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THE EDITORIAL.

Readers of the Briggensian will no doubt receive a pleasurable surprise when this magazine comes into their hands. It is entirely an innovation, and has been compiled and altered by the editorial staff, which consists of members of the sixth form. The old idea tended to make it merely a record of school activities, football, cricket and other sports. That such notable features of school life should be included is essential for the preservation of records of our athletic pursuits and for comparison in future years. But bare accounts of teams and goals scored are of mere passing interest, except to the player himself. There is another and more important side; the encouragement of literary ability. A school magazine should be the medium for the expression of individual thought and character. The boy who sees an article written by himself, actually in print and destined to be read by many, including the most critical of all, his school-fellows, is spurred on to greater deeds, while others are encouraged to write themselves.

We have endeavoured this term to include articles from every part of the school, and in the future, we shall be only too pleased to receive contributions from old boys. There is really no need why this magazine should contain only thirty pages ; a bigger sale would make it possible to enlarge it, and we ask ask past scholars of the school, who are not members of the O.B.A. to keep in touch with the old school by purchasing the Briggensian.

We are willing to accept criticism from our readers ; any new ideas or innovations for the improvement of the "Mag' will be appreciated.

In conclusion we wish to thank Mr. Reed for his great help in supervising and correcting our work and for the many useful hints he has given us.

EDITOR.

SCHOOL LISTS.

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SHEFFIELD HOUSE NOTES.

The dawn of a new term found the Sheffield House not quite so strong numerically as in previous years. The opening of a new secondary school at Scunthorpe produced its natural effect on our House, and although we always regret losing any of our members we nevertheless join heartily in wishing them success in their new sphere. It is pleasing to us to note that at least one old member has found a regular place in the Scunthorpe Football Team (1st XI), that another has had a trial and that several have appeared in the under XIV team. May they continue to

uphold the already high reputation of our House both in School and on the Sports Field.

In spite of this reduction in numbers, this term has seen members of our House figuring more prominently than ever in the School Teams. On one occasion no fewer than seven Sheffields appeared in the First eleven and throughout the season six have found regular places. Three have appeared regularly in the Second eleven. This is a record of which we are justly proud and we venture to predict that it will not be equalled for some years to come. For proof that this ability is not confined to seniors let it be said that four members are in the newly formed Under 14 School Team.

In other spheres of school life our members have taken an equally active part notably in the production of this magazine, the Library and in the Rifle Club. Activity in the latter however is somewhat limited by travelling difficulties. All this goes to prove that our House is an active organisation devoted to furthering the interests of the school. Let it continue to be so.

E. LEVINSON, (CAPT).

HOW DENNIS TOOK THE PLEDGE.

A Limerick Irishman named Dennis, addicted to strong drink, was often urged by his friends to sign the pledge, but with no avail, until one day they read to him from a newspaper, an account of a man who had become so saturated with alcohol, that, on attempting to blow out a candle, his breath ignited, and he was instantly blown to atoms. Dennis' face showed mingled horror and contrition, and his friends thought that the long desired moment of repentance was at hand.

" Bring me the book, boys, bring me the book ! Froth his breath took fire did it ? Sure, I'll never die that death, anyhow " said Dennis, with the most solemn countenance imaginable." Hear me now boys, hear me now. I, Dennis Finnegon knowing my great weakness, deeply sensible of my past sins, and the great danger I've been in, hereby take my solemn oath that so long as I live, under no provocation whatever, will I—blow out a candle again.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer a hearty welcome to Mr. L. C. Chaundy, BSc. (London), who joined the staff at the beginning of this term.

A slight increase in the number of scholars is reported this term there being 245 compared with the 243 present during the past term. This is all the more gratsfying when one considers that a new Secondary School has been opened at Scunthorpe.

We offer our best wishes for their future success to those of our past scholars who have transfered to the new school at Scunthorpe. We feel sure that they will carry with them the good name of our school and always strive to uphold it.

The results of the Cambridge Senior Local Examinations held in July are as follows :

Honours :—F. Fieldsend, T. W. Piper, S. G. Tinsley, C. South, J. P. Kemp.

Exempt Cambridge Previous Examination :—These who gained honours and also M. Hiles and J. W. Weightman.

Passed :—L. Wilson, H. C. Slingsby, W. E. Grasar, H. A. Clark, E. Dobson, J. L. Harrison, C. F. Maw, E. J. Prince, E. Andrew and H. East.

An inspection of the school premises took place during the term. The Governors and a deputation from the Lindsey County Council went round the school, with, we understand, a view to improvements.

The whole school enjoyed a most interesting lecture on the League of Nations, held in the Exchange Hall, on October 6th. Mr. F. S. Marvin, M.A. gave a brief outline of the formation of this league which deeply impressed us as to its value and its work among the countries of the world.

"My tramp through Africa" was the subject of a further lecture by Mrs. Masefield, F.R.G.S. on Dec. 2nd. This is described more fully on another page. Two lectures are arranged for next term. One on Feb. 16th by Mr. Wilford Mark Webb, F.L.S., F.R.M.S. (Hon. Sec. of the Selbourne Society). His subject is the Natural History of the Dinner Table."

On Feb. 24th, Capt. L. Greenstreet will lecture on his tour "Through New Zealand with a Camera."

Both these lectures are to be held in the Parish Hall.

We are pleased to note that additional levelling of the playing field is in progress. We wish to thank the governors for their help in this matter.

The first cricket pitch has been the scene of an attempt to exterminate the weeds on it. Everyone is interested in this novel experiment.

The day boys have at last come into their own, and have now the use of the Sanatorium to take their midday repast in.

Mr. Lamb has re-established the Rifle Club and a large number of boys have become members.

An attempt is to be made next term to form a literary and debating society, where any future members of Parliament may exercise their up till now latent ability.

The Speech Day next term will be held in the Exchange Hall. The Earl of of Yarborough, P.C. Lord Lieutenant of the County has kindly consented to be present.

THE SIXTH FORM.

The fact that the Sixth form this term contains some 15 members enabled us to challenge the the Rest of the School to a match. Our choice was naturally a limited one but we we were able to field a team composed mostly of 1st and 2nd XI players.

SIXTH FORM *v* THE REST OF SCHOOL.

Our team was not quite at full strength owing to the absence of Piper. The game however was of a very exciting nature, the issue being in doubt until the end. None of the usual lackadaisical play of some Wednesday afternoon players was evident. Everyone played with as much energy and spirit as he could compass. On the whole the respective attacks prevailed, giving the defences some anxious moments. The final score in favour of the Sixth was merited if only for the wholehearted way in which they turned a two goal deficit into a goal lead towards the end of the game.

Scorers (VIth Form). Levinson (6) Morgan, Weightman, South. Result Sixth Form 9. Rest of School 8.

vIth Form Team. Wilson L; Hiles & Moody; Richardson, South and Kemp: Weightman, Morgan, Levinson, Slingsby, Grasar.

SIXTH FORM *v* THE REST OF SCHOOL. Nov. 23rd.

We were challenged by the Rest to a return match in which we fielded our strongest team. The game was marked by the same enthusiasm which had been a feature of thc first except that our defence held out much better. No quarter was given by either team. Hard knocks were

the order of the day. Lively opportunism by our forwards gave us a merited victory.

Scorers—Levinson (3), Weightman and Morgan.

VIth Form Team. Wilson L., Hiles and Moody; Piper, South and Kemp, Weightman, Morgan, Levinson, Richardson and Scott.

Result—Sixth Form 5, Rest of School 1.

We thus established our superiority in what we hope will become an annual fixture.

E. LEVINSON.

SIXTH FORM NOTES.

This term the Sixth has been rather larger than usual. There are 17 members in the form, composed of the usual classical and science students, of which the majority are attached to the Art's side.

A welcome addition to the form is the large book-case for which we are deeply indebted to Mr. Talbot Cliff. Thanks also to the untiring efforts of the headmaster and of Mr. Gaze, its spacious shelves are now filled with some three hundred books, which we find of considerable value, both in our school work and in our literary recreations. A good supply of weekly periodicals, magazines and papers is now to be found in the form-room. This innovation, for which we heartily thank the Headmaster, enables us to keep abreast of the times, and gives us the opportunity of studying a variety of opinions from many papers, which we, individually, would not be able to obtain.

Old Boys would never recognise the new Sixth form room. Situated in the new portion of the "Old School," it has been furnished with new desks, each with a separate chair, and is undoubtedly the best room in the school.

The Sporting activities of the form are reported elsewhere.

Barker and Piper have been appointed monitors this term, which is a new rank for the school.

Four members are taking the Cambridge Certificate at Christmas, while another is taking the London Matriculation.

E. M. ANDREWS.

BIRD LIFE IN DECEMBER.

The wintry weather of the month keeps many birds on the move but they do not go very far afield. In December ground-feeding birds have seldom to contend with the iron-bound crust or long-lying snow which will come later. When the frost begins to thaw, the thrushes tunefully hail the return of better times, and the robin begins to whistle his spring song, as if the thaw was the herald of Spring. Fresh-turned earth means a plentiful food-supply, not only to rooks and jackdaws, but to many others. This can be well seen on the coastal lands, where the seagulls hover around the ploughed fields or in the vicinity of the Scawby Gull-ponds. Fieldfares are scattered about over the low-lying meadows in search of molehills and foraging starlings come to help in quest of worms. Probably in the midst of these operations a sparrow-hawk will dash through their ranks and without stopping, carry off one of their number. In a wet December, Lopwings and wandering gulls or wading-birds are very plenteous. Meadow Pipits and Pied Wagtails who have stayed at home for the winter hop about by the water's edge and when the floods subside the Carrion Crow comes to view the slimy deposit in search of a stranded fish or a drowned mouse. When the seagulls sense an approaching storm they drift inland for shelter and Kittiwakes, who seldom leave the sea, make the best of the shelter afforbed by harbour piers. Disabled birds are often picked up far inland after a heavy sea gale. When walking through a wood one sees a Pied Wood-

pecker hopping about on the trees or if one knocks at a hollow tree trunk a wise old Brown Owl will peep out with half-closed eyes. Nuthatches, Tree-creepers and Tits may be seen turning hibernating spiders out of the bark.

J. R. CUTHBERT.

THE LAST LOAD.

The sun was sinking low
Behind the distant hill,
The horses trudging slow
Approach'd the glist'ning rill.

The labourers rejoice,
The gathering of the hay
Is ended once again,
'Til the following May.

The horse are aweary
With tramping through the fen,
Tea is in the farmhouse
To welcome home the men.

The hay in tidy ricks,
Now stands across the yard.
Away from rains and storms,
From Winter's blasts so hard.

H. E. STAINTON, Lower Va.

THE ETERNAL "EGO,"

Have you ever considered the many ways in which the word "I" is used? To illustrate this point I will take one or two characters at the present in the public eye.

I do not think that we can do worse than consider the most egoistical of all egoists—Mr. George Bernard Shaw "As a Schoolboy" says G.B.S., "I was incorrigably

worthless and I am proud of it." A typical G.B.S. remark —the public eye suits Mr. Shaw, and he takes good care he's never out of it!

Another character familiar to past and present is Charles Darwin. "We are" claimed "Mr Darwin," descended from Apes." I do not wander that many people tremble in their shoes at the thought, for every time I see a monkey I shake in my shoes, fearing that it will clasp me in close embrace and call me "Brother!"

Now, we will flit to America. Who is this bestriding the "lil burg" of Chicago like a colossus? Allow me to introduce you to Big Bill Thompson, the dotted "I" in America, who claims that "I" does not come in "England" and therefore bow your knees, oh ye insects—but not to this big gum sucker.

Now, let us delve into the realms of science. "Whoam I?" asks Mr. Everyman, and the man of Science replies in a string of words in some lost tongue. (Grammar School Latin?), which, when translated informs you that you are "less than the dust"—a mere germ.

One often feels a worm (Ever been in the Head's Sanctum in disgrace?) but then, I think its time to draw the line, but— a microbe! Just think a glorified fragment of nothing, floating about in space, doing nothing, and that well.

Who am I? I leave that to whoever peruses this (if anyone!). You have your own opinions of yourselves,— and so have I!

E.D.

B.G.S. RIFLE CLUB.

We are interested to note the revival of the Rifle Club due to the efforts of Mr. Lamb who has sacrificed much of his spare time during the latter half of this term. At present it consists of 70 members, but it is hoped that this number will be increased next term. Most of the rifles are badly in need of cleaning and adjustment, but should the numbers justify it, new rifles will in all probability be purchased.

For the present a temporary range in the big school will be used, but it is expected that an additional outdoor range will be available next year. The present range cannot be described as ideal, mainly on account of the inefficient lighting arrangements. There are rumerous competitive events organized by the National Rifle Association in which we may compete when we become more proficient.

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Thumwood will be in charge of the organisation; and we hope that they will receive the encouragement they deserve for their unselfish interest in school-life. In conclusion may we wish the Rifle Club every success.

K. BARKER,
K. SCOTT.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The first match of the Season, against Clee Grammar School, did not take place owing to the condition of Clee's pitch after the heavy rains of the previous week.

B.G.S. *v* B. FRASER'S XI. At Brigg.

This, our first encounter this season, proved also to be our first defeat.

The Team consisted of

Horton; Oates and Hutchinson; Piper, Clark J and Fytche! Weightman, Morgan, Sumpter, Thompson and Wells.

A fast game from the outset and our opponents soon showed us that they were not to be scorned, although their centre-forward Feirn succeeded in registering four brilliant shots, our forwards fought hard, and soon proved that our rivals' defence was not invincible, and until the final whistle blew, strove hard to equalise, the issue being a defeat of four goals against our opponents six. The defence did not appear to have found its feet, though it rallied time and time again under pressure, with help from the halves. Our forwards played hard, but did not appear to combine as well as opponents did.

Scorers—Morgan (2) and Sumpter (2).

B.G.S. *v* LINCOLN G.S. At Brigg.

This is usually our hardest match, but the traditional defeat was unexpectedly turned into an overwhelming victory.

The team consisted of

Horton; Oates and Moody; Piper, Levinson and Clark J.; Weightman, Morgan, Sumpter, Thompson and Wells.

From the Kick-off, our forwards pressed hard, and completely outplayed our opponents, with such vigour as to show a marked determination to revenge previous defeats. The whole team combined well, and the opposing defence was clearly baffled by the combination of our halves and forwards, while our own defence withheld any attempt at retaliation. Well played School! A much better game.

Scorers—Levinson (2), Morgan, Sumpter (3), Thompson (3)

B.G.S. *v* DE ASTON G.S. (At Market Rasen).

A good game, and an excellent victory.

The team consisted of

Horton; Hutchinson and Moody; Piper, Levinson and Clark J.: Weightman, Morgan, Sumpter, Thompson, Wells.

During the first half, the School had the wind, and our forwards made good use of this advantage by pressing

incessantly, and obtained four goals within the first half. In the second half, we succeeded in registering a fifth goal, and in spite of a desperate rally on the part of De Aston, both our halves and defence played up, and broke up all attempts to recover lost ground. The team combined well as a whole, and we may suppose that it is combining together much better than in previous seasons.

Final Score—5—0. Scorers—Weightman, Morgan (2), and Sumpter (2).

B.G.S. *v* LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL. At Brigg

This is the first occasion on which we have been opposed to Lincoln Technical School, and we were were not disappointed with the game.

The team consisted of

Horton; Moody, Oates, Piper, Levinson, Clark J., Weightman, Morgan, Sumpter, Thompson, Wells.

Both sides were evenly matched and gave an excellent display of their respective talent. The School eleven combined well, and showed much dash, and at times, much brilliance, which our opponents attempted to out-rival, and in consequence of which, there was much keen competition between the teams. It was a hard game from the kick-off, neither eleven holding the advantage for long. Although our defence was fairly sound, it was inclined to allow the opposing forwards too much latitude. Our forwards attacked well, missing very few opportunities, and in consequence, gave us a display of football which is of a better type than most witnessed on our ground.

Final Score, a drawn game 5&5. Scored by Morgan (2), Sumpter (2) and Levinson.

B.G.S. *v* GAINSBOROUGH G.S. At Brigg.

A disappointing game, there being little opposition to our forwards. The team consisted of

Horton; Oates and Moody; Piper, Ciark J., South; Weightman, Morgan, Levinson. Sumpter and Wells.

In spite of our easy victory, however, it is to be feared that our own eleven was inclined to descend to the level of the opposing team. The defence proved itself to be safe under pressure, and cleared well, if erratically, although it allowed the opposing wing men too much freedom. These latter seemed to delight in making rings around our halves, who seemed incapable of understanding their tactics Although the forwards played well, showing a great deal of dash, it is to be feared that they failed to reproduce their usual form. Our big score however, indicated our superiority. Final Score 11—4. Scored by Levinson (5), Morgan (2), Sumpter (2) and Weightman. One goal was scored by a defender.

B.G.S *v.* CLEE G.S. At Brigg.

The game was spoilt by unfavourable weather conditions, the strength of the wind being the deciding factor.

The team consisted of

Horton; Oates, Moody, Piper, Clark J., and Hutchinson; Weightman Morgan, Sumpter, Thompson, Wells.

The School eleven kicked with the wind during the first half, and found it a detriment rather than a help, the backs and halves being unable to gauge the neccessary distances. while the wind made reception and control of the ball difficult. The School were leading by three goals to one at half time. In the second half, Clee showed a superior knowledge of the weather conditions, and their halves were able by means of judicious long shots to enable the forwards to gain the lead, which they held, defeating us by six goals to four. Our goals were scored by Thompson and Sumpter.

B.G.S. *v* SCUNTHORPE SECONDARY SCHOOL. At Brigg.

This match may be regarded as our "Local Derby," and was anticipated with much friendly rivalry as to the outcome. The Team consisted of

Horton; Oates, Moody; Piper, Levinson, Clark J.: Weightman Morgan, Sumpter, Hutchinson and Wells.

The pace during the first half was decidily too hot to last, but its maintainence until the interval resulted in the scoring being slow. Our opponents, however, began to feel the effects in the second half, the result was an overwhelming victory for the School eleven. Our defence was good, and the halves played a much better game than usual, and did much to aid the forwards in obtaining their goals. The game was interesting and provided much excitement and speculation, while the majority of the goals scored, on the part of both elevens were worth watching.

Final score 8—2. Scored by Hutchinson (3), Morgan Weightman, Sumpter (3)

B.G.S. *v* LINCOLN. under 14 elevens).

On Wednesday, October 12th, our under 14 football eleven, a new feature in the athletic activities of the school, played their first match against Lincoln Grammar School under 14 eleven. We had an early dinner, and started off by but at about half-past twelve. It was a long ride, but when we finally arrived in that noble city, we climbed many steep hills, almost always within sight of the Cathedral, until we reached the School. We arrived early, and had plenty of time in which to change.

The Team consisted of

J. Robinson (Capt) Heaton, Hunsley, Lancaster, Hockney, Temperton, Feirn, Wells, R. Harrison, Skinner, T. W. Harrison.

At the beginning of the game, Lincolu pressed hard and play was very near one goal. Then our forwards became less shy, and took the play into their hands. Lincoln, it is true, tore up the field (Ed. Hard lines on the field!) many times, sometimes checked by our halves, sometimes by our backs, Hunsley and Robinson, who reigned supreme.

At half-time, we were winning by six goals to nil.

The second half was less vigourous, as some of the players were tiring. Lincoln's centre-forward played well

but was very unlucky. The outside and inside rights played well. After an exciting game, we won by eight goals to nil, Feirn scoring four, Temperton two, Wells one while the remaining goal was accidently scored by their man.

Before tea, we had a look round, criticising evervthing, including the Swimming Bath.

The Lincolnians were very hospitable, and we had a capital tea. After tea, we returned home, singing and making a hullabaloo, happy that we had not disgraced ourselves in our first game, and eager for more "blood."

D. W. T. LANCASTER. (IVb).

SCHOOL *v* SCUNTHORPE (under 14)

On Nov. 26th, we visited Scunthorpe Secondary School. Our opponents fielded a team consisting of seven second team and four first team men. ' In the first half we were kicking against a strong wind. and we were loosing by 1—0. In the second half we were losing 3—0.

ROBINSON (Capt).

AN INCIDENT IN A BULL-FIGHT.

THE HULL KILL.

In the centre of the arena, churning the sand already tainted by its blood, was the bull, panting for breath and slowly nodding its massive head. Enraged by the darts in its back, angry at the continued shouting of the spectators, lusting for blood, but with its strength almost spent, it watches the approach of its killer, the Matador. With venomous eyes it sees him come, dressed in scarlet and gold, majestically moving onwards, confident, sure of his skill. His sword is swathed in a red cloak, which draws the eyes of the prey, as steel is drawn to a magnet.

Two paces from the victim the hero stands; slowly he waves his cloak. Forward, backward, the attractive red moves; each movement followed by two blood-shot eyes, until the neck of the bull, weakened by the darts in it sinks lower and lower. Any moment it may charge in a furious agony of death. A tense silence reigns, not a sound is heard, not a movement from all that vast throng, the very flickering of the fans ceases, and that huge concourse, but just now a glittering kaleidoscope of colour remains poised, like a butterfly on a flower. Soldiers relax and lean on their guns, all sit with bated breath, and fascinated watch the little drama being enacted below. The Matador draws his sword, raises himself on his toes, as daintily poised as a dancer, and never moving his eyes bring the weapon to his shoulder. One arm he draws back, the other is used as a support, and taking careful aim he lunges forward. Deep into that massive head goes the steel, and the bull, like a house tottering on its foundations rolls over and is still. The vast amphitheatre resounds to one deafening shout of acclamation, but it is for the slayer not the slain. There in the midst of its blood the poor beast lies, its now lifeless corpse covered with dust and sand. No more to roam the Cantaliian Hills, no more to lead his little troupe in their mad gallops to seek fresh pastures and conquests new. He is gone, unhonoured and unsung, his laurels but a blood-stained banderillo with its one gay ribbons now deeply stained with red. A noble creature and an ignomunious death, but a minute ago the admiration of the crowd, now a mere, lifeless hulk.

R.M.M.

RECENT DEPARTURES.

Upper VI.

D. CILGALLON Sept 1921 Prefect 1925 Schl Cert Honours 210 Froding-ham Rd. Scunthorpe.

Lower VI.

G T PEACOCK, April 1920—1926 Schl Cert Lond Matric 1927 Melton Ross, Barnetby

G W SMITH Sept 1922—1926 Honours Schl Cert 1927 2nd XI Soccer 5 Hawthorn Av., Old Brumby, Scunthorpe.

Va.

F FIELDSEND Nov 1925 1927 Honours 1st XI 1927 Soccer Police Villas, Wynsover Rd, Spalding.

J L HARRISON Sept 1922 1927 Schl Cert 142 Frodingham Rd. Scunthorpe

B R ROBINSON Sept 1921 House Prefect 1927 83 High Street, Scunthorpe

Vb.

W DUFFILL Sept 1923 1927 Worlaby. Brigg

G EYRE May 1933 1927 Ludford, Lincs

C HOCKNEY Sept 1923 1927 Saxby-all-Saints, Brigg

E J PRINCE Sept 1923 1927 Schl Cert 1927 15 Queen St, Frodingham

IVa.

F P ANDREWS Sept 1924 1927 15 Victoria St Barnsley

R F HARDY Sept 1921 2927 The Manor, Kirton Lindsey

F KNIGHTS Sept 1923 1927 3 Kiln Lane, Brigg

IVb.

W BROWN Sept 1924 1st XI Soccer (Colours) Victor Ludorum 1927 1st XI Cricket (Colours) Hse Capt Hatfield House, Epworth, Doncaster

R JOHNSON Sept 1924 1924—1927 6 Cottage Beck Rd, New Brumby, Scunthorpe

IVc.

J R ASCOTT Sept 1924 1927 Modwen House, Messingham, Gainsborough

J M CUNNINGHAM Sept 1922 2nd XI Cricket 1927 25 Palatine Square, Burnley

IIIa.

R BEE Sept 1925 1927 1 Frodingham Rd., New Brumby, Scunthorpe

H L SHARP Sept 1925 Junior Cup 1927 2 Winn St. Scunthorpe

IIIb.

R C ELLIS May 1926 1927 Hibaldstow, Brigg

J W PARKINSON May 1924 1927 The Linden, Riby, Lincs

S ROBINSON Jan 1926 1927 334 Hessle Rd. Hull

COMING OF SPRING.

The long dreary Winter has passed
With its mists its rain and its snows
The Spring time is coming at last
And now we its beauty shall know.

As the day follows after the dawn
The Spring time follows the dark
And we who were pleased with the snow at the morn,
Now welcome the song of the lark.

Come O! Spring with thy flowers
With daises stood in the green
We love thee in spite of thy showers
The seasons all own thee as queen.

J. NEWBERT L.V.a.

THE PRESERVATION OF WILD LIFE.

As civilisation advances and new countries are opened up, the animal life is very largely displaced, and unless it can be placed in reservations and given a measure of protection, it must, to a large extent, disappear.

Efforts have therefore been made by various Dominion Governments, as well as by the United States and other countries, to preserve the wild animal life found within their borders.

Game reserves have been established during recent years in various parts of India, British Africa, Australia, Canada and other lands, and by these praiseworthy efforts, many valuable and interesting species of animal life have been saved from extinction.

Fortunaetly, there is sufficient land in these extensive countries to carry out these schemes without interfering with the settlement of the country generally, and there is ample room for the animals to roam about and thrive amid natural conditions.

Canada has established reservations in the Rocky Mountains, one of the latest and largest being the Jasper National Park, which is 4,4000 square miles in extent, thus being six times as large as the county of Surrey. Wild life is rigidly protected in this gigantic "park," and in its woods are to be found the moose, carabou, elk, deer, fox, lynx, badger, beaver, and many other animals. Rocky Mountain Park (2,781 square miles in extent) is the oldest of the Canadian reservations. The moose found in this great park are remarkably docile and tame and reciprocate friendly overtures on the part of the visitor. Buffalo Park is 158 square miles in extent, and it is the home of some 10,000 buffaloes; many moose, elk and deer are also to be found within it borders.

In British Africa there are no less than thirty-four game reserves, with a total square mileage equal to that of Great Britain. The Society for the Preservation of the Wild Fauna of the Empire is largely responsible for the inception of these reserves, and through its members, which include many sportsmen and naturalists, much valuable information on zoology has been obtained, and the authorities advised accordingly as to the preservation of different species. One of the best known African reserves is in Kenya Colony and this immense zoological garden, exceeding the size of Wales, includes among its denizens, the graceful antelope, the gazelle, giraffe, hartebeeste, ibex, and ostrich. It is policed by European warders, assisted by native scouts.

Guadalupe Island, off the coast of Southern California, has been made a reserve for the sea elephants. These monster seals, which are sometimes seventeen feet in length and weigh over two tons, were in danger of early extinction, hence the declaration of this island as a reserve where the herd now numbers nearly five-hundred.

J. ROBINSON.

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We have received very little information concerning the activities of our old boys this term, and it is all the more regretable that such is the case at the commencement of a new magazine. We were hoping to receive a "bumper" contribution which would make the "mag" a truly representative organ of both past and present scholars. In certain areas the association is thriving, especially in Scunthorpe, where a band of enthusiasts have formed an excellent football team. They hold meetings every week where they settle the affairs of the Club and discuss the latest news. Up-to-date the team has not yet lost a match and there is every indication of a most successful season. On the other hand, if we turn to Grimsby we find much less enthusiasm among old boys; indeed very little is ever heard of them. We reprint the following from last term's magazine.

"It is vital for the progress of the association that every boy, when he leaves, should become a member. This is certainly required if the O.B.A. is to continue. The reasons why the association is worth joining are many and most of them obvious. It helps boys to keep in touch with one another in later life, a sentiment which they will find grows stronger as they become older. Further, one of the

foremost object of the association is to give a helping hand to any boy requiring it in his start in life or if he has fallen on bad times. This, it has already done, and will do as far as possible, and a special appeal is here made to all boys leaving school to join the association."

The Old Boy's dinner is to take place in January 7th at 7-30 p.m. in the Angel Hotel. All old scholars, whether members of the O.B.A. or not, are welcome, but it is desirable that non-members should inform the secretary, before December 31st, if they intend coming.

Dr. George Armour has gone into partnership with Dr. Boys of Woodhall Spa. It will be remembered that the former had a distinguished career at Edingburgh University.

W. H M. Alexander has qualified as a solicitor. His brother E. Alexander has taken his third professional examination in dentistry and expects to sit for his final next year. We all hope he may be successful.

E. B. Clark has passed the Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

F. Fieldsend (1925—27) has obtained a position in the office of Farrow & Sons, Ltd. Spalding.

G. W. Smith, (1922—27) is employed in the Drawing Office of the Appleby Iron and Steel Company, Ltd.

Employed at the same works are G. Cuthbert (1922—27) and F. Fraser (1920—3).

Fred Belton (1921—23) is now in Canada, at Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, where he is taking a four year's course for the Ministry. A. Johnson (1925—27) is employed in the L.N.E.R Goods Office at Frodingham.

The engagement has just been announced of Mr. John Deebanks who left in 1921. We offer him our congratulations on taking this fatal step.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

It has been noticed that success comes to School Soccer Teams at intervals of a few years. Judging by the results of this term's matches the School is now passing through one ot these periods of success. Whatever has been said about the high qnality of football shown by previous school elevens, it is certain that the standard attained this term has rarely been surpassed. Opponents have not once been defeated by the odd goal only. On the other hand victories by four and five goal margins, and even more on occasions, have been the rule. Especially gratifying to us have been the respective defeats of De Aston Grammar School (away) and Lincoln School (home). Indeed it is the first time that Lincoln have had to bow the knee to us; thus giving added spice to our victory. Another match in which we are particularly pleased to have succeeded was against the newly formed Sconthorpe Secondary School, who promise to become most worthy rivals.

The First XI has played seven matches, winning four drawing two and losing one. The team has not suffered through the constant changes which have been such a disturbing feature of previous years, this no doubt contributing not a little to its success. The forwards on the whole have had a successful time, and have shown refreshing penetrative force in some matches. They are however still somewhat lacking in the power of driving home their attacks. The match that was lost for instance, could possibly have been won had more of the easy chances which were presented been accepted. The defence has been the strength of the team, with the half-backs the most successful line. They have rarely failed to play a sound game, both in attack and defence. The full back s have been weak on occasions, but gencrally speaking have done their work in exemplary fashion. The goalkeeper has had a most successful term, playing very good games on two or three occasions. A most pleasing feature has been the

spirit of the team and the general team work. Truly "nothing succeeds like success."

School Football Colours have been awarded to Oates (Right Back); Weigtman (Outside Right).

The Second eleven has shown most gratifytng form not having been defeated in any of their four engagements. This augurs well for future school teams, and tends to breed a spirit of optism and security throughout the school. The players are to be gratulated on their record.

An innovation this term has been an Under 14 team, which was received with much enthusiasm among the juniors. There is much to be said for such a team, and the idea is finding favour in other sccondary schools. It was not expected that a team which had not played together before would meet with much success, but in the first match a convincing victory of 8 goals to nil was recorded at Lincoln. The juniors can be justly proud of this result. In the other match played at Scunthvrpe they were defeated 3—o by a heavier (and let it be said older) team. It *is* hoped that the tradition for this team will become a permanent one, for after all it is to the juniors that we look for future school players.

The sides which were such a feature of last cricket season have again been much in evidence this term. The old system of compulsory football was found lacking in many respects, and now has been definitely suspended by this new scheme. Many difficulties had to be overcome before the idea could be put into force, but thanks to the untiring efforts of the headmaster and the co-operation of the masters with the side captains, the system is now on a very firm basis. It is more than significant that the better opportunities offorded for practice have coincided with the general success of the School Teams. We certainly hope to see more of these sides in the future when further improvements may be effected. Let us once again take the opportunity of thanking the headmaster and the masters for their generous work in this direction.

E. LEVINSON.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

This term we have not been so well represented in the School football elevens as usual. Clark and Thompson have played regularly for the first eleven, and Button, Pool and Bell for the second eleven. As an under 14 team has been arranged in the School, some of our younger members have been able to show their talent. Lancaster, Harrison and Temperton have been included in this eleven. A house meeting was held at the beginning of term to appoint Captains for the House; J. Clark was appointed captain and B. Thompson, vice-captain.

After half term the house library was re-arranged, Bell and Thompson were elected house librarians, and by subscription, a sum of £2-10-9 was raised for new books.

We have attended two "Popular Lectures" this term in the Parish Hall, one on "Robert Louis Stevenson" and another on "Pompeii." We have also been to hear the "Chelsea Singers" and Miss Allen's play "Tons of Money"

On Dec. 7th the Headmaster granted the School a half-term holiday and we were able to spend the week-end at home.

We welcome to the house staff, this term, Miss White our new Matron, who has been fortunate in having the boys fairly free from illness during her first term. Six new boys came into the house at the beginning of term, Archer, Fahn, Sutherland, Harrison H., Pittwood and Scales. We shall say good-bye at the end of term to Pool, who is taking up a farming carreer. We wish him the best of luck.

J. CLARK.

HOMING PIGEONS.

It is doubtful whether any sport has grown so much in popularity as that of long distance pigeon racing. The reason is not far to seek. During the Great War, thousands of these birds were used as means of communication by the various armies. They gained countless admirers for their services at Verdun, etc.

During the middle ages most castles and abbeys in S. Europe had a pigeon loft, and in the sixteenth century pigeon culture grew rapidly. Flanders became famous and still remains so, for its race of pigeons. In the eighteenth century some of these birds were brought to Britain by Flemish merchants, and very soon pigeon commuuication was set up between the two countries. About 1840 the Belgians began to produce pigeons, like the present day homing birds, whieh have only been produced by many years of study, in rigorous selection and by careful crossing. These methods have produced a stronger and healthier bird. It is the Belgium that we owe our best strains of pigeons; such cities as Antwerp, Liege, and Brussels all having their different type of bird. The late Mr. J. Logan M.P. imported some of these birds, and it is to him that England is indebted for the honour of possessing the best strain of pigeons in the world. At his clearance sale Mr. J. B. Joel paid £235 for one bird, and not one was sold for less than £5.

Think of the courage and stamina needep for a pigeon to fly a 700 mile race, sometimes over a great stretch of water, and yet on favourable days they have been seen to arrive home as fresh as if they had flown only a tenth of the journey. This is due to the great amount of care on the part of the owner in prepairing and training the bird.

We often wonder how these birds "home"; well it is difficult to say, but instinct, sight aud love of home all play an important part. The sport is controlled by the National Homing Union, of which H.M. the King, is not only a patron but also an active member, maintaining a valuable loft of pigeons at Sandringham.

A. G. FYTCHE.

Dr. GEORGE ARMOUR, (1914—1919).

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

1 Graduated M.B., Ch B. Honours, Oct. 1926.

2 Obtained the Cullen Medal in Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine, the Hunter Medal in Gynaecology, and the Graham Medal in the nose, ear and throat.

3 Was Burns Prizeman and Herkless Prizeman in Clinical Medicine, Burns Prizeman and Lister Prizeman in Clinical Surgery and Lister Prizeman in the practice of the Surgery Class.

4 He was the first man of his year, one of three granted Honours ont of 500 candidates.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The increase in the number of members this term proves without doubt the library is becoming a more popular, and more useful part of school life. Most boys are now members although there are still some few who do not realise the value and advantages of such an institution. With the money derived from last term's subscriptions we have been able to buy many new books which were selected by the members themselves.

Some boys are still very dilatory in the matter of returning books, although an improved system of fines has helped considerably to correct the forgetful habits of the chief offenders.

The Library Committee are greatly indebted to Mr. Reed for his kind assistance in the re organisation and overhauling of the Library. The library is still in its infancy, but we hope that the future support of the whole school will enable us to enlarge it and to make entensive improvements.

R. MOODY.

SALVETE.

L.V.A.	France N.	S.
	Nobbs, E. G.	S
IV.B.	Fahn, K. S.	S.H.
II. A.	Belsom, S.G.	Y
	Berridge, L	S
	Binns, R A	N
	Britcliffe, E	N
	Brown, R C.	S
	Carline, W L	S
	Cash, W C	N
	Driffill, W J	N
	Fowler R	Y
	Good, W T	Y
	Grasar, F B	S
	Hammond, H	S
	Preston, E S	Y
	Simpson, W	N
	Somerscales S A	Y
	Stokes, H H	N
	Sutherland, J F	SH
	Tacey, F	Y
	Thomas. W M	N
	Twidle, W E	N
	Waters J A	N
	Watkinson R D	N
	Whitehead, L H J	N
	Wright, D	Y
	Young, M	S
IIb.	Archer, S F	S.H.
	Beedham, G H	S
	Brocklesby, G W	N
	Dale, C	Y
	Dann, H	Y

	Eato, H H	N
	Eyre, J	Y
	Green, B S	S
	Hancock, N	N
	Harrison, H	S.H.
	Holdstock, F B	Y
	Hutton, J W	Y
	McLoughlin, J	N
	Pittwood, J A	S.H.
	Scales, A	S.H.
	Seward, G	S
	Stringfellow, J	Y
	Valters, H F	N
IIb.	Ward, G A	N
	Wells, E	Y
	Whitfield, J A	S
Ia.	Bridgewater, W HS	N
	Clark, H	N
Ib.	Enderby, P J F	Y
	Peacock, P A H	Y
	Sass, D	Y
	Wood, A M	Y

SCHOOL SPORTS 1927.

100 *yds Div. A.*

A—1 W. Brown, 2 E. Levinson, 3 A. J. Spilman.

B—1 R. Pool, 2 A. T. Robins, 3 T. E. Brown.

C—1 H. L. Sharp, 2 R. W. Bigby, 3 N. Hockney.

D—1 D. J. Campbell, 2 J. T. Holmes, 3 R. W. Robinson.

220 *yds.*

A—W. Brown, 2 E. Levinson, A. J. Spilman.

C—H. L. Sharp, 2 N. A. Brown, 3 N. Hockney.

D—R. W. Robinson, 2 C. E. Drakes, 3 J. I. C. Dickinson.

¼ *mile.*

A—W. Brown, 2 A. J. Spilman, 3 J. E. Robinson.

B—1 R. Pool, 2 J. E. Brown, 3 D. E. Riggall.

½ *mile.*

A & B—1 J. E. Robinson, 2 W. Brown, 3 G. Millman, 4 E. N. Temperton.

1 *mile.*

A & B—1 J. E. Robinson, 2 G. W. Marks, 3 W Brown 4 T. E. Brown.

High Jump.

A—1 J. R. Barnes, 2 F. P. Andrews, 3 M. Hiles.

B—1 R. Pool, 2 A. S. Robins, D. E. Riggall.

C—1 D. W. T. Lancaster, 2 W. A. Neave, 3 N. Hockney.

D—1 J. I. C. Dickinson, 2 R. W. Robinson, 3 G. Kennington.

Long Jump.

A 1 W. Brown, 2 J. Clark, 3 A. R. Robinson.

B 1 R. Pool, 2 D. E. Riggall, 3 T. E. Brown.

C—1 D. W. T. Lancaster, 2 N. Hockney, 3 H. L. Sharp.

D—1 J. I. C. Dickinson, 2 C. E. Drakes, 3 R. W. Robinson.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

A—1 J. Clark, 2 M. Hiles, 3 J. R. Barnes.

B—1 R. Pool, 2 A. S. Robins, 3 P. Fixter.

C—1 T. W. Harrison, 2 C. W. Heald, 3 N. Hockney

D—1 P. D. J. Campbell, 2 G. Kennington, T. H. Brown.

Hurdles.

A—J, R. Barnes, 2 A. R. Robinson, 3 F. P. Andrews.

B—1 A. S. Robins, 2 R. J. Newby, 3 H. N. Oates.

Old Boys Race.—1 Mr. Peacock, 2 Mr. Marris.

Tug-of-War.—School House.

Relay.—1 School House, 2 Neithorpe House

SWIMMING PRIZES.

Senior 3 *Lengths*:
1 W. J. Robinson and A E. Bell, dead heat.
Senior 7 *Lengths*,—H. G. Blanchard, 2 A. E. Bell.
Senior Dive.—1 H. G. Blanchard, 2 V. Rimmington.
Junior 3 *Lengths.*—1 A. Heaton, 2 G. Hunsley.
Junior 5 *Lengths.*—1 J. R. Ascott, 2. A. Heaton.
Junior Dive.—1 C. N. Temperton, 2 D. W. T. Lancaster.
Relay.—1 School House, 2 Nelthorpe House.
Learners 1 *length.*—1 R. Newby, 2 H. Wilson.
1 *mile Certificates.*—1 L. W. Whattam, 2 D. W. Shaw.

CHALLENGE CUPS.

	Name	*House*	*Points*
Best all round Cricketer	E. Levinson	Sheffield	
Victor Ludorum (Div A)	W. Brown	School	51
Challenge Cup: 13—15 Div. B.	R. Pool	School	48
Challenge Cup: 13—13 (Div. C).	H. L. Sharp	Sheffield	24
Challenge Cup: under 12 (Div. D)	J. I. C. Dickinson	School	26
Best all-round Waterman	H. G. Blanchard	School	10 out of 15
Junior Swimming Challenge Cup	A. Heaton	Sheffiield	9 out of 15
Long Distance Races Challenge Cup ½ ¼ mile	J. E. Robinson	School	24

CHAMPION HOUSE.

Cricket, Football, Athletics, Swimming.

	Crichet	*Football*	*Athletics*	*Swimming*	*Total*	*Position*
Sheffield	48	48	18	16	130	2
Nelthorpe	16	10	17½	13	56½	3
Yarborough	0	6	14¾	5	25¾	4
School	32	32	24½	39	187½	1
Totals	96	99	134½	73		

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