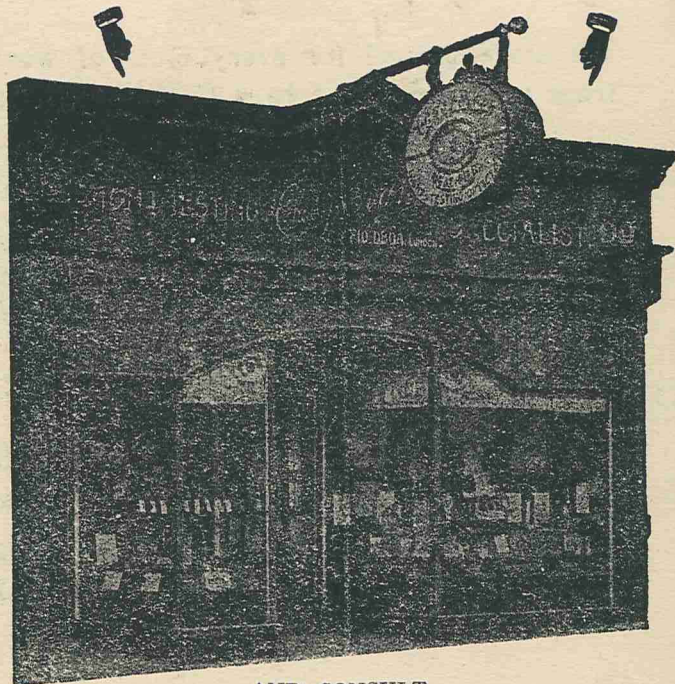


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## EDITORIAL

CONTRIBUTIONS should be sent in by December 20th at the very latest.

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WE should imagine that never in the history of the school has there been a term so full and varied in its progress. In the ordinary way, the Summer Term is the last lap of the Examination race, and those who have run it in the past have deserved great praise, but those who have succeeded this year will deserve something greater, as many of them have helped to carry through [beyond their studies] the many "outside" activities for which the school has won a good name.

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ON the last day of the term Miss Hart and Miss Rowland were given a hearty send-off to their new appointments; although the farewell ceremony was of a quiet nature—in regard to the wishes of the two mistresses concerned—it was no less sincere and both were keenly appreciative of the farewells accorded to them.

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WE are very pleased that Miss Bates has recovered from her accident, and is now resuming her duties in the school, and we accord to Mr. I. Spalding, B. A. (Oxon.), a warm welcome in taking over the teaching of History and Economics, the latter subject being recently added to the syllabus.

### Examination Successes, Summer 1934

The Examination Results have this year exceeded our normal expectations, and the standard of success is even greater. We congratulate all the successful candidates, and trust that the unsuccessful ones (but five in all) will have an easier time at their next attempt.



# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

## Higher School Certificate

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Grace Hunt

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Roberts, G. M. (l, b)	

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a—Art ; b—Botany ; c—Chemistry ; e—English ; f—French ; h—History ; l—Latin ; m—Elementary Mathematics ; p—Physics.

### University Scholarships

**E**SPECIAL congratulations go to Frank Smith, who has been awarded a Lord Kitchener Memorial Scholarship of £120 per annum for three years. The total annual value of the scholarships gained by our students in open competition this year exceeds £800. Details are :—

GRACE BRIGGS—Open Exhibition Newnham College, Cambridge, and East Suffolk County Major Scholarship.

E. G. J. COX—Bursary at Hull University College, and East Suffolk County Major Scholarship. Cox gained, but resigned, an exhibition at Nottingham University College.

F. SMITH—Lord Kitchener Memorial Scholarship, and East Suffolk County Major Scholarship.

L. SAUNDERS—Drapers' Company Exhibition at East London College, open Scholarship University College, Nottingham (resigned), East Suffolk County Major Scholarship.

J. B. MILLER—Studentship University College, Nottingham.

DORIS IVES—Grant from County Scholarship Fund.

### Speech Day

**L**OWESTOFT was en fête on the occasion of this year's ceremony, for the town had the honour of welcoming His Excellency, the Belgian Ambassador, who, before the Prize Distribution, was entertained to a civic luncheon at the Royal Hotel, the Mayor acting as host.

At the afternoon Session a large representative gathering of Scholars, Staff, Parents and Governing Body, under the Chairmanship of Major S. W. Humphery, T.D., J.P., Chairman of the Governors, welcomed, amid the singing of the Belgian and British National Anthems, His Excellency, the Baron E. de Cartier de Marchienne, Belgian Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and witnessed the distribution of prizes from his hand as follows :

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Old Girls' Association (Senior Mathematics) :	Grace M. Briggs
(Junior French) :	Audrey A. Stray
Old Boys' Association :	F. J. Blowers
Special Prizes : Housecraft :	Dorothy Saunders
Botany :	Freda Muttitt
Progress Prizes :	A. Davis G. Jarrold

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Vith Forms	Holder of Higher School Certificates (as above)
Vth Forms	Holder of School Certificates in Honours (as above)
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Ist Forms	D. Doggett Phyllis Akerman Jean Thacker
Shell Form	F. Smith Millicent Cooper

### SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

(previously awarded)

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, JULY, 1933

PASSED WITH HONOURS (in order of merit)

Boys	Girls
H. J. Clark <i>f, am, m, ch, ph</i>	M. E. Payne <i>f, b, a</i>
J. S. Maples <i>e, l, f</i>	M. I. Page <i>f</i>
G. R. Lang <i>m</i>	H. M. Walker <i>f</i>
J. E. Palmer	C. M. Lane <i>m</i>
J. L. Case	

PASSED WITH CREDIT

Boys	Girls
E. A. Grint	M. E. Quantrell
A. G. Catchpole	E. D. M. Blowers
J. E. Baxter	H. M. Baxter
E. G. Watson	E. O. C. Hiscock
L. C. Grinter	V. A. Grace
J. T. James	D. Saunders <i>hs</i>
R. W. Regis	M. L. Sago
F. A. M. Cassidy	N. M. A. Lewis
L. D. True	M. C. B. Bennett
J. S. Greengrass	K. M. McKenzie
N. W. Pack	E. M. Hunter
S. J. Rackham	C. C. Wood
L. W. E. Taylor	
A. T. Sullivan	
R. W. Steley	
N. F. A. Taylor	
G. Edwards	

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, DECEMBER 1932

PASSED WITH CREDIT

Boys	Girls
L. E. Knights	M. V. Knights G. M. Rushmere

(Italic letters indicate mark of distinction : *a*—Art, *am*—Additional Mathematics, *b*—Botany, *ch*—Chemistry, *e*—English, *f*—French *hs*—Housecraft, *l*—Latin, *m*—Elementary Mathematics, *ph*—Physics.

### ENTERTAINMENT

- (I) THREE ROUNDS JUNIOR CHOIR
  - " Summer is icumen in " (6 part) *Monk of Reading* (13th century)
  - " Under this Stone " *Henry Purcell* (17th century)
  - " St. Catherine " *Martin Shaw* (20th century)
- (II) TWO SONGS
  - " Bunches of Grapes " *Howells*
  - " Falconers' Song " *Bennet*

- ONE ACT PLAY
 

" L'ANGLAIS TEL QU'ON LE PARLE " *Tristan Bernard*  
(English as it is spoken)

The play relates the complications arising from an interpreter who has no idea of the language he is interpreting.

EUGÈNE	Interpreter	R. Hall
HOGSON	Father of Betty	E. Jones
JULIEN CICADEL		J. Miller
POLICE INSPECTOR		J. Knights
HOTEL PORTER		F. Pegg
POLICEMEN		F. Viner
BETTY		G. Pike
HOTEL MANAGERESS		Margaret Knights
		Mollie Payne

Scene : THE ENTRANCE HALL OF A HOTEL IN PARIS.

- DANCES
  - " Sailors' Hornpipe " (Ines Buffard, Rachel Howgate, Stella Sherrington)
  - " Tarantelle " (Mary Fairhead, Joyce Gilliat)
- PHYSICAL TRAINING SENIOR BOYS
 

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- DANCE
 

" Minuet " (Phyllis Akerman, Betty Ditchfield, Jean Finn, Eunice Margrett, Jean McKenzie, Phyllis Munday, Gwendolen Rist, Eileen Rollason)
- FOLK SONGS SENIOR CHOIR
  - " Richard of Taunton Dene " *Somerset*
  - " Bobby Shaftoe " *Northumberland*



7. ONE ACT PLAY

"BROTHER WOLF" one of "The Little Plays of St. Francis"

By Laurence Housman

FRANCIS  
JUNIPER  
LUPO  
GIUSEPPE  
BASTIANO  
BARTOL  
CECCO

E. G. J. Cox  
J. W. Purdy  
M. S. Woods  
H. Clark  
P. Neal  
G. F. Chipperfield  
S. J. Nobbs

Scene: A ROCKY DEFILE ABOVE ASSISI.

The speech of His Excellency to the pupils and parents was a laudation of the character of his late King Albert, who, in his acts of daring and bravery, had shown himself in his life as well as in the mode of his lamentable death, a leader of men. In him, Belgium had found an intrepid ruler in times of war and of peace, and the relationship of Britain and Belgium had been cemented by our appreciation of the fine act of the Belgian King in thwarting the invading enemy, and by his appreciation of our withstanding the long drawn out warfare on the Western Front at Ypres, where many of our heroes lie buried.

The Headmaster's report, which had preceded His Excellency's speech, dealt with the problems and successes of our school life 1933-1934. Advanced courses had necessitated the extension of the School buildings by the conversion of outbuildings into studies for the VI Form. The examination successes have kept well up to previous standards. From 4 Higher School Certificates in 1931 and 7 in 1932, we progress to 9 in 1933. 41 Cambridge School Certificates were gained in 1933 making a total of 132 School Certificates in the last three years, of which 45 have been Honours Certificates and 20 Higher School Certificates.

The two outstanding successes of the year were Noel Woosnam's Scholarship to Cambridge—a fitting reward for valuable service as head boy, and the open Exhibition in Classics at Newnham College, Cambridge, gained by Grace Briggs, who has done excellent work as head girl. A further success was obtained by Laurence Saunders, who gained an open Drapers' Company Exhibition at East London College in arts (Mod. Languages).

Of the School's other activities, it is a pleasure to note the winning of the Norfolk and East Suffolk Hockey Trophy for the fourth year in succession, the Certificate gained by the first entry of the School Choir at the Norwich Musical Festival, and the production of a pantomime written and produced by the Staff and Students in collaboration.

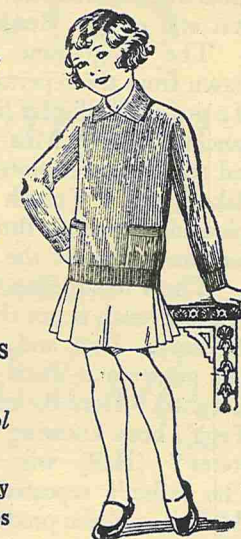
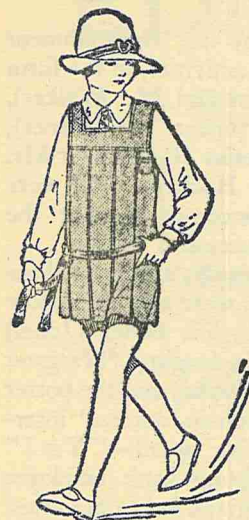
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The programme was concluded by an entertainment drawn from the repertoire of the School's activities, in the form of a gymnastic display (under Mr. Emerson and Mr. Walker), dancing (under Miss Walsh), singing (under Mr. Rimer), and two Plays recounted below ; one *Brother Wolf* (under Mr. Baker), and a French Play (under Mr. Hockey). All were splendidly carried through, and all concerned deserve the congratulations of the School in their successful display.

The French Play was a first-rate comedy, and even those whose French is not their strongest point, were able to follow the story. Irate and commanding, an English father (Jones) had gone to a Paris hotel to fetch his daughter (Margaret Knights). Here the manageress (Mollie Payne) and the porter (Pegg), both knowing no English, sought help from an "interpreter" (Hall) who knew one English word—"Yes!" The father's repeated mention of a young bank employee (Miller), and the production of his photograph led to the arrest of this young man. However, the elegant police inspector (J. Knights) and his two "agents" (Viner and Pike) were at a loss to explain exactly why the father, who had been so enraged, should give his daughter's hand to the man they had believed to be his robber.

It would be unfair to make more comment on individual performances, than that the responsible parts were those of Mollie Payne and Hall, the interpreter.

#### "BROTHER WOLF"

(Produced by Mr. H. L. Baker).

The setting of this play ; a rocky defile above Assisi, was effectively contrived by the use of curtains and covered blocks, the convention used being that the audience was in Assisi, from which Guiseppe climbed to the stage. He showed his spoil to the robber-band whilst 'one in sheep's clothing' kept watch over the path, and then Lupo, the leader, cursed the citizens of Assisi for casting him out. This, Woods achieved with great gusto, the others supporting him with loud howls and fierce gestures as he glared at the citizens and called them lice. In their ragged finery the robbers looked their parts, especially Lupo, with the skin of a wild animal round his shoulders.

Then came the friars, Francis quietly determined to tame

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Lupo as he had promised in Assisi, Juniper comically afraid. After they had been seized and bound by the bandits, the calm courage of Francis was shown to triumph over Lupo's bravado, and it was a tense moment indeed when, cowed by the knowledge of his wrongs, the leader of the band begged Francis to lead him, for he was blind. Cox, by good acting, most effectively brought out the process of this triumph of peace and love, and lest his calmness should pall, or his sermonizing weary, Purdy's antics were very amusing and his simplicity attractive.

### Belgian Students' Visit

THE school trips to Blankenberghe (boys) and Luxembourg (girls) this summer formed, with the visit of the Belgian school party to Lowestoft, an exchange which was inaugurated by the Belgian Ambassador on the occasion of his visit to our Speech Day in May last.

The Belgian party in charge of M. van Beylen, a master at the Normal School at Lierre, were welcomed at school on their arrival on Sunday, July 15th, by the Mayor and Mayoress, by our Chairman (the Deputy Mayor) and members of the Joint Higher Education Committee. The Mayor emphasized the importance of encouraging the visits of young people of all nations to other countries. M. van Beylen echoed these sentiments in saying that to understand a foreign people one must see them in their own environment.

The visitors were accorded many privileges by the municipal authorities of Lowestoft, and also on their visits to Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Bungay, etc. On several occasions they visited the school and participated in the school life. The chief excursions were preceded by talks by Mr. H. L. Baker on *David Copperfield*, "The Shakesperian Theatre," "The Norfolk Broads." The party visited Blundeston (under the guidance of the Rector), Cambridge, Bungay (where they were entertained by the pupils of Bungay Grammar School, and visited the historical sites in the company of the Town Reeve and the Headmaster of the Grammar School), Flixton Hall (by the courtesy of Sir Shafto Adair), Norwich (visit to the Grammar School and City of Norwich School, and a conducted tour by Major Felce), Great Yarmouth (reception by the Town Clerk), Gorleston, Blythburgh, Southwold, and North Walsham (visit to Nelson's old school).

Boat trips were made to Oulton Broad and on Wroxham Broad and the adjacent rivers. Visits to the Cable Relay Station

and to the factory of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, completed the programme.

We offer our sincere thanks to all those who helped so much to make the visit of our guests so successful. The warmth of their welcome was only equalled by the efforts made by the Belgian boys and their parents to gain contact with the school parties which later visited Belgium and Luxembourg. For example, a small group and M. van Beylen greeted us at Zeebrugge at 5.30 a.m., having left home at 4.30 a.m. for the purpose, two boys cycled two hundred kilometres in one day to meet the Headmaster in Luxembourg, a Belgian family motored from Brussels to Coxyde to meet the Lowestoft boy who had received their son at his home. Yet another Belgian cycled daily to Blankenberghe for fourteen days to renew his friendships. Such spontaneous affection will bring much pleasure to all those who were in any way concerned in the visit.

August 3rd, 1934.

### My First Travel in England

SINCE a long time I wished to travel in England. But my father's humble income did not allow me to undertake such a journey.

However, luck favoured me at the end of this scholastic year: a few days before the prize distribution I was told by Mr. Taets that Mr. Paumen, the Headmaster of Athénée Royal d'Ixelles, had designated me to partake of a scholastic tour in England.

You can imagine how happy I was.

Finally, the day of departure came. Saturday in the evening, I met my fellow-travellers at the South Station in Brussels. About half-past eight the train carried us away for Blankenberghe. Then we got into the tramway for Zeebrugge, where we embarked. It was half-past eleven when men weighed anchor. Fortunately the sea was calm, and the crossing pretty fair; not rough at all.

So we safely reached Harwich. We enjoyed a hearty English breakfast and then we rode by the train to Lowestoft. At the Central Station Dr. Robinson, the Headmaster of the Secondary School, and his pupils welcomed us. Immediately we were conducted to the Clyffe Hotel, where we found every modern convenience and comfort: what a happy choice Dr. Robinson had to take rooms for us in such an hotel!

During our stay in England we wandered the most interesting towns of the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridge;



we visited schools, museums, churches, cathedrals and other buildings, always accompanied by Dr. Robinson or other members of the School Staff, who took care of us as if we were their own sons; (he allowed his pupils to join with us in lectures, games and excursions. So we had the opportunity to put in practice our theoretic knowledge of the English language, and to improve our pronunciation).

We felt ourselves as if we were dreaming, for we really lived in family among affable and obliging friends, that always gave us explanations about the spots we were visiting. What a lot of fun we got! You can now realize the kindness of the English. . . . I found this quality not only in the Headmaster of the Secondary School, in his teachers and in his pupils, but also in everybody; wherever we went; a hearty welcome.

We were "struck" also by the cleanness of the towns and the quietness we found in the streets: for we are not accustomed to this in Belgium.

And so, we spent fourteen days in presence of an active, working and noble people.

But time flew, and we had our heart full when we realized that our stay was drawing to a close. We left England, that had us so generously received, taking away with us the best remembrances, that will never disappear from our mind.

It is impossible for me to express my gratitude for all what the Headmaster of the Secondary School, his teachers and his pupils did for us, but I seize here time by the forelock to thank them for all the sympathy they showed us.

GUSTAVE ALEXANDRIEN  
rue Cans 6.  
Ixelles-Bruxelles.  
Belgique.

### The Trip to Somerleyton

ON Friday afternoon, July 20th, at 2.15 p.m. the ss. *Lord Thanet* set off from Lowestoft bridge with a party of over ninety boys and girls, over twenty of these being Belgian boys on holiday at Lowestoft. The day was bright and many turned up in cream flannels. Dr. Robinson saw us off and took photographs. He then hurried to Oulton Broad and took further photographs of us. After an interesting journey up the River Waveney we arrived at Somerleyton at about 3.45. After disembarking we all walked up to the "Duke's Head Hotel," and there tea was waiting for us. After tea we wended our way to the river again and the ss. *Lord Thanet*

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ailed at five o'clock. Going back we had a quicker journey, having the tide with us, and got to Lowestoft bridge just after six o'clock. The Belgian visitors liked our lovely Broadland scenery, and were interested in the docks. There was not time to let them see other places of interest such as Burgh St. Peter and the ruins, and there was not time to go into the village of Somerleyton.

P. SNELLING, Spartan, IIIB.  
P. ROBBENS, Spartan.

### The Belgian Trip, August, 1934

THE school party, accompanied by Mr. Rimer, left Lowestoft on the evening of August 7th, and after having partaken of cocoa and biscuits at Ipswich, arrived at Parkeston Quay to embark.

On board the *St. Denis* we found the Headmaster, and surveyed the other boys from East Anglia, who were to be our comrades during the holiday. After a crossing which even the sailors admitted to have been 'a bit lippy,' we passed the lightships as dawn was breaking, and pale faces greeted Zeebrugge Mole, a grim sight at half-past five in the morning! Having been welcomed by some of our Belgian friends, who had risen about four a.m. to come to meet us, we went by electric tram to Blankenberghe.

The wearied travellers, to the number of 87, were scarcely able to appreciate the well-planned, but seemingly endless gardens of the Ecole Normale, but they rested on the brick tennis courts while rooms were allotted to them. Having negotiated several flights of stairs with their luggage, everyone welcomed the breakfast bell, in spite of a little contretemps, as our kindly hosts seem to think that the dish most acceptable to a tired and hungry English schoolboy at 6. 30 a.m. is a large slice of pale cheese!

Unless excursions had been arranged, the morning programme was usually :—

7. 30. Breakfast.

8. 30—9. 30. P.T. in the well-equipped gymnasium.

9. 30—10. 30. A lecture in French on a future excursion given by M. de Bièvre.

This was followed by a bathe before lunch. (If nothing had been arranged, the afternoon and evening were free).

On Thursday (Aug. 9th) we were officially welcomed by the Burgomaster. In the afternoon we walked to Zeebrugge

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Mole, where we saw the site of the immortal attack, and visited Zeebrugge War Museum. On our way to Zeebrugge we were struck by the strange Belgian habit of cycling on the pavement. Apparently that part of the road not under repair is for the use of motorists and pedestrians, and the pavement is devoted to the record-breaking cyclists!

On the afternoon of Friday (August 10th) we walked to Wenduine along the beach, in the teeth of a south-westerly gale, and very glad we were when we arrived.

Saturday (August 11th) was made memorable by a visit to the ancient city of Bruges. With M. de Bièvre as our guide, we were conducted round the places of interest, including L'Hôtel de Ville, L'Eglise Notre-Dame, la Cathédrale Saint Sauveur, the Memlinc and other museums.

On Sunday (August 12th) we attended an English service in the Town Hall. The rest of the day was free.

On Monday (August 13th), after a lecture in the morning on 'l'Ensablement du Zwijn,' we went to study this sand-blocked estuary for ourselves. The motor-buses took us through Knocke and le Zoute, stopping at Albert Plage so that we could visit the ultra-modern Casino, then stopped near the frontier. We walked along the beach, and we were shown how the prevailing South Westerly winds had pushed the dunes further and further north, so that the estuary of the Zwijn had silted up, and Sluys, Damme and Bruges had, in turn, lost their former greatness, with the loss of direct communication with the sea. From the frontier, not a very inspiring sight in the pouring rain, we walked on through acres of purple 'ever-lasting flowers' (Zwijn fleur), growing wild, and looking, from a distance, like heather, and were taken on by the buses to Sluys.

Tuesday (August 14th) was not officially arranged, so both it and Wednesday were spent in playing off matches in the tennis tournaments, for which prizes (silver pencils) were given for the singles and doubles. M. Curremans (Directeur de l'Ecole Normale), was pleased to present a prize for the best school. This was gained by Northgate School, Ipswich.

Thursday (August 16th) was occupied by a day excursion to Ypres. We visited the German long-range gun (Leugenboom), and thence to Dixmude, now marvellously rebuilt, and saw the Flemish memorial there, and the "Trench of Death." After lunch at Dixmude we went on to Ypres, where we saw the new cathedral behind the ruins of the Cloth Hall. Nearby was the belfry recently opened by Leopold III, King of the Belgians. Then we visited the Menin Gate. On our way home through the peaceful countryside, only the

white cemeteries which flanked the roads remained to recall the havoc which these fields had witnessed during the Great War. Of these memorials we visited the Canadian one, St. Julien, and the Tyne Cot Cemetery. We stopped for half an hour in Ostende and had time to admire its docks.

On the evening of Friday (August 17th) a team of boys from the English party played the Blankenberghe eleven. Our sad defeat was assisted by the fact that none of our boys had football boots, and one player was incapacitated half-way through the match. However, the crowd on the 'Tribune' cheered lustily, and the sleep of the Blankenberghe back was only rarely disturbed!

Saturday (August 18th) was another whole-day excursion, this time to Ghent, Gent or Gand (whichever you prefer). In spite of the overpowering heat, we tramped all over Ghent, Gent or Gand, visiting the Château des Comtes, l'Hôtel de Ville and le Petit Béguinage. This Béguinage, of which very few examples still remain, is a religious community. It resembles a convent, but each nun has her own little house. The houses face an enclosed green in the centre, and the Béguines have their own church.

Sunday (August 19th) was a free day.

On Monday evening, senior members of the Lowestoft party, led by Mr. Rimer and assisted by Mr. Cousins of Ipswich, and Hewitt of North Walsham, gave a concert which was greatly appreciated by all concerned. Several visitors were present, including some of the Belgian boys who came to Lowestoft, two Belgian Inspectors of Schools, and M. Taets (to whom we are indebted for the detailed arrangements of the tour).

The last day, Tuesday (August 21st), was free for shopping, packing, etc. Another performance of the concert was given in the afternoon. At half-past ten we bade "Adieu" to the Ecole Normale, and went, once more, to Zeebrugge Mole.

From the deck of the *Archangel*, we waved good-bye to our kind friends, M. Taets and M. Curremans, and to the Headmaster, who was not returning with us. And so to Harwich (by now it was August 22nd)—then a real English breakfast at Ipswich, and, at last, home.

M. E. PAYNE. VI.



## Ten Things We Shall never Forget

- (1) The indescribable odour of a Belgian canal.
- (2) Black Pudding.
- (3) Foncée.
- (4) Export.
- (5) Chips.
- (6) Belgian Ice-cream.
- (7) The spectacle of our boys playing netball.
- (8) The attack on Zeebrugge Mole (that night).
- (9) The bottle that went 'right out of the window' (whoopee !)
- (10) The Football match.

" PILSEN "

## Said By Whom ?

- (1) " It appears, sir, that Paddle is on the beach." Said by C—x.
- (2) " Cheerio, you chaps, I'm popping off at the next stop."  
Said by *Button* ! (Ipswich).
- (3) " We've been *rooked* ! " Said by M——n and C——e.
- (4) " They actually charged me 2 francs for an Export ! "  
Said by G——t, Form II.
- (5) " Huisbeheerder ! " said by Mr. R——r.
- (6) " Look, here's the jolly old Vindictive again." Said by  
G——k.
- (7) " He won the V.C. *this night*." Zeebrugge War Museum.
- (8) " Hic transit gloria swanson helles concordia rhubarb  
vaselino grimmitt kippax testus est." Said by C—x.
- (9) " Remember your old school tie, egg, chocolate, and—er,  
egg." Said by S——h.
- (10) " ——— ! ——— ! ——— ! ——— ! ! " said by  
M——n.

" PILSEN "

## Girls' Tour, 1934

**W**E, that is twelve girls and three mistresses, left Lowestoft by train at 6. 36 on the evening of Friday, July 27th. At Beccles we were joined by four other girls. After biscuits and cocoa at Ipswich, we were soon aboard the *Malines* at Harwich. Our crossing was rather choppy, but all slept well ; or rather, we would have slept well if some of us had not sat up and looked out of neighbouring portholes every little while. However, one cabin was astir early. Surprising though it may seem, several girls were on deck by 4. 30 a.m., watching

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the coasts on either side of the ship as the sun rose. Antwerp was reached at about a quarter to eight, and soon we were in a train, sweeping past quaint houses and farms on the way to Brussels. Here we were met by a gentleman in a straw boater, who escorted us to our hotel in a char-à-banc. That day we spent touring Brussels. We went out to Waterloo, and were shown the scene of the historic battle. By way of 'mild exercise' we climbed 236 steps to the top of a mighty mound.

Next morning we had to hurry off for the station. We were sorry to leave charming Brussels, though I, for one, thought the tram-conductors most barbarous and cut-throatish. However, at about two o'clock we arrived in Luxembourg, and were met by the professor and girls of a college there. They spoke English quite well, and while we were there showed us the sights. Luxembourg city is almost unbelievably beautiful. Built on a massive rock, she towers above the surrounding country, and when her fortifications were entire, must have been impregnable. We stayed in an hotel, and had our meals (very delicious they were), in a restaurant close by. We were joined there by the Headmaster who accompanied us on many excursions into the surrounding country in a char-à-banc. It is impossible to write here all that we did and saw during those few days. Twice we crossed bridges into Germany, while once were shown over a champagne factory.

On August 1st, we journeyed by char-à-banc to Clervaux, stopping at many famous beauty spots of which I shall speak in a later article. Clervaux is a small town nestling about an old castle in a valley overshadowed by steep wooded hills. We stayed in the old castle, which had been converted into an hostel and restaurant, without, however, having its beauty spoilt. Some of us slept in a haunted tower—at least it was supposed to be haunted—with a wall seven feet thick around us.

Saturday, August 4th, we spent in travelling from Clervaux to Blankenberghe, a journey with three changes. There we stayed in the huge Ecole Normale. On our arrival we went for a swim. The beach was very wide and sandy, and the sea—well! it seemed too good to be true after our long dusty railway journey.

The next day, Sunday, we spent lazing on the beach or in the garden under a scorching sun. However, at ten p.m. a sad little party were on their way to Zeebrugge in a tram. There we embarked for England on the *Archangel*. After a very calm crossing, we reached Harwich at six o'clock next morning, and a few hours later our delightful holiday abroad was over.

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## Ciné Club

AS might be expected, this term the Ciné Club has been more or less quiescent, and only one meeting has been held. This took place in the first week of term, and the chief feature was the film of the Battle of the Falkland Isles, the talkie version of which has been seen in Lowestoft under the title of "Deeds Men do." For the rest of the term, out of doors activities have ousted the club from the minds of the general public, although the camera has had its annual outings on the occasion of the Sports and the Swimming Gala, and also on some of the trips made by our Belgian visitors. We hope to see the results of these excursions next term, when the club will awaken once more.

F.S. (Sec.)

## The Junior Dramatic Society

DURING the past year there has been a large increase in the membership of the Society. This seems to prove that acting is very popular with the Junior School.

Keen interest was aroused last term by the organization of a play-writing competition. The winning play "The Second Minuet" was written by K. Betts Ig, and she received as a prize copies of *David Copperfield* and *a Tale of Two Cities*.

During the early part of next term a meeting will be held to discuss future arrangements and it is hoped that all those interested in the Society will attend.

P. PALMER, (Sec.)

## Senior Choir

AT last the saga of the Senior Choir is finished, and the last "Dumbledum" has been articulated to the accompaniment of loud (and we resignedly suppose) sarcastic applause. Rehearsals for Speech Day at the Sparrow's Nest were somewhat entertaining as, among other things, the basses seemed to prefer wandering about among the top battens, and the tenors strove to enliven things with peculiar and varied noises. Then, after the sopranos had discovered that their solo was inaudible at the back of the hall, the altos suddenly found themselves unable to sing at all. However, a hurriedly revised version of the end of the song brought it within their limited scope, and so the performance was saved. At least we hope so.

BASS, VI.

## Norwich Festival

AT 10-30 a.m. on May 12th, eighty members of the junior choir, with clean knees and tidy hair (hm, hm,) armed with paper bags containing lunch, clambered into three charabancs which were waiting to convey them to Norwich Festival. An onlooker would not have thought that our juniors had much musical talent, judging from the way in which they shouted for Mr. Rimer's company.

We arrived at Norwich at about twelve o'clock, after a glorious country ride via Yarmouth, and were immediately besieged by an army of flag-sellers who said we were a very patronizing school. (One up to us!)

The Festival took place in St. Andrew's Hall, and the standard of singing was very high. Our choir was the largest one there, and our juniors sang very well obtaining a first-class certificate. After the singing, the various choirs were criticized by the examiner, and the choirs sang in unison.

The school people ate their lunch al fresco, and were provided with lemonade.

Then we started for home. We stopped at Loddon, and the whole eighty members of the choir trooped into a certain hotel, and a series of "pops" ensued. One may guess what these pops were caused by. Inmates of a certain institution were greatly attracted by our red blazers, and we had quite an audience. Our thirsts being quenched, we resumed our journey, and it hardly seemed credible that the people singing in the charabancs were the same that had sung at the Festival.

Amidst shouts we drew up at the school gates, and the choir showed their appreciation of Miss Chudleigh and Mr. Rimer by cheering, while the latter stepped in state from the charabanc.

## Historical Society Notes

WE are very glad to have had a share in the school activities during the summer term, when there is usually so much to do. On Saturday, May 26th, Miss Hart and Miss Fordham arranged an expedition to Norwich. The weather was fortunately fine and warm, and our time being divided between visiting various buildings of historical interest, in wandering round the Market Place, and in dining at Woolworth's, we all spent an enjoyable day and arrived home very tired.



The other entertainment was the performance of two plays, *Montrose*, and *Mary Stuart*, written by Miss Hart for the occasion. These were enjoyed greatly by the audience.

We are very sorry that Miss Hart is leaving us, after being our Chairman for over three years, and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

R. E. GOSLING (*Sec.*)

### Montrose—or the Hysterical Play

THIS hilarious tragedy was the splendid result of one week's unsuccessful attempts at rehearsals. The Dramatis Personæ had *one* rehearsal in unison on the field on Friday morning.

'This cricket-pitch shall be our stage, this pavilion our tiring-house.'

The audience was suitably prepared for the drama by the performance beforehand of a poetic dialogue between Mary Stuart and the poet Ronsard, after which a long poem was read to enable Ronsard to project his garments some years into the future to adorn the person of James, Earl of Montrose. We fear that the dramatic wardrobe is not exactly to be complimented on its impromptu dressing of Montrose and Charles I (and II !), not forgetting Morton.

No doubt there was excellent reason for placing Argyll behind the desk upon which he relied so extensively, but we fail to credit that the gay Charles II would have worn the same garments (which were decrepit even in his youth) for six years.

We regret that both Montrose and the King were too late !

Who was the character attired in modern dress only half seen, who acted from the wings ?

The gallows (erected with a cricket stump, a plantain picker and a Smith's Potato Crisp tin) wavered from one side of the stage to the other, in spite of the fevered protests of the aforesaid modern character, who was effectively silenced by Montrose's declamation 'It is useless !'

We are uncertain whether Lady Montrose's handkerchief concealed grief or laughter, but her sobs proved very effective when she forgot her lines !

We note that fountain-pens were already in use for the signing of legal documents at this time.

Apart from these minor flaws the presentation was faultless, and we congratulate the prompter on a spirited performance.

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## Sixth Form Lecture Society

IN spite of many interruptions, the Society had another successful term.

The first lecture, on May 7th, was given by Muriel Sago on 'The Birth and Development of the Moving Picture.' The pictures illustrating this lecture enabled the more technical parts to be clearly understood.

On May 14th, Catherine Lane gave an interesting illustrated lecture on 'Dunwich,' from the time of its former position as a strongly fortified town to the ruin of the present day.

On May 28th, owing to the withdrawal of the lecturer, Dr. Robinson entertained the Society with some of his experiences while serving on a Jury in London.

Catchpole followed on June 4th with a good lecture on 'Silver,' illustrated by photographs. He dealt with silver from the actual mining of the ore, to the production of the finished articles.

June 11th was occupied by a lecture on 'Rare British Birds,' by Steley, who showed splendid pictures of the birds which he described.

On June 18th, Woods gave another lecture with 'The French Classical Ideal,' as subject. Having carefully expounded six of the chief features of Classical literature, he proceeded to undermine the whole theory, showing how fortunate it is for us that we have outlived its narrow notions.

Freda Crowe gave the next lecture. It was on 'Italian Art,' and was remarkable for the beautiful reproductions of Italian masterpieces.

The last lecture was given on July 9th by Kathleen McKenzie on 'Highland Folk-lore.' This lecture was unusual in its subject matter, and was delivered in a very interesting manner. Several pictures were shown, including one of the famous Loch Ness monster.

Thanks are due to the proposers and seconders of votes of thanks, and to those responsible for the working of the epidiascope.

This year has been a very successful one in the history of the Society, both for the excellent treatment of the lectures and the originality of many of the subjects.

M. E. P.

## Celebration Lunch à la South Study

ON Friday, July 27th, a farewell lunch was held in the South Study, to celebrate (and test) the survival of the fittest after one year's habitation therein.

After the chairman, (G—— B——), standing on her chair, and exercising her vocal chords to the full, had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the providers of the repast, and given the assembly perfect freedom of thought, word and deed, she took her seat, and thereupon everyone commenced to eat with great appetite and energy.

The menu was as follows:

Currants red, black and white, gooseberries red and green, raspberries red and white, cream.

Raspberry cream jelly, and cherries.  
(These two courses accompanied by cokernut ice.)

Toasts  
(in lemonade)

Chocolate individual rolls.  
Swiss " "

Short Interval

Biscuits assorted (chocolate, wheaten, Marie, Osborne, Ginger nuts.)

Peanuts and Chocolate Fudge

Bananas

Apples

Small girls pressing their persons against the window-panes and, we regret to say, climbing upon the dustbin—fit resting place, no doubt—received excellent entertainment from the somewhat unintelligible din issuing from within. Every few moments the party burst into hearty cheers on the slightest provocation, sometimes on none at all. Supreme goodwill reigned, as will be evident from the toast list.



## TOAST LIST

- (1) Absent Friends.
- (2) Our Headmaster.
- (3) Miss Joels.
- (4) Our beloved Staff.
- (5) "Walter."
- (6) The Belgian Boys.
- (7) The Sixth Form boys.
- (8) Miss Fordham, for doing dinner duty for us.
- (9) The future of the Nightingale House, in view of a probable future secretary.
- (10) Our particular pests.
- (11) The South Study and stove.
- (12) Ourselves.
- (13) Anybody else not included above.

The short interval was promoted by one of our brighter members, and was occupied in running twice round the laden table. Astonishing zeal and success crowned this episode.

During the last course the entire assembly retired to a haycock in the plantation, where suitable music accompanied our thoughts—and feelings.

We wish to thank all who made this feast possible,—and we are pleased to announce that, up to the time of going to press, no evil results have been reported.

Vith FORM GIRLS.

## A Visit to the Lighthouse

ON Tuesday, June 5th, Shell Form was taken to the Lighthouse in the Geography lesson. As soon as the bell was rung we started out, and after a walk of five minutes reached the Lighthouse. It is built near the most easterly point of Lowestoft. It is also on the highest ground and the lantern is 125 feet above sea-level.

On entering the yard, we saw a large hole into which a man was pouring petroleum from huge drums. Just then the Lighthouse keeper appeared. Taking us in, he showed us a column in the middle of the room. Opening a door in it, we saw a huge weight. The keeper said it weighed one cwt. This weight worked the machinery which turned the light. We also noticed a small tank with another below it, and were informed by the keeper that the one above contained the petroleum and the one below compressed air at a pressure

of 70 lbs. The compressed air forced the petroleum up to the main light where it was vaporized, and burned in the form of gas. We then ascended a spiral staircase, and on reaching the top saw a small red light with a reflector behind it. This we were told threw a beam of light opening out at an angle of 30° and was to mark the North Holme sandbank and prevent vessels from running into danger. Our guide also showed us a small tablet from the old Lighthouse which was built in 1676. The tablet bore the name of Samuel Pepys, the man who wrote the best account of "The Fire of London" in his diary.

We were then taken up a much steeper set of stairs till we reached the top floor, in the middle of which was the main light, which burned the petroleum vapour. The keeper then released the clock-work and the giant lens moved slowly round. Every half minute the burner in the middle would become parallel with the bull's eye or middle of the lens, thus causing a flash. The keeper also told us that the whole lens weighed one and a half tons. He said the petroleum vapour was very cheap to use, only two and a half pints per hour being required.

We were then shown through a small door in the side of the outer wall and found ourselves on a platform round the tower from which we could see for a great way. After a few minutes we all went inside again and descended the steep stairs once more. When we got down we thanked the Lighthouse keeper, and going out of the gate we returned home, or to school, for dinner, after a very enjoyable visit, thanks to the Lighthouse keeper.

P. ROBINSON,  
( 'Shell' Form ).  
Trojan.

## The Tree

THE tree is straight and tall :

I know its leaves are pure as glass  
where once a dove did rock

in the tree-top ; whence sun-soaked twigs divinely fall  
incessant into a sea of feathered grass :  
here the breezes' clinging kisses mock  
the foliage unmindful that black clouds have swirled  
overhead denying all's right with the world.



The world is still in tranquil motion,  
 though disorders all ruinous pursue us,  
 while I have watched a bow dip low in ocean  
 from my tree, to our graves :  
 the tree, having seen the best of our time,  
 in the pledged to-morrow must fear the waves,  
 for I have guessed the pantomime :  
 when the sun each feeble morn  
 pierces downwards into blackness  
 where the foliage knows no dawn,  
 cunningly draped with oozy tendrils ;  
 where the honest sea-louse curls into a satisfied ball  
 in the tree-top, whence no twigs divinely fall.

STANLEY J. NOBBS.

### “ Francis of Assisi in Modern Life ”

HE is just an elderly, grey-haired man ; just one of the crowd, walking along Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh. Suddenly, he stops and, waving his arms, cries, “ Come on.” At once flocks of sparrows fly excitedly towards him from all directions, settling round him, on his feet, yes, even on his hands. After having spoken to his feathered friends, he takes from his pockets pieces of broken biscuit which he distributes among the eagerly waiting crowd of sparrows. Then he draws from his pocket a particularly choice morsel which he holds out while pointing to one of the sparrows, and calling it by name. The sparrow thus addressed, at once leaves its companions, and coming up to this modern “ St. Francis,” eats from his hand. But now it is time for this kindly gentleman to be going, and he makes his way to the gates of the park, the strange crowd following at his heels. When he reaches the gates, he turns, and bidding the birds good-bye, waves his arms, telling them to go. The next moment, not a sparrow is to be seen on the broad, gravel walk, and the bird-man leaves the gardens as quietly as he came, though watched undoubtedly by hundreds of pairs of tiny eyes from the trees nearby. But what of the passers-by, you ask. They have become so accustomed to seeing this unusual sight that they pass by with seeming indifference, all except bird-lovers, and visitors to Edinburgh, who are held spellbound by this wonderful spectacle. It is strange that, but for those, the sight goes practically unnoticed.

J.E.R. IVg.

### Poems Re-told

(With apologies to Tennyson, Wordsworth, Lamb, Herrick and Eliot.)

Break, break, break,  
 And the chattering hordes set free !  
 And I would that my tongue could utter  
 The thoughts that arise in me.

*Any Prefect.*

Stern daughters of the flying squad !  
 O Duty ! If that name ye love  
 Ye are a light to guide, a rod  
 To check the erring, and reprove.  
 Ye who are victory and law  
 When 'gainst the strife ye bar the door :  
 From idle brawl ye call the surging sea  
 And calm the fatuous plaints of vile humanity.

*Another Prefect.*

I have had playmates, I have had companions  
 In my days of childhood, in my joyful school-days.  
 All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

AND

I have had torments, had abominations  
 In my days as prefect, on my duty days,  
 All, all were “ gone,” the old familiar plague-spots.

*A Prefect leaving school.*

Enjoy your freedom while ye may,  
 Old Time is still a-flying.  
 And this same girl who smiles to-day  
 Next term will be a-crying.

*A Prefect NOT leaving school.*

Oh may I join the choir invisible  
 Of those who should be dead and yet still live,  
 Who make undying discord in the school,  
 Rebellious noise that will not be subdued,  
 And with their loud persistence urge my search  
 To Chamber 3, infernal fount of din,  
 With vengeance sharp to stem the swelling tide.  
 For that I'd join the Choir invisible.

*A Prefect undergoing an examination.*



"There is a flower, the lesser Celandine,  
That shrinks (like many girls) from cold and rain,  
Take one plant each, that's four to every line,  
Dissect and draw, to fix it in your brain."  
*A Prefect working on the back bench.*

My study with the books is passed,  
Around me I behold  
Where'er these weary eyes are cast  
The mighty minds of old;  
My never failing tasks are they  
With which I labour day by day.  
*A Prefect in the Book Cupboard.*

## Suggestions

(1) That turnstiles be provided at the main doors to lighten the arduous task of making the scholars come in from their lines in single file.

(2) That hat-guards be provided for the safe maintenance of panamas on the heads of wearers.

(3) That ping-pong sets be provided for the profitable employment of the Private Study periods of the Sixth form.

(4) That a mechanical "hushing" machine (or a gramophone record of 'Keep quiet. No talking. A little less noise!') be provided for use during examinations.

(5) That a sound-proof annexe be built on to the South Study for the benefit of those writing the magazine during the end of term celebrations. [This is hardly necessary—Ed.]

(6) That lifts be provided for the convenience of senior Science students.

(7) That some form of locomotion be provided between the School and the New School, with suitable stopping places, e.g. South Study.

THOSE WHO HAVE FELT SUCH NEEDS.

## "Macbeth." The Maddermarket, Norwich

ON the evening of May 18th a party of sixth formers and staff went to a performance of *Macbeth* at the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich.

The outward journey was comparatively peaceful except for the noisy distribution of extra tea rations. The confectionery sources of Norwich were severely tested, and it is even reported that a Wall's ice-cream barrow was patronized.

The seats were very conveniently distributed about the theatre, some superlatively so, but three unfortunates were obliged to take turns (one act each) at a pillar.

The performance was excellent, though the casting was not universally approved, Lady Macbeth being a lady of imposing breadth, having protruding eyes, which, as one member of the sixth said with relish, 'could have been knocked off with a stick.'

The return journey was rendered lively by music, both modern and ancient at the special request of J— ("Mr. S—s to you") who thinks the old songs are the best, and who made his presence felt in more ways than one.

Much to our amazement, no complaints have been received from Messrs. Watson *re* the straining of the capacity of the back seat.

We arrived home both very late and very early, after a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

"SPECTATORS"

## Boys' House Notes

### SPARTAN HOUSE NOTES

It is once again with a heavy heart that we take up our pen to record the doings of the house. In common with the previous two terms, our activities last term were truly mediocre in their achievements.

Our first (and incidentally only) cricket match was against the Trojans. Fortune having favoured us in the toss we elected to bat, and our subsequent antics with the willow yielded a score of 70 all out, half of which total was contributed by the stalwart Gooch. However, despite our keen efforts in the field, the Trojans managed to go one—or rather several—better, and finished victors by 19 runs.

Owing to various misunderstandings and to the considerable time taken up by public examinations, no further time



could be found in which to play off the remaining fixtures. The suggestion that the issues at stake should be decided by means of ping-pong matches and/or whist drives, although no doubt well meant, was found to be impracticable, and so we had to content ourselves by sharing points with the Athenians and Romans.

In the sports, things were a little brighter, although not much so. Due largely to the efforts of the seniors, we obtained  $60\frac{1}{2}$  points compared with the Athenians 92, Trojans  $62\frac{1}{2}$ , and Romans 46. But for the unaccountable lapse of the juniors in their relay, we should have beaten the Trojans and thus have secured second place. On the other hand, the senior relay team, which included two reserves, ran very well to finish second to the Athenians. Sports Day revealed a wealth of talent in our midst, and next year should see the Spartans make a bold bid for the Sports Cup.

Of the swimming sports the less said the better; suffice it to say that we amassed 8 points, which feat hardly bears comparison with that of the Trojans who obtained 51 points.

Casting back our metaphoric eye we see that the year as a whole has proved very disappointing. But let us not cry over spilt milk, and endeavour to keep the upper lip in its habitual state of stiffness; in which heroic frame of mind we wish the 'new management' every success in 1934-5.

And so for the present we leave you.

ED. P. JONES,  
(House Capt.)

### TROJAN HOUSE NOTES

Whoopee! At last we have bade a jubilant adieu to that obstinate wooden spoon which has dogged us for so long. We look back on what, after all, has been a very satisfactory year for us. A review of the year's doings shows that we are definitely making headway, and those awful football results are now forgotten in the haze of ecstasy which surrounds our excursions on to the second rung of the ladder in the Hobbies Exhibition, the Cross-countries, and the Sports. It is to be hoped that our present progress will be maintained, and that our second place is only a preliminary step towards a lengthy sojourn at the top.

This term has seen more success than generally falls to our lot. First of all, we have won a cricket match. That in itself is something new. Then, on Sports Day, thanks chiefly to the consistent running of Southam and Baxter, we attained second place. And to wind up the term in fine style, we again

won the Swimming Sports by a substantial margin. This was due in a great measure to the activities of G. Chipperfield, who had another field day and easily retained his position as school champion. New talent was also discovered in Bonsall, who is to be congratulated on winning both Junior Championship and Handicap races. It is also noticeable that three of the four school Cricket Caps have been awarded to Trojans.

There is nothing else for us to do now but make our exit as gracefully as we can, trusting to you younger brethren, who have made much of our progress, to keep it up.

F.S. (Capt.)  
S.J.N. (Sec.)

### ATHENIAN HOUSE NOTES

As we write 'Finis' to the end of this school year, we may look back in satisfaction upon a period of high success. This year has meant but a repetition of last year's exploits, and again we find the House Cup in our safe keeping. As has already been told, we finished one point behind the Romans at football, but were engulfed in the tidal wave of the Hobbies Exhibition. The School Sports found us riding triumphantly on the open sea however, leading by thirty points over the next House, the Trojans. The cricket, owing to the exigencies of the examinations, was cut down to one match, which we won against a very strong Roman side, and the remainder of the points has had to be divided. In the Swimming Sports contrary to all expectations, we connived to gain second place to the Trojans, and with the impetus of those thirty-six points we find ourselves safe in the harbour with the prize in our grasp.

I consider that our success is due to our keenness as a House. In all sports we have by far outnumbered the other Houses by entries; in the School Sports by as many as one hundred; and although many points have been gained by individual members, yet they themselves will be the first to agree that the success of our House has been largely due to the consistent backing up of the rank and file. I see no reason, with the House in its present attitude, why the Athenians should not find themselves in the top position for many years to come. All I can ask is that you give to Catchpole next year, and to his successors, the support which has been forthcoming this year, and you will always see the Royal Blue at the top of the mast.

J. B. MILLER.



## ROMAN HOUSE NOTES

This term we have shown up rather poorly compared with our previous two successful terms. At cricket we were badly defeated by the all-conquering Athenians, but we managed to register a victory by 25 runs at the expense of the Trojans, in spite of the absence of Crowe for the last half of the match.

Sports results were disappointing, but big-hearted efforts were made in the mile and the quarter by Crowe and Wilsher respectively which many of us will never forget.

As usual our swimming talent was not exploited to much advantage, but our Juniors have shown us in this, as in all branches of activities, that the House can look forward with confidence to the future.

EDWARD COX.

## Girls' House Notes

### ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

<i>House Mistresses :</i>	Miss Bates
	Miss Hinxman
<i>House Officers : Capt.</i>	Grace Briggs
<i>Sec.</i>	Rosa Gosling

During this term we have been both successful and unsuccessful. We have carried on the House tradition, and are still top for form positions.

On Sports Day, thanks to the strenuous efforts of a few members, we carried on a neck and neck struggle with the Cavells for the Sports Trophy.

An ill-timed mishap in the junior relay finally gave our rivals the advantage. The sports points however, coupled with our previous victories in hockey and other directions during the past year, gave us the House Cup again.

This term, as an innovation, we had junior tennis matches. We unfortunately were relegated to fourth position, but our couple was by no means as inferior as might appear from this. In the senior tennis we fared much better. Here again, however, we were dogged by the determined Cavells, who beat us after a very exciting struggle, and who finished up one point ahead. The Darlings tied with us for second place.

We certainly do not seem to shine in swimming. This year we were again bottom, our 10 points being gained by one person, and a junior at that ! Next year every member must

persevere and put up a good fight, even if we cannot win the Trophy.

We are very pleased to have Miss Bates back with us again after her long absence, and we are grateful to Miss Rowland for acting as deputy mistress.

I am sure that next year the House will be as loyal and energetic as it has been during my captaincy. May you have every success in the future.

G. M. BRIGGS. (*Capt.*)

## NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

<i>House Mistresses :</i>	Miss Fordham
	Miss Batstone
<i>House Capt. :</i>	Mary Payne
<i>House Sec. :</i>	Nancy Lewis

During the past term the success of the House in the various activities has been somewhat disappointing, after the high position we gained last year.

In the Field Sports the House was second in the junior relay, but last in the senior ; and in the total number of points for the Sports Trophy we were third. In the Swimming Sports we were also third, thus losing the cup to the Darling House, which was top.

The only good result was obtained in the junior tennis, when our couple, after very promising play, won the greatest number of points. Unfortunately in the senior tennis we lost to all the Houses, and thus came fourth.

We would like to congratulate the other Houses on their good success this term ; but we mean to regain our lost position during the forthcoming year.

The only club night was held on June 8th. Betty Hardy and two of her little friends were invited, but were unable to come owing to illness in the St. Nicholas Home. The evening was fine so that we were able to have races and a tennis tournament, which was won by M. Fairhead and D. Howe, outside on the field. We had the pleasure of the company of the Headmaster and a number of the staff. The programme of the whole evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

M. U. P.



## GRACE DARLING HOUSE NOTES

*House Mistresses :* Miss Murray  
Miss Chudleigh  
*House Capt. :* Grace Hunt  
*House Sec. :* Venetia Grace

The bright spot of this term is our swimming. In this activity we swam home with the cup, leaving our runner-up more than half-way behind. It is fitting that the followers of Grace Darling should distinguish themselves in the water.

I wish I could say as much for the Athletic Sports. On that day we found ourselves well at the bottom, and only managed to obtain the third place in both the relay races.

This term we also played off the House tennis matches, and for the first time both a junior and senior team fought. (The junior tennis was played because there were no netball matches this term.) The juniors after some good games were only placed third. Our seniors, however, tied with the St. Margarets for a very good second place, being only one point behind the Cavells, who were top.

The House Cup is not yet actually within our grasp, but we are slowly climbing towards it. We were second in points obtained for form positions, and I hope that it will not be very long before the House Cup and Sports Trophy as well as the Swimming Cup will be inscribed with the name of the Darlings.

G. E. S. H.

## CAVELL HOUSE

*House Mistresses :* Miss Hart  
Miss Cheston  
*House Capt. :* Doris Ives  
*House Sec. :* Margaret Knights

This term has been much more successful for our House. We started the term well by winning the Trophy for the first time on Sports Day. The junior tennis matches were played on Saturday, July 21st, and we gained second place, the Nightingales beating us by a small margin. The senior tennis matches, played on Monday, June 23rd, passed all expectations, the Cavells gaining most points after an exciting struggle. The results of the Swimming Sports proved as encouraging as those of the other activities of the term, for although we did not gain the Swimming Cup, we were again second. Well

done, Cavells ! Next year every member must do her best to see that the House reaches an even higher standard.

On June 1st we held a very successful Tennis Party. There was a good attendance, and much enjoyment was derived from the tennis tournament and the treasure hunt. We have decided this term to close the farthing collection, and are sending the eight shillings which we have collected to the St. Nicholas Home.

We are very sorry to lose our House Mistress, Miss Hart, and extend our thanks to her for all that she has done for our House, and wish her the best of success in her new school.

D. M. IVES.  
M. V. KNIGHTS.

## Swimming Sports

THE school's third annual Swimming Sports were held at the pool on Monday July 23rd, very fine weather again favouring us. Five records were broken in the boys' events—in the 100 yards School Championship and 50 yards open (both won by Chipperfield for the third year in succession), in the senior back stroke and senior plunging, and in the junior breast stroke, while Audrey Stray beat the previous time for the girls' 100 yards School Championship by 1 second. An interesting feature of the evening's display was a 50 yards race for the Belgian visitors : this was won by Leon Taets in the time of  $46\frac{3}{5}$  secs. This year the results of the relay races between scholars and old scholars were reversed, the girls beating the Old Girls by nearly half a width, while an equal margin gave the Old Boys victory, in a race in which each team swam five a side. Mrs. Humphery again presented the prizes.

It is remarkable how each year the winning houses of both the boys' and girls' events have such substantial leads over the others. Again the Trojans headed the boys' section with 58 points (a lead of 22 over the runners-up) while the Darlings superseded the Nightingales, last year's winners, with a total of 61 points (a lead of 33). It is to be hoped that in future, competition for the house cups will be keen up to the last race.

### RESULTS

#### GIRLS' EVENTS

33 yards, junior : 1. R. Howgate, 2. I. Hayward, 3. A. Minchin.  
100 yards, School Championship : 1. A. Stray, 2. V. Grace, 3. N. Lewis.  
33 yards Breast Stroke, senior : 1. A. Stray, 2. V. Grace, 3. J. Hewett.



33 yards Breast Stroke, junior: 1. R. Howgate, 2. A. Minchin, 3. P. Hewson.  
 50 yards, senior: 1. O. Saunders, 2. G. Rist, 3. J. Hewett.  
 Neat Diving, senior: 1. N. Lewis, 2. V. Grace, 3. J. Crickmore.  
 33 yards Back Stroke, senior: 1. A. Stray, 2. J. Roach, 3. G. Hunt.  
 Obstacle Race: 1. O. Saunders, 2. E. Coxon, 3. K. Shilling.  
 Beginners' Race: 1. I. Hayward, 2. I. Buffard, 3. D. Pitchers.  
 Neat Diving, junior: 1. G. Rist, 2. D. Soanes, 3. A. Ibbotson.  
 House Relay: 1. Darling, 2. Nightingale, 3. Cavell.  
 School v. Old Girls: School won.  
 House Points: 1. Darling 61 points  
                   2. Cavell 28 "  
                   3. Nightingale 21 "  
                   4. St. Margaret 10 "

#### BOYS' EVENTS

50 yards Junior Championship: 1. Bonsall, 2. Durrant, 3. Roach.  
 Time, 44 secs.  
 100 yards School Championship: 1. Chipperfield, 2. Miller, 3. Blowers.  
 Time, 77<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.  
 Neat Diving senior: 1. Chipperfield, 2. Grice, 3. Miller.  
 33 yards Back Stroke, senior: 1. Knight, G., 2. Chipperfield, 3. Nobbs.  
 Time, 28<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.  
 50 yards, senior: 1. Chipperfield, 2. Nobbs, 3. Hood-Williams.  
 Time, 33 secs.  
 33 yards Breast Stroke, junior: 1. Roach, 2. Jago, 3. Davis. Time,  
 32 secs.  
 33 yards Breast Stroke, senior: 1. Harrison, 2. Miller, 3. Chipperfield.  
 Time, not taken.  
 Belgian Visitors' Race: 1. Taets, 2. Bourgeois, 3. Poncelet. Time,  
 46<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.  
 33 yards Junior Handicap: 1. Bonsall, 2. Knight, D., 3. Jago.  
 Time, 32<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.  
 Plunging, senior: 1. Marston, 2. Miller, 3. Blowers. 46 feet.  
 Obstacle Race: 1. Nobbs, 2. Holland, 3. Grice.  
 Beginners' Race: 1. Hammond, 2. Denby, 3. Rhodes.  
 33 yards Senior Handicap: 1. Allen, 2. Chipperfield, 3. Yallop.  
 Neat Diving, junior: 1. Oldman, 2. Bonsall, 3. Taylor.  
 House Relay: 1. Trojan, 2. Athenian, 3. Roman.  
 School v. Old Boys: Old Boys won.  
 House Points: 1. Trojan 58 points  
                   2. Athenian 36 "  
                   3. Roman 18 "  
                   4. Spartan 8 "

#### ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY

The following Boys have passed the tests of the above Society and have been awarded Bronze Medallions:—S. J. Nobbs, J. B. Miller, E. Cox, J. Purdy, R. Marston. Congratulations to all.

#### Cricket Notes

**T**HIS year the School 1st XI has been far more successful than for many years back, inasmuch as we have only lost one match—that against the Old Boys. This is being dealt with in another article and we may thus pass on to the more pleasant spectacle of our long list of victories. Unlike former years, the team has not been carried on the backs, so to speak, of one or two members, but as the averages demonstrate, each member has had a spell in which he has helped substantially to

bring defeat to our opponents. Where the opening batsmen have failed, those lower down the list have stepped in and pulled the game round. Where we have made a low score, the bowlers have been so successful as to get the opposing side out for less.

Consistency has been the watchword of the team, and yet the sparks of brilliance have not been missing. Wilsher, in his second match, scored a sparkling 65 runs against Benacre C.C., and Crowe against Leiston gained the hat trick, and finished with an analysis of 4 wkts. for 4 runs. That most important item of cricket—Fielding—has not been forgotten, and it suffices to say that it has been well up to the high standard set by previous years. Countless runs have been saved by fielders being on their toes, and I must say that the team turned up regularly for fielding practice when needed, and even asked for more! Surely this is unprecedented.

Against local club teams Mr. Finbow and Mr. Rimer have turned out for us and have more than considerably contributed to our success—Mr. Finbow's finger-spinning has to be seen to be believed.

Thus in spite of our rather gloomy outlook last year, we have a winning team and what is more, eleven players playing as a team—an occurrence more rare than is usually believed. We have yet one more match to play—against the Eastern Counties C.C.—on Saturday next, and this match brings our cricket season to a close.

J. B. MILLER.

J. C. L. CROWE.

P.S. The match against the Eastern Counties C.C. ended in a victory for the School by 72-63 runs.

#### First Eleven Cricket, 1934

**T**HE cricket team have enjoyed a very successful season this year. Of the 15 matches played, 10 were won, 4 drawn and only one was lost.

The season commenced well with a win at Bungay by 80 runs to 63. This match provided an exciting finish, the last Bungay wicket falling on the fifth ball of the last over. The following week we gained a further away victory. This time against Benacre Park C.C. This match yielded us our highest score of the season—114 for 8 wickets declared. Wilsher's contribution to this total was a bright 65 including 6 fours. Benacre were dismissed for 49, Mr. Finbow taking 7 wickets for 8 runs.



Our games with St. Margaret's C.C. (evening matches) were both drawn. Other drawn games were at Yarmouth, and at school (v. Town "A"). At Yarmouth, rain saved a weakened team from heavy defeat at the hands of the Grammar School. In the match at school, stumps were drawn when we had one wicket to fall and needed five runs to beat the Town "A." In the return match on the Oval the school, batting first as usual, scored 96 all out, while the Town "A" replied with a total of 60.

We secured the double over both Beccles Sir John Lemans and Leiston Secondary School, three of these four matches being won very easily. In the home match with Leiston, Crowe distinguished himself by doing the hat-trick. Victories were also gained over Yarmouth Grammar (67 to 39) and City of Norwich (87 to 26), both at school. In our last match we were entertained at Normanston Park by the Eastern Counties C.C., this we won by 11 runs.

Many of this season's matches have been low-scoring, our strength seeming to lie in bowling rather than in batting. As a batting side we are far from good. Miller and Nobbs have proved themselves to be the only two really consistent batsmen in the team.

On the other hand, quite a high standard has been maintained in the bowling, although only three members of the side were called upon to bowl regularly. Miller, Wilsher and Crowe have bowled very well throughout the season. Fielding has been both keen and good, Chipperfield and Colby being worthy of special mention in this respect.

Caps were awarded to Crowe (vice-capt.), Marston, Nobbs and Smith, all of whom have done much to deserve their colours.

Miller has had a very successful season as captain of the team (especially in winning the toss), and, in addition, has found time to top the batting, bowling and catching lists!

#### BATTING AVERAGES

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Times not out</i>	<i>Most in Innings</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Aver.</i>
Miller	13	1	29*	165	13.75
Nobbs	13	0	34	175	13.48
Wilsher	13	0	65	166	12.77
Gooch	13	4	25*	85	9.44
Thompson	8	3	20*	47	9.40
Marston	13	1	16	73	6.08
Crowe	14	1	17*	76	5.85
Smith, F.	14	0	26	69	4.93
Chipperfield	11	4	13	34	4.85
Colby	11	0	14	47	4.27

Saunders and Smith, E., have also batted.

\* Not out.

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Aver.</i>
Miller	92.2	38	101	31	3.32
Wilsher	132.4	34	276	45	6.15
Crowe	63.1	19	107	16	6.69

Saunders and Smith, E., have also bowled.

#### CATCHING

Miller, 10      Crowe, 8      Wilsher, 7.  
Smith (w'keeper): caught 9; stumped 4.

#### TEAM RECORD

<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
15	10	4	1

Ed. P. Jones (*Scorer*).

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DEAR SIR,

Owing to complaints regarding the number of spectators, conspicuous by their absence, at Football and Hockey matches I should like to suggest that both boys and girls should attend school matches.

I feel that the extra enthusiasm would be welcomed by the players and inspire them to greater efforts. I hope to see much larger attendances at school matches next term.

(Signed) VINKEN,

Form IVb., Spartans.

### School v. Old Boys

THE Old Boys as usual turned up in full force for this event and it was decided to play 12 a side. Miller having won the toss (that remark was really superfluous—he always does), Nobbs and Gooch opened the innings for the school in ideal cricket weather. After an early shock when the first wicket fell for one run, the school settled down to steady scoring and produced a total of 96 all out. The chief scorers were Miller 35, Wilsher 23 (including a six) and Mr. Finbow 15.

After tea the Old Boys went in to bat the first wicket partnership between E. True and Farman, yielding 38. After Farman's dismissal by Wilsher a collapse set in, and the next 5 wickets fell for 17 runs. Most of these 17 were contributed by True, who was still not out, and playing a fine innings. D. Richards stayed long enough to bring the score from 55 to 64 and was then caught and bowled by Mr. Rimer. Saville, the next man in, although he only scored 3 played a good innings by keeping the end up until True brought the score up to 97. The next three wickets fell at this score, and True was finally out—caught and bowled by Mr. Finbow. He had scored 76 in about an hour and a half, after being missed



from an easy chance before he had reached double figures. The last wicket partnership between Broad and Grimmer added 4 runs, and thus the Old Boys defeated the school by 5 runs, thereby spoiling the school's undefeated record for the season.

ED. P. JONES.

# OLD BOYS v. SCHOOL

## SCORES

<i>School</i>	
Nobbs, b True	6
Gooch b Richards	0
Miller, b Beckett (J.)	25
Mr. Finbow, c Saville, b Beckett	15
Mr. Rimer, b Utting	0
Wilsher, b Broad	23
Smith, b Utting	0
Crowe, c Finn, b Beckett	4
Marston, c True b Richards	12
Colby, c Finn, b Broad	3
Thompson, not out	1
Harrison, b Broad	0
Extras (wides 2, byes 5)	7
Total	96

## Bowling :—

Richards	2—24
True	1—17
Utting	2—25
Beckett (J.)	3—11
Broad	3—8

## *Old Boys*

True, c and b Mr. Finbow	76
Farman, b Wilsher	12
Utting, c Colby b Wilsher	0
Beckett (J.), b Miller	1
Pyeman, b Wilsher	0
Finn, lbw, b Miller	0
Beckett (A.), b Miller	0
Richards, c and b Mr. Rimer	4
Saville, b Wilsher	3
Catchpole, lbw, b Mr. Finbow	0
Broad, not out	0
Grimmer, b Wilsher	4
Extras (1 bye)	1
Total	101

## Bowling :—

Mr. Rimer	1—20
Mr. Finbow	2—18
Miller	4—28
Wilsher	4—34

## Tennis Notes

THIS term we have not played much competitive tennis, but great keenness has been displayed, and a good deal of serious practice has been put in, especially by the Lower School.

On June 16th a team of four couples played the Old Girls. Play was for the most part even, but unfortunately Mary Fairhead had to retire early in the match. The substitute, Winifred Dye, played very creditably; the school was finally beaten by 103 games to 73. Our fault seems to lie in lack of concentrated effort at crucial moments.

The senior House tennis matches were played on July 23rd, resulting in a victory for Cavell House by one game. St. Margaret and Darling Houses tied for second position. This year an experiment was made in having inter-house matches between couples under fourteen. These revealed a startlingly high standard of play in the IIInd form, and gives excellent promise for the future.

The Vth and VIth forms held a tennis party on July 25th. Considering that several of the boys had had little practice play was very keen. The final was hotly contested, the couples being Jean Mobbs and Catchpole v. Grace Briggs and Marston. The latter won by a narrow margin.

The condition of the courts has been better this year, notably since the drought, as they were very soft at the beginning of the term. Court A would be improved by the levelling of sundry hills and valleys, and all would benefit by consistent rolling. Perhaps dinner girls will take note of this for next year.

GRACE M. BRIGGS (*Capt.*)

The School has been pleased to receive books from former pupils and extends its thanks to them.

Grace Hunt	<i>Collected Poems</i>	Wm. Yeats
Margaret Knights	<i>Characters of Shakespeare's Plays</i>	Haslitt
	<i>Shakespeare Criticism</i>	
Nora Moore	<i>English Journey</i>	Priestley
Goody	<i>Over the River</i>	J. Galsworthy

We also thank Mrs F. C. Mallett for her generous gift of thirty story books for the Middle School Library.



## Old Students' Association

### BADMINTON CLUB

THE Club has now entered upon its second season, and the Annual General Meeting confirmed the arrangements made for the forthcoming session. The Club nights are Tuesdays and Saturdays. (When the hall is in use for an O. S. A. Dance, Thursday is substituted for the Saturday). The subscription is five shillings, and arrangements have been made for the introduction by members, of visitors in the usual way. The Committee is as follows :—

Miss P. Saunders  
Miss E. Taylor  
Miss G. Walsh  
Mr. N. Beecham  
Mr. E. Rimer

Further information may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Miss E. Jarrold, at the School, or from any member of the Committee.

### DANCES

Members of the O. S. A. are asked to support the Association Dances, notices of which will be circularized to members in due course.

Association Subscriptions (2/- per annum or 5/- for three years) are payable now to the Hon. Secretaries.

Miss J. Canova, 19, Marine Parade.

Mr. A. Beckett, 67, Victoria Road, Oulton Broad.

or may be sent to the Headmaster at the School.

Old Students who left school in July last may be admitted for the remainder of 1934 and 1935 at one subscription of two shillings.

The customary meeting of the Old Students' Association took place under excellent weather conditions on June 16.

The occasion was a merry one and the Cricket and Tennis Matches (reported in these pages) were excellently fought. The Dance in the evening was a splendid success and was enjoyed thoroughly by all.

## Annott's School

### THE FIRST PHASE

PRIOR to the Sixteenth Century there was no system of Education in the north-eastern part of Suffolk, in which Lowestoft is now by far the most important town, but was then a small place of about 1,500 inhabitants and of far less importance than either Beccles or Bungay. The reason of this lack of Education was that there was no important religious house in the district—the nearest, that of St. Olave's Priory, being one of the smaller houses, and exercising little or no influence educationally. Consequently, following the Dissolution of the Monasteries, no Public School was established in the district during the latter part of the reign of Henry VIII and the reign of Edward VI, and it was only during the reign of Elizabeth, when the founding of Grammar Schools became fashionable, that first Bungay and, a few years later, Lowestoft obtained their Schools—the Beccles School being of early Stuart foundation. The Grammar Schools were of two kinds. Some were of Royal foundation, but the greater number were founded and endowed by wealthy public-spirited men, and it is pleasing that to-day most of these schools are still in existence and bear the name of the founder. The Grammar Schools were local in character, and were expected to furnish only a few students to the Universities.

The Lowestoft Grammar School was of the second type, for we find that—"on the 10th June, 1570, Mr. Thomas Annott, a wealthy inhabitant of Lowestoft, founded and endowed a Grammar School for the sons of his fellow-townsmen." This School was, according to common report and legend, situated in the Town Close adjoining the eastern wall of St. Margaret's Churchyard, and now forming a part of it. The School was intended for forty boys, who received free education, the subjects taught being those common to the times and including instruction in the Latin tongue. The endowment consisted in farmlands situated at Wheatacre, Burgh St. Peter, the rents of which were to be applied to paying the salary of the schoolmaster and other expenses necessary to the carrying on of the School. The method of selection of the scholars was very simple. They were to be born in the Town, or (if not sufficient came forward) resident in the Town—or (if vacancies still existed), resident in the half-hundreds of Mutford and Lothingland. Other than these there were no tests imposed either religious or financial. The schoolmaster was to be an honest and sufficient person learned in the art and knowledge of grammar and the Latin tongue, and other things incident and necessary to the same art. The salary of the schoolmaster



was first fixed at twenty marks annually. He was to be known as Mr. Annott's Schoolmaster, and the School as Annott's Grammar School. The reasons given by Mr. Annott for founding the School, were as follows: Mr. Annott "having no children of his own—and the Town of Lowestoft being a maritime town fronting the sea, inhabited chiefly by mariners and sea-faring men, being very populous and replenished with great numbers of youth, who are very uncivil and ignorant, for want of good instruction and education, and the more for that they have within the town small or no trade to bring up their youth of the younger sort (until they shall be trained and used to the sea or other service) from idleness or misdemeanour—of his godly zeal, good mind and affection which he did bear towards the education and bringing up of the said youth in virtue and learning, did on the 10th June, 1570 settle his lands at Wheatacre, Burgh St. Peter for the foundation of a Grammar School in his native town of Lowestoft." The first Schoolmaster was a Mr. Stephen Philip, who was appointed by Mr. Annott himself, and who held the office up to 1606, a period of thirty-six years. Mr. Philip was a very well-known man and acted as Parish Clerk and Registrar from 1584 to 1606. He is described as being a very important man and a member of what was formerly described as one of the better-most families. Some of the registers that he kept are still in existence so we are able to examine his handwriting. This was very good, but his spelling varies, as was common at that time, when it was quite common to note three different spellings of the same word on a single page.

In 1591, after the death of Mr. Thomas Annott, his heirs-at-law contested the validity of his "Deed of Gift," and tried to claim the farmlands at Wheatacre. The town of Lowestoft had to spend £120 in defending the case—a large sum in those days. The case dragged on for some time, and finally was heard in the Court of Chancery. It took about a year to get through this Court, and their decision is dated the 2nd October in the four and fortieth year of Her Majesty's most Gracious and Happy Reign. The decision states, "We do order, adjudge and decree that the Grammar School mentioned in the said Verdict shall be and remain a Grammar School, and shall have continuance for ever within the said Town of Lowestoft." As a result of the decision of the Court of Chancery, Mr. Stephen Philip was confirmed in his office as Mr. Annott's Schoolmaster. The heirs-at-law had to increase his salary to £16 per annum, and he was also to receive the sum of twenty pence for each new pupil admitted to the School. The rules for the selection of pupils were confirmed by the Court, the terms used being, "town of Lowestoft,"

and "hundred of Mutford and Lothingland." The reader will note that the term used in the Chancery decision is "town of Lowestoft," and "hundred of Mutford and Lothingland," and not the narrower term "parish," which includes only a part of the area which Annott wished to benefit by his deed of endowment.

The schoolboys of 1585-88 would be very interested in the preparations to meet the Armada. Lowestoft fitted out a pinnace at a cost of £100 to swell the muster of the English ships. The Town Authorities also expended the sum of £16 on gunpowder. There was also a general muster of all able-bodied men from sixteen to sixty years of age, and the total numbered two hundred, some being mere boys, and a few being described as decrepit. From a description of their arms and uniforms we would think that Shakespeare had depicted them as Falstaff's ragged regiment.

The schoolboys of the early Stuart time would hear much of the Founding of New England. Many people from Suffolk took part, and some, like the Downings and the Winfreys, rose to high office in the New States. Many who made good in their new homes sent for their relatives, and so there are very many Suffolk place names and family names in the New England States. Slight changes have crept in—thus Suffolk Sotterley becomes American Satterley.

In 1606 both the school and the church were in danger of fire, for the Vicarage situated on a small strip of glebe land north-west of the Church, took fire and was totally destroyed. Some of the parish registers were lost and also many valuable documents relating to the town. As a result of this fire it is impossible to write a clear account of the history of Lowestoft. The Civil War during the reign of Charles I did not seem to affect the school or scholars—for Colonel Cromwell did not interfere with them or with very many Lowestoft men, except the Vicar, the Parish Clerk and a few of the County gentry whom he suspected of disaffection, and carried off to Cambridge. They were released upon payment of small fines, but the owner of Somerleyton was fined £1,000. The restoration of Charles II brought no change in the routine of the school. The Great Plague visited the town, but received little notice, because it was one of many, and not the worst that had visited the town. On June 3rd, 1665, the schoolboys saw the great fight off Lowestoft between the English and the Dutch fleets. The English fleet consisted of 142 ships, the Dutch fleet was about equal in strength, and the battle raged furiously for about twelve hours, when the Dutch, having lost a number of ships, withdrew. The English fleet anchored off Southwold in order to repair damages before setting out in pursuit of the enemy a month later.

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