EDITORIAL

December, 1949.

To-day some people think that the Grammar Schools, as places of scholarship, are doomed. Is this really so ? The raising of the school-leaving age has created an immediate necessity for more accommodation in the new Secondary Modern Schools and for the time being the Grammar Schools must take a back place. There is some justification for this, but none for the complacency amongst some in authority, who think that the Grammar Schools already have everything. Many Grammar Schools in this neighbourhood, like our own, are sadly lacking in buildings and educational facilities. When shall we get a School library, a gymnasium, an assembly hall and a more than merely adequate refectory? At one time the prospects were almost rosy: now the gloom of the Chancellor has settled on our spirits and we realise that the implementation of the building scheme is as far off as ever.

Are we better off since the Act of 1944? The writer doubts it. The main difference so far has been the abolition of fees. Do not the schools miss something by having no fee payers? If a boy of eleven passes an Intelligence Test, it is difficult to see why that fits him for a Grammar school education. The main factors, home influence and the interest of the parents in his progress are not taken into account. It is easy to visualise many homes where "prep." is difficult or almost impossible. Is it fair to send a boy to a school where "prep." is, and must continue to be, an essential part of the school curriculum, if he has no facilities for doing it? To learn to work on one's own is that necessary preparation for the wider scope and independence of University life.

We cannot allow the standards of Grammar schools to be lowered. We must fight with every weapon to protect our traditions. We must set ourselves a standard and live up to it and must not worship at the shrine of mediocrity, an act which is so widespread to-day.

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We have received the following Magazines and wish to thank the senders:—

The Scunthonian.
The Palmerian.
The S.T.H.S.
The Ganian.
The Lincolnian.
The Pioneer.
The Bartonian.
The Rydeian.
The Carrensian.

SCHOOL LISTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1949

The School Officials for this term have been:—

Captain of School: J. C. M. Lyon.

Prefects: J. C. M. Lyon, J. C. Cheeseman, P. Driffill, L. Green, J. E. Johnson, B. E. Knowler, G. R. C. McLauchlan, G. C. Monteith, J. I. Rickett, J. Stevens.

Football Captain: G. R. C. McLauchlan.

Football Vice-Captain: P. F. Lofthouse.

"The Briggensian": J. I. Rickett (Editor); G. R. C. McLauchlan, J. A. Suthers, Mr. Richards

House Captains and Masters:

Ancholme: J. C. M Lyon (House Captain), P. F. Lofthouse (Football), Mr. Henthorn.

Nelthorpe: J. E. Johnson (House Captain and Football). Mr. Morris.

Sheffield: L. Green (House Captain and Football), Mr. Urry.

School: J. C. Cheeseman (House Captain), G. R. C. McLauchlan (Football), the Headmaster.

Yarborough: P. Driffill (House Captain and Football). Mr. Knight.

Sports Committee: House Masters and Captains, Mr. Watts (Secretary).

Sixth Form Library: J. C. M. Lyon (Senior Librarian) and all the Prefects.

2nd Brigg Scout Troop: Mr. Jarvis (G.S.M.), Mr. Paisley (S.M.), J. C. M. Lyon (T.L.).

Music Society: The Headmaster (President), Mr. Knight (Treasurer), Mr. Richards (Secretary), Mr. Pratt, Mr. Morris, Mr. Henthorn, Mr. Thumwood, Mr. Watts, Mr. Urry.

Chess Club: J. C. M. Lyon (President), M. A. Peacock (Secretary), Mr Jarvis, Mr Butterworth.

SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate Mr. Paisley on his marriage on 6th August to Miss Joan Craig, and also Mr. and Mrs. Barker on the birth of their son, George Henry, on July 27th.

Mr. Foulkes has left the Staff to re-join the R.A.F. and Mr. Butterworth from Leeds University has joined us.

R. A. Haddow, J. C. M. Lyon and R. Shelton gained Lindsey Major Scholarships on the results of the Higher School Certificate.

A. E. Brooks has been awarded an Agricultural Scholarship at Nottingham University.

The new part of the playing field has been brought into use this term for a few matches.

The School Orchestra had a visit from Miss Smith, H.M.I., and Miss McIntosh, the County Music Organiser, on October 24th. Mis Smith was loud in her praise of the work being done.

We are indebted to Mr. Cuthbert Green for the gift of books.

The Pavilion clock which had been out of order for some months has been repaired by Mr. T. G. Richards (not our Mr. Richards) and we here express our indebtedness.

Speech Day was held on December 2nd, when the visitor was Captain the Right Hon. Harry Crookshank, P.C., M.A., M.P.

The Old Briggensian Dance was held at the Angel Hotel on the evening of Speech Day and was voted a great success.

The War Memorial Tablet was unveiled on December 6th by the Chairman of the Governors and was dedicated by the Rev. Eric Kemp, M.A., Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford, and an Old Briggensian. The names of the Fallen were read by Mr. Daughton.

Terms ends on December 22nd.

Easter Term Dates:

Term begins January 17th.
Half Term: February 18th to 22nd inclusive.
Lance Dossor, piano: March 2nd.
Term Ends: March 31st.

SALVETE

Ancholme:

Binns, A.	Collingham, H.	Neall, B.
Boston, B. J.	Heath, J. B	Parker, A.
Capes, D.	Hookham, J. M.	Walker, K. E.
Chapman, K.	McGovern, J.	

Nelthorpe:

Bartle, F. W.	Johnson, C.	Stothard, H. K.
Brumpton, B. C.	Kruys, I. P.	Thompson, B. W.
England, J.	McDermott, G.	Waite, E. B.
Fryer, S. E.	Redhead, B.	Windsor, T. T.
Hurd, P.	Sargent, W. J.	Woodhead, R. I.

School:

Dransfield, D.	Slater, C.	Tyson, C. J.
Pottinger, R. G.	Smith, M. D.	

Sheffield:

Andrew, F. L.	McPhun, M. S.	Selley, D. C.
Berry, R. A.	Pollicott, M.	Taylor, B. R.
Gilgallon, G. M.	Reynolds, T. S.	Warburton, K.
Holt, M. H.	Smith, G. B.	Welburn, A.
Hopper, M.	Smurthwaite, A.	
Kilmore, T C.	Staff, A. R.	

Yarborough:

Brackenbury, G. W.	Girdham, M. H.	Neave, J. G.
Bryant, A.	Green, N.	Tuplin, E. J.
Chapman, W. C.	Holah, D. G.	Walker, D.
Cox, H. A.	Houlton, J. C.	Watson, G.
Davis, B.	Larder, H. E.	
Davis, R. S.	Marshall, D. W.	

U.VI: **VALETE**

BROOKS, A. E., 1943-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; Lindsey Agricultural Scholarship, 1949; Sub-Editor of "Briggensian," 1948; Editor of "Briggensian," 1949; School Prefect, 1948-9; Yarborough House Captain, 1948-9; Yarborough House Athletics and Cross-Country Captain, 1948-9; Inter-School Athletics, 1945-9; Athletics Colours, 1947; School Cross-Country Captain, 1948-9; Inter-School Cross Country, 1948-9; Cross-Country Colours, 1948. Address: High Santon, Appleby, Scunthorpe.

DUNHAM, J. C., 1941-49 (Ancholme).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; School Prefect, 1948-9; Swimming Colours, 1946; Inter-School Sports, 1946-9; School Athletics Captain, 1948-9; Athletics Colours, 1947; Bletcher Cup, 1947-8; Ancholme Swimming Captain 1947-8; Ancholme Athletics and Cross-Country Captain, 1948-9 Address: Bridge Street, Brigg.

FOSTER, G., 1941-49 (Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949 School Prefect, 1949; Sheffield House Captain, 1948-9; Secretary of Geographical Society, 1948-9. Address: 21, Lloyds Avenue, Scunthorpe.

HADDOW, R. A., 1941-49 (School).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1946; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1949; House Prefect, 1946-9; School Prefect, 1947-9; Captain of House, 1949; Under XIV Football, 1943-4; Captain of Under XIV Football, 1944; Second XI Football, 1946-7; First XI Football, 1948-9; Vice-Captain First Eleven Football, 1949; Football Colours, 1948; Under XIV Cricket, 1944-5; Second XI Cricket, 1946-7; First

XI Cricket, 1948-9; Cricket Colours, 1949; Runner-up Section F Cup, 1943; Runner-up Bletcher Cup, 1949; Inter-School Athletics, 1949; Inter-School Cross-Country, 1949; Member of Scientific Society and Young Farmers' Club. Address: Burton Farm, Burton Stather, Scunthorpe.

PIXSLEY, C. W., 1942-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; School Prefect, 1949; Second XI Football, 1946-7; First XI Football, 1947-9; Football Colours, 1948; Nelthorpe Football Captain, 1948-9; Second XI Cricket, 1948; First XI Cricket, 1949; Nelthorpe Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1949; Inter-School Cross-Country, 1949. Address: Manor Farm, Dunstar Hill, Kirton Lindsey.

RANDS, J. D., 1941-49 (Ancholme).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; School Prefect, 1948-9; Member of Scientific Society; Member of Art Club; Secretary of Art Club, 1948; Chairman of Art Club, 1949; Member of Photographic Society; Member School Orchestra; Sub-Editor of "Briggensian," 1948; Editor of "Briggensian," 1949. Address: 31, Central Square, Brigg.

SHELTON, R., 1940-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1949; Entrance Examination for Keble College, 1948; School Prefect, 1948-9; Form Prize IIa, IIb, IIIa, L.IVa, and L.VI (Maths. and Science); Chairman Junior Debating Society, 1943-5; Secretary of Scientific Society, 1948-9. Address: Yarborough Place, Brigg.

WALLER, R. W., 1942-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; School Prefect, 1948-9; L.VI (Modern Studies) Prize, 1948; Section E Athletics Cup, 1942; Section D Cup, 1943; Section C Cup, 1944; Section B Cup, 1946; Runner-up Victor Ludorum, 1949; Inter-School Sports, 1945-9; Athletics Colours, 1947; Under XIV Football, 1943-5; Vice-Captain Under XIV Football, 1945; First XI Football, 1945-9; Vice-Captain First XI Football, 1947-8; Captain First XI Football, 1948-9; Football Colours, 1947; Yarborough Football Captain, 1947-9; Under XIV Cricket, 1944; Second XI Cricket, 1945; First XI Cricket, 1946-9; Cricket Colours, 1946; Captain of Cricket, 1948-9; Nelthorpe Bat, 1948-9; Captain of Yarborough Cricket, 1947-9. Address: St. Martin's Place, Keelby, Habrough.

L.VI:

BROUGHTON, J., 1943-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948. Address: South Cliff Road, Kirton Lindsey.

COULHURST, R. N., 1943-49 (School).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; School Prefect, 1949; House Prefect, 1948-9; Under XIV Cricket, 1945; First XI Cricket, 1948-9; Cricket Colours, 1948; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1949; School House Captain of Cricket, 1949; Runner-up Junior Cross-Country, 1946; Runner-up Senior Cross-Country, 1948; Senior Cross-Country Cup, 1949; Senior Cross-Country Record, 1949; Cross Country Colours, 1948; Vice-Captain Cross Country, 1949; Captain of School House Cross-Country, 1949; Inter-School Cross-Country Representative, 1948-9; Runner-up Bletcher Cup, 1948; Bletcher Cup, 1949; Athletics Colours, 1949; Inter-School Athletics Representative, 1945 and 1949; Under XIV Football, 1945-6; Second XI Football, 1947-8-9; Member of 2nd Brigg Scout Troop, 1943-5; Member of Young Farmers' Club, 1943-7; Member of Scientific Society. Address: Thealby Hall, Thealby, Scunthorpe.

HARRISON, R. D., 1943-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; Under XIV Football, 1945-6; Second XI Football, 1947; First XI Football, 1947-9; Football Colours, 1948; Inter-School Cross-Country, 1949; Nelthorpe Cross-Country Captain, 1949. Address: Redbourne, Gainsborough.

U.Va:

BONES, G. G., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Under XIV Cricket, 1947. Address: Messingham Road, Scawby, Brigg.

CRAVEN, D. F., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: "Firfield," Waddingham, Gainsborough.

CROFT, B. W., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: Melton Road, Wrawby, Brigg.

HARVEY, M., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1949; Under XIV Cricket, 1947. Address: New Row, Kirmington, Ulceby.

HOGG, W. G., 1942-49 (Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Art Club Secretary. Address: 6, Ville Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe.

HOWLETT, G. C., 1944-49 (Ancholme).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Under XIV Football, 1945-8; Captain Under XIV Football, 1946-8; Second XI Football, 1948-9; Under XIV Cricket, 1947. Address: 13, Elwes Street, Brigg.

KITCHEN, R. S., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1949. Address: Chapel Lane, Scawby, Brigg.

LACY, K. H., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: St. Barnabas' Road, Barnetby.

MAW, A., 1942-9 (School).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Under XIV Cricket, 1945-6; Captain Under XIV Cricket, 1946; Second XI Cricket, 1947-8; First XI Cricket, 1949; Under XIV Football, 1946; Inter-School Athletics Representative, 1945-6; Member of School Young Farmers' Club. Address: Hall Farm, Roxby, Scunthorpe.

SMITH, E. R., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Form Prizes, IIIa, L.IVa, U.IVa; Second XI Football, 1948-9. Address: 5, Silver Street, Barnetby.

SMITH, P. J., 1944-49 (Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: 30, Cottage Beck Road, Scunthorpe.

SPITTLEHOUSE, P. W., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1949. Address: King's Road, Barnetby.

STOW, L. W., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: Main Street, Willoughton, Gainsborough.

WILKINSON, S. P., 1943-49 (School and Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: Lion's Head Inn, Winterton, Scunthorpe.

U.Vb:

ADLARD, K. G., 1944-49 (Yarborough).—Address: Red House Farm, Elsham, Brigg.

BOOTH, G. R., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: Slate House, Hibaldstow.

CHAPPELL, V., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: Waddingham, Gainsborough.

DAWKINS, M. J. 1942-49 (Yarborough and School).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: Old Posting House, Keelby, Habrough.

ELLERTON, J., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: Messingham, Scunthorpe.

LADDS, P. W. E., 1943-49 (Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Second XI Cricket, 1949. Address: 29, Newland Avenue, Scunthorpe.

LONG, L. W., 1944-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949. Address: West Street, Hibaldstow, Brigg.

ROBINSON, R. A., 1942-49 (Nelthorpe).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Member of Young Farmers' Club. Address: Home Farm, Sturton, Scawby, Brigg.

ROBINSON, P. G., 1944-49 (Sheffield).—Cambridge School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation, 1949. Form Prizes L.IVb, U.IVb, L.Vb, U.Vb. Address: 27, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe.

L.Va:

HOUGHTON, D. C., 1945-49 (Sheffield).—Under XIV Cricket, 1948. Address: 4, Council Houses, Appleby Lane, Broughton.

JOHNSON, B., 1945-49 (Sheffield).—Address: 18, Harry's Dream, Broughton.

PHILLIPS, G., 1945-49 (Yarborough).—Under XIV Cricket, 1947. Address: 41, Victoria Road, Barnetby.

SAMPSON, R., 1945-49 (Yarborough).—Address: Home Farm Cottages, Habrough.

L.Vb:

COULSON, H., 1945-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: East Street, Hibaldstow.

MELLESS, J. N., 1944-49 (School).—Swimming Colours, 1949. Address: 6, North Street, Gainsborough.

SIMPSON, M. A., 1945-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: West Cross Street, Kirton Lindsey.

L.IVa:

FLEAR, G., 1947-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: 2, Council Houses, Glentworth.

L.IVb:

ALLEN, R. P., 1949 (Nelthorpe).—Address: Sandboys, Bishop Norton.

IIIb:

LEEFE, H. R., 1948-49 (Ancholme).—Address: 70, Wrawby Street, Brigg.

PORTER, T., 1948-49 (Nelthorpe).—Address: 6, Council Villas, Hibaldstow, Brigg.

SWIMMING SPORTS, JULY, 1949

Senior Events:

3 lengths: 1, Jacklin; 2, Marris; 3, Woolass.
Time: 24 secs.

5 lengths: 1, Marris; 2, Melless; 3, Walker.
Time: 47.4 secs.

7 lengths: 1, Marris; 2, Melless; 3, Walker.
Time: 67.9 secs. New Record.

3 lengths Backstroke: 1, Marris; 2, Jacklin; 3, Walker.
Time: 30.3 secs. New Record.

Neat Dive: 1, Harrison; 2, Thompson; 3, Marris.

Junior Events:

3 lengths: 1, Ward; 2, Rickett; 3, Youd.
Time: 35 secs.

5 lengths: 1, Ward; 2, Levitt; 3, Evett.
Time: 65.4 secs.

2 lengths Backstroke: 1, Ward; 2, Evett; 3, Wilson
Time: 27.8 secs.

Neat Dive: 1, Dobie; 2, Ward; 3, Evett.

Relays:

1st Senior: 1, School; 2, Sheffield; 3, Ancholme; 4, Yarborough; 5, Nelthorpe.

2nd Senior: 1, School; 2, Sheffield; 3, Ancholme.

Junior: 1, School; 2, Sheffield; 3, Nelthorpe.

Junior Champion: Ward, J. F.

Senior Champion: Marris, A. B.

House Championship: 1, School; 2, Sheffield; 3, Ancholme; 4, Yarborough; 5, Nelthorpe.

In a friendly match between School and Louth Grammar School, on July 20th, the School team won by 7 points.

Swimming Colours were awarded to Woolass, F. D.; Melless, J. N.; Walker, M.B.; Harrison, A.

END OF SEASON CRICKET

School v. Lincoln City (Home).

Lincoln	
Longmate lbw b Haddow	11
Keyworth b Cook	7
Gilbert b Waller	49
G. T. Speed b Cook	3
Burley lbw b Cook	0
Ezberger not out	60
Rawlinson b Stevens	15
Clayton c Altoft b Coulthhurst	3
Harding c Maw b Haddow	24
Longlands c Waller b Haddow	0
J. P. Speed not out	1
Extras	4
Total (for 9 dec.)	177

Bowling: Cook 3 for 28; Haddow 3 for 32, Stevens 1 for 33, Coulthurst 1 for 38, Waller 1 for 42.

School.	
Waller b Burley	4
Stevens c Longmate b Harding	11
Maw b Burley	0
Haddow c Longmate b Keyworth	15
Johnson b Ezberger	5
Coulthurst b Harding	14
Pollicott b Burley	3
Pixsley st Longmate b Harding	0
Montieth lbw b Ezberger	4
Altoft run out	1
Cook not out	10
Extras	10
Total	77

School v. Louth (Home).

Louth	
Pollard c Coulthurst b Ladds	9
Surtees b Ladds	4
Russell c and b Ladds	0
Straw b Ladds	23
Filmer b Haddow	32
Would c Johnson b Waller	0
Parrott b Haddow	7
Gibson b Maw	1
Banner lbw b Haddow	1
Sergeant c Waller b Coulthurst	9
Rowson not out	0
Extras	9
Total	95

Bowling: Ladds 4 for 17, Haddow 3 for 7, Coulthurst 1 for 10, Waller 1 for 22

School	
Waller c Rawson b Straw	2
Stevens c Rawson b Straw	1
Coulthurst lbw b Straw	5
Haddow b Pollard	4
Maw c Sergeant b Straw	0
Pollicott b Pollard	0
Johnson b Straw	0
Cook not out	6
Pixsley b Pollard	0
Lofthouse not out	2
Ladds did not bat.	
Extras	2
Total (for 8)	22

Rain stopped play.

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949

1st—Sheffield.
2nd—Yarborough.
3rd—School.
4th—Ancholme.
Nelthorpe.

COCK HOUSE, 1948-9

	Cricket	Football	Athletics	Swimming	Cross Country
1st School	3	1	1	1	2
2nd Sheffield	1	5	3	2	1
3rd Ancholme	4	1	4	3	3
4th Yarborough ...	2	3	5	4	4
5th Nelthorpe	4	4	2	5	5

FOOTBALL NOTES, 1949

So far this term, the School 1st XI has not met with a great amount of success, but the 2nd XI has greatly improved as the season has progressed. On three occasions the 1st team has scored first, only to lose the lead and the match. However, it can be said that on no occasion has School failed to score. For most of the matches already played School have fielded a full side, but in the last few games two or three reserves have had to be played. The 2nd team has been more fortunate and has managed to amass some large scores.

On three afternoons this term, Mr. Archer, the Scarborough Town centre-half, has visited the School to try to get over to us some of the more delicate points of the game and I think his visits have been well worth while.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. Knight, Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Barker for their help both on and off the field.

So far this term the weather has been kind to us and all matches have been played as arranged. House matches have started and even though there have been some, to say the least, surprising results, most of the games finished as expected.

G. R. C. McLAUCHLAN.

October 1st v. G. C. Taylor's XI.

Team: Underwood; Hopper, Bonsell; Johnson, Pollicott, Green; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

Straight from the kick-off, the Old Boys attacked the School goal, but Underwood handled the ball well and cleared his lines. After this one attack by the Old Boys', School took up the offensive and it wasn't long before Altoft shot wide of Rhodes, the Old Boys' goalkeeper, to open the scoring. There followed a period of rather disorganised attacks by both sides, until Altoft converted a pass from the left into a quick goal. Immediately afterwards Altoft again beat Rhodes to make his total three. From a left-wing corner, McLauchlan scrambled the ball into the net. At half-time the score was 4—0 to School. Soon after the re-start Altoft harried the goalkeeper and scrambled the ball into the net. The Old Boys were now playing ten men, Lyon having left the field because of an injury in the first half. Altoft (2) and McLauchlan finished the scoring of the match.

Half-time score: Old Boys 0, School 4.

Final score: Old Boys 0, School 8.

Scorers: Altoft 6, McLauchlan 2.

October 8th v. De Aston.

Team: Underwood; Hopper, Bonsell; Johnson, Pollicott, Green; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

This game was hard-fought for the full ninety minutes and was not so one-sided as the score might suggest. De Aston won the toss and School kicked off into the wind. It took most of the first half for School to "find their feet," by which time De Aston had scored five without reply. Just before half-time Altoft reduced the arrears. Straight from the kick-off School attacked down the right wing and forced a corner; however, it came to nothing. Now School were doing everything but score and only occasionally did the De Aston defence relieve the pressure. It was in one of these breakaways that De Aston scored again. McLauchlan reduced the lead, but De Aston came again and scored twice. However, before the end Altoft also scored twice.

Half-time: De Aston 5, School 1.

Final score: De Aston 8, School 4.

Scorers: Altoft 3, McLauchlan 1.

October 12th v. Lincoln.

Team: Underwood; Hopper, Bonsell; Johnson, Pollicott, Green; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

Lincoln won the toss and immediately School went into the attack. It wasn't long before the Lincoln goalkeeper knocked the ball into his own goal from a long high centre from the left. However, after this initial attack, School lost control and Lincoln scored twice. After the interval the game was more or less even with Lincoln probably doing rather more of the attacking. Both teams went close once or twice, but it was Lincoln who eventually went further ahead. School tried hard to reduce their lead, but the game ended without any further score.

Half-time score: Lincoln 2, School 1.
Full-time score: Lincoln 3, School 1.

October 22nd v. Scunthorpe.

Team: Underwood; Hopper, Green; Johnson, Foster, Driffill; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

Scunthorpe were the first to attack, but it was School who first scored. From a Scunthorpe goal-kick, McLauchlan kicked the ball high into the back of the net. However, Scunthorpe equalised and then added two more. Just before half-time Altoft scored for School, after a melee in the Scunthorpe goalmouth. After the interval School had rather less of the play and Scunthorpe increased their total to seven.

Final score: Scunthorpe 7, School 2.
Scorers: McLauchlan 1, Altoft 1.

November 2nd v. Gainsborough.

Team: Underwood; Hopper, Green, Johnson, Pollicott, Driffill; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

School played throughout the greater part of this game with only ten men, Green leaving the pitch after about quarter of an hour. Gainsborough attacked first, but the School defence stood firm. Sumpter opened the scoring after a run down the middle. After a lot of mid-field play McLauchlan added another. Eventually, after half-time, School gained control of the game, all the forwards going through, but failing at the crucial moment. Gainsborough survived a penalty and their full-backs and centre-half kicked off the line with the goalkeeper beaten. School now had complete mastery of the game and they held it until the final whistle.

Half-time score: Gainsborough 0, School 2.
Final score: Gainsborough 0, School 2.
Scorers: Sumpter 1, McLauchlan 1.

November 12th v. Wintringham.

Team: Wilson; Hopper, Bonsell; Johnson, Pollicott, Underwood; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

School lost the toss and kicked off against the wind. Until half-time School were mainly on the defensive, by which time Wintringham had scored one. Immediately after the interval Wintringham scored again and not long after made it three. Then, after a mêlée in the Wintringham goal, Altoft scored for School. School were now definitely getting on top and it wasn't long before Altoft scored again. Pressing hard, School tried to force an equaliser, but from a breakaway Wintringham again scored. However, School were not disheartened and McLauchlan scored after a breakaway down the right wing. School still pressed but were unable to score. In the closing minutes Wintringham again broke through and scored. The conditions in this match were far from being favourable for playing good

football and both sides should be commended for their showing in such bad weather.

Half-time score: Wintringham 1, School 0.
Final score: Wintringham 5, School 3.
Scorers: Altoft 2, McLauchlan 1.

November 19th v. Clee.

Team: Wilson; Hopper, Bonsell; Underwood, Pollicott, Driffill; Lofthouse, McLauchlan, Altoft, Sumpter, Cook.

School again lost the toss. The opening exchanges were equal, but neither side looked like scoring until half-way through the first half when both teams went near. School were having less of the play but were more dangerous in front of goal. Up to half-time there was no score. After the interval McLauchlan kicked the ball into the empty net after a misunderstanding in the Clee goal. Not long after the kick-off, the Clee inside-right burst through and equalled the scores. Soon after Clee were awarded a penalty for hands and the Clee left-half made no mistake. Near the end School fell away and Clee again scored. If School had made more of their chances in the first half they might have won this match.

Half-time score: Clee 0, School 0.
Final score: Clee 3, School 1.
Scorer: McLauchlan.

Second XI. Results:—

v. Brigg Youth Club	Lost	7—2
v. De Aston G.S.	Won	8—2
v. Barton G.S.	Lost	2—1
v. Gainsborough G.S.	Won	8—3
v. Wintringham G.S.	Lost	2—1
v. Clee G.S.	Won	4—3
v. Scunthorpe T.H.S.	Lost	5—1

Under XIV Results:

v. De Aston G.S.	Won	7—1
v. Lincoln G.S.	Won	10—2
v. Barton G.S.	Won	3—1
v. Scunthorpe G.S.	Won	6—4
v. Gainsborough G.S.	Lost	2—1
v. Wintringham G.S.	Lost	6—3

HOUSE NOTES

ANCHOLME

The past year has been quite successful for Ancholme House, if all the house activities are considered, although according to the standard set at the beginning of the year, it was hoped that the results would have been even better.

It has been reported previously that the House tied with School House in inter-house football at the beginning of the

year, came third in the Cross-Country race and fourth in Athletics.

The House cricket ended this year in a tie for fourth place with Nelthorpe House. Unfortunately, the match with the Nelthorpes was not played, as it had been put off until the end of term, when it was realised that there was insufficient time to play this game. When the Yarborough first XI was beaten by the House XI, everyone in the House was delighted, but they were dismayed to learn that, when the score was re-checked next day, the required total had not been reached. The result is still undecided, though it would make no difference to the final result of the cricket championship.

Unforunately, the House has retained its previous position as third in the Swimming Cup; third, at least, for two years in succession. Perhaps next year will bring an improvement to this time-worn result.

It is most heartening to note that the House gained third place for the Cock-House Cup at the end of the last School year.

The House is well represented in the School football teams by: Lofthouse, P., Altoft, D., and Underwood, M., in the first XI; Foster, K., Bradley, D., Pattie, D. C., and Pieroni, A. C., in the second XI; Mundey, S., and O'Boyle in the Under XIV. These boys form the basis of the House first and Under XIV elevens and it is hoped that these two teams will manage to bring the House to the top of inter-house football again this year. So far, the Ancholme first XI has lost to School 1—7 and beaten the Nelthorpes 11—1; the second XI beat School 2—1 and drew with the Nelthorpes 2—2.

All the members of Ancholme House welcome those new boys who have joined the House this year, and it is expected that these boys will do all they can to improve the position of the House in the future. J. C. M. LYON.

NELTHORPE

The House notes for the Christmas edition of the magazine are always overshadowed by the thought that once more some of the older members of the House have said good-bye to us to take up their new life outside School. It is only in this term that we fully realise how much friendship counts, especially when it has been formed at an impressionable period of our lives. C. W. Pixsley has left us, having gained his Higher School Certificate, and in doing so has earned our best wishes for the future and our congratulations upon his success. R. Shelton has left us with a Lindsey Senior Scholarship and he also deserves our sincerest wishes for the future and our congratulations. L. Long, L. Stow, G. Booth, D. Craven, R. S. Kitchen and R. A. Robinson have left us with School Certificates and our best wishes go with them. We have also said good-bye to Chappell, Lea, Coulsen, Willoughby and Whitehead. But, although these faces

have gone from our midst, we have the happiness of the thought that Hill and Gunson, with School Certificates, have stayed with us and that many more have joined our ranks, one being Stothard, a useful member of the House 1st XI football team.

It is largely due to the fact that many of our senior members have left us that our 1st XI football is weakened. The House teams have played two matches, losing on the first pitch to Ancholme and drawing the Under XIV game, and losing both games to Sheffield House, though the 1st XI enjoyed a very close and well-played game, narrowly losing 2—1. The House is well represented in the School elevens, J. E. Johnson and H. Cook playing for the 1st XI, Douce for the 2nd XI and Ward and Britcliffe for the Under XIV side. Congratulations to these members.

I should now like to welcome the new boys to the House, reminding them that, however insignificant they may feel themselves to be in a House of this size, their efforts are required to build up and keep up its high standard, which has been set by those who have now gone into the world. It is the duty of the new boys to prepare themselves to take over where the older members leave off. The future of the House depends upon them and I would urge them to begin as they mean to continue, full of effort and will. J. E. JOHNSON.

SCHOOL

This term we welcome D. Dransfield, R. G. Pottinger, C. Slater, M. D. Smith and C. Tyson into the House. All of them seem to have settled down very well.

At the end of last term the prefects' room was panelled and redecorated by the Headmaster and senior members of the House. New curtains of a colourful design have been hung in the workroom and the prefect's room.

Each term sees a new craze and this term chess has been the favourite, and a comparative calm has reigned over the House whilst heads have been bent over the chess boards.

Many members of the House are taking part in the School Christmas concert. Two senior members—much to the amusement of the rest—are playing the part of a horse.

We have been well represented in the School football elevens, by G. R. C. McLauchlan and D. Sumpter in the first eleven; G. B. Eccles, A. Collins, R. C. Jacklin and D. Thompson in the second eleven; and J. Gilliatt in the Under XIV. We have not started off too well in the House matches, having obtained four points out of a possible eight.

We should like to thank Mr. Watts for continuing the woodwork classes on Friday evenings; many boys have found this a useful source of Christmas presents.

There is the usual Christmas time activity in the House. Everyone is busy with table tennis and billiards tournaments,

and rehearsals for the plays on party night are well under way.

The Scouts have been as enthusiastic as ever, and the Scripture Union classes have been held on Sundays.

The younger members of the House were very disappointed that Guy Fawkes' night was during half-term, and they hope for better luck next year.

Old Boys who have visited us this term are R. N. Coulthurst, R. H. M. Markarian, W. A. Brown, R. A. Haddow, A. Maw and M. Dawkins. J. H. CHEESEMAN.

SHEFFIELD

For most Houses the Autumn term lacks some of that feverish haste which usually holds sway at the end of the Summer term, when last-minute House cricket fixtures are played and exciting duels take place in the swimming bath, not to mention the less spectacular but even more important Higher and School Certificate examinations, which occupy the time of so many of the School's members. Sheffield House is no exception to this rule and thus these notes will concern last term's achievements just as much as they do those of this term. Last term we fulfilled, and even exceeded, our hopes on the cricket field by carrying off the Cricket Cup—both the 1st XI and Under XIV teams winning all their matches decisively. In swimming, the House more than held its own, coming second, and Woolass, Walker and Harrison, A., are to be congratulated on being awarded Swimming Colours. We also congratulate Ward, J. F., on gaining the distinction of being Junior Waterman.

This term we have been represented in the 1st XI football by Pollicott, D., and Green, L.; in the 2nd XI by Bosett, R., Monteith, G. and Wilson, B. A.; and in the Under XIV by Scarborough, J. S. (Captain), Scarborough, H. D., Alder, G., and Green, R. We started the House matches with high hopes of repeating our feats on the cricket field, but, unfortunately, our football captain's knee injury recurred in the match against Yarborough and we subsequently lost the match by a narrow margin. However, we have regained much of our confidence by obtaining maximum points from the matches against Nelthorpe House and we are eagerly awaiting the encounters with the other Houses.

In the external examinations taken at the end of last term, Foster, G., Stevens, J., and Green, L., were successful in the Cambridge Higher, and Bosett, Brocklesby, Hogg, Ladds, Robinson, P. G., Smith, P., Wilkinson and Woolass gained School Certificates.

We wish the best of luck in future life to those who left the House at the end of last term, and to the new members who joined us at the beginning of this term we extend a hearty welcome, hoping that they will work hard and play hard in an endeavour to uphold the high traditions of this House and of the School. L. GREEN, J. STEVENS.

YARBOROUGH

First of all, I should like to extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers to our House, and to express the hope that each one of them will do everything within his power to improve the good name of the House.

Last term's cricket and swimming results show room for improvement, but provided that everyone co-operates, and that is the key-word, I am sure success will finally crown our efforts. R. W. Waller is to be congratulated on gaining the Nelthorpe bat for the second year in succession.

However, let us leave the past and turn to matters of more immediate importance. We are reasonably well represented in the School football elevens this year by Hopper and Bonsell in the 1st eleven; Driffill, G., and Driffill, P. (captain) in the 2nd eleven; and Parkinson and Turner, E., in the Under XIV eleven. So far this term we have played two House matches. We started well by beating Sheffield House on both pitches; 1—0 to the Seniors and 5—0 to the Juniors. School House, however, proved a harder nut to crack, but the Juniors managed to win 3—2, whilst the Seniors lost 4—0.

Our junior team this season is likely to prove a formidable one, although we have been fortunate in that one or two of the newcomers show promise of becoming very useful players.

This year three members of Yarborough House gained Higher School Certificates, whilst nine others were successful in the School Certificate examination.

Finally, I would like to make use of this opportunity to say farewell to A. E. Brooks and R. W. Waller, who, between them, led the House so creditably last year. We also say good-bye this term to E. R. Smith, B. Croft, K. Lacey, P. W. Spittlehouse, M. Harvey and K. G. Adlard. On behalf of the whole House, I wish them the very best of luck in their future careers.

P. DRIFFILL.

MUSIC NOTES

For those concerned with School music, this has been a strenuous term; yet it has not been without its compensations, for along with the hard work, there has been much real enjoyment.

For the combined singing of the whole School, a change was made this term in the choice of music, which, instead of the usual anthem, took the more secular form of a song cycle—the "Songs of Travel" by Eric Thiman. These songs are all tuneful, containing good singing parts for every voice, and end with a rousing chorus for the tenors and basses. Three songs of this cycle were sung on Speech Day, when the School gave a spirited performance which was particularly noteworthy for its precision in attack.

The pieces chosen for the School Orchestra were two well-

known melodies—the popular Barcarolle from the "Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach, and "Country Gardens" by Grainger. In the Barcarolle, the melody was well sustained by the two cornet players; the violins had a less conspicuous, though by no means easy, part in providing the accompaniment, with its essential lightness and delicate precision. In the second piece, with its straightforward rhythm, a good time seemed to be enjoyed by all, particularly by those playing the bass instruments, who had ample scope for displaying their pizzicato virtuosity.

We have already this term enjoyed two concerts arranged by the Music Society. The first was given by Margaret Ritchie, the well-known soprano, on September 27th. In a programme which nicely balanced songs of the earlier classical masters with those of English composers, Margaret Ritchie enthralled her audience by the supreme artistry of her singing, combining, as she did, great technical ability with an admirable command of tone, which ranged from exquisite delicacy to full, yet well-controlled power.

The second concert—"Music in Miniature"—given on November 24th, provided a complete contrast, as it was mostly instrumental in character. Not only did the Albion Trio—Ivry Gitlis (violin), Vivian Joseph ('cello) and Margaret Chamberlain (piano)—combine to play movements from works by Schubert and Mendelssohn, but each individual artist gave us one or two solos, all of which were played with a high degree of technical skill. The addition of an exceptionally brilliant clarinet player, Gervase de Peyer, enabled us to hear works for a more unusual combination of instruments; the most striking of these pieces was, perhaps, a movement from a Trio by the Russian composer, Khachaturian. Interspersed among these instrumental items were two groups of songs pleasingly rendered by the mezzo-soprano, Mary Peters.

SCOUT NOTES

We welcome Dransfield, Cuthbert, Robinson, Slater, Tyson and Pottinger into the troop this term and we hope they will find Scouting very interesting.

This term the Scouting activities have advanced considerably. More patrol meetings have been held, and now "Patrol Corners" at the troop meetings look very effective. Each week a "Court of Honour" is held to discuss the week's activities and troop-nights. (The Court of Honour is a body—independent of the

Scoutmaster—of Patrol Leaders and Seconds under a troop leader).

Congratulations to A. Wheatley on gaining his "Linguist Badge"; also to C. Windass for his "Swimmer's Badge." This term, Gillatt, Tyson, Pottinger, Dransfield, Dobie and Slater have passed their Tenderfoot Tests and J. Young and J. James their Second Class Tests.

Many promotions have been made this term; P.L.'s Eccles and Bowles to Troop-Leaders, and C. Windass and W. Rickatson to Patrol-Leaders; thus making the ages of the Patrol-Leaders more or less the same. Pieroni and Grimble have also been made Seconds to Rickatson and Windass. The Patrols are now led by W. Rickatson, Owls; C. Windass, Peewits; B. Watts, Hawks; J. Goodman, Woodpeckers; and B. Motson, Seagulls.

Once again parties have been going out on Sunday afternoon to Gray's Yard, near Mottle-Ash, by kind permission of Col. Nelthorpe, to collect wood for the old people of Brigg this Christmas.

A new Troop has been formed in the town—the 1st Brigg—and we wish it all the success for the future; no doubt there will be friendly rivalry between the two troops.

The Summer Camp at Brynbach, Denbigh, North Wales, was a great success and many wish to go there again for Summer Camp next year. G. B. ECCLES.

SCOUT SUMMER CAMP, 1949

This year the Troop decided to go to a more distant camping-ground, and Brynbach, seven miles south-west of Denbigh, in North Wales, was chosen. Our choice was in every way justified. Brynbach camp is wonderfully organised; there is a camp shop, a bathing pool, a boating lake, and some very good pioneering equipment, in fact, the ideal of what is expected at camp. Our only difficulty was water and milk—water had to be carried up a very steep hill to our camp site, and milk had to be brought from a farm about a mile away. A camp lorry brings provisions every day from Denbigh, and transports Scouts to and from the nearest railway station.

On Friday, 22nd July, we left Brigg on our journey to Wales. After seven hours of travelling, including a dash across Manchester, we arrived at Denbigh, to find the Camp Warden, Mr. Charles Stafford, waiting for us outside the picturesque station, to take us to Brynbach. We were driven at breakneck speed along the narrow, winding, mountainous roads, covering seven miles in less than fifteen minutes. The last mile was breath-taking; high up on the steep side of a river valley. At last we drew up outside the camp shop, and then the marvellous lorry tried the 1 in 2 slope up to our camp site, which it succeeded in climbing at the second attempt. Camp was pitched about

six o'clock and then we saw a tiny speck on the mountain road in the distance; it was an Austin Seven, in which two of our number had achieved the feat of crossing England.

For dinner on Saturday we were presented with the first of many peculiar concoctions produced by various patrols during the camp. After recovering from this, we went to the swimming bath, from which we emerged refreshed. The next day we all turned out in our Sunday best and attended a special camp service in the open air, conducted by the Warden. Afterwards we went for a Sunday morning walk, five miles round Moel Ytta, a large "moel" (mountain) overlooking the camp. On the following day we made an aerial ropeway across the boating lake; it was quite a thrill to go down it, and we had no accidents. On Wednesday, 27th July, a swimming gala took place. There were ten events, of which our Troop won five, thus winning a very valuable cup (in reality a battered mug bearing the inscription: "The winners of this cup have now at least one clean member in their Troop") which was presented by the Warden to the Troop providing most winners. The same evening a camp fire was held, which all the Troops in camp attended. We heard some very good singing from a Blackburn Troop, which put our crude effort to shame. On the following day we made a signalling tower, which did not prove a success, and so it was dismantled, or rather, allowed to collapse. Later in the day, we climbed Moel Ytta, from which there was a fine view of the camp.

On Friday, 29th July, a bus tour was made, through Denbigh to Bettws-y-coed, where we saw the Swallow Falls, and then on to Capel Curig, Pen-y-Pass, and Llanberis. The Seniors climbed Snowdon via the Pig Track from Pen-y-Pass, while the Juniors climbed up the longer, but less steep, route from Llanberis. We had dinner at a height of 3,560ft., and then set off down to Llanberis. We had tea at Caernarvon, after a tour of the town, and then drove along the coast road via Bangor, Conway, where we crossed the famous suspension bridge, Colwyn Bay, and Abergele. Then, leaving the coast, we reached Brynbach, passing through St. Asaph and Denbigh on the way. We arrived at camp tired and happy after a very enjoyable day.

On Saturday we were caught in a Welsh thunderstorm and trenches had to be dug round the tents. On the next day, a service was held in the Storm Hut, and an address was given by John Sweet, the Field Commissioner for North Wales, and a regular writer in the "Scout." In the evening another camp fire was held. During the camp several badges were passed, and two Seniors completed their First Class Journey.

On Tuesday, 2nd August, our camp came to an end; we struck camp and set off home. We wish to thank all those who in any way have helped to make Brynbach camp such a wonderful

place to camp in, for one of the most enjoyable camps in the Troop's history. B. BOWLES.

SPEECH DAY, FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 1949
Programme

National Anthem.
School Song ..... "Fortitudine" ..... H. Bryant
The Orchestra ..... Barcarolle ..... Offenbach
Country Gardens ..... Grainger
Address by Col. O. S. Nelthorpe, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., L.P., Chairman of the Governors
Headmaster's Report.
The School ..... Songs of Travel ..... Thiman
Prize Distribution by Captain the Right Hon. H. F. C. Crookshank, P.C., M.A., M.P.
Vote of Thanks proposed by J. G. T. Eccles, Esq., J.P., C.C.
Seconded by J. C. M. Lyon, Captain of School.

After welcoming Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, the Chairman referred to the School's status as an endowed foundation, aided by the educational authorities, but destined to come completely within the control of the Ministry and County Council within six months, unless the sum of £50,000 was somehow obtained to secure to the governing body privileges that it had hitherto enjoyed. Extensive additions to the existing buildings had been prevented by the intervention of war, and so it seemed likely that the wooden huts still used as part of the necessary accommodation would qualify as traditional buildings rather than as temporary ones. It was probable that the authorities would provide the sum of £5,000 to erect "utility" buildings to serve as a woodwork shop and a school library. The Governors were anxious to offer money belonging to the foundation for the erection of an attractive brick library, for which plans had already been prepared, and this would be a fitting memorial to the work done by the foundation for nearly three hundred years. It was possible that both schemes for building would go forward.

In presenting his report, the Headmaster referred to the large size of the Sixth Form, which contained 39 members, as a most important fact. All Higher School Certificate candidates had been successful and the number, thirteen, entered was the largest in the School's history. Forty-one candidates gained School Certificate out of forty-seven entries.

The Headmaster mentioned scholarship successes, elsewhere recorded, and the steady stream of boys going to the universities. Games and athletics had played a full and useful part in the year's progress, while Scouting, chess, photography, music, drama and handicraft had flourished in and out of School hours. The boarding house was full and there was a waiting list for new members.

The coming year would see the introduction of the new Certificate of Education. Its effect would be to widen the syllabus at the top of the School, but it was yet to be seen whether a wider syllabus could be worked out in a school such as ours, for there were already twelve subjects in the sixth form time-table. He condemned the new rule that no boy should sit for the examination before he is sixteen, for the clever boy would be handicapped. The Headmaster regretted this rule as just another regulation added to the many that tended to strangle education. Only in freedom of expression and action could education thrive; and the Headmaster longed for freedom from returns in triplicate, freedom from A.Q.'s and I.Q.'s and, most important of all, freedom to experiment.

Captain Crookshank said it was a commonplace to say that one's schooldays were tremendous fun. It was true that there were many joys to remember, but there were also disappointments, and one did have to work hard. As a boy moved up the school, he grew to realise his duties and responsibilities, and he found that, after he left school, there were still many duties to perform. The whole object of education was to win a clear realisation of one's duties to God, to one's neighbour and to oneself. To fear the Lord and to depart from Evil showed wisdom and understanding and a good character was a passport through life and beyond it.

Education demanded the co-operation of parents, masters and pupils . The wise parents gave encouragement in all ways, the masters who had a true sense of vocation taught their charges to walk on the road to wisdom and were continually prepared themselves to learn, while the pupils did their best to learn how to learn. There was no easy way to learning; no prize in any activity ever came except by the hard way. All could not aspire to become great scholars in classics or higher mathematics, but good character and manners were within the reach of the stupidest. By having regard for the little courtesies of life, by which one showed thoughtfulness for others, a boy could build a good character.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1948-9

Lindsey County Senior Scholarships:

R. A. Haddow, J. C. M. Lyon, R. Shelton.

Lindsey County Agricultural Scholarship:

A. E. Brooks.

Cambridge Higher School Certificates:

A. E. Brookes, J. H. Cheeseman, P. Driffil, G. Foster, L. Green, R. A. Haddow, J. E. Johnson, J. C. M. Lyon, C. W. Pixsley, J. D. Rands, R. Shelton, J. Stevens, R. W. Waller.

Cambridge School Certificates:

D. Altoft, D. F. Austin, J. J. Bones, R. Bonsell, G. R. Booth, R. Bosett, B. D. Bowles, J. B. Brocklesby, B. A. Chapman,

D. F. Craven, B. W. Croft, M. J. Dawkins, A. S. Denton, K. Foster, G. M. Gunson, P. G. Hall, M. Harvey, B. Haw, A. J. Hill, W. G. Hogg, J. T. Hopper, G. C. Howlett, R. C. Jacklin, R. S. Kitchen, K. H. Lacy, P. W. E. Ladds, L. W. Long, A. B. Marris, A. Maw, D. Pattie, R. Richards, P. G. Robinson, R. A. Robinson, E. R. Smith, P. J. Smith, P. W. Spittlehouse, L. W. Stow, D. S. Sumpter, J. M. Underwood, S. P. Wilkinson, F. D. Woolass.

PRIZE LIST

Senior English: J. E. Johnson. (Presented by Mrs. Spilman).
Senior French: J. E. Johnson.
Senior Physics: J. D. Rands.
Senior Chemistry: R. A. Haddow.
Senior Maths.: J. Stevens.
Senior History: C. W. Pixsley.
Senior Geography: G. Foster.
Senior Art: F. Richards.
Senior Handicraft: P. G. Hall.
Music: G. W. Jackson.
Constitutional History: G. C. Monteith and B. E. Knowler. (Presented by H. F. Sargent, Esq.)
Sociological Essay—J. E. Johnson. (Presented by Dr. J. R. Baker).

Awards for Higher Certificate:
A. E. Brooks, J. H. Cheeseman, P. Driffill, G. Foster, L. Green, R. A. Haddow, J. E. Johnson, J. C. M. Lyon, C. W. Pixsley, J. D. Rands, R. Shelton, J. Stevens, R. W. Waller.

Awards for School Certificates of Special Merit:
D. Altoft, R. Bonsell, R. Bosett, B. D. Bowles, K. Foster, M. Harvey, B. Haw, R. S. Kitchen, D. C. Pattie, P. G. Robinson, P. W. Spittlehouse, F. D. Woolass.

Form Prizes:
Lower Sixth Maths. and Science: A. G. Collins.
Lower Sixth Modern Studies: G. C. Monteith.
U.Va: B. D. Bowles.
L.Va: P. J. Wade.
U.IVa.: D. W. Bains.
L.IVa: M. J. Tebbutt.
IIIa: J. McLauchlan.
U.Vb: P. G. Robinson.
L.Vb: B. T. Thornalley.
U.IVb: C. Outram.
L.IVb: A. J. Taylor.
IIIb: G. W. Earnshaw.

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The end of the year is the busiest season in the Association and this year has been no exception. Visitors, always welcome, have been numerous, especially on Thursdays, when, presumably, the market still furnishes an extra attraction. These Old Boys who drop in never fail to provide some interest, whether it be an important success or the more hilarious topic of two or three stones increased weight since last we saw the O.B. in question.

Apart from these visitors, however, and the few who tell in writing of their activities, news has to be ferreted out from the local newspapers by Mr. Richards or Mr. Urry.

Weddings have been numerous, and details appear below.

In an effort to widen our social activities it was decided to organise a dance, to take place on 2nd December. Several members, upon receiving their invitation, feared that the Annual Dinner had been sacrificed for this inferior form of celebration. Fortunately for their peace of mind a circular was sent round, in which the date of the Dinner was mentioned. Full details of the Dance are given in a separate paragraph.

The Dinner has been fixed for January 21st. Normally the notification of the date has been made much nearer the time, but it is hoped that this earlier information will help those who live or work further away.

Membership continues to grow and it is hoped that the lapses from membership after only one or two years will be eliminated. One gratifying feature is the increase in the number of Life Members. Several younger Old Boys have recently elected to pay the larger sum, a sound policy actually, even though, in these hard days, four guineas may seem a large sum to find.

The Hon. Secretary would appreciate any suggestions which Old Boys may have as to the activities of the Association. It is a strong Association, but its members are scattered, a fact which makes the organisation of games and other activities difficult. Nevertheless, any ideas will be considered.

The following items of news have been collected since the last issue of the "Briggensian":—

John Cabourne has taken up a post as Additional Assistant Sanitary Inspector in the Borough of Runcorn.

T. J. Organ obtained a Second Class Honours in his Final Examinations in the School of Modern History at Oxford. He has been appointed to an administrative post with Messrs. Cadbury.

A. M. Monckton has gone to Africa to take up an appointment in the Colonial Service as an Assistant Auditor in Kenya. C. D. Westoby was on the same course and is also going to Kenya, probably to the same office.

J. R. Wright (Brigg) has taken up a post in the department of the Borough Architect, Mansfield.

D. J. Roberts has been awarded the Wainwright Memorial Open Scholarship for composition at the Guildhall School of Music, where he is studying composition, conducting and pianoforte.

A. Nicholson has passed the Ordinary National Certificate in Metallurgy, with distinctions in Physics and Metallurgy. As a result he has been awarded a State Technical Scholarship. He hopes to proceed to a University soon and take a Degree in Metallurgy.

A. E. Brooks has been awarded an Agricultural Scholarship tenable at Nottingham University.

C. A. Johnson and C. B. Usher have been awarded County Agricultural Scholarships for a one-year course at the Riseholme Farm Institute.

R. Markarian has been demobilised and is now at Exeter College, Oxford.

D. Leeson has been demobilised from the R.A.F. and R. Stringer from the Navy.

H. B. Johnson has been released from the Army and is now working on an engineer-trainee course at the Redbourn Steelworks.

C. M. Middleton has left to take up a post with a Bombay firm.

P. J. Cabourne is at Birmingham University.

B. W. Taylor is Sanitary Inspector to the Borough of Gravesend.

John Davenport is to be congratulated on his engagement to Miss Jean Golland, of Bigby.

B. R. Walker obtained Second Class Honours, Div. 1, in his Final History Examinations at Sheffield University.

R. Elvin has commenced his second year at Westminster Training College.

B. Powell has forsaken the Steelworks for journalism. He has joined the "Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph."

J. D. Rands, R. W. Waller, R. Shelton and C. W. Pixsley are serving in the R.A.F.

G. Foster is in the Army.

R. D. Harrison is in the Navy.

Marriages:

F. S. Bell to Nancy Tacey at Broughton, 1st August.

A. Gibson to Brenda Booth at the Brigg Congregational Church, 23rd July.

Bruce Taylor to Margaret Lofthouse, at St. John's, Brigg, 30th July.

P. J. Cabourne to Joan Markham at Scunthorpe, 24th September.

John Allen to Ruby Ford at Wesley Church, Brigg, 6th August.

John Lyon to Marjorie Martin, at St. John's, Brigg, 6th August.

H. E. D. O'Neill to Jean Evelyn Eburn at Shrewsbury, 29th July.

E. D. Sykes to Elsie Holdsworth, at Holy Trinity, Huddersfield, 7th September.

Births:

To Lenore, wife of D. A. Giles, a daughter, at Oxford, 25th May.

To Margaret Joan, wife of R. R. Lawson, a son, at Scunthorpe, 8th November.

Visitors since the last issue of the "Briggensian" have included the following:—

R. Elvin, B. R. Walker, J. W. Gibson, J. D. Collingham, K. C. Horton, A. V. Anable, H. B. Johnson, R. Markarian, R. D. Harrison, B. Reed, R. A. Haddow, C. P. Frankish, H. Tyerman, A. E. Brooks, J. S. Skipworth, C. D. Westoby, J. Britcliffe, R. S. Kitchen, G. Maw, V. Draper, D. Leeson, B. Powell, G. Foster, C. S. Pixsley, J. D. Rands, R. Shelton, J. W. Ball.

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THE OLD BRIGGENSIANS' DANCE

At the time of the War Memorial Appeal Fund a Dance was held with the object of raising money. This year it was decided to organise another. This time, however, purely as a social function.

The response showed clearly that the idea was popular, since some 200 tickets were sold. The Dance was held on 2nd December

at the Angel Hotel, and a large number of Old Boys was present. Music was played by Harry Thompson and his Band (Grimsby) and the room was appropriately decorated in School colours.

Amongst the Old Boys present were the following:—E. D. Sykes, W. C. Stainton, D. Weightman, R. N. Coulthurst, F. D. Bowskill, J. C. Thompson, N. Boocock, G. M. Neish, A. H. King, B. E. Fox, R. Peatfield, M. Golland, J. B. Bell, J. W. Harrington, C. G. Farrow, J. R. Baker, R. F. D. Haddow, H. Wright, J. G. T. Eccles, S. G. Sass, G. W. Brocklesby, A. Lyon, E. Urry, R. Ketteringham, R. Hewson, R. A. Binns, J. Brocklesby, B. Jeffrey, R. Tear, T. R. D. O'Neill, M. Proctor, W. T. Good, B. Carpenter, H. H. Eato, R. M. Spring, W. Brown, C. Landers, E. H. Willford, T. N. Sumpter, P. Hewitt, R. I. Bullock, J. M. Allen, R. C. Roberts, P. Chappell, R. Stringer, J. Blundell, M. Silverwood, A. E. Brooks, J. T. Gilbert, G. Bains, E. Taylor, R. Taylor, H. B. Johnson.

It is not pretended that this list is complete, and apologies are offered for any omissions.

THE DEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

For some four or five of us present on December 6th it was the second event of this nature, a repetition calculated to emphasise, if any more emphasis were needed, the futility of war.

A completely crowded Main School witnessed a most moving ceremony. More than fifty parents and relatives of the fallen attended, together with a number of Old Boys. It was found possible to include the whole School, and they will carry in their minds a vivid memory of this simple but dignified service of dedication.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. Eric W. Kemp, who was at School 1924-1933 and is now Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford. The Chairman of the Governors, Col. O. S. Nelthorpe, read the lesson and unveiled the plaque.

The long list of the fallen, fifty in number, was read by Mr. J. T. Daughton, who was Headmaster from 1927-1944, and had guided the School careers of most of them.

The plaque, the work of a London firm, is in bronze, and is striking in its simple dignity. It was unveiled in a temporary position in the Main School, and has now been transferred to its permanent place on the main staircase beneath the Founder's portrait.

The Roll of Honour

Arthur Frederick Barber
James Douglas Barber
John Robert Baxter
Kenneth Sidney Berry
Edward Britcliffe
Noel Anderson Brown
John Anderson Brown
James Geoffrey Butler
Joseph Kenneth Button
George Arthur Dalton
Timothy I'Anson Dee
Edward John Denton
George Charles Dickinson
John David Dodds

Wilfred Bates Donner
Harold Wood Duckitt
Roy Leonard Fussey
John Bertram Glover
Jonas Percy Goates
Harry Hammond
Frederick Benjamin Holdstock
Harold Elvin Howsham
Thomas Spencer Kell
Alan Louis King
Peter Francis Carlisle King
John Lang
George Leggott
George Longbottom
David Stephen Herbert Loughnan
Walter Maw
George Bertram Melton
Alister Lockwood Munro
Frederick William Parkin
Charles William Rhyder
Thomas Henry Rodgers
Kenneth Offord Skelton
Kenneth Roberts Smith
Stanley Alan Somerscales
Thomas Levick Noel Spilman
Harold Aubrey Stevens
John Laverack Sykes
Kenneth Mirfin Taylor
Wilfred Ingram Taylor
John Michael Tierney
John Waddingham
Edward Preston Walker
George Wood
Herbert Edward Wood
Douglas Percival Wright
James Richard Wright
Leslie Wright

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The publication of "The Briggensian" on the last day of each term is a traditional event, but one that produces the absurdity of reporting swimming sports and end-of-season cricket fixtures in a most inappropriate month. Such too has been the fate of an account of the Christmas Concert. A harassed reporter on a local paper has often been known to be more hasty than discreet in writing up circumstantial accounts of events that in fact did not occur. Rather than run such a risk, the present writer, who has been privileged to hear all rehearsals, here attempts to describe the forthcoming event from an intimate knowledge of what has occupied the attention of more than sixty boys and masters for many weeks. He relates the items in the order in which they will occur, and craves forgiveness for not being able to find space for the names of all artists.

The Junior Choir of picked and excellent voices sings a two-part rousing prelude of Alleluiahs in "Now once again our hearts we raise," and thereby sets a high standard for later items to emulate, if not improve upon.

Boston, Tyson, Motson and the elder Rowbottom sing a delightful appeal to "Villagers All," sometimes in unison and sometimes in two parts, and make one wish that the unmusical and importunate waits of the present day could be as tuneful.

"The Church Decorations" is an amusing satire, exaggerating the usually unimportant differences that rend a band of church helpers and beset an already distracted parish priest.

Jeffrey, Henthorn and Motson sang so beautifully an exquisite carol of Gustav Holst last year, that they sing it once more. "A Dream of Christmas," as sung by these boys, is eloquent in its simplicity.

If young Brumpton is as fearless and bold a pirate in the actual performances as he is in rehearsal, then this newcomer should be an instant success. Like most youngsters, he has an enquiring turn of mind and no bashfulness in the insistence of

his questions. In "The Pirates' Christmas" he gives a rollicking performance and conjures up happy pictures of pirates in festive mood. Here is a good voice for a singer of folk songs.

The Junior Choir sings a group of two contrasting carols in unison, "Our Brother is Born" and "Merry Christmas." The legato singing of the one is well balanced by the almost staccato-like speed of the second, and their accompanist deserves mention for an extremely brilliant performance of some difficult piano writing.

The Waits, aided by their convincing lamp-post, divide into rival parties, each headed by a cornet player, and invoke the aid of Constable B. E. Knowler of the Lincolnshire Constabulary, of Miss G. M. I. Marshall of School House and the Headmaster of the same address to produce a sketch whose sub-title may well be "High Jinks at the Grammar School."

Eight Masters combine with the Junior Choir to sing the four-part anthem, "The Time Draws Near the Birth of Christ." This gives an admirable opportunity to the Choir to show what it can do in producing variety of tone, and the climax of the anthem is stirring in its effect.

French carols have been a fruitful source of the folk type of carol that lends itself to dramatic representation. "No Room at the Inn" and "The Peasant's Pilgrimage" of last year are examples. Jeffrey sings another called "The Gouty Carol," portraying an elderly irascible sufferer, who fumes with impatience because he cannot keep up with others on their way to Bethlehem. He shouts for his horse to be saddled and calls it all manner of names until he mounts and rides to join the rest. It is an interesting example of the naivety of folk song, and Jeffrey does it justice, aided by Cheeseman and McLauchlan as the horse.

M. H. Holt, whose voice remained undiscovered in his earlier days at this school, sings an Italian folk melody of great charm and beauty, in which the Virgin Mother, though heavy with foreboding at the pain her Child is to bear, lulls Him quietly to sleep. Holt's second carol, Peter Warlock's "Adam Lay Ybounden," is in complete contrast to the first, and he fills his lungs for the glad shout of the last few bars, "Deo Gracias."

The Masters' Choir, which consists, if not of selected voices, at least of most willing ones, enjoys singing "Come Down, Emmanuel" and "The Good Shepherd." When the tenors complain that the key is too high for their comfort, the second basses good-humouredly agree to a lower one, while the middle parts treat the matter with complacent indifference.

In "A Hint for Next Christmas," Mr. Romans describes an excellent device for anyone who finds himself at a Christmas house party in the unfortunate predicament of being without a single present to give to his many fellow-guests who have not

been as thoughtless as himself. At least one member of the audience will enjoy the audacity of the device no less than the richness of Mr. Roman's voice.

G. Jackson contributes his traditional "Noel" and also Chopin's Scherzo in C Sharp Minor. The latter calls for exceptional technique and Jackson's performance will undoubtedly be well received.

In "Rehearsal for Christmas" we have the experiment of a play performed amongst the audience. The work of the performers deserves detailed consideration, but, alas, space does not permit. Tracey, as Peter Harding, a young schoolboy, is punished by a prefect, named Morley and played by I. Rickett, for rowdiness and hooliganism, and given a thousand-word essay to write on Christmas traditions and Father Christmas. Like any other modern youth, he denies the existence of Father Christmas and forthwith is surprised to find himself introduced to Tom Thumb, Father Christmas, Dick Whittington, Cinderella, the Babes in the Wood, and the Sleeping Beauty. As Tom Thumb, Askew is as important as he is small; as Father Christmas, Moody is generous of figure as he is benevolent in appearance; as Dick Whittington, West is as elegant as he is resourceful; as Cinderella, Henthorn is an extremely sensible young girl; as the Babes, Tyson and Young show themselves as ready to quarrel as any other brother and sister; as the Sleeping Beauty, James is as beautifully dressed as she is quite evidently the biggest flirt in the world. All these characters appear to be rehearsing for the Christmas pantomime season, but are frightened away by the approach of the returning prefect. After an unlucky blow upon his head, Tracey is excited to discover that his visitors had been real enough, for the prefect returns, angered by all the noise, and marches a protesting Tracey off to bed.

"The Boar's Head" brings to an end what should be a concert as enjoyable as its predecessors.

Thanks are due to many persons, who shall be nameless, for their active co-operation in many ways.

THE GUILDHALL, LINCOLN

On the week-end of October 29th and 30th I attended a Scout Week-end at Lincoln. On the Saturday evening we paid a visit to the Guildhall, where the Clerk of the City spoke to us about the city's civic insignia, and the Guildhall itself.

The Guildhall is in the upper storey of Stone Bow, the South gate of the Roman City. It is a long narrow room, with a fine old roof of massive oak beams and floral bosses, and windows on each side that look down upon the active life of the busy city. At one end of the room hangs a rope which is used to ring the Mote Bell, bearing the date 1371 and a Latin inscription, which

calls the City Fathers to civic business in the Guildhall. At the other end of the room is the Mayoral seat, while down the centre are the large table and on each side the seats, which are used at Council meetings.

In the Guildhall is Lincoln's fine collection of civic insignia. There are many chains of office, some large and some small, which belong to the Mayor and Mayoress, the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of the County, and the Bailiff. The Mayor's chain of office is made up of several " fasces " (the bundle of rods and the axe of Rome), and it is often to the Mayor's displeasure when the small point of the axe sticks in his neck or his clothes. There are two Maces of the 17th century, one of which is a large gold one belonging to the Mayor. Maces were originally fighting weapons, but now they have come to be symbols of office and power. In addition to these are two " Caps of Maintenance," one old and faded, and the other much newer, made in 1937. They are both made of crimson velvet with a Tudor rose embroidered in silver on the crown. The " Caps," similar to those worn by the Beefeaters, have two long crimson strings hanging down, with a knob and a tassel on each end, and are worn by the City Clerk at the ceremony when the old Mayor retires and the new Mayor is put in office. Also used at this ceremony is a solid gold thumb ring which the retiring Mayor places on the thumb of his successor.

Lincoln's Guildhall also proudly possesses three historic swords, the King Richard sword given by Richard II when he visited the city in 1387, a sword presented by Henry VII in 1487, and the other a blade presented by Charles I in 1642. All swords are exceptionally well-balanced, and, when used for fighting, the soldier could use two hands or one to wield the sword.

When the King visits the city, the King Richard sword is handed over to him by the Mayor, as a symbol that the Mayor has passed his power into the King's hands. The last time this occurred was in 1947 when the King visited the Royal Agricultural Show. Among other treasures are some gold and silver plate, the town crier's bell, and charters granted to the city by different Kings, one of them saying that Lincoln should be a county on its own. Around the walls of the Guildhall are hung portraits of some of the Kings and Queens of England, one of Queen Victoria painted by a boy from Lincoln. G. M GUNSON.

A TRIP TO DENMARK

We arrived in Esbjerg, Denmark, after an uneventful but enjoyable trip from Harwich. After about a quarter of an hour's delay in passing through the customs, we finally emerged into Esbjerg, where, thankfully, we were met by a friend. Luckily he spoke a little English and we were able to converse quite freely

with him. He conducted us to our hotel, and after the usual procedure of form filling, we comfortably settled down.

It wasn't long before we discovered that the streets and shops were not different from those of England. But, entering those shops in pursuit of some object, and not knowing a word of Danish, was purely a different matter.

Two days passed, and we continued our journey towards our real destination, Frederikshavn, which lies to the north of Denmark. The train journey of twelve hours proved to be very tiresome indeed. The majority of the Danish trains are fast, streamlined ones, painted a brilliant red, but, as fate would have it, we boarded a slow one. Two hours after commencing our journey, we arrived at Frederica, a reasonably small town, where we had to change trains. As it happened, we had a two-hour wait. But the porters on the station learned we were English, and as they did English football pools, they came to us for our assistance, and, so, we spent a pleasant half-hour in filling their coupons in for them. We continued on our way and the chief towns passed were Horsens, Aarhus, Randers, Aalboug and then on to Frederikshavn. Most of the country we passed was very much like the Eastern area of England. We did notice a lack of hedges, which seemed very peculiar, and that the cattle were tied individually to a stake and could eat only the area of grass round the stake they were tied to.

The town of Frederikshavn is not much bigger than Brigg, but for its size it has a magnificent harbour which is able to take some very large ocean going liners. The town itself lies nestled in a bay and towering behind it are some very thickly wooded hills. This area, we discovered, had some really beautiful scenery, somewhat like that of the Southern part of England.

Our first Danish meals were quite a puzzle to us, for instead of the usual individual English courses, a huge plate is set before you, that is at tea time, with maybe eight or more varied courses on it, and you are left to choose at will. The breakfasts are similar to ours, but we found the dinners were very varied. They eat great quantities of ham, pork and bacon in Denmark, all of which are very plentiful. We never saw any beef or mutton. Fish was plentiful, which was usually served with several different kinds of sauce and many of the other 'tit-bits.' We saw very little of the English white bread, which we preferred to the black sour-tasting Danish rye bread. When we were lucky enough to get white bread, it became a thing to be enjoyed, because it made a change from rye bread, and because it was spread lavishly with butter. We were fortunate to be invited to parties. The food on this occasion was the like of which I have never seen before. The first course consisted of roast chicken, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, gravy and six delicious different types of sauce. After this came a cold fish or meat salad. Then came

trifles, jellies, stewed fruits, ice-cream, which were all covered in whipped cream. The cakes were then brought onto the table. We had already learnt that it was very seldom that the Danes ever had any sweet cakes at any other meal than breakfast, which is like the English breakfast except in this respect. It therefore came as a pleasant surprise to us to find cakes being put on the table. The meal was finally finished with coffee and biscuits. This meal took well over an hour, and it was with great difficulty that we ate all that was put before us, and it was even a greater difficulty to persuade our host and hostess that we just couldn't eat any more.

It was only fifty yards to the sea shore from where we were staying. The tide never went down more than three or four yards. The water was always crystal clear, so we spent the greater part of our holiday swimming or sun-bathing. On a rainy day we went to the cinema and found much to our surprise that the film was an American film and we got considerable enjoyment just hearing English spoken. There were little scripts in Danish at the bottom of the film for the benefit of the Danes. We noticed in front of us in the cinema a boy of about thirteen smoking a pipe. We later discovered other boys of similar ages also smoking, and we learned that it was not uncommon for boys of this age to start smoking.

When it was time to leave Frederikshavn we were a little sorry; yet it was a happy thought to be going home. The journey back to Esbjerg only took ten hours this time, for we had no two hours wait at Frederica. The journey back on the boat proved to be rough, but it had no ill effects on us. We saw many small Danish fishing boats being tossed about, and we felt quite pleased that ours was a big ship. After arriving back in England we finished off our delightful little holiday with a day in London.

D. SUMPTER and R. JACKLIN.

HIGH FINANCE

I reckon it all started about ninety year ago, when ole Jarge was born. Mind you, we didn't call 'im ole Jarge in them days, on account of 'im bein' born at an early age; but I reckon Jarge didn't mind, any'ow 'e never said nothin' about it durin' the first year of 'is life an' 'e didn't 'old any strong opinions about it durin' the second.

Now Jarge was allus a thrifty sort o' bloke. By the time 'e was ten 'e'd given up usin' 'is rattle 'cos 'e was afeared o' bustin' it an' 'im 'avin' to buy a new un. An' by the time 'e was twenty five 'e'd got two pound saved up in one o' them tin pillar boxes,

so 'e got married, which brought it down to one pound twelve an' six.

Now what with 'avin a wife, Jarge thought 'e'd better 'ave a rise in pay. So 'e 'ad a little talk with farmer Haycorn, who 'e worked for, 'an after much 'ummin' an' 'awin', ole farmer Haycorn put Jarge's wages up to five bob a week.

Well this did Jarge for a few year, but when 'e counted 'is chillun one week an' found 'e 'ad twelve on 'em, 'e decided that five bob were 'ardly enough; so along 'e went to t'farmer an' after a great deal o' delib- thinkin' on ole Haycorn's part 'e 'ad 'is wages raised to five an' six.

O' course such a 'uge rise lasted Jarge an' 's family a good many year, but what wi' one thing an' another, 'e decided to ask for another shillun, which was agreed to by ole Haycorn, when he an' Jarge met one night at the local. This, o' course, was not wi'out some expense on Jarge's part.

Now you may think as 'ow this were askin' a good deal, considerin' as 'ow threepence 'a'penny would've been ample. But Jarge 'ad decided to make a great deal 'o money, an' so 'e saved up what 'e didn't spend, all crafty like.

But it were fifty year afore 'e 'ad enough for 'is purpose, 'an when 'e'd saved it all up 'e took it all out o' 'is pillar box an' shot off to Lunnon with it.

But when 'e got there 'e got into bad company, an' afore Jarge knew it, 'e'd been coshed over the 'ead, and when 'e woke up, all 'is money 'ad gone.

So 'e sat in the gutter, scratched 'is 'ead an' said, "Ah well, easy come, easy go." BUNJY.

COMMENTARY ON THE BIG FIGHT

"Good evening, listeners — we're now in the middle of the championship finals here in Brigg. It's a lovely day here, and the sun is shining from a cloudless sky on this magnificent . . . . sorry! As I was saying, the champ, Slim Noles, is defending his title against the comparative newcomer, Alec Smart. Of these two boys, I should say Slim has the advantage of weight . . . . and there goes the bell.

Both boys are on their feet (what feet!) and the fight is on. The champ's moving into the attack now very confidently he's going forwa . . . . no he isn't, he's seen his mistake, and he hastily

draws back. He almost threw the fight away there. But he's recovered now, and the crowd are yelling their appreciation. Young Smart, the Noall boy, is leading by a point or two, but that's a mere "pawn" in the game. He's defending now against the champ's right lead and he's holding him in check and he's moving out now . . . . the champ's moving in and . . . . yes, he's got him penned in the far corner, he's going in and there's no escape for Alec Smart now, and there's the final blow that ends this great fight . . . . "Queen to King's Knight seven; checkmate!"

LOUP.

THE ANGELIC CHOIR

Church choir boys look angelic in their spotless white robes, spotless for only about a month after visiting the laundry, and with hair neatly parted. Most of the people who look at these model boys and say, "Don't they look sweet?" would have a shock if they saw them at the football matches on Saturdays. For choir boys are very human.

Boys are allowed to join our choir when they are eight. Recruits must come to choir practices until they can satisfy the choir master that they can sing the twenty-third Psalm and sing the first verse of a hymn of their own choice.

After he has passed these tests the choir boy has to wear the cassock, a long, black garment which reaches to the feet, and has to sit on a chair behind the adults until he knows the service routine.

After about a fortnight of this the choir boy is given his ruff, a white frilly collar and his surplice. He is then allowed to sit in the choir stalls with the other boys.

We have an initiation ceremony of our own, which is carried out on every new boy. Before choir practice the new boy is escorted round to the back of the Church and given a "swallow dive" into a privet hedge there. If he does not tell anybody of this, he is counted as a sport and is accepted into the choir as one of the boys, but, should he tell anyone of it, he is given another "swallow dive" and does not have a very happy time.

The four members of the choir at each end of the stalls are called "leaders" and each wears a red band round his neck, on which is hung a metal cross with the word "Persevere" engraved on it. Leaders take great care of their bands, and take them home after the service every Sunday night to make them bright.

At choir practice on every Wednesday evening at half past

seven, we rehearse all the hymns which we will be singing on the following Sunday. We also chant the Psalms until they are practically perfect, and then we sing an anthem, of which our Vicar is very fond, but we are not. After choir practice we say prayers, and, as by that time it is half past nine, we go home, in winter at least, but in summer we often stay to have a quick game in a nearby field.

On Sunday we are on our best behaviour, but if the sermon is long, we become fidgety and draw pictures, whisper, or write notes to each other on the hymn list.

Best of all festivals, we choir boys love the Harvest Festival, for all the apples and pears are shared out between us, and we have a good feed.

In summer we have an outing to the seaside for a day and enjoy ourselves immensely at the expense of our kind congregation.

In winter we go to a pantomime, again at the expense of our congregation — but, after all, we do pay them back by singing so sweetly to them at every service!

At Christmas the older boys go to the watch-night service on Christmas Eve. If we go to Church on Christmas Eve we are not obliged to go on Christmas Morning.

To conclude, dear reader, now that you have been given an insight into the activities of these cherubs whom you see in Church on Sundays, you have no reason to be shocked, for as we all know, all the white sauce in the world cannot change a steak of cod into a Christmas pudding, and boys will be boys.

E. NOBBS.

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