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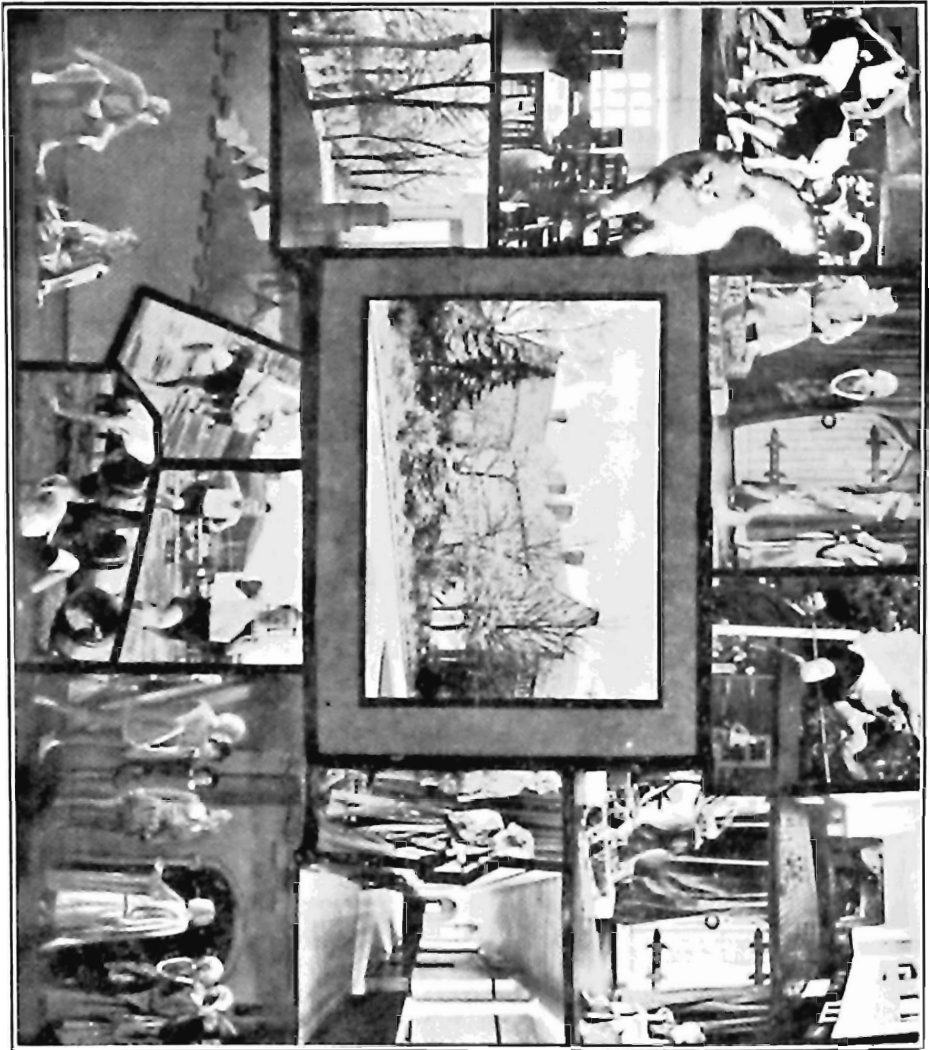
## EDITORIAL.

*Editorial Board* :—K. Boyes, M. Miles, T. Rogers, C. Balmer, M. S. Lindahl,  
D. Harrison, J. W. Parsons.

“ Years ago, when the Danes invaded England, the ground on which the School now stands was the only dry land in the marsh surrounding the Trent. Gorse bushes covered this rising ground, which became known as the ‘Gorse Holmes.’ In course of time the name was corrupted to ‘The Gozzams,’ this name remaining unchanged through the years to the present day.”

So reads a Form III.B. magazine, *The Gozzams’ Gazette*, of 1920, or thereabouts, discovered in one of the recesses of the School reference library. May we, in grateful imitation, take the name—*The Gossamer*—for this, the School Magazine of 1934. It is certainly distinctive, and we dare to hope that in future years it will become distinguished. At present, however, we are all too conscious that it is the title of but a modest and ill-balanced beginning, for our magazine is little more than a chronicle of School events for the past year. As such, indeed, it should be valuable, but we note with regret that there is an almost complete absence of original matter. This, doubtless, is due to the pressure of time and examinations. Some few efforts have been made for which we tender our thanks, and express the hope that the disappointed contributors will not be discouraged from trying again. Also, we confidently hope that every member of the School will soon come to regard inclusion in *The Gossamer* as the highest possible reward for his or her most inspired efforts. We intend to set ourselves a high standard.

We trust, too, that *The Gossamer* will play an important part in binding Old Scholars to the School. In this issue we have included “Old Scholars’ Notes,” and have tried therein to give a slight indication of “Where They Go.” Sporting memories, no doubt very pleasant, will be revived by the photographs of the 1913 football team, and the 1933 Old Boys’ cricket team in their match against the School. Letters and articles from Old Scholars—and news of their careers—will always be welcomed.



## OBITER SCRIPTA.

We all extend a very hearty welcome to the new member of the staff, Miss Campbell, who came to us this term from Keswick School. It is reported that an early attachment to golf, with its hazardous exploration of unchartered lands, led her to an interest in Geography, and so to an honours degree in that subject at Bedford College, London. The similarity of the weapons involved converted her to Hockey, and she had the distinction of playing for the College 1st XI. and for her county—Cumberland. We understand that the all-important question of the shortest way from the tee to the green is still more than an academic problem.

Monsieur Cima, too, is a newcomer whom we were all pleased to welcome. It was flattering to hear from one well acquainted with French schools his many compliments on our delightful school buildings. We are pleased to reply that our seniors, already keen on the language and literature of his country, have been still further encouraged by their acquaintance with him. Coming from the South of France, he has often pondered on the number of visitors to his sunny land from England. It is believed that his experiences of the last few weeks of Long Eaton in November has brought some enlightenment on this matter.

We were sorry that Miss Silk was incapacitated for so long this term, and we are all delighted to hear that the operation to her foot has been entirely successful.

We are glad to be able to welcome the return for a little while of Miss Kendall, of whom as a student for the Cambridge Teaching Diploma we had retained pleasant memories from the previous year. We wish her all success in her career.

The year has been once again fruitful in University successes. Following closely upon Joan Knott's many scholarships came the news of Joan Comery's Open Scholarship to Newnham College, Cambridge, in Geography, and, later, her State and County Major Scholarships. Joan Godfrey and Grist won studentships at University College, Nottingham.

Perhaps the most notable distinctions of Old Scholars have been those of T. C. Sharman. A Scholar of Clare College, Cambridge, he followed his 1st Class Honours in Modern Language Tripos with a 2nd in the Historical Tripos. In the 1st Class Civil Service Examination, the most distinguished in the world, he was placed 7th, and has been appointed Vice-Consul at Riga. His successes

may serve as a tribute not only to his own industry and integrity, but as an example of the democratic character of our Schools and Universities. The opportunities which he has seized are open to all who complete their courses of secondary education.

Readers will, no doubt, realise our indebtedness to Mr. Mansfield for the composite picture on page 2 of some of the many school activities. His ubiquitous camera records all events with expert precision, including even the celebrated school ghost, although the awful secrets of the latter are still closely guarded by the Photographic Society.

The invaluable help of Mr. J. B. Coleman must be mentioned here. His highly expert "making up" in the School plays has helped considerably towards their success, and we shall be fortunate and grateful to have the privilege of his skill in any of our future productions.

Among the newcomers to the School during the last year has been a very fair, quiet stranger, who though only a few inches in height has shown remarkable agility in making himself conspicuous. He has arranged his own timetable with the quiet assurance of his species, and, though revealing a natural predilection towards ichthyology and domestic science, he has been known to visit music lessons. His combination of a thoughtful attitude with a vacant expression has been carefully copied by many of a supposedly higher order.

As we go to press, we hear with regret of the premature visitation by fire of a rival educational establishment. The consequent increase in the quantity of homework done has been noticed with pleasure in certain quarters.

The cover of the magazine has presented some difficulties in the process of reproduction. The present cover is only temporary, and Miss Rigby's new design, to which we shall all look forward with great interest, will be incorporated in the next issue.

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### THE SCHOOL PLAY, 1934.

"The Ivory Door," by A. A. Milne, was produced in the school hall on the 22nd and 23rd of March, and was very successful.

In the prologue, which takes place somewhere in the Middle Ages, we see good King Hilary (Balmer) sitting in his throne room. In one of the walls is an ivory door, hidden by tapestry and leading

to . . . well, no one knew where. King Hilary talks with Prince Perivale (B. Wallis), his son, a child of eight or nine years.

Act I. presents the same scene, but fifteen years later. Perivale is now king. The ivory door is no longer hidden; since it is there, why hide it? Perivale has a passion for truth, the truth about himself which he knows, and the truth about many other matters of which he only knows that he is ignorant. He is still waiting to know the secret of the ivory door, and wondering . . .

In the second scene he unlocks the door and walks firmly through.

The first scene of Act II. shows the outer walls of the castle—it is two hours since we last saw Perivale, and he has now discovered the secret of the door. "So that was all. Another legend . . . We talk the truth out of every thing."

The second scene shows the gate of the castle through which the Princess Lilia (Joan Hurley) must come to Perivale, her bridegroom. Perivale, however, first appears, but is arrested by the Captain of the Guard (Martin) as an impostor. The princess comes, and is told of Perivale's death on the other side of the door. She insists on going through the door herself.

In Act III. the scene is the throne room of the palace once more. The Captain and the Chancellor (Charnell) await the return of the Princess. She returns . . . and is not believed. "She goes through the door to her death" is the ingenious explanation of the Captain. "An evil spirit has taken her place, passes itself off as the Princess, and hails her fellow-devil as the King."

To escape death, the King and the Princess pass once more through the ivory door, and become part of the legend . . . as we have seen in the glimpse into the future—the epilogue. Here the King (Grist) is relating the story of the legend to his small son (Rowe).

Other characters in the play are Brand, Perivale's body-servant (Barry), a Mummer (Alton), two Soldiers of the Guard (J. Smith and Krause), Anna (Mary Grebby), and Thora (Ruth Lawley).

All parts were well played, and the production was much enjoyed by the members of the cast, while the audiences on both nights showed keen appreciation.

Many thanks are due to those members of the staff who helped with the production, and also to all who worked "behind the scenes."

The hard-working crowd and understudies must not be forgotten, and the efforts of Evans in mastering the Chancellor's part before having to relinquish it owing to illness, deserve special mention. Charnell stepped into this breach at very short notice and gave a highly creditable performance. The chief part (Perivale) was played by an Old Scholar (Clowes), whose generous aid, given at much inconvenience to himself, was keenly appreciated.

M. J. C.

### SCHOOL EXCURSIONS, 1934.

There have been fairly frequent School outings this year, of such variety that all the different tastes in the School must have been catered for; furthermore, they have nearly all been instructional, instilling in an enjoyable manner useful knowledge, and cultivating artistic interests.

Parties, consisting chiefly of senior science classes, have been given the opportunity to see for themselves the various processes of several industries. A visit to Long Eaton Gas Works was made early in the Summer Term, the main processes in the manufacture of coal-gas being explained and demonstrated. Afterwards, thought was further stimulated by a competition for the best essay on coal-gas manufacture, for which the prizes were kindly given by the Long Eaton Gas Company.

Later in the term a similar party went to the Stanton Iron Works, and was shown the smelting of the iron and molten iron flowing into moulds to become pig-iron. In another part could be seen the manufacture of the Stanton Pipes, and, later, the astonishing resilience of a cast-iron pipe was demonstrated by a test to destruction. Tea, followed by a short speech on the growth of the works, concluded a very interesting afternoon.

Early in the Autumn Term, a larger party visited the Cadbury's Works at Bournville, being first taken round the village in 'buses, and then conducted over the works. Processes were explained and questions invited, and, after all had been given tea and a souvenir tin of Cadbury's products, they left for home, feeling very contented with life.

On the Monday of half-term, some senior boys went to Loscoe Colliery, reaching the coal face after a long journey along a low tunnel.

The rehearsal of the Royal Air Force display at Hendon caused great interest and excitement to a party representative of most forms in the School, while aviation enthusiasts were naturally in their element. A select few went also to Trent Bridge on the Monday of the Test Match at Nottingham.

More on the arts side, there was an outing, chiefly for the Fifth Form, to Stratford-on-Avon early in the Summer Term to see the "Tempest" played at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, while halts were made on the way at places of historical interest, such as Warwick and Kenilworth Castle. This play was so excellently done that it elicited ungrudging praise even from the most hardened anti-Shakespearian element of the party. A small party also saw "Twelfth Night" acted at the Grand Theatre, Derby, earlier in the year.

Early in the present term, "L'Avare," one of Molière's comedies, presented at Bemrose School by a company of French actors, was seen and enjoyed by a party of seniors.

On November 6th a large party from the whole School attended a special concert for schools, given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Dr. Malcolm Sargent explained the music played and demonstrated the range of the instruments. The concert was all the more appreciated in the light of the explanations given by the conductor and others given earlier by Mr. Parmenter.

Altogether, the outings have, without exception, given great pleasure, and we look forward eagerly to the programme for 1935.  
M. S. L.

### LECTURE AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the session 1933-4, the name of the Society was changed to the present one of Lecture and Debating Society, instead of the Literary and Debating Society. This was done in order to afford greater scope for subject-matter, and its wisdom is seen from the titles of the various lectures. It seems a far cry from Copernicus to William Wordsworth, from Television to Liquid Air, but as none of these lectures was for specialists they were of interest to all.

In the matter of lectures, the Society had a very successful programme, though the one and only debate failed, in spite of the efforts of the principal speakers to infuse enthusiasm into the meeting. The question whether Germany was right in leaving the League of Nations was very topical, but, unfortunately, it provoked no riots among the audience.

The lectures, as their titles prove, were interesting and diverting enough to appeal to all tastes. The first meeting of the year was addressed by Mr. Macdonald on the subject of Copernicus, an astronomer who had original theories about the formation of the universe, which have later been proved to be erroneous. Dr. Pearce, the School "vet.," also gave an instructive talk on aeroplanes. This was well illustrated by lantern slides, and was chiefly about war-time machines, the doctor himself having been a war-time pilot.

In the new year, Mr. Parsons gave a lecture on "Newfoundland," which proved an excellent geographical survey of the island. There were good lectures from several students. Joan Godfrey showed us several interesting experiments with liquid air, G. B. Harrison made us familiar with the wonders of television, while on the literary side Grist gave a workman-like account of the life and works of William Wordsworth.



As usual, we held no meetings during the Summer Term, but the session 1934-5 was opened by a most instructive talk, given by Miss Turner, on the "History of Life on the Earth." Drawings of life from the jelly-form to the mammoth age were shown, as also some of our supposed early ancestors. The second meeting of the term was addressed by Mr. A. Lawley, an old scholar, who this summer spent a holiday at Geneva. After showing his collection of photographs taken there, Mr. Lawley invited anyone to ask him questions on the League of Nations and other kindred subjects. A keen discussion followed this invitation. Much interest was aroused at the third meeting when M. Cima gave a clear and interesting lecture in French on "Noel en Provence." M. Cima stressed the importance of the Christmas Eve celebrations, and showed us how all classes of people in that part of France enjoy that festive occasion.

These are the only meetings held so far this term. The Committee in its selection of speakers is doing its best to maintain the high level of previous years, and hopes the rest of the School will give them the support they deserve.

C. R. B.

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### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

Meetings have been rather crowded out by other activities, but time has been found to demonstrate artificial light printing and enlarging.

Some quite excellent prints were made by Theo Rogers and Betty Woodrow. Keen interest has been shown by members of Form V., and it is hoped to arrange regular meetings next term.

F. M.

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### MUSIC STUDY CIRCLE.

*Committee* :—Balmer, Grace Dakin, Joyce Dellow, Gardner.

A meeting of the study circle was held, by kind permission of Mr. Mansfield, at his house on November 2nd, at 4.30. There were present :—Gardner, Smith Jack, Fearn, Speed, Smith Hugh, Martin, Wood, Heard, Astill, and Makins. The chair (the one near the fire) was filled completely by Mr. Parmenter. The proceedings began with tea. The chairman's suggestions that the buns should be rationed according to the weight of the recipient was met with a chorus of combined "oi's" and "wa's," and was considered rejected. Mr. Mansfield's excellent reproducer was then brought into action, and the following music (mostly in anticipation of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's Concert) was played :—

Fingal's Cave Overture	.....	.....	Mendelssohn
Prelude	.....	.....	Jarnefeldt
Berceuse	.....	.....	Jarnefeldt
Symphony in B minor, 1st movement	.....	.....	Schubert
Till Eulenspiegel	.....	.....	Richard Strauss

The latter, a very recent recording, was much appreciated.

A similar meeting for girls was held a week later at the same time. A.G.

### HOCKEY, 1933-34.

Seasons 1933-34.

*Captain*—M. Dalgliesh.

*Vice-Captain*—J. Tunnicliffe.

*Treasurer and Secretary*—K. Boyes.

The standard of play during the season was quite average, the members of the team playing well together and showing a good spirit. In the early part of the season the defence showed on the whole more vigorous work than the attack, who, though playing well in the open field, often failed to finish well, so that match results were not always indicative of the exchanges of play that had taken place. In the later part of the season the forward line showed greatly improved form, and the season closed well with a victory over Nottingham University College 2nd XI.

The School 2nd XI. played two matches, losing both, but showing good spirit and a determination to improve.

### JUNIOR COUNTY TRIALS.

As a result of the trials held at Derby in December, 1933, J. Godfrey (centre-half) and K. Boyes (goal) were selected to act as reserves for the Junior County XI.

### INTERNATIONAL MATCH—ENGLAND *versus* IRELAND.

A School party attended the International match, March 10th, 1934, played on the ground lent by Messrs. Forman, of Nottingham. The play was thrilling from start to finish. The English forwards were brilliant in attack, scoring heavily during the game. The Irish goalkeeper, however, showed up no less magnificently in her constant task of defence.

Result : England 7, Ireland 1.

Season 1934-5.

Autumn Term.

*Captain*—K. Boyes.

*Vice-Captain*—P. Cowlin.

*Treasurer and Secretary*—B. Woodrow.

The present season's play has begun very well. The School XI. is a well balanced and active side. The Team combination is good and an admirable spirit pervades the games and practices. All five forwards are represented in the list of goal-scorers—Eileen Longden heading the list. The defence is again very steady and efficient, playing with judgment and understanding. With so promising an XI., the prospect for the season is good.

*Team* :—K. Boyes ; P. Cowlin, B. Smith ; M. Miles, B. Woodrow, P. V. Cowlin ; J. Rogers, D. Revill, K. Heaps, E. Longden, B. Pegg.

J. T.

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### TENNIS.

The tennis season this summer was quite successful. Joyce Tunnicliffe captained the team, and she and Doris Revill made a very effective first couple. The second couple was Ruth Lawley and Muriel Miles, and the third Joan Godfrey and Margaret Dalglish. Bessie Smith and Jean Cordingly also played occasionally. Although several matches had to be cancelled owing to rain, the team finished the season with five victories to their credit, against four defeats. They beat Ilkeston once and lost to them in the return match ; beat Barrow-on-Soar twice and lost to Heanor twice ; beat Notts. University 2nd twice and lost to Swanwick once.

K. B.

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### SWIMMING.

This year we were not so fortunate as in 1933, for the swimming sports were held in the Derby Road Baths, Long Eaton, and not, as we had hoped, in the Victoria Exhibition Baths, Nottingham. As the Derby Road Baths are so small, the variety of events was limited. The boys had the usual length and relay races and a junior and senior plunge, the length races being arranged as form competitions as well as being divided into senior and junior events.

The girls' events were arranged as junior and senior competitions ; with a mixed relay. This year the girls had a plunging competition and an extremely interesting obstacle relay, juniors and seniors taking part. There was also, as in previous years, a penny picking and an underwater competition.

The final points for the boys were—Derwent 62, Trent 56½, Soar 55½ ; and for the girls—Trent 75, Derwent 56, Soar 53. On adding these points together, the final result was—1, Trent ; 2, Derwent ; 3, Soar.

The victory of Derwent house in the boys' sports was mainly due to the fine swimming of Adams, Eves, and Breed. Gill, of Soar house, also distinguished himself by winning several junior events.

Among the girls, Muriel Miles, Eileen Longden, and Betty Woodrow won valuable points for their respective houses; R. Smith, C. Thompson, and P. B. Fernyhough showed great promise among the juniors.

M. M.

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### CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The season 1933-34 was fairly successful as far as senior running was concerned. Good running was enjoyed during Wednesday games periods by a constant few, though runs organised during after-school hours received little patronage.

As usual, the Annual Steeplechase attracted many who had done little or no running during the season. The benefits of continual training were shown by Harrison VI., of Derwent, who won the steeplechase in fine style from a good field. Closely following him were Isherwood (T.) and Breed (D). A touch of comedy was given to the race by the delaying of the greater part of the field at Lock Lane Crossing. A slow and seemingly never-ending goods train gave these ample opportunity to regain their spent breath, and also speeded up the latter part of the race.

The Junior Steeplechase was won by Evans (T.), closely followed by many of the same house. This large following of keen runners gave Trent the grand total of 710—a lead of nearly 130 from Derwent—the runners-up with 583.

From this, may I be permitted to point a moral? Trent House were third in the Senior Chase, with a few sparkling runners and less runners-up. In the Junior Steeplechase, a large number of keen and willing runners easily made up for this deficiency, and so the house won the Cross-Country Shield. If this season people will turn out for practice runs—even the football team would find benefit from these—above all, if they will turn out to support their house on the day of the Steeplechase, though they may not have the speed of a Lovelock, there will be added keenness in the race and perhaps some exciting and astonishing results.

“CAPTAIN.”

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### CRICKET.

We again had a very successful cricket season. Nine 1st XI. matches were played and six were won.

The drawn match with Heanor was probably the most exciting. Heanor batted first and on an easy wicket compiled 167—quite the highest score made against us during the season. Fortunately, our captain, Breed, was in form, and we were well on our way to knocking the runs off when stumps were drawn with the score at 117 for two, Breed 76 not out.

Although the averages show how much we owed to our captain, considerable promise was shown by the junior members of the team.

A novel match was included in the fixtures. A team of Old Boys was raised by Mr. Alan Smith from those who had played for the School in the previous season or two. The result on this occasion was a draw. The members of both teams enjoyed this re-union, and hope that the precedent will be followed.

The last match of the season, against the Old Boys, saw the School's first defeat. It was, perhaps, unfortunate that some of those boys who had done so well during the season, and in the corresponding match last year, had an unlucky day. For on this occasion the spectators, instead of seeing the brisk batting and cleverly-varied bowling that had brought success in the previous matches, witnessed only a sad and rather timid procession. Since one member of the staff took half the wickets and another scored half the runs, the School's contribution was hardly noteworthy. We hope that this match in 1935 will find the team a little more confident.

K. B.

BREED (Captain).

Breed's all-round excellence was an inspiration to the team, and, without doubt, the chief cause of its success. 65, 73, 82, and 76 not out are some of his figures. He was rarely beaten, for he usually came out trying the long handle. His bowling was an improvement on the previous season—7 for 16, 5 for 20, 6 for 9 were his best figures, and in no match was he expensive. His fielding will be remembered for some time. He kept even the most somnolent members of the team alert; his throwing was magnificent, and he frequently took catches which no one else would have considered chances. As a result of these performances he was awarded the bat, kindly given by Mr. J. Syson, Chairman of the Governors.

BETTLE (Secretary and Vice-Captain).

Bettle's wicketkeeping was vastly improved and his batting was more consistent than in the previous season. In a quiet and unobtrusive way he did a great deal of valuable work. In arranging cricket materials, rolling the pitch, organising net practice, and generally fostering a healthy spirit of *esprit de corps*—in these matters Bettle was invaluable, and his industry in these directions brought him more credit than any individual performances on the field could have done.

## GRIST.

Rather late in the batting order, Grist had little opportunity of demonstrating his powerful defence. Towards the end of the season he began to swing his bat in quite a threatening manner. His bowling, though of infinite variety, had only moderate success.

## LONGLAND.

Longland always looked good for fifty, but invariably came out for rather less. He had some excellent leg shots, but was soon persuaded to give an easy catch close in. He should do much better next season. His work as emergency wicketkeeper suggests that he will make a worthy successor to Bettle.

## LOWE.

Lowe's bright knocks half way through the innings were always pleasing, and the air of mild detachment with which he hit a four was a joy to behold. His genuinely innocent bowling—very slow, tossed rather than bowled, but of excellent length—was regarded with great suspicion by some of our opponents—West Bridgford, against whom he took 7 for 11, being particularly susceptible.

## LEWIS.

Lewis was another hitter whose methods, however, were a little more rustic. Possessed of one—but only one—effective stroke, he used it impartially for all balls, of all lengths and on all sides of the wicket. Its occasional coincidence with some of these produced a few runs. His fielding was good.

## ASTILL.

Astill's bowling proved more successful than we expected. Although he can keep an excellent length and has full control of his spin, as a slow bowler he must expect occasional punishment. Only in two games, however, was his bowling seriously hit, and in the others he was uniformly successful. 6 for 15, 4 for 13, 4 for 26, and 3 for 18 are good figures for his first season. His batting lacks confidence, but shows promise.

## UPTON.

Upton's steady batting and really good fielding suggest that he will become a very useful member of the team. His unperturbed style was surprising for one so small.

PAYTON, PYEFINCH and ISHERWOOD batted in a knowledgeable way, but without much success. All three fielded keenly.

Colours were awarded to Longland and Astill.

## FOOTBALL, 1933-34.

*Captain*—Bettle.

The results of last season's first XI. matches were disappointing. Sixteen matches were played—three were won, two drawn, and the remainder lost. There can be no doubt that the team felt the absence of two players very keenly. Breed, centre-half, missed the majority of the matches owing to knee trouble, and the illness of Todd—a reliable goalkeeper—found us without any efficient substitute for this position.

Lack of cohesion and thrust among the forwards was responsible for several narrow defeats. The players were individually skilful, but that essential understanding and swift positioning so essential to success revealed itself in only one match, against Heanor, away, when more than a draw was merited. Against such teams as Ashby and Bemrose we were outclassed and out-weighted, but we are all determined that some definite progress shall be made this season.

The team would be encouraged by better support from members of the School. The majority of the home matches have been arranged for Saturdays, and all members of the School are invited to attend.

Colours for the season were awarded to Longland.

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### AUTUMN TERM.

*Captain*—Longland.

This season there have been definite signs of improvement in team work. The forwards are small, but fairly skilful, and play together far better than last year's line. Four matches have been played up to date—one won, two lost, and one drawn.

The match against Bemrose School (Derby) was again disastrous. In spite of being two goals down at half-time, the School seemed to be almost holding their own. In the second half, good fortune seemed still to have deserted our team—the defence lost heart and conceded six goals.

The other defeat came from West Bridgford. Weak finishing was the cause here. The School had the greater share of the play, but lacked thrust in the forward line. We are fortunate this term in having the assistance of Mr. Jones, a Welsh international, whose counsel has already effected a noticeable improvement.

*Results* :—

v. an Old Boys' XI.	....	....	home	3—3
v. West Bridgford	....	....	home	2—1
v. Bemrose	....	....	away	0—8
v. West Bridgford	....	....	away	0—1
v. Nottingham Univ. Coll.	....	....	away	2—6
v. Loughborough Junior Coll.	....	....	home	5—2

### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held on July 19th, under practically perfect conditions. As usual, the relay races roused everybody to a state of great enthusiasm. The sprint speeds were greatly reduced owing to the extreme hardness of the ground. The spikes could not get sufficient grip, especially on the 100 yards course.

#### LONG JUMP.

Senior Girls. 1, E. Longden (D.); 2, M. Dalglish (S.); 3, D. Reville (S).  
 Junior Girls. 1, C. Thompson (T.); 2, J. Hogg (T.); 3, G. Colton (D).  
 Senior Boys. 1, Harrison (D.); 2, Cooper (S); 3, Krause (D).  
 Junior Boys. 1, Eves (D.); 2, Gardner (T.); 3, Woods (T).

#### THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

Senior Girls. 1, I. D. Reville (S.); 2, M. Dalglish (S); 3, E. Longden (D).  
 Junior Girls. 1, J. Hogg (T.); 2, M. Lee (T.); 3, S. Millington (D).  
 Senior Boys. 1, Breed (D.); 2, Hill (T.); 3, Bettle (S).  
 Junior Boys. 1, Eves (D.); 2, Tunnicliffe (S.); 3, Evans (T).

#### 100 YARDS, GIRLS UNDER 12½.

1, S. White (T.); 2, J. Gentis (D.); 3, E. Davys (S).

#### 100 YARDS, JUNIOR GIRLS, 12½-14½.

1, R. Ayres (T.); 2, C. Thompson (T.); 3, M. Plackett (D).

#### 100 YARDS, SENIOR GIRLS OVER 14½.

1, E. Longden (D.); 2, M. Dalglish (S.); 3, M. Gregory (D).

#### 100 YARDS, JUNIOR BOYS UNDER 12.

1, Wallis (T.); 2, Wilkinson (S.); 3, Tilling (D).

#### 100 YARDS, JUNIOR BOYS UNDER 14.

1, Eves (D.); 2, Wheatley (D.); 3, Astill (T).

#### 100 YARDS, BOYS UNDER 16.

1, Naylor (T.); 2, Cooper (S.); 3, Ball (S).

#### 100 YARDS, SENIOR BOYS.

1, Harrison (D.); 2, Bettle (S.); 3, Lewis (T).

#### SKIPPING, JUNIOR GIRLS.

1, R. Ayres (T.); 2, C. Thompson (T.); 3, I. Lingard (T).

#### SKIPPING, SENIOR GIRLS.

1, E. Longden (D.); 2, J. Cordingley (T.); 3, M. Dalglish (S).

#### 220 YARDS, BOYS UNDER 13.

1, Walker (T.); 2, Kirk, J. (T.); 3, Wallis (T).

#### 220 YARDS, BOYS UNDER 15.

1, Cooper (S.); 2, Eves (D.); 3, Ball (S).

#### 220 YARDS, SENIOR BOYS.

1, Harrison (D.); 2, Bettle (S.); 3, Pyefinch (D).

#### HIGH JUMP, SENIOR GIRLS.

1, B. Woodrow (S.); 2, E. Longden (D.); 3, D. Reville (S).

#### HIGH JUMP, JUNIOR GIRLS.

1, G. Dakin (S.); 2, G. Colton (D).



**HIGH JUMP, SENIOR BOYS.**

1, Breed (D.); 2, Speed (T.); 3, Plackett (S.).

**HIGH JUMP, JUNIOR BOYS.**

1, Tunncliffe (S.); 2, Ball (S.); 3, Eves (D.).

**SLOW CYCLE, JUNIOR GIRLS.**

1, M. Boyes (D.); 2, M. Briggs (T.); 3, M. Smith (D.).

**SLOW CYCLE RACE, SENIOR GIRLS.**

1, M. Dalgleish (S.); 2, R. Lawley (S.); 3, K. Heaps (T.).

**440 YARDS, SENIOR BOYS.**

1, Harrison (D.); 2, Bettle (S.); 3, Breed (D.).

**440 YARDS, JUNIOR BOYS.**

1, Ball (S.); 2, J. Smith (T.); 3, Walker (T.).

**HOUSE OBSTACLE RACE, GIRLS.**

1, Trent; 2, Soar; 3, Derwent.

**ONE MILE, OPEN.**

1, Speed (T.); 2, Bettle (S.); 3, Lindahl (S.).

**HOUSE RELAY, JUNIOR.**

1, Derwent; 2, Trent; 3, Soar.

**HOUSE RELAY, SENIOR.**

1, Derwent; 2, Soar; 3, Trent.

**TOTAL POINTS.**

Derwent, 181½; Trent, 171; Soar, 145½.

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## HOUSE NOTES.

**DERWENT—GIRLS.**

At the end of the School year (1933-34), Derwent were Cock House. For this success the girls deserve their share of praise. In hockey they beat both Soar and Trent, while in the Swimming Sports, Derwent girls came second with 56 points. Unfortunately, they lost both to Soar and Trent in the tennis matches, the former beating them by 43 points to 38, and the latter by 45 as against their total of 36.

The School Sports were Derwent's crowning triumph, when they beat Trent at the very end of the events—the House Relay race. Outstanding among Derwent's competitors was Eileen Longden, who carried off a large proportion of the honours.

## DERWENT—BOYS.

During the Spring Term, Derwent won the Football Shield, after a replay with Soar, necessitated by Soar and Derwent having gained three wins each in previous matches. Derwent won the senior section of the inter-house steeplechase—largely as a result of the splendid running of Harrison (D.) and Breed—and gained second place in the junior steeplechase. In the inter-house cricket matches, Breed and Pyefinch were largely responsible for winning the Cricket Shield for Derwent. The efforts of Adams, Breed, and Eves contributed to a great extent to the success of Derwent in the Boys' Swimming Sports. This year, Derwent won the Athletic Sports for the first time, the achievements of Harrison (D.), Breed and Eves going a long way to make this result possible. Consequently, Derwent was once again Cock House—a position which we hope she will be justified in holding for yet another year.

A fair start has been made this term in football. Derwent defeated Trent by 4 goals to 1 and lost to Soar by 2 goals to 5.

A. J.

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## TRENT.

The past year has been one of considerable success for Trent House, and, although we have not yet managed to be "Cock House," we have strong hopes of soon attaining that honourable position.

The boys' cross country race was won by Trent, and the success was largely due to the excellent performance put up by the junior boys. Another fine achievement of our house was the winning of the Girls' Swimming Sports for the second time in succession.

The efforts of Muriel Miles, Mary Parratt, Ivy Lingard, and Cissie Thompson deserve special mention.

The tennis results show an improvement, having one win to compare with the two defeats of last year. In cricket, also, we managed to win one match out of the two played.

In the School Sports, Trent made a gallant fight to gain leadership for the third year in succession, and only lost it to Derwent House by ten points at the very end of the afternoon.

This term, the hockey team has made an excellent start by winning its first match of the season. We sincerely hope that we shall keep this up to the end.

We are pleased to congratulate Joan Knott, a former eminent member of Trent House, who won a State Scholarship in 1932, and is now doing well at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Let us hope that other members of our house will follow Joan's example.

M. J. C.

## SOAR.

Though the Soar House trophy receives this season only one addition—the Tennis Shield—and though on Sports Day our house figured only as “ a good third,” we can still find in the events of the past year several causes for satisfaction.

The pleasantest incident of the the house meeting, held on October 4th, was the presentation of our congratulations and a small gift to our retiring house captain, Joan Comery, who, as told elsewhere in the magazine, has achieved the outstanding scholastic success of the year.

Other names to be recorded with pride in the “ Chronicles of Soar House ” are those of Joan Godfrey, Lindahl, and Bridges, and we can confidently predict other successes of the same kind in years to come, for we possess some very promising students.

We have to thank Joan Godfrey for good work as secretary and Margaret Dalglish for efficient leadership in tennis and hockey.

Bettle has our heartfelt admiration for the five second places he obtained on Sports Day and for the dogged determination with which he has led and served his house.

Our new and enthusiastic House Captain, Theo Rogers, comments on the fact that Soar House carried off most honours in the High Jump on Sports Day (juniors please note—can we make this a tradition ?). Tunncliffe, Betty Woodrow, Doris Revill, and Grace Dakin form a group of which we can be justly proud.

Our seniors fully held their own last season, but we have to admit a deplorable lack of swimmers and runners in the Middle School. However, we welcome with joy a promising “ bunch ” of youngsters, and hope that in a not too distant future Soar House may be in a position to make a bold bid for supremacy.

This term, Soar has made a very good start in Football, drawing with Trent (1—1) and defeating Derwent by 5 goals to 2. Soar is, therefore, at the head of this section.

J. H.

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SPEECH DAY.

The Speech Day was held in the School Hall on Thursday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Mr. J. Syson, the Chairman of the Governors, presided, and Mr. P. G. Feek, late Director of Education for Derbyshire, presented the prizes, and afterwards gave a “ homely and entertaining ” address.

The Feek orange was delightfully offered and graciously received. It remains to be seen whether it will be sucked (especially the Homework part!) with more intense relish now that we have heard all about it.

The School Choir gave a programme of carols, and there was unison singing by the School, both of which were appreciated by the large audience.

Mr. Feek rather tactfully reserved to himself the "last word," and threatened to remain standing on his chair until a holiday had been granted to the School to honour the event and to assist the general recovery to normal from the strain of recent days. We are glad to note that Mr. Feek, amid tremendous youthful applause, was soon allowed to resume his seat.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

#### OLD STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES, 1934.

- T. C. Sharman, Clare College, Cambridge; Historical Tripos, Class II.; Civil Service, Consular Branch, 7th on the list; appointed Vice-Consul at Riga.  
 R. West, University College, Nottingham, B.Sc., final honour School of Natural Science (Physics), Class II.  
 Joan Comery, Open Exhibition (Geography) at Newnham College, Cambridge; State Scholarship and County Major (Derbyshire); Clegg Scholar.  
 Joan Godfrey, Studentship at University College, Nottingham.  
 D. Grist, Revis Exhibition at University College, Nottingham.  
 M. White, Midland Agricultural College; Ashgate Challenge Cup for the best Student of the year.  
 A. Fletcher (former Maths. Master), Ph.D. (Cantab.) Astronomy, 1934.

#### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES (NORTHERN JOINT BOARD).

- Joan Comery, Geography (*Distinction*), Botany; \**Chemistry, French.*  
 Joan Godfrey, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 Balmer, History, English; *French, Latin.*  
 Bettle, History, English, French.  
 Grist, History; *English, French, Latin.*  
 \* *Subsidiary Standard in italics.*

#### MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES (LONDON UNIVERSITY).

- Bridges, J. B. Distinctions in Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics.  
 Jean Cordingley. Distinction in Mathematics.  
 Goodyer, H. J. Distinctions in French, Physics.  
 Harrison, E. G. Distinction in Physics.  
 Jones, A. E. Distinction in Physics.  
 Lewis, J. M. P.  
 Lindahl, M. S. Distinctions in French (with oral), Mathematics, Physics.  
 Eileen Longden. Distinction in French (with oral).  
 Lovatt, D. Distinctions in French, Physics.  
 Plackett, D. Distinctions in Mathematics, Physics.  
 Richards, P. Distinctions in French, Mathematics, Physics.  
 Roberts, M. Distinctions in French (with oral), Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  
 Theo. Rogers. Distinction in French.  
 Annie E. Smith. Distinction in French.  
 Betty Woodrow.

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATES (LONDON GENERAL SCHOOLS EXAMINATION).

T. C. Cooper, B. Cordon, Patricia Cowlin, Mary Grobby, Ruth Lawley, L. Rogers (Distinctions in Mathematics, Physics), R. Salisbury, A. L. Stevens.

## BOOKS ADDED TO SCHOOL REFERENCE LIBRARY.

## ENGLISH.

Stories and Poems	...	...	...	...	Thomas Hardy
An Anthology of Wit	...	...	...	...	Guy Boas
Oxford Lectures on Poetry	...	...	...	...	E. de Selencourt
Shakespeare and his Predecessors	...	...	...	...	F. S. Boas, M.A.
A Companion to Shakespeare Studies	...	...	...	...	G. B. Harrison and H. Granville-Baker
Shakespeare and Music	...	...	...	...	E. W. Naylor
Life in Shakespeare's England	...	...	...	...	J. D. Wilson
Shakespeare—the Man and his Stage	...	...	...	...	Lamborn & Harrison
Geoffrey Chaucer	...	...	...	...	J. C. Lowes

## HISTORY.

These Hurrying Years	...	...	...	...	Heard
History of Everyday Things in England (1733-1851)	...	...	...	...	M. Ch. B. Quennell
Prehistoric Britain	...	...	...	...	R. Munro
A Modern History of England	...	...	...	...	C. R. Stirling-Taylor
Cambridge Modern History, Vols. 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, planned by Lord Acton	...	...	...	...	
Story of Mankind	...	...	...	...	Van Loon

## FRENCH.

Introduction to French Classicism	...	...	...	...	Caudwell
La France (Life and Ways)	...	...	...	...	G. Guibillon

## CLASSICS, TRANSLATIONS AND HISTORIES.

Pageant of Greece	...	...	...	...	Ed. Livingstone
Legacy of Greece	...	...	...	...	Ed. Livingstone
Greek Commonwealth	...	...	...	...	Zimern
The Latin Struwpeter	...	...	...	...	
Ovid (Loeb Classical Library)	...	...	...	...	
Cicero (Loeb Classical Library)	...	...	...	...	
Horace (Satires, Epistles and Poems)	...	...	...	...	
Horace (Odes and Epodes)	...	...	...	...	
Readings from Literature of Ancient Rome	...	...	...	...	Dora Pym
Readings from Literature of Ancient Greece (English Translations).	...	...	...	...	Dora Pym

## DIVINITY.

Ancient Times	...	...	...	...	Loos
Folk-lore of the Old Testament	...	...	...	...	Sir James Frazer
Prophecy and Religion	...	...	...	...	J. Skinner
The Four Gospels	...	...	...	...	B. H. Streeter
The Book of Job	...	...	...	...	R. G. Moulton
Christianity and Psychology	...	...	...	...	Barry
Helps to the Study of the Bible	...	...	...	...	Bishop of Bradford and others

The Four Gospels	...	...	...	C. C. Torrey
What did Jesus Teach?	...	...	...	Alexander Findlay
Christianity according to St. Paul	...	...	...	A. Scott
Modern Research	...	...	...	Rev. Minos Devine
The Teacher's Commentary	...	...	...	Martin
Israel in World History	...	...	...	Blunt
Israel before Christ	...	...	...	Blunt
History of Israel	...	...	...	Oesterley
The 8th Century Prophets	...	...	...	Hamond
A Short Religious History of Israel	...	...	...	Hamond
The 7th and 8th Century Prophets	...	...	...	Hamond
A History of Israel	...	...	...	T. Robinson
History and Geography of the Holy Land	...	...	...	G. A. Smith
The World of the New Testament	...	...	...	Glover
Jesus of Nazareth	...	...	...	Klausner
Life of Jesus Christ	...	...	...	Prof. M. Dodds and A. White
Literature of the Jewish People (Vol. I.)	...	...	...	J. B. Davies } Two
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Cuneiform Parallels to the Old Testament	...	...	...	Rogers
History of the Hebrews	...	...	...	F. K. Sarden
Introduction to the Old Testament	...	...	...	J. E. MacFayden

## GEOGRAPHY.

The Baltic Region	...	...	...	E. G. Woods
Africa (Social, Political and Economical)	...	...	...	W. Fitzgerald
Physical Geography	...	...	...	P. Lake
The Earth	...	...	...	Elleson Hawks
London	...	...	...	M. Fox-Davies
A Text Book of Geology	...	...	...	P. Lake & R. H. Rastall

## SCIENCE AND ASTRONOMY.

Biology for Medical Students	...	...	...	Hentschel & Cook
Biology	...	...	...	Geddes & Thompson
Introduction to the Structure and Plants	...	...	Reproduction of	Fritsch & Salisbury
Introduction to Plant Anatomy	...	...	...	Eames & MacDaniels
Recent Advances in Botany	...	...	...	Barton-Wright
Our Catkin-bearing Plants	...	...	...	Gilbert-Carter
Methods in Plant Histology	...	...	...	C. J. Chamberlain
Natural History of Plants	...	...	...	Kerner & Oliver
The Animal World	...	...	...	F. W. Gamble
British Butterflies and Moths	...	...	...	W. Furneaux
Chemical Discovery and Invention in the 20th Century	...	...	...	Sir William Tilden
Lively Things for Lively Youngsters	...	...	...	T. J. S. Rowland
A Guide to the Sky	...	...	...	E. A. Beet

## EDUCATION.

Progressive Schools	...	...	...	L. B. Pekin
Psycho-Analysis and its Derivatives	...	...	...	Crichton-Miller
Emergence of Man	...	...	...	G. Heard
Know your own Mind	...	...	...	William Glover
A Secondary School Entrance Test	...	...	...	W. A. Brockington
Education—Data and Principles	...	...	...	Sir P. Nunn
Lecture on Teaching	...	...	...	J. G. Fitch
Education (Intellectual, Moral, Physical)	...	...	...	Herbert Spencer
Emile (Extracts)	...	...	...	J. J. Rousseau
Principles and Methods of Teaching	...	...	...	Jas. Welton

## DICTIONARIES.

An Outline of Modern Knowledge	...	...	
Harrap's Standard F—E and E—F Dictionary	...	...	Ed. by J. F. Mansion
Glossary of Colloquial and Popular French	...	...	Kastner and Marks

## MUSIC.

The Cambridge Report on the Teaching of Music ...

## ART.

Picture Making by Children ... .. Tomlinson

## ANCIENT HISTORY.

Ancient Times	...	...	...	J. Breasted
Rome	...	...	...	Warde Fowler
Egypt	...	...	...	Wallis Budge, M.A.
The Ancient East	...	...	...	D. G. Hogarth

## MISCELLANEOUS (including Books on Sociology and Political Thought).

The Card Catalogue	...	...	...	Sayers and Stewart
The Primer of Library Practice	...	...	...	Roebuck and Thorne
Political Thought in England	...	...	...	E. Barker
Political Thought in England	...	...	...	W. L. Davidson
"    "    "	...	...	...	H. L. Laski
"    "    "	...	...	...	G. P. Gooch
Local Government	...	...	...	J. P. R. Maude
Elements of English Law	...	...	...	Geldart (rev. by Holdsworth)
Liberty in the Modern State	...	...	...	H. L. Laski
The World of To-morrow	...	...	...	I. O. Evans
Books and their History	...	...	...	R. N. D. Wilson
Railways	...	...	...	L. E. Chisholm
A Book of Modern Peoples	...	...	...	Helen Corke
Introduction to Cambridge	...	...	...	S. C. Roberts
The Young Athlete	...	...	...	Tisdall & Fenn Sterie
Railways	...	...	...	Wood and Stamp
Banking	...	...	...	W. Leaf

We welcome with gratitude these valuable additions. Even yet, however, the Reference Library is not well "booked." It can accommodate many more. Here we venture to make an appeal, or to stress an appeal made by the Headmaster last July.

If, on leaving, or having left, you feel grateful for what you have received at School, you could find few better ways of showing your appreciation than by presenting a book, however modest its price, to the School Library. Advice, if necessary, as to the choice of a book would be willingly given by members of the Staff.

J. T.

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## CREATURES WE HAVE ENTERTAINED—AND SOME WE HAVE KEPT.

During the existence of the School aquarium and "zoo," many creatures have had the pleasure (or displeasure) of being entertained and fed. The first of these creatures were the fish—stickle-backs, minnows, stone-loach and goldfish have in turn been received into the fish-tank. The three goldfish now in the tank have been at school for a year or more. They are, no doubt, kings in their small world, although one of their ambitious former companions, not content with his own small sphere, jumped out of the tank to find a world in which he could not live.

Prowling about the bottom of the tank, the three stone-loach may be seen. Introduced into the aquarium a little while ago, these curious fish are just settling down to their new confined life. Unlike the goldfish, which rise to the top of the water for their ant-egg diet, these fish grovel about the sandy bottom of the tank for pieces of worm or even dismembered earwig. They cannot see, but they have a number of feelers at each side of the mouth with which they find their food, and while eating it they dash madly about the tank. The dwellers among the floating weeds are the stickle-backs. These ferocious little things dart at cut-up morsels of living worm put into the tank, pulling the pieces about until they have made a good meal.

The "zoo" houses two newts, inhabiting the miniature sandy hills and caves leading down to a pond. They are the remnants of a large family of newts once living in the same "zoo" tank. One by one they mysteriously escaped, until only two, which are now closely guarded, remain. In spring, the newts are put into the fish-tanks. The males grow beautiful crests and tails, and court the females by bending their tails to point towards the head and then flapping the tip of the tail with a steady wave-like motion. A few years ago the females laid some eggs. The females carried their eggs cupped in their back feet until they found a leaf of some water-plant in which their precious burdens could be safely hidden. Some few eggs managed to remain concealed from the hungry, keen-eyed stickle-backs and hatched out; but the resulting tadpoles soon died.

Of the creatures successfully reared, the most interesting were some caterpillars. These were hatched from small green eggs of the eyed-hawk moth. They grew rapidly on their daily diet of apple-sprays. The caterpillars, camouflaged by green vein-like markings, were often difficult to discern, but at other times they would be clearly seen, clinging to stems completely stripped of green by their ravenous hunger. They did not, however, go on eating for ever, or perhaps many gardens in the Long Eaton district



would be ready pruned for next spring. By the August holidays they were fully grown and went down into some soil in the bottom of their tank to pupate. A warm day in September woke one of the creatures, which had by that time changed its form for a higher type of living. The creature emerged as a marvellous moth, with a three-inch wing span. The upper wings were beautifully marked in shades of buff and brown, while the under wings were peach and pink, with vivid eye markings in blue. This perfect specimen did not live for long. It had already laid a number of eggs, denoting that its days were limited. Now it is set and is the pride of the School collection, being the first moth ever reared through every stage of its growth by the School.

ALAN REDGATE (Form III. Latin).

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

[*To the Editor*].

SIR,

Many thanks for the outspoken article by "Sentinel," which exposed in an extremely lucid manner the Pacifist menace against which it is the duty of every true Patriot to struggle. If we do not realise that menace soon, it will be too late. How much longer must we betray our sacred heritage and our divine position as the chosen nation of the world by pandering to the opinions of these half-educated, craven immoralists, denying with their sheep-like bleatings the primordial law of struggle and survival, of conquest and prosperity of the fittest? Much as they try to persuade us of the frightfulness of war, they cannot convince anyone with a modicum of intelligence that there is anything to replace that supremely fine school of character, that irreplaceable institution which cleans men, makes them upright, noble, chivalrous, gallant and appreciative of the finer traits of their fellow men. Neither can they prove to us, with all the help of their mischievous and corrupting sophisms, that if we disarm, if we betray our sacred pledge to civilisation, we will not lead the world back into the mire of physical and moral stagnation which followed the dreaded outbreak of peace in 1918. And why do they think, with their damnable priggishness, that they have the monopoly of wanting Peace? Every sane person wants peace, but no sane person is prepared to accept a peace which entails the sacrifice of the priceless moral and physical values which are the prime foundations of nationhood. No sane person is prepared to accept a peace in which the sacred virtues of a state of conflict are subordinated to a cheap and immoral craving for com-

fort which is the Pacifist's stock-in-trade. No nation is worthy of peace if it is not ready to fight to the death for peace. And how can these Pacifists convince us that perpetual peace would not lead to a stagnation of the sacred principles of the struggle of Man for this hard-won ascendancy over the animals and over the forces of nature? Like Sentinel, and in Sentinel's words, I am compelled to ask myself, "Would not a 'deathly stillness' come over the world if the Pacifist ideal was assured?" Beware of the ethics of the insect-minded! And so, whenever a Pacifist attempts to enmesh me in his net of verbal dishonesty I shall answer as I answered the abject cowards who came to me in the War years—to my office—to ask if they could continue work there: "Go and do something for your country, and be a man!"

"PRO PATRIA."

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### THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF MR. PERT.

*(With abject apologies to Mr. P. G. Wodehouse).*

Archie Brown had had a very trying week; nay, he himself would have said a trying school life. But the last week had been particularly soul-destroying, for Mr. S. Pert, to whom his pupils had given the familiar cognomen of "Squirt," had reached the very acme of perfection in vituperation. Nor was this all; he reinforced his words by impositions. All the trouble arose over trifling differences of opinion between Archie and "Squirt" about Greek, in which (unfairly, Archie thought) the master would finally outwit his victim by referring him to text-books which always had a distinct "Squirtward" bias.

Mr. Pert was unanimously agreed to be the one-in-a-million among teachers, and the form, in pursuance of their best principles of optimism, thought of him only as a source of amusement in his regular chastisement of Archie. He was not in the habit of being pally, in the real sense of the word, even with the brightest, most obsequious and most opulent of his pupils.

However, one day he was strangely moved by a telegram from his stockbroker, with whom he did much business; when he came into the form room a great change was seen to have come over him. Just as Mr. Pert was finishing his preliminary cough, Archie oozed in somewhat late, as usual, with such man-of-the-world-having-brought-off-a-good-deal air that one could almost catch the whiff of a half-dollar Havana. His swashbuckling manner was most marked and most offensive, and all the other limbs of Satan there present roused themselves from their torpor in order not to miss the

entertainment which seemed imminent. But hist! gentle reader, the word flies round that something is wrong, for Mr. Pert, far from looking annoyed, smirked at the late-comer with the calm complacency of a crocodile who had just stowed away the remains of a well-fed native.

"Ah! my boy," he beamed, or so he thought, "I have been very worried about our unfortunate—er—disagreements, and suddenly, last night, when I was at—that is—in—my study, the solution struck me. The reason for our little—tiffs, shall I say" (incredulous looks and "Pinch me's" from form) "is not any obtuseness on your part—I never could have believed that—but only an intense originality of mind which ought to be fostered. Accordingly, I have decided that you shall be left entirely to your own devices in my lessons."

This speech utterly demoralised the form, and particularly Archie, for "Squirt" was notoriously the baddest of bad eggs. He felt quite numbed and lost without "Squirt's" daily bellowing, for it is hard to break a habit. The form saw that one of the school institutions had passed away, and mourned.

For a few days life went on like this, but even the most nit-witted of the form (and that meant something in a form where Archie had an honourable standing) felt that it could not last—and Destiny was on their side.

One morning, in the Greek lesson, "Squirt" received another telegram from his stockbroker, with whom he was on intimate terms:—

Mr. S. Pert,  
Brown's Popcorns popped. Sorry.  
Hiram P. Genk.

When he looked up from reading this, a change had been wrought in the powerful countenance of Mr. Pert, and he was his old self again. A poet might have likened his face to a thundercloud or a black pig's pudding, but as, unfortunately, there were no poets present, the form had to content themselves with passing the news along the ranks in the homely phrase, "Squirt's shirty."

Then the storm broke, and woe was Archie. As he crawled out of the room at the end of the massacre he officially confirmed the avowals of his sympathisers that it was a record.

Squirt was back on his old standard, at which the form rejoiced exceedingly and with loud noise—except Archie.

SCHOOL TEAM, 1913-14.



Standing:—H. Knight (Reserve), H. Heath, A. T. Street, F. Colton, E. Hollingsworth,  
C. Kingscott, F. Hogg, Mr. Attenborough.  
Seated:—J. H. Davis, I. Keeley, J. Wilcockson (Capt.), A. Stevens, F. D. Newsum.  
*Photograph supplied by F. D. Newsum.*

OLD SCHOLARS' CRICKET XI. July 20th, 1933.



Standing:—D. Parker, H. Stenson, L. Pigram, A. Hexter, E. Stevenson, A. Pattison.  
Seated:—R. Marriott, W. Skinner, F. Winfield, K. Lewis, D. Taylor, K. Potter.  
*Photograph supplied by K. Potter.*

## University Letter.

LADY MARGARET HALL, OXFORD.

Three years! There are only three years from the time when you come up to Oxford as a "Freshman" until the day you go down, and in this short space you must learn to get the most out of the small University world into which you are plunged. It is a rather artificial world, in many ways, cut off from outside things, and its crowded life, which is all packed into terms eight weeks long, begins like a voyage of discovery, and darkens at the end under the shadow of Final Examinations.

The first thing you discover is the method of working: you are put in charge of a professor, or "don," whom you call your "tutor," and who sets essays for you to write and gives a list of lectures which you are expected to attend. The lectures turn out to be the least important part of your schedule, and can be "cut" without difficulty. During the first few weeks, it is considered the duty of an undergraduate to attend a few lectures, and the halls where these are given are abnormally crowded. Then, gradually, the number falls off, and by the fifth week of term the lecturers are usually addressing rows of empty chairs. Occasionally, even, a don has to break off a course of lectures through lack of patronage. There are no lectures in the afternoon and few in the evening, so that for the rest of the day the students are left to their own inclinations, and it is in the evening that the social life of the University comes into evidence—in the evening you have the clubs.

The clubs. Their name is legion, and whatever your tastes may be—from the League of Nations to Mountaineering—you can find a club to satisfy them. There are six or seven political clubs, of which the noisiest and most amusing are the Fascists, and the Communist or October Club; in these groups, if you feel so inspired, you can wear an elegant shirt—black for the Fascists and red for the October Club. There are various language clubs—from French to Chinese; literary societies, sporting clubs (as, for example, a Jiu Jitsu Circle), an Opera Club, and the O.U.D.S., or Oxford University Dramatic Society, which broadcast a play last term. Every college has its own Music Club, Dramatic Society and Debating Society, and two of the latest organisations are a Gandhi Club and an Anti-Feminist Society, in which the members learn how to knit, sew and cook meals (this, of course, is exclusively feminine).

The social life, and the mere presence of some three thousand students in a small provincial town, make strict regulations necessary, and the conduct of the members of the University is carefully watched. There is a general rule that everyone must be in college by midnight. This is fairly closely observed in the women's colleges, but the men have innumerable ways of climbing into their

rooms after twelve ; there are supposed to be fifty-seven such ways into Magdalen College alone. Any undergraduate out in the town after nine o'clock at night should wear cap and gown ; but this rule is generally ignored, except by some who tie their gowns round their necks like scarves. The University police are known as Proctors, or " Progs," and they are accompanied by two brawny assistants called " Bulldogs " or " Bullers." The Proctors, if you are caught breaking rules, bow politely, and ask " Name and college, please " ; the " Bullers " bring you back forcibly if you run away, and the punishment for most offences is a fine or a term's gating.

The aspect of the life, which is particularly striking, is the inferiority of women in the University and the difficulty they have in keeping their place in it. The Women's Colleges are carefully set apart on the edge of the town, whereas the men's colleges are well in the city. Our buildings are very new—the oldest is only fifty years old—and the men, from their centuries-old grey stone sanctuaries pour scorn on our red brick walls. At lectures, some of the dons still ignore us, and a few leading clubs still refuse to admit women even as guests—the chief objector being the famous Debating Society, library and social club, the Union, while caricatures of the women undergraduates as dowdy, and dull, and hideously ugly, adorn the pages of the chief University magazine, the " Isis." Nevertheless, we are daily gaining ground. Most clubs are now open to us ; we have our own magazine, each women's college gives a dance every term, and these dances are reckoned among the year's great events. In the Summer term, women are prominent on the river, where afternoon or evening boating adds to the joys of Oxford life, and where the Inter-College boat races, known as Eights Week, provide the social climax of the year.

However, whatever sense of inferiority remains, it cannot take away the excitement of those three full years, and if one really takes advantage of what Oxford has to give, both in work and play, this University life, so unreal in some ways, can be made into a true preparation for the world into which the undergraduate must eventually go.

JOAN KNOTT.

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## Old Scholars' Notes.

### O.S.A. WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

*President*—F. E. Roberts, M.A.

*Vice-Presidents*—Miss Taylor, Miss Evans, H. G. Ward.

*Captain*—Carrie Burton. *Vice-Captain*—Margaret Dalglish.

*Secretary*—Marjorie Birkhamshaw. *Treasurer*—Miss Turner.

*Field*—Woodward's Farm, Breaston Lane.

Twenty-two matches have been arranged for the 1934-5 season, and an entry has been sent in for the Inter-Club Tournament to be held at Derby on April 13th. Up to date, 8 games have been played, resulting in 2 victories, 5 defeats, and 1 draw. The games have been very enjoyable and the play keen.

A Dance was held in the School Hall, by kind permission, on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at which about 140 were present.

Miss Taylor has generously offered us the use of her house, at which to hold a Whist Drive, which we hope to arrange probably on a Thursday towards the end of January.

Another Dance is contemplated before the end of the season.

M. B.

### WHERE THEY GO.

An attempt has been made below to give, from information supplied, a slight indication of where Old Scholars go and what they are now doing. From such a list there must obviously be innumerable omissions, but even in its incomplete form it may show how the School is supplying the needs of Industry and the Professions.

Dates of years at School are only inserted where the Scholars are "very Old."

#### THE CHURCH.

Rev. J. D. Hooley (1914-19), Priest-in-Charge, St. Cyprian's Church, Frecheville, near Sheffield—a son (David).

Florence Brecknock, Mission work in Hyderabad, India.

#### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

H. Godwin, Ph.D. (1913-19), Lecturer in Botany and Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge,—married Margaret E. Daniels (1912-17).

Marjorie Taylor, Oxford.

H. H. Plackett, Nottingham College of Art.

Joan Comery, Newnham College, Cambridge.

Joan Knott, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Mollie Hill, Sheffield Training College.

Nora Knight, Cheltenham Training College.

Joyce Tunnicliffe, Derby Training College.

Margaret Dalglish, Nottingham School of Cookery.

A. H. Lawley, University College, Nottm.

L. Krause, B.Sc. (Botany), Government Research, University College, Nottm.

R. L. West, B.Sc. (Physics), studying for Teacher's Diploma, University Coll., Nottm.

J. Whittaker, University College, Nottm.

R. Clowes, University College, Nottm.

I. Hobday, University College, Nottm.

Enid Robotham, University College, Nottm.

P. Wright, University College, Nottm.

Jessie Baston, University College, Nottm.

Joan Godfrey, University College, Nottm.

D. Grist, University College, Nottm.

## TEACHING.

H. E. Horner, Draycott.  
 H. J. Woodrow, B.Sc., Nottingham.  
 Elsie Leavesley, Sandiacre.  
 Nancy Radford, Draycott.  
 Carrie Burton, Draycott.  
 Olive Robotham (1917-22), Stockton-on-Tees.  
 Elsie Plackett, Nottingham.  
 T. Freeman (1919-23), Nottingham.  
 R. Earp (1917-22), Hinckley.  
 Mary Cordingley, Long Eaton.  
 Rhoda Peadon, Boylestone, near Ashbourne.

## THE LAW.

May Lewis, Solicitor.  
 K. Lewis, Solicitor; married Brenda Clarke—a daughter.  
 Irene Smith, Lawyer's Office.

## ACCOUNTANCY.

W. Skinner.  
 C. Severn, Skegness.  
 G. H. Breed.  
 M. D. Frayne.  
 A. Smith.  
 H. Hooley.  
 D. Corbett.

## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

H. Brecknock, B.Sc. B. T. H., Rugby.  
 E. Marland, B.Sc. Marconi, Chelmsford.  
 G. Dalgleish, B.Sc. Ferguson Pailin, Switch Gear Manufacturers, Manchester.  
 G. Newey. Notts & Derby Electric Power Co.  
 H. Walker. Ericsson Telephones Co., Beeston.  
 L. D. Rogers, Ericsson Telephones Co., Beeston.

## BOOTS.

W. Guy	} Studying for M.P.S.
F. C. Nicholls	
C. A. Brown	
D. A. Plackett	

## IN SHOPS OR OFFICES.

Dorothy Wragg, Edith Hawkes, Rosalie Mart, Nada Vickerstaffe, Joyce Loasby,  
 Peggy Dodd, Joyce Brown, Beryl Saville, May Nelson, Joan Gill, Beryl Free-  
 stone.

## SPONDON (CELANESE).

S. Bestwick (Electrician), E. Smart, D. Beers (Laboratories), H. Shinner, J.  
 Malins (Offices), Edna Robotham, Mona Hind.

## STANTON IRONWORKS CO.

## OFFICES AND SALES DEPTS.

Florence Wagg, Margaret White, Thirza Cunniffe, Muriel Ede, Freda Stevens,  
 Annie Lawrence, Eileen Hutchings, Lorna Dean, Betty Hurst, Jane Brook,  
 Peggy O'Brien, Betty Goring, Nellie Evans.

E. Plackett, D. F. Turner, J. H. Gee, B. Turner, C. E. Thomas, J. A. Cockayne,  
 E. Hemingway.

## TECHNICAL DEPT. AND WORKS.

R. C. Gee, H. W. Brook, E. Marcer, G. Johnson.



## NURSING.

Megan Lewis, Mary Brecknock. Derby Infirmary.

## MERCANTILE MARINE.

W. Waton (also R. N. R.), E. Smedley, Anglo-Persian Oil Tanker.  
A. L. Stevens, Reardon Smith Line, Cardiff.

## LONG EATON U.D.C.

K. Frear, R. Fortescue, L. F. Hardy.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

K. N. Potter (1919-23), Commercial Manager, Trent Gravels, Ltd. Married Dorothy Wagg (1919-23), member O.S.A. Hockey Club.  
F. D. Newsum (1912-15), Manager Leicester Branch of London and Scottish Assurance Corporation; well-known County Hockey Player.  
E. Stevens, Director of E. E. Stevens Co., Ltd., Builders and Contractors.  
W. D. Taylor, article to J. F. Dodd, Architect.  
May Stevens, Margaret Taylor. District Manager's Office, Nottingham G.P.O.  
K. Lane, P. Iliffe, R. G. Hoxter. Elson & Robbin's Accounts Dept.  
J. Waton, C. Burke. Messrs. F. Perks & Son.  
R. J. Gregory. Midland Bank, Nottingham.  
J. B. Smith. Nelson H. Sutton, Auctioneer.  
L. A. Pigram. Trent Gravels, Ltd.  
H. A. Parratt. Midland Flexible Tubing Co., Ltd.  
J. M. Lewis. Premier Gas Engine Co., Sandiacre.  
A. E. Smeeton. Business house in Buenos Ayres.  
E. Harrison, B.Sc. (Chemistry). Imperial Chemical Industries, Manchester.  
J. B. Hemingway. Chiselhurst R.D.C. Surveyor.  
Edna Turner. Post Office.  
Joyce Peadon. Beeston Boiler Co., Offices.

**Some Old Scholars from Draycott.**

Evelyn McStay (1915-21), 11 Scott Rd., Prestwich Park North, Prestwich, Lancs. now Mrs. A. Smith.  
Betty McStay (1917-22) and Florence McStay (1917-23), Harrington St., Draycott.  
Margery Tricker (1915-21), now Mrs. H. Firth, Derby Rd., Draycott.  
Constance Travers (1915-21), Elsie M. Travers (1921-26), Claude Travers, Walk Close, Draycott.

Margaret Hooley, now Mrs. Marsden, "Birchover," 24, The Nook, Newton Park Chester.

Mrs. C. M. Caunt (*nee* Plackett), Nottingham. Two daughters.

Between 1910 and 1926, the Evans' family, of Stapleford, had six of its members at School—Ernest, Evelyn, Harry, Annie, Samuel, Nellie. Is this a record?