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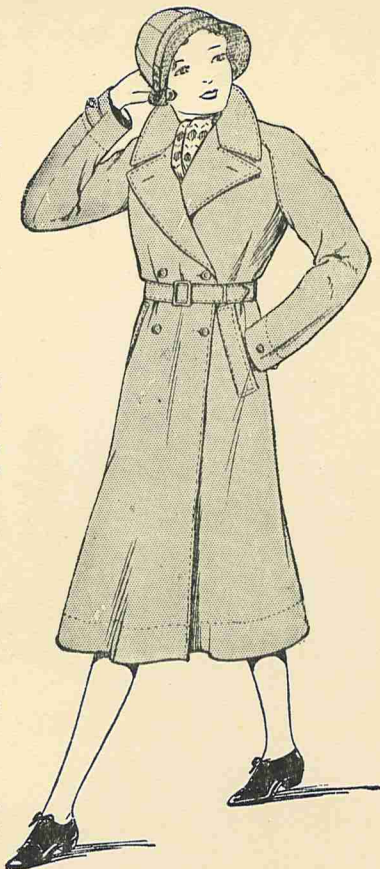
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In Memoriam

His Majesty King George V.

"The King's life is moving peacefully towards its close."

IT is utterly impossible to express the profound regret we felt as these words came to us through the air.

We knew the King was not well, but we remembered his earlier long and serious illness, and in spite of deep misgivings, we hoped and trusted that once more his life might be spared.

At 9.38 p.m. on January 20th came the shattering of all our hopes.

We knew then that the King was dying, and we shall be for ever grateful to those who broke the sad news so gently.

The simple words somehow seemed to remove the sting of death; they suggested, not oblivion, but consummation, and during the short service and prayers we were by his bedside in thought and in humility.

He had fought a good fight, he was finishing his course, and he had kept the faith.

Shortly before midnight his reign of more than five and twenty years came to an end.

As King he has been a beneficent ruler, a wise and anxious counsellor, whose firm resolve was to be a high example of true service to the peoples of his wide Empire.

As man, he has lived unpretentiously among his family and his people, respected and loved by all.

There is no corner of the world where there is not sorrow at the passing of a good man and a good King, whose memory will never fade.

"To famous men, all the earth is a sepulchre."

EDITORIAL

ALL articles should be handed in to the Prefects or to the Editor as early in the term as possible.

Several contributions bear a nom-de-plume, but no Name, Form or House. These cannot be accepted. The name is withheld from publication if desired, but must be given for the purpose of identification.

Articles should be written on one side of the paper only.

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With all the events consequent on the death of our King, it has been natural that incidents of our School life have centred around the public events that from time immemorial have been brought before the people.

The ceremonies that attend the Proclamation of a new King have awakened, possibly without any deep sense of their inner meaning, the interest of all people, especially girls and boys who through the medium of broadcasting have been brought into intimate touch with great realities unknown half a generation ago. We trust that this intimacy with great affairs of State will further stimulate all of them to understand the part they will have to take in the future conduct of the Nation.

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The books selected are:

Jane Austen: Sense and Sensibility.

Selections from Browning.

Armistice Day

ON Monday, November 11th, the seventeenth anniversary of Armistice Day was held in the School Hall.

Prior to the placing of the wreaths above the Memorial by the Head Boy and Head Girl, the Headmaster read the ever-memorable lines by Binyon :

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

After the hymn, "For all the Saints" the Head Boy read out the names of the Old Boys who lost their lives in the Great War. Mr. Beecham in the name of the Old Students' Association laid a wreath alongside those of the School, and Mr. S. J. Nobbs read the official account of the valour of Sergeant Castleton, V.C., whose meritorious and unselfish actions are a model for all to follow. The Head Girl recited "The Soldier."

Both in the prayers and in his brief address the Headmaster left the impression for the scholars at any rate that though they are fortunate in having escaped the horrors of the last world war, this should not prevent them from striving to ensure that there should be no more war at all.

After the address we faced the Roll of Honour for the Two Minutes' Silence, and the service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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The collection from the sale of Poppies was £6 1s. 0d.

An Appeal for Co-operation

A SCHOOL'S good name is often in jeopardy since a small minority seem unaware of what is meant by a good school tradition. I ask that small minority to consider for a moment the work of the prefects. Their duties are many, so instead of hindering them, help them in every possible way, and remember that a prefect's patience is not inexhaustible.

Upper forms, give your full support to school activities, especially football! Even if you think the school teams are not as good as those of a few years back, that is all the more reason why they should be given your fullest support. Anyhow, many of you have no right to offer an opinion, for you have never seen them play!



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to hatch hard-boiled eggs, and the idea was not a success. The play was well performed, both Eileen and Biddy filling their rôles admirably.

Maripoza Bung, the next play, was the story of an old pirate captain, who bought his ship on the instalment system. Unfortunately he could not pay the next instalment, so his ship was confiscated. Colby, who took the part of Ben the Bosun, is a very youthful discovery, and his acting and self-confidence were very good. Heasman made an excellent pirate captain, and it was very funny when he lost his whiskers just as the curtain was about to rise. The last scene was very touching; and after the play Heasman declared that he could have done the hero's part very well. Knowing Heasman as I do, he is very probably an expert in such matters. The actors are to be congratulated on some very fine acting in difficult parts.

The intervals were admirably filled with musical selections, and we heartily thank the Junior Dramatic Society for yet another fine performance.

ONLOOKER.

The Senior Christmas Social

ON December 18th, the Vth and VIth forms held their Annual Christmas Social in the School Hall.

The Social commenced at seven o'clock with an amusing competition, in which the participants had to identify the silhouettes of certain members of the Staff and the VIth form. It is extraordinary how difficult it is to recognize the profile of a person whom you have seen almost every day for five or six years. Miss Hinxman had arranged a few original and enjoyable games, in between which we danced. Humorous interludes were provided by the Vth forms, who showed an unexpected talent for acting and impersonation. Promptly at half-past eight o'clock the whole party adjourned for supper, provided in the usual fine manner by Miss Murray.

After supper the Lower VIth form gave a short entertainment of music and songs. Games, competitions and dancing continued until about a quarter to eleven, when, after a few words from the Headmaster, the Social was concluded by carol singing, and finally Auld Lang Syne.

For this enjoyable evening thanks are due to Mr. Neal, who, acting as M.C., contributed so much to the success of the Social, to Miss Hinxman for spending so much time and

effort in the arrangement of the programme, to Miss Murray for the excellent supper, and especially to Miss Walsh and Mr Rimer, who devoted much of their spare time before the Social to teaching the Vth and VIth forms the extremely difficult art of dancing.

J. G.

Junior Party

HAVING been kindly invited to come and assist Miss Fordham at the Junior Party on Saturday, December 14th, we arrived dressed in our Sunday best at about 6 p.m. On arrival our ears were greeted with the pleasing sound of great mirth and revelry, and looking into the hall we beheld numerous children "tripping on light fantastic toe" to some rousing melody. A competition, in which the competitors had to form an animal out of pieces of paper, was greatly enjoyed by everyone present. The whole evening was passed very pleasantly, the Juniors, not to mention the staff present and the dignified (?) prefects yielding themselves to the gentle pleasures of the Jolly Miller, The Grand Old Duke of York, musical arms, etc. Between these games we partook of an excellent supper prepared by Miss Murray. The evening soon passed, and the party came to an end when the clock chimed nine (at least it would have done if that much maligned, yet very necessary, article could chime). At this advanced hour we withdrew, bearing away with us the pleasant memory of an evening well spent. On behalf of the prefects present, thank you very much, Miss Fordham!

P. LAWRENCE.

Stamp Club

SOME time ago a Stamp Club was formed in the school, and for a few weeks much enthusiasm was shown, but after then the embryo philatelists lost interest, so the Club was closed. This did not satisfy the keen collectors, and the Stamp Club was re-opened during the Christmas Term with a small but select membership.

The Club is being run by the members themselves; they

have been amply repaid with very interesting meetings and enjoyable lectures illustrated by means of the epidiascope.

Any serious collectors who will come to the meetings, which are held Tuesday evenings in the Geography Room, will be welcomed. It is hoped that they will derive much benefit and pleasure from the lectures given by their fellow-members on this most enthralling of all hobbies.

We have in Mr. Spalding an ardent philatelist, and to him we are much indebted for his help and co-operation in the re-opening of the Club.

A. DAVIS (Sec.).

Vith Form Lecture Society

THE members of the Vith Form who prepared and delivered papers during the Autumn Term may well be congratulated on their efforts. If the presentation did not reach the same standard as the preparation, this should be ascribed to lack of experience only. The lectures as a whole showed decided promise, and one or two at least were well up to the best standards of the Society.

Future speakers might very well consider how far it is advisable occasionally to choose a subject of a somewhat controversial nature so as to stimulate discussion, and whether it is always necessary to speak on matters which require pictorial illustration. Up to the present, the deciding factor in the choice of a subject would seem to be that of entertainment. It is agreed of course, that if a paper is to be successful it must appeal to the audience, and an occasional lecture in which the speaker could give his personal views on the subject might very well prove most attractive.

It is pleasing to note that attempts are being made by speakers to talk about their subject to the audience, instead of reading from a fully written account. This deserves commendation, and it is hoped that all future speakers will adopt this method as far as possible. Naturally it entails very careful preparation beforehand, but since any one person has to give only one lecture during the year, this should always be possible, without unduly encroaching on time required for other purposes.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Finbow for his excellent chat on the Savoy Operas. Perhaps it may be possible for other members of the staff to speak on a subject in which they have a special interest.

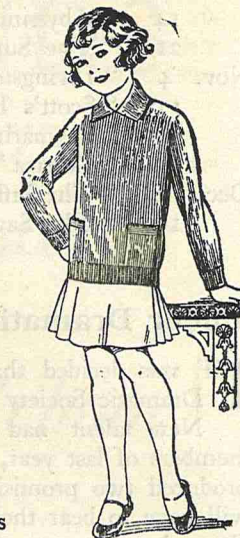
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Sept. 30	"Phenomena of the Skies"	Harrison
Oct. 7	"Speed"	Lewis
14	"Abyssinia"	Quinton, Peter
21	"The Supernormal"	Quinton, Paul
Nov. 4	"Livingstone"	Pike
11	"Scott's Last Journey"	Joan Roach
18	"Submarines"	Beaumont
25	"Corsica"	Jean Crickmore
Dec. 2	"The Suffragette Movement"	Ella Peak
16	"The Savoy Operas"	Mr. Finbow

Junior Dramatic Society

IT was decided that, as this term's activity, the Junior Dramatic Society should perform three short Comedies.

New talent had to be found to replace some active members of last year, who are no longer Juniors. Shell has produced two promising people, but the 1st and 2nd forms will have to bear their share in coming performances. The plays chosen were, *A Cash Concern*, *Maripoza Bung*, and *Unprofitable Poultry Keeping*. December 7th, the fixed evening, was very cold and foggy, but the show was well attended. The receipts were £3 6s. od., leaving about £3 for our own fund. Programmes were sold at 1d. each in aid of the Hospital, and we were able to send a contribution of 12s. 2d. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Baker and the VIth form Boys for their help in stage management.

During next term we hope to hold our annual Party, so don't forget to pay your subscriptions early.

M. COOPER (Sec.).

On Writing a Magazine Article

WHOEVER invented the word inspiration never tried to write a magazine article; of that I am convinced.

The word has something to do with breathing-in, I believe, but all I have ever breathed-in when attempting such composition is some killing compound which issues forth occasionally from the chemistry lab. But let us recall the subject.

There are several ways in which writing an article for the

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school magazine can be faced. First, and most commonly, it may be regarded as an unpleasant duty. Whatever may remain of a conscience in a school-boy after he has reached the third form is usually awakened to life when an appeal for articles is made. Unfortunately more often it only turns over, rather uncomfortably, in its sleep.

Secondly, as a means of criticism. This does not mean that the magazine will act as a medium of expressing any grudges you may have against the French Academy for creating so many irregular verbs, or for continuing that argument whether Jones was off-side or not in the last football match. No, there are much loftier uses. You may, for instance, suggest the institution of an Archaeological Society to look for fossils on the North Beach, or an elaborate system—it would have to be fool-proof—of ensuring that the school clock will go continuously. This suggests a very wide range of possibilities. Couldn't someone explain a method of keeping that school-girl complexion, even whilst crossing the railway bridge in a 100 m.p.h. gale?

Thirdly, and by far the least common we may, or may not, regard an article as an enjoyable pastime—that is when we have finished the day's troublesome tasks, we turn with delight to the thought of doing our bit towards filling the school mag. Don't all shout at once! All the same, the third method is best.

Having now settled down comfortably by the fire we must choose a subject. This is not as easy as it sounds. I had a bright idea once. I turned up an encyclopædia and looked through the headings. The Climate of the British Isles. I *could* say some things about that, but no respectable editor would publish them. "The Mathematical Theories of Pythagoras" ($a + b = a$?), Aquatic Plants, Principle of Archimedes—well, I ask you! Still, nil desperandum. I doubt if anything is perfect, even in Worcester, and so, when you get stuck in the middle, think of the poor editor, and keep on struggling.

N. DARDRY.

The Upper VIth Room

THE North Study, as everyone already knows, has been handed over to the gentle mercy of the Upper Sixth, principally composed of prefects. Be it known, also, that we have not obtained it through our own efforts, but

out of sheer necessity, the Lower Sixth Room being already overcrowded with divers objects.

Needless to say, we keep it much tidier than the Lower Sixth thought (if possible) of keeping their room. Apart from sundry coats, caps, football-boots, chalk, broken desks and broken glass, the place is comparatively clean.

With the co-operation of a few desks and the table a really respectable ping-pong table can be constructed: one advantage of its detachability (not in Dictionary) is the rapidity with which it can be dispersed on the approach of a master. The desks being of varying heights the ball tends to go wheresoe'er it wills on coming into contact with a protruding edge. However, such a disadvantage can be turned to an advantage with a little practice.

Someone described the N.S. with the words, "Sixth Form concentration camp." The only concentrating which seems to have been done is that on window-breaking. Total to date, 4. The rumour that F—— broke one with a table-tennis ball is incorrect.

What we like about the North Study is the stove. Its primary use is to roast chestnuts on and not to warm the room. It wasn't always called a 'Combustion' stove during the Christmas Exams. And the roof. The roof does everything but keep the rain and wind out. Believe it or not, we sometimes have to shovel snow out of the coal-scuttle to get at the coal after an extra heavy fall, while the windows are unnecessary for ventilation.

I should hate to leave the reader with the idea that we don't appreciate the North Study, as of course we do. In closing, we hope that future generations of prefects will regard it with the same reverence that we do (at least, up to now).

E. F. PEGG.

(This epistle was not censored by my comrades.)

Lower VI Table Tennis Club

LAST term saw the formation of a Table Tennis Club by members of the Lower VI. This was the first time that such an experiment had been tried, and owing to the wholehearted support of members some enjoyable meetings were arranged.

A league programme was considered adequate for practice purposes, thus giving every player an opportunity to try him-

self out against all rivals. However, after the completion of this tournament a handicap competition was organized, which saw many exciting and closely contested games. A popular victory was gained by our captain, F. Hall, the other finalist being R. P. Naden, who put up a great fight against a more experienced player.

Our respective matches with the Upper VI and V forms, both of which were lost, convinced us that more practice was necessary. This was begun at once, and we have hopes of obtaining revenge in the near future.

Last, but not least, our thanks are due to Mr. Gilliat, who has kindly permitted us to use Room 17 for playing purposes.
P. NEAL, (*Hon. Sec.*).

The Royal Mint

SOME years ago, I had the privilege of visiting the Royal Mint, and naturally felt it a great honour.

The Mint itself is situated just behind the north side of the Tower of London, and is rather like the National Art Gallery in appearance. For such an important factory, the locality is extremely poor and undignified, yet the Mint is an old building, and, I suppose, is expected to be found in such an ancient part of London.

At the entrance, I was confronted by three policemen, who inspected my permit, after which two of them led me to the waiting-room, where I was asked to sign my name, address, and nationality. Upon leaving the room, I was ordered, like the other members of our party, to leave any parcels or bags with an attendant. Then we were led through an iron door, which was about one foot thick, into a 'melting room.' In here were a number of vats, and looked like several coppers, side by side. Through a contraption like a car windscreen we could see the molten metal.

The metal was then run into moulds, and our guide, taking us into the next room, showed it to us. The metal, which was silver, was now in the form of lathes, and these were put through an apparatus, looking rather like a large mangle, in order to make them the correct thickness.

Following this we were led to the room in which the lathes were cut into coins and the necessary imprints made. We were surprised to find Greek coins were being minted as well as British, and were told that the British Mint makes the

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coins for several other nations, who possess no mints of their own.

Next, we were shown the method of cleaning and drying the coins. They were put into a machine somewhat like a cement mixer, and were washed with chemicals. This was followed by a current of hot air being passed over them in order to dry them.

The whole of the coins are now placed on a moving belt, where men have the task of picking out any damaged ones. This is a very trying occupation, for the coins sparkle in the light and therefore upset your eyesight. For some time after leaving the belt, I could still see those coins moving slowly along.

Our guide next took us to a very interesting room. In it were a number of glass boxes, into which a pile of coins was placed. Automatically each one was weighed and, if correct, passed through the middle of three slots. If the coin was too light, it went in the left-hand slot, and if too heavy, in the right.

This was the end of our tour, and we were led back to the waiting-room, where we collected our parcels. Two things struck me particularly afterwards. One was the fact that every door in the whole building was locked and the other, that every employee was an ex-service man.

So I left the Mint, having enjoyed the tour very much, but feeling sorry that the only souvenir I was allowed to take away was a rather ancient set of post-card views.

RENIV.

Dan Denmark

I MET him in a quiet country lane, industriously trimming a grassy bank with a scythe, which he was swinging rhythmically with the skill born of long practice. He was a road-sweeper, of rather small but sturdy stature. A battered trilby was perched precariously on the back of his head, an ear of wheat being visible above the band on one side. A pair of almost white corduroys, strapped above the knees, a roll-collar fisherman's jersey, somewhat faded and darned, and a pair of "clod-hoppers," were simultaneously presented to my sight. I passed, and would have thought no more of him, had not a cheery "Mornin', suh, mornin'," have reached me. I turned round and replied to a mahogany-coloured face surrounded by a grey and fluffy pair of whiskers,

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and pierced by a pair of very blue eyes, that it was indeed a nice morning.

That started him off. Speaking with a broad Suffolk drawl, he enumerated parallel instances of such weather at the time of the year in his recollection. As it was harvesting time, and the old man's recollection seemed to go back to the '70's, such instances were not lacking in number. Anyway, the swishing of a U.D.C. scythe was not heard in that particular country lane for at least twenty minutes. At the end of that time, the sound of a church chime was heard, and I hurried off.

A day or two later I encountered him (his name, I discovered was Denmark) in another lane, occupied as at our first meeting. On seeing me, old Denmark silenced his dangerous-looking instrument, and remarked that it was "rare weatha fer throsin'." I replied that no doubt it was rare weather for such an occupation, but stated that cricket was more in my line.

Once again I was fated to listen until time bade me quit. I was, I own, no unwilling audience, for I had walked far with a heavy cart-collar, and was "fagged out." I was informed that in his (Denmark's) days there had been no cricket at school. I evinced astonishment at this tragic state of affairs (I had not then become a pupil in the V at L.S.S.). No, cried out the old fellow triumphantly. *He* had only learnt reading, writing and arithmetic. It was a case of

Mr. — is a very nice man

(it was more often a woman)

He tries to teach us all he can,
Reading, Writing and 'Rithmetic—
He never forgets to give us the stick,
When he does he makes us dance
Out of England into France,
Out of France and into Spain,
Over the hills and back again.

I remarked that the caning tradition was admirably maintained, even in this decadent age, at which the old fellow chuckled and said his parents' motto was 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.' Looking at him I must admit he looked none the worse for it. He told me he was a gay young spark in his youth, but had settled down on marrying. He had four sons, and a fairly large amount of savings for one so situated, when a series of disasters started. Firstly his eldest boy, a seaman, contracted pneumonia, and though the savings went to a

specialist's pocket, after three months' time only three boys were left.

Things had then restarted going nicely, and the savings once more mounted up, when the third son was poisoned, and, having expended the store he had put by for a rainy day in hiring stomach pumps, etc., old Denmark was rewarded by seeing his third son die, thus making all the expense futile. Almost immediately the second followed the way of his two brothers. For a time the youngest prospered, but recently he had become bed-ridden, and was lying helpless at old Denmark's.

I marvelled at the way in which he had borne up against such adversity, but yet showed a smiling face to the world. True, I noticed, as I had not noticed before, the lines of sorrow on his face, but he had not allowed his own personal troubles to make him bitter towards the rest of mankind.

Later, I was walking out with my father, when we again encountered the aged road-sweeper, for I guessed his three-score years and ten had passed, though age had not bent his head nor bowed his shoulders. He asked my father how he should invest a sum he had, nearly £100, in fact. He told us he regularly put by 2/6, and sometimes 5/-, a week. He suspected no one of wanting to rob him, though he did not know me or my antecedents. I or my father could, if we so wished, have broken in his house and taken it, and no one would believe the sum had ever been there. But no one, in his opinion, would want to rob an old man. I didn't. What I noticed, though, was the trust he reposed in others. I, if in his position, would not be so kindly disposed towards others, I am sure.

Later, I heard he had retired. I hope he spends the rest of his time in comfort. He deserves it.

BUTTON.

The Woman Motorist

Scene : Interior of a large Rolls Royce. John, aged five is sitting beside his mother, who is driving, and has just been reprimanded for blowing the horn.

JOHN : Why can't I blow the horn, the old gentleman behind has been blowing his for the last five minutes.

MUMMY : Why didn't you tell me before.

JOHN : I thought you could see him in the mirror.

MUMMY : I can't see anything in the mirror.

JOHN : Then why did you tell Aunt Ann the other day you were glad all cars had mirrors because you could see if your hat was on . . .

MUMMY : I meant I was glad because one could see what was coming.

JOHN : But you just said—

MUMMY : Oh, never mind what I said.

JOHN : Anyway, the man behind's started hooting again.

MUMMY : Then he can go on hooting. (*The car behind tries to pass, nearly crashes and draws back again.*) That man ought to be shot.

JOHN : Why, Mummy ?

MUMMY : Trying to pass us like that.

JOHN : Why are you going so slow, Mummy ?

MUMMY : To teach that man not to pass people on a narrow road like this.

JOHN : Wouldn't there be room if you kept to the left ?

MUMMY : I am driving on the left.

JOHN : Then why do we keep brushing the hedge on the right ?

MUMMY : Because . . . because— Oh ! (*the car behind dashes up on the wrong side, passes them, just missing the mudguards*). Heavens, I shall take his number, I shall complain to the police, I shall—

JOHN : Do you like driving, Mummy ?

MUMMY : Yes, when I'm not surrounded by road-hogs.

JOHN : Are road-hogs any relation to hedgehogs ?

MUMMY : No, road-hogs are people who will not keep to the left, but want all the road.

JOHN : Then you are a road—

MUMMY : Will you please be quiet, John.

(*John watches his mother in silence for about two minutes*).

JOHN : How do you know what to do, Mummy ?

MUMMY : Instinct, I suppose.

JOHN : Is that what they call a woman's instinct ?

MUMMY : Yes, I expect so.

JOHN : Then oughtn't it to tell you we're on the wrong road.

MUMMY : What on earth do you mean ?

JOHN : The last signpost said 'To Ipswich,' and we want to go to Cambridge.

MUMMY : What ?

JOHN : It did, Mummy.

MUMMY : Of all the . . . (*she pulls up quickly; there is a screech of brakes behind, and a large limousine just misses their mudguard. The driver of this has something to say*).

DRIVER : . . . Why — didn't you . . . etc.

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MUMMY : How dare you ? Can't you see I've got a child with me ?

JOHN : What is the gentleman saying, Mummy ?

MUMMY : Nothing any decent person could understand.

JOHN : Didn't your woman's instinct . . .

MUMMY : No it didn't. (*she backs the car and they begin to return*).

JOHN : I was only going to ask.

MUMMY : Well, don't, and why will you continue to blow that horn.

JOHN : I was (*boot ! boot !*) only blowing because (*boot ! boot !*) it said, "Dangerous Cross Roads Ahead," and perhaps (*as they dash across at sixty, missing death by inches*) it was just as well I did.

"CURRANT" Vg.

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AN article to prevent that sore feeling after sliding on the wrong end on a slide.

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An electric bell for the VIth formers to ring on the rare occasions Mr. W——m visits the store cupboard.

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An armchair in each room for Mr. B——r.

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A series of mirrors should be placed round the walls of the South study for the girls to preen themselves in.

RENIV.

For the Lower VI only

Does H——d enjoy playing Chess by himself ?

Does P——e play one note the *whole* time on his banjo ?

The Ideal Excuse

ONE Friday afternoon this term S—— of Vth said he could not do gym. His excuse was that he had sprained his wrist pumping up the tyre of his bicycle before coming to school.

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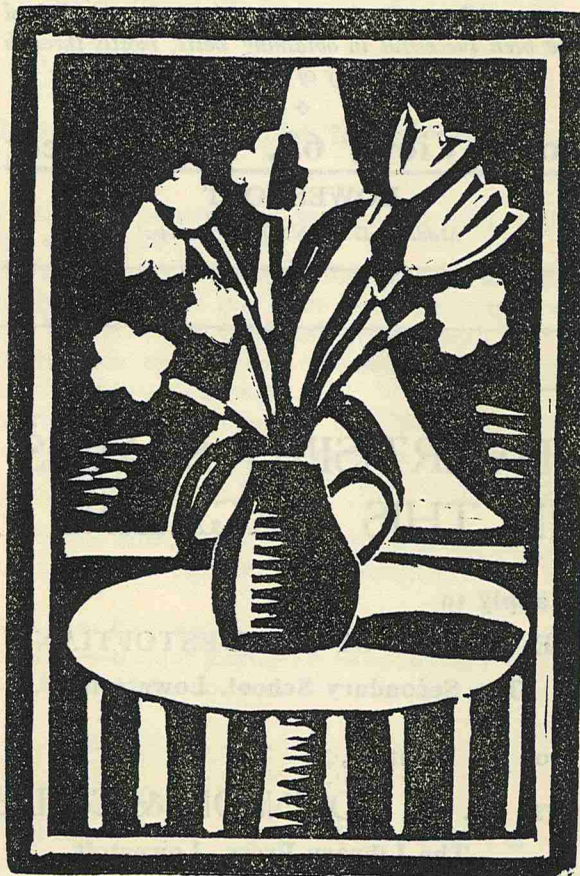
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Our Cracked Bell

It may have been noticed that, during the first part of the term, the school was under the guidance of a cracked bell. To those people to whom the bell usually denoted the end of another dull lesson, it now became a nightmare! Its note was nerve-racking, and discordant to the musical portion of the school, and to the others—definitely unpleasant. Will the over-zealous prefect kindly refrain from exerting all his strength on the new bell.

(Signed) X Y Z, Vb.



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Too Late

IT'S sometimes too late to be sorry,
But it's never too late to be glad;
Though it's often too late to worry
Over things we might have had.

It's sometimes too late to recover,
But it's never too late to prepare;
Though it's often too late to make things up
With people for whom we care.

So don't let 'Too Late' be your master,
And don't let 'Too Late' be your fate;
For the saddest words in all the world
Are those two little words, 'Too Late.'
M. FOX, Cavell, IIa.

Radio Programme from VIth Form Room Studio

- 2 p.m. D-ck-- N-d-n and the L.S.S. Dance Orchestra (listeners who use head-phones are advised to lay them on the table; they will hear quite well !)
- 2.45. Sixth-form girls' hockey period. Running commentary on play as seen from Studio Window.
- 3.30. Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan sung by B--m-sh (bass-baritone) and L-wr-nc- (basser baritone).
- 4.0. Time signal. (In the event of the clock being indisposed, it will be relayed from Fry-r's watch(?).) Weather forecast (by geographical experts, using Polar Front Theory). News and anecdotes from all form-rooms. Latest betting on School Cert.
- 4.15. Children's Hour. Uncle Reg will entertain with comic recitations, and will tell a new story called "A Cat and Dog Life," or "An Adventure on the Beach." Uncle Stan will tell the kiddies how to eat tuck without feeling ill.
- 5.15. Thé Dansant. D-ck-- N-d-n and the L.S.S. Dance Orchestra.
- 6.0. Variety. The programme will include imitations by P-gg (bellowtone) of "The 1st XI coming home in the bus," "The Street-singer just before closing-time," and "The Morning Hymn;" also

selection of Irish Songs by G--gh. For those who have television sets, B--m-sh will do his famous dance in gym-kit on the North Study Table.

- 7.15. A talk by G--gh on "Laundries."
- 7.30. A talk by C-th-r-n- L-n- on "How to manage children."
- 7.45. Variety (contd.). Mandolin solos by P-k-, "The Lowestoftian Grub-Call," sung by Fry-r, also imitations of the love-songs of various birds, including the Nightingale, the Grey Starling, etc., done by the girls' House Captains.
- 8.45. A talk by J--n R--ch on "Bears."
- 9.15. Time signal. Weather and news.
- 9.30. G-rd-n P-k- will give an illuminating talk on "Lighthouses."
- 9.45. "Three Romances in succession," a new novel by J-hnn-- G--gh, read by the author.
- 10.15. Selections by the Sixth-form Male Voice Choir (especially intended to give people with crystal sets a chance of hearing something). Solos by N-nn (When I met my girl in the rain), L-ur-nc (There's a little dash of Dublin) and B--m-sh (Who were you with last night?).
- 11.12. D-ck-- N-d-n and the L.S.S. Dance Orchestra. (Listeners, do not forget your head-phones.)

KELLY.

Pickles

CARETAKER'S LAMENT

THE bell rings out the close of day,
The scholars slowly surge forth like a sea,
The master homeward plods his weary (?) way
And leaves the school to darkness AND to me.
With apologies to "Gray's Elegy."

Heard this one ??

A Junior boy accosted a boy Prefect near the Physics' Laboratory and enquired, pointing to the gallery of pictures, "Did any of our people draw those?"

What would Mr. S---n have said to that?

N.

Jottings from all Angles

THE enthusiasm among the boys to participate in games is improving gradually with the introduction of the "games' period." Those benefiting from this period are also taking part in games played out of school time, with a more enthusiastic outlook on the game in question.

Special games have been organized for the lower school boys who desire to play a prominent part in the school football of the future. The school relies upon these boys to form future school elevens, and if they are persevered with, they should justify the faith in them. There is much youthful talent at our disposal.

Those who represented the school against the Bungay Grammar School must have been impressed by the great improvement shown in all work done. This was the result of coaching received from one of the Norwich City professionals.

N.

Football Review

THE School 1st XI has succeeded in maintaining the high level of school football, and its prestige has not suffered in the least. Although the school lost two matches, they were unlucky in one, although just beaten in the other.

If the team will remember to go for goals for the whole game, better results will be assured. The defence should put all into the attack, if the lead is once gained, without easing up and allowing the opponents too much "rope."

The School 2nd XI has on the other hand been very unsuccessful. The results show that the defence is slack, and that the forwards are not well supported. There is, I am sure, a tendency to "give up" when two or three goals behind, and unless this is remedied, the results will not improve. "A game is never lost until it is won," ought to be written on every player's shirt as a reminder.

We appeal to the players to play their best however the game is going, and to put more energy into their play.

There has been a welcome increase in the attendances at the school matches, but we should like to see still more. Vocal encouragement is a great tonic both for spectators and players, and those who attend should not refrain from cheering as they desire. Our thanks are due to those who support these matches.

There is still another term left for football this season. Several stiff games have still to be played, but if those concerned will "pull their weight," there is no reason why results should not be satisfactory.

The 1st XI match against City of Norwich School at Norwich had to be postponed because of the wintry conditions. This match will be arranged for next term.

The 2nd XI match against the Central School also had to be postponed because of the weather conditions.

R. P. NUNN (*Capt.*).

F. R. VINER (*Vice-Capt.*).

Football Record, Sept.-Dec.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
					For	Ag.
1st XI 6		4	0	2	22	— 13
2nd XI 4		0	0	4	12	— 24
Junior XI 2		1	1	0	9	— 8

Scorers :

1st XI. Easter 6, Viner 5, Marjoram 3, Opponents 3.
King 2, Utting 1, Nunn 1, Beaumont 1.

2nd XI. Davis 2, Ives 2, Pullman 2, Robinson 2,
Tomlinson 2, Macmillan 1, Laurance 1.

School 1st XI Football Matches

October 5th. School v. Leiston Secondary School (Away).

THIS game being the first of the season, the school fielded its best team in the circumstances, although having lost six members of last year's eleven and having three other members unavoidably absent. However,

it came as a complete surprise when eventually the school was defeated by three goals to two, after leading by two goals to nil at the interval. From all accounts three of the five goals scored should never have been registered, being due to unpardonable lapses by the defences.

Result : School 2 *v.* Leiston Secondary School 3.

Scorers : Marjoram, opponent.

School : Pike, Howard, Brown, D., Southam, Viner, Fryer, Harrison, King, Utting, Marjoram, Beaumont.

October 19th. School *v.* Beccles, Sir John Leman's School (Home)

Fielding a much stronger side than in the previous match, the school recorded its first win of the season by three goals to nil. In spite of a gale of wind blowing across the ground, the school, although not playing good football, which was practically impossible in the circumstances, took the chances offered and gained a good win.

It was pleasing to see some of the junior boys braving the weather and others doing valiant work in retrieving balls blown down the field by the wind. We desire to thank them all.

Result : School 3 *v.* Sir John Leman's School, Beccles, 0.

Scorers : Viner 2, King 1.

School : Colby, Brown D., Nunn, Southam, Easter, Fryer, King, Viner, Utting, Robinson, Beaumont.

November 2nd. School *v.* Bungay Grammar School (Home)

Against a much improved Bungay side we found ourselves a goal down shortly after the start, but a brilliant cross-shot by Marjoram equalized. However, with the advantage of the wind Bungay scored two more goals to lead at half-time by 3 goals to 1.

Starting the second half with the wind, we reduced the Bungay lead, Easter scoring from a penalty. The same player scored with a swerving shot a little later, to equalize once more. With both sides striving for a deciding goal, play became faster and more vigorous. It was good to see every member of the school team entering whole-heartedly into the struggle.

About ten minutes before the end the school snatched an unexpected goal and a victory. During a school attack the ball was cleared but a lob into the goal-mouth from Easter found the net, due to the backs being harassed by our forwards and the visiting goalkeeper being in two minds.

In this way the school gained a well-earned victory due to perseverance and vigour.

Result : School 4 *v.* Bungay Grammar School 3.

Scorers : Marjoram, Easter 3.

School : Colby, Howard, Brown D., Southam, Nunn, Fryer, King, Easter, Utting, Marjoram, Beaumont.

November 16th. School *v.* Yarmouth Grammar School (Home)

Against a much heavier and bigger side the school did well to win by the margin of five goals. Although one of our goals was registered by an unfortunate opponent, we were good value for the other five. The size of the opposition seemed to have little effect on the school team, which played well throughout the game. At the interval the school held a lead of three goals to nil, but after Yarmouth had scored early in the second half, the forwards set about scoring once more.

Result : School 6 *v.* Yarmouth Grammar School 1

Scorers : Opponent, Easter 2, Utting, Nunn, Viner.

Team : Colby, Howard, Brown D., Southam, Easter, Fryer, King, Viner, Utting, Nunn, Beaumont.

November 23rd. School *v.* Leiston Secondary School (Home)

With the Leiston team arriving ten minutes after the time arranged for the kick-off, short time had to be played. Playing against the wind, with the sun behind them, the school led by an early goal at half-time. With the wind in the next half, the school added two more goals, one being scored by an opponent, to win the match by three goals to nil and thus to avenge our defeat at Leiston at the beginning of the season.

Had it not been for the excellent defence offered by the Leiston team, the school would have scored many more goals than it did. The Leiston side rarely threatened our goal except during a very occasional breakaway.

Result : School 3 *v.* Leiston Secondary School 0.

Scorers : Beaumont, Viner, opponent.

Team : Colby, Howard, Brown D., Southam, Pullman, Fryer, Viner, King, Utting, Nunn, Beaumont.

November 30th. School *v.* Bungay Grammar School (Away)

Playing the return match at Bungay, the school suffered defeat by six goals to four.

Although scoring first and leading at half-time by two goals to one, the school slackened early in the second half and soon found themselves in arrears. The defence was wholly to blame, the opposing wingmen having too much scope for their play. The fact that five of the six goals came from the wingers either directly or indirectly, speaks for itself.

Even when two goals down the team seemed to lose heart, which made the task very much harder. The forwards undoubtedly did their best. The play of the Bungay side became more robust towards the end, and the smaller players suffered in consequence. The school was attacking when the final whistle was blown five minutes before time.

Result : School 4 v. Bungay Grammar School 6.

Scorers : Marjoram, Easter, King, Viner.

Team : Colby, Howard, Brown D., Southam, Easter, Fryer, King, Viner, Marjoram, Nunn, Utting

R. D. NUNN (*Captain*).
F. R. VINER (*Vice Capt.*)

Hockey Notes

THIS term has been most successful. The 1st XI have won all their matches, scoring 48 goals to 12, whilst the 2nd XI have won one match and lost one.

On November 9th, eight members of the 1st XI went to Ipswich for the County Trials, and the following six have been selected to play for the Suffolk Junior County 1st XI.

D. Comer, J. Crickmore, E. Heasman, M. Prettyman, J. Roach and M. Walker.

The first match, which was to have been played on December 7th against Norfolk, had to be postponed owing to bad weather, but will be played at Norwich at the end of January.

We are pleased to record that Marjorie Cooper (Captain of the School Team, 1929-30) has been selected to play for Essex County Team.

D. HOWE (*Capt.*).

D. COMER (*Sec.*).

RESULTS 1ST XI

Oct. 5th	Lowestoft Technical School	Home	Win	11-2
Oct. 12th	"Queries"	Home	Win	7-5
Oct. 17th	Flixton Ladies	Home	Win	7-1
Oct. 19th	Lowestoft Ladies	Away	Win	3-1
Nov. 16th	Sir John Lemon School, Beccles	Away	Win	4-1
Nov. 23rd	Lowestoft Technical School	Home	Win	10-2
Nov. 30th	Lowestoft Ladies	Home	Win	6-5

2ND XI

Oct. 5th	Yarmouth High School XI	Away	Loss	0-1
Nov. 16th	Lowestoft Central School 1st XI	Home	Win	13-1

1ST XI

E. Heasman,	J. Mackenzie,	J. Roach,	D. Howe,	F. Catchpole,
B. Wright		D. Comer		M. Prettyman
J. Crickmore		J. Willmott		
		M. Walker.		

Girls' House Notes

GRACE DARLING HOUSE NOTES

House Mistresses : MISS MURRAY
MISS CHUDLEIGH

House Capt. : JOAN ROACH

House Sec. : ELLA PEAK

THE tide of bad luck against which the House has been fighting has at last turned. The 1st XI have won all their matches, while the 2nd XI drew two and won one. These results give us the leading position. Next term we hope to do even better than we have done this term, and there is no reason why we should not be top again as we are losing none of our hockey team.

We extend a hearty welcome to all the newcomers to the house, and we hope that they will strive equally hard in school, and on the field, to keep the Darling House top. We hope the older members of the House will be encouraged by this term's results, and be doubly keen on the House in future.

This term we had two very enjoyable club nights, Jean O'Dell, our little "protégée" from St. Nicholas' Home, attending the first one. This term we have been knitting jumpers for the St. Nicholas Home girls, and these were sent to the Home at the end of term, together with a Christmas present for Jean.

So keep up your present form Darlings, and see if you can win the House Cup this year.

J. ROACH.

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

House Mistresses : MISS BATES
MISS HINXMAN
House Capt. : PEGGY GOSLING
House Sec. : DAPHNE COMER

ON the whole we have had quite a successful term. Two club-nights have been held and both, especially the second, were well attended.

In hockey, we were fortunate to gain second place. The 2nd XI must be congratulated on their performance.

The collection of Victorian pennies amounted to twelve shillings, which has been sent to the Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green.

The Stamp Collection has been continued with the result that we have a large box of stamps to send to the Stamp Collectors' Cot in the same hospital. Large sums of money are raised for the hospital by the sale of these stamps, and we should be pleased if all members of the school would help in our collection.

D. M. COMER (*Sec.*).

CAVELL HOUSE

House Mistresses : MISS BATSTONE
MISS GILFILLAN
House Capt. : C. LANE
House Sec. : A. STRAY

THIS term we welcome Miss Gilfillan to the House and also our new members.

On the whole, this term has been quite a successful one. On the field the position as third House remains the same as last year. We hope next term will see an improvement, however, in our results.

Our two House nights were greatly enjoyed by everyone. The farthing collection amounted to 84 farthings; please do not neglect this activity of the House. We must make up our usual total of 10s. this year.

More toys have been brought for the Hospital this year than ever before.

AUDREY STRAY (*Sec.*).

NIGHTINGALE HOUSE

House Mistresses : MISS FORDHAM
MISS WALSH
House Capt. : D. HOWE
House Sec. : M. WALKER

NIGHTINGALES have had an active term. Our two club nights have been well attended, and very successful.

At the beginning of term we had a boot and shoe collection to which the Nightingales and some friends in other Houses responded very well. We succeeded in getting 50 pairs, which were very acceptable to the unemployed. We contributed £1 towards repairs.

Our "Yards of Pennies" collection was also a great success, for we collected £1 7s. 8d. Again the unemployed were very pleased with our contribution.

To collect silver paper is in the power of everybody, and we have collected a large quantity this term, but we hope to collect half a cwt by next term so as to be able to send it to the Hospital.

We collected for a present for Betty and were able to buy a box of chocolates and two small handkerchiefs, which we hope will please her.

Although we have been very active in social activities we have suffered a serious defeat in our House hockey matches. If on the part of the members of the House more enthusiasm and effort had been shown we might have done better.

Next term we hope all Nightingales will do their best in making a success of our bazaar, which we hope to hold near Easter.

D. HOWE,
M. WALKER.

We regret to say that our Captain, D. Howe, is leaving us, but we greatly appreciate her help during this term, and hope she will have success in the future.

M. WALKER.

Boys' House Notes

ATHENIAN HOUSE

Housemasters : MR. EMERSON
MR. HOCKEY

WE are sorry to have lost Catchpole, our former House-Captain, but we wish him luck in his studies, and trust that he will reap his due reward. His activities in football and in the sports will be missed, but it remains the duty of every House member to do his best, and contribute his bit, however small it may be, in order that his loss may be remedied.

Looking back on the term's football results, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on our performance, although finishing second to the Spartans. The 2nd XI is to be heartily congratulated upon winning all its three games. The 1st XI was not so successful, but after losing to the Romans, it defeated the Trojans and drew with the Spartans. The latter performance was a very good one, considering the opposition, and the fact that we were without Beaumont. Several changes were made in both the 1st and 2nd elevens, and those who appeared for the first time gave creditable displays.

Another set of matches remains to be played before the final positions can be ascertained. If every member will put his heart and soul into the game, there is no reason why we should not top the House Football League.

So, 2nd XI, maintain your unbeaten record. 1st XI must aim at full points. This is not impossible, so, all together.

Football Results :

1st XI	v.	Romans	Loss	0—3
	v.	Trojans	Win	2—0
	v.	Spartans	Draw	1—1
2nd XI	v.	Romans	Win	2—0
	v.	Trojans	Win	2—1
	v.	Spartans	Win	2—0

R. D. NUNN.

ROMAN HOUSE NOTES

This term we have met with moderate success, having obtained just over half the points possible.

Our 2nd XI started badly by losing both of their first two matches, but showed a considerable improvement in

their last match against the Trojans whom they defeated with ease. If this improvement continues we may confidently expect them to avenge their defeats next term.

Our 1st XI did quite well in winning two matches out of three, especially as we have suffered a severe blow in the loss of Harrison, who was one of the leading and most versatile members of our House. His departure has created a gap which it will be most difficult to fill.

To end on a pleasant note, an admirable feature of this term's play has been the excellent team-spirit displayed by almost every member, and if this continues we should be in a very good position by the end of the year.

S. F.

SPARTAN HOUSE NOTES

We have started the year very well, since we are now at the top with a slight lead over the Athenians. As usual, we managed to find two good soccer teams, who have fared very well. Our first eleven have won two matches and drawn one, while our Juniors have won two and lost one. This defeat was against the Athenians, and since we had only eight men, there is some excuse for them.

	1st XI		2nd XI
v.	Romans	3—0 w.	5—1 w.
v.	Trojans	4—1 w.	4—0 w.
v.	Athenians	1—1 d.	0—2 l.

This term we must say good-bye to Viner, who has served us faithfully during his school-days. On behalf of the Spartans I wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

At the moment we are in a fairly strong position ; and if we can maintain this lead next term and in the summer activities, there is no reason why we should not capture that elusive House Cup.

P. LAWRENCE.

TROJAN HOUSE

In spite of our great efforts this term we have achieved nothing to write home about. I suggested last term that our 2nd XI would be better this term, and although it has not registered a win we can only hope that better performances

will be shown in the future, as it was only a large slice of bad luck caused us to lose the Athenian match when we had been leading up to about ten minutes from the end of the game. In the other two matches we only lost by the odd goal in three. Holl and Barkaway have both performed some creditable work, but the team as a whole wants to use more initiative, and go about it as a team, not eleven individuals.

The 1st XI is a team of surprises. With a full team we barely kept down the Athenians to two goals. In our last match with the Romans we played with only ten men, three of whom were reserves, and with any luck at all—a warmer day for example—we should have won or drawn our only match. As it was, we held a draw until the last five minutes. The coldness of the weather hampered the play to a large extent. Fryer, playing at centre half-back for the Romans, was very dangerous at times, and was the leading light of his side.

As far as our own team is concerned, Pullman, Southam, and Robinson have played the most consistent football of all. Southam gets through a tremendous amount of work playing at right half-back, supporting Pullman and yours truly. We regret the loss of Weaving, a promising right-winger, who has left this school to take up a new sphere of life. Our forward line has also suffered greatly through the absence of Utting in two of the matches. The rest of the team has played as well as might be expected under the circumstances.

Trojans, we've fought and we've lost. We have next term to make up for our defeats, but I'm afraid it's going to be a hard battle up the slope. It has been done before, and we must show that it can be done again. There is the Cross-Country at the end of next term and the Swimming and Athletic Sports the term after. However, too much hope must not be placed on these events.

What we require is more enthusiasm, from the upper forms in particular: the general and perhaps natural slackness of the older boys has a bad effect on the Juniors, and every member must contribute his share in the effort to keep up the position gained last year. After all you've nothing to lose by putting that little extra something into your tasks.

E. F. PEGG (*Capt.*).

P. NEAL

Old Students' Association Notes

WE congratulate Norman Beecham (1930) and Philip Thain (1930) in passing the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Old Students' Annual Christmas Social was held at the School on Thursday, December 19th, and an enjoyable and merry time was spent by a large number of old students and members of the school staff.

Mr. Neal again acted as M.C., and our thanks are due to him for the energetic way in which he carried out a very well-arranged programme. In this he was ably supported by other members of the staff, in which connection Miss Walsh and Mr. Trent must receive special mention.

The programme was designed to suit all tastes. There were novel and interesting competitions and games, and dancing to music provided by Bussey's Band, with the customary sing-song to close with.

Supper was provided in the dining hall, which had been gaily decorated and arranged to give an air of Christmas.

After supper the President, Mr. Brooks, extended a welcome to all the old students present at the first Christmas social since his appointment as Headmaster, and announced that the Annual Dance would be held on January 14th, at the Grand Hotel. He was followed by Mr. Neal, who said that he had received a message from Dr. and Mrs. Robinson conveying their best wishes to the Association for the future. He also mentioned that the secretary was having great difficulty in obtaining subscriptions, and he hoped that members would pay promptly, so as to save the work entailed by making repeated applications.

Everybody then returned to the hall, where the festivities were continued until 1 a.m., when another Christmas Social came to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the usual three hearty cheers for the M.C.

NORMAN BEECHAM,
Chairman O.S.A.

The Annual Dance was held at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, January 14th, and over sixty old students and friends spent a very enjoyable evening.

Although the Dance was quite a success in every way, it was noticeable that it was supported largely by members of the school staff and their friends, who are always ready to give their

encouragement to our social functions. The Committee would be very glad to see more old students putting in an appearance.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in January at the school, and it is hoped that as many old students as possible will attend.

This will provide an opportunity for members to offer their suggestions for improving the working of the Association, and if necessary their criticisms as well.

N. BEECHAM,
Chairman of the Committee.

“For those in Peril on the Sea”

BRITAIN, born of the sea, is the home of a sea-faring nation, and Lowestoft is one of its cradles. Year in, year out, our men put forth their zeal in the conquest of the sea and all that it contains. But the dreaded elements, the biting wind and rolling sea, are ever ready to strike the rigging and the frame of boat and man so that nought, save wreck, remains.

In the never-ending story of the sea around our shores the name of *The Shore Breeze*, with its total loss of crew and boat, will be deeply imprinted on our minds.

We honour all courageous men and, at this time especially, those who lost their lives so tragically, and we express our sympathy with those bereaved.

The total contributed by the Staff and Scholars of the School towards the “Shore Breeze Distress Fund” amounted to £11 11s. od.

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The response to Christmas Appeals was good. Immediately before the end of the Autumn Term one thousand Christmas Seals were sold, realizing £2 1s. 8d. for the campaign against tuberculosis among children, while £8 os. od. was handed to the Lowestoft Invalid Children's Medical Aid Society at the commencement of this (Spring) Term.

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