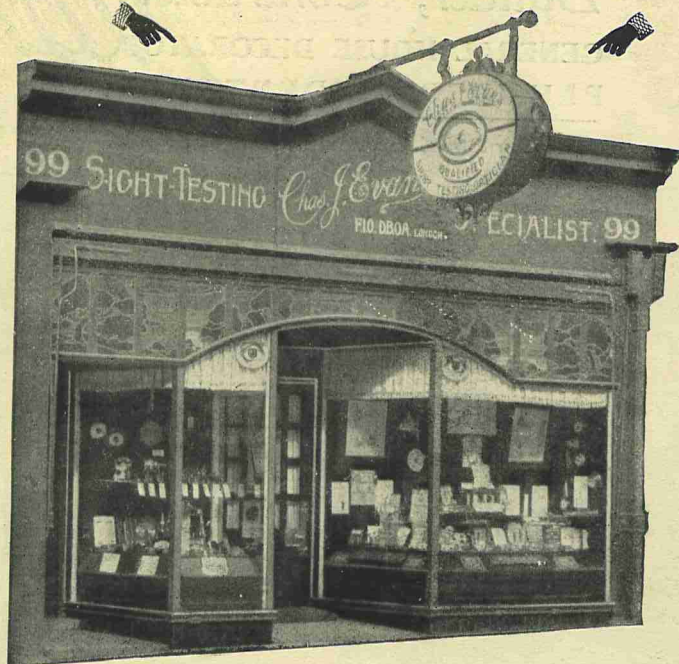


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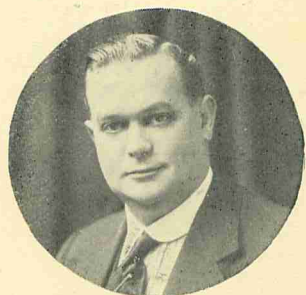


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### THE EDITOR'S NOTES.

Again we wish to thank all those who have thoughtfully contributed to this issue. This time their number has not been too great and we ask for many others to join them in the future. The field of literary adventure is not narrowly circumscribed and there are many topics of general interest which would be openly welcomed. We are looking forward to the day when we shall empty the Editor's Letter Box into the Editor's Bag, and the pleasure will be ours, and yours.

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The Examination List was full of good news for the School and the candidates, and the hope which we expressed in our last issue has been fulfilled. We congratulate them all for their devotion to their studies, and trust that their good fortune will continue in whatever walk of life they may have entered.

Although we do not like to discuss any financial problem in connection with the Magazine, we feel that we must impress upon all scholars the necessity of each purchasing one copy at least. Remember that the whole outlay for buying the Three Magazines only amounts to one and sixpence, which is the equivalent of one great day at the Carnival, or a good evening on "Bon-Fire" Night. We trust that we shall get the support of every boy and girl who has the School and the Magazine at heart. Pull together, all.

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The next issue of the Magazine will take place before the closing of the Easter Term, and we shall be pleased to receive all contributions, written on one side of the paper only, by February 25th, 1925.

### Armistice Day.

In commemoration of Armistice Day, 1918, the Two Minutes' Silence was observed by the Headmaster, Staff and Scholars, assembled together in the Hall. Afterwards a short service was held. The hymn, "O God our Help in ages past" was sung, the reading of the names of the Old Boys who laid down their lives in the Great War (by the School Captain).



Lesson, Wisdom iii. verses 1-9.

The Collect for the day.

The Lord's Prayer.

After the ceremony, a wreath composed of the Flanders Poppies, purchased by the Staff and Scholars, was deposited on the Memorial Tablet.

#### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

**Higher School Certificate:**—D. Hutchinson.

**Intermediate Arts (London):**—D. Hutchinson;

D. Harding.

**Matriculation (London):**—K. Adams; D. Bell; G. Parker.

**Exemption from Matriculation by School Certificate:**—

**Girls:**—O. Cannell, J. Evans, G. Rumbold, V. Sturman, J. Ward.

**Boys:**—B. Veness, J. Wilkin.

**School Certificate. Honours:**—**Girls**—O. Cannell, J. Evans, J. Ward. **Boys**—S. Tripp.

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**Girls:**—F. Barnard, I. Bartlett, W. Beckett, V. Buckler, A. Day, D. Dye, K. Dye, G. Knights, N. Mantripp, E. Rackham, G. Rumbold, U. Sturman.

**Boys:**—W. Baldry, R. Browne, H. Bushell, E. Chilvers, R. Hood, J. Lang, P. Metcalf, J. Nursery, E. Potter, E. Pyman, W. Swinburne, B. Veness, J. Wilkin.

#### CHRISTMAS SOCIALS.

It has been arranged that the Christmas Socials which were so successful last year will be again held at the end of the term.

It is proposed that the Senior Forms should make merry at St. Margaret's Institute on December 12th, and that the Junior Forms should do likewise on Monday, December 15th.

The Preparatory School will carry out their festivities at an earlier date.

#### THE SUMMER CAMP. 1924.

##### Acknowledgments.

All those attending camp greatly appreciate the kind thought of

Mr. C. W. Hailey of London Road South, who provided us with extra blankets, waterproof capes and caps, which were especially useful in the inclement weather.

Mr. B. Edmonds of Clapham Road, who forwarded to camp boxes of fish on several occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins of Castleton. Mr. Atkins, a former headmaster of a Lowestoft School, acted as guide to the caves and Pereril Castle, whilst Mrs. Atkins provided refreshment in the wilderness.

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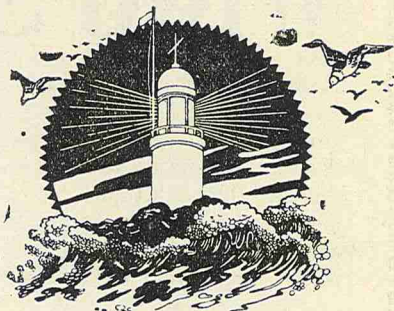
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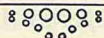
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### OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

The President and Committee find it very difficult to carry on the work of the Association, owing to the lack of interest on the part of the members. It is much to be desired that there should be a large attendance at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 20th, to elect new officers and committee, to receive the balance sheet and transact other business.

A. L.

### OLD BOYS' NOTES.

In the early part of the year the Old Boys' Association appeared to be doomed. At Easter, the number of effective members—those who paid the small subscription for the current year—was only in the twenties. Drastic steps were necessary if the Association was not to be allowed to lapse—an unthinkable proposition—and fortunately, the means of revivifying it were at hand. A fully attended meeting of the committee resolved to make a personal canvas of Old Boys. This, although not yet complete, has proved a great success. The number of effective members has now reached the total of ninety-one, and the committee confidently expect to pass the hundred mark before Christmas.

This, however, is only a beginning. It must be the endeavour of all Old Boys to keep up the strength of the Association by all means in their power. The secretary and the committee can do much, but they cannot do everything, and they earnestly appeal to all members to pay their subscriptions upon notification that they are due. The small sum of 2/- per year (or 5/- for three years) is within the reach of every Old Boy, and as this entitles each member to three issues of the School Magazine during the year, good value is obtained.

Old Boys who leave School at midsummer automatically become members of the Association without payment for a period of eighteen months, and the committee hope that at the expiration of that time they will continue their membership by becoming subscribers. It is the ambition of the committee to visit each member personally when his subscription becomes due, and in this way to maintain and increase the strength of the Association.

The suggested date for the Christmas Social is December 23rd, of which due notice will be given.

The Annual Meeting will take place in January on a date to be decided, and it is hoped that it will again take the form of a Smoking Concert or Dinner, to which all members will be welcomed.



In succeeding issues of the Magazine an effort will be made to publish interesting details of the work and movements of Old Boys by supplying the Secretary or Magazine Editor with the necessary information.

R. NEAL.  
*Chairman.*

#### PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss P. Miller, now on the staff of the Technical School, has had Flower Studies hung in the Animal Art Exhibition of the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.

In a Mock Election at King's College, London, John Evans, B.Sc., was the Labour Candidate, and came second in the poll with 143 votes.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Neal the first debate of the term was held in the dining hall and most of the VI., V., IVA., and IVB. attended to discuss the proposition put before them, "That civilization tends to deterioration." It was contended by the proposer, that since she had been introduced to the modern civilization she had never met a man like Julius Cæsar, with whose mode of life she was quite familiar. All the great men, the scientists, moralists, soldiers, sailors, lovers and loved, belonged to the past, and everybody nowadays seemed to expect everything, especially money, to turn up without any effort. The opposition stoutly denied these arguments: they said that the Great War had proved that we had as many great people to-day as ever there were: but there was no need to crack skulls to obtain one's heart's desire—she came merely for the asking. One speaker proved that because an old gentleman could see to read at 105 wearing glasses (fifty times magnification), and because boys at school could arrive there by car, bus, train, and even on foot, showed that the world had improved wonderfully. He looked forward to the day when boys would not have to leave their homes to go to school. After many other expressions of opinion on both sides, serious, comic, and tragic comical, the motion was put. For 5, against 57.

On Friday, November 7th, a debate under the chairmanship of Miss Ross was held, the proposal being that "All public political meetings should be made criminal." No expressions of opinion were allowed on the recent political controversy in the locality (including Kessingland). It was averred by the proposers that nobody attended political meetings to learn how to vote: if anyone attended the meeting of a party not his own, he did so to spoil the speeches. The proposer also stated that he asked for votes

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on behalf of his cause because he promised not to make the decision of the debate binding on the British Isles in case he was returned to power. The opposition declared that it did not go to meetings to hear good sense, but to see and hear the fun. The heckler was a hero; he often provided something to laugh at, and that was needed in these days. Some candidates, however, did not need hecklers. Then there was a landlady who, because she couldn't find where she had left the circulars, wouldn't have known which hole to put her "cross" in had not a kind (and quite indifferent) friend told her the exact spot. So that to enlighten this landlady, political meetings ought to be allowed. But if political meetings were made criminal, averred another, there would be real fun for all interested in them. To put on disguise, to meet at midnight under or on (or both) a gorse bush, to whisper with bated breath so as not to waken the police, would show political interest and enterprise. However, no one seemed too keen about this and the voting was for 23, against 38.

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There will be two more debates this term. (1). The adoption of a universal language and (2) Gambling should be made legal. Reports of these will appear in the Easter issue of the Lowestoftian.

## GUIDE NOTES. NOVEMBER 1924.

The Guide Company held a very damp, but most enjoyable, camp during the last week in August, on the estate of Mr. Lloyd Greame, at Sewerby, close by Flamborough Head. It was an exceptionally good site; the meadow upon which the tents were pitched was well sheltered, drinking water was brought to the kitchen in a water-cart, washing water was pumped from a soft water well 200 yards away, fuel was easily found in the copses which adjoined the field. The sea was about ten minutes' walk away at Danes Dyke; Flamborough Lighthouse and North Landing four miles distant, and Bridlington less than two miles along the pleasant cliff walk.

The camp was run by dividing the work into various duties, cooks, water, wood, etc., and a notice displayed on the camp notice-board gave every patrol its duties for the week. Each patrol had a tent, and the patrol leader was responsible for seeing that her patrol took its share of camp work and kept the tent in habitable condition. The camp "awoke" at 7 a.m. at the commandant's whistle, and had breakfast at 8 a.m. if the cooks had been lucky with the fires. After breakfast, as much as possible of the day's work was done, tents were tidied and beds packed up for inspection at 10 a.m. When this was over the guides,



except the cooking patrols, were free for walks, games, or bathing. Dinner was at 12.30 and tea at 5 o'clock, sometimes in camp, sometimes on picnic elsewhere; washing and preparations for bed began at 7.30, hot cocoa and biscuits were taken round to the tents later, and after 9 o'clock silence lay upon the camp.

Not only was the camp site exceptional in its camping conveniences, but it was also placed in remarkably beautiful surroundings. From the Sewerby road, one turned into a private road which switchbacked across undulating pasture ground, passing little copses much frequented by swarms of black and brown rabbits. This road led through a thick archway of trees, which became most eerie at nightfall, into the camping ground, an attractive paddock, well sheltered by fine trees, yet open enough to allow the sun to flood the camp with sunlight. From the camp larder, an old summer house on the edge of the gardens of Sewerby Hall, one had a fine view of the terraced lawns and gay flower beds, and through a long avenue of dark green pine trees a glimpse of intense blue sea.

The walk to the sea for bathing parade led past the picturesque Danes Dyke, a deep ravine with both steep sides so lined with trees that at a short distance no gap was visible. The shore, which gave very safe bathing, was white with large rounded chalk pebbles; and the cliffs rising sheer for 100 feet, were of dazzling whiteness in sunshine. On the first day of camp the guides bathed from Danes Dyke, then walked round by the narrow strip of beach to the South Landing, where they saw patient donkeys carrying cumbrous loads of fish up the steep incline into the village. Passing through the village, the guides walked home through the fields, crossing the Danes Dyke again. On Tuesday the Lowestoft guides made a memorable journey to the North Landing, which is far more rugged and exposed. They marched the good four miles from camp to the Landing and there embarked in the strange motor-boats, which bore great resemblance to the old Viking hulks, to make a tour of the sea-caves and majestic king and queen rocks. The view of the shore from the boat showed white beaten cliffs, 300 feet high, famous for sea-birds' nests, occasional small, shelving beaches, like little Thornwick Bay, and the massive, rugged headlands of the Head. On Wednesday, another tramp was made to the famous Flamborough Lighthouse. Various expeditions were made to Bridlington, which was only two miles away.

On Friday afternoon the Lowestoft guides were making their preparations for the last journey of this summer's camp; and at night all gathered round the great camp fire to listen to yarns and sing rounds and songs. Very hearty thanks were offered to Mr. Lloyd Greame, who came himself to

the camp fire, and who, throughout the camp, showed his real interest in the guides' welfare and gave invaluable help.

Thus ended the fourth camp which Lowestoft Secondary School Company has attended; the first was at Herringfleet, the pioneer camp for Lowestoft guides; the second at Flixton, a tremendous growth from the first; the third, a daring adventure into Belgium. Camping is a comparatively new thing for girls to embark upon, and the guides who have had the opportunity to sleep beneath the stars, even for a short week in the year, owe a big debt of gratitude to those who make it possible for them. Not only is there beauty and adventure to realize, but there is in camping, a fine test of character for guides who must work cheerfully, play unselfishly, and live in a spirit of joy and good comradeship to make their camp a success.

## SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY.

### House Secretaries:—

Edith Cavell	A. Utting.
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St. Margaret	J. Becket.

After the great effort of last term there has been, perhaps naturally, an abatement of vigour and the secretaries have reported that members have been rather slack in paying their subscriptions. Several members of the Society left at the termination of the School year and it is very necessary that their places should be filled by the new girls. The subscriptions last term only amounted to 13/-, whereas in former terms they have amounted to 22/-, nearly twice as much. This diminution is certainly not due to any slackening of interest in the Society and it is to be hoped that the house secretaries will canvass their houses vigorously for new members, and bring the numbers, if possible, above all those of any former term. A meeting for the younger girls is to be held and it is hoped that a great many of them will join the Society. It would make the house secretaries' work much easier and pleasanter if members brought their subscriptions early in the month instead of having to be asked for them.

Suria Kanthi, "Sunflower," has sent us her first letter, and two of the younger girls, Joan Fairhead and Mary Boulter, have answered it.

This term's subscriptions will be expended on sweets, which will be given as a Christmas gift to the Children's Ward of the hospital.

D. M. CHARTER,  
(Secretary).



## BOOKS AND THEIR PLACE IN LIFE.

After re-reading my former article, "Books and Book-reading," I came to the conclusion that (beside containing faults) it was liable to misinterpretation. I hope in this article to remove that danger and to place my ideas in a clearer light.

First, let me state that I believe literature is for man, not man for literature. Books should never be a narcotic, unfitting one for the stress of life; they should never place a cloud, though it be of rainbow colouring, between man and his work. Books fit us for life even when they only refresh the mind and let us lose our worries in reading some happy story of other human beings and their troubles. Books will fit us for life, that is, if we will let them do so. Surely it is worth while to devote an hour or so to reading. Most people take football or cricket seriously, prepare for it and take pains with it. Is not reading worth a little trouble? By reading I do not mean reading tales "told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing," I mean reading true books, books in which one can "hear the mighty waters rolling evermore." But most people regard reading of this description as a task. It is not; it is a pleasure. I have read several modern tales and I can honestly say that I obtained more real pleasure from Boswell's Life of Johnson (a fine book) than from all the tales put together.

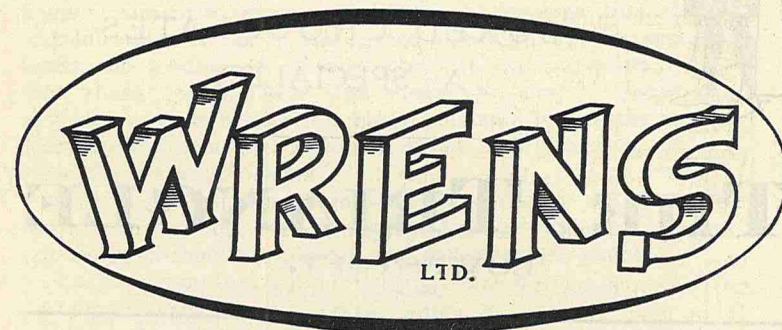
Why do not people read these books? It is not because our language is poor in great literature. We have Shakespeare, Milton, Jane Austen, Carlyle, Tennyson, Barrie, and many others. Some will say they find no pleasure in reading these writers. There are several reasons for this. Through reading trash (and seeing and hearing trash) the taste for good writing has been lost. The so-called pleasure of tale-reading may be deadly; it is the true books which give the "vital feelings of delight." Next, if you wish to like books you must buy them; it is not much good borrowing a book of poetry or any other true book. The test of a book is reading it again; books which can be read ten times or "x" times over are the books to buy. But who will spend money on books? Spend it on anything else, but not on books.

Lastly, many have lost the habit of being alone or of thinking alone. They must be on the "central roar," forgetting the "haunts of ancient peace," or calling them Victorian. We have lost the power of meditation, and books need undivided attention. You must be in the right frame of mind, in the right place, before you can understand them. It is useless trying to read "Paradise Lost" while

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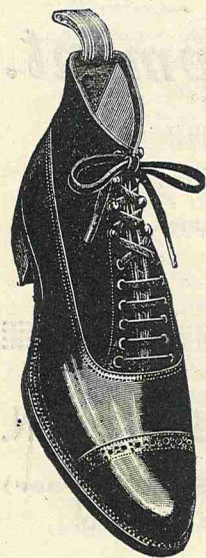
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humming the latest popular song. When I hear of popular songs I think of that old dictum, "Vox populi, vox dei."

For my part, I think the best place to read a book is a garden, not a large garden, nor one containing brilliant colours. Sitting there while the summer sun is sinking in a cloud of gold and there seems "an awful quiet in the air"; while the noises of the day are hushing themselves into a drowsy murmur; when one feels that there are "worlds not realized"; there and then one can read, enjoy, and gather nourishment.

So much for the pleasure of reading. What of its value? There is nothing lasting but has its soul of goodness, and there is no man but has in him a vital spark of heavenly flame. The sole purpose of life is to develop that spark, and literature is one of the agents of evolution. For are not books the wisdom of all time, dare we call ourselves nobler than those "world-losers and world-forsakers?" Books are only the self-revelation of great personalities, inspiring us with noble thoughts, kindly thoughts, and leading us on to noble and kindly deeds.

These books do not teach in the ordinary sense of the word, but they raise us to higher level of thought, deepen our sense of beauty, quicken our imagination, charm

".....magic casements, opening on the foam  
Of perilous seas in faery lands forlorn."

This in itself is valuable, but externally, anyone who has a keen sense of beauty, will never tolerate injustice or cruelty, or anything which is contrary to the eternal verities.

I do not claim that literature can regenerate the world, but I do claim that if we use it properly and treat it more reverently, it will help us to think clearly, to understand whither we go, no longer walking blindly, but walking confidently and with full vision, in our place on that march of humanity to that

"One far-off divine event

To which the whole creation moves."

Literature then, should take an important place in our lives, for it is the link which joins the living and the dead, the link which will join us to the generations yet unborn. What place has it? Is it a plaything or a trusted adviser? Is it to be disregarded or consulted?

To those who read, greeting; to those who do not, hopes for the future; and if you should read now, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

A. BLUNDELL.



## SOME CAMPING ACTIVITIES.

Bakewell merely looked and turned its superior head aside upon the arrival of five mere eastern strangers into its select bounds, but when an army of thirty arrived to take possession of the temporary home this small party had duly prepared for them, the town decidedly sat up and took notice. Luckily for all concerned, the day of preparation was beautifully fine, so dry tents and bedding were awaiting the main party on their arrival, not to mention a tea of salmon, lettuce, cucumber, etc., all of which helped to give our first school camp a good start.

By this time our wireless expert's apparatus had been intermittently in or out of action for a considerable period—please do not even vaguely suggest that it was in and out of everywhere else, or he might not be pleased about it, and we did obtain the cricket scores each evening. By this agency also, came a great inspiration. One evening there was a lecture on the submarine monstrosities of the deep seas surrounding Trinidad; if such there be, there must of necessity be something akin to them in the woods around Bakewell. Thereupon began a frenzy of manufacturing weapons calculated to deal death at one blow to at least a half-grown field mouse—you expect such results from the choice products of Manchester and Sheffield—and war upon fur and feather waxed furious each evening 'neath the shroud of the mountain mists.

Perched about two hundred feet above camp were two trees, standing up there in cold silhouette, looking so lonely; besides, they must command a magnificent view of the camp. After some effort we arrive there safely, the view is fairly good, but surely nothing to what we might see from the top, only just above us, and it must be grand to be on top. In due course we arrive at the appointed spot, but after all, the wood behind us seems somewhat higher still and we really must get to the very top while we are about it. Yes, and look, those blue-looking hills with the lighthouse thing on them must be higher than this; why, the map says they are eleven hundred feet high, so we must make certain of going over them some time before we go back.

What a change all this is to flat old Lowestoft, but poor old Bayfield seems to have difficulty in dragging his footgear along and Coleman wishes he had brought his bike, but young Capps there, strides away in the very front of the party. It is rumoured that public opinion has forced Bayfield to tie his feet up to the tent pole at night, for he sleeps on his back with his toes up—no, his tail is not up—and if during his slumbers they were to fall over, dire chaos would result.

The climbing fever having worn off a little, great excitement followed the display of a large crystal of calcite obtained at Matlock, so thereafter, the camp became a home of ardent geological and minerological investigation. Some really fine specimens of calcite, fluorspar, galena, pyrites, etc., were obtained by various members of the community, while the lead mines at Dorley Dale formed a rendezvous for excursions by one or more parties practically every day.

What was the most popular spot in the camp? A vote would probably indicate a tie between the cook house and the marquee, both places being under the care of "The Sergeant Major," who prepared us our food in the one, while we eagerly consumed it in the other. No one could but praise this department, for there was always plenty of good, wholesome stuff, and the popular idea of having to rough it was quickly dispelled on the very first day of our stay. The marquee, too, was the site of the famous legal duel between those learned counsel, Harding and Swinburne, which culminated in the utter destruction of one Bobby, sometimes surnamed Browne.

How we enjoyed those rambles in little parties, following footpaths over the hills and up the dales, seeing what there was to be seen, and generally wandering over the face of mother earth, realizing,

"It is good to be on the road, and going one knows not where,  
Going through meadow and village, one knows not whither nor why."

Now we have to look forward to next year, when it is to be hoped that a camp of larger dimensions, including people who have some experience of camping together, will uphold and even enhance the reputation of the School.

L. ROBINSON.

## WHAT I NOTICED AT CAMP.

The scarcity of songs on a walk, and

The number and variety that emanated from the various tents after a substantial lunch.

The curious "detached" appearance tents present with the flies rolled.

The ingenuity of the devices employed by fellows to get more than three helpings at a meal.

The number of times in one evening that somebody's trousers descended from the coat-hooks and put the candle out.

The cubic space occupied and the time taken by someone engaged in making his bed.

The doubtful privilege of being in the next tent to that containing the wireless apparatus.



The amount of light literature devoured by the occupants of a tent in one fortnight, and

The amount of light refreshment consumed in the same period.

The satisfying quality of a meal consisting of two rounds of bread and jam an inch thick.

The curious feeling of a boot half full of water.

The number of experiments made to see if rain really would come through a wet tent where it was touched.

The absolute pitch-dark inside a tent at night, and

The brownish-red glow inside it during the day.

The regular irregularity of five sleepers' breathing, and

That the **penchant** for accusing people of snoring is common to all those who do so themselves.

R. MALLETT,

Form V.



A LETTER FROM HOME.

#### THE MOCK TRIAL.

**Note:**—(The Mock Trial was one of the many amusing features of the Boys' Holiday Camp).

The ordinary life of the school camp was interrupted just as everybody was settling down, by a savage, uncontrolled murder. Everybody, except perhaps the unknown murderer, was startled by an announcement that the trial for his life of a well-known V. former, was to take place. The night of the trial found the court (i.e., the marquee) crammed with morbid-minded sightseers; the tense excitement of the watchers arose to a pitch bordering on hysteria when the imposing and learned (?) judge and counsels for defence and prosecution entered the court. The clerks and

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mace-bearer accompanied his lordship, and the subdued but electric murmur of the crowd announced the arrival of the prisoner, accompanied by a big-booted constable.

The usual proceedings, the calling of the jury and the swearing in of the same, were gone through, and then the counsel for the Crown (Sir Cholmondesley Menzies) commenced the dread tale of crime. Unfortunately, the learned judge found much difficulty in understanding and pronouncing the aforesaid counsel's name, and thereby caused much amusement among the illiterate section of the crowd. When the laughter had been stifled by the usher, so represented by the corpulent pet of the camp, the learned counsel proceeded, though not without considerable interruption from the prisoner. It appeared that the prosecutor had found, while journeying over his estate, a dead hen in a disused barn. ("Old Chummy Mingied"—The Prisoner).

"The hen," declared counsel, "had been slain with a catapult. (Here the prisoner became greatly agitated and tried to sneak out, but was caught red-handed).

The prosecution produced the catapult used in the attack, and proved that the catapult had been used so savagely that as a result the elastic had snapped. (More agitation from the prisoner, who drew out a pleasant-smelling bottle from which he was about to drink, when the constable snatched it, and was seen by the judge as he tried to bring off a quiet drink. His lordship commandeered the bottle and drank most of the contents) Counsel continuing, declared that the prisoner had not intended to slay the hen (tense silence); he had intended to ambush and slay a human being. (Uproar in court, prisoner faints). Prisoner was known to be an atrocious shot, and it appeared to be conclusive that he had tried to hit a human being, but had slain the hen instead. Judge—"He shot at a being and slew a human hen." Counsel—"No, your lordship, he shot a human being—that is to say, he shot a hen while aiming at a human being." (Interruption from prisoner. Usher uses his power in suppressing uproar). Judge—"You don't appear very intelligent." (To prisoner).

Continuing, counsel said that it was a monstrous thing that the happy camp life experienced should be interrupted by so terrible a murder, that such a man as prisoner should be harboured in the midst of aforesaid camp. Prisoner moans and sobs, constable, judge, and others, sob in sympathy). Counsel asked permission to call witnesses.

The first witness spoke with a broad Lancashire accent which appeared provoking to both judge and counsel, who indulged in frequent battles of words with the witness, in which the prisoner joined with relish. The following cross-examination took place.



*Counsel*—"Do you know the prisoner?"

*Witness*—"I can't say I do."

*Counsel*—"Were you walking on Longstone Ridge (the scene of the murder) a few days ago?"

*Witness*—"I believe so."

*Counsel*—"Did you take shelter in an old barn?"

*Witness*—"Well, I meant to."

*Counsel*—"What do you mean by that?"

*Witness*—"Well, the dead hen smelt rather high."

*Counsel*—"Now, I mean to say that the hen was only a few hours dead when you saw it, and that you are not keeping to the truth."

*Witness*—"Well, you're wrong and I'm right."

(Fierce argument, during which the prisoner again essayed to escape and was again brought back).

The next witness was "Punch," a local catapult dealer, who stated in sleepy tones that he had sold a catapult, which he recognized as the catapult produced, to the prisoner. Under pressure from Mr. Mogglewiggie, K.C., counsel for the defence, witness withdrew his statements with much gasping and trepidation, and he left the box in a pitiable condition.

Other witness were called, all of whom seemed to delight in contradicting each other.

Mr. Mogglewiggie's impassioned speech for the defence was the most startling episode. He thumped the table before him so hard that the candles fell off, with spoons and forks to accompany them. The speech was continued in semi-darkness.

The judge's summing up was conclusive, to the point, and extremely clear (?). He said, "It has been proved to you (the jury) that prisoner did kill a human hen while aiming at a being, also that he did not kill the hen. It is perfectly clear that the hen had been dead for only a few hours, also that it was in a high state of decomposition, having been dead a fortnight or so.

"It is evident that the catapult either belonged to the prisoner or did not, therefore, I see no hindrance to a decisive verdict. (Prisoner started to cheer, but was suppressed).

The jury, after a few moment's thought, returned a verdict of—"Not guilty." The prisoner gave a sigh of relief, but the judge, who appeared to have misunderstood the foreman, put on the "black cap," and pronounced the following sentence, "That the prisoner should be stretched on the ground and the mightiest boots in the camp should be utilised by their owner to proceed from the toes upward to the head, thus crushing him out of recognition."

The prisoner collapsed on hearing the sentence, which was too readily carried into effect. The foreman, white

to the lips, pointed out that the verdict was "Not Guilty," and that no sentence was needed.

The prisoner, however, declared that he had already expired.

Strange to say, the prisoner was up early next morning, searching for his tooth paste in the bottom of the stream.

J. BAYFIELD.

## THE USE OF WINTER.

Some people will attack anything. Some people even find fault with winter.

It is absurd to find fault with winter because you cannot stop it. Winter has been going on for quite a long time now. Though I am no historian, I should say, roughly, that winter has been going on—well, just as long as either summer or autumn has.

Some of the more hostile critics attack winter because of the fogs. This is very absurd. Fogs are good things. Through taking chemistry at the School, I know that an ounce of fog contains .342687 per cent of peroxide of ipsacalorum (which is far more valuable to the system than any amount of proteid). One day a method for the consolidation of fog by fractional distillation will be found. This will help to solve the food question.

Another point in favour of a fog is its beautifying power. In a really good fog it is utterly impossible to see the statues and monuments which disfigure Modern Babylon. In such a fog, Modern Babylon might be Rome, Paris, or even the original and genuine Babylon. The most unpleasant looking man is rendered inoffensive by a fog.

Another good thing about winter is the sleet. Again, the knowledge gained by learning chemistry is useful and permits me to know that a ton of sleet contains .021345 per cent of ptznizam perchloride (which for motive power, effect on the brain and general utility in the home, is forty-two times more potent than radium).

I am not quite sure that these statistics are exactly accurate. But they look well in print and they are quite as useful as most statistics. If I were not writing for a school publication I would invent a great many more such statistics. There is nothing that looks so bright, brainy, and cheerful in print as statistics.

Some people say hard things about snow. Now really, nothing could be more unjust. Few things—few really useful things—are more beautiful than snow. Look at any Christmas card on which is depicted a robin lunching off holly berries with a background of snow! It is idle to maintain (as some pessimists do) that holly-berries are dangerous to the digestive system of the robin that.



at any rate, they do not contain any bone-making material, and that the robin is a perfect fool for eating them. The robin, though a very dressy bird with a rather loud taste in waistcoats, is no fool. He is a vegetarian because he finds it is best for him. If he thought that a meat diet would make him stronger and better and nobler, he would consume beef and oysters, and anything which aspired to being meaty. This is a digression, but it calls to mind the fact that we owe the robin to winter. Every schoolboy (for whose benefit this treatise has been chiefly written, and to whom it will probably appeal greatly) knows that only in winter the robin is not a sparrow.

Another good thing about winter is the season at which it comes. It comes precisely at the right time. True, they sometimes alter them, and we have winter when it should be summer, but, as a rule, winter comes after autumn.

Perhaps the best point in favour of winter is that it is responsible for this carefully thought-out and highly logical paper. Had there been **no** winter, this bright and elevating treatise would never have been written. (Probably the Editor will say, "What a pity!") Instead of reading this you would now be reading the account of the camp. Perhaps its just as well.

J. WARNER.

#### ODDS AND ENDS.

Salle à manager—Manager's room, I. B.

"Achilles was wounded at the end of his foot at the end of his life."

"Who discovered Australia?" Columbus, IV. B.

"Bottle and cork cost 2/6. Bottle costs 2/- more than the cork. What is the cost of each?"

"Please, sir, what is there in the bottle?"

In the triangles ABC, DEF.

Side AB—DE. (Sides of isose. triangle).

Side BC—EF. "Because the question asks you to prove this and therefore they "must" be equal."

[Overheard during preparation of homework].

"Water expands like any other **solid** when heated."

"Calcutta is important because it is at the botomne of the river Ganges." II B.

#### A FEW TIT-BITS FROM THE LOWER FORMS.

1. "The part of speech which describes a verb is a 'PROVERB.'"

2. "John the Baptist took the Nazarite vow. This meant that he was not to visit the ale-houses."

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4. The following were given as the corresponding masculines and feminines:—

Bachelor	'old maid' or 'widow.'
Priest	missionary.
Sloven	sloveness or slug.
Ram	stag.

### FOOTBALL NOTES.

We are fortunate in being able to field almost the same team as we did last year, and our good performances are, no doubt, due in some measure to this. Up to the time of writing we have played five matches, all without being defeated, having scored 34 goals to our opponents' 7.

#### 1st. Match v St. Margaret's Club. At home,

**Team:**—Martin, Potter, Gowers, Wilkin, Brittain, Tripp (S.), Collen, Peck, Tripp (F.), Browne and Austrin.

This team was more or less experimental, but we managed to win by 4 clear goals which were scored by Peck 1, Tripp (S.) 1, and Collen 2.

#### 2nd. Match v Lowestoft Harriers. At home.

**Team:**—Martin, Potter, Peck, Wilkin, Tripp (S.), Marshall, Collen, Browne, Tripp (F.), Catchpole and Austrin.

This match was played in very bad weather, it raining very hard nearly all the second half. Although we scored eight goals the game was not so one-sided as the score suggests. We owe most of our goals to Tripp (F.), who scored 5. Collen 2, and Catchpole 1, were the other scorers. Our opponents scored 1.

#### 3rd. Match v Beccles Sir John Leman's. At Home.

We always look forward to a good match with Beccles, but this time we were disappointed. I have never seen the team play better, and I think every member is to be congratulated on the way he played. Our goal scorers were Brittain 2, Tripp (F.) 2, Jermy 2, Collen 3.

#### 4th. Match v Beccles Sir John Leman's. At Beccles.

**Team:**—Martin, Potter, Warner, Wilkin, Brittain, Tripp (S.), Collen, Browne, Tripp (F.), Jermy and Austrin.

This time Beccles gave us a much better game, for we only won by the odd goal in 11. We started off quite well and were leading by two goals just before the interval, when Wilkin had to retire and did not take any further part in the game. At one time during the second half we were leading by 6 goals to 2, but after that we could do nothing right, our opponents scoring 3 goals in quick succession. Our goal scorers were Jermy 2, Austrin 1, Collen 3.



**5th. Match v Bungay Grammar School. At Home.**

**Team:**—Martin, Potter, Warner, Wilkin, Brittain, Tripp (S.), Collen, Browne, Tripp (F.), Jermy and Austrin.

We should have played at Bungay, but their pitch was under water. In the first minute we nearly scored through one of the Bungay player's mis-kicking. The ball dropped in the goal mouth, but the goal-keeper fisted clear. No goals were scored until near the interval, when Collen and Tripp scored in quick succession. After the interval, Bungay pressed round our goal, but could not score. We took advantage of our opportunities, however, and scored 5 more goals.

Tripp (S.) 1, Browne 1, Tripp (F.) 2, Austrin 1, Collen 2, were our goal scorers.

**School 2nd. XI. v Bungay Grammar School 2nd. XI,**

**On October 25th. on the School Field.**

The School captain lost the toss and Stevens kicked off with the wind and sun behind him. Soon Stevens scored from Carr's centre. After half-an-hour's play Crossland scored direct from a corner.

**Half-time:**—School 2. Bungay 0.

After about twenty minutes' play the Bungay centre-forward shot and SCORED. Soon Catchpole increased the School's lead with a terrific shot.

**Result:**—School 3. Bungay 1.

**School 2nd. XI. v Beccles College.**

**On October 4th. on the School field.**

This, the first match of the season, was spoilt by drenching rain. Several times the game had to be stopped on account of the rain. The School forwards had matters all their own way and they played in irresistible style.

**Result:**—School 7. Beccles 0.

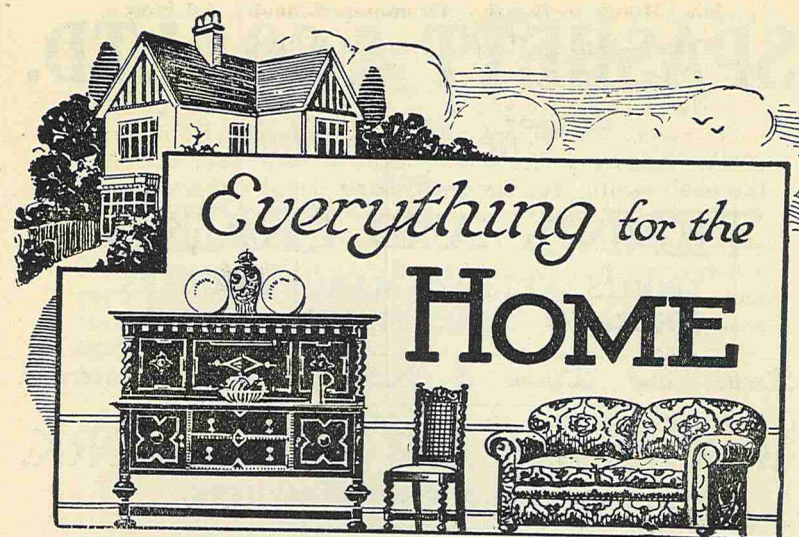
**School 2nd. XI. v Beccles, Sir John Leman's.**

**On October 18th. At home.**

We won the toss, and the opposing team kicked off with a fair wind. Our forwards were quickly to work, and Carr, receiving the ball, bored straight through and scored.

The visitors seemed surprised, but as soon as the ball was kicked off, it was taken to the Beccles half, and a goal resulted. Half-time came with the score 4-0.

In the beginning of the second half, Beccles got through and scored from a mix-up in the goal mouth. This evidently worried our forwards, for they worked away, and by full-time had obtained 8 more goals.



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**Result:**—School 2nd. XI. 12. Beccles, Sir J, Leman's 1,  
Scorers. Steven 5, Carr 4, Beckett 1, Marshall 2.

**School 2nd. XI. v Beccles, Sir John Leman's.**

**On October 11th. At Beccles.**

The match opened with a rush for our goal, but this was effectually stopped, and the ball kicked up to our forwards. The Beccles people rushed again and a goal resulted. We started a movement on their goal, and at half-time had 2 goals against their 1. In the second half we had it all our own way, and in the first minute after the resumption Stevens scored a good goal. Just before full-time we netted again.

**Result:**—School 4. Beccles 1.

Scorers. Stevens 2, Randlesome 1, Marshall 1.

M.

### HOCKEY. 1924-5.

The match results this season are:—

Oct. 11th.	2nd. XI. v Lowestoft Ladies	H	6-2	Win
" 18th.	1st. XI. v Beccles Sec.	H	1-4	Loss
" 29th.	1st. XI. v Bungay Ladies	H	9-0	Win
Nov. 8th.	1st. XI. v Norwich Sec.	A	5-0	Win
	2nd. XI. v Yarmouth High	H	3-4	Loss

The match on November 8th against Norwich was interesting from an experimental point of view, two changes having been made in the forward line—the right wing and centre-forward. The forwards had much more "dash" than before this season, while the shooting also improved. The goals were scored by G. Parker, 2, V. Sturman, D. Utting and R. Easto,

Three more schools have joined the league this year—Beccles, Diss, and North Walsham. In the first round we shall play Norwich in February, at Norwich.

The results of the House Matches this term are:—

Nightingale	17 pts.
Darling	17 pts.
Cavell	9 pts.
St. Margaret's	0 pts.

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### NETBALL.

Only two matches have been played this term; both of which were lost to the Central School, who were much quicker and more sure in shooting than the school team. The general fault of our team is that they do not "stick" to their opponents enough.



Our next match is against Norwich Secondary School.

We have been lucky in arranging a bye for the League Matches next term. May we win that cup away from Yarmouth High School; who have held it for two years.

The house matches are to be played off at the end of the term.

ALL.

#### THE SCHOOL PAPER-CHASE.

On Tuesday, October 28th, a paper-chase was run; the hares were Brittain, III. B., and Austrin, IV. B. The pack consisted of the energetic members of V., IV. B. and III. B., there being about fifteen in all, which was a very poor number. The hares arrived home about three minutes before the first of the hounds, Randlesome, IV. B. Some confusion was caused at the beginning, and near the end by the hounds meeting with a trail which had been used by a club some days previously. However, in spite of these petty difficulties, the run was a huge success, and it is to be hoped that there will be more equal to it.

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"Impositions" (no identity given). We have no reliable evidence on which to base the conclusion that the impositions imposed by Canute on his flatterers were confined to French and Latin irregular verbs.

"Master's Room." We are very interested in what you write concerning the size of the Masters' Room. It is small, isn't it? Perhaps you have noticed that whenever the last Master enters, another one (very often the last but one) goes out to make room for him!

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