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Editorial.

It is pleasing to place on record the attendance at all the School societies this term. The Debating Society has a regular attendance of over sixty; the Dramatic Society has been recommenced by Mr. Needham, though as yet all is a dark secret; the seclusive Stamp Club which admits only 2nd and 3rd Formers has held several meetings, and the A.T.C., Scouts, Choir and Orchestra have met regularly. There is little to report of this term's Rugger and Lacrosse, but there will be more notes in the next issue.

A drive for original entries to the Magazine in the shape of a competition brought forth the talent of one junior. The Middle School and Seniors were content to let the others do it, and will have to be prodded hard and often if the Magazine is to contain an original section.

A Merry Christmas to all O.G.'s, and an offer: There is a small supply of spare Magazines of dates ranging from 1931—44 which are available at 6d. each, should any O.G. wish to complete a set. If any O.G. has a copy of December 1941 that he or she could part with, we should be glad to have it, as the next batch of magazines cannot be bound until we have a copy.

Our Contemporaries.

We have recently received copies of the Magazines of Donington Grammar School, Woking County School for Boys, Oxted County School, Sir Walter St. John's School and Dorking County School, and express our thanks.

School Notes.

We have welcomed this term Miss Woodroffe, Mr. Lockett, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Sandford. Mr. Sandford was appointed in the holidays to succeed Mr. Webb and is the first O.G. to return as a Master. He went to King's College, London (evacuated to Bristol) as a State Bursar in 1941 and took first class honours in B.Sc. Engineering. He was directed to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough from which he was released for this post.

At Christmas we must say good-bye to Mrs. Lowrie and Mr. Cowley. Sub.-Lt. Lowrie R.N. will be returning from the Navy in December and taking up his peace-time work in Stafford. Mr. Cowley has found it impossible to get accommodation in the neighbourhood and has therefore accepted a post at Grange High School, Bradford, which will enable him to live at home. We are sorry to lose both of these valued teachers, thank them for their work and friendliness and wish them much happiness in the days to come.

In January we shall welcome Miss Marjorie Wood, M.A., Durham and Mr. V. J. May, B.Sc., Reading, who come to us to teach English and Latin, and Mathematics respectively. Miss Wood was first year "Prizeman" at Durham and has been teaching in Lancashire and Cumberland. Mr. May, after a year's teaching at Stroatley

Rough, entered the Army reaching the rank of Captain on the Intelligence Staff in North Africa. He has also taught at Camberley County School.

School numbers this term are 431—222 boys and 209 girls.

Prefects this term are—D. Ashdown (Head Boy), J. Bennett (Deputy Head Boy), J. Vinnicombe, J. Baskwell, R. Skinner, J. Butters, F. Holley, J. Hunt, M. Joyce, J. Morgan, J. Noble, G. Stevens. D. Wigfield (Head Girl), L. Smith (Deputy Head Girl), E. Hutchins, V. Hicks, S. Hunt, M. Rigg, E. Booth, S. Collins, P. Ware, B. Burrows, B. Tanner, M. Marshall, M. Maidwell, J. Kindred.

The outstanding success of the year has been the award of a State Scholarship to D. F. Ashdown who won Distinction marks in Physics, Chemistry, Pure and Applied Mathematics in Higher Certificate. The Scholarship is being held over till October 1947, when Ashdown hopes to go to Cambridge. Katherine Jervis was awarded a Surrey County Major Scholarship to add to her Scholarship at Westfield College and Barbara Duguid and Jean Sugars were both awarded West Sussex Senior Scholarships which they hold at London School of Medicine for Women and Royal Holloway College respectively. We congratulate these and the thirteen candidates successful in Higher Certificate and thirty-seven successful in School Certificate, twenty-three also gaining Matriculation. Their names are listed among the prize winners. Ashdown, Bennett, B. Duguid, French i., Langridge, Saul and Sturgess gained Exemption from Intermediate B.Sc. and Jean Sugars from Intermediate B.A.

Speech Day has been fixed for Friday, Dec. 13th, when the Guest of Honour will be General Sir Robert Haining, K.C.B., D.S.O., Chairman of the Surrey S.W. Divisional Executive Committee, and the Prizes will be distributed by Lady Haining.

W.M.W.

Prize List, 1946.

Head Master's Prize for Retiring Head Boy—Trimmer.

Head Girl—P. Pardington.

Mr. Latter's Prize for Biology—B. Duguid.

Jack Phillips Prize for Service to the School—Trimmer

P. Pardington

D. Wigfield

Geoff Mills' Memorial Prize for Reliability—Bennett, J. E.

Higher School Certificate Prizes:—

S. Kingston, P. Pardington*, J. Sugars*, Ashdown*, Bennett*, B. Duguid*, French i., K. Jervis, Langridge, Saul*, Sturges, Vinnicombe, P. Holden.

* These pupils also receive McKenna Prizes.

R. K. Prize:—B. Hughes.

School Certificate and Matriculation Prizes:—

J. Archer, Balchin, Baskwell*, B. Burrows*, Coombes, Gray,

Holley, T. Hull, P. James, Jamieson, Jones, Joyce, M. Maidwell, M. Marshall, Morgan, Noble, Shiers, L. Smith*, Stone, E. Taylor-West, Terry, Weedon, Whitlock, J. Baker, Y. Bedingfield, G. Denyer, George i., Heath i., Henson, Oatway, J. Ross, J. Sandford, Stubbs, B. Tanner, E. Thompson, Trew, White i.

The 1st 23 named also gained Matriculation.

* These pupils also receive McKenna Prizes.

Form and Subject Prizes:—

4A. P. Gregory, Hill ii., French ii.

4X. Sage, K. Bowden, M. Tong.

4B. P. Carter, Webb, Logan.

3A. S. Smith, M. Hartwell, Barry.

3X. J. Coleman, P. Alexander, Conway.

3B. P. Riley, Child, Hart.

2A. J. Holliday, M. Wigfield, Raven.

2X. G. Doggrell, W. Manfield, Parker.

2B. Stapleton, Craufurd, M. Harman.

1A. J. Riddle, M. Bankes, Wastie.

1X. Whitley, M. Woodford, M. Bookham.

1B. J. Medgett, J. Snelling, Fuller.

Art Prizes—Senior, S. Holliday.

Intermediate, Atkins.

Junior, Stapleton.

1st year, B. George.

Music Prizes—B. & M. Strong.

School War Memorial.

The Appeal was launched in the early autumn and met a ready response. Mr. Ashby is at work on drawings of the oak tablet and Mr. G. Broadhead, A.R.I.B.A., on drawings for the pavilion. Both designs will be submitted to the Committee at their next meeting. The general plan of the memorial has been approved by Surrey Education Committee. By December 1st, 282 replies had been received and brought the Fund to the total of £292/10/0.

W.M.W.



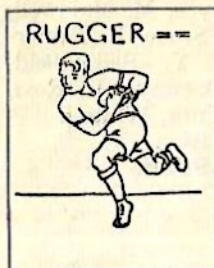
After last term's magazine had gone to print, the 1st XI. improved considerably, and a more balanced first side defeated first the Staff, then the Parents' XI., and finally ended the season with a convincing victory against Dorking.

Probably the most pleasing features have been the materialising of a good nucleus for next season's XI., and, generally speaking, an improvement in fielding. The captain has finally found his batting form, as has

George ii, who is unfortunately leaving.

Bennett ii is to be congratulated on his election as captain for 1947.

A. S. JOHNSON.



At this stage of the term it is difficult to assess the progress made by the XV. The notes will appear next term.

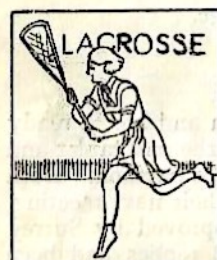
Result of School matches played :—

v. O.G.'s. Lost 36—3.
v. Lord Wandsworth Agricultural College.
Lost 57—nil.
v. Cranleigh School 2nd XV. Lost 27—3.
Oxted G.S. Won 27—nil.
Guildford Extra A. Won 8—6.

Junior House Matches have been played with the following results :—McKenna, 19, Freyberg 0. McKenna 9, Mallory 6. McKenna 6, Phillips 3. Mallory 3, Phillips 3. Mallory 37, Freyberg 0. Freyberg 11, Phillips 11.

	Played	W.	L.	D.	Pts. F.	A.
McKenna	3	3	0	0	34	9
Mallory	3	1	1	1	46	12
Phillips	3	0	1	2	17	20
Freyberg	3	0	2	1	11	67

C.C.H.



Captain—J. Kindred,
Vice Captain—E. Hutchins.
1st Home, P. Denyer ; 2nd Home, M. Hartwell ; 3rd Home, V. Hicks.
L. Attack, D. Walton ; R. Attack, J. Kindred ;
Centre, E. Hutchins.
L. Defence, P. Carter ; R. Defence, D. Wigfield.
3rd Man, M. Marshall ; Point, P. Ware.
Goal, P. Barrett.

M. Anderson and M. Strong have each played C. Point in various matches.

As most of the lacrosse fixtures fall in the second half of term it is impossible to discuss to any great extent the form of this season's team.

Fortunately there was not the anticipated difficulty in finding players to fill positions left vacant by leavers. Early in the term people with a good steady standard of play were discovered, who were willing to put in all the necessary hard work which gives the team its desired unity. This is as it should be and from now on I hope there will be a steady flow of good material from which the team can be made up. From the start they have been an easy team to coach, comprehending quickly what was required and bringing their intelligence to bear upon the various points presented to them. With continuing hard work and practice they should give the teams they meet good games.

General form play has been interesting and of a reasonable standard. The second form have not quite reached the standard from which they can easily pass into a game ; as a whole they must show more determination to conquer the more difficult aspects of stick work.

The third form are now well launched into a game. Last year they worked extremely hard and are now reaping the benefit. There are one or two outstanding people who show promise of one day reaching the School team.

The fourth form game is always vigorous and exciting for all concerned and has the element of speed that good lacrosse should have. It is sometimes a little difficult to curb this zeal and lead it into more thoughtful channels making for intelligent play, but the fourths are doing well and there should be many of them competing keenly for places in the team next year.

There have been some good games on Tuesday afternoons in which members of the fifth and sixth take part and those members of the fifth who have gained for themselves a place in the team are to be congratulated, as is the one member of the fourth who has so early in her career attained team membership.

The captain of lacrosse has been very efficient in her organization and has shown a keenness and enthusiasm which has infected and inspired the team.

S.M.

1ST XII FIXTURES.

Sept. 28th.	Old Godhelmians	Won 7—6
Nov. 16th.	St. Catherine's, Bramley.	Lost 8—6
Nov. 23rd.	Bedales, Petersfield.	Lost 10—3
Dec. 7th.	Priorsfield.	Cancelled



Captain—J. E. Bennett.
Vice-Captain—B. R. Oastler.
Secretary—D. F. Ashdown.

Last term we were very sorry to have to say good-bye to Mr. Webb but this term we welcome Mr. Laidlaw who replaces him as Chess Master.

The Chess Team has fared but poorly this term having three defeats and two victories as its record up to the time of writing.

However, the Chess Club is well attended on Friday evenings. The Chess Ladder has been restarted and a beginners' class held during last period on Fridays has been commenced with immediate success.

D.F.A.

RESULTS:—

Oct. 4.	Woking C. S.	Lost 2—10
" 23.	Charterhouse	Lost 4½—7½
Nov. 8.	Parents	Won 3½—2½
" 15.	Staff	Won 5½—2½
" 20.	Charterhouse	Lost 3½—8½
" 29.	Woking	5½—3½ (3 boards to be adjudicated)	

School Council.

A meeting of the Council was held on Thursday, 12th September, at 3.30 p.m., in the library. The minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, confirmed and signed.

Arising out of the minutes—the Head stated that new vice-captains of hockey and tennis would have to be elected as S. Holliday had left.

Treasurer's Report:—

Mr. Jones stated that all but 48 of the 117 outstanding games subscriptions had been received, but the School was left with a deficit of £13. 5s. 7d.

The Council then passed a resolution to endeavour this term to make good this debit.

The question of swimming instruction at School was raised by Caplin and the Head promised to make inquiries and to refer the matter to the next Governor's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was then closed.

D.F.A.

Senior Debating Society.

This term has seen the successful continuation of the Debating Society under the chairmanship of Mr. Johnson. A committee consisting of John Baskwell, Eileen Booth, Julia Colbeck, Ian Logan, John Morgan, and John Ridgwell, was formed to decide the term's programme and a draft constitution has been prepared, which, at the time of writing, is ready to be presented to the House. Judging by the attendances the popularity of the Society has been considerable. So far the average attendance has been over sixty.

MEETINGS.

Wednesday, October 2nd. "The Balloon goes up."

Six eminent personages were supposedly sitting aloft in a leaky balloon. In order that the vehicle should remain airborne, five of its passengers must be sacrificed. The fortunate survivor would be chosen by the audience on the grounds of his or her ability to justify further existence. The winner of this was Brenda Burrows as Dr. Barnardo with an overwhelming majority of thirty-three votes.

Wednesday, October 16th. Debate—"Money is the root of all evil" (Defeated 45-6).

The motion was proposed by Noble and D. Walton and opposed by Baskwell and J. Colbeck. Perhaps the main point which came to light here was that it is more often the love of money which is the root of evil.

Wednesday, October 30th. "Impromptu speeches."

A number of speakers drew numbers from a hat and spoke for two minutes on a subject corresponding to that number. This yielded several amusing talks, notably those by Baskwell on "Water," and Ashdown on "How to fry an egg."

Tuesday, November 12th. A Staff Debate. "This house is of the opinion that the Supremacy of the North of England is undoubted." (Defeated 47-17).

The motion was proposed by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lockett and opposed by Mr. Sare and Mr. Westcott. From these more experienced speakers the House gained some impression of how a debate should be run. At this meeting the Headmaster was in the Chair.

We have two meetings to follow. One is to take the form of an open discussion on the subject "What makes a good film?"; the other will be a Christmas meeting in light vein with spelling bees, a general knowledge quiz and other competitions.

One disappointment, however, has been the lack of speakers from the floor of the House. It is hoped that more people will emerge from their shell next term to show their oratorical talent.

J. RIDGWELL (Hon. Sec.).

Air Training Corps.

When the last report of the Air Training Corps activities appeared Flight 664 was about to carry out its annual training at Booker, nr. Marlow. Eighteen cadets seized the opportunity of enjoying this major event in the A.T.C. year; had others done so, their interest in the unit would be more lively than it is at present. Camp at Booker opened well. The first day, Sunday, was devoted entirely to flying and all cadets were airborne in Tiger Moths, and the padding required to enable our smallest cadets to see over the edge of the cockpit caused more hunting and searching for cushions than an R.A.F. station is ever likely (previously) to have seen. Subsequently the days were well organized; the day opened with P.T. followed by lectures, flying when weather allowed, elevenses, use of the Link trainer, the rifle range, and the aircraft recognition room. The weather was not as helpful as it might have been and the amount of flying obtained was restricted, but every cadet had flying experience at least on two occasions, and many cadets three times. All the day was filled with useful activity; there still remained plenty of time when cadets were able to appreciate the amenities of the district as well as the interior of the camp cinema, the Naafi canteen, and games room.

This term the Flight has operated under difficulties, and the attitude of many members of the unit is most discouraging; attendance has been spasmodic and irregular. The claims of homework are not really valid; if cadets made use of the facilities offered by the Welfare fund and the kindness of Mrs. Hill, there is ample time for homework to be completed before the parade begins at 6.30. It is hoped that this evident slackness will disappear in the immediate future; it does not encourage voluntary instructors to find a different collection of cadets at each parade, and progress is impossible if steps in the courses are omitted through absence

from parades. The willingness of helpers to help is determined by the willingness of the cadets to accept the voluntary service offered.

For the future, skilled help with the new syllabus for proficiency and advanced training is being offered and will be readily accepted. The unit has been promised an early delivery of its own radio transmitter and communications receiver so that radio training becomes a live rather than a class-room subject, and the wireless-minded members of the School not yet members of the unit are invited to make themselves acquainted with affairs in the A.T.C.

Summer camp next year is to be free of charge to cadets. The general opinion of cadets is that annual training is the finest holiday they ever have had, and this fact again should encourage recruiting.

Cadet Stevens has obtained his "A" gliding certificate, Cadet Beavis has been very unlucky not to have obtained his "A" certificate as well, he also having maintained himself airborne for more than the required thirty seconds, but the official stop watch was on holiday at the time. The closing down of 167 Gliding School at Fair Oaks and its subsequent transfer to Odiham has seriously interfered with the flow of cadets to gliding training, and has so far held up the movement of Sgt. Oatway to advanced training. As soon as the transfer is complete the flow of cadets to the gliding school will again be pressed. Congratulations to Stevens and Beavis on their efficiency as Glider Pilots.

We have said good-bye to F/Sgt. Trimmer, to whom the unit has owed so much, and his pre-service training is standing him in good stead. We hope he will enjoy his service in the Forces as much as he enjoyed his work with Flight 664.

Three new members of the unit were enrolled this term—Beagley, Wallen and Enticknap. Could the number be added to in the near future?
S.C.B.

Scout Troop.

Summer camp at Lodsworth (the first Troop camp since the war) gave us a happy and profitable week at the end of last term, which is the subject of a report elsewhere in this issue.

This term we have concentrated on badgework and hope for a good crop of 2nd class badges before Christmas. Two weekend camps were held in the School grounds, before the weather clamped down, and they will be resumed next term when it improves again. But the real advance this term has resulted from the work of the Court of Honour in developing and enriching the Patrol System within the Troop—unspectacular but fundamental.

More scouts have joined us this term, and have brought our numbers to twenty-one. Seven first-formers have been elected to join us after Christmas, when a fourth patrol is to be formed with Wainwright as Patrol Leader.

On November 8th a social evening was held, attended by over twenty parents and friends. A Group Committee was elected, and is now functioning most helpfully. We have had several contacts

with other Troops in the district, at Camp Fires, etc., and hope to return their hospitality in due course.

Summer camp next year has provisionally been fixed from July 17th to July 31st at a site on the shores of Lake Windermere. We are also planning for next Easter a trek to Gilwell, followed by a weekend camp.
SKIPPER.

Music Notes.

The Concert Society.

A most interesting lecture-recital was given on July 22nd by the Dolmetsch Players (Carl, Cécile, and Nathalie Dolmetsch, with Joseph Saxby), not the least enjoyable feature of the recital being the explanatory remarks of Mr. Carl Dolmetsch. The programme is given below.

The second concert, on December 5th, consisted of a recital by Ernest Lush (pianoforte) who appeared by permission of the B.B.C., and Joan Coxon (soprano). A report of this most successful concert, given before a very large audience, will appear next term. The termly subscription is 1/-, and subscribers are enabled to see and hear, in their own School hall, artists of the first rank.

Choir and Orchestra.

The treble and alto section assisted Dr. Hunt in an organ and choral recital at Godalming Parish Church, in July, when their singing of Handel's "Let the bright seraphim," and "O had I Jubal's lyre," and a two-part arrangement of Bach's "Sheep may safely graze," gave great pleasure.

The tenor and bass section is now much stronger, and an operatic venture with Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" seems justified. Friends and parents possessing vocal scores of the operetta are asked to consider lending them for choir use. The copies would be treated carefully.

Regular individual instruction in string instruments is now given by Miss Gladys Noon (a pupil of Albert Sammons, and of Adela Fachiri), and a steady supply of recruits to the School orchestra should be assured.

The orchestra has this term undertaken the accompaniment of some of the choir part-songs, in preparation for its (probable) bigger task next term with "Trial by Jury."
R.H.H.

Programme of the Dolmetsch Lecture Recital.

1. Three pieces for "Broken Consort" of Recorder, Viols and Harpsichord: "The Gypsies' Round," "Shall I go walk the woods so wilde," "Jigg."
2. Consorts for Two and Three Viols: Fantasy for two treble viols—"Il Lamento." Fantasy for three viols in A minor.
3. Sonata in A minor (*Handel*) for Treble Recorder and Harpsichord.
4. Variations in B flat major for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord.

5. Consorts for Recorders : " Wolsey's Wilde," " Loth to Depart,"
" The King's Morisco."
6. Suite in G minor (*Purcell*) for Harpsichord.
7. Sonata in G major (*Bach*) for Violin and Harpsichord.
8. Aria (*Bach*) for Soprano Voice with Recorder Obligato,
Harpsichord and Viola da Gamba.

Stamp Club.

At the end of the Spring Term, when Mr. Withers left the School, it meant that the Stamp Club needed a new chairman. Mr. Johnson has very kindly accepted that position. Since then the club has held regular fortnightly meetings. We have a membership of about twenty-five, which we hope will increase as time goes on.

At our first meeting, on September 30th, Wallis, the Secretary, gave a talk on " Triangular Stamps," and when we met again on October 14th Diamond i. gave an interesting talk on " Airmail Stamps." During the next meeting we had some approval sheets from Stanley Gibbons, and some stamps were sold. At further meetings we hope to be able to hold different competitions and give prizes for various collections.

J.L.W.

Camp at Lodsworth.

There is something more than usually exciting about one's first camp. As soon as the lorry, closely followed by a small fleet of cyclists, rolled up to Salmonsbridge Farm on that brilliant day last July, we knew that although many of us were new to the game the omens were good. The site with its river, the varied countryside, the local dwellers, Farmer Aylwin and his wife, all welcomed their sixteen guests.

How those nine days flashed by ! How much was learned the hard way, yet with what enjoyment ! The moods of fires and their smoke, the subtleties of cooking, the labour of peeling mountains of potatoes, the inquisitive nature of cows (and ants !), the healthy bite of cold water in the early morning, songs at even, all these were ours to experience. We knew good food (a benison upon our many " providers "), we hiked and biked, we swam, we chopped, we played, we worked, we lazed.

We shall remember Chichester with its Cathedral, Arundel, Midhurst and Cowdray, bananas on the beach at Bognor, Petworth in the rain, the South Downs under many a sky, the sunset viewed from River (and a scouter in the river !) We shall not forget the comradeship in Patrol and Troop, the good humour, and the achievement, nor the pleasure of welcoming our parents to Sunday tea. We believe that at Lodsworth we made the first useful steps towards preparing for next year's great venture—Windermere.

HOSPES.

History of the School. Chapter III.

The pattern made in the School's first year was embroidered in the second by innovations made possible by the increase in the numbers of Staff and pupils. The four original members of the Staff ceased to be jacks-of-all-trades (and masters of them, too), and were the better able to concentrate on their special labours, but the foundations laid by Miss Wilkinson in dramatics and the School magazine, by Mr. Taylor in the laboratories and the School gardens, and by Miss Dannatt in a wide range of activities ranging from history teaching and needlework to netball and first-aid enabled the building of new structures without abandonment of the existing fabric. The pupils, being larger in number, felt the more assurance, and divided the limelight more comfortably, so that they became less self-conscious.

The second School year included the first visit made to the Continent, when Miss Wheeler took a party of girls to France in July, 1932. In August the School held its first camp, in South Devon, where thirty boys and girls spent a fortnight under canvas near Hope Cove, from which visits were made to Salcombe, Plymouth, Torquay, and Brixham. As a wet weather base and general store there was a barn, which became the " dear old barn " before the holiday ended.

During the Summer Term, 1932, the School had had its first civics course, to give the senior pupils a better acquaintance with local government and supply services. G.C.S. can fairly claim to have introduced something new, in this case, and the novelty of part of the course was in evidence when a press photographer came from London to request that the scene in which the Mayor had allowed a boy to wear his chain of office might be repeated for the photographer's use. The request was not granted. The visit and talks were not new things in themselves, but the linking up of the School subjects with the study was unusual.

During the third School year the numbers in the houses made it desirable, for some activities, that there should be sub-divisions, and Page House was given Mallory and Phillips Sections. George Leigh Mallory, a former Charterhouse master, last seen on Mount Everest " going strong for the top " : John George Phillips, chief wireless telegraphist on the *Titanic*, died at his post when the vessel foundered. Names to inspire Godhelmians. Munstead House was sub-divided into Freyberg and McKenna Sections. Col. Freyberg, V.C., as he was then, was the son-in-law of Lady Jekyll : Mrs. Reginald McKenna, Lady Jekyll's daughter, wife of a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Reginald McKenna, had not long lost her very promising son, Michael McKenna.

The third year brought the first General School Certificate Examination form into being. The School was growing up !

The Staff had grown. Miss Wheeler and Mr. Withers came in 1931, Mr. Jones in January, 1932, and in September, 1932,

Mr. Laidlow and Miss Sage joined us. Speedily they caught the spirit of the School and worked like Trojans.

Before the end of the School year we had, as guests, five girls and six boys, with two members of the staffs of their respective lycées in Lille, and for a fortnight they shared our lessons and games. The rooms on the ground floor of the School were turned into dormitories or rest-rooms, the bedding being lent by parents. The visitors had all their meals in School, which became their home for the period of their stay. The guests accompanied us on our visits to such places as the Tower of London, and exercised our talents as hosts and hostesses. The English they knew was at least as good as the French we knew, and we all learned during that fortnight. They thought our countryside beautiful, but tiring for walking, and they were not as enthusiastic about games as we were, but everyone enjoyed their visit.

One pauses to reflect on the number of those in the School who made it a happy one in those days, and whose names appear now on the Roll of Honour, for by the end of the third year almost all the Old Godhelmians who made the supreme sacrifice had entered the School. So one remembers them at lessons, learning life-saving in the Charterhouse bathing-pool, gathering apples in the School orchard, and playing the many indoor games provided in the dining-room for the dinner-hour on wet days.

Behind all the School activity was the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. O. H. Latter, whose wise guidance and full experience was of inestimable value to the School. Memories of afternoons spent in his study or in his garden at The Elms in Charterhouse Road are personal and pleasant to the writer, but the School benefited without being aware of this kindly direction from a very good friend of the School.

S. C. NUNN, *Headmaster, 1930-36.*

Autumn.

Autumn is not a dull season as some people may think. It is a bright, cheery season as if the year was growing old gaily instead of sulking. To begin with the scenery has changed. Instead of golden cornfields one sees rich, dark, ploughed land, or perhaps fallow land with a tractor just started working. In a strong wind one sees a wall of autumn leaves all colours, the red of the sycamore, yellow of birch, copper of copper beech, all whirling down to earth, there to skip along for a while and then lie down for ever. The evergreens look pretty too, fitting into this vivid pageant of colour that belongs only to autumn.

The animals are changing too. The hedgehogs are hibernating, and squirrels are taking catnaps and waking up on a fine day. Swallows are flying away, and other birds of the winter are coming to us.

The weather is different. Now there is a nip in the air which

makes the dewdrops on the cobwebs sparkle like diamonds in a lace no human weaver could make.

Autumn is beautiful because it is neither winter nor summer, but a delicious inbetween that has the beauty of both.

JOY WARE (1a), *Prize-winning entry.*

I knew Asquith, by Lady Freyberg.

My first memories of Lord Oxford—Mr. Asquith, as his more familiar name still remains to me—go back to my childhood, when my parents had just bought a London house and we came to make our home there when I was 7 years old. I remember so clearly my mother telling my sister and me one morning of a dinner party she and my father had been to on the previous night with Mr. and Mrs. Asquith—how they had a little girl of just my own age, and that she had made a plan for us to go and have tea together. That was the beginning of my friendship with Violet Asquith—Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, as she is to-day—a friendship which has been a source of lifelong affection, happiness and interest to me. Violet has a brother 3 years younger—Cyril, now Mr. Justice Asquith—and these two were educated in these early schoolroom days and looked after by a wonderful old Swiss governess—"Zellie" as we all called her. That first schoolroom tea party was the prelude to so many happy meetings, for, unlike some of the friendships arranged by parents between their children, we got on well from the first and always had the maximum of fun together whenever we met. We seldom went to that fine house, 20 Cavendish Square, without at least a glimpse of Mr. Asquith and "Margot," as we were privileged to call Mrs. Asquith almost from the first, for they made a point either of coming up after tea to see how the school-room party was getting on, or of sending a message that Violet was to be sure to bring us in to see them on our way home.

There followed the country visits—Mr. and Mrs. Asquith usually spent a weekend at Munstead each summer—once the house was lent to them for a month and they were so happy that my parents declared that they began to be nervous as to whether they would ever get their home back again! In turn we were always invited to stay with them at the different houses that they used to take in Scotland for the summer holidays—Slains Castle, a castle straight out of the fairy stories with battlements and towers, built on the rocks of the Aberdeenshire coast—Rothies, an inland house set in heather-covered hills—the Glen, the lovely lowland home where Mrs. Asquith had passed her own girlhood. Right back in the childhood days, I never remember Mr. Asquith meeting his daughter's little friends as just so many more children; he made a point of knowing and remembering our names and our ages and our interests, and somehow making us feel that, not only were we his daughter's friends, but his friends and Margot's too. That was a proud realization for little girls, and we grew up knowing that we

could count on the more than ordinary friendliness of a man and of a brilliant and lovable woman, and that they really seemed to be interested in us and liked to talk to us and to get our views and opinions. As time went on, and we in our turn joined the grown-ups, the bonds of mutual interest became wider, especially since politics entered into all our lives. In due course Mr. Asquith became Prime Minister and a new phase of life began, with 10 Downing Street as the London setting, and frequent weekend visits to The Wharf, the country cottage in the lovely Oxfordshire village of Sutton Courtenay, where the Asquiths kept open house, and welcomed their friends so warmly and so generously during the years between 1908 and 1930. Those were the days before that beautiful country home—Chequers—had been dedicated to the use of the Prime Ministers of England. The Wharf had a wonderful atmosphere and sparkled with the good talk that was an Asquith family tradition, unsurpassed I should think in any other home in the country. Each one of their five remarkable sons and two daughters, as well as the parents, had their own way of making characteristic and brilliant contributions; sometimes the conversation round the table seemed to scintillate like fireworks—that words could be used as they were amongst the Asquiths was indeed a revelation to friends who had not been initiated into what the English language could become under the spell of that unique group of talkers. But they were not only solo performers—part of the game seemed to be to draw in the guests too, who in their turn found themselves half astonished when they discovered an unsuspected talent and that they too were able to join in, and sometimes throw back the ball when it came their way. During the last war Mr. Asquith was given the appointment of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the country scene changed for a time from The Wharf to Walmer Castle, with its sea views and beautiful gardens and the historic house, every detail of which was engraved on his mind.

The other special memories that stand out were Mr. Asquith's motor drives. He had an eager enjoyment of sight-seeing, whether of beautiful country or of buildings, and an encyclopædic knowledge. What is now called a "quiz" was another of the Asquith games, and woe betide the friend who failed to remember which were the Cinque Ports or, even worse, having once received the careful instruction, dared to forget or to get muddled.

Mr. Asquith loved being at sea, and it was my privilege on several occasions between the years 1908 and 1911, when my brother-in-law, Mr. Reginald McKenna, was First Lord of the Admiralty, to go with his party in the Admiralty yacht *Enchantress* on naval inspections, in Scotland or in the Mediterranean. Mr. Asquith was proud of having the best sea legs of the party and contrived to smoke his cigars on a rolling deck long after the professional sailors, including I think even Lord Jellicoe, had taken to their cabins. In the spring of 1919 I was invited to join a travel in Spain with

Mr. Asquith (who had by then relinquished the post of Prime Minister to Mr. Lloyd George), his daughter Violet, and Mr. Harold Baker, a close friend of his sons and an Under Secretary in the war government. We had a wonderfully interesting journey and it was a great experience to see the beauties of Spain—Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Granada, in such stimulating company. The *viva voce* exams lost nothing of their rapier-like quality, and I remember trembling if my studies of Baedeker had left me with many blind spots, for they were almost certain to be discovered, with a sequel of good-humoured but somewhat withering banter. But it was all built on a foundation of kindness and affection, and though I can remember the moments of shame and humiliation when slackness had made one careless, or memory had played one false, and one felt like sinking under the floor, he would transform it all into a joke or a beautifully turned phrase that set one at ease and made everything gay and happy again. His letters were just as brilliant and as characteristic as his talk, and his fine strong scholar's handwriting was part of the heritage of days when personal correspondence was as much a part of friendship as talk itself. The typewriter and the telephone have gone a long way to kill all that, though the war has done something to revive yet again that almost lost art of letter-writing.

The informal talk of the dinner table and the country house was only as it were the intimate version of the great House of Commons and public oratory for which Mr. Asquith was so justly famous. His legal training had doubtless done much to develop this attitude in him, but his speaking was of a high order, seldom indeed surpassed till Mr. Winston Churchill—one of the younger Ministers in Mr. Asquith's Government—kindled the spirit of the British nation and Empire with the fire and splendour of his words. But whether in the involved financial statements of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the wise pronouncements of the Home Secretary or the sheer oratory of the Prime Minister, words were a medium that Mr. Asquith knew well how to handle. Some of his short valedictory speeches were models of glowing tributes phrased with intense if restrained emotion.

At close range it is hard to judge the measure of greatness of a great man—he needs to be seen in the proportion that only time and history can give him—yet those who knew Mr. Asquith well and to whom his companionship brought rare gifts of interest and delight can pay a humble tribute from the affection of their hearts and the gratitude for all that he added to the richness and texture of their lives.

The Rolling Stone.

There was a fellow known as Bob, who simply couldn't keep a job. On leaving school he first applied to Messrs. Henry, Miggs & Bide, a firm of tailors in the town. His wage per day was

half-a-crown. He found he couldn't stand the stuff, and thought his wage was not enough, so soon he gave it up for good. He took a job of chopping wood and running errands here and there for some hotel in Leicester Square. He didn't like the London queues and wore out several pairs of shoes, and in the end he had to go. The chef said he was far too slow. He worked a fortnight on the land, but strained a muscle in his hand. (They gave him ninepence as his fee). Fed up with land he went to sea.

He liked to sail upon the ocean, and very soon he gained promotion. No more a rolling stone was he, as ever he was all at sea. One day the captain called out, "Hoy! Bring me the weedy-looking boy who hasn't cleaned my shoes for weeks and put green patches on my breeks." They brought him Bob, and when they'd gone the captain said, "Now, Robinson—oh, by the way, what other name have you?" Our hero blushed with shame. "Maudlyn Augustus, sir," he said, wishing anon that he were dead. "Maudlyn Augustus? What a name! But still, your parents are to blame. Remember, Gus, my shoes to clean; in future patch with blue, not green."

Next time the ship reached port Bob knew he'd have to leave, for all the crew forever called him Maud or Gus, and loved it if he made a fuss.

And so he turned again to land, and thought he'd join the local band. An old and bent trombone he'd play, till spent for breath he passed away. Then he procured a harp and wings, and (as a permanent job) he sings. D.W.

Life at the University.

2. Cambridge.

The first article in this series dealt with Oxford; this article deals with its rival, Cambridge. Leaving aside pointless arguments as to which is the better, it can be said that, in their general organization, Oxford and Cambridge possess many similarities not to be found in any other university. As the first article dealt with the organization of Oxford in detail, that of Cambridge can be treated more generally, and in a lighter vein.

There are 17 men's colleges in Cambridge, with an organization similar to that described in the first article. These vary in age from Peterhouse founded in 1284 to Selwyn founded in 1870, and in their number of Undergraduates from Peterhouse, again, with under 200, to Trinity with over 800. These colleges are scattered throughout the town, but about six lie in a continuous row along the river Cam, known to the University as the Granta. This stretch of the river, and the college gardens on its banks, is known as "the Backs," a very popular and very famous part of Cambridge.

The two women's colleges, Newnham and Girton, are quite modern, being built about half a century ago. These colleges are

not officially part of the University, but only affiliated to it. Consequently although, to all intents and purposes, the women are undergraduate members of the University, they are not allowed to wear gowns nor do their degrees entitle them to vote in the Senate.

College life, itself, is similar to that described in the first article, but at Cambridge the colleges are grouped round courts not quadrangles and the college servants are "gyps" not scouts. The word "gyp" is supposed to be derived from a Greek word, with the same sound, meaning "vulture," a very apt phrase if one has had any contact with the breed. Undergraduates are free to come and go as they please, until the college gates are closed at 10 p.m. They can stay out after that till midnight, on payment of a small gate fine, but like Cinderella, woe betide them if they are not home by midnight, for then it is "See the Dean in the morning." At Emmanuel a benevolent ex-undergraduate left a trust-fund in his will to pay for the gate-fines of all future members of that college.

Although one's life is dominated by the college, the lectures are organized by the University through the various "schools," laboratories and departments. In a subject such as Geography, a student in any year would be offered about ten lectures a week and one "supervision" and personal interview with a member of the department. The Honours Degree course (which nearly everyone has to take) covers three years, the first year usually being the "qualifying" year, in the second year Part I of the Tripos examination is taken, and in the third year Part II, thus completing the two halves of one's degree. Curiously enough, all degrees in Cambridge are those of a Bachelor of Arts, in the eyes of the University, there is no such thing as a Science subject.

Naturally a body of young men, over 5,000 strong, needs some "policing" in the University. This is done by a "Proctor" and his two "bulldogs," the "proctor" being a don (or resident M.A.) and the "bulldogs" college servants, who can run and box well. Their duties are to see that undergraduate members of the University are at all times observing the rules and regulations. They sally forth in the evening and roam the streets in search of luckless misdoers. When they come across one, he is approached by a "bulldog" and requested "Kindly step this way and see the senior proctor!" If the victim does not come quietly but runs for it, the "bulldogs" set up a hue and cry after him, and the result depends on who can run the faster.

Unlike what one might imagine from school, a full social life is as much part of the University education as work proper. Normally most of one's friends are from one's college, but there are plenty of opportunities for meeting people from other colleges. Apart from lectures, at which all colleges, both men's and women's, are represented, there are the University societies, whose numbers are beyond count. These cover sports and pastimes from ski-ing to chess, indoor interests from model-railways to Highland dancing,

politics of all colours, and religion, including the so-called "Heretics" society. The most famous society is the Cambridge Union, the debating society, which also possesses a restaurant, reading-rooms, a library, table-tennis, and a squash court. Well-known people are invited to speak; for instance at the time of writing a debate has been arranged on the notion that "The Old should be seen and not heard"; the proposer Lord Louis Mountbatten and the opposer Gillie Potter!

Three University papers are published: the *Reporter*, the official bulletin of lectures, talks, etc.; the *Review*, the dons' magazine—very intellectual; and last, but by no means least, the *Granta*, the undergraduates' magazine, very lively and sometimes rather disreputable. Apart from the official societies, there are some unofficial groups, like the "Roof Climbers of Cambridge," liable to expulsion if found out.

Add to all this various private parties, discussions, theatre-visits, etc., and you will get some idea of the range of social activities which the University can offer. University life is ever varied, as the majority of undergraduates are ex-servicemen, and their average age is about 22 as against a pre-war 19. In fact, this year's "freshers" are older than the third year men.

The Old Godhelmian representation at Cambridge is at the moment four, together with two, who although unable to come up, have gained entrance. I am in my last year at St. Catharine's which is reported to be the "liveliest" college in the University. My subject, Geography, has been termed by its professor, as a point of view of looking at all other subjects, not a subject itself! The activities in which I take part are those of the Union, Geography Club, Chess Society, Liberal Club and Film Society. Wigfield is at Emmanuel, in his second year, reading medicine. His chief interest is the S.C.M., of which he is his college representative, and he also belongs to the Medical Society and Liberal Club. We see each other fairly often, and we have also met two ex-Sinjuns up at the University. Stock is up at Peterhouse reading History, but neither of us has come across him yet. We have made contact with Jean Todd, who was at School till 1944, when she went to St. Paul's Girls' School. She is now at Girton, in her first year, reading medicine.

I hope, by this rather sketchy article, in which I have had the help of Wigfield, to have given you some idea of Life at Cambridge. Norman hopes to enter St. Catharine's in 1948, or before, and Worthy hopes to enter Selwyn in the same year. After that it is up to those of you, who look forward to a University career, to keep up the new-founded School tradition here.

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Old Godhelmian Association.

Report of the Annual Meeting.

The 1946 A.G.M. took place in the School Library on Saturday, 28th September. Mr. Wigfield was in the chair, and there was an attendance of some fifty O.G.'s.

The minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved without alteration. A most pleasing feature of the report was the large increase in the number of O.G.'s paying their subscriptions (about 150 members in all).

Last year's officers were re-elected *en bloc*, and Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Tusler, Mr. Mills and Mr. Tusler, were elected to the Committee in place of Miss Appleton, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Woodley, Mr. Furnell and Mr. Ziegel, whose terms of office had expired.

The proposal to increase the subscription to 10/6 a year for those over 21, and 5/- a year for those under 21, was defeated, but it was decided to raise the subscription to 5/- for everyone, irrespective of age. It was agreed that this increase was necessary, in order that the constituent societies should receive some financial support from the main Association. It was further agreed that 5/- should be a minimum amount, in order that O.G.'s desirous of contributing more should not be prevented from doing so.

The rest of the proceedings were largely concerned with a discussion of O.G. activities, and of the War Memorial Scheme.

News of O.G.'s.

First we must record the sad death of Sheila Onion, who passed away in hospital after an operation. Sheila was evacuated to the School from Greenford in 1941 and stayed with us until July, 1945, when she returned to her home. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Onion in their great loss.

Anxiety was expressed about the safety of G. Coggan, but we are now glad to be able to report that he is safely back at his old job at the Westminster Bank, Reading. He was "missing" for some time after the hard fighting following the landings in North France, but eventually turned up in Oflag 79 at Brunswick and was released when the Americans advanced through that district in early 1945.

Mr. Horwood recently visited Buckingham Palace to receive the Military Cross awarded to Bertram. The citation speaks of Lieut. Horwood's coolness and disregard of personal danger and adds: "On the afternoon of August 25th, 1944, his company attacked across the valley of the River La Morette a hill which was being held by the enemy, using machine guns and mortars. When the supporting artillery fire lifted, the company, which had not cleared the valley, came under concentrated and accurate machine-gun fire. A private soldier in one of the leading sections became wounded, and was unable to move from the corner of the field where he lay. Lieut. Horwood, his platoon commander, was

wounded at the same time, but nevertheless ordered the leading section to withdraw under cover, and he himself crawled forward under enemy fire to a position where he could cover the wounded man until assistance was forthcoming. Lieut. Horwood was subsequently evacuated to hospital."

W. Norman, now a Lieutenant, is one of the Officers i/c Leave Camp, Palestine.

Capt. P. Batty is still in Burma and has been appointed Adjutant.

D. Gardener and A. Randall have entered the R.A.F. and A. Langridge, R. Trimmer, L. Sturgess, G. Saul and M. Worthy are now in the Army General Training Corps.

Mary Branson is still a Nursing Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R) and is at the Military Hospital, Maidstone. She expects to be demobbed by January.

R. Stock returned to Cambridge to take a Degree in History and hopes to teach.

R. Fortescue has gone to Queen Mary College, London, to train as a Dentist. He has married Barbara Peirce and we congratulate them both.

Pat Smith is at Matlock Training College.

Brian Boshier has been accepted for training for the Methodist Ministry and is serving as Probationer Minister at Cranleigh Methodist Church until there is a vacancy at College.

A. Clemens has been accepted as a Candidate for Ordination in the Church of England.

Jean Foreman commenced training at Hackney General Hospital on 1st September, 1946.

Delia Marsh is working in Haslemere Post Office.

L. George i. has entered Woodall-Duckham, of Guildford, as an apprentice draughtsman.

L. M. Jones has been appointed a student assistant in the Research Laboratories of General Electric Co.

R. Friedlander is an interpreter in the U.S. zone of Germany.

Margo Dyer is taking two years' training in Cooking and Catering at the Western Hospital, London.

O.G. Marriages and Births.

On 20th May, 1946, at Edinburgh, Dulcie Branson to Lieut. R. Wishart, R.A.S.C.

On 21st September, 1946, at Witley, "Eggy" Fletcher to Miss Phyllis Dawes.

On 14th September, 1946, at Farncombe, Cynthia Foreman to F/Sgt. R. A. Gowler, R.A.F.

On 26th October, 1946, at Busbridge, Betty Smith to Mr. E. E. Worth.

On 14th September, 1946, at Farncombe, Edith Holden to Mr. J. H. Nash.

On 7th September, 1946, at Sutton on the Forest, Yorks, K. J. Bovington to Miss A. Longthorn.

We congratulate R. Stock on the arrival of his daughter; Joyce Hill, Valerie and A. Cornwell, and D. Hodgkiss on the birth of their sons.

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Sheila Holliday. VI Lit. Prefect. Matric, 1945. Lacrosse XII*. Hockey XI*. Tennis VI*. Vice-Captain Elect Hockey and Tennis. Taking a Secretarial Course at Guildford Technical College.

Lynette Smith. Lower VI Science. Prefect. Deputy Head Girl. Matric., 1946. Representative of Surrey Young Farmers' Clubs. Moving to Christchurch, Hants.

Mary Butcher. Va. Asst. Librarian at Boots', Haslemere.

3a. N. Kermode. Gone to Guernsey.

3x. P. Brennan. Gone to S. Africa.

2b. J. Cook

1x. G. Cook

1b. M. Tebbutt

} Returned to Essex.