



EDITORIAL

July, 1950.

Very little seems to be known about the new General Certificate of Education, which comes into its own next year, so your Editor set out to see what could be gleaned, with the following result.

The new examination, which is taking the place of the present School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations, has widened the choice of subjects open to candidates. It is now possible to take any combination of subjects at ordinary, advanced or scholarship standards. The corresponding standards before were Credit standard in School Certificate, Ordinary standard in Higher School Certificate, and slightly below University Scholarship standard respectively. A Certificate will be given for a pass at any standard, stating the subject or subjects and the standard attained; it will be possible to gain a Certificate for one subject.

In order that this scheme should give the maximum benefit to candidates, many more teachers would be required, but at the present time financial stringency makes this impracticable. There is only one innovation of doubtful value in the new scheme; the candidate must be over the age of sixteen on the first day of the September immediately following the examination. Will this tend to keep boys at school until they are sixteen or will many leave as soon as they are fifteen? That is the important question!

The Universities have already stated the standards that they will require of applicants taking the new examination. They demand six subjects at different sittings, including English language, a foreign language, mathematics or a science, and two of the six subjects to be at Advanced level, or five subjects of which two at Advanced and one at Ordinary level must be taken at a single sitting. In addition, Oxford and Cambridge and most Art Faculties demand Latin, and in any case, when admittance to University has been gained, the candidate then has to satisfy his College or Faculty of his ability to read the School of his choice. Candidates for Training Colleges will require a minimum of five subjects at Ordinary standard.

Awards for County Scholarships are under review at the time

of writing and doubtless many will await the results of the Committee's deliberations with interest if not with anxiety.

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The Elizabethan.

SCHOOL LISTS — SUMMER TERM, 1950.

The School Officials for this term have been:—

Captain of School: J. H. Cheeseman.

Prefects: J. H. Cheeseman, P. Driffill, L. Green, J. E. Johnson,

J. Stevens, B. E. Knowler, G. R. C. McLauchlan, G. C. Monteith,

J. I. Rickett, A. G. Collins, P. F. Lofthouse, G. W. Foster.

Athletics Captain: G. R. C. McLauchlan.

Athletics Vice-Captain: J. I. Rickett.

Cricket Captain: J. Stevens.

Cricket Vice-Captain: D. Pollicott.

Swimming Captain: R. C. Jacklin.

Swimming Vice-Captain: B. Marris.

"The Briggensian": J. I. Rickett (Editor), G. R. C. McLauchlan,

J. A. Suthers, B. Bowles, R. Bonsell, Mr. Richards.

House Captains and Masters:

Ancholme: P. F. Lofthouse (House Captain, Athletics and Swimming), D. Altoft (Cricket); Mr. Henthorn.

Nelthorpe: J. E. Johnson (House Captain and Cricket), P. D. Wells (Athletics), M. Gunson (Swimming); Mr. Morris.

School: J. H. Cheeseman (House Captain), G. R. C. McLauchlan (Athletics), D. Sumpter (Cricket), R. C. Jacklin (Swimming); the Headmaster.

Sheffield: L. Green (House Captain), J. Stevens (Athletics and Cricket), D. Woolass (Swimming); Mr. Urry.

Yarborough: P. Driffill (House Captain, Athletics, Swimming and Cricket); Mr. Knight.

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

Sixth Form Library: J. H. Cheeseman (Senior Librarian) and all the Prefects.

2nd Brigg Scout Troop: Mr. Jarvis (G.S.M.), Mr. Paisley (S.M.), B. Bowles and G. B. Eccles (T.L's.).

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

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

SCHOOL NOTES

SUMMER 1950.

The Red Cross Collection this term amounted to £3 17s. 9d. Mr. Heddle Nash's recital on May 4th gave great pleasure to a very large audience.

Mme. Debû-Bridel lectured in French to the Sixth Forms on May 10th.

On May 5th the School was photographed by Panora Ltd. for the first time since the war.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. G. W. Wells on Sports Day and to see Lord Yarborough acting as a Judge on the same occasion.

The School won the Cup for the Senior Division in the Inter-School Sports which were held at Brigg for the first time.

The revival of the Past v. Present Athletics Match on the evening of June 2nd. proved a pleasant occasion. We do not see enough of athletes of the calibre of Tom White and Ralph Girdham.

The majority of the School Orchestra spent a week-end at Gainsborough and joined with the orchestras of other schools in two days of practice and concert giving, under the instruction of five H.M.I.'s.

Two parties went to Stratford to see "Julius Caesar," the first on June 24th and the second on June 28th.

The playing fields were sprayed at the end of May in an effort to control the weeds. It would appear that the experiment is going to meet with considerable success.

Next year will see the introduction of the General Certificate of Education. Papers at the Advanced and Scholarship Standards will be set between June 5th and 22nd, and the remaining papers between July 2nd and 13th.

Dates:

Next term begins on September 19th.

Mantle-Childe, piano: Thursday, 5th October.

Half term: November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th inclusive.

The Amadeus String Quartet: Thursday, 16th November.

Frederick Fuller, lecture-recital: Tuesday, 12th December.

The Christmas Concert: Thursday, 14th December.

Next term ends: December 22nd.

SALVETE

Nelthorpe: Hawkins, T. A.

VALETE**U.VI:**

LYON, J. C. M., 1946-50 (Ancholme). — N.U.J.M.B. School Certificate, 1946; Higher School Certificate and Senior Lindsey Scholarship, 1949; Ancholme House Captain, 1949-50; School Prefect, 1948-50; Captain of School, 1949-50; Senior Scout in Scout Troop, 1946-50; Troop Leader, 1948-50; King's Scout, 1946; President of Chess Club, 1949-50.
Address: Melford, Allscott, Wellington, Shropshire.

U.Va:

BELLAMY, F., 1945-50 (Yarborough).
Address: New Road, Elsham.

WALKER, M. B., 1943-50 (Sheffield and School).—Representative Inter-School Athletics, 1945; Inter-School Swimming Representative, 1949; Swimming Colours, 1949.
Address: 14, Fairmont Crescent, Scunthorpe.

U.Vb:

CAIRNS, J. A., 1944-50 (Ancholme).—Under XIV Cricket, 1948.
Address: 8, Woodbine Avenue, Brigg.
SARGENT, W., 1945-50 (Nelthorpe).
Address: 22, Gainsthorpe Road, Kirton-Lindsey.

L.Vb:

OUTRAM, C., 1946-50 (School).—2nd XI Cricket, 1949; U.IVb and L.Va Form Prizes.
Address: High Street, Belton.
SNELL, P. J., 1947-50 (Yarborough).
Address: Worlaby, Brigg.

U.IVa:

DUMMETT, C. C., 1949-50 (Sheffield).
Address: 119, Rowland Road, Scunthorpe.
PEATFIELD, A. C., 1947-50 (Sheffield).
Address: 52, Burringham Road, Scunthorpe.

THE INTER-SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, 29th MARCH.

For the first time the Inter-School Cross-Country Race was held at Brigg. As last year, each team consisted of six runners, with four to count. Brigg drew the first "pen" and at the gun got away to the front of the field.

Bottom of Drive: Marris, Foster, Altoft for Brigg, followed by Gainsborough.

St. Helen's Hill: Still Marris, closely attended by two Gainsborough men, one of whom had lost his shoe.

The First Stile: The leaders still within a yard or two of each other, and now Altoft had gained a place. After an interval of about ten places, Foster, Collins and Driffill passed bunched together.

The Second Stile: Marris in the lead still, closely followed by a Gainsborough man, then a gap of about ten yards separating them from the main body.

The Quarry, Wrawby: The lead had now changed, Gainsborough taking over. Marris fell back, but kept within striking distance. Altoft now held fifth position, with Driffill, Britcliffe, Collins and Foster packed together about fifteenth position. Gainsborough appeared to be doing well.

Wrawby Road: Here Marris had recovered his lead, but he was still closely followed by Gainsborough and Louth. At a distance came Altoft and the Gainsborough runner minus his shoe and losing his sock. Traffic caused no delays. The policeman on duty favoured Gainsborough as he used to run for them.

Wrawby Church: Order unchanged except that Altoft had dropped back a position.

Redholme, half-way mark: Marris back in second place, the Gainsborough man in the lead, the rest as before. Gainsborough in strong position.

Cinder-track: Going down the cinder track Marris forged to the front again and Altoft gained a place which however he lost again.

Barton Road: Marris and Gainsborough man came down jockeying for first place, but on turning into brickyard Marris took the lead.

Brickyard Lane: The order unchanged, but Marris had built up a slight lead along catchwater.

Holding this lead, Marris finally managed to pull away for the first time in the whole race, and with a substantial lead of over 80 yards he finished the race having broken the previous best time by about 20 seconds. This effort is all the more meritorious when the blustery conditions, hampering the runners, are taken into consideration. Gainsborough should be congratulated on their excellent victory, due in the main to some very good packing.

Finally, a word or two of thanks for all those concerned in making the whole afternoon a success.

Details:

Individual Results:

1. Brigg.
2. Gainsborough.
3. Louth.
4. Gainsborough.
5. Brigg.
6. Gainsborough.

Final Team Positions:

1. Gainsborough	19 points
2. Brigg	36 "
3. Louth	47 "
4. Clee	114 "
Winteringham	114 "
6. Caistor	117 "
7. Horncastle	118 "
8. Barton	119 "
9. Scunthorpe	134 "
10. Skegness	167 "

Individual winner's time: 25 mins. 43 secs.

Brigg individual results: 1st, Marris; 5th, Altoft; 14th, Driffill;
16th, Foster; 17th, Collins; 35th, Britcliffe.

**ATHLETICS, 1950.**

This term's Athletics has been most successful especially so in the senior part of the School. Apart from one or two outstanding performances this success has been due to team work. School senior team won the Inter-School Athletics Cup for the second time and in a friendly meeting School beat the Old Boys. It is hoped that this latter meeting will become an annual affair.

This season Athletic Colours have been awarded to P. F. Lofthouse, A. B. Morris and R. C. Jacklin.

SPORTS DAY, MAY 17th, 1950.

In order to have a week's respite at least before the Inter-School Sports, our own Sports Day was held on a Wednesday. It is probably due to this that there was rather a small crowd of spectators. The weather was good, though it did threaten to rain once or twice. At the conclusion of the Sports, Mrs. G. H. Wells presented the challenge cups.

This year School retained the Athletics Cup, with Sheffield House again second. Seven records were equalled and broken. Division A mile record was broken by 8 secs. by Marris, who was also only $\frac{2}{3}$ of a second off the record in the half-mile. Pieroni, the favourite in Division B, carried off the spoils due to his good all-round ability, though he was hard pressed at times by Wade

and Wells. In Division C, Rands ran away with the cup, contrary to the expectations of those who said he would not stay the pace in the longer races. He equalled the high jump record with a jump of 4 feet 10 inches, 2 inches below the Division A height, and equalled the 100 yards record. Division D events turned out to be a struggle between the two young "Sheffs," Kidner and Bowskill, and the former won the duel as a result of his ability to jump as well as run. There was a ding-dong struggle in Division D also, between Cuthbert and McLauchlan, J., ending in a narrow victory for the latter. Both set up one new record each. Cuthbert did 27 feet 3 inches in the hop, step and jump, and McLauchlan clipped $\frac{1}{2}$ of a second off the old 220 yards record of $30\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

After an uncertain start, the Sports this year were a success as the numerous broken records show. These include three new times for A, B and C hurdles, now run over 120 yards for the first time. As usual, Mrs. Fairbanks provided tea in the refectory for the visitors, to which the prefects were invited, much to their pleasure.

Details:—

Division A.

100 yards.—1, Jacklin, R. C.; 2, Rickett, J. I.; 3, McLauchlan, G. R. C. Time: 11 secs.

220 yards.—1, McLauchlan, G. R. C.; 2, Jacklin, R. C.; 3, Loft-house, P. F. Time $24\frac{1}{2}$ secs., equalled record.

440 yards.—1, McLauchlan, G. R. C.; 2, Marris, A. B.; 3, Rickett, J. I. No time given.

880 yards.—1, Marris, A. B.; 2, Rickett, J. I.; 3, McLauchlan, G. R. C. Time: 2 mins. $11\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Mile.—1, Marris, A. B.; 2, Rickett, J. I.; 3, Altoft, D. Time: 4 mins. $50\frac{1}{2}$ secs., record broken.

Hurdles.—1, Marris, A. B.; 2, Altoft, D.; 3, Eccles, G. B. Time: $19\frac{2}{3}$ secs. New record set up.

High jump.—1, McLauchlan, G. R. C.; 2, Sumpter, D.; 3, Stevens, J. Height: 5 feet.

Long jump.—1, Lofthouse, P. F.; 2, Denton, A. S.; 3, Rickett, J. I. Distance: 18 feet $0\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, McLauchlan, G. R. C.; 2, Denton, A. S.; 3, Jeffrey, R. W. Distance: 38 feet 3 inches. Equalled record.

Weight.—1, McLauchlan, G. R. C.; 2, Johnson, J. E.; 3, Marris, A. B. Distance 36 feet 2 inches. Record broken.

Relay.—1, School; 2, Ancholme; 3, Sheffield; 4, Nelthorpe. Time: 1 min. $43\frac{2}{3}$ secs. Record broken.

Division B.

100 yards.—1, Pieroni, A. C.; 2, Wade, P. J. P.; 3, Kitchinson, K. Time: $11\frac{1}{4}$ secs.

220 yards.—1, Pieroni, A. C.; 2, Wade, P. J. P.; 3, Wells, P. D. Time: $26\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

440 yards.—1, Wells, P. D.; 2, Wade, P. J. P.; 3, Pieroni, A. C.
Time: 61 secs.

880 yards.—1, Wells, P. D.; 2, Wade, P. J. P.; 3, Pieroni, A. C.
Time: 2 mins. 26 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

Mile.—1, Wells, P. D.; 2, Britcliffe, R. I.; 3, Wade, P. J. P.
Time: 5 mins. 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

Hurdles.—1, McKay, M. S. C.; 2, Jackson, B.; 3, Wells, P. D.
Time: 20 secs. New record set up.

High Jump.—1, Jackson, B.; 2, McKay, M. S. C.; 3, Pieroni, A. C. Height: 4 feet 7 inches.

Long Jump.—1, Pieroni, A. C.; 2, Bonsell, R.; 3, Kitchinson, K.
Distance: 15 feet, 11 inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Pieroni, A. C.; 2, Jackson, B.; 3, Bonsell, R. Distance: 32 feet 10 inches.

Relay.—1, School; 2, Nelthorpe; 3, Sheffield; 4, Ancholme.
Time: 1 min. 56 secs.

Division C.

100 yards.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Taylor, G. H.; 3, Turner, F.
Time: 12 secs. Record equalled.

220 yards.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Turner, F.; 3, Ward, J. F.
Time: 27 secs.

440 yards.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Taylor, G. H.; 3, Turner, F.
Time: 63 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

880 yards.—1, Turner, F.; 2, Lowé, B. F.; 3, Russell, T. N. McP.
Time: 2 mins. 35 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

Hurdles.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Henthorn, G.; 3, Turner, F.
Time: 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. New record set up.

High Jump.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Turner, F.; 3, Henthorn, G.
Height: 4 feet 10 inches. Record broken.

Long Jump.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Turner, F.; 3, Ward, J. F.
Distance: 15 feet 8 inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Rands, M. C.; 2, Ward, J. F.; 3, Cuthbert, A. R. Distance: 32 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Relay.—1, Nelthorpe; 2, Sheffield; 3, Ancholme; 4, Yarborough.
Time: 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Division D.

100 yards.—1, Bowskill, M. V.; 2, Kidner, I. M.; 3, Parkinson, M. F. Time: 12 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

220 yards.—1, Bowskill, M. V.; 2, Kidner, I. M.; 3, Parkinson, M. F. Time: 29 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

High Jump.—1, Kidner, I. M.; 2, Jacques, J. C.; 3, Scarborough, H. P. Height: 4 feet 2 inches.

Long Jump.—1, Kidner, I. M.; 2, Parkinson, M. F.; 3, Britcliffe, J. F. Distance: 14 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Baker, W.; 2, Jacques, J. C.; 3, Aitken, C. C. Distance: 28 feet 10 inches.

Relay.—1, Nelthorpe; 2, Sheffield; 3, School; 4, Ancholme.
Time: 61 secs.

Division E.

100 yards.—1, McLauchlan, J.; 2, Cuthbert, J. D.; 3, Taylor, B. R. Time: $13\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

220 yards.—1, McLauchlan, J.; 2, Cuthbert, J. D.; 3, Taylor, B. R. Time: $30\frac{1}{4}$ secs. Record broken.

High Jump.—1, McLauchlan, J.; 2, Cuthbert, J. D.; 3, Duffill, C. Distance: 12 feet 10 inches.

Long Jump.—1, Gillgallon, G. M.; 2, McLauchlan, J.; 3, Cuthbert, J. D. Distance: 12 feet 10 inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Cuthbert, J. D.; 2, Taylor, B. R.; 3, McLauchlan, J. Distance: 27 feet 3 inches. Record broken.

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

Cup Winners.

Victor Ludorum—McLauchlan, G. R. C., 42 points. Runner-up: Marris, 29 points.

Bletcher Cup—Marris, A. B., 17 points. Runner-up: Rickett, J. I., 14 points.

Division B—Pieroni, A. C. 39 points. Runner-up: Wade, P. J. P., 32 points.

Division C—Rands, M. C., 42 points. Runner-up: Turner, F., 35 points.

Division D—Kidner, I. M., 22 points. Runner-up: Bowskill, M. J., 15 points.

Division E—McLauchlan, J., 27 points. Runner-up: Cuthbert, J. D., 25 points.

Athletics Cup.—1, School, 417½ points; 2, Sheffield, 358 points; 3, Ancholme, 253½ points; 4, Nelthorpe, 204 points; 5, Yarborough, 196½ points.

Inter-School Athletics Meeting—Wednesday, May 24th, 1950.

This year School were the hosts at the Inter-Grammar School Athletics Meeting. The weather throughout the day was fair, though at times the wind was cold, especially in the morning. In the afternoon a good crowd turned up to watch the track events.

The outstanding performance of the whole day was that of one of the competitors of the small Caistor team, who won the senior 100 yards, 220 yards and the long jump. Rickett won the 880 yards for School, and Marris, in the last 100 yards, broke away from his opponents to win the mile. In the morning, Wintringham had taken the laurels in the jumps, but Brigg made up the leeway in the track events. Even with only the relay to be run off, Wintringham still led, with Brigg second and Clee third. For Brigg to carry off the cup they had to win the relay and Wintringham had to come third. As it was Brigg did win and Clee beat Wintringham into second place. Incidentally Brigg broke the record.

The Briggensian

In the Intermediate section, Scunthorpe easily won the cup. Rands, of School, nearly repeated his performance on our own Sports Day by jumping 4 feet 9 inches and so tying for first place with a Scunthorpe competitor. Also the Brigg team should be congratulated on their performance of winning this section relay.

The Juniors smashed records wholesale. Out of six results in this section, four were records. All four were due to Wintringham and in the long jump the record was broken by nearly a foot and a half. As expected, Wintringham won this section cup. Aitken, of Brigg, won the high jump at 4 feet 1 inch.

Colonel O. S. Nelthorpe kindly presented the trophies at the end of the meeting and immediately after the presentation tea and buns were served to the hungry competitors.

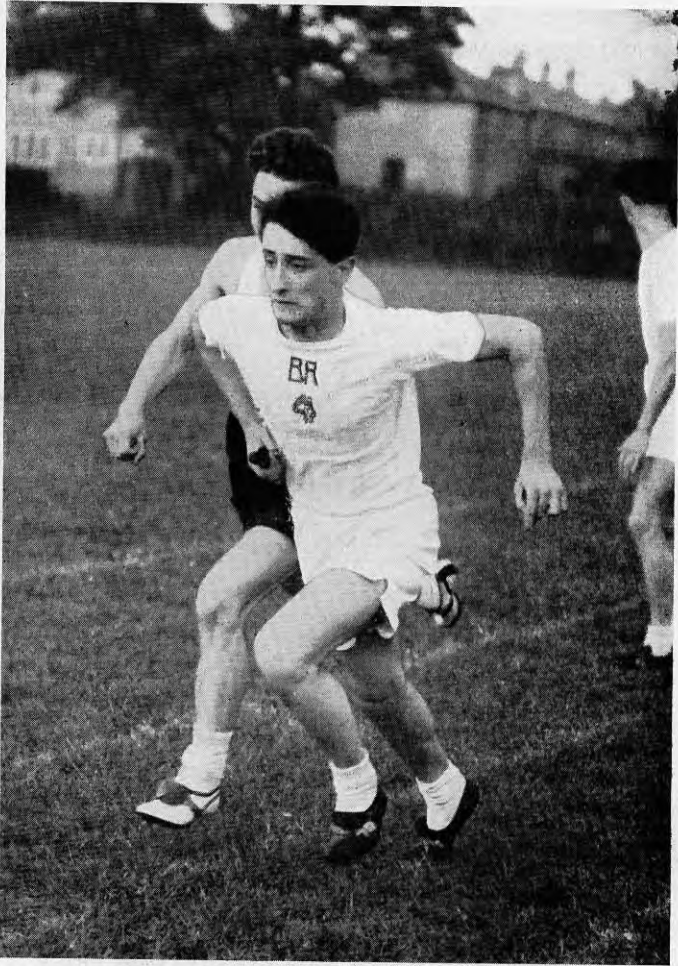
The schools competing were Barton, Brigg, Caistor, Clee, Horncastle, Scunthorpe, Skegness and Wintringham.

Results.

- 100 yards.—1, Ca.; 2, Cl.; 3, W.; 4, Br.; 5, Sc.; 6, H.
Time: 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- 220 yards.—1, Ca.; 2, Br.; 3, Cl.; 4, W.; 5, Sk.; 6, Sc.
Time: 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- 440 yards.—1, Cl.; 2, W.; 3, Sc.; 4, Br.; 5, H.; 6, Ba.
Time: 55 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.
- 880 yards.—1, Br.; 2, W.; 3, Ca.; 4, Sc.; 5, Ba.; 6, Cl.
Time: 2 mins. 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs.
- Mile.—1, Br.; 2, Cl.; 3, Ba.; 4, Sk.; 5, Sc.; 6, W.
Time: 5 mins. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- High Jump.—1, W.; 2, Ba.; 3, Sc.; 4, Cl.; 5, Br.; 6, H.
Height: 5 feet.
- Long Jump.—1, Ca.; 2, W.; 3, Sc.; 4, Cl.; 5, Br.; 6, H.
Distance: 18 feet 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1, W.; 2, Br.; 3, Sc.; 4, Cl.; 5, Ba.; 6, Sk.
Distance: 38 feet 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
- Relay 4 x 220.—1, Br.; 2, Cl.; 3, W.; 4, Sc.; 5, Sk.; 6, Ba.
Time: 1 min. 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Record broken.
- Final Positions.—1, Br., 44pts.; 2, W., 43pts.; 3, Cl., 38pts.; 4, Sc., 30pts.; 5, Ca., 22pts.

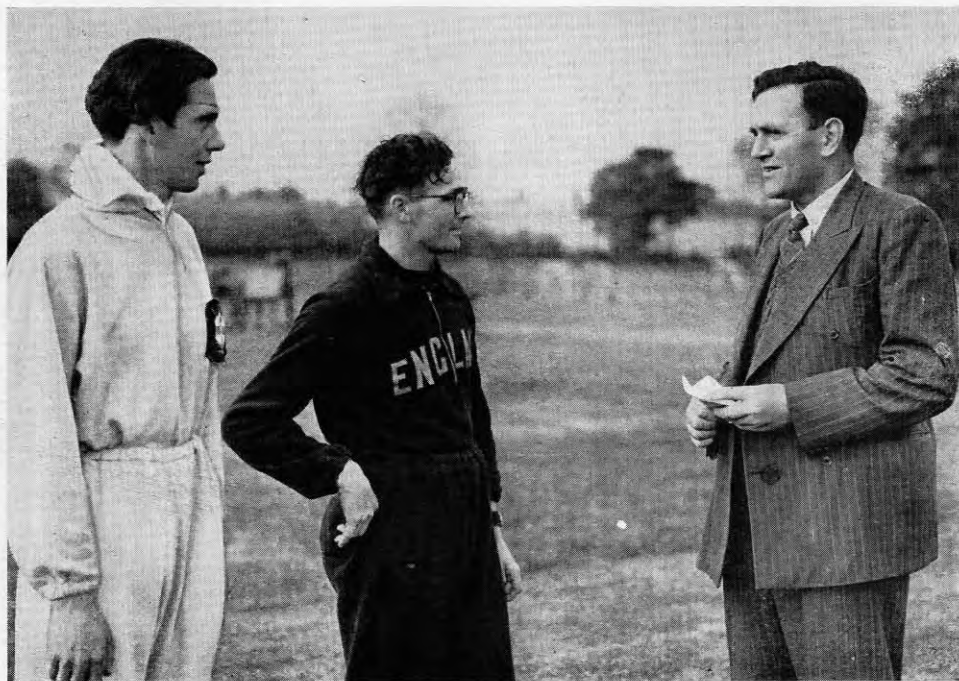
Immediate.

- 100 yards.—1, Sc.; 2, Cl.; 3, Br.; 4, W.; 5, H.; 6, Sk.
No time given.
- 220 yards.—1, Sc.; 2, Cl.; 3, W.; 4, Sk.; 5, Br.; 6, H.
Time: 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- 880 yards.—1, Sc.; 2, Cl.; 3, W.; 4, Sk.; 5, Br.; 6, Ba.
Time: 2 mins. 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.
- High Jump.—1 equal, Br., Sc.; 3, H.; 4, Ca.; 5, W.; 6, Sk.
Height: 4 feet 9 inches.
- Long Jump.—1, Ca.; 2, W.; 3, Cl.; 4, Ba.; 5, Sc.; 6, Sk.
Distance: 16 feet 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.



P. Lofthouse takes over from R. C. Jacklin.

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R. Girdham and C. T. White with the Headmaster.

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Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Cl.; 2, Sc.; 3, Br.; 4, W.; 5, Ba.; 6, Ca.
Distance: 34 feet 9½ inches.

Relay 4 x 110.—1, Br.; 2, Sc.; 3, W.; 4, Cl.; 5, Ca.; 6, Ba.

Final Positions.—1, Sc., 40½pts.; 2, Cl., 31pts.; 3, Br., 29½pts.;
4, W., 29pts.; 5, Ca.

Juniors.

100 yards.—1, W.; 2, Cl.; 3, Ba.; 5, Br.; 6, Sk.

Time: 12½ secs. Record broken.

220 yards.—1, W.; 2, Ba.; 3 equal, Br., Cl.; 5, Sc.; 6, Ca.

Time: 29¾ secs. Record broken.

High Jump.—1, Br.; 2, W.; 3, Sc.; 4 equal, Ba., Ca., Cl.

Height: 4 feet 1 inch.

Long Jump.—1, W.; 2, Cl.; 3, Sc.; 4, Ca.; 5 equal, Ba., Br.

Distance: 14 feet 9¾ inches. Record broken.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, W.; 2, Br.; 3, Cl.; 4, Ba.; 5, Sc.; 6, Ca.

Distance: 31 feet 11½ inches. Record broken.

Relay 4 x 110.—1, Cl.; 2, W.; 3, Sc.; 4, Br.; 5, Ba.; 6, Ca.

Time: 58½ secs.

Final Positions.—1, W.; 2, Cl.; 3 equal, Br., Sc.; 5, Ba.; 6, Sk.

Past v. Present—Friday, June 2nd.

On the evening of Friday, June 2nd, a team of Old Boys led by T. R. D. O'Neill competed with a team from School. Immediately before the start heavy rain began to fall, but as time went on the weather became better. Even with Tom White and Ralph Girdham in the Old Boys' team, School won the day.

Tom White, as expected, ran away with the 440 yards, as did Ralph Girdham in both the half-mile and mile, though Marris ran a very fine race, his best ever in the mile, with a time of 4 mins. 47¾ secs., and Wells, in the half-mile also ran his fastest ever, to finish second in a time of 2 mins. 15 secs. Coulthurst did well to win the 120 yards hurdles in a time ¼ sec. better than the existing School record. In the 220 yards, Loft-house, though overworked, excelled himself to win in 24¾ secs.

Everyone enjoyed himself, even those Old Boys who found their lack of training hampering them, and it is to be hoped that the event will become an annual affair.

Results:—

1. 100 yards.—1, Jacklin (Pr.); 2, Rickett (Pr.); 3, Pieroni (Pr.); 4, Waller (Pa.); 5, O'Neill (Pa.) Time: 11 secs.

2. 880 yards.—1, Girdham (Pa.); 2, Wells (Pr.); 3, Stringer (Pa.); 4, Altoft (Pr.); 5, Rickett (Pr.). Time: 2 mins. 41½ secs.

3. High Jump.—1 equal, Bell (Pa.), White, J.C. (Pa.); 3, Rands (Pr.); 4 equal, Jackson (Pr.), Sumpter (Pr.). Height: 4 feet 10½ inches.

4. 220 yards.—1, Lofthouse (Pr.); 2, Jacklin (Pr.); 3, Waller (Pa.); 4, Pieroni (Pr.); 5, Jeffrey (Pa.). Time 24¾ secs.

5. Putting the Shot.—1, McLauchlan (Pr.); 2, Maw (Pa.);

3, Marris (Pr.); 4, Bratley (Pa.); 5, Johnson (Pr.). Distance: 36 feet 8 inches.

6. 440 yards.—1, White C. T. (Pa.); 2, Woollass (Pr.); 3, Wade (Pr.); 4, White (Pa.); 5, McLaughlan (Pr.). Time: $54\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

7. Long Jump.—1 equal, Waller (Pa.), O'Neill (Pa.); 3, Loft-house (Pr.); 4, Denton (Pr.); 5, Bowskill (Pa.). Distance: 18 feet 7 inches.

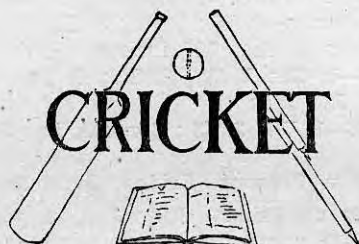
8. 120 yards Hurdles.—1, Coulthurst (Pa.); 2, Lofthouse (Pr.); 3, Bosett (Pr.); 4, Johnson, H. B. (Pa.). Time: $18\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

9. Mile.—1, Girdham (Pa.); 2, Marris (Pr.); 3, Altoft (Pr.); 4, Cliff (Pr.); 5, Coulthurst (Pa.) Time: 4 mins. $40\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

10. Relay 4 x 220.—1, Present; 2, Past. Time: 1 min. $41\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

Final Result: 1, Present, 80 points; 2, Past, 56 points.

G. R. C. McLAUHLAN.



CRICKET NOTES

The 1950 season has not proved exceptionally successful for the School, but nevertheless it has been a very enjoyable one.

The match with Brigg Sugar Factory C.C. was unfortunately cancelled because of rain, and of the seven matches played to date the School has won two. The first of these wins was against a team of Odds and Ends, when School batted first and scored 88. Only 3 of the Odds and Ends team managed to attain double figures and they were all out for 78.

In the matches against Scunthorpe G.S. and Lincoln City School, the opponents batted first and both obtained good totals. Most of the School batsmen, in each match, appeared to be over-awed by the occasion, and did not give of their best.

In the match with Louth, the School fielded well and the bowling was steady, Louth being all out for 66. However, due to splendid bowling by the Louth captain, the School batting collapsed and we were all out for 26.

On the 21st June, R. N. Coulthurst brought along the usual powerful team, and due to a grand knock by L. Coulthurst, they ran up a large total. Rain then intervened and School was able to bat only when the pitch had been moved to one part of the platform which was not waterlogged. Because of a useful individual innings, School made what, at present, is its highest score of the season and were not discredited.

On a cool, blustery day, the School were all out for 27 against good bowling by Lincoln School. We responded by taking 5 Lincoln wickets for 16 runs, but a Lincoln boy then scored a few useful boundaries and put the issue beyond doubt.

At Wintringham the School bowled and fielded well on a hard dry wicket and Wintringham were all out for 60. The School then went in and consistent batting gave School a four wickets victory.

The School team, which is a very young one, should make progress, and next season should provide stiff opposition for the other school teams.

Colours have been awarded to Thompson, Pollicott and Cook.

A few house matches have taken place, and present results indicate that the competition this year should be the keenest seen for many seasons for all houses are well equipped with both known and hidden talent.

J. STEVENS.

13th May—Brigg v. Odds and Ends. Home.

Brigg		Odds and Ends	
Stevens, J. b Maw	0	Maw c Cook b Stevens	23
Thompson, D. H. c and b Maw	10	Robinson, J. D., b Cook	2
Altoft, D., b Stainton	1	Urry b Stevens	6
Markham, J. H., c and b Maw	20	Rev. B. O. Whitfield st Pollicott	
Pollicott, D., b Stainton	5	b Windass	24
Cook, H., b Slack	20	Wells b Altoft	3
Johnson, J. E., lbw b Green	0	Turner b Stevens	2
Sumpter, D. S., b Green	0	Robinson run out	0
Windass, C., not out	15	Stainton b Foster	0
Lofthouse, P., lbw b Maw	0	Slack c Altoft b Stevens	3
Forster, K., b Stainton	4	Atkin b Cook	1
Extras	13	Green not out	11
Total	88	Extras	3

Bowling: Stevens 4 for 23, Cook 2 for 11.

3rd June—Brigg v. Scunthorpe G.S. Away.

Brigg		Scunthorpe	
Stevens b Dent	11	Hall c Altoft b Cook	10
Thompson c Hall b Gledhill	6	Pearc c Cook b Stevens	8
Markham b Dent	1	Gledhill st Pollicott b Stevens	23
Cook b Meetham	22	Edwards run out	28
Johnson c Hall b Meetham	2	Geary b Altoft	8
Pollicott lbw b Peart	0	Taylor c Pollicott b Stevens	12
Windass c Gledhill b Meetham	1	Lea b Cook	18
Sumpter b Peart	2	Groom b Cook	1
Altoft b Meetham	1	Meetham c Altoft b Cook	5
Monteith run out	2	Rell not out	15
Foster not out	1	Dent run out	2
Extras	2	Extras	14
Total	51	Total	144

Bowling: Cook 4 for 32, Stevens 3 for 61, Altoft 1 for 13.

10th June—Brigg v. Louth G.S. Away.

Louth		Brigg	
Howlett c Monteith b Cook	2	Stevens b Howlett	1
Ashley b Stevens	9	Thompson lbw b Howlett	0
Annisson c Sumpter b Foster	24	Markham b Howlett	0
Surtees b Cook	4	Cook b Howlett	4
Banner b Foster	9	Pollicott b Howlett	0
Lowe c Sumpter b Altoft	3	Monteith run out	2
Lonsdale lbw b Altoft	2	Windass b Lowe	3
Harris b Foster	0	Sumpter b Howlett	2
Stark b Foster	1	Altoft b Howlett	0
Ingleton c Stevens b Foster	0	Lofthouse lbw b Howlett	0
Pathan not out	5	Foster not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total	66	Total	26

Bowling: Foster 5 for 9, Altoft 2 for 8, Cook 2 for 18, Stevens 1 for 15.

Bowling: Howlett 8 for 5.

17th June—Brigg v. Lincoln City School. Away.

Lincoln City		Brigg	
Longmate b Foster	14	Stevens c Clayton b Burley	4
Speed, G. T., b Cook	19	Thompson b Ezberger	0
Burley c Cook b Monteith	35	Markham b Harding	5
Ezberger lbw b Monteith	19	Cook b Ezberger	12
Harding b Stevens	29	Windass c Houlton b Burley ..	0
Clayton lbw b Cook	6	Monteith b Burley	0
Toule not out	0	Sumpter c Speed, J. P., b Ezberger	8
Rawlinson, Jeffery, Houlton and		Pollicott lbw b Ezberger	1
Speed, J. P., did not bat.		Foster b Harding	0
Extras ..	1	Altoft c Burley b Houlton	3
		Lothouse not out	0
		Extras ..	4
		Total ..	37
Bowling: Monteith 2 for 26, Cook			
2 for 41, Foster 1 for 16, Stevens			
1 for 24.			

21st June—Brigg G.S. v. R. N. Coulthurst's XII. Home.

R. N. Coulthurst's XII		Brigg	
Sumpter, R., c Altoft b Cook	0	Thompson c Nickleson	
Coulthurst, L., b Stevens	86	b Coulthurst, C. J. 33	
Sutton, R., b Cook	17	Pollicott b Sutton, R.	8
Jackson, A., run out	5	Markham run out	3
Coulthurst, R. N., b Windass ..	1	Stevens lbw b Coulthurst, C. J.	3
Haddow, R. A., b Stevens	0	Cook b Haddow, R. A.	13
Haddow, R., b Stevens	0	Johnson b Haddow, R. A.	6
Coulthurst, C. J., b Stevens	7	Windass c Jackson	
Nickleson, G., b Stevens	0	b Haddow, R. A.	0
Sutton, A., c Altoft, b Monteith ..	26	Altoft c Nickleson b Sutton, F.	3
Sumpter, T. N., c Sumpter		Monteith not out	4
b Altoft 10		Sumpter lbw b Haddow, R. A. ..	0
Sutton, F., not out	2	Foster c Sutton, A.,	
Extras ..	5	b Haddow, R. A.	3
		Lothouse c Haddow, R.,	
		b Haddow, R. A.	0
		Extras ..	17
		Total ..	93
Bowling: Stevens 5 for 42, Cook			
2 for 33, Altoft 1 for 1.		Bowling: Haddow, R. A., 6 for 8.	

28th June—Brigg v. Lincoln School. Home.

Brigg		Lincoln	
Thompson c Headley b Birkin ..	0	Chapman b Cook	3
Pollicott lbw b Harriss	3	Cook b Cook	3
Markham b Birkin	0	Headley b Stevens	2
Stevens c Headley b Chapman ..	3	Harriss not out	17
Cook b Harriss	8	Senior b Cook	1
Johnson c Schofield b Senior ..	1	Schofield c Monteith b Stevens	0
Windass c Headley b Senior	0	Birkin not out	4
Monteith c Senior b Cook	4	Extras ..	1
Altoft not out	4		
Sumpter c Chapman b Cook	0	Total (for 5) ..	31
Foster c and b Chapman	1	Bowling: Cook 3 for 14, Stevens	
Extras ..	3	2 for 16.	
Total ..	27		

1st July—Brigg v. Wintringham G.S. Away.

Wintringham		Brigg	
Sharman b Foster	9	Thompson b Sharman	27
Metcalf b Altoft	4	Pollicott c Carr b McCondochie	0
Forster b Stevens	7	Markham b McCondochie	6
Raper c Pollicott b Stevens	8	Hopper, J. T., c Carr b Sharman	0
Scarborough c Wilson b Foster	7	Cook c Carr b McCondochie ..	10
Walsham run out	2	Stevens lbw b McCondochie ..	7
Carberg c Altoft b Foster	1	Monteith not out	2
McCondochie c Wilson b Stevens	3	Johnson not out	2
Roper b Cook	2	Wilson, B. A., Altoft and Foster	
Bromley c Markham b Cook	2	did not bat.	
Crar not out	11	Extras ..	8
Extras ..	4	Total (for 6) ..	62
Total ..	60		
Bowling: Foster 3 for 11, Cook 2			
for 15, Stevens 3 for 20, Altoft 1			
for 9.			

2nd XI:—

- v. Louth G.S. Home. Draw. 62 for 8 — 84.
- v. Barton G.S. Won. 82 — 57.
- v. Clee G.S. Away. Lost. 26 — 88 for 9 dec.
- v. Wintringham G.S. Home. Lost. 51 — 116 for 6 dec.

Under XIV XI:—

- v. Scunthorpe G.S. Home. Won.
- v. Barton. Away. Lost.
- v. Lincoln School. Home. Lost. 40 — 52.
- v. Wintringham. Away. Lost.

HOUSE NOTES

ANCHOLME.

We did not do too well in the Cross Country, our first two men home being Altoft and Foster. Altoft must be congratulated on coming second. Lofthouse had the hard luck to fall in the dyke down Brickyard Lane when he was placed 11th.

The house did better in Athletics, Lofthouse being our star performer and gaining his athletic colours. Lofthouse represented the School in the Inter-School Sports.

In cricket we have gained four points out of a possible six. At long last we have beaten School House' on both senior and junior pitches. On the senior pitch the opening pair put on 41 runs, and we won comfortably by seven wickets. The senior side lost to Sheffield House. Altoft and Foster are in the First eleven, Lofthouse and Hall being in the Second eleven.

NELTHORPE.

For the last time after a period of two years I write these notes. I have many memories of House activities in the past years passing through my mind and I am afraid that I shall stray outside the activities of the past term as I write.

This has been a term of hopes and disappointments, such a term as most houses experience. Sports Day came along and we happily discovered that in people like P. Wells, who was athletics captain this year, the Britcliffe brothers, J. Dent, T. Turner and young John Ward, we had some good stuff which undoubtedly will be of great benefit to the House in the future. Wells ran for the School in the Inter-School Sports, and he and J. E. Johnson represented the House in the School team, competing against an Old Boys' Athletics team. It is some years since we won the Athletics Cup; Noel Cobb was House Captain at the time and such names as Roger Cobb, Ken Neaves, George Lawrence, Bunt Bradshaw and the Creaseys, Mick and Brin, come to mind as some of the people who helped in the achievement. I am confident that we can repeat that performance and I am sure that the House will have cause to remember Sports Day in 1951 or 1952.

The results of the House cricket matches are, at the time of writing, almost anyone's guess. The 1st X1 have played only one game so far, unfortunately losing against School House. We welcome Ralph Willey back to the ranks after his illness which kept him out of House cricket last year, but we are compelled to face School without Douce and Ward, two useful players who represent the House, along with Willey, in the School 2nd X1. J. E. Johnson and H. Cook, captain and vice-captain respectively, represent the House in the School 1st X1.

In the under fourteen team we have good prospects. Two games have been played and both very convincingly won. The first was against School House when victory came with five wickets to spare, the second was versus Ancholme House when a victory of nine wickets was gained. Well done! I am confident that this team will beat all comers, having in its ranks School under fourteen players in Aitken, Cousins, Britcliffe, Rickells and Sparks.

We have a good chance of winning the School Cricket Cup this year though the House 1st X1's are very evenly matched and whether we win or lose it is certain that the games will be close and enjoyable.

This is not only a busy term as far as athletics and cricket are concerned, but there is swimming to come. Gunson has been selected as Swimming Captain and at last we have some keen Nelthorpe youngsters who visit the baths almost every day. I hope that this keenness is sustained and that the House will support the Swimming Captain as well as possible.

On top of all these outside activities we must remember the unfortunate ones who have spent beautiful evenings indoors working for the Cambridge Certificates. I am sure that the House would like me to wish these people every success and to those leaving at the end of this term the same wish in all sincerity. For myself, I ask the House to support my successor in every way and I must thank the House-master, Mr. Morris, for his generous help and guidance. Finally, I wish the House goodbye; I cannot do anything better than use the School Motto, 'Fortitudine.'

J. E. JOHNSON.

SCHOOL.

We managed to retain the Athletics Cup this term, the senior section doing very well in every event. G. R. C. McLauchlan was the House Captain and won the Victor Ludorum for the third time running. A. B. Marris put up a very good show to win the Bletcher and J. McLauchlan won the Division E Cup. Congratulations to R. C. Jacklin and A. B. Marris on their Athletics colours. G. R. C. McLauchlan, J. I. Rickett, A. B. Marris, R. C. Jacklin, A. S. Denton and J. McLauchlan represented us in the Inter-School Athletics.

We have not been doing too well at cricket this term. We have obtained four points out of a possible ten so far, having beaten Nelthorpe on the first pitch, and Yarborough on the second. D. Sumpter has been our Cricket Captain. D. Sumpter, D. Thompson and C. Windass have represented us in the 1st XI, and R. Moore, N. Youd and J. D. Hargreaves in the 2nd.

The swimming bath has been in great demand, especially during the heat wave, and we hope to do well in the swimming again.

After the initial craze the tennis courts have not been used so much this year.

G. W. S. Jackson left us after taking his Higher School Certificate. He is spending some time at the Steel Works before going to University. N. Youd has joined us from Nelthorpe House and we hope he will enjoy his stay. A. G. Collins has been made a School Prefect this term.

Old Boys who have visited us this term are R. J. H. Sumpter, J. E. H. Kingdon, A. G. West, M. Dawkins, C. N. Eccles, A. Maw and R. N. Coulthurst.

School House at the present time is a very senior house and consequently the juniors have suffered. They will have to try and make up for their lack of quantity by quality, if we are to remain among the leading Houses. J. H. CHEESEMAN.

SHEFFIELD.

In common with the other Houses, Sheffield has found this term full of activity. Athletics, cricket and swimming have of course supplied us adequately with outdoor activity and, since many of our members are candidates for external examinations, academic work has also been important.

In the athletic sports the House did very well and was runner-up to School House for the Athletics Cup. M. C. Rands and I. Kidner were the champions of Division C and Division D respectively. Bowskill was runner-up to Kidner, and we congratulate all three on their very fine performances. Several members were chosen to represent the School in the Inter-Grammar School and Past v. Present athletics meetings.

We congratulate J. Stevens and D. Pollicott on their appointment as School Cricket Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. The House is very fortunate in having amongst its members two such competent cricketers. In the School cricket teams, Sheffield has supplied the 1st XI with Stevens, Pollicott, Monteith and Wilson, B. A. Woolass and Bosett have appeared in the 2nd XI, and Scarborough, H., Duffill and Bowskill have played for the Under XIV. Stevens has got together two useful

teams for the House matches, and up to date the Seniors have played two matches. In the match against Yarborough, Sheffield won 86 for 5—80; against Ancholme we were again victorious 75—15. The Juniors have played only one match and Yarborough defeated them by two runs. This year we have a splendid chance of winning the Cock House Cup, but to do this it is imperative that we retain the Cricket Cup.

D. Woollass will once again captain the House swimming teams. Last season we became runners-up to School for the Swimming Trophy, and it is up to all our swimmers to do their very best to put Sheffield at the top this season. L. GREEN.

YARBOROUGH.

The cross-country race run at the end of last term under greasy conditions did not produce any brilliant successes as far as the House was concerned. Parkinson was second in the Junior race, and Driffill, P., was third in the Senior, but as I said last term, a few individuals, no matter how good, cannot win the House Cup.

Athletics, at the beginning of this term, was, if anything, even worse than cross-country, and we finished at the bottom of the list. Turner, F., our sole representative in the Inter-School Sports, is to be congratulated on being runner-up for his Section Cup.

On the cricket field this term we are represented in the first eleven by Markham and Hopper, and in the second eleven by Driffill, G., Driffill, P. (the captain) and Thornalley.

One complete House match and an Under XIV match have been played this term so far, and out of a possible six points we have gained only two, by a win by the Under XIV against the Sheffs. The first team, in its only match against Sheffield House, made a creditable score, but failed through lack of bowling ability to remove the opposing batsmen. The only other match, the Under XIV versus School, we also lost.

Swimming Sports loom ahead, and let us hope that the keenness shown by some of our members augurs well for the future.

For another year we must forego the pleasure of gaining the Cock House Cup, but perhaps in the not too distant future it will once more come our way.

In saying goodbye this term I should like to wish the House and my successor the very best of luck, and to thank Mr. Knight for his backing and guidance during the past year.

P. DRIFFILL.

SCOUT NOTES



This term we welcome McPhun, Welburn, Boston, and the Watson brothers into the Troop, of whom Boston and Watson have already passed their Tenderfoot. Cook, Clarke R. T., and Grimble have passed their Second Class.

Two week-end camps have already been held this term in Twigmore Woods, with the kind permission of Colonel Nelthorpe, and another has been arranged. At the most recent of these camps, the Troop constructed a trestle bridge over a stream down Twigmore Lane. The stream has cut for itself a deep ravine, and the centre of the bridge is at least fifteen feet above water level. We are all very pleased with the realisation of this project, which has been planned for some time. Competitions have been held during the term with the newly revived 1st Brigg Troop.

For our summer camp we have arranged to go to Torver, near Coniston Water, where we hope to have as enjoyable a camp as we did last summer, at Brynbach. We also hope we shall be able to see "Bluebird II" in action.

John Lyon, our former T.L., has been ill in Chester Military Hospital, and we send him our sincere wishes for his recovery.

B. BOWLES.



THE GRAMOPHONE CLUB

Because of the pressure of work and outside activities we have not been able to hold many meetings this term, but at those that have been held there has been the same small band of "old-faithfuls." We are grateful in that we have returned to our former haunt of a quiet, upstairs room and that we have had no trouble from the gramophone. I, myself, have been fortunate in securing a large source of records apart from my own collection, thus enabling me to obtain any work that is desired at any time.

The first programme of the term consisted of Beethoven's Overture to "Coriolanus" and his rousing Fifth Piano Concerto (The Emperor). We then had the crown of Mozart's symphonic works, Symphony No. 41 in C, commonly referred to as the "Jupiter." This was followed by a work that went even further into the depths of emotion, Symphony No. 5 in E minor (from the New World) by Dvorak. At our most recent meeting we heard the Symphony No. 6 in F major, the "Pastoral," with its beautiful, rustic story, which so much expresses Beethoven's love for nature.

We should like to welcome any boys who would like to come to any future meetings on Thursday afternoons, especially those in the third forms who may feel in any way attracted by the music.

J. G. HUNTER.

MUSIC NOTES

In a term not usually remarkable for musical activity, two events of importance occurred.

Mr. Heddle Nash's recital in May fulfilled the eager expectations of the many who came to listen. With a native artistry allied to a splendid voice and rich experience, Mr. Nash delighted his audience with classical songs, lieder, operatic arias, folk songs and modern ballads. A generous artist, he withheld nothing that would give true interpretation to his songs and enrich his performance. So delightful a singer is he and so entertaining a person in private, with a fund of reminiscences and amusing tales, that it is easy to understand his universal popularity.

The second event is elsewhere recorded under the title of "Orchestral Week-end." While the writers of this article give little, if any, space to the serious study of their week-end, there is no doubt that they learned much and can bear witness to the value of this venture. Mr. Bernard Shore, author of "The Orchestra speaks," and the others of His Majesty's Inspectors who collaborated, together with Miss McIntosh of this county, are to be congratulated on the success of this unique undertaking.

The number of players in the orchestra is to be diminished at the end of term by the departure of several leavers. Such depletion is, alas for the orchestra, a natural and recurring blow. We hope that they will continue to study their instrument and join some amateur body of players. Geoffrey Jackson, an admirable accompanist of the orchestra for some years, an indispensable help at concerts and a general provider of distracting sound, has already gone, but, we hope, will return on future occasions to give us some piano music. We urge all string players, young and less young, to join the orchestra next term. Mr. Pratt is a kind and patient conductor, and no player need distrust his own ability to make a useful contribution.

CONCERTS 1950-51.

All at 8 p.m.

Thursday, 5th October, 1950: We shall be pleased to welcome Mantle-Childe, fresh from his tour of pianoforte recitals in the United States and Canada and concerts in Paris.

Thursday, 16th November, 1950: For the first time at these concerts we shall hear a string quartet, one of the most famous in the country—the Amadeus.

Tuesday, 12th December, 1950: A Lecture-Recital will be given by Frederick Fuller with Daniel Kelly as accompanist.

Thursday, 14th December, 1950: We hope that our own Christmas Concert will give as much pleasure as our others seem to have done.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1951: The Intimate Opera Society will use our stage and all its trappings for the presentation of their delightful little operas.

Thursday, 3rd May, 1951: Robert Irwin, the Irish baritone, will give a recital of songs.

A season ticket for the series of concerts costs 15/-, and the Secretary of the Music Society will be pleased to hear from Old Briggensians, parents and friends who wish to attend.

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The Association has maintained its strength this year, though it has been necessary to include with this magazine a second reminder to a number of members. This is the third magazine of the year and all have to be paid for by the Association. So please send in your 1949-50 subscriptions if you have not already done so. Soon you will be asked for your 1950-51 subscription which becomes due in October.

The two main activities of the Summer Term as far as Old Boys are concerned have been an Athletics Match with the School and the First Open Day of the newly-formed Old Briggensians' Golfing Association. Both of these are more fully reported elsewhere.

Old Boy visitors have been fairly numerous this term and amongst them have been: M. Harvey, B. Usher, R. A. Chapman, E. Hunt, R. Sumpter, R. N. Coulthurst, W. Bee, M. J. Dawkins, N. Hounslow, H. E. Dibben, P. Dibben, C. R. Keay, B. R. Walker, B. R. Andrew, R. W. Waller, J. Kingdon, C. P. Frankish, K. Bailey, C. N. Eccles, C. G. Taylor, J. T. Gilbert, W. P. Creasey, R. Markarian, L. Barker, N. S. Gurnell, L. W. Collins, A. Maw, J. Robinson.

From them, from the Press, from letters and from rumour we have gleaned the following items:—

R. A. Chapman has left the R.A.F. and is going to St. John's College, York.

E. Hunt was recuperating after a motor-cycle accident.

Robin Sumpter has passed the Intermediate Examination of the Law Society.

M. J. Dawkins is farming with his father. He intends to go to the Riseholme Farming Institute for a one-year course.

H. E. Dibben is leaving Lancashire for Cumberland. He is doing work in connection with atomic research.

R. P. Holmes continues to bring honour to the School. He has been awarded the Willett Medal for his work in operative surgery at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He has now qualified with M.B., B.Chir (Cantab.), and has been appointed a House Surgeon at St. Bartholomew's.

At a Congregation of the Council and Senate on 8th July, 1950, the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Reading was conferred upon Clive A. E. Briggs, M.R.C.V.S., who was at School between 1935 and 1940. The degree was conferred following the submission of a thesis on the results of four years' veterinary research into calf diseases. He is leaving the Research Institute in Animal Pathology, Royal Veterinary College, in September, having been appointed Serologist at the National Institute for Research in Dairying, University of Reading. He will be working there on the Bacteriology of milk, milk supplies and milk products, and investigating the Bacteriology of diseases affecting the dairy cows.

Colin Keay is with the New Zealand Shipping Company. He is a Fourth Officer.

B. R. Walker has made a fine recovery from his illness and is home again.

B. R. Andrew has joined the R.A.F.

E. D. Sykes has been appointed Justice of the Peace on the Epworth Bench of Magistrates.

Peter Dibben, who resumed his University studies after a long break caused by war service, has passed his Final Examination for the Degree of B.Sc. (Agr.), Leeds.

C. P. Frankish has passed Part I of his Final for the degree of B.A. in History at Sheffield University.

At the same University, C. N. Eccles has passed his First M.B., and C. G. Clarke has obtained 2nd Class Honours in Modern Greats.

Brian Creasey is leaving the office of the Scunthorpe Divisional Executive of the Lindsey Education Committee and is going to Westminster Training College.

K. R. Donaldson writes from Stockton-on-Tees, where he is employed with the National Provincial Bank.

R. Sampson is enjoying the varied aspects of life at Immingham, where he works on the Humber Graving Dock.

W. J. Driffill has left Edinburgh for Liverpool, where he has been appointed to a permanent post with the Customs and Excise.

K. R. Bell has left Sheffield for Manchester. He is on the reporting staff of the Manchester Evening Chronicle. Kemsley House, where he now works, is, he tells us, the world's largest newspaper office.

By his success at the Royal Sanitary Institute's Examination in June, at Liverpool, John Cabourne, A.R.San.I., has qualified as an Inspector of Meat and Food. He is an Assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Runcorn U.D.C.

W. H. Harrison was married on 21st January, 1950, to Miss Mary Dowlman, of Croxton, at St. John's Church, Croxton.

G. J. N. Kitchen was married at St. John's Church, Brigg, to Miss Barbara Naylor.

G. R. Lawrence was married on 22nd April to Miss Joan Marshall at St. John's Church, Brigg.

K. C. Horton was married at All Saints' Church, Saxby, on Whit Monday to Miss Barbara Allen.

Another wedding of especial interest to Old Boys was that of J. B. Bell to Miss Barbara Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knight. The wedding took place on 10th April at Brigg Wesley Church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cabourne are to be congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Ruth Anne, on 2nd May, 1950, at Birmingham.

A. E. Brooks has passed the Inter. B.Sc. examination of Nottingham University. He now goes to the University Agricultural College, at Sutton Bonington for the final part of his course.

A. N. Jones has also passed the same Inter. B.Sc. examination.

D. A. Tutty and C. Ellerby are keen motor-cycle racing enthusiasts. We understand that they ride at Cadwell and that Ellerby is to represent Scunthorpe in the Clubman Race in the Isle of Man.

Robin Denton was married at St. Lawrence's, Church, Scunthorpe, to Miss B. Creasey.

C. G. Taylor, who is at the Imperial College of Science, is about to start on a six-weeks' individual survey in the Malvern area.

K. C. Horton is Assistant to the Borough Surveyor at Lincoln.

T. Dring is Surveyor to the Elmington U.D.C., near Oundle.

R. Shelton is now stationed at Leconfield, where Mr. J. Foulkes, recently a master at the School, is Education Officer.

R. Elvin has completed his course at Westminster Training College and has secured an appointment in Somerset.

J. F. Clark is at the Liverpool College of Commerce, where he is studying for the B.Sc. (Econ.) degree of London University.

A. Nicholson, who is a Metallurgical Department apprentice at Appleby-Frodingham, obtained his National Certificate last year. As a result he has been awarded a Technical State Scholarship for University Training. At the same time he was awarded a Prize of 3 guineas by the Joint Committee for National Certificates in Metallurgy. He hopes to take up his Scholarship either at Birmingham University or Sheffield University.

We offer congratulations to our Chairman, Dennis Gilgallon, on his appointment as Headmaster of the new Foxhills Secondary Modern School, Scunthorpe. He has been Assistant under T. N. Sumpter at Brumby.

THE OLD BRIGGENSIANS' GOLFING SOCIETY

This society, of which a preliminary mention was made in the last issue of the *Briggensian*, has now commenced its existence. A meeting was called at the Angel Hotel, and the decision was made to go ahead with the Society. Ronald Taylor and Ronald Davy were Captain and Hon. Secretary respectively. Membership is open to all Old Boys who are members of the O.B.A. The annual subscription to the Golfing Society is 2/6, which should be sent to Ronald Davy, 10, Queen Street, Brigg.

By the courtesy of the Committee of Elsham Golf Club, the first meeting of the Society was held on 25th June, 1950. It took the form of a Bogey Competition in the morning and a match between two teams in the afternoon. The Bogey Competition was won by J. R. Barnes. G. Birley was runner-up. Results of the afternoon match was as follows:—

Captain's Side.	Secretary's Side.
R. Taylor and	A. J. Kettrick and
1 A. I. Morris	J. T. Deebanks 0
C. Dunham and	G. A. Robinson and
1 J. E. Mellers	G. Hoddell 0
S. G. Jarvis and	H. Lings and
1 A. Lyon	E. Dodd 0
J. R. Barnes and	R. Davy and
0 R. C. Roberts	E. Urry 1
—	—
Total 3	Total 1
—	—

Captain's side won by 3 matches to 1.

Members taking part had lunch and tea in the club-house. After tea, a meeting was held, at which it was decided to hold

another similar meeting in the autumn, at Torksey if possible.

Following the meeting, some novelty one-club matches were organised by Mr. Morris. Possibly one of the more memorable incidents was Barnes' devastating drive with a putter.

General feeling was that the day had been well worth while. It is hoped that more Old Boy golfers, no matter what their handicaps, will come along. Seventeen Old Boys took part in this initial meeting, and some were prevented from playing by other engagements.

Thanks are due for an enjoyable day to the Elsham Golf Club; to Mr. Morris, who vouched for our good character; to Ronald Davy, who did a great deal of hard work; and to Ronald Taylor for conceiving the idea.

Pembroke College,
Cambridge,
Easter Term, 1950.

The Editor, "The Briggensian."

Dear Sir,

I am writing this in the middle of May Week, when Cambridge is socially at its brightest and best and busiest. The weather is fortunately helping to that end, and the Colleges, many of them newly cleaned, are seen at their best against a background of green grass and trees and blue sky.

The number of concerts, plays and other entertainments which one wants to attend always increases tenfold in May Week, and it is impossible to go and see even a small proportion of them, with only twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week at one's disposal. Each College has its own Music Society, usually comprising an orchestra and a choir, and most give concerts in May Week. Many also produce plays in their grounds.

But the two main events for most people are the May Races, or "Bumps" on the river, and the College May Balls. The Bumps finished after their fourth day on Saturday, with the Lady Margaret Boat Club (St. John's) as Head of the River. This was followed by "Bump Suppers" and much jollification and burning of boats on "The Backs."

For the May Balls the Colleges become very festive, with coloured awnings, fountains and fairy lights, all of which combine to give an air of relaxation and enjoyment, which is in great contrast to that of two or three weeks ago.

For then we were in the middle of exams. Now, "Tripos time," with all its tension and heart-searchings, burning midnight oil and rows of text books, its large uninspiring examination halls, filled with undergraduates writing as though their very life depended upon it, seems a long way away.

It is difficult not to fall into one (or both consecutively) of two extremes — one that exams are just a blemish on an other-

wise peaceful and pleasant existence, and the other that the gay social round is just an interlude, often all too short, in the struggle to get a good degree.

But both are essential, and one without the other would not make up one half even of Cambridge. "B.A. Cantab" means (or should mean) not only that one knows a certain amount of chemistry or physics or what you will, but that one has lived for a time in, and as a part of, a great and historic educational tradition, using "educational" in the widest sense of the word.

There are, unfortunately, at present, not very many Old Boys up at Cambridge.

Brian Tierney is doing research in history, and hopes to finish his thesis some time next year.

Robert Dee, who left B.G.S. in 1945 to go to Ipswich, is in his first year at St. John's, reading engineering. He still follows School news in "The Briggensian" and wishes to be remembered to all at the School.

John Eccles, who was also at Brigg for a time, has just finished his finals in Law, and is going down at the end of this term.

We are looking forward to welcoming many more Old Boys up here at Cambridge in the near future, and hope some time to have enough to form a Cambridge University Old Briggensians' Association. On behalf of all Old Boys up here, I send best wishes to the School.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN E. H. KINGDON

THE OLD BOYS' MATCH, 22nd July.

At one time it seemed as if the weather was going to be almost as unkind as last year, when the match had to be cancelled in the morning. But in between showers a pleasant game reached its conclusion late in the evening, one of the longest games we have had recently.

The Old Boys' match usually provides an interesting melange of many School generations. Fathers have played against sons, and others, old in cricketing experience have found themselves opposed to very youthful beginners. This year was no exception. The School Eleven is a young one by any standards. The Old Boys' side was younger than some, but, even so, it included representatives from various generations between 1919 and 1949. Stainton and Urry played in the same School Eleven in 1924-25, whilst Maw, Coulthurst and Haddow were in last year's side.

School won the toss and elected to field. Their bowling was steady, but Sumpter and Maw scored freely, the first wicket putting on 51 runs. Runs continued to come at a good pace and tea was taken with the score at 119 for 4, the Old Boys having then batted for slightly less than two hours. Maw was unlucky

to be bowled when so near his 50. The bowling, if not venomous was never loose. The Old Boys resumed their innings after tea and the innings was declared closed at 144 for 6 wickets. During the innings there had been several short delays due to rain, and between the innings a further heavy shower caused a long hold-up.

When play was eventually re-started the Old Boys found bowling and fielding conditions somewhat difficult, but secured two early wickets. Thompson, batting with confidence, and Hopper, patiently maintaining his end, raised the score from 12 to 42 when Hopper was out. Other useful stands took place between Thompson and Monteith, and Markham and Wilson. The School were batting very well and looked like obtaining the runs when they had taken the score to 119 for 8. Then a bowling change produced the desired effect and the innings ended at the very respectable total of 123—a good performance.

An interested spectator was L. F. Down., home on leave from Abadan, where he has been engaged for some years with one of the oil combines. By way of variation in his homeward route he travelled across Europe from Rome to Copenhagen by bus.

Honours of the day should go to the two umpires, Mr. Knight and Mr. Romans, who endured the drizzle with cheerful fortitude. Scores:—

Old Boys.

R. J. H. Sumpter c and b Foster	21
Alan Maw b Cook	45
R. N. Coulthurst run out	29
S. G. Jarvis b Cook	3
E. Urry b Altoft	21
Arthur Maw not out	1
J. R. Cuthbert c Hopper b Foster	4
W. C. Stainton, V. Atkin, R. A. Haddow and Youd did not bat.	
Extras	20
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Total (for 6 wkts. dec.) ...	144
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Bowling: Cook 2 for 23, Foster 2 for 29, Monteith 0 for 14, Stevens 0 for 36, Altoft 1 for 22.

School.

Thompson st Sumpter b Cuthbert	31
Altoft c Alan Maw b Coulthurst	1
Stevens lbw b Coulthurst	0
Hopper c Arthur Maw b Haddow	17
Monteith b Maw	14

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Cook st Sumpter b Cuthbert	0
Pollicott b Maw	11
Hall c Urry b Maw	1
Markham b Urry	18
Wilson not out	17
Foster b Urry	0
Extras	13
Total	123

Bowling: Coulthurst 2 for 27, Maw 3 for 36, Haddow 1 for 9, Stainton 0 for 14, Cuthbert 2 for 24, Urry 2 for 0.

"A MERRY HEART GOES ALL THE WAY."

On Saturday, June 24th, at 7-30 a.m., a party of 40, including Mr. Henthorn, set off to Stratford. The weather on this Midsummer Day was promising, and apart from a little rain on the way and a rather heavy shower late at night, the day was fine and warm. We went via Lincoln and Newark to Leicester, and stopped for a "breather" after we had made our way through the crowded streets of the latter. We then passed through Rugby, Leamington and Warwick, and arrived at Stratford just after noon.

We were surprised to see, not a quaint little Shakespearean village, but a prosperous town, with modern shops and houses, and all the amenities provided by the present day. Yet even these do not seem out of place, for the local people have in many cases decorated their houses to blend with the old relics. But it is not hard to pick out the real show-pieces, for modern architects would not dare to copy the bulging, slanting walls of which the Grammar School is typical. Shakespeare's birthplace itself, however, is in a good state of preservation, and one has no fears of its collapsing while walking round. Inside, there are relics connected not just with Shakespeare but also with the times in which he lived, including such objects as a machine for teaching a baby to walk. The Grammar School is not in such good condition, and it was closed to visitors; the desk at which Shakespeare used to stand (1) was exhibited in his birthplace, a heavy, rough framework, with a cubby-hole underneath.

The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre is very pleasantly situated, surrounded by gardens, and facing the River Avon. It is a massive brick building, flying the town's colours, with a spacious booking hall on the north side; the river flows past its eastern side. The theatre gardens are on the southern side, adjoining the river, while the Bancroft Gardens, in which stands a famous monument to Shakespeare, are situated between the theatre and the famous thirteen arch bridge which is over five

hundred years old and still carries main-road traffic over the Avon. The River Avon is one of the most picturesque sights in this old town, and the view from the theatre gardens over the river to the Church, with the ferry plying in the foreground, is particularly striking.

There are many other places of interest, one of the most interesting being the New Place Museum, which contains archaeological remains of the early British, Roman, and Saxon periods. In the lower rooms are Shakespearean pictures, and of particular interest are the old fireplaces, one of which has a spit operated by the heat of the fire, and a clockwork toasting rack. In a room upstairs is a collection of objects connected with the great actor David Garrick, and another room contains furniture of the Queen Anne period.

We arrived at the theatre in good time for the play, which began at 2-30 p.m. On entering, we were struck by its coolness. There were no thick plush carpets typical of many theatres, but otherwise every thought has been given to the comfort of the patron. Climbing up the stairs, we looked down on a fountain playing in a tiled bowl. On each floor there is a foyer, and French windows lead from them to small balconies, from which one can look down over the gardens. The stage is totally different from those of other theatres. Part is in front of the curtain and part behind. Continuity of scene is ensured by two rolling stages, while at the front of the stage are steps leading down under the stage. These are used by the actors, in full view of the audience, instead of always using the wings.

The play itself, the main purpose of our visit, was "Julius Caesar." The scenery gives a convincing picture of Rome in Caesar's day, and the lighting effects, especially the lightning in the storm scene, were most impressive (except when a patch of light from Brutus's tent was reflected by the sky). To see the play acted gives a much better idea of the qualities of the plays than merely to read them; one can feel better the feelings of Brutus and Cassius when they quarrel, and the effect of Mark Antony's speech on the fickle mob, especially when they are portrayed by such great actors as Anthony Quayle and John Gielgud. After seeing such an excellent production, one can understand why foreigners come thousands of miles to see Shakespeare, for it could not have a better setting than in his birthplace.

We left Stratford about half-past five, and stayed an hour at Warwick for tea. We arrived at Brigg about a quarter to twelve after a long, enjoyable, and beneficial day.

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

**THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
STRATFORD**

Surely, to the true Shakespeare lover, this is the most luring of all the poet's connections in Stratford. This is a modest Church which stands well away from the boat-cluttered river, from the modern Memorial Theatre and out of hearing of the noise of the town centre. Here, in this beautiful peace one of our finest poets sleeps, a son worthy for his works of his Father's roof.

The churchyard gates open into an avenue of trees, leading up to the Church door. On entering the porch one had not only that inexplicable and inevitable feeling always experienced in such beautiful churches, but, added to it, something a little different and one did not feel free from its power until the same entrance porch gave one back to the world to which one rightly belongs. Not even the picture of the verger collecting sixpences inside, revolting and completely out of place as it was, could destroy the spirit of the place. There was so much of Shakespeare and "that other feeling" that nothing else seemed significant.

The church itself is cruciform; the arms of the huge, stone-built cross holding the chapels of St. Andrew and St. Peter seen on the left and right-hand sides as one faces the chancel. At the west end of the Nave, or as it were, at the foot of this huge cross, stands the font at which Shakespeare was baptized, its date being late 15th Century. Beside the font are the hand-written registers containing the entries of the baptism and burial of the poet, 1564-1616. The font looks its age, being chipped around the bowl, a rather large piece knocked out of the brim giving it the appearance of a wasted mouth trying to smile. The registers stare browned and yellowed through their glass prison with the carefully executed handwriting still quite clear and legible.

The tomb of Shakespeare was, of course, the lodestone to us all; it stands in an honoured position within the High Altar-rails under the great east window portraying the Adoration of the Crucified. Passing between two magnificent chapels and up the chancel aisle, each side beautifully adorned by Ancient Miserere Stalls, we were able, across the gleaming brass rails, to see the grave, simple and humble as Shakespeare, I feel, would have wanted it, flat against the stone floor. Until this moment Shakespeare had been a mystic to me, a god of the pedagogues set on high by them. Now, in this almost audible, tangible quiet, with an ordinary body resting in an ordinary grave I really saw him as Shakespeare, as a man.

We were all silent for a time until someone at my elbow read in a whisper the words on the gravestone:

"Good frend, for Jesus' sake forbear
To digg the dvst enclosed heare:
bleste be ye man yt spares this stones,
And cvrsed be he yt moves my bones."

Few men have the right to put such words over his own body and, whether he wrote them or not, after such a great life Shakespeare, deserves the peace which these words, if obeyed, will give him.

J. E. JOHNSON.

WORDS WITHOUT SONGS

Once upon a time I used to sing. Now I don't. For one day our music master made a searching tour of the room, lowered his head to listen to my voice, straightened up with grim satisfaction on his face, pointed a minatory finger at me and said briefly "Stop singing." And so I did, and have not sung since. I don't attempt to understand it, but it seems my voice didn't go up and down enough; I am tone deaf. I was more than a little hurt. Music lessons became very dull. I was expected to keep myself busy with studying the theory of music, all about cleffs and keys and time and notes, loud and soft. I amused myself for a time inventing preposterous directions till I could with ease out-Grainger old Percy himself. But this exercise soon palled, and with the sound of sweet music in my ears—or rather the noise of harsh voices, I would fall into a day-time reverie.

One day, however, I woke to hear a new Schumann song being learned to a free translation of the words—"Lazy Hours." For the first time I took careful notice of the words and found with rising excitement that I had discovered perhaps more than a temporary release from boredom.

How heartily I agreed with the poet who provided the words of this new song:

"Oh, hasten, hasten, lazy hours!
How lagging and dragging the hours seem to me
When I know that I soon shall be free."

I thought it curious that the class should learn the song with unusual speed, until I realised that they were as much affected by the words as I. They were singing with heartfelt emphasis:

"Blustering threats will not hasten them past.
Spiteful, they plot and plan to deceive me;
In their malice they plan to deceive me,
Plan of my freedom to rob and bereave me,
But I'll escape from their bondage at last."

Then the bell rang for end of School.

In the following week's lesson I hastened on my new-found path of delightful discovery. After having struggled that very day with the coils of French and German composition, I thought it excellent to find a song called "Preach not me your musty

rules." But a slight uneasiness spoilt my enjoyment when I read on:

"Preach not me your musty rules,

Ye drones, that mould in idle cell ———"

was the poet referring to schoolmasters? Could they with justice be called "idle"? By no means, thought I; far from it.

"The heart is wiser than the schools,

The senses always reason well."

But this was really going too far. Give rein to the senses? What criminal teaching was this?

"If short my span, I less can spare

To pass a single pleasure by.

An hour is long if lost in care

They only live who life enjoy."

Who life enjoy? Then have I been dead many a time—a conclusion that smacks of a *reductio ad absurdum*. Improper words! But, as far as I can make out, the tune is good and the boys sing it with gusto.

More exploration in later lessons brought me to a whole series of love songs that I thought appeared to speed the education of the young mind at an ill-advised pace. "I attempt from Love's sickness to fly"; "The Penniless Wooer" (who had not *Lochinvar's* audacity); "The Self-Banished Lover" (whose normal posture is lying at the feet of his lady); "Phillis hath such charming Graces" and "Live with me and be my Love." Even suicidal tendencies seemed to be encouraged:

"If no more these eyes may behold her,

Then evermore I hate the light."

Luckily such sentiments leave me cold and I turned the pages.

My search for further education was rewarded, but I was surprised to find that the unmentionable flea was here dignified with a song all to himself. The poem related how a king had an enormous flea which he loved so much that he ordered a special suit of the finest cloth to be made for him, and all his relations were invited to live at court. The courtiers had to endure their roamings with discomfort, but—and here the singers take their audience into their confidence—not so ordinary folk, for they can "bite and kick and scratch." Now this, when learnt, was a song that the boys never failed to enjoy, for it inspired them to frenzied action when the master was in the right mood to allow it.

Instructive as I found the words to be, I had to come to the conclusion that in a music lesson the music is more important than the words. If these poems were printed in anthologies for study in the classroom, dare I suppose that terminal examinations would pose candidates such questions as:—

Discuss the respective merits of *Excelsior* and *Upidee* as a refrain for *Longfellow's* poem.

What is the probable effect of a chicken's sneeze? What steps might be taken by Pest Control to counteract the danger to farm poultry?

When the cowboy has drawn his week's money, what kind of honey does he expect to find at home—lime, clover, heather, or what?

Next music lesson I shall find out the answer to "Kitty, my love, will you marry me?" discover what happened when a young man and Moll Moloney trotted to the fair on a single pony, and learn what is left when all ten green bottles have fallen from the wall.

ORCHESTRAL WEEK-END

As the bell rang at the end of afternoon school on Friday, June 19th, excitement grew in the minds of the boys of the school orchestra as they were about to take part in a new experiment in North Lincolnshire. Violins, cases and music were gathered together and we scrambled into the waiting bus. A final check was made by Mr. Pratt and away we went. The journey was broken as we stopped at a Brumby Secondary School in order to pick up another contingent of players that exactly filled the bus. At the end of the journey we drew up outside the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, which was situated at one end of a row of three schools, the others being a Technical School and a Girls' Grammar School.

Having got rid of our luggage and quickly looked round the place, we made a copy of the time-table for the week-end and then proceeded to the important item of tea. This we had in the School dining-room, and, after some excellent food we were given an informal speech of welcome. We were then equipped with sleeping necessities, namely a mattress and three blankets, resulting in a scramble for a room that was to be our dormitory. We each added to our comfort by supplying our own sheets. There then came the first rehearsal in the Hall, where we formed a full string orchestra of pupils, masters and mistresses, all under the keen supervision of our conductor, Bernard Shore. After playing for about ninety minutes we helped to decrease the food supply still further as we had supper. This was over at about nine o'clock and the time was our own up to ten o'clock, when we had to be on the school premises. At the end of a busy day we snuggled down into our little beds and awaited "lights-out" at half-past ten.

Two or three of the boys in our "dorm." were suddenly awakened in the early hours of Saturday morning by a bright beam of light coming direct through a window. The door was then opened and a deep voice broke the still silence of the night. I was awakened by a conversation taking place in the darkness. A request was made for the lights to be switched on. When this

had been done many more of the boys woke up and began to rub their eyes. The time was half-past one. Just inside the doorway the "intruders" were standing and these were two burly policemen, who demanded to know who we were and what we were doing in the school buildings. Moody (being the bravest) explained to the sergeant that we were on a week-end orchestral course at the school. When these two maintainers of law and order were satisfied that we were not at the school for any unlawful reason, they apologised and bade us good-night. Then, one by one we fell asleep (except those who were already deep in slumber).

When I awoke just after dawn I remembered having seen some policemen, but where? I could not at first recollect where I had seen them. I thought I had been dreaming, but—no! As soon as the other boys awoke again, they began to discuss what had happened during the night. It was then that I realised it was all true. The first night no-one had slept for more than four hours, partly because of the excitement of what had happened since our arrival and what was to happen in the remainder of our stay.

After breakfast we had a full rehearsal in the Concert Hall and after a short break in which to refresh ourselves we went to our Sectional Rehearsals.

According to the time-table we were allowed to do as we wished on Saturday afternoon. Several of younger brethren visited the public swimming bath, which was in the town, and were accompanied by Mr. Pratt; others seized upon the chance of looking round the town of Gainsborough, while the remainder (two in number), not interested in these two ways of passing the time, pursued their own particular interest.

We had tea at a quarter-past four and we then attended another Full Rehearsal. One could now observe that each piece of music was taking its proper shape. Mr. Pratt, having the privilege to listen to our Full Rehearsals, remarked that the music improved at every rehearsal.

In the evening several ladies and gentlemen connected with the musical world in Lincolnshire, together with the orchestra, were entertained by a string quartet. Mr. Bernard Shore, our very able conductor, played the first violin, Miss G. Collins the second violin, Miss Smith the viola, and Mr. Arthur True the cello. At the beginning of the recital Mr. Shore said that the combination of the sounds of the four instruments produced the most heavenly music ever possible. Each instrument has that quality of tone which, when combined, produces a most pleasing sound. These four very talented instrumentalists played two

quartets by Mozart and one by Haydn. The recital was a delight to hear.

After breakfast on the Sunday, there were rehearsals during the greater part of the morning. Lunch was at 1 o'clock and after that we had until 3 o'clock, when a concert was given before a small audience by the Senior and Junior Orchestras. At the end of the concert, Mr. Bernard Shore thanked all those who had helped during the week-end and outlined the purpose of these week-ends. It is hoped that another one will be held in the near future. One of the girls presented Mr. Shore with a book, "Science and Music," in appreciation of his services in helping to make the week-end a success. After tea we all took our leave and boarded the bus for home, taking with us recollections of a happy week-end.

ROAD HOGS.

Trees and hedges all flash past
As down the hill they speed,
With little time to view the scene,
For speed fulfils their need.

They are a curse upon the road,
Who think themselves so clever;
To break their necks or risk their lives
Is all they think of ever.

The time has come for this to stop,
The death rate is too high;
For why should they for love of speed
Cause harmless souls to die?

G.C.M.

"WAITER! THERE'S A MAN IN THIS SOUP!"

The other night we were walking quietly along a road, minding our own business, when we were suddenly surrounded by a crowd of half-naked little boys and a large dog of uncertain ancestry, which showed us the whites of its eyes. The little boys arranged themselves in equal and opposing parties and commenced to play, as follows: "Tch, tch! You're dead!" "I'm not!" "Yes, you are, you old blank!" and so on, ad nauseam.

This little incident gave our sensitive mind quite a shock, but it reminded us of a similarly frightening experience that happened to our friend of a term or two ago, Colonel Featherby Rumbington Boore. This was a particularly fortuitous whim of fate, because our respected Editor had approached us only a day or two before and had said, in his usual impeccable style, "See wotcha can think up, son, we're a bit pushed fer 'stuff'," which only goes to prove that the Magazine isn't all the collected ravings of the people in the "School Lists."

This particular event occurred during one of the Colonel's many successful trips to Africa.

He was travelling to Banzai country to see a man about a dog and had not gone far before he came to an impenetrable jungle. The thing to do, of course, was to penetrate it, so he set his ten thousand native bearers on burning and blasting it away.

After about five years, the party had progressed about 75 yards 2 feet $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches, when they were suddenly attacked by a crowd of savage, who came at them yelling their dreadful war cries:

La montre de mon grand-pere a été coupée

Par éclair en zigzag!

Stow away from boilers!

Light the blue touch paper and retire!

These blood-curdling phrases so frightened the Colonel that he inadvertently pressed the trigger of his gun and shot the chieftain, who was rushing at him yelling his own special war cry:

Down at the Old Bull and Bush, push, push!

This show of markmanship had the fortunate effect of frightening away the savages, but this scarcely relieved the Colonel, since he now had a dead body on his hands, and, as he was in a police state, you could never tell what might come of a dead body.

The thing to do, therefore, was to conceal it, and it was with mixed feelings that the Colonel came suddenly upon an ex-Urban District Council tar-boiler. I say mixed feelings because (a) this was the very place for the body, and (b) he didn't like tar-boilers. However, this was no time for petty fancies, and, calling up five thousand of his men to help him, the Colonel put the body in the tar-boiler and went on to see the man about the dog.

Some time later, the two men who operated the tar-boiler returned, and, to coin a phrase, "got spraying."

Now, as you may guess, the influence of a body upon tar is not insignificant, and it was not long before one tar-sprayer said to his mate, "Bill, this 'ere tar don' 'arf stink." To which his mate replied, "Does it not, djah boy." "Ah," confirmed the first, and then, "Wot is it, Bill?" "I feah I do not know, djah boy, but the matter is certainly one for speculation," quoth Bill, and so they fell to speculating.

But speculate as they would, they little guessed what queered their pitch.

"BUNJY."