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Editorial.

THE Old Lowestoftians' Association is thriving and we urge all friends of the school to support this year's special effort to raise a Memorial Library Fund with which it is intended to furnish a library in the school in memory of former pupils who lost their lives in the second world war.

Nostalgia has become a derogatory word, and some would use it so of affection for one's old school. When we have grown out of that group and leave for the wider community, the transfer is very welcome at the time, but a few cast a look behind and there is a later longing for what then seem to have been cheerful days, a desire not leave those warm precincts for ever. But we have to face the facts of life, some say, not run away from them, to keep our eyes open, not dream of a world gone by. We reply that the pleasure of being connected with a school is one of the facts, an old scholars' association another, the second existing to prolong the first.

We hope that this magazine will continue to record the activities and views of both past and present scholars side by side.

School Officers, 1948-49.

HEAD BOY : B. J. Gee.

HEAD GIRL : Betty Rivett.

PREFECTS : Shirley Beetham, Daphne Butcher, Kathleen Butcher, Hazel Greasley, Margaret Hammond, Margery King, Marjorie Moss ; J. Farrow, T. Murphy, R. Powrie, R. Rout, F. Warford.

HOUSE CAPTAINS : *Cavell*—Margery King ; *Grace Darling*—Betty Rivett ; *Nightingale*—Hazel Greasley ; *St. Margaret's*—Margaret Hammond ; *Athenian*—B. Tucker ; *Roman*—N. Burrell ; *Spartan*—J. Farrow ; *Trojan*—B. J. Gee.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES : *Senior Dramatic Society* and *Play-reading Circle*—Margaret Hammond ; *Junior Dramatic Society*—Doreen Blackmore ; *Science Society*—B. Gee ; *Stamp Club*—J. Campbell ; *Nature Club*—Stephanie Peck ; *Chess Club*—J. Shelton ; *Girls' Social Service Society*—Margaret Hammond ; *Guide Company*—June Runacres (Patrol Leader).

GAMES CAPTAINS AND SECRETARIES : *Cricket*—J. Shelton and J. Baldry ; *Football*—B. Gee and T. Murphy ; *Hockey*—Margery King (capt.).

The Staff.

AT the end of this term we shall be saying good-bye to Mr. HOPKIN and Mrs. HOPKIN, but only as members of staff, since Mr. HOPKIN has been appointed Assistant to the Education Officer of the Borough. His place as Physical Training Master will be taken by Mr. ARTHUR DANN, an Old Boy of the School. We welcomed to the Staff last term another Old Boy, Mr. JOHN GOODY. Miss HARPUR and Mr. GIBSON are also leaving, Mr. GIBSON on his appointment to Wandsworth School. We offer them all our best wishes.

We are glad to see Mr. TRENT from time to time and he continues to support the Old Lowestoftians very actively. A communication will be found from him at the end of this magazine.

Mlle JOSETTE SPIGOLIS, whom most remember, has corresponded regularly with some of us since she left in 1948. She has been in America, has completed her thesis for M.A. at Smith's College, Massachusetts, has been awarded her Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures, is lecturing to U.S. students at the University of Grenoble and next year will be in Paris preparing for her Agrégation.

School Record.

The Houses.

Cavell enjoyed several housenights which were well attended, and won the hockey tournament with two wins and one draw. At Christmas, *St. Margaret's* raised 15/- by means of a food parcel and later 6/- by a bean-guessing competition, being thus able to make up their contribution to Dr. Barnado's Homes to £2. At a junior house-night in January, sixty members and friends filled the Hall. *Nightingale* also enjoyed a house-night, on 17th September, raised £1 13s. 7d. for charity by means of a flower and fruit stall, 16/- for B.E.L.R.A., £1 for "Guide Dogs for the Blind" and £1 for the Lowestoft Committee for the Deaf. They congratulate Nora Thurston on being Victrix Ludorum and all who contributed to success in the sports.

The feature of the boys' house-competition was the race for the Sports Trophy, won at last by a narrow margin. The *Spartan* captain had played a great part in putting them ahead and *Trojans* ran them close with two fine victories in the relays.

Inter-House Football.

SENIORS.

House	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Trojans	9	6	3	0	16	6	90
Spartans	9	3	5	1	14	9	66
Athenians	9	2	3	4	11	12	42
Romans	9	0	3	6	4	18	18

JUNIORS.

House	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Athenians	9	7	0	2	18	6	56
Romans	9	4	2	3	11	8	40
Trojans	9	3	1	5	13	17	28
Spartans	9	2	1	6	10	21	20

AGGREGATE POINTS	Trojans	.....	.....	118
	Athenians	.....	.....	98
	Spartans	.....	.....	86
	Romans	.....	.....	58

Senior Dramatic Society.

IT has almost become a tradition that the Society performs plays as part of the School's Christmas festivities. On 16th and 17th December, two one-act plays, "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton and "Queer Street" by J. D. Kelly, were produced by Betty Rivett and Christopher Bayliss, with some success, considering the difficulties we must always overcome in setting up the stage in our multiple-purpose hall and in spite of a visit from our old enemy, mumps.

The Play-reading Circle has continued to meet from time to time, and thoroughly enjoyed J. M. Barrie's "Dear Brutus" and "What Every Woman Knows," Noel Coward's "Hay Fever," and J. P. Priestley's "Time and the Conways."

To the great disappointment of many members, the projected performance of "The Rivals" was cancelled. Bayliss had designed, and largely by his own efforts had constructed most of the scenery for what would have been a most effective and original setting, but circumstances in general made it impossible to spend the great amount of time necessary for so large and successful a production as last year's "Tempest." However, the scenery is there, and, who knows, circumstances may change. Betty Rivett, Cynthia Bramham, Daphne Butcher and Brian Gee had some compensation in performing Noel Coward's "Fumed Oak" at the Lowestoft Drama Festival on 21st May—Margery King and Shirley Beetham were invaluable backstage—and thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of competition. They missed by one mark the Trophy won by the Society in 1947 and are very willing to admit that too many things went wrong.

The Society has other activities connected with Drama and we are pleased to add this account by John Bleby, Chairman of the Under 21 Section of the Lowestoft Repertory Company Supporters' Club, of the help which we have been able to give:

In the winter of 1947 the Lowestoft Repertory Company Limited was not in a very healthy state financially, and so an appeal was made to the school to support them. When shilling seats were offered, naturally about twenty seniors went each week; we even had our own "School" tickets.

Time passed, artists (some of whom we knew personally) came and went; then in the summer of 1948 the Repertory Supporters' Club was formed and quite a few members of the School became Junior Members. Soon afterwards the Rep. moved from Sparrow's Nest to the Playhouse and our cheap School tickets continued. We also regularly attended the meetings and talks of the Supporters' Club. Last January the "Under 21's" section of the Club was formed and before long we had our first meeting, some of us becoming members of the Committee. Since then, this Junior Section has been

very busy and at the Annual General Meeting of the Repertory Supporters Club, the Section was highly praised for its hard and useful work. A dance was held, mainly organised by members of the school, and the "Baby Sitters" gave invaluable help to parents who wished to visit the Theatre.

During the recent Drama Festival the Junior Section under the Drama Group performed a play, "Mixture As Before," with considerable merit, and quite by accident all the members of the cast, except one, were pupils of the School. One of our toughest opponents in the same class was the School's Senior Dramatic Society, this of course giving rise to friendly rivalry. We were sorry to see that they did not win the trophy; they certainly deserved it.

I think that taking everything together it can well be said that the School has played and still is playing a useful part in the establishment of a civic theatre in Lowestoft.

The Junior Dramatic Society.

THE Junior Dramatic Society was very active during the two winter terms. In December the annual performance was given before a large gathering of parents and friends, the girls proving themselves very capable in "The Spinsters of Lushe," and the boys giving a spirited performance in "Gods of the Mountain." £7 10s. 0d. was raised, £4 being given to charity and £3 10s. 0d. to the society's funds.

The highlight of the Spring Term was the J.D.S. Social, in February, a fancy-dress party at which great ingenuity was shown in producing historical costumes at a cost under 1/-. Nancy Dye (Victorian Spinster) and Alexander (Crusader) won first prizes. The games, light refreshments and ice-cream were much enjoyed.

On Thursdays throughout the Spring Term various dramatic activities took place in the Hall—charades, training and original sketches. Special praise is due to IIC boys for their willing help at a moment's notice.

The Society will be losing many of its more practised members this term, but if the same spirit of helpfulness prevails we should look forward to a happy time next term. D.B.

On December 7th, a large audience enjoyed a presentation of two plays, "The Spinsters of Lushe," by Philip Johnson and "Gods of the Mountain," by Lord Dunsany. The first of these was played by the girls of the Society. It was a delightful little comedy of the early 19th century, well within the scope of its young players, who afforded us a glimpse of the quaint, or may we say malicious gossip of the period. The second

play, given by the boys, depicted with dramatic intensity the wrath of the gods towards those mere mortals who dared to impersonate them. The cold green light added much to the final scene in which the impostors were turned to stone. The enunciation in both plays was good, so that the words could be heard clearly throughout the Hall. R.

Stamp Club.

THE Club has fallen on lean times. We have continued to meet weekly on Friday afternoons, but for some reason, membership has declined to such an extent as to make it doubtful whether it is worth carrying on. Whether the freeing of sweets from rationing has affected the cash situation, or whether it is just loss of keenness, is one of those problems which has no easy answer. In any case, if the Club is to continue, we must have more members, and members who are willing to do a little more than just sit.

Nature Club.

£4 1s. 9d. was made for the biology library by the sale of biology quizzes, composed and sold by S. Peck and J. Runacres. An exhibition was held, and a Wild Flower Competition was won by Diana Thurston, who had 115 different flowers. A consolation prize was awarded to Glenys Chinery, who had 68 specimens of which 48 were correctly labelled. During the Spring Term, meetings were held on Wednesday evenings. Gramophone records of many different bird-songs were played. S.P.

Chess Club.

THE Club continued to function throughout the last Christmas and Easter Terms, membership being around the thirty mark to begin with but gradually dwindling to the "old faithfuls" half-way through the winter. A subscription of twopence from each member per week was used to buy new sets to supplement the existing ones. Four matches were played against Yarmouth Grammar School and Yarmouth Technical School. Both matches against the Grammar School were lost, and against the Technical School one was lost and the other won. J.S.

Art Club.

WE have met on Thursdays and Fridays during the past year. Most of the attempts to improve the appearance of the Art Room have been made during Art Club hours: the decoration of the cupboards and the lino-cut prints on the newly-acquired curtains. Unfortunately the wall-painting started by a member of IIIC could not be finished for various reasons. The Club has been open to all, but has been attended most frequently by girls and boys from the middle school.

School Guide Company.

DURING the past year, we have been reduced to two patrols—Red Rose and Lily-of-the-Valley. Lack of numbers has not damped enthusiasm, however: two tenderfoots have been enrolled, four guides have gained their 2nd class Badge, the following Proficiency Badges have been won:—4 Cook, 4 Hostess, 4 Emergency Helper, 5 First Aider, 2 Homemaker and 1 Birdwatcher, and one Little House Emblem has been awarded.

Last August, six of our company spent five days at camp with St. Margaret's company. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained useful knowledge in the matter of camp gadgets, etc. The whole company has been for hikes and attended the various district functions.

We shall probably be forced to break up soon, but we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Edwards, who has given up much of her time to take our weekly meetings. J.R.

Girls' Social Service Society.

THREEPENCE per term is collected from the girls and given to worthy causes. In March, the Society sent a donation of six guineas to the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies and Children. Wreaths of poppies were bought for the War Memorials in the Hall on Armistice Day. M.H.

Hockey, 1948—49.

1st XI results.

Oct.	23rd.	Away.	v.	Civil Service	7—2	Win
"	30th.	Home	v.	Sir John Leman S.	5—1	Loss
Nov.	20th.	Home	v.	Gorleston Ladies	4—4	Draw
Dec.	4th.	Away	v.	Leiston G. S.	4—1	Loss
"	11th.	Home	v.	Yarmouth High S.	4—4	Draw
"	27th	Home	v.	Old Girls	4—4	Draw

Jan.	22nd.	Home	v. Yarmouth High S.	3—2	Win
„	29th.	Away	v. Sir John Leman S.	17—0	Loss
Mar.	12th.	Home	v. Gorleston Ladies	5—1	Win
„	19th.	Home	v. Leiston G. S.	7—2	Win
April	4th.	Home	v. Old Girls	5—3	Loss
„	18th.	Home	v. Old Girls	6—4	Loss

2nd XI results.

Feb.	5th.	Home	v. Yarmouth High S.	3—0	Win
Mar.	10th.	Away	v. Yarmouth High S.	3—3	Draw

“Under 15” XI results.

Oct.	18th.	Away	v. Church Road S.	1—0	Loss
Nov.	13th.	Home	v. Yarmouth High S.	13—0	Win
Mar.	9th.	Home	v. Alderman Woodrow S.	5—2	Win
„	15th.	Home	v. Church Road S.	1—1	Draw

“Under 16” Schools’ Area Tournament, March 26th.

v. Church Road S.	2—0	Win
v. Beccles Area S.	5—0	Win
v. Reydon S.	1—0	Win
v. Sir John Leman S.	3—1	Win

School 1st XI: Margery King (Capt.), Nora Thurston, Anne Dennington, Sheila Lusher, Mona Beckett, June Read, Rosalie Kiddell, Pat Thompkins, Jean Moll, Mary Wright, Meriel Patterson.

Colours awarded to M. King, S. Lusher, J. Read, J. Moll, M. Patterson.

Football, 1948—49.

A FULL programme was enjoyed despite five cancellations. Our best performance was the defeat of the Old Boys. on Easter Monday. The features of the season were the unbeaten home record and the 38 goals scored by Murphy.

Results.

Sept.	25th.	Away	City of Norwich S.	2—4	Loss
Oct.	2nd.	Away	Technical College	1—0	Win
„	9th.	Home	Yarmouth G. S.	3—0	Win
„	23rd.	Home	Sir John Leman S.	2—2	Draw
„	30th.	Away	Bungay G. S.	5—5	Draw
Nov.	6th.	Away	Yarmouth G. S.	1—3	Loss
„	13th.	Home	City of Norwich S.	4—2	Win
„	20th.	Home	S. L. Youth Club	5—5	Draw
„	27th.	Home	Bungay G. S.	7—4	Win

Dec.	4th.	Away	Leiston G. S.	2—3	Loss
„	11th.	Away	Sir John Leman S.	0—1	Loss
„	18th.	Home	Spartan Athletic	9—1	Win
„	27th.	Away	Old Boys	1—3	Loss
Jan.	15th.	Home	Leiston G. S.	6—0	Win
„	22nd.	Away	Leiston G. S.	6—0	Win
„	29th.	Home	Sir John Leman S.	2—1	Win
Feb.	5th.	Away	Yarmouth G. S.	3—0	Win
„	12th.	Away	Sir John Leman S.	0—1	Loss
„	19th.	Away	Beccles Minors	3—8	Loss
Mar.	5th.	Home	Roman Hill Minors	3—2	Win
April	18th.	Home	Old Boys	4—2	Win
„	20th.	Away	Gorleston III	1—4	Loss

Colours were awarded to Gee (Capt.), Murphy (Vice-Capt.), Rout, Shelton, Burrell and half colours to Warford, Baldry, Chapman, Hayman, Crowe, Waller.

Cricket.

Results for 1948.

					Runs for against	
April	24th.	Away	v. Yarmouth G. S.	71	30	Win
May	1st.	Home	v. Yarmouth G. S.	42	16-3	Draw
„	6th.	Home	v. E. S. Police	66	25	Win
„	8th.	Home	v. City of Norwich S. II	40	16	Win
„	15th.	Home	v. Mr. Finbow’s XI	31	119	Loss
„	22nd.	Away	v. Bungay G. S.	57	78	Loss
„	29th.	Away	v. Town A	110	126-7	Loss
June	5th.	Home	v. Old Boys	85-7	41	Win
„	12th.	Home	v. Town A	55	129-4	Loss
„	26th.	Home	v. Bungay G. S.	21	23-7	Loss
July	3rd.	Home	v. Old Boys	86	87-7	Loss
„	22nd.	Home	v. Staff	57-6	66-5	Draw
„	24th.	Away	v. City of Norwich S. II	40	44	Loss

BATTING AVERAGES :

Warford,	13	innings,	112	runs.	Average,	8.7.
Hale	10	„	64	„	„	8.0.
Shelton,	11	„	55	„	„	6.9.

BOWLING AVERAGES :

Rout,	43.3	overs,	83	runs,	15	wickets.	Average,	5.53
Baldry	73.5	„	184	„	25	„	„	7.36
Durrant,	131.3	„	294	„	38	„	„	7.73
Leggitt,	40.3	„	149	„	10	„	„	14.9

Half Colours awarded to Small (Capt.), Warford (Vice-Capt.), Baldry, Chapman, Durrant and Shelton.

1st XI, 1949.

v. BUNGAY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 7th May, at Bungay.

Put in to bat on a rain-soaked wicket, the School were soon in difficulties, losing 4 wickets for 24 runs. Chapman, B.W. and Soanes put on 29 runs for the 5th wicket. Bungay put on 21 before losing their first man, but their middle batting failed.

Result: Won by 9 runs. School 59 (Chapman 26), Bungay 50 (Kett 3-11).

v. CITY OF NORWICH SCHOOL 2ND XI, May 14th, at Norwich.

The School having again been put in, on a dry wicket, and having lost 4 wickets cheaply, Chapman, helped first by Soanes and then by Baldry, pulled the game round and enabled us to declare at 75-7. Norwich lost 3 wickets for 6 runs before tea.

Result: Won by 49 runs. School 75-7 dec. (Chapman 35), C.N.S. 26 (Rout 5-10, Chapman 2-2).

v. YARMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, May 21st, at home.

The School again lost the toss and batted first on a green wicket. The Yarmouth bowlers failed to make use of it, however, and the first wicket yielded 24 runs. Hayman and Soanes put on 55 for the fourth wicket and the School declared before tea at 123 for 4. The School bowlers, backed by some good fielding, dismissed Yarmouth for 33 runs in 90 minutes, Clover taking the last four wickets for no runs.

Result: Won by 90 runs. School 123-4 dec. (Hayman n.o. 53, Soanes 29), Yarmouth 33 (Clover 4-0, Rout 4-15).

v. OLD BOYS, June 4th, at home.

Having won the toss the Old Boys put the School in first. Thirty-five runs were scored before the first wicket fell. Wickets then fell quickly but after a twenty-minute break owing to heavy rain, runs came more quickly and the School declared at 82-7. During the tea interval it again rained heavily, but after a short delay the pitch dried out enough to enable the Old Boys to start their innings. After Smith's quick 31, wickets fell regularly.

Result: Won by 5 runs. School 82-7 (Chapman n.o. 24, Hayman 21), Old Boys 77 (Smith 31).

v. LOWESTOFT POLICE, June 9th, at home.

The School won the toss and put the visitors in first. Chapman took a wicket with the first ball and then Baldry, bowling a very good length and turning the ball just enough, ran through the Police side. Soanes held two very good catches off Baldry in the deep. When the School batted they comfortably passed the visitors' score for the loss of two wickets.

Result: Won by 8 wickets. Police 52 (Baldry 8-11), School 55-2 (Farrow n.o. 31).



THE SCHOOL GUIDES.

[Photograph by Stephanie Peck.]



SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY, 1949.

[Photograph by J. Bleby.]



SCHOOL 1ST XI, 1948-49.



SCHOOL 1ST XI, 1948-49.

[Photographs by J. Bleby.]

v. BUNGAY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, June 11th, at home.

The School batted first and were soon in difficulties, losing 3 wickets for 9 runs. Farrow and Soanes, however, weathered the storm and added 69 runs for the fourth wicket. Soanes and Chapman then added 38 for the fifth wicket and the School declared at 120-6. Apart from Jacobs, 40, and Hardy, 20, Bungay did not look like scoring the runs, but they nearly managed to draw, the last wicket falling three minutes from time.

Result: Won by 24 runs. School 120-6 dec. (Farrow 41, Soanes 46), Bungay 96 (Jacobs 40, Hardy 20).

v. SIR JOHN LEMAN SCHOOL, June 18th, at home.

The School lost the toss and J. Balls and Tennant opened to the bowling of Rout and Baldry. Baldry's bowling recalled his 8 for 11 against the Police; bowling a steady length he dismissed, with the help of two good catches by Burrell in the slips, the first four batsmen with only 15 runs on the board, his analysis reading 5-3-4-4. The visitors found difficulty in getting both Rout and Baldry away and were all out for 45 runs. When the School batted, runs were hard to obtain against some good medium-pace bowling. Beccles' score was eventually passed for the loss of 6 wickets, the School going on to make 73-9

Result: Won by 4 wickets. Sir John Leman S. 45 (Baldry 5-16), School 73-9. J.S.

Sports' Day, 16th June, 1949.

THE north wind, again, was conducive rather to striving than to strolling, but we were pleased to see more parents and governors this year and thus to recover something of that sociable atmosphere which was present before the war. The welcome introduction of field events made the length of the programme a problem, partly solved by deferring the presentation of prizes to the next morning. Then, the Mayoress handed the trophies to the Captains of the winning Houses and to the *Victor* and *Victrix Ludorum*. The Mayor and the Chairman of the Governors addressed the School. Ald. Samuel described his enjoyment of the unobtrusively-organized events and of our hospitality, and Ald. Woodrow emphasised the importance of improving our talents with due care in our privileged position amongst the other schools of the community.

A note on our performance in the North-East Area and County Sports will be found in "Items from the Record."

Results of School Sports.

- 1 Girls, 80 yds., under 12
- 2 Boys, 100 yds., Open
- 3 Boys, 100 yds., under 12.6
- 4 Girls, 100 yds., over 14
- 5 Girls, 100 yds., 14-14.11

Ann Davey
Firmin
Richards
Nora Thurston
Guelda Cutts

6	Boys, 110 yds. Hurdles, over 14.11	Wells
7	Boys, 440 yds., 13-14.11	Burt
8	Boys, 100 yds., 15-15.11	Mills
9	Girls, 75 yds. Hurdles, under 14	Pamela Delf
10	Boys, Long Jump, over 14.11	Mutimer
29	Boys, 100 yds., 12.6-13.5	Roach
12	Girls, 100 yds., 12-12.11	June Knights
13	Boys, 100 yds., 13.6-14.11	Woolston
14	Girls 100 yds., 13-13.11	Audrey Hogg
15	Girls, 100 yds., over 15	Madeline Fenn
16	Boys, 440 yds., over 14.11	Warford
17	Girls, High Jump, over 14	Nora Thurston
18	Boys, High Jump, over 14.11	Murphy
19	Boys, Putting the Shot, over 14.11	Burrell
20	Boys, 880 yds., over 14.11	Warford
21	Boys, 200 yds., 12.6-13.5	Roach
22	Boys, 220 yds., 13.6-14.11	Woolston
23	Boys, 220 yds., 15-15.11	Laws
24	Boys, 220 yds., over 15.11	Sewell
25	Girls, 80 yds. Hurdles, 14 and over	Nora Thurston
26	Boys, 80 yds. Hurdles, 13-14.11	Clover
27	Boys, Mile, over 14.11	Farrow
28	Girls, 150 yds., 12-13.11	Joan English
11	Girls, 150 yds., 14 and over	Betty Guymer
30	Boys, 150 yds., under 12.6	Richards
31	Girls, Long Jump, over 14	Nora Thurston
32	Boys, Discus, over 14.11	Shreeve
33	Boys, 330 yds., under 12.11	Cook
34	Boys, 880 yds., 13-14.11	Bagge
35	Boys, Javelin, over 14.11	Burrell
36	Girls, 4 × 100 yds. House Relay Juniors	Nightingale
37	Girls, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Seniors	Grace Darling
38	Boys, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Juniors	Trojan
39	Boys, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Seniors	Trojan

EVENTS DECIDED BEFORE SPORTS' DAY :

1	Girls, High Jump, under 14	Anne Beckett
2	Girls, Long Jump, under 14	Joan English
3	Boys, High Jump, under 13	Cook
4	Boys, High Jump, 13-14.11	Bagge
5	Boys, Long Jump, under 13	Betts
6	Boys, Long Jump, 13-14.11	Woolston

Victor Ludorum—N. Burrell. *Victrix Ludorum*—Nora Thurston.
House Trophies—*Nightingale, Spartan.*

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, 31st March, 1949.

Senior. 1 Farrow, 2 Gee, 3 Edmonds.
Trojans 24 points, *Romans* 16, *Spartans* 8
Junior: 1 Barker, 2 Bagge, 3 Roach.
Spartans 18 points, *Athenians* 12, *Trojans* 6

OUTINGS.

Diary.

1948.	June 30th.	School to Norfolk Agricultural Show.
	July 21st.	Forms V and VI to Lowestoft Ice Works, Post Office and Telephone Exchange and C.W.S. Factory.
	Dec. 16th.	Staff and Prefects to Maddermarket Theatre Norwich, for "The Beaux' Stratagem."
1949.	Jan. 21st.	Form VI Science to London, The Science Museum and the Law Courts.
	Feb. 5th.	Form IV to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, for "Richard II."
	Mar. 2nd.	Form VI Lower to London, The Houses of Parliament.
	" 22nd.	Form II to Norwich Castle and Cathedral.
	June 3rd.	Form III to Castle Acre and Walsingham.

Form IV at the Maddermarket.

THE Maddermarket Theatre is situated half-way along a narrow alley. There is a cobbled forecourt and the sign of the Norwich Players swings over the heavy wooden door. Having made sure of our bearings, we were released till 2.45. We all assembled in the courtyard on time and passed into a small foyer and from there into the actual theatre. When I was seated there was time to look round. I saw the balcony and the "apron stage," wondered at the size of the huge wooden pillars supporting the roof and was surprised to see the prompter sitting just at the foot of the stage. As we had read the play before, we were able to pay close attention to the acting. The proximity of the actors and the clearness of their speech made me feel like a participant in the play and not merely one of the audience.

Going home in the 'bus and listening to the enthusiastic chatter, I soon realized that everyone had enjoyed it as much as I had. We join together to thank those who made the visit possible and to demand when we can go again. A.P.

A Visit to Westminster.

THE experience, which will probably not recur for many of us, of being conducted by a Member of Parliament all over the Houses of Parliament was enjoyed by the members of the Lower VIth Form on March 2nd this year. After four hours in the 'bus, we arrived at Westminster about 11.30 a.m. and waited in the New Palace Yard for Mr. Evans. Some tried to photograph "Big Ben" without being seen by

the police on duty; one wit tried to draw attention to an Austin 7 which he alleged belonged to Mr. Churchill. Soon Mr. Evans appeared and led us to the Terrace where a group photograph was taken, the photograph which later appeared in the "Journal."

The tour started in the Central Hall. From there we carried on through Westminster Hall, the Star Chamber Court, St. Stephen's Hall, where Charles I was tried and eminent people have lain in state, the Commons' Lobby, until finally came the moment we had been awaiting and we entered the House of Commons. Here we were told of the customs, procedure, and traditions of the House. One of these was brought home very promptly to those of us who decided to sit down on the first bench we reached. We were pounced upon by the police for occupying Mr. Attlee's or Mr. Eden's seat.

After a final visit to the Members' Library, where we were shown the warrant for the execution of Charles I, we went below for lunch. After coffee, we were whisked off to see the Speaker's procession and then we made our way to the gate past the half-completed new House of Commons. There we had to say goodbye to Mr. Evans who was addressing the House that afternoon on the subject of dyed kippers, and soon we were trying to catch a last glimpse of "Big Ben" from the bus as we moved away.

J.B.

Of our visit, two memories remain most distinctly in my mind. The first is of the House of Commons itself. Since the destruction of their own Chamber in 1941, the Commons have sat in the House of Lords. The throne is at the south end; directly opposite is the temporary chair of the Speaker. In front is the Table of the House where three clerks sit and where the Speaker and his Chaplain kneel during prayers. When the House sits, the mace is placed on the brackets at the front of the Table. Black dispatch boxes, containing copies of the New Testament, the Old Testament in Hebrew, and the oath sworn by all Members on taking their seats are placed on either side of the Table, that on the right of the chair marking the seat of the Prime Minister and that on the left marking the seat of the Leader of the Opposition. On each side of the Chamber are five rows of benches for Members.

The second memory is of St. Stephen's Hall, which stands on the site of St. Stephen's Chapel, founded in 1141 by King Stephen. Two great mosaics adorn it. The eastern shows St. Stephen holding a stone, in allusion to his martyrdom; on the right is King Stephen and on his left the original founder of the Palace of Westminster, King Edward the Confessor. The western mosaic shows handing the design of the Chapel to Thomas of Canterbury. Statues of great English statesmen are placed around the Hall and on the walls hang panels illustrating events in the history of our country.

J.R.

A Visit to Norwich.

THE twenty-eight members of Form II on this trip had not previously been to Norwich. One unexpected feature of the Cathedral was a steeple-jack hanging precariously at the top of the 315 ft. spire! In both Castle and Cathedral we enjoyed the Norman architecture. We climbed the spiral stairs and were shown round the triforium high above the Cathedral Nave and all enjoyed ourselves in the Castle Museum looking at such things as Indian canoes, swords, paintings and wild animals.

N.C.

Castle Acre and Walsingham.

IT was raining when our 'buses first stopped, at Dereham, but most of us were in high spirits and thought it worth while to get out and buy cherries and ice-creams in the market. We were delighted with our guide at Castle Acre, who was most interesting, telling us of many incidents in the lives of the monks in the old Priory. One, near death, was placed on a hard stone slab before the infirmary altar while the others read the service over him. It took us about one and a half hours to see the extensive ruins and then rain fell again. We had inspected the Gatehouse with its coat-of-arms, the lovely west front with its main Norman doorway, two minor doors, great window added at a later period, decoration of corbals and fine interlaced Norman arcading, the Choir, altar steps and altar marked out in the turf. We had entered the Sacristy, had seen the two fireplaces, one for holy wafers and the other for personal use, had been taken to the Chapter House whose lovely carvings were wantonly hacked off, had seen the flight of steps leading to the dormitory, the room where the monks were allowed to converse once a year, the infirmary with a well nearby, built in 1193, the Refectory and the Reredorter or latrine flushed by a stream—a very good piece of sanitary arrangement for those days.

We ate our lunch while it rained—and the rain had not ceased at Walsingham, so that we stayed only half an hour to peep inside the pilgrimage church which impressed us, although it was dark and quiet.

M.W., A.H.

On the Air at Birmingham.

A VERY slow train, no refreshments served. That is a summing up of our journey from Lowestoft to Birmingham on Thursday, October 7th, 1948. The object of the journey was for Campbell and myself to take part in another Regional Round broadcast. After leaving the train we boarded

an already crowded 'bus which took us to the end of the road where our hotel was. It was the wrong end. The road was fairly long, and in a state of exhaustion we reached the hotel—to be greeted when the door opened with the familiar smell of kippers. At about 5 p.m. we drank our first cup of tea since 8 a.m.

The next day was the day of the broadcast. We spent the morning shopping—and wondering at the number of the pigeons, starlings and sparrows squawking around the University buildings and the statue of James Watt which seemed to glare disapprovingly at the noisy birds. In the afternoon we visited the Ideal Homes Exhibition and then proceeded to the B.B.C.—luckily just across the road. We arrived there in good time, were taken to the canteen for tea, and finally climbed several flights of stairs to the studio. We sat down and put on our headphones, but we could hear nothing. This was our first experience of a “technical hitch.” Dorothy English looked anxiously round from the other side of the microphone, while a worried technician dashed round the room at top speed and started pulling out plugs and putting fresh ones in, but still we could not hear a thing. The time was 4.58 and at 5 we were due on the air. Then the engineer muttered something about “a risk, but I’ve got to take it,” cut a strip of wire with his penknife—and we could hear properly. The technical hitch—actually it was called “a short in the jack-strip”—was over. The technician retired to the control room, where our parents were watching through a glass panel, and the broadcast began. Just before a “general question,” which is rather noisy, as everybody talks at once, the same technician held up to the glass panel a hastily-written notice: “Don’t Shout.” At last Midland Region tied for top place with two other regions. After walking along corridors and down stairs with “Silence” notices at frequent intervals, we left the studio to experience the familiar boredom of queuing. It was less boring than usual, however, for we were waiting outside Birmingham’s largest cinema to see “Hamlet.” It was well worth while.

The next morning, to catch the train home, we had to push our way through a crowd of football fans arriving to watch the Cup-tie.

STEPHANIE PECK.

L.S.G.S.G.S.

IT is little known that the School possesses what is known in the higher circles of the Royal Ordinance Survey Department as the Lowestoft Secondary Grammar School Geographical Survey Department/6L. On March 25th, the department carried out its most important work of the year (its first and maybe its last assignment), namely the survey and charting of the submarine contours of Prefab Pond.

One important result is that the pond was found to face the wrong way (on the ordinance survey map of the district, that is,) which has been duly reported by 6L to H.Q.

On that afternoon, led by our president, we, the L.S.G.S.G.S. set out equipped with a carley float and immediately on arrival at the waterside took both the latitude and the longitude by means of a bubble-sextant and set up our theodolite. Operations were held up whilst a number of rocks were dynamited, or, more accurately, bricks removed, to allow the float to be floated, after which the amphibious operation went ahead. Messrs. White and Chapman (B. W., needless to say) boarded the craft and hauled themselves across the water by rope attached to the shore, taking as they went, soundings, which were noted, and samples of the pond-floor, which were bottled for careful analysis by L.S.G.S.G.S./6L/Sect. Chem. In the known part a long, narrow sandbank and an abysmal depth were discovered. The department then moved N.E. to explore a remote arm. Once again it was found necessary to blast obstacles—a tree trunk, two battered petrol drums, three mattresses and a gas mask (part worn). Bullrushes notwithstanding, the task force established the following facts. The area is comparatively shallow in spite of the sheer drop of six feet to the water. At the bottom of the banks extends a narrow wave-built terrace. It is a Pacific-type coastline with the trend-lines running parallel to it. This hitherto little-explored area was designated White Mare Narrows, and after an hour and a half’s solid labour the department was back in School to knock off punctually at 4 p.m.

This achievement was made possible only by Brooke Marine’s loan of the float, Mr. McGill’s of the transport, Mr. B. Tucker’s of the apparatus necessary to calculate the distance of the soundings from shore, namely a ball of string, Mr. Chapman’s of himself, from toes to nose, when the sounding gear broke down owing to a technical hitch, closely related to a clove hitch which did not cleave, and the powers-that-be’s of the time—to all of whom the department is grateful.

Arrangements are in hand for our next expedition, to Tasmania with the object of determining the correct height of Cradle Mountain, which differs by five hundred feet from page to page of Philips.

J. SHELTON.

Examination Results.

EXHIBITION TO JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP.

C. J. Bayliss.

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Betty Rivett.

B. J. Gee.

LONDON HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1948.

C. J. Bayliss—Latin, Eng. (Dist.), French (Dist., Special Credit in Oral), Art.

G. Denby—Latin, Eng., French (Dist., Special Credit in Oral), German.

B. E. Rivett—Latin (Subsidiary), Eng., French, History.

J. S. Fitt—Physics (Dist.), Chemistry, Pure Maths (Dist.), Applied Maths. (Dist.)

B. J. Gee—Physics (Dist.), Chemistry, Pure Maths. (Dist.), Applied Maths.

R. H. G. Small—Physics, Chemistry, Pure Maths. (Subsidiary), Geography

F. K. Warford—Physics, Chemistry, Pure Maths., Geography

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1948. (*Order of Merit*).

Boys :—

B. R. Chapman (Hist., Geog., El. M., Chem., Phys.).

D. T. Edmonds (Geog., El. M., Chem., Phys.)

B. J. Baxter (Fr., Fr. Oral, El. M., Phys.)

K. Travers (Geog., El. M., Chem., Phys.)

B. Tucker (Fr., El. M.)

M. White (El. M., Phys.)

B. D. Prior (Hist., El. M., Chem.)

B. W. Chapman (Hist.)

N. J. Burrell

B. C. Howard

R. J. Hughes (El. M., Chem., Phys.)

D. H. Ross (Eng. Lang., El. M., Phys.)

A. L. Firmin

J. D. Baldry (El. M.)

P. J. F. Wright (El. M.)

M. G. Harper

J. E. Leggitt (Phys.)

J. Boothroyd (Chem.)

D. L. Durrant

J. L. M. Shelton (Eng. Lang.)

J. T. Blowers

B. R. Ibberson

K. H. Gooch

J. Bleby

B. J. Wright

T. Reynolds

Girls :—

E. E. Oldman (Housecraft)

S. M. C. Lusher (Hist., Bio., Housecraft)

P. N. Agus

M. M. Mitson (Fr.)

J. M. Ashby (Fr., F. Oral)

P. J. Crisp (Hist., Fr., Bio.)

J. E. Crawley (Bio.)

M. V. Utting

S. E. Hume (Bio.)

J. M. Folkard

T. R. Short

P. Hammond (Housecraft)

J. Williams (Housecraft)

J. D. Read (Hist.)

S. P. George

D. Tucker (Fr.)

P. M. Neve (Art)

E. G. H. Ball (Eng. Lang.)

P. G. Hipperson

M. E. Plant

M. Croft

(Letters in brackets indicate mark "very good.")

Supplementary Subject, General Science : K. Butcher, M. Hammond (V.G.), M. Hart (V.G.), M. Moss (V.G.)

Items from the Record.

We reprint, by permission of the "News Chronicle," an article which appeared on March 28th, 1949.

Hazel and Co. (of the Sixth) set up in business—

BIG SISTERS LTD. MIND THE BABY.

A "Company" which has been formed here has no capital, will present no statement of accounts, pay no directors' fee and hold no shareholders' meetings. Its "managing director" is a 16 year old school girl.

Hazel Greasley, of Beresford Road, is the head of Big Sisters Limited. She and six of her friends at the girls' secondary school in Yarmouth Road have become baby-minders for one shilling an hour so that young mothers and fathers can have an evening out.

It all started when Hazel and her friends in the sixth form studying for higher school certificates talked over the difficulties of doing homework to the accompaniment of the family wireless and the chatter of young brothers and sisters.

So—"Why not offer to look after babies at night, do our lessons in peace and help parents at the same time?" suggested Hazel.

The girls advertised, business became brisk—and now the members of Big Sisters Limited are taking their school satchels along to other people's houses three or four times a week.

Usually they "mind" in pairs, sharing the standard charge of one shilling an hour. Of course, the young mothers of Lowestoft are delighted. For the first time since their babies were born they can make regular cinema or party dates with their husbands.

Though the company has only just been formed, the girls are averaging a weekly wage of four shillings. It helps out the basic 2s. 6d. pocket-money, and makes prospects of a holiday abroad this year brighter.

For these top-form schoolgirls are enterprising travellers, too. Daphne Butcher, an attractive 18-year-old brunette, worked on a farm last summer and then as a waitress. With her extra pay and two friends, Betty Rivett and Margery King, she hitch-hiked across France.

Daphne reckons that baby-minding will help to see them as far as Italy this year.

How is it done? Simple. The girls listen for a wail from the cot upstairs, run up occasionally to see that all is well, answer doors or telephones—and, meantime, work at their books.

At 4.30, on Friday, July 9th, 1948, Stephanie Peck and James Campbell arrived at the Town Hall as the Midland team in "Regional Round." Miss Bacon, the Midland Region Children's Hour organiser, was in charge there. After an exciting quiz, in which J. Campbell answered most of the questions, Midland won with 20 points, the second team having 17.

The second broadcast came from Sparrow's Nest Theatre, on July 10th. Naomi Stray and a quintet, with R. Norton, S. Peck, L. Cock, C. Smith and B. Guymer, had passed their auditions. They took part in a Midland Region Children's Hour broadcast with several other young artists.

On Thursday, July 15th, another Children's Hour broadcast (again on Midland Region) concerned Lowestoft. Roberta Norton went round the town with Miss Bacon and a recording unit, visiting the fish market, light-house and ship-building yards. Here, Roberta launched a ship, the "Twilit Water," providing an important part of a very interesting programme.

The School has again beaten its target of £400 by saving £430 14s. 0d. in the year ending 31st March, 1949.

The Lower School, in particular, is to be congratulated on its habit of regular saving.

At the Old Lowestoftians' Bazaar, present pupils contributed towards the great success of this effort for the War Memorial, by providing the goods for a Pound Stall, the proceeds of which were £13.

The Party for leavers was revived on 20th July, 1948. As the tennis courts were not yet ready, a Rounders Tournament was held, beginning at 3.30, with eight teams. Then we had tea on the front lawn and a short dance. Councillor Stevens

addressed us on the Old Lowestoftians' Association. This was a very enjoyable occasion, particularly because of very efficient arrangements and a fine day after six weeks' rain.

The Senior and Junior Christmas Parties were held and enjoyed as usual, with the addition this time of a joint Staff and Prefects' Outing, after a tea together, to the Maddermarket Theatre where they found an excellent evening's entertainment in "The Beaux' Stratagem."

D. H. Ross came second among the successful candidates in the engineering section of the Dartmouth Naval Cadets competitive entry, January, 1949.

At the sixteenth Annual County Sports Meeting, which this year was organized on our playing field for the Suffolk Schools' Athletic Association, the North-East Area again won the cup in competition with the five other areas of the county. Our own successes were as follows:

Girls : P. Castleton, 1st, Long Jump, under 15 ; B. Guymer, 2nd, 100 yards, under 15, and member of team, Relay under 15, 3rd ; N. Thurston, 1st, High Jump, 15-17, and member of team, Relay 15-17, 2nd ; M. Patterson, 3rd, Long Jump, 15-17.

Boys : P. Burt, 2nd, 440 yards, under 15 ; M. Mills, 3rd, 100 yards, 15-17 ; R. Sewell, 4th, 220 yards, 15-17 ; B. Mutimer, 3rd, Long Jump, 15-17 ; K. Crowe, 2nd, Shot, 15-17 ; B. Killett, 3rd, Javelin, 15-17.

Girls of the School have now made the following records in these sports : Long Jump, under 14, Freda Jarrold, 15 ft. 1½ ins., 1937 ; Long Jump, 14-16, Marigold Thurston, 15 ft. 6½ ins., 1947 ; 100 yards, 14-16, Jean Mackenzie, 11½ secs., 1937 ; High Jump, 15-17, Nora Thurston, 4 ft. 7 ins., 1949.

Old Lowestoftians

President : Mr. W. R. B. Brooks ; *Chairman* : Mr. S. A. Stevens ; *Vice-Presidents* : Miss E. A. Joels, Mr. H. C. Trent, Mr. F. Gilliat, Major S. W. Humphery.

Hon. Secretaries : Miss P. Howling, 237, St. Peter's Street, Mr. K. Nicholls, 110, Kimberley Road ; *Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. K. Beckett, 11, Regent Road.

Committee : Miss G. M. Walsh, Mr. H. L. Baker, Mr. F. Wilkinson ; Mrs. Joan Cornish, Oxford House, Marina ; Miss Sheila Grint, 91, Avondale Road ; Mrs. K. Peck, 2, John Street, Miss M. Wilton, 12, Bruce Street ; Mr. G. Lang, 79, Kirkley Gardens ; Mr. L. Stray, "Addington," 66, Elm Tree Road ; Mr. D. Wharton, 10, Carlton Road ; Mr. J. Wilton, 12, Bruce Street.

Club Secretaries : Badminton—J. Cornish, D. G. Wharton ; Tennis—K. J. Nichols ; Football—R. J. Larkins.

The Chairman's Remarks.

ANOTHER year has passed, during which a slow but steady increase in the membership has been evident. The attendance of 61 at the Annual General Meeting in January last shows that the affairs of the Association continue to be of interest to both old and new members alike.

Although this state of affairs is encouraging, it seems that there is a feeling amongst some that the Association should go on providing increasing sources of entertainment for its members in order to prove its worth. Whatever the merits of this point of view, it is as well that our limitations in this sphere are realised and, I think, that the worth of such an organisation as the Old Lowestoftians' cannot be judged entirely by what you get from it. It should, rather, be a source of pride that an Association exists through which we may maintain a link with our School and if this feeling exists, the Old Lowestoftians' will not lack the increasing membership required to broaden its activities.

On the sports side, the Badminton and Tennis Clubs have established themselves well and to these has been added a Football Club which has played in the East Anglian League 2nd division throughout the season and with no small measure of success. Our thanks must go to the enterprising and energetic members who brought about the formation of this Club which is and will be of the utmost value to the Association. Here may I express your thanks to the Headmaster for allowing the Club the use of the School Playing Field, without which the Club would have found it impossible to start. Efforts have been made to form a 2nd XI, but the lack of playing pitches is making this extremely difficult.

On Boxing Day, the Annual Football and Hockey matches between the Old Students and the School teams were played ; the football resulted in a win to the Old Lowestoftians' whilst a draw was the result of the hockey match. It is as well, however, to add that the School Football XI defeated the Old Lowestoftians on Easter Monday and again showed their superiority a few weeks ago when, on Old Students' Day, the Old Lowestoftians' Cricket team suffered defeat at the hands of the School XI.

On the social side, several successful dances have been held and the Annual Christmas Social was again the enjoyable evening we have come to expect. Additionally, the Football Club held their first Dinner and Dance at the end of the season, an event which gave much pleasure to all present.

During the year, considerable hard work has been directed towards the building up of the War Memorial Fund. On September the 25th, a most successful Bazaar and Dance was held at St. Margaret's Institute and resulted in approximately £115 being added to the War Memorial Fund. The stall organized and run by the School was an outstanding success and we are grateful for their efforts, as indeed, we are to all those who assisted in every way. It is the intention of the Committee to close this Fund by the end of the year and an appeal is now being prepared in an effort to raise the total of £500 required to furnish a Library as a Memorial to the Old Students who lost their lives in the war. You are earnestly asked to give this appeal your maximum support and to influence all those who have an interest in the School to help us bring this Fund to a successful close.

More space has been allotted to the Association in the Magazine and the Committee hope that Old Students will send all their news and articles of interest so that we may take advantage of the space so generously given us.

Finally, I must again express your thanks to the School Staff for the active help and interest they continue to give to the Association, without which the Old Lowestoftians would not be as strong as they are.

S. A. STEVENS.

Badminton Club.

THE past season has been successful, several old members having re-joined, although we should be glad to see beginners also in October next. In matches we have had our ups and downs, but the general standard of play has certainly improved from the days when hardly anyone could score or knew the rules! All guest players remarked on the general good feeling and sporty atmosphere, surely a thing to be proud of.

J.C., D.G.W.

Tennis Club.

THIS new venture commenced in April, 1948 and the result was a very successful club, in which thirteen members enjoyed six months' tennis. We owe much to the courtesy of Mr. Tucker of the Royal Hotel who allowed us to use the court on any day and provided teas. As we have no expenses apart from the hire of the court and the cost of balls, the subscription is only 25/-. This season we have a full complement of 25 members.

K.J.N.

Football Club.

TOWARDS the end of the 1947-48 Football Season, one or two of us, enjoying a quiet talk and drink, decided that, with Old Boys at our disposal, Lowestoft Town or even Norwich City was not in the same street as we! That evening we won the Suffolk Junior Cup easily, beating every team we played. A day or two passed; we met again. Why not form a team? We explored the various snags. They were legion. Gradually we overcame them. The General Committee were enthusiastic and gave us their whole-hearted support, and it was agreed to form a Club, of which Mr. W. R. B. Brooks, who had given us every possible encouragement and help, was elected President. Shirts, socks, shorts, footballs were bought, and we were off to Swaffham to play our first match in the newly-formed East Anglian League Division II.

Should we commence our history with a win? We hoped so, but it was not to be. We were not discouraged at this, for if Swaffham were a pointer to the strength of the league, we should win more matches than we lost, we decided. In the next few games, with Tony Beckett at centre-forward, we did extremely well; goals came freely, four and five in the first half of every game, and we climbed to third position in the league table. Then we were beset with injuries and had a run of reverses. Towards the end of the season, however,

with a stronger team, we finished with a run of successes, and ended fifth in the league table, quite a satisfactory performance for a new Club.

Highlights of the season: The sausage and mash tea in the mess after the game with R.A.F., Watton; the game we nearly won v. The Corinthians; and the picture goal we scored against Lynn Chemicals. We have had a most enjoyable season. Everyone who has played has tried hard, and our team-spirit was excellent.

Taken altogether, this was a most satisfactory start, and we hope that in the coming season, when we shall be strengthened by one or two new players, we shall finish in an even higher position.

F.W.E.W.

At the Annual General Meeting, the new committee was elected as follows:—*Chairman*: K. Beckett; *Secretary*: R. J. Larkins; *Treasurer*: J. Wilton; *Captain*: A. Beckett; *Vice-Captain*: A. Peek.

It was decided to start a reserve team for the 1949/50 season and the club will welcome anyone interested in this new venture, both supporters and playing members. Registration forms and the complete fixture lists will be available from committee members. Should there be some who would desire the status of a vice-presidency, their names will be brought forward at the next committee meeting if they will please contact the secretary.

All members who participated in training at evening classes voted for continuation next term and more will be welcome. That extra yard of dash, so important on the field, will be all the easier after a few evenings at the training class, usually consisting of half-an-hour's physical training, followed by heading practice, handball and football.

Last season's support was somewhat spasmodic, but the team certainly appreciated the encouragement, and hope to see a few more Old Lowestoftians on the touch-line after the summer. The tea after matches was most ably served by the ladies, to whom we are grateful.

J.W.

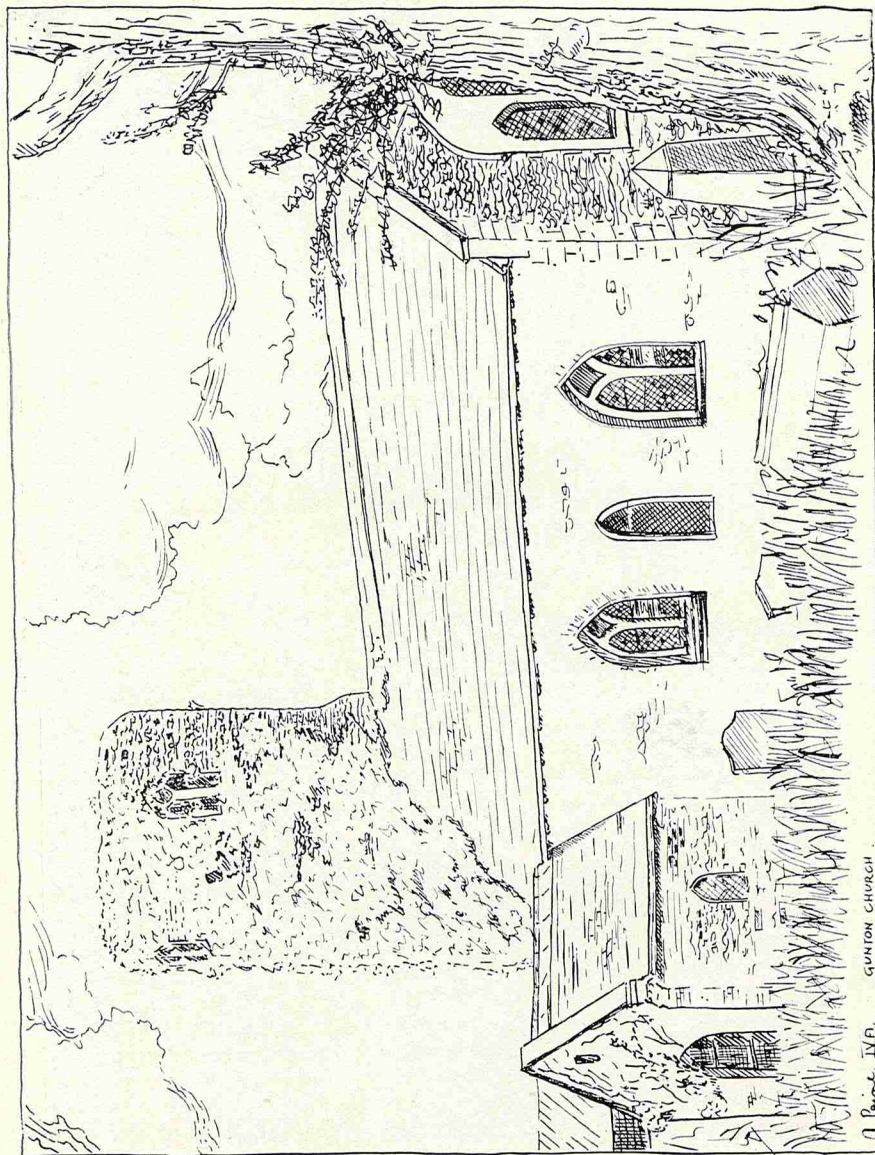
News of Old Students.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Ken Nicholls to Sheila Grint; John Wilton to Daphne Dann; Frank Seabrook to Eileen Ward.

MARRIAGES.

Millicent Cooper to Mr. Henry Gray; Peter Roberts to Beatrice Gaze; Molly Lodge to Mr. Basil Jarman; Fred Wharton to Eileen Thrower; Beryl Munnings to J. Francis; Roy Larkins to Norma Aldred; Iris Hepworth to A. Mouser.



of Honour repaid. It has since been suggested that this "rag week" be made an annual event, so that perhaps the ashes of tradition have been rekindled.

But in spite of, or perhaps because of all this, many East Anglians have studied at London University, and in particular a number of notable (in some cases notorious) Old Lowestoftians have attended Q.M.C. The subtle attraction that this institution (established in 1911 to promote further education in East London!) had for them is difficult to define. Perhaps it was the power of J. R. Partington's chemical writings, perhaps the thought that they would achieve more in less time here, perhaps the promise of Saturday afternoons at Lord's—or perhaps it was just that there was nowhere else for them to go.

Queen Mary College, London.

J. A. CULLEY.

From Nottingham University.

MY first duty is to acquaint Lowestoftians with the city's virtues. These are, in whatever order you like: Tommy Lawton, Trent Bridge, Player's, Raleigh (all-steel, not Walter), Boot's and lace. Sir Jeeze Boot was chiefly responsible for the building in 1928, of the new University College, acknowledged to occupy a situation second-to-none in England—the tired limbs of student cyclists can quite believe this.

This first letter is appropriate in one way, at least: the session 1948-9 has been the first in the history of the University of Nottingham, the charter having been granted in July, 1948. Lord Trent was installed Chancellor and the first honorary degrees were conferred in May of this year. The associated colleges are the Midland Agricultural College, which Laurie Bannister can call his "alma mater," and Loughborough College among whose former inmates can be named John Woodrow.

Gossip: The second most important thing in life, according to the philosophy of M—E— or M—s, is food. Contrary to popular belief, she does not wear a burnous in hot weather. Her activities are only metaphorically veiled. The Table Tennis Club has thought fit to elect A—n S—d (or T—d) as captain. Professor Bates has now been trying for weeks to get the Honours Physicists to investigate something other than the properties of celluloid. As a compromise T—d is patronising a new research-lab. in the gym. The geography department is firmly of the opinion that Lowestoft is a suburb of Oulton Broad. If you knew N—e S—r like I know N—e S—r, you would be feeling this cold steel circle pressing against your right temple too.

DAVID THURGUR.

From the Army.

I HAVE had so little time to think during the last nine weeks that any attempt at an academic epistle would end in failure. All I can do is to collect the impressions of the last few days (because one's impressions of the army alter so rapidly) and try to convey them to you as efficiently as possible.

To start from my present location ; I am sitting in an empty cell of the guardroom, with the sunshine streaming through the iron grille and throwing my shadow across the opposite wall. Consequently, my left ear is pleasantly warm and I am feeling very comfortable after a huge tea. This guardroom is used as a base for the fire picquet, a band of a dozen men who patrol the camp day and night looking for and extinguishing fires. It is my turn to do it this Sunday. My next watch is from 7 to 9, then from 1 to 3, then from 5 to reveille at 6.15. Between those watches my time is my own, provided that I do not leave the guardroom. Which goes a long way to cultivating an indolent disposition. And I love it. On the walls of the cell are rows of crosses where men have been killing time much more laboriously than I am now.

This army makes some men and kills others. There is a man in Somerset guardhouse, just along the road, doing 18 months for desertion ; he tried to escape a few weeks ago by locking his guard into his cell. Now he will probably get another 18 months. In the roof of our platoon's last barrack room is a bullet hole where one young conscript took a more effective escape route ; his ghost is reputed to walk every Tuesday night, but we never met him. Now we have moved into stone huts built (as was the greater part of this camp) in 1853. Sir John Moore is the hero of Shorncliffe ; he trained the Light Brigade here (the famous Light Brigade) and the camp was devoted to cavalry training until about 1920. Now it contains great blocks of deserted stables, the drill ground has become a playing field and the only horses are the officers' hacks grazing in a nearby field.

There are four big squares in the garrison, each with an atmosphere of its own. First there is Ross Square, where we do all our drill ; this is somehow dirty and sordid ; it is the biggest of the four, but seems smaller because it is surrounded by married quarters and huge garages with eadair doors, looking rather like steel eiderdowns. Then there is Somerset, a very casual-looking square, at one end a Naafi, at the other a guardroom turning its back on the square and in between blocks of huts which seem to be shrugging their shoulders at the bugler who wanders out occasionally to blow an indeterminate call ; next, Moore Square, the most military of the lot ; the garrison H.Q. stands on it and an impressive array of flags waves in the usual half-gale blowing from the sea ; and this afternoon on patrol,

I found the most pleasant of the lot, Napier Square, surrounded by trees, with a road at one end and a cookhouse at the other. It is on this square that our company pass out from Shorncliffe in a week's time. Bags of polish and everything highly regimental.

You asked me to give a few words of advice to the unwilling recruits of L.S.G.S. I can only say three things—first get into a regiment, preferably the Royal Sussex regiment ; secondly, always use Kiwi polish ; and thirdly, never call a lance corporal "Sir."

All the best from the Army.

CHRIS. BAYLISS (22128346).

A Visit to H.M.S. *Illustrious*.

AT half-past-eight, our Motor Fishing Vessel was well out to sea with the carrier ahead and her attendant destroyer just astern. When we got aboard, we were taken on a tour of inspection which lasted just about an hour and when we got to the flight deck we found that the carrier was proceeding out to sea. The first item on the programme was a demonstration of refuelling.

The destroyer took station about fifty yards from us, gradually closing the distance. A line was fired across her bow and the crew hauled onboard the heavier rope that was to haul the pipe-line, already hanging from a derrick on the flight deck, across to her. Pulled by about two-dozen ratings, the long black armoured hose snaked over the gap and was made fast on the fo'c'sle. As this was only a demonstration, it was soon cast off again and resecured aboard the "*Illustrious*," while the destroyer, turning in a wide circle, took up station off our port quarter and proceeded to drop a pattern of depth charges. As each charge exploded, a dark line, marking the progress of the shock wave, sped across the water and a loose plate could be heard to clang somewhere beneath us.

The next item was target-shooting by the main armament. A smoke shell was fired, and as it swung slowly down after bursting, about six thousand yards away, the guns commenced high-angle firing. This impressive performance was repeated and then the secondary armament had its turn. Below a bank of multiple pom-poms, even with your hands over your ears, the concussion of the firing seemed to be trying to turn you inside-out. A smell of burning cordite mingled with the faint aroma of stale diesel oil and fresh paint that seems always to pervade a warship.

The carrier, gathering speed, soon dispersed this, we scurried on to the "Island" and a thirty-knot wind began to sweep the flight deck as we turned into the wind to operate aircraft. Bursts of smoke came from their exhausts as the engines of several Fireflies arranged on the stern were started up. With engineers holding their chocks in place, they were run up, the deck parties vanished into little wells at the sides of the deck and a Flight Director in yellow scull cap and yellow jacket took up a position in front of the parked aircraft. One by one, the pilots indicated their readiness and were signalled off by the Director. From our elevated position, we could see the pilots sitting with one hand on the control column, the other on the throttle as, with cockpit hoods wide open, they came past, sitting calmly on their parachutes in the bucket seats. The sound of engines faded into the background of wind and swishing sea and with a clang, the crashbarriers, just below us, came up unto position. They were examined by the Flight Engineer and went down again. A sudden whine on the port bow heralded the approach of a Meteor. The silver-coloured fuselage flashed into view from behind the funnel, streaked along past the port side, made a wide turn, and vanished behind an Oerlikon platform. It soon came into view again, travelling quite slowly with flaps, undercarriage and hook down. It dropped over the port quarter and, guided by "bats," made a perfect landing. The roar of its engines died away. Miniature fountains astern drew our attention to a paravane which was being trailed from the carrier. The Fireflies came over and fired their rockets at it. They came round again and repeated the performance with cannon. The leader appeared over the bows and circling round to port, landed on, followed by the others, the crash barrier being lowered as each plane taxied towards it and then raised again to stop the next one, should it miss the arrestor-gear. One by one, the aircraft went down the lift. The show was over.

Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

D. H. Ross.

Junior Verses

The Story of Chanticleer.

There was a cock named Chanticleer,
Whom no-one could dismay,
And he had seven wives in all;
With only one he'd stay.

Now in the run, the fairest of
Them all was Pertelot.
With her this cock would scratch all day
Upon the garden plot.

Now Chanticleer, he went to sleep,
And had a dreadful dream
Of a beast that made him groan with fear,
So frightening did it seem.

The following morn he saw the beast
A-crouching on the ground,
That made the whole run squawk with fright
And flutter round and round.

The wily fox (for such it was)
Did flatter Chanticleer
And so he sang with eyes closed tight—
'Twas Russel's own idea.

Now Russel saw his chance at once,
And seized good Chanticleer,
The widow, mistress of this bird,
Bade everyone draw near.

She pointed to the wicked fox
Fast running to his den,
And with loud yells they all gave chase;
The noise was deafening then.

Said Chanticleer, "Why don't you tell
These churls to let you be?"
"I will," cried fox—and as he spake
Brave Chanticleer got free

"Come down," said fox to Chanticleer
Perched on a bough nearby;
"Not I," said cock, "for don't you know
Once bitten is twice shy."

D. J. BARKER.

The Bell Buoy.

My warning ring drifts far and wide
O'er troubled seas where sandbanks hide;
The skipper listens, strained and tense,
As fog descends so white and dense.

With lift and fall of every wave
My bell tolls out, more lives to save;
Come wind and storm or rain or shine,
I ride the waves, a warning sign.

The seagulls cry and wheel around
As this new resting place is found,
But even they ne'er tarry long,
Too frightened by my strident gong.

B. CHARLTON.

April 23rd, 1949.

To-day I spend in glorious waking dreams,
To-morrow, all my cash—on lollipops,
On toffees, chewing-gum, peppermint creams,
On humbugs, jelly-babies, acid-drops.
Parents fear biliousness and blistered lip,
They "disapprove of highly-coloured sweets,"
But we can still enjoy a liquorice-strip
And chocolate mice and fruit drops still are treats.
The Minister of Food's our hero now,
Since he has raised at last the ration-ban.
What shall I buy? Nougat, a sugar-cow,
Hundreds and thousands, all-sorts, marzipan,
Chocolate beans, bullseyes, Turkish delight?
—I'm sure that I shall have sweet dreams to-night.

STEPHANIE PECK.

The Owl's Nest.

Have you seen that hollow oak
Among the bushes in the loke,
Inside, a nest of eggs so white,
Shining with the tree's dull light?
The eggs belong to the pair of owls
Which hoot all night and disturb the fowls.
Rats, mice and all such creatures
Help to build the young owls' features.
If you look into the hollow
Make sure there is no one to follow;
My favourite secret is this nest,
And the branch nearby is my hiding-rest.

BRIAN DURRANT.

The Woodpecker.

Tap-tap, tap-tap,
What is that noise I hear?
It comes from out the trees,
Low but clear.

Tap-tap, tap-tap,
There is that noise again
Not far above my head.
Could it be fairy men?

Tap-tap, tap-tap,
An elfin cobbler who
On shoes that fairies wear
Taps out this light tattoo?

Tap-tap, tap-tap,
But no, for there I see
The maker of the sound
High up in that tall tree.

Tap-tap, tap-tap,
A woodpecker I see
Upon the budding branch
Of yonder old elm tree.

DIANA WILKIN.

Saturday Morning in Dock.

Three schoolboys went riding along to their school,
Along to their school as the sun rose high ;
Each thought of the master who'd call him a fool
For exam-time was over, result-time was nigh,
And boys must learn and teachers must scold
Till the boys can remember the things they are told,
And the det. book near is looming.

Three masters sat in the masters' room,
In the masters' room as the sun rose high ;
They were marking their papers and spelling their doom
And each had that hard look in his right eye,
For boys must learn and teachers must scold
Till the boys could remember the things they were told,
And the det. book nearer was looming.

Three boys had detentions, two hours apiece
On a Saturday morn as the sun rose high ;
They chewed at their pencils, each brow had a crease
And they worked at their task as the hours passed by.
But boys must learn and teachers must scold
Till boys like these three know all that they're told ;
So the det. book for ever is looming.

A. PAYNE.

Centuries of Names.

MANY of the earlier parish registers have been lost. Few of the original paper registers of 1538-9 remain and only 500 or so of the parchment copies made in 1598, mainly because of the wording of the order which said that copies were to be made "especially since the beginning of her majesty's reign" and most persons thought that this justified them in omitting the period 1538-58. Many registers must have been lost in accidents like that which befell Lowestoft's register for 1538-98 of which we read in the register for 1606: "This ye 6 daie March ye former and anntient Regester Booke was burned, being in the custody of Mr. Gleson at his house (which was also burned)." Other registers have been stolen, or given away and put to the most extraordinary uses. One paper register of 1539, was found being used to wrap up fish and chips, and another (on parchment) to line the parish clerk's grandmother's coffin. Other registers, although still in existence, are almost or entirely illegible because of the bad ink, bad writing and bad spelling used. Three systems of spelling appear to have been employed. In one, the parson wrote down words exactly as they were pronounced, e.g. "anomely" for "a homily," and "and setter," for "etc."; in another he wrote words exactly as he pronounced them, that is to say in a dialect, for example, in Lowestoft, "beare brewer" for "beer brewer"; and the third system invented some of the wildest spellings: "yngeounseon" for "injunction," "feyseytashun" for "visitation." Besides this, many registers have rotted away through lack of care—though the parish clerk of St. Maurice's, Winchester, did copy out much of the register, adding,

"because many leafes of this book were toren in twaine
I thout bit goode to wryt them nue againe."

Parsons frequently entered more details than they were required to do. At Lowestoft was written after the record of one man's burial, "an honest ould gent," and elsewhere, "The wife of Tho.—buried and his 2 children (all in one coffin)" and at Winchester, "Frances Taylor buried, she was sung to her grave by the Quire (merry doings)." It was the custom of many Lowestoft parsons to note the manner of death in entries such as: "Ann Bolden, shot to dead by Tho. Basese," "William Parker, of Kings Lynn, killed by the French in the S. Road," "Henry Blackman, who joking with the next man following under sail in the N. Roade, fell overboard into earnest eternity (a fair cavell to others not to do the like)," "John Horning of Thurlton who wt a knife ended his life, yet leved a short time and repented," and others recording the deaths of many who were "shot to dead," usually in brawls with "Frenchmen" or "Dutchmen," all Europe probably included in these nationalities, or who "had their deads by

drowning," of several who were "killed wt a cart," or "wt a boat," of others who were "killed with a mace" or "fell into a lime pit" or were "burnt to dead by casualty." One man died in the mysterious occupation of "straying downe yea white horse house." There are entries like these in registers of other parishes: "John Arris and Derwick Farlin, in one grave, being both Dutch soldiers, one killed the other drinking brandy Nov. 1," "James Parsons who would often eat a shoulder of mutton or a peck of hasty pudding at a time, which caused his death aged 36," "June 13, 1771 Jonothan Kiss, a poor boy of Wigston, aged 11, apprenticed to Hadon Dan buried. He got his dead as supposed from another boy's stamping on his belly."

Some parsons recorded any notable event, having nothing to do with baptisms, marriages and burials; for instance, in the Lowestoft register: "Reader whoever thou art that shall have occasion to peruse this booke, know that for this means for these 2 following years it comes to be so imperfect as thou findest it; on the 14th March, 1643 Collonel Cromwell with a brigade of horse and some foot which he had from Yarmouth came to this towne and thence carried away prisoners, Sir T. Barker, his brother Sir John Pettis, Mr. Knivett, Mr. Catline, Captain Hammond, Mr. Williom Cory, wt others, to Cambridge, and amongst these my selfe, Mr. Tho: Allen, Mr. Symon Canham, and Mr. Thomas Canham of this towne so that for some time following, in the towne there was neither Minister nor Clark but the inhabitants were forced to procure first one and then another to baptise their children. By which means there was no register kept, only these few hereafter mentioned were by my selfe baptised in those intervals when I enjoyed my freedom. *Haec scripsi est [sic], Anno Dni. 1646.* Jacob Rouse." And in 1699: "Kind Reader, it was the good pleashure of Allmighty God to let me finish the Jubile begun by Mr. Jacob Rouse, but who shall be the next, God only knows. God preserve the church of England from its oppressors, Amen, Amen." Amongst other strange things entered in registers are: the number of the parson's lottery ticket, remedies for various diseases, notes upon the parish clerk's farming activities and various transactions between people in the village. One parish register has included in it an account of the progress of the children in the village school, for example: "Hannah Thompson does little at reading, but has spun 3 lb. hemp this week."

It is very interesting to read the names of those who were possibly the ancestors of pupils in this School. These are all entries in the Lowestoft Parish Register:

April 28 1682—Robert Norton, Anntient, buried.

May 26 1694—Wm Canham; a honest and prudent man (buried).

May 14 1639—Anne Godbold, single and John Ris single (married).

Dessember 26 1663—Peter Paine and Masy Woods (married).

April 2 1779—Abigail Capps buried.

April 1 1753—Mary, daughter of John and Mary Caseleton, baptized

20th September 1564 George Wiseman, perished with a boat in ye roode.

May 9 1581—Raffe, son of Wylliam Overy, baptized.

Oct. 26 1581—Abraham, son of Francelle Wylliams, buried.

May 25 1627—Daniell Dawson baptized.

May 29 1664—Tho: Becket (my prentes) buried.

Nov. 5 1561—John Hall, mariner, buried.

May 10 1561—Edward Hume, buried.

Aug. 3 1561—Thomas son of R. Cook, witler, baptized.

June 21 1562—Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Baldry, baptized
June 8 1561. Jone Mosse, buried.

Aug. 25 1661—Margaret Watson, buried.

1654 Nov. 9—John Alexander, singleman and Mary Case, bothe of Lowestoft, were married by a justice.

1754—Jedida, daughter of Daniel and Susannah Chambers, baptized.

1600 July 27—Mary, daughter of Tho. Paine, miller, baptized.

1793 30th August—James, son of Robert and Susannah Hughes, baptized.

1793 Oct. 29—Mary daughter of Joseph and Bathsheba Beaumont baptised (wife's maiden name Barber).

J. CAMPBELL.

Memories.

THE time is just over 50 years ago, and Queen Victoria is still on the throne. The scene is the schoolroom in a small school in Ipswich. In this room four classes are taught side-by-side though separated by a curtain. In front is the headmaster's desk at which he sits all day with his hat on, and nearby, close to a slow combustion stove is a boy nearly 15. He is not a pupil teacher yet, only a monitor, and earns 1/- per week! In a semi-circle round him are about 8 dunces of Standard 1 having a reading lesson. I read a paragraph while the boys point to each word as it is said. Then they all read it together as they point again, and thirdly one

or two boys attempt it by themselves. The eldest boy is the only one whose name I now remember. He is 12 and still cannot read, though he can recite any paragraph from the book if started off. He wears an old Norfolk suit, usually has a cold, but no handkerchief, so uses, as he has done for months or years past, the cuffs of his jacket. They are horribly shiny, both of them, and the smell from that little class when they got warmed up, used to make me nearly sick. I can still see those cuffs as I write. This poor boy often played truant in spite of the cruel punishment he always got when brought back, but I daren't give particulars of that here.

Another scene comes to my mind. One of Her Majesty's Inspectors has arrived. He has an outsize head which wags from side-to-side as he walks. It is an arithmetic lesson I am taking. H.M.I. writes a very simple subtraction sum on the blackboard, say 245 under 576, "Now, teeCHAR, will you ask how many can do that sum?" I ask and practically all hands go up. He writes another, this time involving "borrowing," "Now teeCHAR" as before. Fewer hands go up. H.M.I. writes a third sum, at which I do not look. Again the question, but only a few hands go up. The simple pupil teacher says rather crossly "Is that all who can do that one?" Up go several more hands. The large head turns gently to me and says "TeeCHAR, can YOU do that sum?" I look and find the bottom number is larger than the top!

Another day he asked every boy in my class in turn to say "Three ones are three" As I knew would happen, one boy lisped "Free ones are free" with the result that for 25 minutes after school, while H.M.I. talked to the headmaster, I had to try, all in vain, to get the young man to make the proper sound. How I loved that inspector!

But revenge, if revenge it were, is sweet. I was this time taking a geography lesson, and in my class was a deaf and dumb boy. (There were no special schools for defective children then). He could make unintelligible sounds and always put his hand up with his class-mates. H.M.I. came along, and asked the class a question. Up went the hands, including dummy's at whom, of course, he pointed. Dummy uttered his cry "Ee—ee." The inspector said "What do you say?" and went closer, bending down to hear better. I remained silent, but dummy, again uttering his cry, patted H.M.I. twice on his cheek with his grubby little hand! I had to bite my tongue to keep from laughing. No boy laughed, laughter didn't pay in school in those days, but the head, without his hat to-day, came up to explain the boy's deficiency, and dummy got asked no more. And the Editor says I must write no more, except my initials which will anyway be known to Old Lowestoftians.

H.C.T.