A. Morgan (president) occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Association at the School on Saturday, December 15th. He was supported by Mr. J. Sims and Mr. G. H. Bacon (joint hon. secretaries), and there were some 30 other members present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary gave a report upon membership. Twenty-six members had been struck off, twenty-four of them not having paid their subscriptions. This resulted in a decrease of three since the last meeting. The total membership is now 338.

Before giving his report the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. N. Brooker) said that would be the last time he would speak to them as an officer of the Association. He also pointed out that the balance sheet had not been audited, as there had been no time for it. The accounts showed an increase on the year's working of £8 13s. 3d. They had started the year with a balance of £29 19s., and finished with one of £38 12s. 3d.

Thanking Mr. Brooker, Mr. Morgan said he had to give up because he was leaving the district, but they were very grateful



for all the work he had put in as Treasurer since the Association's formation in 1925.

**Insurance Bureau.**—Mr. G. M. Aylwin pointed out that the statement concerning the O.F.A. Trust Fund Insurance Bureau on the balance sheet did not show the value of the fund to date. This actually was £418 3s. 7d., and the value of the business done during the year amounted to £55—a very material increase on last year's results. Also the number of policies showed a marked increase. To produce a yearly income of £50, said Mr. Aylwin, a capital sum of £1,420 would be required, and that sum would accumulate at the end of the year 1947, namely, in thirteen years' time. He hoped that when the playing fields scheme was finished and paid off, the Association would think it time to devote its special efforts to that activity.

**Sports Committee.**—Giving the report of the Sports Committee, Mr. E. C. Patrick said the cricket season had proved very successful. The football, however, was not so good. As most of them knew, the Football Club had been forced, through lack of regular playing members, to withdraw from the Surrey Junior League and Cup. The Rifle Club were doing well, and the Badminton Club were settling down to a successful season. The Athletic Club had also done well, especially in the triangular contest against the London A.C. and Godalming A.C. Concluding his report, Mr. Patrick stated that owing to his now being engaged in work away from Farnham, he must resign from the position of Hon. Secretary of the Sports Club. Mr. F. O. Meddows Taylor was prepared to take over the duties.

Commenting on Mr. Patrick's report, Mr. A. J. Hall said he was the only member of the Rifle Club present. Although the Club had had a successful season, they had only a bare team of good shots, and more members would be welcomed.

On the football question it was decided to arrange a few friendly matches after Christmas in order to keep the Club alive. Mr. G. J. Warren offered to act as temporary secretary for that purpose.

**Memorial Field.**—Mr. Morgan said that at long last the levelling of the O.F.A. memorial field was completed and the grass was up. But they had an overdraft of £120. This would mean another big effort in the summer, but he hoped that would clear the debt. It was decided to hold such an effort on the last Saturday in July, to take the form of a fête and re-union.

**Entertainments Committee.**—Mr. A. T. F. Funnell (Secretary of the Entertainments Committee) said that during the past year the Committee had arranged the annual dinner, a Boxing Night dance, a hospital effort, a dance on St. Patrick's Eve, and the summer re-union. They had handed over £26 7s. 8d. to the Memorial Field Fund, £5 to the Hospital Fund, and £5 to the Sports Club.

Following the reports came the election of officers. Mr. G. H. Bacon was appointed Treasurer. Mr. J. Sims expressed his desire to retire from the position of Secretary. He thought it was time someone else had a turn. Mr. Morgan, however, said he would like Mr. Sims to continue for another year at least, i.e., until the Memorial Field Scheme was finished, and Mr. Sims was re-elected Hon. Secretary.

It was agreed that Messrs. E. W. Langham and G. F. Wright should be asked to continue as auditors and that a letter of thanks should be sent to them.

Elected on to the General Committee were Messrs. G. M. Aylwin, A. W. Ball, D. J. Carter, H. Elphick, J. G. Figg, A. L. Fisher, E. G. Glynn, A. J. Hall, N. H. Hillyer, D. C. Horry, L. E. Lord, E. C. Patrick, R. J. Ridout, S. G. Robins, V. H. Rumble, W. S. L. Smallman, C. T. Stroud, R. H. M. Taylor, R. L. Wells, L. F. G. Wright and G. J. Warren. Ex-officio members: The President (the Headmaster), Hon. Treasurer (Mr. G. H. Bacon), Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Sims), Hon. Secretary of Sports Club (Mr. F. O. Meddows Taylor), and Hon. Secretary of the Entertainments Committee (Mr. A. T. F. Funnell).

The Memorial Field Committee were re-elected en bloc, as follows: Messrs G. Maxwell Aylwin, J. M. Taylor, R. L. Wells, J. G. Figg, A. W. Ball and S. G. Robins; ex-officio: the Chairman of Governors (Mr. R. W. Mason), two other Governors (Messrs. C. E. Borelli and J. W. Wright) and Mr. R. W. Cass (Hon. Surveyor). The Insurance Bureau Committee was also re-elected en bloc, as follows: Messrs. L. G. Anderson, D. J. Carter, L. A. Gibson and G. Maxwell Aylwin (Hon. Secretary); co-opted: the Chairman of the Governors and Messrs. H. Elphick, E. G. Glynn, E. C. Patrick and C. N. Brooker. The following were appointed to serve on the Entertainments Committee: Messrs. G. H. Ridout, A. J. Hall, F. O. M. Taylor, H. Elphick, L. F. G. Wright, E. G. Glynn, L. E. Lord, R. J. Ridout, F. A. Holloway, S. J. Parsons, A. T. F. Funnell (Hon. Secretary) and W. S. L. Smallman. The O.F.A. President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary are ex-officio members of the Memorial Field, Insurance Bureau and Entertainment Committees.

It was agreed after some discussion to adopt Mr. Bacon's proposition that there should be only one general meeting of the Association each year, and that in place of the spring and summer meetings, social evenings should be held following the usual football and cricket matches with the School.

A discussion followed as to what should be done with the interest which the O.F.A. Trust Fund was bringing in. Various solutions were put forward, and it was finally decided that the Committee should be given the power to grant £5 for books and instruments to any boy leaving school, to whom such a grant would, in the discretion of the Bureau, be of real value.

## O.F.A. MEMORIAL FIELD.

The main thing to report is that the grass is growing; and the main thing to emphasise is that we are still in debt—to the extent of £100. I must confess to a feeling of disappointment that the last appeal to Old Boys yielded so poor a response. Junior Old Boys seem to be shy about sending small subscriptions, and senior Old Boys apparently have the burden of this world too much upon them.

However, there is the St. Patrick's Eve Dance on Friday, March 15th; and, more important still, the Fête on July 27th. We really must make that the culminating and triumphant effort. We shall want a good deal more than the £100.

Donations received since the last issue:—C. H. Falkner, £1 1s.; J. Woods, 2s. 6d.; A. B. Roth, 10s. 6d.; D. J. Carter, 10s.; Mr. W. J. Taylor, 5s.; O.F.A. New Year's Eve Dance, £9 5s. 7d.; School Entertainment, £15.

Note.—Apologies are due to W. N. B. George, whose donation should have read 10s., not 5s., in the last issue.

F.A.M.

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 THE 1935 DINNER.

There is no doubt in my mind that the 1935 Dinner was the most sincerely enthusiastic and stimulating that the Association has known. I use the word "sincerely" as it is very easy to be enthusiastic when nicely mellowed and surrounded by fellow Old Boys. This year, however, I really think the members showed genuine keenness which augurs well for the future. It is the fillip that was needed, for a good many are apt to become complacent in the matter of an Association over 300 strong and to trust to the "other chaps" to do the work of keeping the thing alive. Those present:—

STAFF.—F. A. Morgan, J. W. Withinshaw, G. H. Ridout, G. H. Bacon, S. E. J. Lock and E. Munton. Wm. Stroud came in later.

G. H. Boyes.

OLD BOYS.—G. Maxwell Aylwin, A. W. Ball, Eric Barnard, C. E. Borelli, F. L. Borelli, E. G. Boulton, J. Boulton, C. N. Brooker, J. G. Caesar, W. E. Carter, F. R. Croucher, F. H. Denley, H. Elphick, C. J. V. Evitt, J. G. Figg, A. W. Fry, A. T. F. Funnell, R. A. Gates, B. C. N. Giles, E. G. Glynn, A. J. Hall, G. A. P. Hern, F. A. Holloway, D. C. Horry, G. J. Knotts, W. F. Larn, W. E. Loe, L. E. Lord, E. M. Loughlin, R. B. Loveless, N. F. Lowry, C. H. Marett, H. J. Mills, K. T. Mitchell, E. A. W. Morris, C. M. Mould, H. S. North, S. J. Parsons, N. H. Patrick, A. Phillips, R. J. Ridout, Hugh Robins, S. G. Robins, V. H. Rumble, L. G. Simmons, J. E. Sims, R. W. Small, W. A. Smallman, W. S. L. Smallman, H. R. Smither, J. H. Smither, R. R. Stewart, J. W. H. Stroud, R. J. Sutton, F. O. Meddows Taylor, P. Meddows Taylor, R. H. Meddows Taylor, P. A. Vanner, H. M. Vere-Hodge, F. R. Wallis, R. L. Wells, S. D. Whetman, H. Wilkinson, F. H. C. Wimbledon and G. F. Wright.

The dinner itself was good; the fare was a triumph for the Bush Hotel, and the Entertainments Committee should be congratulated upon an excellent choice of menu.

Our President was, of course, the Chairman and he voiced the feeling of everyone when he expressed his regret at the absence of Mr. Mason who, at the request of his doctor, was unable to attend. Mr. Borelli was therefore the "oldest Old Boy" present when the usual Roll Call was conducted.

We were all pleased to hear Mr. Morgan call upon the Staff to show themselves, but once more we were unsuccessful in our efforts to force a speech from Mr. Ridout. Incidentally it was good to see "George" Boyes present.

For some years now we have looked on the appearance of Mr. William Stroud as one of the "high spots" of the evening and the welcome accorded him was of the usual tumultuous nature.

Given such a good start the Dinner had every chance of being a success and the Toast List proved to be as delicious as it promised.

Mr. Geoff Wright was at his best and wittiest in proposing the toast of "The Association" but through his humour ran a real interest in the affairs of the Association. He propounded an excellent scheme for the rounding off of the financial side of the Memorial Field, namely that all the younger Old Boys should subscribe half a crown, and the older Old Boys pro rata. What a fine thing if the members would only act on the suggestion! Mr. Wright paid tribute to the work of Mr. Bacon and stressed the value of a connecting link between the School and the Association.

Mr. Ralph Meddows Taylor's reply was in more serious vein and he touched upon the activities of the Association from an inside knowledge. I must confess, however, at the risk of an accusation of being "fuddled," that to this day I have been unable to piece together his story of Mr. Morgan's amorous canary! Mr. Taylor's suggestion that "The Absentees" should be toasted was a good one and later in the proceedings was duly honoured. We hope this will be a regular toast in the future.

When Mr. R. B. Loveless rose to propose "The School" we settled down comfortably to enjoy ourselves and were not disappointed. He brought to our minds the late Rev. Priestley and he "reminisced" affectionately on Dr. Brown and Mr. Stroud.

Mr. Morgan, replying, touched on the Memorial Field Fund, and asked for the members' support in the efforts for that cause. In his "words of gratitude" Mr. Morgan paid just tribute to Mr. C. N. Brooker, our former Honorary Treasurer, now at Felpham, and Mr. Bacon, of whom, Mr. Morgan said, it was difficult to find words in which to express the Association's debt of gratitude.

Finally, a word for the entertainer, "The Hampshire Yokel." His repertoire was one of those very unusual mixtures these days—funny and clean.

To the older Old Boys: Would it be possible between now and next February, for them to swot up the words (and in some cases, the tune) of "Forty Years On" if they are really determined that it shall be sung?

To the younger Old Boys: Some of us would very much prefer to hear all the speeches from the official speakers rather than a mixture of speech and vague rumblings from an end table.

To the anonymous sender to me of a libellous communication during the Dinner: The photograph was totally unlike me; and in any case the price of beer was considerably more than fourpence a pint.

J.E.S.

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### LONDON LETTER.

King's College,  
Strand.

*The Editor, The Farnhamian.*

Sir,—Roused from a natural lethargy by a libellous comment concerning Sir Toby Belch that appeared in your last issue, I hurl myself into print.

London University, Sir, has several representatives of Farnham Grammar School under its wing, more it seems than ever before. The purpose of this letter is to pass them in review, commenting as far as possible upon their efforts at keeping the School flag flying in the great big city.

There is W. A. Gardiner, who having obtained a Chemistry 1st, the John Millar Thomson Medal and the Layton Research Scholarship of £150 p.a., is now studying for his Ph.D. examination.

Our dark-eyed misogynist of Room A, K. W. W. Bartlett, is also at King's, and he too has obtained a 1st in Chemistry, but is now studying for an M.Sc. Besides these merely intellectual pursuits he is still doing great things on the rifle range.

Then we have N. J. Phillips, who is at Goldsmiths', taking his Teacher's Certificate and a Diploma in Geography. "N.J." is another believer in outside activities—he is not only Treasurer of his College Union Society, but is also Secretary of the 'Varsity soccer team; whether he still does the amazing things with the ball that he used to do in the Surrey Cup we cannot say.

V. H. Rumble, our "Vic," the organising genius of the good old days, is, besides doing funny things with petrol at Sunbury-on-Thames, studying for a degree at Battersea Polytechnic and scouring the countryside on his animated scooter.

The name of Stroud is so closely linked with the F.G.S. that the School seems wrong without a Stroud; however, the tradition

seems to have moved on to Queen Mary College, where there are two "Jells." Little Jell, or L. J. Stroud, is still wallowing in the intricacies of mathematics, and we would like to think that he is still a strong supporter of "flogging." Middle Jell, or E. A. Stroud, has descended (geographically) from Birmingham to join his brother at Q.M.C., where he is taking an Engineering degree.

The names of E. A. Drew, who is at University College, and A. G. Morton, who is at Imperial College of Science, must remain a mystery because other than that they have passed Inter-Science I know nothing about their activities. Possibly Morton is still playing golf with his old skill, and Drew is looking forward to a cricket season!

W. S. L. Smallman is still doing amazing things across country. He was a member of the 'Varsity team that succeeded in defeating Oxford University, and was chosen, on the strength of his performance at the annual U.A.U. Championships, to represent the U.A.U. against the Royal Air Force at Henlow. His ultra-smartness in the O.T.C. is becoming a by-word at King's.

Of W.A.S. we, who know him so well, know very little. He still talks the same sort of rot at Literary Society meetings that he used to talk of School debates. He still argues and he still dislikes Greta Garbo. To keep his fat down (Editor, please note!) he runs very occasionally across country.

Well, Sir, that I think is that, and with the best wishes from us here in London to all of you on the hill, I must say adieu.

Your obedient servant,

"SIR TOBY BELCH."

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### A HOLIDAY AWHEEL.

Before long readers will be trying to make their annual decision on the summer holiday question. This is therefore an appropriate time to suggest a solution of their problem which fulfils at once the two necessary conditions of cheapness and enjoyment.

The idea of a cycling holiday is, of course, no novelty. Many thousands tour the country in this way every year, but many more thousands miss this very real treat through lack of knowledge, or through some misconceptions about hard scorching along main roads and the need of rest.

To these latter I hope to give a truer picture of what a holiday awheel can and should be. My purpose is not to provide a ready-made programme for a perfect holiday, but rather to give a few hints which will help the prospective tourist to realise the two conditions I refer to above, and which will serve, I hope, if not to convert the sceptical, at least to tip the scales of the hesitant.

The first point to consider is, of course, the machine. Don't be put off because you think your mount is not suitable; a light touring model is best, but, if your intention is to enjoy the countryside and not to scorch, any bike will serve. Give your machine some attention before you start, at least an oiling and a cleaning—it makes the going so much easier against a strong headwind! A thorough overhaul is better still, and will reduce the chance of a breakdown on the road; last summer I traversed some very rough country in Devon, and was worried with nothing but slight brake trouble. Don't let the question of gears trouble you. After reading a library of controversial articles on this subject I advise the simple rule: "Use what you are used to."

On the question of clothes I suggest an equally free choice. Wear any old clothes you possess, only bearing in mind one consideration: be comfortable. Carry as few spare clothes as possible. You must have a complete change in case you get soaked, but the only other essentials for, say, a fortnight are a change of footwear (which is often most welcome) and a set of oilskins (cape and leggings). From experience I consider the best way of carrying these clothes and any other oddments such as toilet requisites, camera, and maps, is in a large saddle bag and a rucksack. Some people recommend pannier-bags slung over the carrier, but personally I find a rucksack makes for easier riding. (It is worth noticing that this is the only expense I have suggested yet).

The only other really important question is where to put up at night. The ideal way if you are riding with a pal and don't mind the added weight is to carry a light tent and camp out, but this method has several disadvantages apart from the weight question, and is no fun alone. However, there is one method of saving all bother and still keeping expense down to a minimum—join the Youth Hostels Association. The Headmaster can probably let you have literature about this Association, or you can get full particulars from the Regional Headquarters at 7, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London, S.W.1. I will here briefly outline its aims and the advantages it offers to members. The Association has established some hundreds of hostels all over the British Isles for the exclusive use of members, who must be walkers or cyclists; some of these are new buildings constructed specially as hostels, others are converted farms, schools, mansions, and so on. There is endless variety; indeed, no two hostels are alike, and they are all in most delightful situations. The outlay on joining is very small, 2/6 subscription for those under 25, and 9d. for a handbook containing full particulars of the hostels. The charge at all hostels is 1/- per night, which includes a comfortable bed, plenty of blankets, cooking and washing facilities, and the use of a common-room, which invariably provides facilities for indoor games and music. Not exactly expensive, is it? The great majority of the hostels provide

thoroughly substantial meals at very reasonable prices for those who, like myself, do not care to cook their own meals over a Primus stove. There are no irksome regulations; indeed the only two which can reasonably be called restrictions are that members must provide some form of sheet sleeping bag and must be in the hostel by 10 o'clock. From personal experience and the enthusiastic reports of friends I can confidently recommend the Y.H.A. The hostels are within easy reach of their neighbours, and I recommend them as a pleasant, comfortable, and very inexpensive way of solving the question of accommodation at night. Incidentally, the Association offers unique facilities for touring abroad.

One other point which troubles many beginners is how far to travel each day. This again is a matter for personal decision, and depends mainly on what method of touring is adopted. You may plan your route in advance and keep to a more or less rigid schedule, embracing every place you wish to visit in the area you select. Or some particular part of the country may attract you, and you may prefer on arrival to wander wherever the inclination takes you, without any fixed plan. Obviously your daily mileage by the two methods would not be the same. However, I will give two broad hints: Don't try to reach Land's End on the first day (there may not be accommodation for you!) and don't estimate when planning in advance for more than 60 or 70 miles a day. This distance, which I average myself, allows quite distant parts to be toured in a fortnight, and is not at all exhausting if the weather is reasonable and you are yourself fairly "cycling fit"; while it also gives ample time for detours to attractions which may lie just off the route.

If this article should inspire anyone with the urge for a cycling holiday, I should be only too pleased to give him any tips or any further information about the Y.H.A. if he would get in touch with me via the Editor.

"AQUILUS."

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### "ON A BAT'S BACK I DO FLY."

Oh no, not now!—once, a long time ago, when the kind old walls of Farnham Grammar School sheltered me from "the lonely, hard-won crags of life," I confessed in an outburst of puerility that I was foolish—oh, what multitude of sins that "Eram" covered! To quote my own words, a bad habit this for 'tis the escape of fools that have eyes to wonder and forget that they lack tongues to praise, to quote, as I was saying, my own words, I once gave out that "my poor brain has left me and I am bereft of all but the power to utter 'the laugh that spoke the vacant mind'"—I apologise to myself for such a statement. 'Twere indeed a sorry day for me that ever I cackled from a vacuum. To return to those hackneyed muttons—I have cast off



the motley of my youth; the wanton spirit that caused me to demand roistering outbursts from poor old Toby Belch, Falstaff, and the revellers of Eastcheap has been banished. Bowed my shoulders beneath the "sable stole of cypress lawn," the dignity of manhood, manifest in the first peeping shrubs that spoil the smooth comeliness of mine upper lip, is sobering the wayward youth.

I am growing old. . . .

Not, mark you, hoarily old, as did Methuselah and the bearded prophets, not unpleasantly as the knock-need Simon Lee or the lean and slippered pantoloon of Jaques' poetic fancy, nor yet comfortably senile in the fire-side and mellow fashion of your oldest inhabitants; rather am I grown old mentally. Yea, tell it not in whispers, but

"With ev'n step, and musing gate\*

And looks commercing with the skies,"

do I wander. Gone the wild, Elysian days, no longer green in judgment, fond in opinion and riotous in folly; gone the straw in the hair, spring madness gives pride of place to autumn sense; alas, poor Yorick has a companion in the order of departed folly. Now a sobered soul, with pensive brow and gaze alight with poetic fire, I ponder on matters philosophic.

I am, in deed if not in fact, an intellectual, an elevated soul, considering all things vile that I know not. I have grown a beard neither Mephistophelean nor of the straggling John the Baptist shape, but a refined *barbe imperiale*. I wear green shirt and a red tie; I admire the sublimity of the modern movement in art; I dislike all things bourgeois, such as cabbages, umbrellas, bowler hats and tram tickets. My hair sweeps the unclean earth as I walk along, falling in a cascade about my brow in a sheer ecstasy of aesthetic waves. I drink absinthe and talk about Carl Marx; I have ideals, but realise that the world is not ready for genius. I discuss higher criticism and the drama. Nietzsche is as clear as day to me. And yet I am unhappy.

I long for the lightsome joys of life that make the happy mind. Oh, to cast off my aura of gloom and melancholy of wise precocity but for a moment; to come back from my home-made Hades to one hour of Heaven; to taste not of the waters of Lethe, but of the well of happiness. But no, such heresy is not to be—once I have donned the aesthetic garb, once the Chelsea spirit comes with the call of true art, once the intellect gains its place in the world, there is no looking back; Eurydice will echo our footsteps through the paths of life, but we neither regain her nor look back upon her. The way of the intellect is rough, its setbacks are many, but mankind must be saved.

Forgive me. . . . I laugh.

As I said once before

I wonder . . . .

"ERAM."

\* The spelling is the property of Mr. John Milton.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS.

S. W. L. Puttick (1926-1929) has been awarded the City of Birmingham Apprenticeship Certificate on the completion of his indentures with the Austin Motor Co. The presentation was made by the Lord Mayor. He had previously gained the National Certificate of Engineering by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and is a Graduate of the Institute of Production Engineers. He is at present in business with his father at Lion Green, Haslemere.

Congratulations to W. S. Smallman (1927-1933) on coming in fifth in the seven mile cross-country run between Oxford University and London University. He is also a candidate for the Presidency of the Union at King's. The last we heard of him, he was giving a demonstration of an African War Dance to his fellow students.

L. A. Gibson (1916-1923) has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Surrey Schools Football Association.

J. W. Brooker (1924-1930) is now a member of the City of Portsmouth Police.

Cedric Masterman (1923-1928) has obtained a short term commission in the R.A.F.

F. P. Ashton (1929-1934) is studying at the School of Oculists in London.

Radio enthusiasts may like to communicate with J. N. Roe (1916-1924), of 27, Baronsfield Road, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, Middlesex. He has now been appointed outside technical radio engineer of Messrs. Ferranti for S.W. London and the Southern Counties, and he is also Hon. Secretary of the Thames Valley Amateur Radio and Television Society. This Society interests itself not only in telephony and television, but also in sound films. "I spend most of my time at radio work, thanks to an interest that started at School and continues to grow." He sends good wishes to the School, particularly to Mr. Ridout and Massingberd. We have to congratulate him on becoming engaged, as well as on his decision to join the O.F.A. Old Boys bitten with the "wireless" hobby should look out for his articles in "Amateur Wireless" and other technical journals.

H. W. Hern (1921-1926) now represents John Marlow and Sons, of Northampton, over most of Southern England. More power to his selling talk.

G. A. P. Hern (1927-1934) is on the "Camberley Times," working very hard and enjoying it enormously.

J. W. F. Gwillim (1921-1926) was on March 1st appointed to H.M.S. "Medway," submarine depôt ship. He leaves for China some time this Spring.

R. E. Loveless (1903-1907) is a London representative on the Council of the Institute of Journalists. He is also Chairman of the London District Economic Section.

J. C. Ground (1923-1930) is still in a sanatorium at Ninette, Manitoba, but he is much improved; in fact, he feels fine. Temperatures out there have been in the neighbourhood of 40 degrees below zero. We are glad to hear that the trade depression in Canada is lifting.

B. K. Ground (1923-1930) is fourth officer in S.S. "Masula," which is now on its way to Bombay. He hopes to be back in England by June.

Congratulations to V. C. E. Jones (1924-1929) on his marriage last year. He is now the proud father of a prospective Farnhamian. Again, congratulations.

E. W. J. Neave (1909-1916) has been awarded M.Sc. (London).

R. R. Stewart (1927-1934) is at Reading University, taking Inter-Science Course. Later on he will take the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society.

D. F. Wagstaff (1927-1934) is out training twice a week for the 100 Yards, 220 Yards and Long Jump.

E. G. Marsh (1922-1926) found time last year to get married, as well as to take the Intermediate Examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Congratulations! We hope to see him again in 1937.

J. R. Hoar (1927-1933) is now a junior in Harrods Estate Offices and hopes one day to be F.A.I. He is enjoying life tremendously. In sport he represents the Estate Offices in cricket, football, swimming and running. He rows and plays ping-pong for Harrods.

Our thanks to L. C. W. Fitzwalter (1921-1923) for an interesting paper on the subject of "Scotch Tweeds." Publication is necessarily deferred for the present.

We have been privileged to read an article by A. B. Roth (1909-1912) on "Carpet Manufacture," reprinted from the Journal of the Textile Institute. A masterly piece of work.

P. Meddows Taylor (1926-1929) has passed with distinction the College of Preceptors' Senior Examination.

K. T. Mitchell (1916-1926) was married on November 24th—too late to receive our congratulations in the last Magazine.

Major H. R. Robins (1886-1892) was among those honoured in the first list of awards of the new decoration authorised for the Cadet Force. It is called the Officers' Long Service Badge.

R. H. Parker (1918-1925) is now an assistant master at Carshalton Junior School.

We offer our warm congratulations to A. P. Tice (1912-1914) for having occupied the office of Chairman of the Farnham Urban District Council during the past local government year.

R. J. Turner (1926-1934) has passed 22nd out of 436 candidates in the Post Office Examination for Inspector. Only 15 men were required, so that at present he is sticking to his L.P.T.B. appointment.

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### Dates.

Cricket Match v. School.—Saturday, July 6th.

Athletic Sports.—Wednesday, July 10th.

Fête.—Saturday, July 27th.

Swimming Sports.—Monday, July 29th.

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