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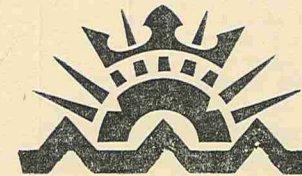


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"The Lowestoftian," 1914-1950 : The Secondary Grammar School, 1900-1950 : Annot's School, 1570-1883.

WE are collecting copies of past issues of "The Lowestoftian" in order to bind them as a record of the life of the School. Three magazines, of which we have copies, appeared in 1914 and 1915, Volume II, No. 1, which is missing, in 1921, and then Volume III, Nos. 1 and 2. After this, the issues were numbered, but not in volumes, appearing two or three times a year until No. 50 in 1940. We should be grateful if old scholars and friends of the School would help us to fill the gaps in our collection : numbers 3, 1923 ; 5, 1924 ; 9 and 10, 1926 ; 12 to 17, 1927 and 1928 ; 20 to 24, 1930 and 1931 ; 26 and 27, 1932 ; 29, 1933 ; 35, 1935 ; 37, 1935 or 1936 ; 39, 1936. Since 1940, there have appeared the Evacuation Number published at Worksop in 1943 and the issues of 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949.

For some years we have included an Old Lowestoftians' Section, and are glad to print work of Old Scholars in this issue. The magazine was founded in 1914 "primarily," as Mr. McAllen wrote, "to keep old pupils in touch with one another and with the present students." In 1914, we are told, 740 boys and girls had "passed through the portals" of the Secondary School from the time of its opening in the Technical School buildings in January, 1900.

So the School is in its Jubilee Year! This is therefore a suitable time to record also, as we do in our last article, the existence of a Grammar School in Lowestoft from 1570 to 1883. It cannot be said, according to the facts assembled for us by James Campbell, ever to have flourished, nor indeed was it a true Grammar School after about 1700, but all must regret that, such a short time before the more rapid growth of the town and the establishment of a State system of education, an old-established school should have ceased. Its name might have remained alive and with it a tradition from Tudor times.

The Staff.

WE have welcomed to the Staff this year Miss A. M. Gillis, who exchanged posts with Miss Murray for the session, and whose many good qualities—both Canadian and personal—have been much appreciated, Miss S. M. Ratcliffe as Art Mistress, Mr. P. R. Ermsden as Senior Mathematics Master, Mr. P. Aldred, Mr. K. Gardner and Mr. R. Youngs. Miss Ratcliffe and Mr. Aldred are leaving this term and we wish them the best of fortune. Miss Gillis says good-bye below. We would add how pleasant it has been to find all of them so soon at home amongst us. Miss Anthony, we regret to say, is also leaving on her appointment at Ensleigh School, Colchester, nearer her home; our best wishes go with her.

Another loss which will be deeply felt by the School is that of Miss Joels, Senior Mistress since 1927. Generations of girls will remember her help and guidance. Many owe much to her efforts for their welfare, privately as well as publicly exerted, for she could always be depended upon to render unobtrusive assistance wherever the need came to her notice. Students of Classics, in particular, have looked to her for instruction and have not looked in vain. It required only a moderate display of interest on their part in the language and literature of the Greeks and Romans, and thereafter Miss Joels, whose enthusiasm knew no bounds, brought to their aid, in and out of school hours, the skill which has been reflected in the high honours her pupils have won at the Universities. We wish her many happy years of retirement.

Next term there will be joining the School Miss G. E. Churley as Senior Mistress and Mr. R. W. Lamb as Classics Master.

A Letter from Miss Gillis.

TACKING or basting, steeping or brewing, washing or infusing, reel or bobbin, biscuits or cookies? All this, and much more, incidental to the fact that boys and girls are the same the world over, with the same joys and pleasures and games, laughing at the teacher's jokes when they aren't very funny. Teaching Domestic Science, or Homemaking as Canadians call it, is different here, though the fundamentals are international. As I have learned to weigh instead of measure, to make rough puff and such pastry, the girls have become acquainted with measuring-cups, a cookie press, dough-blenders, potato mints, gumdrop cookies, raw cabbage, carrot and apple salad with raisins, laurel leaves, red vegetable colouring and striped blanc-mange. II A B boys were a great help in making the monthly cookery costs balance in pounds, shillings and pennies.—And many have helped in other things besides

cookery. Pages have been added to the book on Birds, Wild Flowers and Suffolk Villages, and Williams, IV B, supported my enthusiasm for brass-rubbing so that I have enough beautiful rubbings in my collection to paper my house with, and have learnt much about the history of East Anglia. I could go on (as you well know) describing the many places that have endeared East Anglia to me and made me wish so much that one day I may return. The trip to Switzerland is one of my happiest memories, particularly because of the good manners, happy dispositions, many kindnesses and ability to laugh of the boys and girls who went. The same enthusiasm made our field-trips in Lowestoft enjoyable. My greatest wish, you can all guess, is that you may have modern Domestic Science rooms of your own. One must eat, be clad, have a home—learn how to live and to make others happy. In our Junior High School at Edmonton, Homemaking is an elective for boys, many of whom choose it and seem to enjoy darning their socks or even washing up. They prepare meals and sew a carpenter's apron. The girls take a course in the Shop, learning some woodwork and metalwork—how to fix an electric fuse, put washers on taps and such household jobs.

I have enjoyed my year with you; a warm summer, a mild winter and a late but lovely spring—to which have been added many kindnesses by Mr. Brooks, the Staff and the pupils. Thank you all very much.

School Officers, 1949-1950.

HEAD BOY: B. R. Chapman.

HEAD GIRL: Molly Utting.

PREFECTS: Mona Beckett, Cynthia Bramham, Sheila Carver, Pat Hipperson, Sheila Lusher, Dorothy Moss, Naomi Stray, Pat Tompkins; J. Baldry, J. Bleby, N. Burrell, D. Edmonds, J. Shelton, M. White.

HOUSE CAPTAINS: *Cavell*—Molly Utting; *Grace Darling*—Pat Hipperson; *Nightingale*—Mona Beckett; *St. Margaret's*—Sheila Lusher; *Athenian*—D. Waterman; *Roman*—N. Burrell; *Spartan*—B. W. Chapman; *Trojan*—J. Shelton.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES: *Senior Dramatic Society*—Dorothy Moss; *Junior Dramatic Society*—Doreen Blackmore; *Science Society*—B. R. Chapman; *Stamp Club*—J. Campbell; *Nature Club*—Stephanie Peck; *Chess Club*—K. A. Beckett; *Camera Club*—J. Bleby; *Girls' Social Service Society*—Pat Tompkins.

GAMES CAPTAINS AND SECRETARIES: *Cricket*—J. Shelton and J. Baldry; *Football*—J. Shelton and J. Baldry; *Hockey*—Sheila Lusher and Mona Beckett.

School Record.

The Houses.

IN addition to housenights, as usual well-attended and much enjoyed, these activities took place: *Cavell* held a doll-making competition, the results being given to St. Nicholas Children's Home at Christmas; *Grace Darling* ran a "grab-buy" sale, raffled a tin of shortbread sent by Miss Murray from Canada, and raised 32/- for the War Memorial Fund; *Nightingale* held two bring-and-buy sales for charities, made two blankets from knitted squares which were sent with other gifts to an old folks' home, and collected old Christmas cards for the Andrew Davison Christmas card industry for ex-servicemen; *St. Margaret's* set up a postal system in connection with Christmas seals and thus were able to send £6 5s. to the Tuberculosis Cure Campaign.

Inter-House Football.

SENIORS.

House	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Romans	3	3	0	0	13	0	36
Athenians	3	2	0	1	5	2	24
Spartans	3	1	0	2	2	8	12
Trojans	3	0	0	3	1	11	0

JUNIORS.

House	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Trojans	3	3	0	0	9	1	24
Athenians	3	1	0	2	2	3	8
Spartans	3	1	0	2	2	5	8
Romans	3	1	0	2	2	6	8

The Senior Dramatic Society.

AS recorded under "Outings," the Society has enjoyed several visits to the Maddermarket and one to the Yarmouth Little Theatre during this session. A beginning has been made in the rehearsal of a provisional cast for "The Rivals" which, it is hoped, will be produced in December. Difficulty has been experienced in finding suitable "types" for some of the parts—and even now anyone interested will be welcome—but we shall persevere so as to give a performance worthy of the Society's traditions.

The Junior Dramatic Society.

THE continued popularity of this Society makes it a somewhat unwieldy organisation to handle. With a membership of 150, intensive rehearsing for a production and play-reading for the rest of the members overtax the time and energies of the two members of the Staff responsible and set an almost insuperable problem in accommodation. A member of the Sixth Form gave some useful help in the Autumn Term.

This year no public performance was given, but two plays, "The Hole in the Sock" and "Michael," were produced in December with the members as audience.

The Fancy Dress Party held on February 18th attracted about 130 people in every imaginable costume depicting famous trademarks and advertisement characters. During the evening a mime entitled "Turret and Dungeon" was given by the members and added to the merriment of the party.

The Stamp Club.

THERE is very little to report this term. For various reasons our meetings have not been quite so regular as usual, and this may, in part, account for the falling off in numbers. Judging by the desire of many members to sell their collections it is fairly obvious that the days of inflated pocket-money are over—a good thing for real stamp collectors who might become keener on the more important side of the hobby—the study of stamps, and the amassing of information. There is a real educational value in Philately which those who are interested only in money values miss completely.

The Nature Club.

WE have continued to use our library of nature books regularly and have made some expeditions to the sea-shore.

The results of the Wild Flower Competition were as follows: Senior, 1st prize, N. Thurston, IV C—143 flowers; 2nd, M. Newson, IV A—104 flowers. Junior, 1st prize, G. Chinery, II A—122 flowers; 2nd, J. Utting, I A—73 flowers.

The Chess Club.

THE Club is flourishing well and has an average attendance of thirty members in its winter meetings. A learners' class for our new members improved these novices' play considerably. The magazine "Junior Chess" provided interesting reading and amusement for members who attempted to solve the problems. A knock-out tournament was held,

the winner being P. Dupen who defeated D. Wells in the final. On February 7th, Yarmouth Technical School invited us to play away. The School won 5-2. Winners: Beckett, Campbell, Overy, Shelton and Wells. Losers: Dupen and Mary Lovegrove. In a return match on February 14th, Hardingham and Cynthia Bramham were newcomers. Beckett, Campbell, Overy, Shelton, Wells and Mary Lovegrove won, and Dupen, Hardingham and Cynthia Bramham (retired) lost. March 7th brought as visitors Yarmouth Grammar School with a very strong team. The one and only winner was Chapman who overwhelmed his opponent in fifteen minutes. Losers: Beckett, Bleby, Campbell, Overy, Shelton. In the following match away we were again beaten by $4\frac{1}{2}$ games to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Once again Chapman defeated his opponent in a short time and Wells did well to hold his to a draw. Losers: Beckett, Campbell, Overy and Shelton.

We had an invitation for a match with Norwich but had to refuse owing to travel difficulties. The Club is looking forward to a series of matches with other schools next season.

K.A.B.

The Science Society.

THERE have been four meetings of the Society during the winter. Lectures were given on Plastics, the History of Photography, Waves in Motion, and Atomic Energy, the speakers being Mr. Aldred, Mr. Rimer and Mr. Finbow. The meetings were well attended. Next year we hope that some of the Sixth Form interested in scientific subjects not on the school syllabus will give us the benefit of their experiences.

The Camera Club.

THIS new club has flourished since the Autumn Term, when a committee of four and the chairman applied for a grant from the School to obtain various photographic apparatus needed before the club could function. With the sum needed and granted, about £5, equipment for developing and printing was purchased and installed in the physics lab. darkroom. At first the subscription was 6d. per week for all active members, that is, those who could use the darkroom; later it was reduced to 3d. per week and finally abolished as there was now a credit-balance with the School bank; but to pay for developer, etc., a darkroom fee of 3d. was imposed. Talks were given on Monday nights and a competition was organised for the best photograph connected with the Suffolk Show, visited by the School on 31st May.

J.B.



SCHOOL 1ST XI, 1949-50.

[B. Ibberson]



"UNDER 15" XI, 1949-50.

[B. Ibberson]



SCHOOL 1ST XI, 1949-50.

[B. Ibberson



SCHOOL JUNIOR XI, 1949-50.

[B. Ibberson.

WINNERS OF THE EAST SUFFOLK SCHOOLS' CUP.

Girls' Social Service Society.

FROM the Social Service funds collected during the past three terms, the girls carried out the usual practice and bought a Remembrance Day wreath for the War Memorial. At a general meeting held in the Spring Term it was decided to send £10 to the H.M.S. Truculent Disaster Fund. We doubt whether all girls are contributing their full quota regularly.

Hockey, 1949-50.

THE hockey teams have gradually improved during the last few years and are now regaining the standard set by pre-war teams. The 1st XI did well to win eight out of ten matches played; the Under 15 XI followed our example and won two out of three matches.

1st XI results.

Oct. 6th.	Home v. Lowestoft Co-op. Club	17—0	Win
Oct. 13th.	Home v. Ald. Woodrow School	15—0	Win
Oct. 29th.	Home v. Civil Service Club	2—1	Win
Nov. 5th.	Away v. Yarmouth High School	2—1	Win
Dec. 3rd.	Away v. Sir John Leman School	1—8	Loss
Jan. 8th.	Home v. Sir John Leman School	0—4	Loss
Feb. 4th.	Home v. Leiston Grammar School	3—2	Win
Mar. 11th.	Home v. Gorleston Ladies	4—0	Win
Mar. 18th.	Home v. Yarmouth High School	2—0	Win
April 1st.	Home v. Civil Service	5—0	Win
April 10th.	Home v. Old Girls	Rain stopped play; no score.	

"Under 15" XI results.

Oct. 10th.	Home v. Church Road School	0—2	Loss
Nov. 5th.	Away v. Yarmouth High School	3—1	Win
Feb. 11th.	Home v. Yarmouth High School	3—1	Win

Schools' Area Tournament, March 4th.

v. Church Road School	0—0	Draw
v. Bungay Sec. Mod. Sch.	1—0	Win
v. Sir John Jeman School	0—0	Draw
v. Ald. Woodrow School	7—0	Win

The School Team tied for 1st position with Sir John Leman School.

School 1st XI: Betty Guymer, Nora Thurston, Maureen Holland, Sheila Carver, Sybil Hume, Sheila Lusher (Capt.), Barbara Coleman, Pat Tompkins, Mona Beckett, Sheila Edmonds, Margaret Patterson.

School Hockey Colours awarded to M. Beckett, B. Coleman, S. Edmonds, B. Guymer, M. Holland, N. Thurston.

Nora Thurston was chosen to play left back for Suffolk County Junior XI.

Football, 1949-50.

ALTHOUGH the 1st XI had a moderately good season, the pride of this year has no doubt been the Junior XI. Two bus-loads of us—and some who cycled—saw them beat Leiston Grammar School at Leiston in the final of the East Suffolk Schools Cup. They had beaten Coppleston Road School, Ipswich, in the semi-final on our ground (most of us saw this exciting match: 1-1, and then 7-1 after extra time) and had got rid of Roman Hill, the holders, in the first round.

1st XI.

Sept. 15th.	Home	Gorleston Juniors	Loss	0—4
Oct. 8th.	Away	Bungay Grammar	Draw	1—1
Oct. 15th.	Away	Leiston Grammar	Win	8—0
Nov. 5th.	Home	City of Norwich 2nd XI	Win	5—0
Nov. 19th.	Home	Sir John Leman's	Loss	1—5
Nov. 26th.	Home	Bungay Grammar	Loss	1—2
Dec. 10th.	Away	Sir John Leman's	Loss	3—6
Dec. 17th.	Home	Yarmouth Grammar	Draw	1—1
Dec. 26th.	Home	Old Lowestoftians	Win	1—0
1950.				
Jan. 14th.	Home	Yarmouth Grammar	Win	3—2
Jan. 21st.	Away	Yarmouth Grammar	Win	2—1
Jan. 28th.	Away	Sir John Leman's	Loss	0—3
Feb. 4th.	Home	Leiston Grammar	Win	7—1
Feb. 18th.	Away	City of Norwich 2nd XI	Draw	3—3
Mar. 4th.	Home	Sir John Leman's	Loss	0—5
Mar. 11th.	Home	Gorleston Juniors	Loss	2—3
Mar. 18th.	Away	Yarmouth Grammar	Draw	1—1
April 10th.	Home	Old Lowestoftians	Win	6—1

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Goals					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	7	4	7	45	39

Team from: Waller, Chapman, B. R., Shelton, Baldry, Burrell, Hayman, Soanes, Hardingham, Murphy, Woolston, Chapman, B. W. and Beckett, Hall, Hook, Holman, Dupen and Clover.

Colours:

Holders: Shelton, Burrell.

Full Colours Awarded: Waller, Hayman, Baldry, Chapman, B.W.

Half Colours Awarded: Chapman, B.R., Soanes, Hardingham, Woolston.

2nd XI.

Played Sir John Leman's 2nd XI four times, winning 2-0, 5-0, 3-1 and losing 2-4.

Junior XI.

East Suffolk Schools Cup.

1st Round	Away v. Roman Hill	Win	2—1
2nd Round.	Away v. Bungay County Modern	Draw	3—3
		(After extra time)	
2nd Round.	Home Replay	Win	4—2
3rd Round.	Home v. Alderman Woodrow S. M.	Win	1—0
Semi-final.	Home v. Coppleston S. M. (Ipswich)	Win	7—1
		(After extra time).	
Final.	Away v. Leiston Grammar	Win	2—0

Team: (played unchanged throughout) Wylie, Gee, Clarke, Holman, Hook, Clover, Wells, Parker, Dupen, Burwood, Thompson. *Reserve:* Buck.

A slightly younger team won the Junior Football Tournament held on Corton Road Playing Field on March 4th. Alderman Woodrow S. M. and Sir John Leman's were defeated and draws were played against Roman Hill and Bungay County Modern.

Team: Wylie, Capps, Clarke, Holman, Hook, Buck, Mayhew, Francis, Wells, Clover, Bryant.

Cricket.

Results for 1949.

			Runs		
			F.	A.	
May 7th.	A. v. Bungay G. S.		59	50	Win
May 15th.	A. v. City of Norwich S.		75-7	26	Win
May 21st.	H. v. Yarmouth G. S.		123-4	33	Win
May 28th.	H. v. Mr. Finbow's XI		No Play (Rain).		
June 4th.	H. v. Old Boys		82-7	76	Win
June 9th.	H. v. Lowestoft Police		55-2	52	Win
June 11th.	H. v. Bungay G. S.		120-6	96	Win
June 18th.	H. v. Sir John Leman's S.		73-9	45	Win
June 25th.	A. v. Yarmouth G. S.		64-9	42	Win
July 2nd.	H. v. Leiston G. S.		113-8	31	Win
July 9th.	A. v. Leiston G. S.		129-5	69	Win
July 16th.	H. v. City of Norwich S.		65-8	13	Win
July 21st.	A. v. Sir John Leman's S.		66	70	Loss

Played 12, Won 11, Lost 1.

Captain, J. L. M. Shelton; Vice-Capt., Warford; Secretary, J. O. Baldry.

Colours awarded to Shelton, Baldry, Chapman, Rout, Hayman.

Half-colours awarded to Farrow, Soanes, Burrell.

BATTING AVERAGES :

Hayman	11	innings	2	n.o.	186	runs	20.67.
Chapman, B. W.	11	"	3	"	161	"	20.50.
Soanes	12	"	1	"	173	"	15.73.
Farrow	12	"	1	"	138	"	12.55.
Baldry	9	"	0	"	107	"	11.89.

BOWLING AVERAGES :

Rout	91.4	overs	160	runs	45	wickets	5.54
Baldry	78.1	"	171	"	35	"	4.89.

1st XI, 1950.

v. BUNGAY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, May 6th, at Bungay.

In their first match the School won the toss and batted first. 44 runs were scored for the first wicket and the following batsmen hit well. Chapman's score included two sixes. Bungay made no attempt to score the runs and were 81 runs behind at the close of play.

Result : Draw, 135-4 dec. (Hayman 59, Chapman 22 n.o., Baldry 20). Bungay 54-8.

v. SIR JOHN LEMAN SCHOOL, May 13th, at Beccles.

Beccles batted first; were dismissed for 15 runs and the School passed their total without loss.

Result : Won by 10 wickets. Beccles 15 (Baldry 5-3, Hardingham 5-11). School 75 (Shelton 32).

v. GT. YARMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, May 20th, at Lowestoft.

The School batted first, but after the loss of an early wicket were dismissed for 41 runs. Yarmouth passed the School total for the loss of 4 wickets.

Result : Lost by 4 wickets. School 41 (Orton 5-11). Yarmouth 55-9 (Hardingham 4-16).

v. LEISTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL, May 27th, at Leiston.

The School won the toss and after two interruptions for rain could only total 66-6 dec. Leiston just staved off defeat after we had sent back five batsmen in four overs.

Result : Draw. School 66-6 dec. (Shelton 27). Leiston 27-9.

v. TOWN XI, June 1st, at Denes Oval.

In an attempt to score quick runs the Town batsmen took risks and were sent back for 69 runs. The School passed this total for the loss of 1 wicket after the opening pair had put on 50 runs.

Result : Won by 9 wickets. Town 69 (Baldry 4-17, Hardingham 4-27). School 88-5 (Shelton 30, Hayman 26).

v. KIRKLEY "A," June 3rd, at Home.

The School batted first and after a poor start were able to declare at 116 mainly owing to a stand of 60 runs by Chapman and Soanes for the 4th wicket. Kirkley made no attempt to force the pace and the game went quietly to a draw.

Result : Draw. School 116-8 dec. Soanes 36, Chapman 26, Hayman 20). Kirkley 83-6 (Breach 41 n.o., Baldry 4-35).

v. CITY OF NORWICH SCHOOL 1st XI, June 10th, at Lowestoft.

The School lost the toss and were put into bat. After adding 30 for the second wicket the School batsmen were dismissed with very little resistance for 74. Norwich were soon behind the clock and then all out for 32 runs.

Result : Won by 42 runs. School 74. C.N.S. 32 (Baldry 3-17, Beckett 4-8).

v. LOWESTOFT POLICE, June 15th, at Home.

The Police were soon out, Baldry taking 8 wickets. The School had to struggle to get the runs being mainly indebted to a stand between Holman and Beckett.

Result : Won by 5 wickets. Police 30 (Baldry 8-20). School 48.

v. MR. FINBOW'S XI, June 17th, at Home.

The School took the first two wickets for 30 runs. After that, however, the batsmen were on top and set us to face a total of 144. The School started badly but thanks to some good batting by Baldry and Chapman had scored 105 at the close.

Result : Match drawn. Mr. Finbow's XI 144-4 dec. (King 53, Rimer 37, Baldry 3-48). School 105-6 (Chapman 37 n.o., Baldry 36).

Sports Day, 1950.

AFTER seventeen days of hot sun, June 14th, the day fixed was so rainy that we had—fortunately in one sense—no doubt that the Sports must be postponed to Thursday, 22nd June. As we go to press the weather seems no more propitious for this date. The Results will be entered in "Items from the Record" if they are received in time.

The results of the Cross Country Races, run on 30th March, were as follows :

SENIOR.

<i>Individual Results.</i>	<i>House Points.</i>
1. Edmonds (32 min. 16 secs).	1. Romans 40
2. Burrell	2. Spartans 70
3. Chapman, B. W.	3. Athenians 90
	4. Trojans 107

JUNIOR

<i>Individual Results.</i>	<i>House Points.</i>
1. Barber (22 min. 0 sec.).	1. Spartans 203
2. Elliott	2. Trojans 228
3. Long	3. Athenians 315
	4. Romans 488

OUTINGS.

Diary.

1949. July 27th. Party of 45 to London ; Colonial Exhibition, Tower, Westminster Abbey.
 Oct. 19th. 32 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; "Buoyant Billions."
 Nov. 23rd. Members of Forms IV, V, VI, to Yarmouth School of Art ; The Design Fair.
 1950. Jan. 18th. 32 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; "The School for Scandal."
 Feb. 15th. 8 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; "The Winter's Tale."
 Mar. 27th. 29 to Little Theatre, Yarmouth ; "St. Joan."
 Mar. 29th. 30 from Form II to Norwich ; Cathedral and Castle.
 April 6-18th. 32 to Switzerland.
 April 22nd. 16 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; "Coriolanus."
 May 18th. 28 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; Henri Becque's "Parisienne."
 May 26th. Third Forms to Bury St. Edmunds and Lavenham.
 May 31st. 450 to Suffolk Agricultural Show, Benacre Park.
 June 1st, 2nd. 432 to Playhouse, Lowestoft ; "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
 June 21st. 25 to Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich ; Anouilh's "Fading Mansion."

Bury St. Edmunds and Lavenham.

ON our way by motor-coach to Lavenham, the Third Forms, stopping at Bury St. Edmunds for eighty minutes, visited the ruins of the great monastery in the Abbey Gardens, the Abbot's Bridge over the River Lark, the Norman Tower, built in the twelfth century, the Church of St. James—now the Cathedral—and St. Mary's Church. Some of us visited Moyse Hall and the shopping centre.

Just before one o'clock we arrived at Lavenham, a very old town dating back before Roman times but famous for its wool in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The streets are steep, narrow and winding, sandy tracks bordered by crooked timbered houses with overhanging fronts. A guide showed us the most important buildings and told of some of the people who lived in them. We entered the Guildhall, which is now

used as a Town Hall, and examined the cellars where Rev. Taylor spent his last days as a prisoner before going to his death, and the upper rooms, where, in one, there is an example of linenfold panelling. On the post at the corner of the building is an elaborately carved effigy of the founder of the Guild and on the porch are the emblems of Corpus Christi. In Shilling Street is Shilling Old Grange where there are many secret rooms. This was the home of Jane and Ann Taylor who wrote "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Meddlesome Matty." The Wool Hall in Lady Street has been kept in very good condition and was used as a hall for the spinning industry. The guide told us that the ceilings were supported by one main post called the King-post but we could not be admitted because the hall was now a convalescent home. The Tudor shops are opposite the Wool Hall and have been carefully restored. On some of the houses there is pargeting which is moulded plaster on the walls, representing Fleur-de-Lys, emblems of St. Blaise, the patron saint of Woolcombers, and roses. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is one of the finest in England. It is chiefly in perpendicular and was built in the fourteenth century. There are two small chapels, one on the north side called the Branch Chapel and the other, the Spring or Lady Chapel, in the decorated style, on the south side. An interesting experience was visiting a weaver at work. He showed us cloth and scarves which he had made and also his loom, which was nearly all his own invention.

On the return journey we stopped at Blythburgh to visit the Church where there is an edition of the "First Prayer Book" issued in 1611 and a rare Jack of the Clock.

M.H.

A Coincidence.

"THE Young Visitors" was published thirty years ago as the unaided work of Daisy Ashford, aged nine. Everybody who read it thought its authoress an infant prodigy and the book itself a masterpiece. It was said that its naiveté was unequalled. The next novel, eagerly awaited, never came, but "The Young Visitors" has become popular on its re-publication.

In Norwich, before joining the school party at the theatre in the afternoon, foraging in a second-hand bookshop I bought the 1920 edition for 2/6. Later at a restaurant I showed my purchase to others of the party who happened to be there, and we discussed the book. A lady sitting at our table leaned over and said "Excuse me, but I feel I must tell you that I've met Daisy Ashford." She went on to give most interesting facts about the authoress, who lives near Norwich, and opinions about the origins and qualities of "The Young Visitors."

J.G.

Diary of the Holiday in Switzerland.

April 6th.—Thirty-two arrived Folkestone, 6 p.m. Calm crossing. Calais 8.15. 7th.—Bâle 7.30 a.m. after sleepless train journey. Breakfast. Brunnen 12 noon. 380 there in all on the stay organised by English Secondary Schools Travel Trust. Schweizerhof Hôtel. 10 p.m. bed. 8th.—Morning shopping. Two-mile climb to Axenstein in afternoon. Sunday, 9th.—11 a.m., service in English at Protestant Church. The pastor said benediction in German. After lunch, climbing. Evening, rain. 10th.—By steamer to Treib across lake. By funicular to Seelisburg. Three-hour walk to Beckenried. Church with wall-paintings of Crucifixion scenes. 4 p.m., steamer home. Rain again. 11th.—Trip to Lugano in Italian Switzerland. St. Gotthard Tunnel, 12 miles long. At Lugano, bazaars, tropical flowers in open and in florists'. Raining at Brunnen, 8 p.m. 12th.—Raining. Some went to Schwyz in afternoon. 13th.—By coach to Schaffhausen and Falls of the Rhine. Lunch at café overlooking falls. Through four customs stations to Zürich. Waited for three boys from other schools. Mr. G. explained to police. Boys sent on by train later. 14th.—Film on Switzerland, afternoon, or trip to Flüelen by rail, walk to Altdorf, birthplace of William Tell, enjoyed in rain. From steamer returning saw Tell's Kappell. "Swiss Night" with alphorn player, yodellers and dancers. Bottle of cider each. 15th.—All day to Lucerne, by steamer, return by train. Enjoyed in rain. Sunday, 16th.—Church in morning. Rain. Indoor games or football match, Brunnen v. Lucerne. 17th.—Packing, shopping. Goodbye to friends, e.g., Trudy the waitress, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Gennini. Sunshine. Left Brunnen 6.30 p.m. 18th.—Fairly comfortable crossing. No customs arrests. Home 10 p.m.

S.K.P., J.G.

One incident suggested the following:

La Chèvre sans Merci.

"O what can ail thee, dear Head Girl,
Alone and palely loitering?
The swans are gliding o'er the Lake,
And no birds sing."

"I met a goat upon the hill,
So fair, it had me quite beguiled.
Its horns were long, its hoofs were light,
And its eyes were wild.

"I took a step towards the goat,
I thought 'twould me with pleasure greet!
It turned on me with threatening look,
And loud did bleat.

"It chased me down the mountain side,
I screamed and almost I did swoon!
And sure in language strange it said,
'I'll toss thee soon!'

"I saw the chalets flashing by,
And pine-trees and then climbers three,
Who cried—'La Chèvre sans Merci
Is chasing thee!'

"At last I reached the level plain;
No longer was it in pursuit,
And I had screamed so long and loud,
I now was mute.

"And that is why I sojourn here,
Alone and palely loitering,
Although the swans glide o'er the Lake,
And no birds sing."

STEPHANIE K. PECK.

A Busman's Holiday.

FLATFORD Mill, which is now a form of hostel, is run by the Council for the Promotion of Field-studies and was leased to them by the National Trust in 1943. It lies on a tributary of the River Stour and was owned by the father of the famous painter, John Constable. Many other artists were inspired by the Mill and the surrounding countryside which is also a valuable area for practical biology. The ground floor consists of laboratories, dining hall, common room and kitchen, while the lofts have been converted into bedrooms, ours being the one shown in the photograph with the small white overhanging window, also the home of a family of bats which serenaded us to sleep every night.

Although other parties from our School have attended courses, when we expected a week's holiday we were much mistaken. In the week's course there were four boys but rest assured that they held their own against the 85 girls. "John Bull," who wrote a report on the week, referred to them as "beauty in gumboots" but this was exaggerated. A rota was already up so that we should share the week's domestic

duties. The general day's programme was: 7.30, rise; 8, breakfast; 8.30, make beds, etc.; 9, briefing on day's work; 10, work; 1, lunch (outside somewhere); 2, work; 4.30, tea; 5, analysis of day's work; 7.30, dinner. The rest of the time was your own, but lights-out at 10.30. The week's programme was: *Sunday*, general survey down river to Manningtree, collecting specimens (of almost anything); *Monday*, ecological work, transects; *Tuesday*, Sodrash Woods—walked 20 miles to find seasonal aspect, horizontal distribution, fauna, gregariousness; *Wednesday*, Dedham Pool—transects, species, insects; *Thursday*, coach to Bawdsey cliffs for fossils; *Friday*, what we liked. Thus on Friday morning we were briefed by Dr. Ennion (the chief warden) to catch a 'bus from East Bergholt to Manningtree, walk down the south bank of the river towards the sea for about three miles and return the same way taking a count of six different types of birds. These were mute swans, shelled duck, common gulls, herring gulls, black-backed gulls, black-headed gulls. The previous October a similar count had been taken and the problem was to compare ours with these results. We stumbled between reeds and sedges up to our ankles in mud, but we did the job satisfactorily, as we were told after dinner.

J. BLEBY.

The Design Fair.

THE main object of this exhibition was to give the public some idea of beauty of design related to function and economy. We took our places at Yarmouth School of Art—several 'bus loads of us in turn—where an artist enlightened us on the size and shape of a well-designed teapot. His rather comical yet impressive drawings on the blackboard and a system of voting for or against a certain design made it a very enjoyable half-hour and most of us filed out of the lecture room knowing far more as a result. The remainder of the fair showed articles which some had never seen in such colour and form, from salt-spoons to dress materials. What attracted special attention was an arrangement in which when you pushed a button a human voice automatically answered questions. Wandering from room to room, we realised how important good design was in the world to-day.

T.B.

Examination Results.

LONDON HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1949.

Daphne Butcher—Latin, English, History, French (Special credit in Oral French).
Hazel Greasley—English, French, History.
Margaret Hammond—English, French, Biology.
Margery King—Latin, English, French, History.
Terence Murphy—Latin, English, History, French (Special credit in Oral French).
Betty Rivett—Latin, English (Distinction), French, History.
Peter Sizer—Latin, Greek, English (Distinction), History.
Naomi Stray—English, French, Latin (Subsidiary), Music (Subsidiary).
John Farrow—Geography, Physics, Chemistry (Subsidiary).
Bryan Gee—Physics (Distinction), Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Chemistry.
Rhoderick Powrie—Physics (Distinction), Chemistry (Distinction), Pure Mathematics, Zoology.
Roy Rout—Physics (Distinction), Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Chemistry, Geography, Applied Mathematics (Subsidiary).
Francis Warford—Chemistry (Distinction), Physics, Pure Mathematics, Geography.
Patrick Wright—Physics (Distinction), Chemistry (Distinction), Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Biology.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

R. Powrie	<i>Reserve List :</i>
R. Rout.	Betty Rivett.
P. Wright.	B. Gee.

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Daphne Butcher.
T. Murphy.
F. Warford.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1949. (*Order of Merit*).

Girls :—

J. E. Delf (Eng. Lit., Geog., F., Or. F., Ger., Bio.)
J. Byatt (Eng. Lit., F., Bio., H'c'ft.)
A. M. Payne (Eng. Lit., F., Or. F., E.M.)
D. Moss (Eng. Lit., Bio.)
P. R. Tompkins (H'c'ft.)
B. Fletcher (Geog., Bio.)
S. G. Carver (E.M.)
S. J. Fenn (Ger., Or. F.)
J. E. Moll.
B. J. Bailey (Bio.)
M. J. Elvin (F., Or. F.)
M. P. Patterson.
P. Ventom (Bio.)
V. M. Goodrum.
P. Brown.
M. N. Lovegrove (H'c'ft.)
P. E. Plant.
A. H. Dennington
J. I. Tillet.
R. E. A. Ayers (H'c'ft.)

G. W. Cutts.
P. A. Walford.
K. M. Beckett.

Boys :—

J. T. Byatt (Eng. Lit., Geog., F., E.M., P. C.)
C. A. Sizer (Eng. Lit., Geog., P. C.)
J. N. Ansdell (Geog., P. C.)
K. E. Crowe (E. M., C.)
B. B. Pankhurst (Geog., F., E. M.)
R. M. Oakes (F., Or. F.)
B. G. Killett (F.)
J. S. Read (Eng. Lit.)
D. V. Hunt (Eng. Lit., F., Or. F.)
A. C. Smith.
L. W. Calcutt.
R. R. Sewell (Geog.)
D. G. English (P.)
R. T. S. Leftley.
B. T. P. Mutimer.
D. J. Waterman.
K. C. H. Wright.
K. C. Ramsbottom.
P. F. Kett.
J. F. Shreeve.
P. C. Chambers.
P. D. J. Ayers.
W. J. G. Wells.
D. W. Laws.
R. Snowling.

DECEMBER.

J. Gooda.
M. Finbow.
M. Wright.

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

Items from the Record.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL FROST told us on April 26th that after serving for thirty years in the army, mainly in Arabia and Persia, he had spent fourteen years as a missionary in what was now Pakistan. The people of that country were nearly all Mohammedans. Mohammedans believed that Christ came on earth, though as the Spirit and not as the Son of God. From then onwards their religion was mostly composed of the whims of Mohammed himself, who changed the law of marriage three times to suit his situation, until it allowed a Mohammedan to take not one but four wives. Brigadier-General Frost told us of an English girl, who, entranced by a young Rajah's stories of his wonderful castle, and of the precious stones in the surrounding hills, agreed to marry him. After a long and expensive honeymoon, a train journey of several days, one hundred and fifty miles on horseback, being forced to don native costume, a sack-like garment with small slits for the eyes—she discovered that she was only the third wife.

R.N.

Although the total amount saved shows a drop on last year's savings, it is encouraging to report that the membership has increased, and is now fairly well distributed throughout the school. The sum of £381 was saved in the year ending March 31st, 1950.

It has not been possible to include in the one violin class that could be arranged for us all those who wished to join. Great things are hoped from the seven lucky ones. Similar classes formed elsewhere in the country some years ago resulted in school orchestras, some with wood-wind and brass instruments as well as strings. Much depends on the progress of the present pupils; the scope of the classes may be increased.

Sports Day, 22nd June, 1950.

Results.

1 Girls, 80 yds., under 12 years	S. Brown
2 Girls, 100 yds., over 14 years	N. Thurston
3 Boys, 100 yds., Open	Woolston
4 Boys, 100 yds., under 12 yrs. 6 mths.	Jenner
5 Girls, 100 yds., 14 yrs.-14.11 mths.	D. Thurston
6 Boys, 110 yds. Hurdles, over 14.11 mths.	Waterman
7 Boys, 440 yds., 13 yrs.-14.11 mths.	Wylie
8 Boys, 100 yds., 15 yrs.-15.11 mths.	Burt
9 Girls, 150 yds., 14 yrs. and over	N. Thurston
10 Boys, Long Jump, over 14.11 mths.	Woolston
11 Boys, 100 yds., 12.6-13.5 mths.	Walker
12 Girls, 100 yds., 12 yrs.-12.11 mths.	M. Coleby
13 Boys, 100 yds., 13.6 mths.-14.11 mths.	Capps
14 Girls, 100 yds., 13 yrs.-13.11 mths.	M. Glasscock,
	D. Utting
15 Girls, 100 yds., over 15 yrs.	S. Edmonds
16 Boys, 440 yds., over 14.11 mths.	Burt
17 Girls, High Jump, over 14 yrs.	N. Thurston
18 Boys, High Jump, over 14.11 mths.	Waterman
19 Boys, Putting the Shot, over 14.11 mths.	Burrell
20 Boys, 880 yds., over 14.11 mths.	Edmonds
21 Boys, 200 yds., 12.6 mths.-13.5 mths.	Walker
22 Boys, 220 yds., 13.6 mths.-14.11 mths.	Capps
23 Boys, 220 yds., 15 yrs.-15.11 mths.	Burt
24 Boys, 220 yds., over 15.11 mths.	Sizer
25 Girls, 80 yds. Hurdles, over 14 yrs.	N. Thurston
26 Boys, 80 yds. Hurdles, 13 yrs.-14.11 mths.	Prior, Adams
27 Boys, 1 mile, over 14.11 mths.	Edmonds
28 Girls, 150 yds., 12 yrs.-13.11 mths.	J. Knights
29 Boys, 150 yds., under 12.6 mths.	Jenner

30	Girls, Long Jump, over 14 yrs.	P. Castleton
31	Boys, Discus, over 14.11 mths.	Burrell
32	Boys, 330 yds., under 12.11 mths.	Long
33	Boys, 880 yds., 13 yrs.-14.11 mths.	Barber
34	Boys, Javelin, over 14.11 mths.	Burrell
35	Girls, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Juniors	<i>St. Margaret</i>
36	Girls, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Seniors	<i>Nightingale</i>
37	Boys, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Juniors	<i>Roman</i>
38	Boys, 4 × 110 yds. House Relay Seniors	<i>Spartan</i>

EVENTS DECIDED BEFORE SPORTS' DAY.

1	Girls, High Jump, under 14 yrs.	B. Wicks
2	Girls, Long Jump, under 14 yrs.	A. Brown
3	Girls, 75 yds. Hurdles, under 14 yrs.	A. Brown, A. Russell
4	Boys, High Jump, under 13 yrs.	Whymark
5	Boys, High Jump, 13 yrs.-14.11 mths.	Prior
6	Boys, Long Jump, under 13 yrs.	Foulger
7	Boys, Long Jump, 13 yrs.-14.11 mths.	Woolner

Boys.

RECORDS BROKEN: High Jump under 13, 3 ft. 11½ ins.; High Jump 13-14.11, 4 ft. 3 ins.; Long Jump under 13, 12 ft. 10 ins.; 100 yards under 12.6, 12.3; 110 yards Hurdles, 15.8; 100 yards 15-16, 11.1; 100 yards 13.6-14. 11, 11.2; Shot, 39 ft. 11 ins.; 220 yards 13.6-14.11, 26.5; 220 yards 15-16, 25.6; 80 yards Hurdles 13-15, 12.3; 150 yards under 12.6, 18.9; Javelin, 159 ft. 1 in.; Junior Relay, 55.1.

Note: A following wind was partly responsible and some of the records exist only since the new age classification.

HOUSE POINTS (including Cross-Country): *Spartan*, 156½; *Roman*, 134¾; *Trojan*, 69; *Athenian*, 63.

Victor Ludorum, Waterman; runner-up, Burt.

Girls.

HOUSE POINTS: *Nightingale*, 63; *Grace Darling*, 48; *Cavell*, 40; *St. Margaret's*, 39.

Victrix Ludorum, Nora Thurston; runner-up, Pat Castleton.

County Athletic Sports.

June 24th, at Felixstowe.

Boy competitors from School:

Under 15 years. Capps, C.; Prior, K.
15-17 years. Woolston, R.; Black, G.; Smith, G.;
Burt, P.; Beckett, K.; Waterman, D.;
Hardingham, T.; Croft, W.; Smith, R.;
Riches, J.

Results.

440 yds Relay, under 15 yrs. Capps, C., ran for N.E. Area.
4th place.
110 yds. Hurdles, 15-17 yrs. Beckett, K. 3rd place.
440 yds., 15-17 yrs. Burt, P. 1st place.
High Jump, 15-17 yrs. Waterman, D. 2nd place.
Long Jump, 15-17 years. Croft, W. 2nd place.
440 yds. Relay, 15-17 yrs. Woolston, R. and Burt, P. ran
for N.E. Area. 3rd place.

Girl competitors from School:

Under 15 years. Diana Thurston.
15-17 years. Pat Castleton, Betty Guymer, Pat Shanahan,
Nora Thurston.

Results.

High Jump, under 15 yrs. Diana Thurston, 5th.
High Jump, 15-17 yrs. Nora Thurston, 2nd, 4 ft. 4½ ins.
Pat Shanahan, 3rd.
Long Jump, 15-17 yrs. Pat Castleton, 1st., 15 ft. 7½ ins.
Record broken, previously held by
Marigold Thurston.
440 yds. Relay, 15-17 yrs. Betty Guymer and Nora Thurston
ran for N.E. Area, 2nd place.

Old Lowestoftians

Officers, 1949-1950

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

Hon. Secretaries : Mrs. K. Peck, 2 John Street, Lowestoft, Mr. Lionel Stray ; *Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. Geoff Goddard.

Committee : Miss G. M. Walsh, Mr. H. L. Baker, Mr F. Wilkinson ; Mrs. J. Cornish, Misses M. Wilton, P. Howling, J. Tillett ; Messrs. S. Nobbs, D. Wharton, R. Watson. A further member to be elected.

Club Secretaries : Badminton—Mrs. J. Cornish, Mr. D. G. Wharton ; Tennis—Mrs. K. Peck ; Football—Mr. N. Tomlinson.

The Chairman's Remarks.

DURING the past year the interest in the Old Lowestoftians has largely been maintained, but it has been noticeable that there has been a slight decrease in membership and a certain amount of difficulty in persuading members to pay their small annual subscription with regularity. The attendance at the Annual General Meeting in January of this year was by no means good and I would appeal to more Old Students to attend these yearly meetings and help to strengthen the position of the Association.

A considerable amount of work has been put in during the year in an effort to attain the target set for the War Memorial Fund and although this has not yet reached the figure suggested, the actual Fund now amounts to approximately £385. It is hoped that space will soon be available at the School so that a start may be made in the furnishing of the War Memorial Library.

On the social side, most of the dances held during the year have been run by the Football Club and Tennis Club sections of the Association and the usual Christmas Social was attended by 130 Old Students and proved a most enjoyable evening.

The Badminton and Tennis Clubs have continued to function successfully and the Annual Hockey and Football matches on Boxing Day resulted in a win for the School in both. Old Students' Day, which was held on June 24th this year saw a most humorous and exciting game of cricket between

the Old Girls and the School, whilst the match between the Old Boys and the School resulted in a draw. The outstanding feature of the activities of the Sports Association has been the amazing success of the Old Lowestoftians Football Club, whose record after only two years, is one of which they may justly be proud.

The continued interest of the Staff at the School and the work they do for the Old Lowestoftians is something for which we can never be too grateful and I extend to them our thanks.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have been Chairman of the Old Lowestoftians for the past four-and-a-half years and I should like to take this opportunity of making known the excellent work which the Committee have done during that time. Mr. K. Beckett has taken over the Chairmanship and I am sure there could have been no better choice. I appeal to all Old Students, especially those who have just left School, to join the Old Lowestoftians, an Association which deservedly merits their full support.

S. A. STEVENS.

(Chairman until June, 1950).

Badminton Club.

LAST September the attendances were normal, but because of marriages, transfers and so on the numbers fell and some lack of enthusiasm crept in. We have circulated a questionnaire and the committee feel optimistic provided all pull their weight. We have only to look to the Football Club to see what real work and enthusiasm can do, and we congratulate them. We hope to see several new faces next season, partly as a result of Miss Walsh very kindly having organised classes for the senior pupils. The Clubs of the Old Lowestoftians have been fine mediums for re-creating many old friendships and we appeal to all old pupils to join. We shall miss Gordon Lang and wish him every success in his new appointment.

J.C., D.W.

Tennis Club.

A SUCCESSFUL season, with head-quarters at the Royal Hotel, was enjoyed by twenty-four members. Several friendly matches were played against local teams, the Old Yarmouthians and Somerleyton. This year the Club is playing at the Grand Hotel, where the members have put a derelict court into reasonably good playing order. An American

Tournament was held on Whit Monday and the Club's social activities which are an important feature, started with an all-day river excursion on Sunday, June 11th. We shall miss Gordon Lang and Ken and Sheila Nicholls this season.

K.P.

Football Club.

IF, instead of a report, a three-word summary of the Old Boys second season in the East Anglian League Division II had been required, I should have had no hesitation in choosing "a bitter disappointment" as a fitting description. For many weeks we headed the league table, and, perhaps inspired by abundant confidence in our ability to gain promotion to the first division, we were very often playing football worthy of a higher class league.

What then was it that led to our missing promotion? In my opinion three things: bad luck, injuries and an inexplicable loss of form midway through the season were mainly responsible, although many of us are inclined to forget that our hardest matches were played in the latter half of the season. But whatever the reason we had to be content with third place behind R.A.F. Swanton Morley and Norwich Speedways.

Despite our failings, and perhaps because of them, interest was maintained right up till the last matches as neither Speedways nor ourselves could be sure who would finally occupy the second rung. We did our best by winning at Lynn 3-1, after a near crash on the outward journey when our bus developed a bad skid, but it was insufficient, as a frantic search amongst the day's results revealed that Speedways had gained the one point they needed.

Our reserves did not meet with the success which their commendable team spirit merited, but since the side was formed only at the beginning of the past season, great achievements were not expected. We are satisfied to know that those players called upon (quite a number as Secretary Meadows well knows) have enjoyed their games and have benefited from the experience of what is possibly harder, but none the less enjoyable, football than one meets at School. Mention of School enjoins a plea to those just leaving not to give up soccer but to maintain contact with old friends through the medium of our Club.

May I, in conclusion, offer a word of sincere praise and thanks to our committee, under the energetic chairmanship of Ken Beckett, to Mr. Brooks, always ready with valued aid and advice, and to our few but vociferous supporters for the assistance they have given, particularly in raising the funds, over £200, that we needed to carry on.

A.G.B.

The Chairman adds:

The Club's playing strength is still insufficient to enable the team-selectors to replace injured men without having to re-arrange positions. The newly-formed reserve team has helped, but has suffered itself from lack of players and more members are essential. From an open meeting at the beginning of the season emerged the Supporters' Club which has run dances, raffles, etc., with great success, socially and financially. Why not, Old Lowestoftians, join in this venture? Subscriptions: 5/- playing members, 2/6 supporters' club members.

News of Old Students.

ENGAGEMENTS.

John Woodrow to Barbara Edwards; Arthur Warford to Audrey Crisp; J. S. Rodhouse to Monica Durrant.

MARRIAGES.

Ken Nicholls to Sheila Grint; John Wilton to Daphne Dann; Reg. Nunn to Joan Utting; Lionel Stray to Jean Hughes; George Buckenham to Dorothy Brunning; Peter King to Doreen Hoar.

BIRTHS.

To Mollie (née Lodge) and Basil Jarman, a daughter; to Betty (née Minchin) and Stewart Self, a daughter; to Marjorie Jean (née Potter) and Stanley Rudd, a son; to Beryl (née Munnings) and Jimmy Francis, a daughter.

We record with sorrow—and pride—the death of Freddie Hindes, who was posthumously awarded the Albert Medal after the loss of H.M.S. Truculent. The "London Gazette" citation read: "The conduct of all who went down in the submarine was in full accord with the great traditions of the Royal Navy, but the splendid example set by Lt. Hindes and Chief Engine Room Artificer Hine was beyond praise."

The death of John Culley, so recently Head Boy of the School, has shocked and saddened us all, and we extend our deep sympathy to his relatives and friends.

Successes of Old Boys have included the gaining of a Ph.D. by R. W. H. Wright, who is now Lecturer in Physics University College, Ibadan, Nigeria; of a Studentship in Philosophy by L. A. Grint who took his degree at Cambridge and is doing research at Balliol College, Oxford; of a 1st in Physics by Neville Skinner at Nottingham University.

From Oxford.

NOW that numbers have increased by two hundred per cent. (there are three of us) there is perhaps more justification for an Oxford letter. It may truly be said that no good magazine should be without one—it is so elevating and creates such a good impression. Here we are then, three Old Lowestoftians in Oxford. Norman Clarke has left the exotic East for the pleasures of Keble and Leslie Grint has come from “the other place” to Balliol. The writer having come via Eastern Coachworks to St. Catherine’s a year before is glad to welcome them to Oxford. One can always feel enthusiastic about Oxford in Trinity Term; the play of light and shade on the upper reaches of the Cherwell, Magdalen Tower on May morning, the High bright with sunshine—these combine to make life good. One forgets that in Hilary Term one cursed the dullness of it all, and in Michaelmas hated the rain and the incessant traffic. Therefore we welcome both to Oxford; Leslie Grint can be seen thinking out a paper in the University Parks and Clarke occasionally sorties out from his monastic cell for theology lectures, cross-country running and free teas. He claims that the architecture is quite pleasant on a dark foggy night. Congratulations are offered to him on his success in Prelims and on the fact that he has two years before Schools. Congratulations also to Leslie Grint on his forthcoming marriage; we shall be very glad to welcome his wife to the colony. For the writer—sympathy on the approach of Schools; if you will excuse him he would like to go and find out what *did* happen in 1066.

J. S. RODHOUSE.

From London.

A STUDENT of Biometrics, Social Anthropology or some such weird and alluring subject could no doubt enthuse in the “Lowestoftian” about his studies and get away with it. But as I dabble in nothing more than Economics which is usually judged weird but not alluring, I shall perforce play safe and write about college instead.

In the first place, University College, London, is enormous. This session there are about 3,400 students, over forty teaching departments and a lecturing staff of around 500; the departments cover any study from Fine Arts to Engineering or from Phonetics to Egyptology. The other salient characteristic is that hostel accommodation for women is quite inadequate and for men it is virtually non-existent. This makes most students dependent on private lodgings and so puts a sinister power in college life into the hands of the landladies of Bloomsbury and Battersea—*et hoc genus omne*.

It is probably a disadvantage that the college is so big and it is certainly a misfortune that “college-life” normally ends each day after lectures. The result is a somewhat cold and impersonal atmosphere that is only partly offset by the numerous clubs and societies. Yet, simultaneously, the character of the college gives some advantages. Those Universities “up the River” offer more to a student outside his studies but they also control him more. In contrast, no London student has to borrow a bow-tie to wear at examinations and there are no proctors who, at unearthly hours, loose their “Dogs” at you in the streets.

The student population of “U.C.” is remarkably cosmopolitan and about 20% of the numbers are from overseas, largely from the colonies. The college has never tried to be in any way exclusive and it seems that the only factors common to its students in general nowadays are an H.S.C. or the equivalent and a failure to gain admission to Oxford or Cambridge.

In fact, it was largely the exclusiveness of the existing Universities that brought University College into being. The social and religious restrictions on admission to these Universities had existed since Tudor days when Latimer had complained: “There is none now but rich men’s sons in colleges” (see “Students’ Handbook”). Hence University College in 1828. Its founders were the disciples of Jeremy Bentham, the nineteenth century philosopher who now sits in the Staff Common Room. According to his will, at his death his body was dissected and his skeleton dressed in his ordinary clothes and seated in a glass case. Until a few years ago, he wore his own head, but it was becoming too gruesome for even the keenest traditionalists and so a wax replica was substituted and the real wise head was relegated to a box at his feet.

The college itself soon lost any sectarian bias associated with its founders and eventually it was incorporated into the new University of London. Then, in 1940, bombs burnt the heart out of the buildings. Also, National Service resulted from 1945 in a new brand of seasoned students who virtually filled the college for three or four years. By now, however, students of conventional youth and inexperience again predominate and vigorous sea-dog beards are rare compared with frail, cosseted goatees, while prosperity is shifting back from the beer-bar to the coffee-shop.

And so, to the coffee-shop—

MAURICE FENN.

From Nottingham.

THE provincial universities have not the prestige and traditions of other establishments. At Nottingham indeed there is little evidence of the past; it looks forward; we must value it for potentiality rather than achievement. The very building is modern, though its beautiful Italian tower and white walls are set high in lovely grounds overlooking the lake. Yet Nottingham can resist the gibe that "these provincials" are mere factories (one of them, truly looks like a factory) turning out teachers and technicians. There is dead wood: mental sluts, well-regulated watchers of life, but one senses a keener edge, an invigorating tenseness. The black-gowned isolationists stroll beside the lake in argument and more gaily-coloured enthusiasts grow hot over now-cold coffee and morality, religion and politics in Refec. while professors meekly queue for their tea and buns. There is, too, a friendliness here. It is as though prejudices of race and creed are laid aside in the common effort to understand and enjoy life to the full. The most exalted professor is accessible to the most insignificant fresher. This University, if young, is all the more alive.

BETTY E. RIVETT.

From "Suffolk"

in "Poems 1950," by A. J. Blundell.

The sea is Suffolk,
The land is like the sea
Wave upon wave advancing
And dancing,
And all the grass moving,
The tall trees shaking
Like the dance of the waves
And the tide of the ocean.
There, on the tide,
Anchored,
The great towers of churches,
Steady and taut and tugged by the wind.
And the bells booming
And the bells singing
And the sound drifting drifting
Out
And away to sea;
The seamen heaving,
Hears the bells of Dunwich answer
Singing and booming from under the sea.

You have seen the seagulls,
Yelping like hounds at the kill,
Swooping where a herring falls;
See them now, a white cloud
Watching,
Following avidly the plough.
The shining streak of furrow,
The dark shape of plough team
And gulls, clouding the air,
A host of angels.

The sea is not forgotten.
Here, where the land dips down to the marsh,
On the last brief rise,
The church stands,
Facing the green ocean,
World without end.
Dim distant the shadow of trees;
As moths the boats
Sailing the river invisible;
The sigh of the grasses,
The inland sea.

Random Reflections of an Old Lowestoftian.

IT is a comforting thought that there is no age limit; one can never be too old to be an Old Lowestoftian—too indifferent perhaps, but never too old.

1921 seems a long time ago but I have vivid reflections of my first year at "The Secondary," as the school was then called. How we stood in awe of the headmaster, Mr. McAllen. How overwhelming was the Sixth Form. There was even a prefect who wore short grey flannels—Denys Harding. Among the girls was fascinating Holly Nethersell, with long curls, and large hair ribbon. She wore a very brief tunic and high-heeled shoes with elastic gussets at the sides—Jemimas I think we called them.

In those days if we did not cycle; we came to School on a tram or we *walked*. Many of us walked from the south end of the town because we liked the exercise. It was a creditable feat to get some maths homework done on a tram which swayed and groaned and threatened to foul the points at any moment, perhaps with the rain dripping down one's neck at the same time.

What a thrill it was in a physics lesson to put on earphones and actually listen to the wireless. How we enjoyed the Christmas parties which began in Mr. MacArthur's time. Speech Days and Sports Days were red letter days in the School calendar;

There were even prizes. The prefects too, had their badges presented on Speech Day: personal treasures to be cherished for years. Knowing how the girls of to-day dislike short gym tunics, I wonder how they would have tolerated the sight of the prefects with the regulation six inches showing above the knee and a white girdle hanging on, by the skin of its teeth, to the tunic's hem. But of course we wore long black woollen stockings, all the year round, for no summer school uniform was then in fashion. It is a pity that school uniform is not now more rigidly adhered to. Comparisons are odious I know, but in the days of which I am writing, the students dressed more carefully. They even—dare I say it?—had more thought for other people when journeying to School. Perhaps it does not really matter if you feel like eating chips from a paper, on the homeward 'bus journey, but to the Old Lowestoftian, in the street, it does not look too good.

The years 1921-27 were filled with happy days. We made our own pleasures. The Guide Company flourished—odours of sizzling sausages and burnt eggs cooked on the School field, in the days when the hedge separated the girls from the boys. The Sixth Form girls did gardening in a refined sort of way. But we were not entirely without modern pursuits. Miss Walsh taught us to dance. The Debating Society waxed and waned. I remember Mr. Wilkinson's sorrow when, through lack of interest, it faded out in 1926 or thereabouts.

"I remember" is a fascinating pastime—it threatens to go on for ever. I conclude with a word to those who will become Old Lowestoftians next term:—Do join the Association, make up your mind to pay a regular subscription and ask yourself not "What do I get out of the Association," but "What can I put into it?"

K.P.

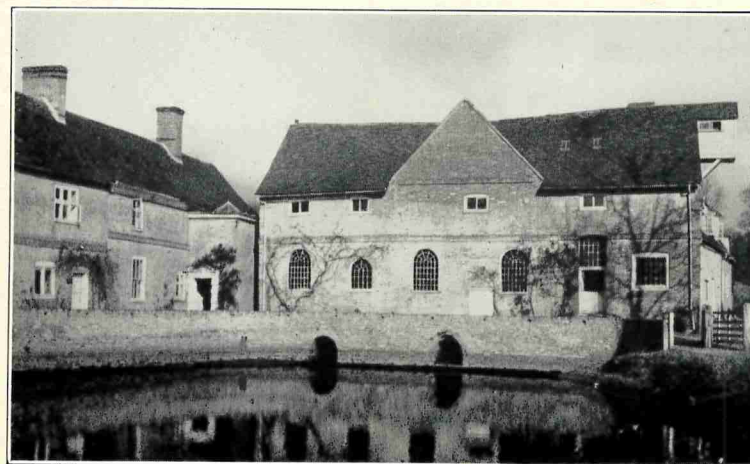


LAVENHAM, MAY, 1950.



[W. J. Crofts.]

LONDON, AUGUST, 1949.



FLATFORD MILL.

[J. Bleby.]

Two Sonnets

inspired by building operations at the School.

"Prends la truelle en main."

TO A MELODIOUS BRICKLAYER.

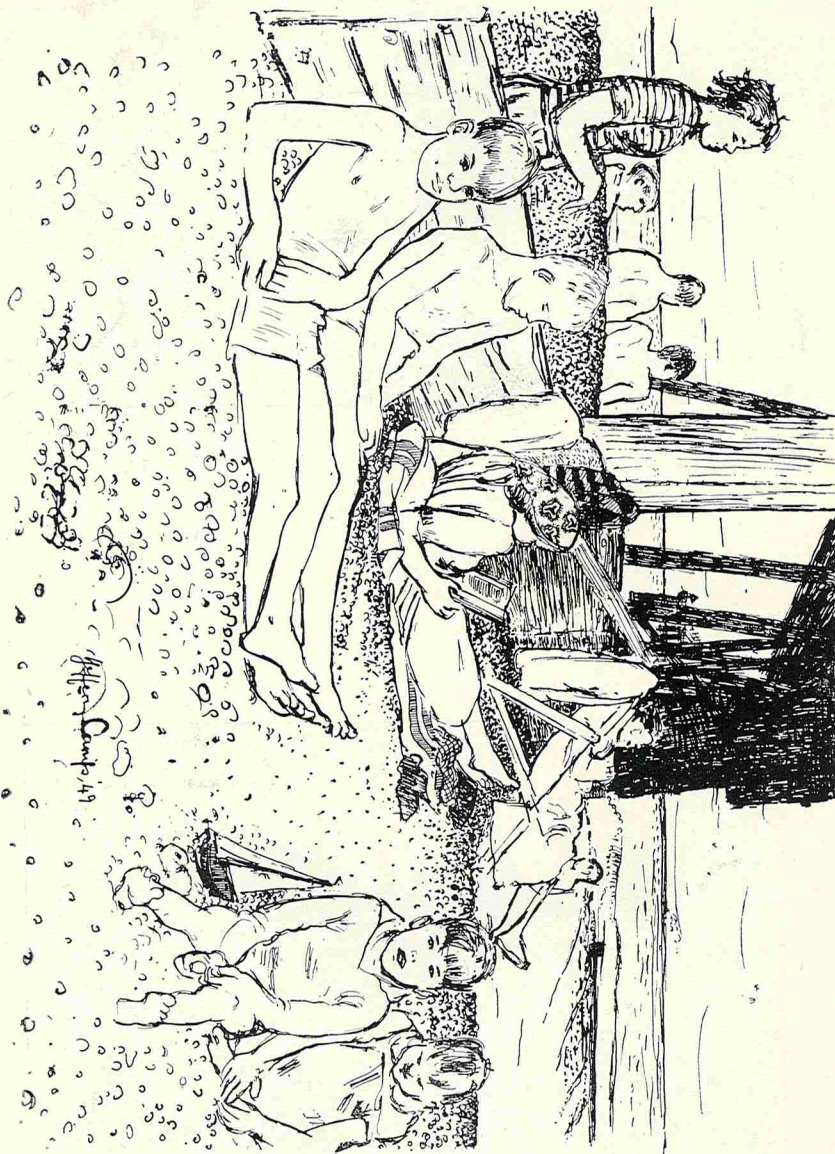
O thou whose tuneful tenor daily sings
 Plaintive though clear from the unfinished walls,
 Reverberating through our studious halls
 With clink of trowel and shouts and hammerings,
 Whose oft-repeated promise to Kathleen
 Or notes addressed to Violetta's ear
 Can soften the hard hearts of all who hear
 And stem the tide of pedagogic spleen,—
 Lay on thy bricks and let thy music flow,
 That, fifty years from now, when scholars go
 Into those classrooms bright, unmarred by time,
 Athirst for news of Ovid, Cicero
 And Virgil, then, instead, a ghostly rhyme
 May whisper soft of thee and Harry Lime.

NAOMI STRAY.

TO A CEMENT-MIXER.

Thou fat unpainted bride of noisiness,
 Thou fosterchild of tea and overtime,
 Thou whose loud chug and churn provoke my rhyme,
 Whom weary masters curse and pupils bless,
 The mistress of those many workmen strong,—
 When thy harsh voice shall be forever ended,
 Strains with cement and sand and gravel blended,
 Boys will remember still thy strident song;
 For, through this generation will have gone,
 There will be reared a pile with concrete roof,
 Pillars and floors of artificial stone,
 Thy progeny, that will at last remain
 Proud, part-prefabricated, water-proof,
 Proof, too, that British labour is not vain.

BRIAN IBBERSON, *et al.*



Local Brasses.

SUFFOLK is not very rich in brasses, but there would be more in this district if it had not been for Cromwell's followers. The evidence of their plundering is at Southwold, Lowestoft and Blythburgh.

The matrices of several brasses remain in the paving of St. Margaret's, Lowestoft. When Cromwell's commissioners visited the church they dragged up the best part of the brasses and sold them to Josiah Wild for five shillings. Part of the metal was used for the founding of the bell which still rings at 8 p.m. from the Town Hall. The only brasses remaining are of no special quality. There are two shrouded skeletons, c. 1500, of a merchant and his wife, and, in the same aisle, two brasses to another couple, of whom the female has lost her head but shows the Tudor dress, with square-yoked neck, and a rosary, and the male is wearing fur robes. With this brass is a monogram and the shield of the salt-fishmongers. In the middle aisle is an inscription on brass to John Wylde in twenty-three lines of quaint and gruesome verse, and one to Mary Wylde, his wife, who died seven years after him in 1651, very unusual because it is in script. Its last two lines sum up both inscriptions:

"That heere her dust lyes, tresur'd upp until
God shall his promises to the just fulfill."

One of the many brasses stolen or lost from the church is one to Master Thomas Annot, founder of the Grammar School. Originally the decorations were an effigy, a grim figure of death piercing it with an arrow, four merchants' marks and an inscription and fillet. Its date was 1577; J. S. Cotman the artist found most of it except the effigy there in 1817, but when his book on Suffolk brasses was published in 1819 he said that the figure of death had since been "reaved."

There are other such examples of nineteenth century carelessness in Oulton Church which would otherwise have been quite famous for its brasses. The earliest there, dated 1318, to "Sire Adam de Bacon, presbyter," showed a priest in full vestments, life-size, over six feet, as a rubbing in the church reveals, and was stolen, with two more, most likely by a workman when a new stove was installed in 1857. The others were to Sir John Fastolfe (not the original of Shakespeare's Falstaff) and his wife Katharine, dated 1478. He was shown in full armour, his feet resting on a dog, and his wife in the butterfly head-dress and a low-necked dress with elaborate girdle. The inscription to her uncle, rector to 1503, is the only brass left:

"Orate p aia Willi Bedingfeld nup
Rectoris isti eccleie qui obiit pmo die
Septembr ad dni m d b c iij cui aie ppiciet de."

Pakefield Church, which has recently been restored, was fortunate in one way: its brasses with other treasures were saved in the blitz. The most interesting, though well-worn, are dated 1417 and commemorate "John Bouf et Agnes uxor eius et pueri eorundem." Below the effigies of John and his wife are represented two sons and nine daughters, the eldest son in the middle and the rest gazing at him in admiration. The inscription runs: "All schul we hen. Whedir ne wen. May no man ken. But God above. For other we car. Hew schul we far. Ful pore and bar. Thus sey'd John Bouf." In the floor of the chancel Master Richard Folcard is shown in M.A. gown, and the Latin inscription tells that he was rector of the southern mediety of the church. This reminds us that Pakefield was once two churches side by side with separate rectors.

There are more brasses of interest near Lowestoft, for instance the famous figure in chain-mail at Gorleston, and some of us are enjoying expeditions to examine and take rubbings of them.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS.

The Donkey and the Hay.

A little seaside donkey
Was grazing one fine day;
The holidays were due and he
Felt anything but gay.

He knew that soon he'd have to trot
Along the pebbly shore
With noisy children on his back;
He'd done it oft before.

Just then a hay-cart passing by
Gave Neddy an idea—
"I'll follow this," he said with glee;
"I'll get away from here."

He cleverly unlatched the gate
And stepped out on the road;
He soon caught up the horse and cart
And feasted on its load.

The hay-cart halted near a town,
It's owner soon spied Ned,
He rubbed his hands with pleasure, and
"He'll work for me," he said.

And so he did, but oh! alas!
He suffered many a beating,
He sadly thought of his old home;
He would at least be eating.

There is a moral to this tale,
You'll read it in this verse:
"Be pleased with what you have; you might
Go farther and fare worse."

D. J. BARKER, II C.

Spring on the Sixteen-Acre.

IN the spring, a very big change comes over the Sixteen-Acre, a meadow (not sixteen acres despite its name) filled with bushes and large trees. The leaves grow in thick clusters round the outside of the bushes, but amongst the thorny matted twigs inside this covering they have no chance to grow. The tall flowery sheep's parsley which all the winter has grown grey and brittle now springs up in tall healthy plants, green, supple and full of sap. Its pale green leaves grow in clusters too, and show up in contrasting style against the darker green of the bushes. Another change is in the grass. Winter's ragged withered crop now grows short, but closely knit, with longish tufts near the edge of the cliff. It is now dotted with white and yellow, the numerous daisies and buttercups. At one end of this field there is a range of small trees in a giant hedgerow in which at intervals tunnel-like mouths appear. On going inside one of these tunnels, one finds oneself in a series of similar tunnels going right through the undergrowth. The thick leafy ceiling above does not let much light in, which gives the place a jungle-like look, with thick hedge on each side, long creepers hanging from the trees and trailing roses and stinging-nettles on the ground. The grass there, although sparse, is green and luscious, growing mostly near the roots of trees and bushes. The Sixteen-Acre changes a great deal in spring, for in winter the sharp winds from the sea make it anything but pleasant.

FRANK EAMES, I C.

A Visit to the Dentist's.

I sat there in the waiting room
With my mouth as dry as a bone,
Watching the others go in and out,
Uttering a silent moan.

I sat there screwing my hanky,
Awaiting the dreaded call,
Thinking of the last time,
Wondering, "Is it worth it all?"

After sitting for hours
With a splitting pain in my head
I heard her call the dreaded words;
"It's your turn now," she said.

I stepped into the surgery;
I uttered a quiet sigh;
As she beckoned me over to her
I felt about to die.

I sat down in the big chair
Hoping I should not shout;
I was given the gas, and when I awoke
My aching tooth was out.

JEAN HILTON.

Annot's School.

IN 1570, Thomas Annot, a fish merchant of Lowestoft, assured to trustees, "two messuages, called Garbag's and Bennet's, situate in Wheatacre" to assure the payment of twenty marks a year for the support of a master to teach forty boys grammar and Latin. First preference was given to boys born in Lowestoft, second to those living in but not born in Lowestoft and third to boys living in Mutford and Lothingland. He endowed this school, so he said, "off his godly zeal, good mind, and affection which he did bear towards the education and bring up of the said youth" with whom "the towne of Lowestoft is replenished in great numbers" and who "are very uncivil and ignorant for want of good instruction and education." A "school house" was fitted up in the "town close"—a piece of land to the east of St. Margaret's churchyard—and a master, Stephen Philips, was installed.

Thomas Annot died in 1577 and was buried in St. Margaret's where his grave was marked first by a brass and then by a stone, part of which remains. He left no children, but in 1591 some

of his heirs disputed the legality of his donation. In the ensuing law-suit the town won its right to the school, but legal fees cost it £120, a very large sum for the times. The judgment in the case was briefly that

1. The free grammar school was "to have continuance for ever within the towne of Lowestoft."
2. There should be one master "able to teach grammar and Latin."
3. The 40 scholars were to be selected, as before, by the master, who was not to receive more than 20s. for each scholar.
4. The "chancellor for the time being to the bishop for the time being, of the see of Norwich" should select the new schoolmasters.

Others of Annot's heirs shortly afterwards made the endowment up to £16 a year, the last piece of good fortune which befell the school for a century, for in 1609 one Thomas Goddard, the holder of the school land won a law-suit. The school then ceased to own the land, but received the rent-charge on it. By 1671 the school-house was in a ruinous condition and Sir Thomas Allen of Somerleyton took advantage of this to try to amalgamate Annot's School with an English school of his own foundation, under one Evans. He used his position as holder of the school land to stop the master's salary. Henry Britten, the master, applied for help to the Bishop of Norwich who promised it but, as Britten said, "something or other always happened"—in other words the great Sir Thomas Allen, Admiral of the Red, Controller of the Navy, Master of Trinity House, and Captain of Sandgate Castle had too much influence to be interfered with, and, although he held out for several years, in the end, as the town would not help him—"I found them cold"—he agreed to relinquish his post in return for half of the £200 owing to him.

Fortunately the scourge of the Barbary pirates, and of his neighbours' peace, died, and the school, which had moved in 1674 to the "town chamber," over the old corn-cross, near where the Town Hall stands to-day, was able to continue. The endowment was now insufficient to keep the master and it was decided by a public meeting in 1701 that he should teach only as many boys as he received pounds. It seems, however, that this income was increased from the original £13 (£16 less land tax) to £30, from other sources, since the Rev. William Whiston, the mathematician, Vicar of Lowestoft and Kessingland 1698-1702, during a complaint that his curate received nearly as much as he did, said that this gentleman, John Troughton, had an additional income. Troughton received £30 a year "from a small grammar school."

(Mr. Whiston's arithmetic may be trusted as he succeeded Newton as Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge not many years after). In 1721, when the great tithes of Lowestoft, which had belonged to St. Bartholomew's Priory, Smithfield, were bought for the vicar by public subscription, one of the conditions was that if he were absent for "four months or seventeen weeks, measured from one midsummer to the next" the tithes were to be divided between the churchwardens (probably for the poor) and the Master of Annot's School, who was to take six extra pupils, chosen by the churchwardens.

About 1721 a quite remarkable man, a Mr. Henry Wilde (not of the Lowestoft family) kept the school. Gillingwater says that he was "the admiration of all learned men." This is doubtful, but, although only a tailor, he knew many oriental languages, which he afterwards taught for half a guinea per language (except Italian, which was one guinea) at Oxford.

The report upon Suffolk Charities (1832) says that the land was then held by Alexander Adair of Flixton, who paid £12 16s. (£16 less £3 4s. land tax) per annum to the churchwardens. They carried this to the "General Charities Fund" whence they paid out £23 to the master for teaching 23 boys reading, writing and arithmetic, and an additional £11 10s. for books and stationery. In 1843 Widle's Trust helped the school with money and the building to the east of Flint House to which it moved. Mr. John Salmon tells us in his "Guide to Lowestoft" that in 1869 he, a "certificated" master, held the school, which was "under Government inspection." In 1883, rendered unnecessary by the newly-passed Education Acts, the School was finally closed down, after having been on the point of this for 300 years.

JAMES CAMPBELL.

Staff of the Lowestoft Secondary Grammar School

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