



EDITORIAL

December, 1950.

“Twinkle, twinkle, little bat,
How I wonder what you're at,
Up above the world, so high,
Like a tea-tray in the sky.”

Thus says Lewis Carrol in “Alice in Wonderland.” Silly? Perhaps. No sillier, though, than many of the views expressed by some people and believed by many more on the subject of flying saucers.

Flying saucers! There is no limit to the fantasy that has been written about them. They are the work of little men from Mars; they are American secret weapons; they are seagulls, or spots before the eyes. Whatever they are, they have disquieted the minds of all those deep-thinking men who compose the Upper Sixth Form. Controversy has raged in a way never before thought possible, and yet, in spite of it all, the Sixth Form has not suffered in the way of broken friendships. But then, the people in the “Sixth” have certain qualities about them that are not common these days. For one thing, they know when to take each other seriously, and for another, they possess a good deal of tolerance.

It is your Editor's opinion, in fact, that the Sixth Form at Brigg Grammar School is a model for society the world over. There is none of that greed and intolerance about it that has been instrumental in bringing the world to the brink of yet another world war, a war which will be the ultimate in wars, we are informed. Moreover, while there is a variety of opinions among Sixth-formers as to the nature of the Government that should control the country, we have never yet seen an exhibition of that fiery patriotism so common in some countries which sends the fist of one man crashing into the face of another. Neither have we detected any sign of subversive Communist activities among the ranks of the Sixth-formers. They have, in fact, remained British to the core!

Bearing this last fact in mind, therefore, your Editor has come to the conclusion that a year in the Sixth Form would be an excellent thing for those who govern the world. Naturally, the room would need to be enlarged to the size of Earls Court.

but the attitude of the world's politicians to each other would be so softened, become so much more familiar, that all thought of war would become a thing of the past, and demands like those a certain Oriental king has been making lately would be universally rejected as being "shockin' bad form."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following Magazines have been received, and we wish to thank the senders, with apologies for any accidental omissions:—

The Aenean.	The Carrenian.
The S.T.H.S.	The Rydian.
The Scunthorpeian.	The Lincolnian.
The Pioneer.	
The Chronicle of the Brigg Girls' High School.	

SCHOOL LISTS — AUTUMN TERM, 1950

The School Officials for this term have been:—

Captain of School: J. I. Rickett.

Prefects: J. I. Rickett, M. Avery, R. Bonsell, B. D. Bowles, K. Foster, P. G. Hall, A. J. Hill, R. C. Jacklin, G. R. C. McLauchlan, M. A. Peacock, F. Richards, F. D. Woollass.

Football Captain: G. R. C. McLauchlan.

Football Vice-Captain: D. Pollicott.

"The Briggensian": J. A. Suthers (Editor), G. R. C. McLauchlan, R. Bonsell, B. Bowles, Mr. Richards.

House Captains and Masters:

Ancholme: F. Richards (House Captain), J. M. Underwood (Football), Mr. Henthorn.

Nelthorpe: A. J. Hill (House Captain), S. Douce (Football), Mr. Morris.

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

Sheffield: F. D. Woollass (House Captain), D. Pollicott (Football), Mr. Urry.

Yarborough: M. A. Peacock (House Captain), J. Hopper (Football), Mr. Knight.

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

Sixth Form Library: J. I. Rickett (Senior Librarian) and all the Prefects.

2nd Brigg Scout Troop: Mr. Jarvis (G.S.M.), Mr. Paisley (S.M.), B. D. Bowles (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: M. A. Peacock (President and Secretary), Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Butterworth.

Art Club: F. Richards (Chairman), Mr. Cabourne (President), D. F. Austin (Secretary).

SCHOOL NOTES

The School obtained 14 Higher School Certificates and six Lindsey Senior Scholarships in the July examinations.

Lt. Commander C. M. Stringer lectured to the Fifth Forms on the Navy on October 5th.

Mr. E. Streatfield, University College, Oxford, has been in School for the past term, completing his teaching practice.

Two parties of boys have toured the Appleby-Frodingham Steel Works, and one party has been down a coal mine.

Much work has been done on the Cricket Platform and it is hoped that next year's wickets will be first-class.

The collection on Poppy Day amounted to £6 9s. 9d.

Speech Day was held on December 1st, when the Visitor was the Bishop of Lincoln.

The Annual Old Briggensian Dance was held at the Angel Hotel on the evening of Speech Day.

Dates (Spring Term):

Term Begins: January 16th.

Half Term: February 16th-19th inclusive.

The Intimate Opera Society: Tuesday, February 20th, at 8 p.m.

Term Ends: March 22nd.

SALVETE

Ancholme:

Calder, J.	Green, J. B.	Parker, D.
Chapman, G. A.	Henthorn, S.	Pickard, A. W.
Chudley, J.	Kitwood, P. H.	Rhodes, D. C.
Corney, A.	Lyon, C. A.	Thompson, B.
Dodd R. F.	O'Boyle, K.	Young, P. W.
Farmer, A. F.	Parker, B.	

Nelthorpe:

Atkin, P.	Haywood, M. J.	Pacey, R. W.
Bean, M. S.	King, J.	Stainton, R. H.
Bright, T. H. J.	Kirkman, E.	Taylor, A.
Britcliffe, J.	Medley, C. E.	Wells, L. A.
Davies, J. N.		

School:

Furniss, J. H.	Ketteringham, J. C.	Spencer, M. D.
Hammond, R. L.	Rowley, J.	Sumpter, D. W.
Henderson, J. W.		

Sheffield:

Dayson, R.	Hutson, S.	Tatam, A.
Grocock, W.	Robinson, J.	Weightman, M.
Harrington, P.	Robinson, T. P.	Whitehead, M. J.

Yarborough:

Askew, M. J.	Fountain, A. M.	Topps, B.
Carter, P.	Hartle, J. D.	Turner, A.
Dale, J. B.	Metcalf, T. P.	Turner, B. N.
Day, B.	Neilson, N. E.	

U.VI:**VALETE**

CHEESEMAN, J. H., 1942-50 (School House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate and Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1950; School Athletics Team, 1945 and 1949; Second Eleven Football, 1948-49; School House Prefect, 1947-50; School Prefect, 1948-50; House Captain, 1949-50; Captain of School, 1950. Address: Catchwater Farm, Messingham.

COLLINS, A. G., 1948-50 (School House).—Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1950; Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1950; L.VI Maths. and Science Form Prize; School Prefect, 1950; House Prefect, 1949-50; Inter-School Cross-Country, 1948-50; Member of School Athletics Team, 1950; Member of School Chess Team, 1948-50. Address: Elmfield, Caistor, Lincoln.

DRIFFIL, P., 1942-50 (Yarborough House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; School Prefect, 1948-50; Yarborough House Captain, 1949-50; Yarborough Football, Cross-Country, Athletics, Cricket and Swimming Captain, 1949-50; Second XI Football Captain, 1949-50; Second XI Cricket Captain, 1949 and 1950; Cross-Country Colours, 1949; Inter-School Cross-Country, 1949-50; School Cross-Country Captain, 1950; School Orchestra, 1943-46; Swimming Colours, 1950. Address: Tunnel Road, Wrawby, Brigg.

FOSTER, G. W., 1943-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; School Prefect, 1950; House Cross-Country Vice-Captain, 1950; Inter-School Cross-Country Representative; Member of Chess Club. Address: 3, Ermine Street, Broughton.

GREEN, L., 1942-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947, with exemption from matric.; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949; School Prefect, 1949; Second XI Football, 1947-48; First XI Football, 1948-50; Football Colours, 1949; Sheffield House Captain, 1949-50; House Football Captain, 1948-50; Member of Scientific Society, 1948-50. Address: 8, Ville Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe.

- HUNTER, J. G., 1942-50 (Ancholme House).—Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1950; Cambridge School Certificate with exemption from matriculation, 1948; School Prefect, 1950; Member of Geographical, Scientific and Dramatic Societies; Committee Member of Art Club, 1948-50; Member of School Orchestra; Chairman of Gramophone Club, 1948-50. Address: 16, St. Helen's Road, Brigg.
- JACKSON, G. W., 1941-50 (School House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; Second XI Football, 1948-49; Accompanist School Orchestra; Music Prize, 1949. Address: 11, Cliff Gardens, Scunthorpe.
- JOHNSON, J. E., 1942-50 (Nelthorpe House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1947; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949 and 1950; Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1950; School Football Second XI, 1947; Football First XI, 1948-50; Second XI Cricket, 1947; First XI Cricket, 1948-50; Nelthorpe House Captain, 1948-50; House Athletics, Cricket and Football Captain; School Prefect, 1948-50.
- KNOWLER, B. E., 1943-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1950; Constitutional History Essay Prize, 1949; Member of School Chess Team, 1948-50; School Prefect, 1949-50. Address: 209, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe.
- LOFTHOUSE, P. F., 1943-50 (Ancholme House).—Under XIV Football, 1945-46; First XI Football, 1947-50; Football Colours, 1949; Vice-Captain School Football, 1949-50; Captain Ancholme House Football, 1947-50; Captain Ancholme House Swimming, 1949-50; Captain Ancholme House Athletics, 1950; Inter-School Athletics Representative, 1949-50; Athletics Colours, 1950; School First XI Cricket, 1949 and 1950; Captain Ancholme House, 1950; School Prefect, 1950; Member of Geographical Society; School Certificate, 1948; Higher School Certificate, 1950. Address: 12, Central Square, Brigg.
- MONTEITH, G. C., 1943-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1948; Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1950; Second XI Football, 1948-50; First XI Cricket, 1950; Member of Chess Club; School Orchestra; Sheffield House Cross-Country Captain. Address: 22, West Common Crescent, Old Brumby, Scunthorpe.
- STEVENS, J., 1942-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge Higher School Certificate, 1949 and 1950; Lindsey Senior Scholarship, 1950; Cambridge School Certificate with exemption from matriculation, 1947; Form Prizes, 1945-46-47; Senior Mathematics Prize, 1949; Inter-School Athletics Representative, 1947; Sheffield House Athletics Captain, 1950; Under XIV Cricket, 1945; Second XI Cricket, 1946 and 1947; First XI Cricket, 1948, 1949 and 1950; Sheffield House Cricket

Captain, 1948-50; Cricket Colours, 1949; Captain of School Cricket, 1950; Member of Art Club Committee, 1947; Member of Scientific Society, 1948-49; School Prefect, 1949-50. Address: 20, Ermine Street, Broughton.

L.VI:

CHAPMAN, B. A., 1944-50 (School House).—School Certificate, 1949; Young Farmers' Club, 1947; Photographic Society; Scientific Society; Art Club, Inter-School Swimming. Address: 60, Wharf Road, Crowle, Scunthorpe.

SUMPTER, D. S., 1944-50 (School House).—Member of Young Farmers' Club, 1946-47; School Under XIV Cricket, 1946; Under XIV Football, 1945-46; Under XIV Cricket Vice-Captain, 1947; Under XIV Football, 1946-47; Second XI Cricket, 1948-49; Member of School Intermediate Athletics Team, 1948; House Under XIV Cricket Captain, 1948; First XI Football, 1948-50; Second XI Cricket, 1949-50; Cambridge School Certificate, 1949; Football Colours, 1949-50, Member of Senior Athletics Team, 1950; House Cricket Captain, 1950. Address: 30, Bunkers Hill, Lincoln.

U.Va:

CLIFF, M. J. W., 1944-50 (Sheffield House).—Chess Club; Member of Athletics Team v. Old Boys. Address: 4, Annes Crescent, Ashby, Scunthorpe.

COOK, H., 1945-50 (Nelthorpe House).—Under XIV Cricket and Football, 1946 and 1947; Second XI Cricket, 1949; First XI Football, 1949; First XI Cricket, 1949 and 1950; Cricket Colours, 1950; Nelthorpe bat, 1950; Nelthorpe Junior Cross-Country Captain, 1947; House Vice-Captain for Football and Cricket, 1949-50. Address: Atterby, Bishops Norton, Lincoln.

CULPAN, P. A., 1944-50 (Sheffield House).—Address: 31, Brant Road, Scunthorpe.

ECCLES, G. B., 1944-50 (School House).—Member of School Scout Troop, 1944-50; Patrol Leader, 1948-50; Troop Leader, 1949-50; Member of School Second XI Football, 1949-50; Member of School Orchestra, 1947-50. Address: "The Waverley," 62, Bridge Street, Worksop, Notts.

GREEN, A., 1945-50 (Sheffield House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1950. Address: 1, Brigg Road, Broughton, Brigg.

LOVEDAY, P., 1945-50 (Yarborough House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1950. Address: 3, Council Houses, Keelby, Habrough.

MILLER, C., 1945-50 (Ancholme House).—Under XIV Cricket, 1948; Member of Art Club; Member of Geographical Society. Address: 13, East Parade, Brigg.

MOODY, C. E., 1945-50 (Nelthorpe House).—Member of School Orchestra; Cambridge School Certificate, 1950. Address: Rose Cottage, Scawby, Brigg.

ROBERTS, A. T., 1945-50 (Ancholme House).—Member of Art Club, 1949-50; Gramophone Club, 1945-46. Address: 5, Glebe Road, Brigg.

WOOD, C., 1943-50 (School House).—School Swimming Team, 1947; Under XIV Football, 1946-47; Chess Club; Scouts, 1945-50; Second XI Cricket, 1949; Member of Young Farmers' Club; Art Club, 1949-50; Runner-up Junior Cross-Country, 1947. Address: 51, Edward Street, Grimsby.

U.Vb:

BRADLEY, D., 1945-50 (Ancholme House).—Under XIV Football, 1946-47; School Second XI Football, 1949-50. Address: 32, Glebe Road, Brigg.

BRATLEY, D., 1945-50 (Nelthorpe House).—School Orchestra, 1946-50. Address: Willoughton, Gainsborough.

CREEK, L., 1947-50 (Nelthorpe House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1950. Address: Police House, Hlbaldstow, Brigg.

DRIFFIL, G., 1945-50 (Yarborough House).—Under XIV Cricket, 1947; Under XIV Cricket, 1948; Second XI Cricket, 1949 and 1950; Second XI Football, 1948-50. Address: Tunnel Road, Wrawby, Brigg.

KEECH, J., 1945-50 (Sheffield House).—Address: 3, King Edward Street, Scunthorpe.

MASON, E. F., 1945-50 (Yarborough House).—Cambridge School Certificate, 1950; Under XIV Cricket, 1946-47. Address: Saxby-All-Saints, Brigg.

METCALFE, J., 1945-50 (Yarborough House).—Address: The Grange, Saxby-All-Saints, Brigg.

PARTINGTON, S. G., 1944-50 (Sheffield House).—Address: 159, Mary Street, Scunthorpe.

L.Va:

BRAY, C. C., 1946-50 (Yarborough House).—Address: King's Road, Barnetby, Lincs.

U.IVa:

DENT, J. R., 1947-50 (Nelthorpe House).—Address: High Street, Waddingham, Gainsborough, Lincs.

SWIMMING SPORTS, JULY, 1950

This year the weather treated us kindly for the swimming sports. The bath was well used throughout the season. Congratulations to A. S. Denton, P. Driffil, and D. Pollicott on gaining their swimming colours. In the senior section the standard of swimming was high, as shown by the making of three new records. There was also a noticeable improvement among the junior swimmers, though no records were broken.

Results:—**Seniors:**

3 lengths.—1, A. B. Marris; 2, R. C. Jacklin; 3, D. F. Woollass.
Time: $23\frac{2}{3}$ secs. (new record).

5 lengths.—1, A. B. Marris; 2, R. C. Jacklin; 3, D. F. Woollass.
Time: $45\frac{2}{3}$ secs. (Record in heat $44\frac{2}{3}$ secs.).

7 lengths.—1, A. B. Marris; 2, D. F. Woollass; 3, R. C. Jacklin.
Time: $76\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

3 lengths back-stroke.—1, A. B. Marris; 2, R. C. Jacklin; 3, D. Pollicott. Time: $30\frac{2}{3}$ secs. (Record in heat $29\frac{2}{3}$).

Neat Dive.—1, B. A. Chapman; 2, D. Pollicott; 3, R. C. Jacklin.

Juniors:

3 lengths.—1, T. S. Reynolds; 2, J. Ward; 3, M. Grimble.
Time: $28\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

5 lengths.—1, T. S. Reynolds; 2, J. Ward; 3, M. Grimble.
Time: 55 secs.

2 lengths back-stroke.—1, T. S. Reynolds; 2, J. Ward; 3, R. Cook. Time: $23\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

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

2nd Senior Relay.—1, School; 2, Ancholme; 3, Sheffield; 4, Yarborough; 5, Nelthorpe.

Junior Relay.—1, Sheffield; 2, School; 3, Ancholme; 4, Yarborough; 5, Nelthorpe.

Senior Champion: A. B. Marris, 12 pts. Runner-up: R. C. Jacklin 8 pts.

Junior Champion: T. S. Reynolds, 11 pts. Runner-up: J. Ward, 7 pts.

House Championship: 1, School, $121\frac{1}{2}$ pts. Runners-up: Sheffield, $87\frac{1}{2}$ pts.

R. C. JACKLIN.

COCK-HOUSE, 1949-50

	Cross-					
	Football	Athletics	Country	Cricket	Swimming	Total
1. School	4	1	2	3	1	11
2. Sheffield ...	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	4	2	$11\frac{1}{2}$
3. Ancholme ..	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	3	$13\frac{1}{2}$
4. Yarborough	1	5	$3\frac{1}{2}$	5	4	$18\frac{1}{2}$
5. Nelthorpe ..	5	4	5	$1\frac{1}{2}$	5	$20\frac{1}{2}$

FOOTBALL NOTES

It seems that at last the fortunes of School football are on the up-grade. All the teams have lost only one match each out of a total of seventeen. The First XI started off in fine style, but rather faded out at one period, and have won three matches, drawn two and lost one. The Second XI have won four, drawn one and lost one, while the Under XIV have won three, drawn one and lost one.

House matches are well under way, though towards the end of the season rain was beginning to interfere with the time-table. Competition is just as keen as usual, as can be gathered from the numbers of spectators who watch matches.

It would appear from this term's results that the idea of making the age limit for the House Second XI fourteen is beginning to bear fruit. Let us hope that at last this is so.

G. R. C. McLAUCLAN.

September 30th v. R. W. Waller's XI, at Brigg.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

This game, the first of the season, was played in continual rain. School opened the attack down the left wing and it was not long before Pattie scored with a long curling shot. The Old Boys were now finding their feet and School defence had a hard time. In a breakaway Bosett scored for School. The way both sides were controlling the ball was good considering the conditions. Before half-time both sides scored once. Play in the first half had been even, but straight from the kick-off School scored again, and further goals were scored by Underwood, Jacklin and Altoft.

Half-time score: Old Boys 1, School 3.

Full-time score: Old Boys 1, School 8.

Scorers: Jacklin 3, Underwood 2, Altoft, Bosett and Pattie one each.

October 4th v. De Aston, at Brigg.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

School won the toss and were first to attack. Play was mostly in the De Aston half in this period. A raid down the left wing, after about a quarter of an hour, resulted in a goal for

School through Jacklin. Five minutes later Jacklin repeated the process. De Aston were coming more into the game and School defence repulsed many dangerous moves. Underwood scored a third just before half-time.

After half-time De Aston with a re-organised forward line began an all-out attack on School goal and play swung from end to end with defences on top. Then about mid-way through the second half Bosett from the edge of the penalty area ran in to increase the lead. The last goal by Jacklin came as a result of a goalmouth scramble.

Half-time score: De Aston 0, School 3.

Full-time score: De Aston 0, School 5.

Scorers: Jacklin 3, Underwood and Pattie one each.

October 10th v. Lincoln School, at Lincoln.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

Under favourable conditions School kicked off, but it was Lincoln who made the first attack. School sustained a series of attacks and after about five minutes Lincoln scored. In the following half-hour Lincoln pressed hard and scored another four times. School now came more into the game and attacked until half-time. In the second half School continued to press and Jacklin after a run down the middle shot into the back of the net. School increased the pressure and the Lincoln goal had a series of escapes before Underwood scored a second for School. Lincoln broke away in one or two isolated raids, but it was School who continued to attack until the final whistle.

Half-time score: Lincoln 5, School 0.

Full-time score: Lincoln 5, School 2.

Scorers: Jacklin and Underwood one each.

October 28th v. Lincoln City School, at Brigg.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

The day was cold but sunny as School won the toss. Lincoln's first raid was foiled and School soon pressed down the left wing. All the play in this period was in the Lincoln half, but it was Lincoln who scored first from a breakaway. School went into the attack again and from a lob down the middle Jacklin equalled the score. The game was lifeless, but School were doing the attacking. Eventually School scored again twice through Underwood and Jacklin. After half-time Lincoln came more into the picture and School defence came under great pressure when Lincoln reduced the arrears. From a breakaway School again scored, but Lincoln were still the more dangerous side. Eventually Lincoln scored twice and drew level. Both teams went all out for the decider, but were foiled by the whistle.

Half-time score: Lincoln City 1, School 3.

Full-time score: Lincoln City 4, School 4.

Scorers: Jacklin 2, Underwood 2.

November 11th v. Gainsborough, at Brigg.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

Apart from the rather wet pitch, conditions were good for playing football. School kicked off with the wind and were the first to attack. Both sides were playing fast football, but School were having slightly the better of the game, but could not press home their advantage. After half-time it was Gainsborough's turn to press and it was not long before they opened the scoring from a long dropping shot down the middle. Immediately McLauchlan scored for School to equal the score. Both teams tried hard to get the winning goal, but from then on defences kept on top. Both sides should be congratulated on producing a fast exciting game.

Half-time score: Gainsborough 0, School 0.

Full-time score: Gainsborough 1, School 1.

Scorer: McLauchlan.

November 18th v. Wintringham, at Brigg.

Team: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

School won the toss and decided to kick with the wind. School defence repulsed Wintringham's first attack and in turn attacked down the left wing. It was not long before School went ahead after Underwood had shot high into the back of the net. School were getting on top and proceeded to pound the Wintringham goal. Just before half-time School were rewarded with a goal by Jacklin. In the second half Wintringham came more into the game, but it was School who increased their lead. In one of their few raids Wintringham forced the ball into School goal, and afterwards, heartened by their success, gained a series of corners and eventually scored again. School came under great pressure now, but managed to hold out and eventually again took the initiative. On their showing School deserved to win, but only by the small margin that the result showed.

Half-time score: Wintringham 0, School 2.

Full-time score: Wintringham 2, School 3.

Scorers: Jacklin 2, Underwood 1.

2nd XI Matches:

October	4th v. De Aston G.S. (Away)	Won 7—1
October	14th v. Scunthorpe T.H.S. (Home)	Lost 2—3
October	21st v. Barton G.S. (Home)	Won 6—3
October	28th v. Lincoln City School (Home)	...	Drew 3—3
November	11th v. Gainsborough G.S. (Home)	...	Won 4—1
November	18th v. Wintringham (Away)	Won 3—2

Under XIV Matches:

October	4th v. De Aston G.S. (Home)	Won 3—1
October	11th v. Lincoln City School (Away) ...	Won 2—0
October	21st v. Barton G.S. (Home)	Won 7—2
November	11th v. Gainsborough G.S. (Away) ...	Lost 4—8
November	18th v. Wintringham G.S. (Home) ...	Drew 5—5

HOUSE NOTES**ANCHOLME**

On behalf of the House may I welcome all those boys who have joined us this term. It is to be hoped that their stay in the House will not only be a long one, but a happy one too. As well as being good scholars, it is to be hoped that they are keen sportsmen, because it is upon them that the future of the House will rest.

Ancholme House is well represented in the School teams, having Underwood, J. M., Altoft, D. F., and Pattie, D. C., in the First XI, and Foster, K., O'Boyle, A., Pieroni, A. C., and Thompson, J. E., in the Second XI. Unfortunately we are not represented in the Under XIV School team.

At the time of writing, it is difficult to say how the House will fare in football against the other Houses. So far we have played only the Nelthorpes and School House. On the First XI pitch we beat the Nelthorpes, but School House beat us. Our second team unfortunately lost on both pitches.

Congratulations to all those boys who played in last year's cricket team. We finished first tying with the Nelthorpes. Next year, however, we must concentrate more on swimming. Third place for the Ancholmes is not good enough.

I should like to end these notes by congratulating, on behalf of the House, all those boys who were successful in last term's examinations.

Go to it, Anchors! Show the rest of the school what you can do.

F. RICHARDS.

NELTHORPE

As the Autumn term wore on we gradually became aware of the fact that several of the older members of the House had gone from our midst into a new life. To them, we wish every success for their well-being, and we hope that they will continue to take a deep interest in the school and in the House to which they formerly belonged. Johnson, J. E., has already visited us this term and we are pleased to see him looking so well. On behalf of the House, I would like to congratulate him on attaining his Lindsey Scholarship. We still have with us Sellars, Rhyder and Stothard (the latter having been, unfortunately, transferred to another House), who are credited with School Certificates.

The football elevens have both exceeded all expectations. Only two House matches have been played, and of these, both 1st and 2nd XI's have won one match and lost one match. The members of the first eleven, under the captaincy of S. H. Douce, defeated the Yarboroughs 6—1, but were themselves defeated by the Ancholmes 6—3. The latter, from a spectator's point of view, was a terrific struggle, the score being three-all a few minutes from the final whistle. The Under XIV eleven were successful over the Ancholmes, but were defeated by the Yarboroughs. I would like to say that so far the first eleven has played very well, remembering that the team consists of comparatively young players. There has been good team spirit and every member of the team has played well. It is only by combined team work that good football is attained and goals are scored. The first eleven has shown that it can play well and I expect that this standard will be maintained for the remainder of the House matches. The House is fairly well represented in the School elevens, Douce playing for the 1st XI; Turner, Stothard, Willey and Ward in the 2nd XI, and Wray in the Under XIV side. It is with regret that we had to part with Stothard, for he was a member we could ill spare.

Last term's swimming results leave much to be desired, but it is most heartening to note that many juniors show great promise and a will to learn, so that perhaps, in the not-too-distant future, Nelthorpe House will be on the top rung of the ladder in the swimming world.

I most heartily congratulate the Nelthorpe cricket elevens upon their winning of the Cricket Cup in partnership with Ancholme House. Many thanks are due to H. Cook, who was a most inspiring example and one who played some excellent cricket.

Finally, I should like to welcome all the new boys who have come into the fold of Nelthorpe House. I hope they will endeavour to uphold its high traditions, and to be loyal to the House. As a boy moves up the school, he will realise the many duties and responsibilities that fall upon him. And so I would beg all new boys to give of their best and to remember the House motto: "Toujours Prêt."

A. J. HILL.

SCHOOL

This term we welcome into the House seven new boys: Furniss, Hammond, Henderson, Ketteringham, Rowley, Spencer and Sumpter. Alec Collins, who was with us at the beginning of the term, left after a few weeks to fulfil one year's practical experience in engineering with Ruston's at Lincoln, before going to Sheffield University.

We have started the football season well, having lost only one match out of four. However, we have still four more matches

to play, but it is to be hoped that the teams will continue the good work. The House has been represented in the School teams by G. R. C. McLauchlan and R. C. Jacklin in the 1st XI; A. G. Collins, W. Rickatson and D. Thompson in the 2nd XI, and J. Gillatt and J. McLauchlan in the Under XIV.

Owing to the Electricity Board's power cuts, the woodwork shop has been used on occasions for prep. from five o'clock to five-thirty. Mr. Watts is still kindly giving up his Friday evenings in order to take a woodwork class for the House. The usual assortment of Christmas presents is being made, together with some "experiments."

At present, we have fifteen Scouts in the House. The shortage of bicycles is a problem to would-be "axe-men," several of whom spend their Sunday afternoons collecting and sawing wood for the old people of Brigg.

The billiards and table tennis tournaments are in full swing, and play rehearsals are in progress. Many of the boarders are taking part in the School Christmas Concert.

This term we have had visits from several Old Boys of the House, including A. G. West, W. W. Cook, R. N. Coulthurst, R. Sumpter, R. A. Haddow, J. Cheeseman and J. Greetham.

J. I. RICKETT.

SHEFFIELD

This term we welcome all new boys to the House and hope that they will display their talents both in the form room and on the field to the benefit of the House. To those who left us at the end of the term we say farewell and wish all of them good luck.

We congratulate Pollicott, D., on gaining his cricket and swimming colours, and also Reynolds for keeping the Junior Waterman in Sheffield House. Pollicott is vice-captain of School football, and in the 1st XI we have R. Bosett and B. A. Wilson; in the 2nd XI, Scarborough, M. S., and Alder, and in the Under XIV, Scarborough, M. D. (captain), Bowskill, Kidner, Robinson, Duffill and Hutson. At the time of writing, we have played two House matches, the Junior XI winning both and the Senior XI winning one. The Yarborough team gave us a fast exciting match and the game was never won for either team until the final minutes.

The House still manages to produce actors and actresses, musicians, artists and poets, but where they come from is a mystery to all. These talented men are helping with the School Christmas Concert. As I write, Speech Day is near and we hope for a half holiday.

In the external examinations taken at the end of last term, L. Green and J. Stevens are to be congratulated on gaining Lindsey County Scholarships, B. E. Knowler and G. C. Monteth

on gaining Cambridge Higher School Certificates, and P. Culpan, G. Hilton and A. Green on gaining School Certificates.

After the gaiety of Christmas and the New Year, we must return with fresh enthusiasm and keep Sheffield House "the" House.

F. D. WOOLASS.

YARBOROUGH

It is my pleasure as House Captain to welcome to the House all new boys, and also Stothard, who has joined us from Nelthorpe House. I hope that these boys will work and play hard to uphold the traditions of both the House and the School. On the whole we were not very successful in last year's inter-house competitions, our only notable achievement being the winning of the Football Cup. Last term the cricket was particularly disappointing, but the swimming was good by usual standards, as we managed to beat the Nelthorpes for fourth place.

However, let us turn to more immediate matters. This term we have been well represented in the School football elevens by Hopper and Bonsell in the 1st eleven, Markham and Stothard in the 2nd eleven, and Parkinson, Waller, Marshall and Etty in the Under XIV eleven. In the House matches so far played, luck has deserted us, and we have failed to maintain last year's standard. In our first match against the Nelthorpes, the Under XIV did well enough, winning 3—1, but the 1st eleven went down 6—1. Against Sheffield House both teams lost, the Seniors 4—3, and the Juniors 4—0.

In examinations taken during the Summer term, P. Driffill and M. Peacock gained Higher School Certificates, and J. Markham, P. Loveday, B. Thornalley and E. Mason gained School Certificates.

Finally, on behalf of the House, I should like to say farewell to Peter Driffill, who led us so well in all House activities last year. P. Loveday, E. Mason, G. Driffill, J. Metcalf and C. Bray have left us, and we wish them all the best of luck in their future careers.

M. A. PEACOCK.

SCOUT NOTES

This term we have welcomed a large influx of recruits. Dodd, Furniss, Heath, Henthorn, S. McPhunn, Neall, B., Parker, Rowley, and Spencer have already passed their Tenderfoot, and the rest are well on the way.

We have started the annual wood-cutting operation earlier

than usual. A felled tree in Scawby Park has been a scene of great activity on recent Sundays. Last year, owing to the weather, we did not get the wood to School until the last Wednesday afternoon of term, so this year we started in October, and we hope to have the wood delivered to the old people of Brigg in good time.

We all enjoyed our summer camp at Torver, near Coniston, in the Lake District. We were joined by several members of the 1st Brigg Troop.

This term we have introduced morse into our curriculum. In the past we have always concentrated on semaphore, but several Scouts have brought morse buzzers to the Troop meetings, and we are hoping that soon many of us will reach Second Class standard.

On one Wednesday night recently the Patrol Leaders took the meeting, while the "officials" took a back seat. The experiment proved quite a success and we hope to try it again in the not so distant future.

B. BOWLES.

CAMP NOTES

On the morning of Friday, 28th July, we began a long and eventful journey to Torver, near Coniston, in the Lake District. Our first sight of the mountains came to us at the same time as the smell of the sea from Morecambe Bay; we were also particularly impressed by the neatness and freshness of the seaside resorts along the stretch of coast to the south of the Lake District, such as Grange-over-Sands. We arrived at our destination about ten hours after setting out from Brigg, and were welcomed by Mr. Gibson, who took us to our site, where we soon pitched camp.

We slept our first night to the accompaniment of water rushing down a mountain torrent nearby, in which we afterwards bathed. Unfortunately the rocks on the bottom of the calm, crystal-clear pools were very hard on the feet, and we afterwards found our way to Coniston Water, which we found a little more suitable for bathing.

On the whole the weather smiled on us, but on one notable occasion when we unfortunately ventured to walk to Coniston, about three miles away, we were caught in a downfall which completely drenched us. We were mortified to see an auticycle pass us with the registration letters DRY. Nevertheless we carried the eighth Scout Law into practice—"A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties." However, the tramp had his reward, for we saw the "Bluebird II," and later some of our number saw Donald Campbell and obtained his autograph.

Later in the week we climbed The Old Man of Coniston, 2,635ft., from where we enjoyed a very good view of Coniston Water. We found great variety in climbing it, for we encountered patches of bog, stretches of fern through which the best paths

were up the beds of the mountain streams, and rocky slopes. It was a very good example of those heart-breaking mountains, when one always seems to be very near the summit, but on reaching the top of the deceptive ridge, one finds there is still much farther to go.

On Wednesday, 2nd August, we had another bus trip of the kind we enjoyed so much in North Wales last year. We went through Coniston and Ambleside, past Grasmere and Rydal Water, to Wythburn, on the banks of Thirlmere, from where we climbed up Helvellyn, 3,118ft. Again we could not see the top until we reached it, but this time it was because the whole mountain was enveloped by clouds. From the summit we had a good, but intermittent view of Coniston Water, Windermere and Ullswater. We climbed, or rather slithered, down to Thirlspot, where we rejoined the bus. We then went to Keswick, where we spent half-an-hour, returning to camp by way of Ullswater and Patterdale, Kirkstone Pass, 1,489ft., Ambleside, and Coniston.

During the camp four Scouts attempted their First Class Journeys, and two of us went to the Ravenglass and Eskdale miniature railway.

On the final Sunday a Tent Competition was held, which included mapping, first-aid, signalling, axemanship, observation, estimation, and rope-climbing.

Our camp came to an end on Tuesday, 8th August, when we all returned to our various homes with many happy memories, having gained, in health and experience, many of the real benefits of Scouting.

MUSIC NOTES

The term which is now drawing to its close has been a very busy one. For several weeks, much time and hard work have been devoted to the preparation of music for Speech Day.

As the prizes were to be distributed this year by a bishop, it was thought that a chorus from Handel's "Messiah" would be most appropriate for the School to sing, and finally the well-known "And the Glory of the Lord" was chosen. In practice, this anthem seemed to verify the dictum that "rests" are more difficult to sing than notes; for each voice-part had several "stops" and "starts," and this made the piece none too easy to learn by heart. Moreover, in an anthem of this kind, a few words are repeated several times often to a different "tune," so that it is not easy to establish a definite association between words and melody such as exists in a straightforward song. However, after much hard work by all, these difficulties were overcome and an excellent performance was given on Speech Day.

The School Orchestra played a selection of Schubert's melodies. Since no fewer than nine more experienced members of the orchestra have left within the last two years, and since,

in consequence, the orchestra was smaller and younger than usual, the performance was quite a creditable one.

It is obvious that the orchestra must eventually cease to exist unless younger members of the School come forward to take the places of those leaving. One beginners' violin class has already been started this term, but we still need more; there is yet time for intending violinists to join, for we hope to begin another class early next term. Nor is this appeal limited to string players. No one could fail to notice how much "body" is given to the orchestra by the two cornet players, and we should welcome the addition of any other players of wind instruments. It has been rumoured that there are one or two such players in the School, so we invite them to come forward and not to hide their light under a bushel.

Most members of the orchestra will be pleased to know that another String Festival has been arranged to take place at Gainsborough next year, at the end of April.

At the time of writing, rehearsals for the Christmas Concert are in full swing. In spite of difficulties—not the least disconcerting of which is being plunged into sudden darkness by electricity "cuts," in the midst of practices—we hope that this concert will be as successful as its predecessors, which have been such a popular feature of our school life for several years.

SPEECH DAY, FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1950

Programme:

National Anthem.

School Song "Fortitudine" H. Bryant

The Orchestra Selections Schubert

Address by Col. O. S. Nelthorpe, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P.,
Chairman of the Governors

Headmaster's Report.

The School "And the Glory"—Messiah Handel

Prize Distribution by the Right Rev. M. H. Harland, D.D., M.A.,
Lord Bishop of Lincoln

Vote of Thanks proposed by Major R. Nelthorpe, M.B.E., J.P.

seconded by J. I. Rickett, Captain of School.

The Chairman referred to the fears which he had expressed the previous year that the School must submit to the complete control of the Education Authority, for the endowments were not sufficient to provide the status of an aided school. In six months' time the governors would be required to make their decision. It had been a matter of great concern to them that their power of appointment of a headmaster should be entrusted to a large committee of persons who lived far apart from each other and knew nothing of the conditions, history and character of the school. He was glad, however, to be able to say that a new procedure gave the major say in such appointment to the school's governors.

The shortage of buildings made it necessary still to use the Army huts bought in 1918, while the boarding house and even the Headmaster's dining room had to be used for some classes. It was a characteristic of our nation to show a lackadaisical attitude when things were easy, but to show its mettle when things were difficult; as the R.A.F. motto, "Per ardua ad astra," freely translated, put it, "You can't get something for nothing," so patience, stubbornness and persistence would see the building of a new library in a comparatively short time and no doubt other necessary buildings later. Perhaps the Ministry, which refuses to allow the governors to use the endowments for immediate building purposes, will think it quite proper to do so when it achieves complete control of the School.

After presenting certificates and prizes, the Bishop of Lincoln said: "I want to congratulate the School, the Headmaster and the Staff on their magnificent achievements during the past year, and to congratulate those who have gained distinctions and won prizes." Those who did not succeed in winning prizes or distinction usually escaped the recognition he always felt was their due. These were the race of men called the "pace-makers," without whose efforts many a distinction would not be worth while. If a match was won in which the opposing team was vastly inferior, the victory was not worth having. But if a prize was won where the competition was keen, then something was achieved because it was a difficult thing to do. Such a body of men in the shadow must be congratulated, for by their own efforts they made the prize worth winning.

Very little was won without effort, and rarely was anything accomplished with effortless ease. The high-jumper who had drilled and trained himself to such an extent that his jumping appeared to be without effort won a proud distinction. A distinction won without effort brought no credit, for it cost the winner nothing.

So were fearless men not to be envied, as having something missing in their character. They resembled the stolid ox and had no imagination. The really courageous man knew fear and, though quite terrified about the difficulties confronting him, conquered the fear in his mind and became alive, sensitive and master of himself.

Boys went to school to fit themselves for the particular job which they were sent into the world to do, and they would be on safe ground to start with some elementary knowledge of God. Like God, they were three in one, and one in three—body, mind and spirit. Those who exclusively developed their bodies were in danger of becoming bullies. Those who merely aimed at becoming clever and winning distinctions and prizes should know that such education of the mind could become the greatest curse, as was shown by the brilliantly clever Nazis in Germany who

made themselves a fearful menace to the whole world. True education developed the whole of a person, enabled him to think straight and fostered the man in himself. That was where religion came in. Some felt that the times were desperate and saw the danger of war ahead. It was a privilege to be born in such times, to meet the dangers and difficulties with courage, and so develop into men with determination to find faith. "This great and ancient school's aim is to turn out men who will serve God and their fellow-men. May it go on producing the salt of the earth."

THE HEADMASTER'S ADDRESS

This past year, Sir, has again seemed busier than ever. The normal work has gone on, games have been played and matches lost and won. Last December the War Memorial Tablet was dedicated by an Old Briggensian, Eric Kemp, Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford. The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Chairman, and the names of the Fallen were read by Mr. Daughton. It was a quiet and moving ceremony.

In June, 80 boys went to Stratford to see "Julius Caesar" at the Memorial Theatre, an excursion which we hope to repeat each year. Parties have also been to Scunthorpe to see the Danish Gymnasts, to the High School to see the Compass Players' Production of "Comus," to Grimsby to see an exhibition of Landscape Painting by Contemporary Artists.

Most of the School Orchestra went to Gainsborough for a week-end and had the privilege of joining other school musicians in an orchestral week-end under the conductorship of Mr. Bernard Shore.

We had our usual Parents' Evening in February, and during the year we put on half a dozen plays in English, French and German, but for our own consumption only. We are building a small apron to the stage, improving the lighting, and we hope soon to burst forth with something to which we feel we can invite parents and friends.

The football and cricket XI's both had mediocre seasons, but there are many promising young players coming along.

The Inter-Schools Cross-Country was held over the School course in March. We got the first man home, but were second to Gainsborough in the team event. Ten teams competed.

This year too we were hosts for the Inter-School Sports held on May 24th. A very exciting finish in the relays gave us the Senior Cup, while we were placed third in the Intermediate and third in the Junior Sections. Nine schools competed.

In a match with an Old Boys' team the school were successful, and we saw some delightful running by Tom White, the Old Boys' Olympic representative, and Ralph Girdham, the Lincolnshire miller.

Old Boys have been constantly in the news, and I should like to congratulate publicly, Dennis Gilgallon on his appointment as H.M. of the new Scunthorpe School at Foxhills; R. P. Holmes on winning the Willett Medal at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Clive Briggs on his Doctorate at Reading University; Anthony Nicholson on his Technical State Scholarship, and many others whose work and accomplishment has brought distinction to this school.

A number of boys have gone up to the Universities this term. Amongst others, Rhodes and White to Oxford; France to Cambridge; Stevens, Monteith and Skelton to Hull; Cheeseman and Hunter to Nottingham; Haddow to St. Andrew's.

I have left the work as represented by the examination results to the last, really I suppose because I think it the most important. In H.S.C. we had fourteen successes out of fifteen candidates, and no less than six of these, Cheeseman, Collins, Green, Johnson, Rickett and Stevens, were awarded County Scholarships. This is a great achievement and great credit is due to the boys and to their teachers. In addition, Foster, K., passed part one, and Foster, G., parts one and two of the Teachers' Certificate in Handicraft of the City and Guilds.

The School Certificate results were disappointing, but not unexpected. Twenty-one candidates were successful. I hope we shall go on and obtain better results, not because I think examination results are the be all and the end all, but as some tangible sign of our progress. There is so much to work for these days and a boy of average ability who will work can achieve almost anything. But it cannot be done without hard work, and with the example of this year's Sixth Form before him, he has much to live up to.

We have been lucky in having no changes of Staff, and I feel that in this and in the happy relationship between Masters and boys and in the devotion of the Staff to the welfare of the School and the boys, lie our great strength and our high hopes for the future.

We had in the Spring Term two student teachers from Hull University, and this term one from Oxford, and we have been delighted to have them with us.

I feel, Sir, that the School and the Boarding House are in a flourishing and healthy state and I know my Staff and I may rely on the guidance of the Governors and the help of parents and Old Boys to maintain our standards and go forward to greater success.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1949-50

Lindsey County Senior Scholarships:

J. H. Cheeseman, A. G. Collins, L. Green, J. E. Johnson,
J. I. Rickett, J. Stevens.

Cambridge Higher School Certificates:

J. H. Cheeseman, A. G. Collins, P. Driffill, L. Green, J. G. Hunter, G. W. S. Jackson, J. E. Johnson, B. E. Knowler, P. F. Lofthouse, G. R. C. McLauchlan, G. C. Monteith, M. A. Peacock, J. I. Rickett, J. Stevens.

City and Guilds of London Institute. Teachers Certificate in Handicrafts:

Parts 1 and 2, G. W. Foster. Part 1, K. Foster.

Cambridge School Certificates:

J. B. Ayscough, J. Brighton, W. L. Clark, L. F. Creek, P. A. Culpan, G. B. Eccles, A. Green, G. G. Hilton, P. D. Loveday, J. H. Markham, E. Mason, C. E. Moody, J. L. Morton, A. C. Pieroni, P. F. Rhyder, J. W. Sellars, H. K. Stothard, B. T. Thornalley, L. D. Triggs, P. J. P. Wade, M. Willey.

PRIZE LIST

Senior English: J. E. Johnson. (Presented by Mrs. Spilman).

Senior French: J. E. Johnson.

Senior Physics: P. Driffill.

Senior Chemistry: J. H. Cheeseman.

Senior Maths.: J. Stevens.

Senior History: G. C. Monteith.

Senior Geography: B. E. Knowler.

Senior Handicraft: K. Foster.

Constitutional History: G. C. Monteith.

(Presented by H. F. Sergeant, Esq.)

Sociological Essay: R. Bonsell. (Presented by Dr. J. R. Baker).

Awards for Higher Certificate:

J. H. Cheeseman, A. G. Collins, P. Driffill, L. Green, J. G. Hunter, G. W. S. Jackson, J. E. Johnson, B. E. Knowler, P. F. Lofthouse, G. R. C. McLauchlan, G. C. Monteith, M. A. Peacock, J. I. Rickett, J. Stevens.

Award for City and Guilds Examination, Parts 1 and 2:

G. W. Foster.

Awards for School Certificates of Special Merit:

G. B. Eccles, P. D. Loveday, J. H. Markham, J. W. Sellars, H. K. Stothard, L. D. Triggs, P. J. P. Wade.

Form Prizes:

Lower Sixth Maths. and Science: B. Haw.

Lower Sixth Modern Studies: B. Bowles and R. Bonsell.

U.Va: P. J. P. Wade.

U.Vb: B. T. Thornalley.

L.Va: D. W. Bains.

L.Vb: F. Flear.

U.IVa: A. R. Wheatley.

U.IVb: A. J. Taylor.

L.IVa: J. McLauchlan.

L.IVb: R. F. Wray.

IIIa: J. M. Hookham.

IIIb: H. E. Larder and B. Neall.

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Hon. Auditor: W. C. Stainton.

These notes, already demanded by the Editor, have had to be subordinated to the more insistent necessity of "getting on with the dance." Now that the worry of that is over, memory must be cudgelled to recollect the marriages, the appointments and the personal tit-bits that come our way. The chief event of the term has been the Dance, upon which a separate paragraph appears below. It is pleasant to have an Old Boys' function on the same day as one of the major School events—Speech Day. At this latter event, Old Boys were well in evidence, and those who were noticed have been included in the list of visitors.

Subscriptions have come in quite well this year, but a number of members have not yet paid for 1949-50. The subscription for 1950-51 is now due, so may we suggest a speedy settling of debts. The number of Life Members grows steadily and is now 25.

We are sorry to lose our Hon. Auditor, W. C. Stainton, but we must congratulate him on his appointment as Manager of a larger branch of Barclays Bank than the Scunthorpe one which has been his charge for several years. He takes up his new duties at Worcester this week.

Donald Garbett, having passed his Intermediate Examination in Art, is now taking a two-year course for the National Diploma in Painting. He has had some of his work shown at an exhibition in London.

A. R. Binner has been appointed Station Master of Newsham Station, near Blyth, Northumberland. He is also in charge of Bebside Station.

J. G. Booth is serving with the Royal Signals and is stationed at Kuala Lipis, Malaya.

J. K. M. Young is now living near Skipton, Yorks.

D. A. Giles, who is a regular member of the R.A.F., is serving in the Suez Canal Zone.

G. K. Simpson is in the Tyneside region.

Oliver Kingdon hopes to come home for a few weeks near Christmas. He is employed with the Tootal-Broadhurst-Lee Company in Canada.

B. Slawson, who left Brigg when his parents removed to Bradford, has passed his Higher School Certificate there.

C. N. Twydell is to be congratulated on the birth of a son, Roland Stephen, on 27th April, 1950. Twydell is an Assistant Master at Palmer's School, Grays, Essex.

Geoffrey Turner is working for the examinations for A.M.I.C.E.

John Baggott has moved from Lincoln to Nottingham on his appointment as Assistant Solicitor to the River Trent Catchment Board.

P. Swaby is with the Royal Engineers.

G. W. Foster has been posted to R.A.F. North Coates, and R. W. Waller to R.A.F. Hemswell.

B. R. Andrew is now in the Services.

M. Dawkins won a ploughing competition organised by the Young Farmers' Club.

P. Driffill is serving with the Army in Scotland.

L. E. Harrison is still in the Army and is at Abadan, Persia.

J. I. Jefferey is at St. John's College, York, in company with Gordon Maw and R. A. Chapman.

K. G. I. Jones writes from London where, he says, life at the Bar is proving full but enjoyable.

B. Knowler is doing some teaching at Brumby Secondary Modern School before going to his training college. Other Old Boys at Brumby are D. Gilgallon, R. Elvin, A. W. Young and, of course, the Headmaster, T. N. Sumpter.

R. O. Lee is a Surgeon, practising in Northampton.

John Lyon is now making good progress in his long illness. The Association sends him its good wishes.

P. Lofthouse is in the Navy and is on his way to the Mediterranean.

G. C. Monteith, J. Stevens and S. R. Skelton are at University College, Hull.

John Rhodes is at Wadham College, Oxford, and J. C. White is at Pembroke College.

D. W. France is at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

D. Peacock is on leave from his Colonial Service post in British Somaliland.

G. Tyson is now living at Brighton, near Selby, where he is farming.

G. S. Sennitt is to be congratulated on the birth of Andrew Graham, 17th May, 1950.

L. Long has been to Aberdovey on one of the courses of the "Outward Bound Sea School." It is a "toughening" course, and he was sent there by his firm, Appleby-Frodingham.

Marriages:

Cyril Dent to Miss Joan Moxon at St. Peter's Church, Hoyland, Barnsley, on September 9th.

Cyril Read to Miss Christine Dent at Brigg Congregational Church on October 28th.

J. S. Hunt to Judith Isabel Kitchener at St. Mary's Church, Potton, Beds., on August 17th.

R. L. Wilyman to Mary Pridgeon on April 1st, 1950.

Visitors this term have included the following:

R. A. Chapman, G. Maw, J. Dunham, A. C. Sinclair, J. C. White, J. Rhodes, A. N. Jones, M. Creasey, A. G. Broddle, R. Lacey, G. Foster, B. R. Walker, L. Long, J. S. Skipworth, M. Harvey, H. B. Johnson, I. Clayton, E. Willett, P. Culpan, J. Stevens, G. B. Eccles, M. Cliff, B. Knowler, G. C. Monteith, J. H. Cheeseman, A. G. Collins, J. G. Hunter, G. W. Jackson, C. E. Moody.

The following Old Boys have sons at present in the School:

H. J. Turner, W. Bains, T. N. Sumpter, W. C. Stainton, F. G. Motson, T. W. Clark, A. W. Young, A. Lyon, E. Dodd, J. W. Harrington, W. Grimble, H. Markham, H. A. Peacock, E. R. Cuthbert, G. J. Goodman, W. Golland, A. Stringfellow, R. Etty, D. Wright, G. Tyson, J. Weightman.

Any Old Boys who have hockey-sticks for which they have no further use are invited to present them to the School. There is a keen interest in hockey amongst the Senior boys and an attempt was made last year to give them an insight into the game. The possession of a few sticks would be a great help. They may be handed in to Mr. Urry or to Mr. Jarvis.

THE SECOND ANNUAL DANCE

The Second Annual Dance was held on Friday, 1st December, at the Angel Hotel, and was an outstanding success. The Association aims to provide the best possible Supper and Dance for the lowest possible cost, and to do so involves a considerable risk of losing money if Old Boys and friends do not support the effort. But it appears that the Dance has established itself, since close on 200 dancers turned up on December 1st. The Angel Hotel provided a first-class buffet, the band was excellent, and everyone appeared to enjoy the evening immensely.

It was pleasing to notice what a large number of Old Boys was present. At the same time we extend a warm welcome to those friends of the School who supported, and, we hope, enjoyed this and last year's Dances.

We hope to hold our Third Annual Dance at about the same time next year.

Exeter College, Oxford,
December 1st.

Sir,—Since our last Oxford letter we have been joined by two more Old Briggensians, John Rhodes at Wadham and Jack White at Pembroke, both of whom are reading English and face their First Public Examination next Easter. John is playing goal for his college soccer team and has, I am told, joined the choir at Lady Margaret Hall! Jack White has been very busy rowing.

John Hunt successfully negotiated his Chemistry Schools at the close of last year and a wedding during the long vacation: Congratulations! Still with us, however, he is engaged in a year of research, and continues his running activities with the University Centipedes.

Michael Hunt, who took a degree in Law in 1948, and has since been at St. Stephen's House, will be leaving us in May to take up the post of Curate at All Saints' Church, Clevedon, in Somerset. As usual he has been more than busy with his Scout Troop at Abingdon and was last week invested with his "Wood Badge" by the District Commissioner. You will be pleased to hear that his Troop has already fallen into the very good hands of Eric Kemp, who has succeeded him as Scoutmaster.

Raif Markarian, reading French and Latin, passed his F.P.E. last June and takes Schools in 1952. His spare time seems to have been divided equally between the University Golf Club and the 2nd Oxford Scout Troop.

Tea parties have been rather a problem this term because of our "wide distribution," but we have fitted in two or three, all of which some of us were able to attend.

Half-term brought a welcome visit from Mr. Romans, and we have several times seen Oliver Baudert, who earlier in the year was commissioned into the Army Intelligence Corps and is now stationed in the Oxford area.

Michaelmas term, as usual, has been a term of great activity. Swimming and water polo have been a great success! As Harold Nicholson said in the "Spectator" a few weeks ago, "Oxford streets have the habit of getting wet more quickly and of staying wet for a longer period than those of any other city."

Whilst lacking in the thrills and excitement and colour of Trinity Term, this last has been none the less energetic. Sport has consisted chiefly of training for the inter-college matches of next term and there has been the usual wave of enthusiasm in amateur dramatic circles. On the last Sunday of term, Colleges held their popular annual carol services.

A glance at the Freshmen's lists in the Oxford Magazine at the beginning of this term revealed a surprising increase in the number of Cambridge graduates coming up to Oxford for further studies.

RAIF H. M. MARKARIAN.

OLD BOYS' MATCH

Dec. 9th v. Old Boys, at Brigg.

School: Wilson, B. A.; Hopper, Bonsell; Douce, McLauchlan, Pollicott; Altoft, Bosett, Jacklin, Underwood, Pattie.

Old Boys: Rhodes, J.; Rickatson, Cook, H.; Hill, D. S., Atkinson, R., Wood, C.; Brown, W. A., Waller, R., Coulthurst, R., Sumpter R., Drifill, G.

School won the toss and were, at first, on the defensive. Play swung from end to end but School had more method in attack. There were one or two near misses at both ends but it was School who scored first through Underwood. After being one goal down the Old Boys increased the pressure and School defence now came under almost constant attack till half-time.

After the interval the Old Boys kept the School defence at full stretch but could not get the all-important equaliser. After one such period of attack, Jacklin broke away for School and scored, so gaining the initiative once more. The game finished with School in the midst of an all-out attack on the Old Boys' goal, as fog and darkness fell. This was a hard-fought match between two good fast teams. If the Old Boys had a little more pull in mid-field, School had slightly the better finishing power.

Half-time score: Old Boys 0, School 1.

Full-time score: Old Boys 0, School 2.

Scorers: Underwood 1 and Jacklin 1.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The bustle usually associated with preparations for Christmas was certainly characteristic of our preparations for this concert. Not least in contributing to this were the electricity cuts that plunged the School into darkness when a rehearsal had begun. The burden of the producers was heavy, and, since members of School and Ancholme Houses could more reasonably be summoned to rehearsals in the evenings or at week-ends, they provided most of the artists and so shared the burden generously.

For a change, the stage was used, and so the concert was presented in quite a different way, involving new problems and creating a more formal atmosphere, one perhaps less genial for the singers but well-suited to the actors. The new flood-lights, the extension to the stage and the steps up to the stage centre were an enormous help.

Arthur Hill, clad in the traditional costume of the Lord of Misrule, contributed the right note by browbeating the audience and sternly compelling their co-operation, though the reaction of the first two audiences was scarcely warm.

Junior voices sang two traditional carols. The first "O Little One," was perhaps an unfortunate choice from the nature of the words small boys do not rhapsodize over infants; the second, Gloucestershire Wassail, was more after their hearts, and they sang it with enjoyment and vigour.

Diminutive Richard Dodd and gigantic John Sunley contributed verses in proportion to their stature, and both spoke

their lines with intelligent understanding and clear diction, obviously the result of careful preparation.

"The Three Kings" was an ambitious attempt to combine the voice of a soloist, R. Jeffrey, with the voices of an accompanying choir. The male voices of the first verse of the chorale were particularly effective, and on the whole the choir succeeded in providing a correct balance of tone for the singer's melodic line.

David Rhodes and Simon Henthorn sang quietly and sweetly a lovely melody of Peter Warlock to words that reminded us that Mary's traditional seven joys were matched by five lesser ones.

Keith Rickett and John Tyson gave a delightful picture in song and action of two young French boys setting off to Bethlehem with most practical gifts. So, in a more serious way, did R. Jeffrey, who urged his audience to undertake the same pilgrimage as he had done.

Masters and boys and R. Jeffrey again joined forces to present Holst's Fantasy on Old Carols in a manner that suited the arrangement, dressed as waits and assembled under a street lamp.

Mr. Romans once more lent his voice and gift for dialect to a reading from Thomas Hardy's "Under the Greenwood Tree."

To end the first part of the programme without "The Boar's Head" would have been unthinkable and once more Mr. Morris, as chef, and D. Thompson and J. Hargreaves as bearers of the dish, together with the masters, gowned and hooded, holding flaming torches aloft, provided a spectacular procession through the hall.

"MINCKED-PIES, AFTER ALL"

Characters:—

Master Pottinger	N. B. Youd
Mistress Pottinger	J. Tyson
John and Tom (their sons) ...	J. A. C. Askew and J. S. Rowley
Doctor Jones (a parson)	M. Grimble
A fiddler	G. Henthorn
The Lord Mayor	B. Motson
The City Marshal	J. A. James
Men-at-Arms	J. M. Wright, T. R. Clark
'Prentices and Journeymen	G. R. Cook, R. G. Pottinger, P. B. West, C. Slater, R. B. Clark, J. A. Tracey

As soon as the curtain rose a hearty Christmas atmosphere was at once suggested: Mistress Pottinger was baking while her husband and sons decorated the room with holly and mistletoe. Looking every inch the head of a happy family, Master Pottinger was beautifully dressed and made more resplendent by his long black wig. All this enthusiasm was damped, however, when the aged and benevolent parson, Doctor Jones, brought the news that Parliament had banned all rejoicing on Christmas Day. Mistress Pottinger quickly conveyed her indignation, and the

apprentices, having by this time crowded in at the door, took up her cry and mischievously went off to deck the church and fountain with holly.

During the two middle scenes of the play the work of those who had designed scenery and costumes was much in evidence. There were two realistic backcloths—one of a church doorway and the other of the fountain in Cornhill. However, the players were not at all inferior to the art of the scenic painters and the crowd scene was managed with vigour. Although the City Marshal, in shining helmet and breastplate, carried away Doctor Jones under arrest, because he was about to preach on Christmas Day, Master Pottinger and several merchants contributed enough money to pay his fine. Shortly after this, authority suffered a defeat in the shape of the Puritanically dressed Lord Mayor, when he came to tear down the holly from the fountain. The ribaldry of the townspeople was so great that he soon rode away discomfited.

Back within the Pottingers' house Christmas was being kept in the true spirit with eating, drinking, and dancing, and, in a sweet voice, Mistress Pottinger delighted everyone with a carol. To make the play complete Doctor Jones came in after his release full of smiles and relish for "a good mincked-pie."

The production was by Mr. Urry and Mr. Henthorn.

"A SHEPHERDS' PLAY"

Characters:—

Coll, Gib and Daw (Shepherds) ...

J. L. Morton, J. B. Ayscough, W. Clark

Mak A. S. Denton

Gill (his wife) J. A. Suthers

Although it was explained before the players came on to the stage that a Miracle Play is a type of medieval religious drama, this did not become apparent until the closing moments of the play. The three shepherds, Mak, and his wife revelled in the humour of the piece. Coll, Gib and Daw, with side-whiskers and that pleasant burr which suggested that they came from the Severn side of the Cotswolds, were watching their sheep when they were joined by Mak, honest enough to look at, but one whom they feared would pilfer their flocks during the night. Their suspicions were well founded for Mak did carry off a sheep to his cottage while they slept. The production was filled with good things, but none better than the shepherds' waking and rousing themselves from the cold earth. No less expert was the action within Mak's hut. Foreseeing that the shepherds would come there to search for their missing sheep, Mak put it into bed with his wife, Gill, hoping to pass it off as a newly-born babe. His plan did not succeed, however, in spite of the life-like acting of the buxom Gill. After the undoing of Mak the play turned aside from broad comedy to a religious note, when the Virgin and her child, in a straw-lined manger, were revealed to the three shepherds. They gave gifts to the infant and knelt

The Briggenian

as the audience joined in singing "Unto us a Boy is born."
The production was by Mr. Thumwood and Mr. Romans.

DAY DREAM

(With apologies to the author of "The Ice Cart.")
Sunk in my form-room's wooden seat
I heard the droning voice repeat
The dull and dreary, tiresome rules
That boys are made to learn in schools,
When in a maze my thoughts spread wings,
And flew to more attractive things;
To fishing in a pleasant stream,
To roach and tench and silver bream.
The cry of heron reached my ear;
I saw him in the field appear.
He spread his wings and rose in flight
—It was indeed a lovely sight!
Entranced, I watched him wheel and land,
Close to my side he took his stand.
No sound disturbed the silence there,
(Such joy and happiness are rare).
And then with whirl of wings he fled,
A flash of blue, a dash of red.
I sat spellbound to see such charm;
No thoughts of school or home or harm.
The master gave a sudden yell,
I clutched my desk and yelled as well
To feel upon my burning cheek
A stinging blow from angry "beak." M. POLLICOTT.

STRATFORD RE-VISITED

After the enjoyable day spent at Stratford-on-Avon with the School trip, and the experience of seeing the brilliant production of "Julius Caesar," our eagerness to continue with our projected holiday there increased. It was the day-trip which made our holiday possible, for it was then that we obtained tickets for four plays in the summer holiday, and after this obstacle had been surmounted, nothing stood in our way. On the 30th of August we were at Stratford.

We had five hectic days in camp. Waking at about half-past nine in the morning, we had to prepare breakfast on a "primus" which was anything but reliable. After coaxing a moderate amount of heat out of this contraption, we ate our breakfast at about eleven o'clock. After this it was our custom to cycle down into Stratford to buy our rations, return about one o'clock and prepare lunch, which we ate at about three o'clock. What portion of the afternoon remained was spent in sightseeing. With our three shilling ticket, which gave entrance to four of the properties, we visited, on different days, Shakespeare's birth-place, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's Cottage and the New Place Museum and gardens. We returned at six to pre-

pare our tea, and, after washing up and making ourselves respectable, set off for the theatre, to return at half-past ten to eleven. This was our daily programme, but we were rushed all the more by the fact that on our first full day there, when there was no play for us to see at night, it poured all day, except for two hours, thus confining us to tent to write letters and draw up shopping lists. During our stay there, there was not one day without a fall of rain and we thanked our headmaster, who had lent us the tent, for giving us one that did not leak. We had minor incidents every day, such as the "primus" flaring up or our spattering the tent roof with hot fat, to say nothing of plastering our feet with mud as we skidded down the rain-soaked cart-track into Stratford, but none so serious as when a cow managed to knock our tent down while we were out, resulting in a tear in the tent flap and the buckling of one pan. Such are the joys of camping!

The object of our visit was, of course, to see the plays, and we were not disappointed in our expectations; three of the four we saw surpassed even the production of "Julius Caesar" we had seen earlier in the year. We could not be over enthusiastic about "Measure for Measure" which we saw on the first night. The stern, yet unscrupulous Angelo was perfectly portrayed by John Gielgud, while Barbara Jefford rivalled his brilliance as Isabella. The supporting cast was no less competent, with Harry Andrews as Escalus, Michael Gwynn as the Provost and George Rose as Pompey, combining all their great talent to give a faultless production. But if John Gielgud stood out in "Measure for Measure" he stood out still more in "King Lear." All the supporting actors, excellent as they were, served only to throw his brilliance into sharper relief. It was Lear himself who was the play. All eyes focussed on him when he came on the stage; we waited with impatience for his entrance, and watched him all the time until he disappeared. He played a most difficult part with an ease which was amazing; he could inspire wonder and awe in us as he braved the storm, yet no one could remain unmoved by the final scene in which he carried in his dead daughter, later to die at her side. It was a scene equal to that of the mad Ophelia distributing flowers; it crowned an outstanding performance for which he received the applause due to him when he stepped forward alone at the final curtain.

After this, the production of "Henry the Eighth" seemed insipid; Anthony Quayle excelled as the king himself with Andrew Cruikshank as Cardinal Wolsey, but the play was an anticlimax, mainly because of the lack of action. It was a long pageant of historical personalities, with the proceedings of numerous trials; the long speeches with little action proved uninteresting, varied only by the comic interlude. Our impression of the plays was raised again, however, by the last performance we saw, that of "Much Ado About Nothing." No one actor stood out in this play; John Gielgud, Leon Quartermaine, Alan Badel,

Barbara Jefford and Maxine Audley combined to give a delightful production of this light comedy. We felt that our trouble in arranging this holiday had been well worth our while, for it is only by seeing his plays acted well that one can fully appreciate Shakespeare's genius.

Our visits to the many Shakespearean establishments in and around Stratford proved very interesting and instructive. One feels a deep sense of reverence for the playwright as one sees the desk at which he stood at school, the bills advertising the sale of his home, and even the seat on which tradition has it that he wooed the fair Anne Hathaway. The poet's birthplace holds many documents dating from his own day, the bed in which he slept and many cooking utensils used in his time, while on the panes of a bedroom window may be seen the initials of many celebrated authors and actors. Anne Hathaway's cottage over at Shottery contains an old, polished-oak table, a rare example of a built-in fireside oven with its original hard oak door dating from Shakespeare's time, as well as a four-poster bed with its apparently uncomfortable mattress of plaited reeds. The cottage of Mary Arden over at Wilmcote, again an old gabled house, with farm buildings at the back, was in itself a little museum. The property inside was of little interest except for the very low doors connecting the bedrooms, but in an old barn outside, there was a collection of antiques, ranging from penny-farthings and bone-shakers to the Stratford fire engine of fifty years ago. We could have spent hours examining these ancient vehicles, agricultural implements and weapons of war, but time was short, and we had still to visit the New Place Museum and the Church. The Museum contained hundreds of antiques ranging from Saxon times to Shakespeare's own time, many of them locally found. It was interesting to note how, wherever possible, the relics had been connected with some quotation in a play, neatly written underneath. At the Church the main attraction was, of course, the bard's grave and the reverence felt in the other properties was doubled as we read the quaint inscription on the tomb in front of the brilliantly coloured altar. As we left, a peal of bells rang out for evensong, playing "Fight the Good Fight," in perfect time and tune.

Our last night was spent, after the afternoon performance of "Much Ado About Nothing," in wandering round the gardens before the Memorial Theatre. As we strolled across the bridge over the Avon, by the side of which a flock of swans was settling for the night, and gazed at the multicoloured fairy lights decorating the trees, whose brilliant light made a beautiful reflection on the artificial lake, we looked back on a thoroughly enjoyable five days, determined that some day we should return to see more of this enchanting town, the birthplace of our great bard.

R. BONSELL.

AWHEEL IN THE NORTH

On the morning of the last Saturday in July of this year, my friend and I took the road to York, which was the first objective

of our tour. We arrived there about 2-30 p.m., and after having a lunch began to have a look round "Eboracum." Our first visit was made to the Minster, the interior of which we found full of wooden scaffolding and baulks that spoil the beauty of this famous Cathedral. Our next visit was to the York Museum where we spent a very pleasant hour inspecting its relics. To appreciate the Museum, however, a visit should take at least one day. The things in which I was most interested were the reconstructed period rooms, and a street of York in the 18th century, which contained many old reconstructed shops, and coaches of that time; the "street" is even made of cobbles.

Then by devious routes, due to the many one way streets, we made our way to the hostel, situated on the outskirts of York on the banks of the river Ouse. Late in the evening a party of Tunisians arrived, and, together with two other lads, I had to use my scanty knowledge of French to tell them that their bookings had not been received. While the argument was taking place, one of the Tunisian girls took out a large bottle of scent and began to wash her arms and face in it, a habit never seen in England. On the next day, which hailed us with drizzle and a back wind, we set out from York to Boroughbridge, where we joined the Great North Road and followed it up to Scotch Corner, marked by a large hotel, and then branched off to go to Barnard Castle. About half a mile from the town we crossed Abbey Bridge after paying a half-penny toll, and below us we could see the River Tees flowing between giant stone slabs. Barnard Castle is a small town, and its main street is situated on a very steep hill, where even the best brakes sometimes do not hold.

On the Monday we left Barnard Castle and after a climb of about ten miles and a downhill run of about three miles we continued on fairly flat country along the Eden Valley to Penrith. The weather changed for the better and by the time we reached Penrith we were hot and weary and lost no time in finding the hostel, situated on the top of the hill overlooking the town, whose windows afforded a splendid view of the mountains.

We had now reached the Lake District and for the next two days we travelled along lake sides and over mountain roads. The next day we left Penrith and, after riding about three miles, reached the head of Ullswater. A road follows the lake along the side for its whole length. We went about half way along the lake side and then turned off to go to Keswick. On the road we met three men from Grimsby and we had lunch with them in Keswick. In the afternoon we hired a rowing boat and went on Lake Derwentwater, but a strong wind made the surface very rough.

We took to the road again and went down the side of Derwentwater for about a mile, hid our cycles and then walked up a rough track to a small bridge we had heard about. When we reached there our hopes were realised for the scene was magnificent. There was the bridge with the stream in the foreground and then in the background there was Derwentwater,

Bassenthwaite Lake and Skiddaw. Up at the bridge—called Ashness Bridge—there was an old man whose bald head was very much tanned by the sun, and he told us that we had chosen the best week of the year as regards weather, and that we were to have fine weather for the rest of the week. We went away with high hopes, but next morning when we left Keswick there was a strong breeze and rain clouds hid the tops of the hills. During the day we had "showers and fair periods." Our route lay along the sides of Lakes Thirlmere, Grasmere, Coniston and the head of Windermere. At the end of Thirlmere under Helvellyn we saw members of the School Scout Troop; Wadsworth was bringing Askew down from Helvellyn with blisters or something. We stayed in Grasmere a while and went to look at the Church, where Wordsworth and members of his family are buried. In the evening we reached Ambleside, where we were to stay the night, after having seen only a part of the Lake District.

We left Ambleside and followed Windermere down to Bowness and then, taking a last look at Windermere with the Langdale Pikes in the background, followed the road which was to lead us into less rugged country, the Yorkshire Dales. Early on Thursday afternoon we reached Ingleton or the "land of Waterfalls and Caves" as it is called. Determined to prove this statement, we once more hid our cycles and followed a small river for about a mile, and then we saw the first of the waterfalls, about twenty feet high. We saw six more of these waterfalls, the last one being the largest, Thornton Force, a high, wide waterfall plunging into a deep pool. We retraced our footsteps, mounted our cycles and climbed the hill out of Ingleton towards Ingleborough, under which there is the White Scar Cave. We went in here and progressed steadily into the chill air while our guide related its history. There is an underground waterfall, stalactites and stalagmites, and a curious ebbing and flowing well, which overflows slowly every twenty minutes and produces a wavy surface on the large round stone over which it flows. Our stay at Ingleton came to an end and the next morning we set out for Burley Wood Head, near Ilkley. After an uphill and down dale ride through Skipton and Ilkley, we reached our destination in the middle of Friday afternoon after a very hot ride. In the evening my friend, myself and two lads from Stockton went for a walk over "Tikla moor." The shooting season had already started, but, judging by the number of grouse we put up, the shooters could not have met with much success. By now we were almost out of the hilly country and about seven miles from Burley we came once more on to the familiar flat country. We reached York, our starting and finishing point. We spent the afternoon looking round the city, the Shambles, a 17th century street, and the Railway Museum.

In the middle of Sunday afternoon we reached home, after having travelled five hundred miles and having seen some of the most beautiful scenery in England.

G. M. GUNSON.

VISIT TO A STEELWORKS

On Wednesday, November 15th and 22nd, two parties of boys visited the United Steel Company's works at Scunthorpe. The visits were both interesting and instructive and we are indebted to the Company for the trouble they took to ensure that our visits would be well worth our while.

On both occasions we saw the chemical laboratory, part of the steel works, the iron works, the rolling mills and engineering sheds and power house.

The chemical laboratory is very up-to-date and all modern methods of analysis are used, including the cathode ray oscillograph for the detection of flaws in materials. Microscopic and photographic methods are also used, and all these were fully demonstrated.

From the chemical laboratory we went to the steel furnaces, which are of the open hearth type. We were able to see the molten steel in the furnaces and were lucky enough to see one of the 120 feet tall blast furnaces being tapped when we went to the iron works. The terrific heat of the molten iron was awe inspiring. The furnace which we saw happened to be one of the two record-breaking furnaces.

From the iron works to the rolling mills; this mill, the newest of those operating in the works, was of the most up-to-date type. The ease with which the red hot steel was manoeuvred is a credit to British Engineering.

We finished our tour in the engineering workshop. Again it was very well equipped with modern machinery and we were surprised to find that they even re-build their own locomotives. Although the weather was not too kind on the second occasion, we had a very enjoyable visit. J. I. RICKETT.

GERMAN HOLIDAY

My pen-friend, Gerhard Frank, suggested that I should go to Hamburg for my summer holidays, so I was very pleased when I was allowed to go.

I left England by the night boat from Harwich and arrived in Hook of Holland the next morning after a rough crossing. After having passed through the customs and finding my seat in the train, I saw some people to whom I had spoken on the ship. We all had a meal together, my first meal on foreign soil. About thirteen hours after starting on the long train journey, I arrived in Hamburg Hauptbahnhof where Gerhard and his father met me.

While in Germany I noticed some things that are different from those in England; for instance, they had beans as we do, but put bears with them when they were being cooked. Most of the motor-cycles were two stroke and were equipped with pedals. The pillion was rather like a tractor seat and a pillion passenger

always had his knees in the small of the driver's back. The roads in the old part of Hamburg are made of large cobble-stones as large as a dinner plate, but in the newer part of the city the roads are much better. The telephone van and kiosks were a startling shade of yellow with D.P. printed on the side in black letters.

When Gerhard's holiday had finished, we both went to school. Because there is a great shortage of schools, the boys go to school in the mornings from 7-30 a.m. to 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The girls go from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the afternoons of the same days. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays the boys go in the afternoons and the girls in the mornings. You might think that this is very well arranged and that we ought to adopt the habit, but the pupils are given as much homework as we are or maybe more to make up for loss of time at school. The masters at school seemed to be rather free and easy after Brigg and I was allowed to do nothing nearly all the time, although I gave a talk on some things in the English lessons. I was amused when I first went to school, because out of five hundred boys not more than ten wore long trousers and it was funny to see big six-foot boys of eighteen in shorts.

Before I went to school Gerhard had shown me some of the sights of Hamburg and I saw what tremendous damage our bombs had done, each side of the railway for about a mile were acres and acres of rubble. But where I lived in Hamburg Fuhlshüttel only two bombs fell. One bomb had fallen through the room in which I slept, and there was a circle of new plaster in the ceiling; the bomb had not exploded or else the house would not have been there.

One of the things I saw in Hamburg was the Planetarium. It was in a water-tower and the spots of light representing the stars and planets were projected on to a curved ceiling above which were thousands of gallons of water. The movement of the planets could be controlled by moving the projector round. The projector itself was rather like a pair of dumb-bells out of which came the lights. These "dumb-bells" were mounted on a strong framework of steel, and by pressing switches a lecturer could show whatever he wanted on the ceiling.

When the time came for me to go, I said "Good-bye" to everyone and arrived back in England about thirty-six hours later with the memories of a very pleasant holiday.

W. R. PODMORE.