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## School Notes.

### GOVERNORS.

WE are glad to know that the Council of St. John's College, Cambridge, have appointed the Rev. H. K. Warrand, of Westhorpe Hall, as their representative on the Governing Body. Mr. Warrand has many connections with the School, his father—General Warrand—having been a Governor and an old boy of the School.

Mr. Warrand fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Canon Mackie, formerly Vicar of Farnsfield. It was with great regret that the Governors received Canon Mackie's resignation, appreciating fully his devoted work for education, not only at the School, of which he was so valuable a Governor, but also in the county.

### STAFF.

Mr. Palmer leaves us at the end of this Term. This will be a great loss to the School. Mr. Palmer came to us more than two years ago, and we know how closely he has associated himself with so many of the School activities. In the class-room he has always inspired a genuine love for our great literature, and the obvious increase in the use of the School library is a testimony to his success.

He worked well, too, with the Cadet Corps.

Then there was the flourishing season of the School Society, with its spirited debates and lectures, now absorbing our energies in dramatic work, in which Mr. Palmer has played many parts. Few of us will forget his "Duke of Bringham-Up-Well" in 1921, or his splendid "Buzfuz" last year. This taste for dramatic work was happily shared with Mrs. Palmer, who helped to make *Five Birds in a Cage* so successful in 1921.

Mr. Palmer leaves England before Christmas, to read for Ordination, and crosses to New Brunswick in the early Summer.

We wish both him and Mrs. Palmer, and their little daughter, Joan, every happiness in their new home.

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Mr. L. D. Heppenstall, B.A., formerly Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford, takes Mr. Palmer's place next Term. We extend to him a hearty welcome. Mr. Heppenstall is at present Senior Classical and English Master at Silcoates School, Wakefield. He served in the Devonshire Regiment during the War, and was wounded.

Amongst many other interests, Mr. Heppenstall has a great love of music.

### SCHOOL SUCCESSES.

We congratulate the candidates for the Senior Certificate, who established a record by gaining 100 per cent. passes. The following entered and passed:—F. J. Smith, W. B. Sharley, H. A. Cobbin, A. E. Smith, and J. Gibson. The first three are placed in order of merit. F. J. Smith and A. E. Smith passed in the French Oral.

We congratulate G. Hazzard on obtaining a Second Class in the Diocesan Scripture Examination.

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The following left the School at the end of the Summer Term:—

- F. J. Smith.† Entered May 1st, 1917; Form I. Left VI. Prefect.
- W. B. Sharley. Entered September 18th, 1918; Form III. Left VI. Prefect.
- H. A. Cobbin.\* Entered Sept. 16th, 1921; Form V. Left VI. Prefect.
- J. Gibson.\* Entered Sept. 24th, 1919; Form III. Left VI. Prefect.
- W. Whitworth. Entered Sept. 24th, 1919; Form III. Left V.
- J. Hucknall. Entered January 12th, 1921; Form III. Left IV.
- R. Comery. Entered September 24th, 1919; Form I. Left IV.
- R. C. Foster. Entered May 10th, 1920; Form I. Left IV.
- R. Esam. Entered January 14th, 1920; Form II. Left III.

† STARKEY SCHOLAR, 1921 AND 1922.

\* 1ST XV. COLOURS.

The following entered the School this Term:—

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|-----------------|----|------------------|------|--------------|
| A. M. Abraham   | .. | Placed Form III. | ..   | Grantham.    |
| C. R. Brown     | .. | " "              | II.  | Nottingham.  |
| G. F. Mosedale  | .. | " "              | III. | Southwell.   |
| E. J. Pritchett | .. | " "              | III. | Upton.       |
| L. Lambert      | .. | " "              | III. | Lowdham.     |
| C. W. Branston  | .. | " "              | II.  | Caythorpe.   |
| W. N. Pain      | .. | " "              | II.  | Caythorpe.   |
| P. E. Cliffe    | .. | " "              | II.  | Gunthorpe.   |
| J. F. Sharpe    | .. | " "              | II.  | Rolleston.   |
| K. S. Cook      | .. | " "              | II.  | Southwell.   |
| E. W. Palmer    | .. | " "              | III. | Kirklington. |



## THE MAGAZINE.

The response to our appeal to Old Southwellians to support the publication of the School Magazine was distinctly disappointing. We feel certain that the issue of three numbers a year is a good thing in itself, and no one can question the excellence of our new number.

Apart from the record of the old School's doings, a vigorous School Magazine is an asset to any school with records worthy of account, and by subscribing to the Magazine Old Southwellians have an opportunity of giving the School tangible proof of their affection and loyalty.

Besides, Old Boys have in the Magazine an opportunity of letting other Old Boys know of their whereabouts and doings. Reports of marriages, and births of future Southwellians, let us hope, will be welcomed.

Future activities of the Society can be announced, and further activities stimulated. But, if these announcements only reach ten out of hundreds of Old Southwellians! We consider the close association of Old Boys with their old School the supreme test.

The subscription to the Society is 2/6. Such subscribers will receive the Easter Magazine. But, to get the Summer and Christmas numbers in addition, and so complete the year's record, another half-a-crown should be sent to the Editor, who will post the two numbers.

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The Annual Meeting of the Old Southwellian Society will take place on Thursday, February 14th, 1924, at the School, following the Rugby match at South Hill. The dinner will take place in the evening, at "The Saracen's Head."

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We congratulate Rev. R. H. Collins on the birth of a daughter.

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The profits from the School Tuck-Shop in the Summer Term came to £2 9s. 11d., which has been paid to the Games' Fund.

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Many Old Southwellians who were awarded their Colours at School have been getting the School blazer. This can be obtained at the Schools and Services' Supplies, Limited, 4-10, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W. 1, and can be supplied after application to the Headmaster. The Colours blazer is navy blue, with a beautifully-worked mitre in maroon on the pocket. Suggestions for an O.S. blazer for O.S. who did not get their colours, but who would like to

have a distinctive blazer, would be welcomed. We suggest navy blue, with a small white mitre, such as now appears on the School caps.

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Prefects this Term have been: E. T. Beaumont, G. S. Woodcock, H. E. Woodcock, T. Hoad, A. E. Smith, and N. Bond.

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1st XV. Colours have been awarded to H. E. Woodcock and H. Middleton.

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Half-Term was prolonged from Thursday afternoon to Tuesday morning on account of our successes in the Senior Examination, and in accordance with the wishes of the Prince of Wales, expressed on his visit to Nottingham in the Summer.

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Our numbers this Term have been 76:—Day-boys, 53; Boarders, 23.

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Speech Day will be on Thursday, December 13th, and will be reported on in the Easter number.

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Term will end on Thursday, December 20th. Next Term will begin on Friday, January 18th.

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We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of *The Novarcensian*, *The Wycombiensian*, and the *High Pavement Magazine*.

## Some Notes on our Foundations.

THE School is indebted to the patience and generosity of Mr. W. A. James for some interesting details about the buildings which occupied the site of the present School.

After the dissolution of the Monasteries, Chantry chapels which maintained a body of priests for the purpose of chanting Masses for the soul of the Founder, or of someone named by him, fell into disuse. On the site of such a chantry is our School built. But at the time of Elizabeth the original buildings stood, and were leased by the Chapter to ordinary tenants. We have now copies of the leases in which the buildings, dimensions and arrangements are described, enabling a re-construction of what was probably a picturesque, though perhaps inconvenient, group of buildings which housed that community.



At the time of letting there still lived two of the chantry priests—one Sir Richard Harrison, and one Sir Francis Hall (reminding us of Sir Topas, the Curate in *Twelfth Night*), who were to remain in occupation of the rooms they had heretofore occupied.

The buildings surrounded a courtyard with a Gate House through which you could pass to a smaller gateway into the churchyard.

The eastern side, from the Headmaster's study to the street, then "Hie Strete," in all 37 yards (its present length), was composed of the following rooms, in order from south to north: the buttery, the hall, the parlour, the kitchen, "with an outshotte on the west side of the same, and one benhouse, one gatehouse leading into the strete, one hayhouse or howell (hovel) under the garners, and one cole house under the dovecote on the northe side, towards the strete."

Above were six chambers, as well as a chamber over the Gate House, two garners for corn, and one dovecote.

Such were the rooms leased to Walter Jones, "naturall sonne of Walter Jones, clerke, prebenderie of the prebende of Normanton," on the 25th of November, in the "seuententhe yere of the raigne of our soueraigne ladie Elizabeth."

Let us see how these rooms agree with the present. The Headmaster's study was the "buttrie," where was kept the small beer of the community, doubtless handed through a hatch to the brethren in the Hall, now the boarders' dining-room, appropriately enough. Where, we wonder, are the old oak tables and the dais, which may well have been there?

The present Schoolroom would have been the parlour and kitchen, with "cole" handy in the hovel under the dovecote—now the laboratory. The "outshotte" would be the present hall. The playground was an orchard. How pleasant must the view have been coming up Church Street, which in those days seems to have stopped at Vicars Court.

In the Springtime, above the snowy blossoms of the apple trees, there would appear the gabled roofs, with mellowed tiles, of a long, low building. Beneath the projecting eaves you could see the windows, set broad and low, with leaded panes and stone or brick mullions. In the upper storey on the street the wall was slotted with narrow openings for the doves.

Was there an arched gateway under the Gate House, leading to a pleasant courtyard, with flagstones and a well? Had it so far crumbled to decay that nothing could be saved from the ruin when our present building reared its uncompromising roof, stack, and wall?

The western side of the courtyard was leased a week later to William Ballarde, who, like his neighbour, Jones,

paid £5 a year in rent to the Chapter. It is not quite so easy to re-construct this part. It was more extensive, and included buildings on the churchyard side, as well as on the street side, and seems to have comprised the other three sides of the quadrangle. But, then, he had to leave Sir Richard and Sir Francis in possession of their rooms, with free ingress and egress.

Ballarde's premises included "two gates and entries, and all and singular halls, buttries, chambers, parlors, galleries (these sound interesting), sellers, kytchens, lardar houses, brewhouses, backhouses (presumably bakehouses), and all other prefittes, commodities and easements whatsoever, and also the whole quadrante or yearde lyinge within the precyncte and compasse of the said demised premisses."

This, then, was the Chantry House.

From time to time we hope to give further extracts from leases and other documents, which will be full of interest to our readers, and will link us still more closely to our past history.

These notes will be embodied in a book on the School upon which Mr. James is engaged—a book which cannot fail to make a great appeal to all Southwellians.

## School Games.

The following Cricket results were not included in the last issue:—

### SCHOOL v. SOUTHWELL 2ND.

Played on South Hill on June 23rd. School lost by 42 runs.

### SCHOOL v. HIGH PAVEMENT SCHOOL.

Played at Nottingham on June 26th. School won by 68 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL.	
FIRST INNINGS.	
Middleton, c Watson, b Corridon .....	3
Beaumont, b Watson .....	1
G. S. Woodcock, b Judd .....	60
Comery, c Archer, b Watson .....	0
Gibson, run out .....	6
H. E. Woodcock, c Corridon, b Atkin ..	10
H. Leek, c Corridon, b Atkin .....	0
Wilson, st. Carter, b Watson .....	11
Cobbin, c Simpson, b Watson .....	2
Hoad, c Woolley, b Corridon .....	1
Cooke, not out .....	1
Extras .....	13
Total .....	108



## HIGH PAVEMENT SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

Simpson, l.b.w., b Wilson	0
Atkin, l.b.w., b Wilson	5
Redgate, c Gibson, b Wilson	10
Watson, b Wilson	2
Judd, b Cobbin	0
Corridon, c and b Cobbin	6
Carter, c G. S. Woodcock, b Wilson	5
Chesters, c Beaumont, b Wilson	1
Hammond, b Cobbin	4
Archer, not out	3
Woolley, b Wilson	3
Extras	1
Total	40

## SCHOOL v. KELHAM S. S. M.

Played at Kelham on June 27th. The School won by 20 runs. Score:—

## KELHAM.

## FIRST INNINGS.

Crane, b Mr. Merryweather	6
Chattoe, l.b.w., b Mr. Merryweather	8
Mr. Scutt, b Mr. Merryweather	1
Jones, b Mr. Doy	14
Watts, c Leek, b Mr. Doy	0
Fowler, c G. S. Woodcock, b Mr. Doy	2
Welton, b Mr. Merryweather	0
Swan, c G. S. Woodcock, b Mr. Doy	4
Price, b Mr. Merryweather	0
Blank, not out	0
Hibberd, c Mr. Matthews, b Mr. Merryweather	1
Extras	16
Total	52

## SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

A. E. Bailey, c and b Fowler	5
Middleton, b Crane	0
H. Leek, b Crane	0
Mr. Matthews, c and b Fowler	30
H. E. Woodcock, run out	1
G. S. Woodcock, b Crane	15
Mr. Merryweather, c Watts, b Crane	6
Mr. Blair, b Fowler	1
Mr. Doy, l.b.w., b Mr. Scutt	11
L. Wilson, b Fowler	0
Beaumont, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	72

## SCHOOL v. LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Played on South Hill on June 30th. School lost by four wickets and 53 runs.

## SCHOOL v. GROSVENOR SCHOOL.

Played at Nottingham on July 4th. School lost by 34 runs. Score:—

## SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

Middleton, c Flanagan, b Rastall	6
Beaumont, c Cooper, b Vaulkhard	4
H. Leek, b Vaulkhard	0
G. S. Woodcock, c Ford, b Vaulkhard	3
H. E. Woodcock, c Mosey, b Rastall	4
L. Wilson, b Flanagan	10
Comery, b Vaulkhard	0
Gibson, c Vaulkhard, b Rastall	1
Rickett, b Flanagan	9
Cox, b Rastall	8
Cobbin, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	49

## GROSVENOR SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

Mosey, c Leek, b Cox	15
Ford, b Wilson	5
Comery, b Wilson	1
Vaulkhard, b Wilson	0
Flanagan, b Cobbin	0
J. Rastall, b Cobbin	19
R. Rastall, c Gibson, b Wilson	2
Mann, c Comery, b Leek	0
Cooper, c Rickett, b Wilson	31
Astle, not out	2
Ainsworth, c Gibson, b Cox	0
Extras	8
Total	83

## SCHOOL v. SOUTHWELL 2ND XI.

Played on South Hill on July 7th. School won by 18 runs.



## SCHOOL v. GROSVENOR SCHOOL.

Played on South Hill on July 11th. School won by 7 runs. Score:—

SCHOOL.	
FIRST INNINGS.	
Middleton, b Rastall .....	9
H. E. Woodcock, c Cooper, b Richards ..	7
G. S. Woodcock, c Vaulkhard, b Rastall..	8
Cox, l.b.w., b Rastall .....	0
H. Leek, c Mosey, b Vaulkhard .....	5
L. Wilson, c Rastall, b Astle .....	4
Ross, b Astle .....	0
Gibson, b Ford .....	2
Cobbin, b Vaulkhard .....	0
Comery, c Flanagan, b Vaulkhard .....	2
Beaumont, not out .....	1
Extras .....	10
Total .....	48

## GROSVENOR SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.	
Mosey, b Cobbin .....	14
Ford, b Wilson .....	4
Richards, b Wilson .....	0
Cooper, c Gibson, b Wilson .....	4
Flanagan, b Leek .....	9
J. Rastall, b Wilson .....	6
Vaulkhard, b Wilson .....	1
Ainsworth, b Cobbin .....	0
R. Rastall, c and b Cobbin .....	0
Astle, not out .....	0
Mann, b Wilson .....	0
Extras .....	3
Total .....	41

## SCHOOL v. HIGH PAVEMENT SCHOOL.

Played on South Hill on July 14th. Match drawn. Score:—

SCHOOL.	
FIRST INNINGS.	
Middleton, run out .....	6
Beaumont, b Judd .....	0
G. S. Woodcock, c Atkin, b Watson .....	15
H. Leek, b Simpson .....	12
H. E. Woodcock, l.b.w., b Judd .....	6
L. Wilson, c Atkin, b Corridon .....	9
Cox, b Watson .....	8
Gibson, l.b.w., b Corridon .....	0
Comery, c Archer, b Corridon .....	0
Cobbin, not out .....	3
Hoad, l.b.w., b Watson .....	0
Extras .....	17
Total .....	76

## HIGH PAVEMENT SCHOOL.

## FIRST INNINGS.

Corridon, c Gibson, b Leek .....	12
Atkin, b Cox .....	6
Simpkin, l.b.w., b Cobbin .....	6
Archer, c Cobbin, b Leek .....	0
Watson, b Cobbin .....	1
Judd, not out .....	10
Simpson, b Leek .....	0
Wilkinson, c Beaumont, b Cobbin .....	0
Elston, not out .....	6
Extras .....	5
Total (seven wickets) ..	46

Carter and Sandy did not bat.

## SCHOOL v. LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Played at Lincoln on July 21st. The School lost by 28 runs.

*Rugby Notes.*

LAST season's sanguine expectations have been more than realised. So far, the team has not only done well from the point of view of results, but—which is much more important—has on occasions played good Rugby.

The whole side is very much quicker on the ball. The forwards are light, but energetic, and Beaumont, the best of them, will be greatly missed next Term. The halves and centres time their passes better, though this is now their chief weakness; and their defence is good—G. S. Woodcock, especially, always getting his man, and often getting across to help either wing.

The "Composite" team (Old Boys, School and Staff) has not yet lost a match.

The Juniors play with refreshing energy, and it is a good sign that many boys who come from a distance stay regularly to take part in the Junior games.

## RESULTS.

## SCHOOL v. A MAGNUS TEAM.

Magnus School, Newark, generously sent a weak team. Unfortunately, we were much heavier and faster than our opponents, and though they fought gamely, we overwhelmed



them. Tries were scored by G. S. Woodcock, E. T. Beaumont, R. N. Ross, H. N. C. Saywell, Wilson, Smith, Leek, and Wells. Ross's place-kicking was a feature of the match. *Result*: School, 69; Magnus, none.

SCHOOL v. MAGNUS 2ND XV.  
Played at Newark on Oct. 24th.

Magnus attacked at once, and quickly scored two tries: neither being converted. Following good work by the forwards, Beaumont scored far out for the School, Ross converting from a difficult angle. Just before half-time, Wilson, receiving the ball in his own half, scored, after a good run, Ross again converting.

Magnus pressed almost continually in the second half, and scored a try in the first few minutes. Resolute tackling, the two Woodcocks and Middleton being especially prominent in this, kept them out till the last few minutes, when a try was scored far out. The final stages were most exciting, both sides pressing in turn; but there was no further score. *Result*: Magnus (4 tries), 12 points; School (2 goals), 10 points.

SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL 2ND XV.  
Played at Nottingham on October 27th.

The quick breaking up of the Nottingham forwards, and their rapid hand-to-hand passes, proved too good for the School, weakened by the absence of the four 1st XV. choristers. *Result*: High School (1 goal, 4 tries), 17 points; School (2 tries), 6 points.

The results of the "composite" team matches have been:—

- School (2 tries, 1 dropped goal), 10 points;
- Notts III. (1 goal), 5 points.
- School (2 goals, 1 dropped), 9 points;
- Lincoln 2nd (3 tries), 9 points.
- School (4 goals, 3 tries), 29 points;
- Southwell Town (1 goal), 5 points.

This victory was largely due to Mr. Doy, whose straight running made all the tries.

## A Seasonable Story.

CHRISTMAS Eve. The traveller stopped at the wayside inn. A queer place this, with its low roof, its gabled ends; an air of mystery about it which, even through his weariness, excited his curiosity, and bade him enter.

The fire roared and cracked up the wide, open chimney. The leaping flames gave ruddy glow to the ancient panelled walls, and flashed fitfully into the dim corners.

Others came in and sat beside the fire, silent as the traveller himself, till mine Host, a stout, good-natured fellow, joined them, breaking the spell of silence with the following story.

"As a youngster, I was reckless enough, fearing nothing, and caring for nobody. Not far from the village in which I lived was a deserted house, dark and dreary at night, and a loathsome spot at any time. The villagers shunned it, as haunted. As I said, I cared for nothing. I was curious to meet Master Ghost, and thirty years ago to-night, I and another, well provided with candles and matches, paid him a visit. We lit a candle at the door, and tramped boldly into the disused parlour, lighting another candle there. We seated ourselves on an old and rickety table—the only piece of furniture. Half-past eleven! The clock of the village church. Half-an-hour in utter silence. Twelve! Slow and solemn, the last note ringing, and then dying into silence. What was that? Surely, a groan! I felt fear then for the first time in my life. The light went out with a rush of wind. In the corner, by the door, crouched a black and ghastly shape. I am not ashamed of it: we ran for dear life, and did not pause till safely within our own doors."

Time to close the inn. The villagers had lingered, loth to meet the darkness; but the last had now gone. The traveller and the landlord were alone. "I am a poor man," said mine host, "and must use my wits to make my daily bread."

H. F. K. (V.).

## The School Library: Reviews.

WE most gratefully acknowledge the continued interest and help of Mr. W. A. James, who has presented us with the following books:—*The Mystery of Cloomber* (Doyle), *Robbery under Arms* (Bolderwood), *The Refugees* (Doyle), *John Halifax, Gentleman* (D. M. Mulock), *Pickwick Papers* (Dickens), *Three Gentlemen of New Caledonia* (Mingway), *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush* (Maclaren), *Feats on the Fiord* (Martineau), *Expelled* (Heldman), *Dialstone Lane* (Jacobs), *Adam Bede* (G. Elliot), *The Caravaneers*, *Lawrence Clavering*



(Mason), *The Climber* (Benson), *In Danger's Hour*, *Heroes of the Goodwin Sands* (Trearor).

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We also thank Mr. W. B. Sharley, an Old Southwellian, for subscribing a sum of money for the purchase of new books. If all our Old Southwellians would do the same, or present us with suitable books, what a splendid Library we should have! We in the School are beginning to realise that we cannot do without a Library. It is the real basis of the School's reading, the mine of information about and contact with the world of letters. A comprehensive Library of the Classics and the modern books is a priceless asset. The increase in the number of books issued shows the increase in use and interest. We have made a new Catalogue, and are now re-arranging and numbering the books we have.

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Mr. F. Smith, an Old Southwellian, has very kindly presented us with Rudyard Kipling's new book, *Land and Sea Tales for Scouts and Guides*.

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Our thanks are due to our keen Librarian, and also to the Assistant-Librarian, for their work and interest.

### "Cranford"; Mrs. Gaskell.

TO the mind of a lover of old-world scenes, *Cranford* presents the ideal picture. It was first published as a series of short stories or papers in *Household Words*, in the nineteenth century, but the public was so fascinated by this unique work that it was soon issued in book form.

It is, clearly, the work of a woman, for who could have used such delicate phrases and apt remarks as one who has lived in the atmosphere of crinolines and frills?

The very sense of a woman's presence is over all; they are woman's oddities we laugh at, and a woman's broad spirit we admire. And, again, it is always the true woman's conception of a man that is seen in this delightful book.

Mrs. Gaskell can be appreciated for the fact that she dwelt in the same realms of thought as her characters: she was one of them. One cannot help feeling that she has a secret admiration for Mr. Mulliner, for she gives him such attention as she never would a woman. It is all true humanity that she pictures for the reader's delight; it is reflected from a woman's eyes.

It is a real pleasure to read *Cranford*, for the more modern authors' work is crammed with hard and unrelieved facts. Mrs. Gaskell, however, in her quiet, sedate home, gives to us a picture of a Victorian village that will be read for countless generations to come.

G. D. W.

### "Greenmantle"; John Buchan.

IN *Greenmantle*, the sequel to *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, John Buchan is at his best. He works on a sound plot, describes his characters well, and brings the book to a fitting conclusion. The book is a War-book, just as *The Thirty-Nine Steps* is a book of preparation for war. It is written in a clear, attractive style, and it has a gripping interest for the reader. Its characters are true to life: Blenkiron is a typical American, smitten with dyspepsia, and dieted on milk and fish; but, in spite of his over-worked stomach, he has a brave and noble spirit. Major Hannay is a soldier to the core, frightened at danger, yet still "carrying on," to win glory and honour in the accomplishment of his mission. Sandy Maclaren is the breezy optimist, cheering the search-party, and helping by his devotion to Hannay. On the whole, the book is well written; there is little out of place, and the interest is kept up to the end.

N. B.

### An Allegory.

A buttercup's legs on the window-pane;  
The warbling note of a coffee stain;  
Or the cry of a beetroot that's rent in twain;  
These are the things, and the things are three  
That put me in mind of the open sea.

A butterfly blowing its damask nose  
On the tip of its tongue; or the wind that blows  
Through a sardine's whiskers—they grow on their toes;  
These are the things, and the things are twain  
That put me in mind of the land again.

For the sea and the land, when all is said,  
Are no more alike than a feather-bed.

"ANDREW."



## *The School Society.*

THIS Term our activities have been given to the production of *Twelfth Night*. It is something of an experiment; broad farce to Renaissance Comedy means rapid progress in two years, and we trust success will justify our hopes. At any rate, we have proved the delight of really testing a Shakespeare play. The true test of a play is in acting it, or seeing it acted, and not so much in reading it at home or in class. If those who see it at the end of the Term enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed the practical study of it, the time will have been well spent.

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The Philatelic section of the School Society, founded this Term, is a flourishing organisation. Our weekly meetings have given us much pleasure, and have taught us a great deal. We find that Philately is a delightful hobby, helps our Geography and History, and appeals to Form II. as much as to Form VI. Some of us have valuable collections, and the beginners have been glad of the help and advice of the senior members. The Nottingham Philatelic Society has invited us to compete for medals they present for Essays on Philately, and their President and Vice-President are very kindly coming to visit us on the 7th of December, to give us their help and advice, and show us some rare and interesting specimens. We very much appreciate the Society's interest.

## *A Pine Log Fire.*

CRISP was the air that encircled the cottage home, and the myriad stars that relieved the velvet sky twinkled like unsheathed falchions, marking the advent of a frosty night.

Inside that humble home a happy family was gathered round an open hearth, on which blazed a glowing mass of pine logs, whose dancing flames laughed in derision at the biting frost.

One proud log reared its flaming head above the others, and seemed to be demanding submission of the fiery messengers that darted past him up the chimney.

The door opened to admit a blue-lipped wayfarer, and the cold draught sent the sparks flying in every direction.

A truant flame, breaking away from its home in the fire's bosom, ran along a log that was once part of a forest giant, and, light as a chamois, skipped from its crest to join its brothers in their aerial race.

A small blue flame peeped from out its glowing cradle, and, darting back, told its comrades of the wonderful realms above.

An adventurous spark burst forth, and, calling to his friends to follow him, soared away into the darkness.

Those which lagged behind seemed to be afraid, and would timidly peep out to see where their more daring companions had gone.

After a consultation, in which flickering and dancing played a prominent part, they made ready to be gone, and as their shepherd, a half-burnt log, groaned and crackled under his burden, they leapt forth—to be lost in the star-lit night.

The day dawned, bleak and cheerless, and the last of the glowing embers had long since grown cold and grey; but the Winter sun rose to cast its pallid rays on a new-kindled fire. The faggot burned, and the sparks once more set out on their short-lived race, but the woodman's ruddy countenance, as he sallied forth into the misty dawn, spoke his heartfelt thanks for the warmth of a pine-log fire.

G. D. W. (VI.).

## *A Dream.*

EXAMS. had come; I was terribly glum,  
My spirits had sunk to zero.

I wished I was in the African desert,  
Or dead with the Emperor Nero.  
I knew I should fail in every subject;  
I thought of the time I had wasted in class,  
And wished for a fairy to fill me with wisdom.  
And, lo and behold, my fond wish came to pass.

I was walking to school, deep engrossed in my thoughts.  
Of a sudden, before me, a fairy I saw.  
She handed me something, said: "Use this in school!"  
And then disappeared without saying more.  
I looked at the object. I found 'twas a pen;  
And at last, when my mind became clear  
I discovered that if I should use it in lessons  
My troubles would all disappear.

The first paper was French; it was mostly perplexing,  
But knowledge was flashing right through to my brain.  
The same with the History, Latin and Science.  
I asked for more paper again and again.



The papers were over ; and I, full of joy,  
 Just sighed as my wonderful pen was forsaken.  
 I was sure to be the first and was sorry 'twas over.  
 I gathered my papers . . . . . began to awaken !  
 F. P. (IV.).

### *How not to write an Essay.*

**S**TAMP-COLLECTING is a very interesting hobby. It is also very instructive, you can learn quite a lot from them. Each country has many stamps but my favourite are the Indo-China surcharged Surinam. They are very pretty and have some very nice pictures on them. There is one Borneo stamp with a picture of an ape on it, hanging on to a tree. It is worth £45 ; I have got it. Some stamps are fudges, that is, they are not real stamps. They are very hard to tell, but you can tell them by looking at the watermark, as they haven't got a watermark. There is one stamp worth £1,000 ! There are two and I believe the King has got one. I wish I had ! If I had it I would not think of selling it as some people would. I don't like sticking stamps into my album much, as I don't like the taste of the gum on the mounts. It makes me feel sick ; so I dip them in a saucer of water, then it is alright. I would like to have all the stamps in the world and have also a big album and a soup-plate of water (for the mounts) and spend days and days sticking them all in.  
 W. R. L. P.

### *The Organ.*

**F**AIN'T, faint the song, and farther still and farther,  
 Silver sounds which tremble in the air.  
 Deep, deep the pipes, their brazen throats are throbbing ;  
 Flinging out their richness everywhere.

Loud, loud the roar ; the notes are booming thunder ;  
 Pillars shake and tremble in the tide.  
 Far, far away, 'mid distant spires and steeples,  
 Spirits hear, and wonder as they ride.

Slow, slow again ; once more the song comes pealing,  
 Sweeter since the outburst ; come and gone.  
 Still, still I hear them, though no more they're ringing,  
 And still to Paradise they lead me on.

J. N. B. (V.).

### *Autumn, 1923.*

**I**N Autumn the leaves begin to change. The leaves fall off and then die, and someone may gather them up and put them in a heap for others to spread them on the land and plough them in.

Sap comes from the trees. The Winter is here and the trees are ready to go to sleep.

J. J. F. (Form II.).

### *Acrostic Corner.*

#### ACROSTIC NO. 1.

##### *Solution.*

M a G  
 I nspecto R  
 N . . . A (Metcalf.)  
 S w i M  
 T e r M  
 E l i A  
 R inge R

The following scored full marks :—Murus, Scrum-half, Bombardier, Hopeful.

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Please note that solvers must keep the same pseudonym in further Acrostics, but should send their real names with their first solution. Two of the above did not send pseudonyms, but they will doubtless recognise those now assigned. It is not too late to enter for the year. Some of the above may fail.

" SENEX."

#### ACROSTIC NO. 2.

**A** WINTER sport, and right inside  
 A Third Form boarder is descried ;  
 " Fresh Spring and Summer and Winter hoar,"  
 Sang Shelley, citing three of four ;  
 Getting along all right ? Oh, yes ;  
 So far, it's a pronounced success.

1. A country ? Well, half. A player ? The same.  
 What do we want with him ? Only his name.



2. Young for his courtesy title, may be.  
'Twas well said : " We've few better forwards than he."
  3. My leg is this, without a doubt :  
So if you'd win one, leave me out.
  4. Most of them count five, although  
You drop one, when one's dropped, you know.
  5. A hundred—*nil* ! Why that's — (the word supply).  
We need the extra nought : the rest put by.
  6. Straight and true  
If you'd get through.
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*Read the Rules in the article by " Senex," in the last issue, and send your solutions to the Acrostic Editor on or before January 25th.*

*There will be three Acrostics in the year, and a prize at Easter for the winner of the most points.*

### *Editor's Note.*

The Editor thanks all those who have contributed to the Magazine, and regrets that space forbids the acceptance of all manuscripts submitted. He also bids farewell to the Sub-Editors, Staff, and contributors. He thinks his readers will agree that the efforts of all concerned have been successful in producing a good School paper. May it be better and better still ! The Editor himself is very sorry to have to break the happy relationship with them, which has shown itself in so many ways.