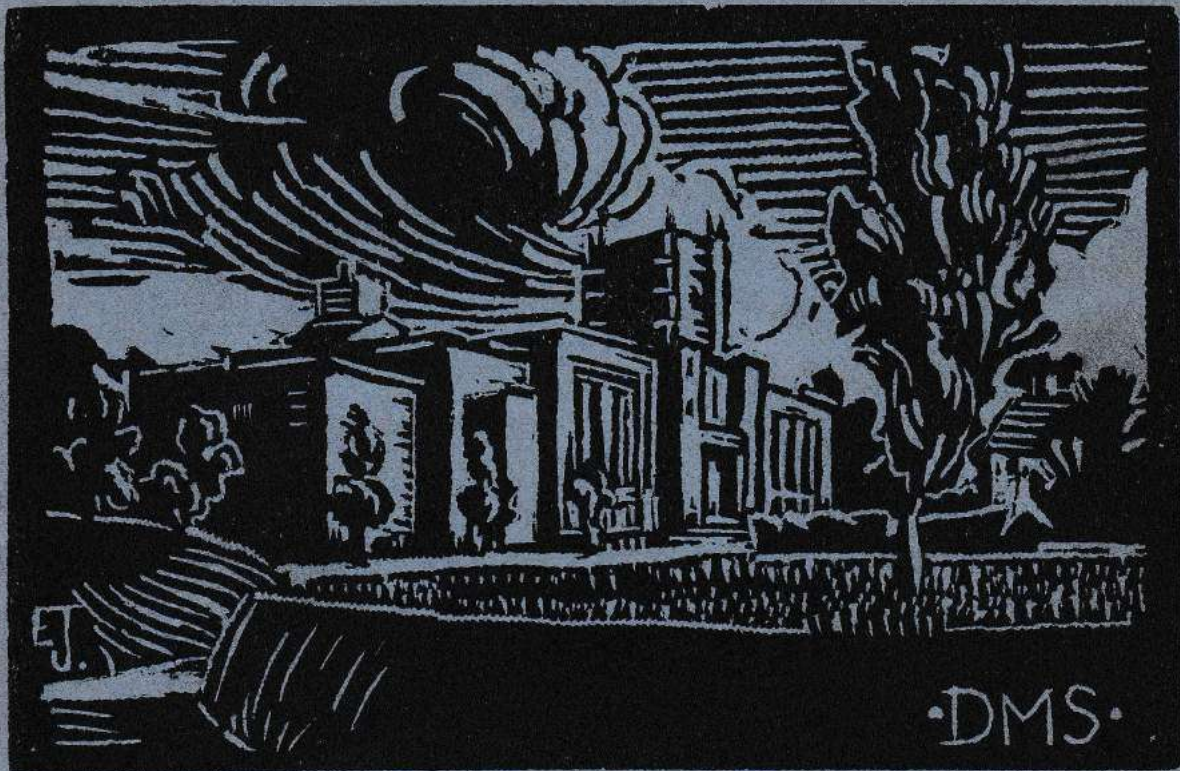


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EDITORIAL.

The period of the School year from the December issue of the Magazine to the Spring one is notably devoid of activities. Christmas with its associations is a thing of the past, while Summer, even in this much despised English climate, with its athletics, swimming, and cricket, is still to be looked forward to. The July examinations are just beginning to raise their ugly heads, and we are left to the Rugby for our main news and to the Cross-Country if we are lucky enough.

However, it is an ill wind that blows no one any good, and the lack of other diversions should give boys plenty of time to take up pencil and paper and send in some really original entries, especially with the opportunity provided by the recently started dinner hour homework class.

This winter has been exceptional in many ways; we have hardly had a fortnight of really bad weather. Many boys have played cricket throughout, though the craze did fall off to about one half-hearted game at the beginning of this term. Cricket has now reached the stage where it is the exception to find a Rugby ball on the field during the dinner hour.

Despite a rather chilly outlook towards the end of last term, our fuel supply has never completely failed, and our clocks, which last winter were anything up to three hours slow, have this winter maintained a steady accuracy. We have no desire to experience again the rigours of a winter like that of 1947.

R.W.H.

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SCHOOL OFFICERS 1947/48.

School Captain: R. W. Hughes.

School Vice-Captain: I. S. Pole.

Prefects: I. S. Pole, D. W. Besley, R. H. Gigg, J. A. Reid, D. G. King, W. J. Biffen, J. Channon, M. Stafford, K. Ware, M. D. Squibbs, R. Chilvers.

Rugby Captain: I. S. Pole. *Vice-Captain:* J. A. Reid. *Secretary:* B. J. Tout. *Committee Member:* R. Chilvers.

Music Society—Chairman: J. Hawkins.

Philatelic Society—Chairman: H. Butcher.

Magazine Committee: R. W. Hughes, J. A. Reid, F. J. Gibbs.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We have had marvellous weather this term—at times not weather but "such stuff as dreams are made on." This has had a tonic effect on our sport. The XV has done very well, and a School XI has even succeeded in beating the Girls at Hockey. The memory of last year's miseries has been fine sauce to our dish of sunshine and brilliant skies. And our work has been all the better for it, too.

You will read plenty in these pages about the School Debating Society—that most popular and flourishing of School activities. Public Affairs vex no man, said Dr. Johnson, but Dr. Morgan, if he revisited his foundation, would not agree with him. And, if Jan Masaryk was right to say that the acid test of a democracy was the right to say, "I do not like this Government," why, Dr. Morgan's is the perfect democratic state in miniature. Chess, Music and Astronomy have suffered from the fine weather. But the Debate goes on.

We have had some interesting lectures this term—one from a French journalist on the present condition of France. And some members of the Sixth Form went to hear that distinguished lecturer, Mr. J. E. Barton, speak to the Oldmixon Club on "Marlowe and Dr. Faustus."

After last term's plays there has been a lull in the School Drama Society's activity. But the success of the Three One Act Plays (fully reported in this issue), has whetted all our appetites for the Society's next effort. A very interesting visit to Bristol to see the Atom Train, the Docks, the Evening World, and a large Chemical Works, was arranged by Mr. Brydon towards the end of term. A large party of our Seniors joined in this enjoyable and instructive outing with a contingent from the Girls' Grammar School. Earlier on Mr. Lawrence arranged a Junior visit to the Local Government Exhibition at Taunton.

Next term will see many expeditions to places of interest in the lovely and historic countryside that surrounds us.

This issue contains more original contributions than did our last. There was a gratifying number of entries, and we thank everybody who took the trouble to produce something—in prose or verse—for consideration. Don't be discouraged because your first entry is not accepted. Space is limited. This is the traditional formula, but we don't apologise for it, because the collection of "rejection slips" is a necessary part of the training of aspiring writers. "Experientia does it, as Papa used to say." Again we are particularly grateful to those who have sent in lino-cuts. The School Savings' Society had a week's Special Drive which was a great success. The target set was £100, and the amount subscribed was £100 13s. 6d.

Nest Term will bring the usual joys of cricket, swimming and tennis—and the attendant horrors of the Certificate Examinations. Rehearsals for these nightmares have been held this term—with the

intent that the prospective victims should "see the lion's shadow ere himself" but *not* "flee dismay'd away!"

We said goodbye at the end of last term to many familiar figures in the Vth and VIth Forms—notably to G. C. Tout, the School's Vice-Captain, whose genial bulk now graces the administration of the R.A.F. We wish them all good fortune in their careers.

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SPRING TERM, 1948.

SALVETE.

MAPSTONE, John M. 26.1.48. IIIB.

VALETE.

ANDERSON, John W. V.1	27.2.48	HICKS, John	I.g	19.12.47
BILLING, Roy	IV.b	5.3.48	HOOPER, Anthony J. V.s	„
BRAUND, Derek A.	V.s	19.12.47	HOOPER, Robert, F. V.s	„
BYRD, Roy	V.s	„	MADELEY, John VI.Arts	„
COLES, John F.	III.r	„	MANNING, Norman R. V.s	„
COLLARD, Jack	IV.b	„	MARTIN, Dennis E. V.1	„
CROSIER, John VI.Arts	20.11.47	NORRIS, Patrick VI.sc	16.1.48	
DAVYS, Cyril	V.s	19.12.47	PETERKEN, Donald E. V.s	„
DIGHT, Raymond	V.1	„	REES, Joseph G. VI.sc	„
FARMER, Alan F.	V.s	„	ROWDEN, Brian V.s	„
FERGUSON, Ian J.	V.s	„	SINGLETON, Roy A. V.s	„
GIBBS, Wreford J. VI.sc.	„	SUTTON, Brian S. I.f	„	
HANHAM, Anthony R. V.1	„	TOUT, Gerald C. VI.arts	„	
HAWKES, Derek J. II.a	„			

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HOUSE NOTES.

FAIRFAX HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. Cudlipp, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lawrence.

House Prefects: I. S. Pole (Captain), M. Stafford (Secretary).

Rugby Captain: I. S. Pole.

Handball Captain: A. J. Prescott.

Rugby. This season's House Matches have been spread over the whole of the Rugby season, and have so far resulted in a strong win for the side against Cromwell. The match was played last term, the result being nineteen points to nine.

The next match was played against Hopton, and unfortunately this indicated the team's weakness in the pack. If the remaining game, versus Wyndham, is to result in a Fairfax victory, it is here that the team must be strengthened. The game ended by Hopton beating us soundly, by eighteen points to five, our only try being scored by Gilbert, Prescott converting.

We congratulate Pole, Prescott, Small, Gilbert and B. Webb, Stuckey and Stafford on playing for the School.

Amazement was followed by admiration when Pole reluctantly gave up Rugby in order to concentrate on his approaching exam.

Athletics. The Cross-Country has not produced as much enthusiasm as was hoped, and the two valiant seniors who have volunteered (?) to run have our earnest good wishes. The Junior Cross-Country will hold a far larger section of Fairfax runners, and we have great hopes for them.

Cricket. The House in this respect seems less stricken with leaving fever than some of our less fortunate rivals. This season's team will consist of three of last year's school eleven and Fairfax is determined to keep the Trenchard Cup in its possession.

Handball. House handball matches were not played until March, when they were used as a means of increasing the School's Silver Lining Campaign savings. The games were played as a knock-out tournament.

The first match was played against Wyndham, Fairfax winning by four goals to two. The scorers for the side were Prescott (3) and Gilbert (1).

The final, played against Hopton, was started at a fast pace which was kept up throughout the game. Gilbert was the only scorer in the side, his shots looking certain goals from the start. The final score was four goals to one.

The team consisted of Pole, Gilbert, Prescott (Captain), Small and Stafford.

We wish the best of luck to our late House Captain, G. C. Tout, who left us in order to take an administrative post in the R.A.F.

M. STAFFORD (House Secretary).

HOPTON HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. Middle, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Uzzell, Mr. Skelton.

House Captain: J. A. Reid.

Vice-Captain: R. H. Gigg.

Secretary: W. J. Biffen.

House Prefect: M. D. Squibbs.

This is the term of transition. We put away the Rugby kit and prepare for Cricket and Athletics. Our first trial of strength will be the Cross-Country. We have certainly excelled in the past and judging by the enthusiasm and potential talent that we possess we should not fare so badly in the future. Our House has been weakened by the departure of Peterkin and Farmer, but we welcome Munn and Rynell to our lists. Despite our achievements in the field of sport, our success has not been confined to that alone. We have made useful contributions to the Societies of the School. Our Vice-

Captain is taking a scholarship soon and we wish him every success. I am sure members of the House will be very sorry to learn that Squibbs will soon be leaving us. His enthusiasm and assistance have been greatly valued. He has played in our Cricket and Rugby teams and played a leading part in Hopton's play which won the competition. In concluding I should like to thank all members of the House who have shown ready enthusiasm to ensure that "Hopton vincit omnia!"

Rugby. We still have to play Cromwell, and if the result is as we anticipate the Poplar Cup will again reside with Hopton. We have held this cup since its presentation to the School by Poplar, two years ago. We not only supply a good House team but also the Vice-Captain and four "regulars" of the 1st XV.

Cross-Country. This searching test of our athletic prowess will be run while the Magazine is being printed. We have a formidable crop of "Inter" entries and are putting our money on Reid for the Senior.

Athletics. There is justification for looking ahead here. In the Sports this year we shall be without Phennah. That will mean that every effort will have to be made by our Juniors. Last year we were second. And while it would be optimistic to forecast victory this year we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that Reid will still be with us to give his inspiring captaincy.

Cricket. Our team, which reached the final last year, will be weakened by the loss of several players. But we are putting our confidence in the coaching of Mr. Middle and Mr. Uzzell and trusting that our team will not be marred at the last moment by casualties, as was the case last year.

Handball. We entered a team in the competition in aid of the Savings Drive. A team consisting of Gardner, Braine, Reid, Pring and Squibbs, defeated Cromwell by seven goals to three. Unfortunately Reid was injured, and unable to lead us in the final against Fairfax, which we lost 4-1. Our disputed goal was scored by Pring.

W. J. BIFFEN (House Secretary).

WYNDHAM HOUSE.

"AU BON DROIT."

House Masters: Mr. H. E. Storey, Mr. G. Rees, Mr. H. Fisher, Mr. R. Overy.

House Prefects: R. W. Hughes (House Captain); D. W. Besley (Vice-Captain); M. J. Chilvers (Rugby Captain); K. A. Ware (Handball Captain).

Once again, Wyndham House finds itself in the unusual position of having more Seniors than Juniors, a fact which does not worry us at the moment, but one which may cause some headaches for the Games' Captains in four or five years' time.

The emphasis this term has, of course, been mainly on Rugby, and the House has taken a major part in all School games, particularly in the first

XV division. We congratulate David (i), who has been awarded his colours after two seasons as a very reliable, hard-working forward, and Chilvers, Ware, Waddleton, Greenslade, Chapman, Connibeer and Anderson (i) on having played for the first XV this term. Of six boys in the School who have played in every first XV match, three of them, Chilvers, David (i) and Waddleton, are Wyndham boys, a record of which the whole House is justly proud.

In the Colts division, also, members of Wyndham House have been pulling their weight. Chapman, who has captained the side on several occasions, Villis, David (ii), Connibeer and Bransby are all to be congratulated on having played for this younger XV, which has had a most successful season.

The House Rugby Team, with Chilvers as captain, has done very well in both the House matches which have been played this term. For the match against Hopton, played in January, Wyndham were very unlucky to lose by the narrow margin of 14 points to 11, after a very hard game which had one or two breath-taking moments. February the eleventh, however, was a red-letter day for the House Rugby Team, that being the one on which they beat Cromwell House by 29 points to nil; the second highest score recorded in any School Rugger match this season. The final score was well-merited by the able way in which the whole team played.

The only Handball matches this term were those of the eleventh and twelfth of March, played in aid of the School's National Savings Week. Wyndham's team, captained by Ware, were unfortunate enough to be drawn against Fairfax, the eventual winners, in the first round, and were "knocked out" of the competition by losing by four goals to two.

Always a fairly open event, the School Cross-Country Race, which will be run on the second of April, should be even more so this year, and if we can persuade some of our Seniors to bare their lily-white knees and stagger round the course, Wyndham should stand a good chance of winning the Cup.

From the more academic side of school activities there is little to report this term, except, perhaps, that the Speaker, Prime Minister and Leader of the House in the newly-formed Mock Parliament were all members of this House.

The Summer Term, always a very interesting one for Wyndham, will be very crowded this year, as, in addition to Cricket, Swimming, and the School Sports, Athletics fixtures have been arranged with the R.A.F. (Locking), Huish and Weston Grammar Schools. However, we look forward to it with confidence, and hope that we shall have the support of our new Juniors in ensuring that Wyndham leads the School in Athletics for the third year in succession.

Unfortunately, the Summer Term also brings with it the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, and we close by wishing success to all Wyndham boys who will be sitting for these examinations this year.

D. W. BESLEY (House Secretary).

CROMWELL HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. J. C. Brydon, Mr. G. Vaughan-Jones, Mr. J. G. Heseltine.

House Prefects: D. G. King (Captain), J. Channon.

House Officials: J. M. Hawkins (Vice-Captain and Secretary); Thomas (Rugby Captain); A. Brown (Rugby Vice-Captain); A. Medley (Chess Captain).

House Notes:—

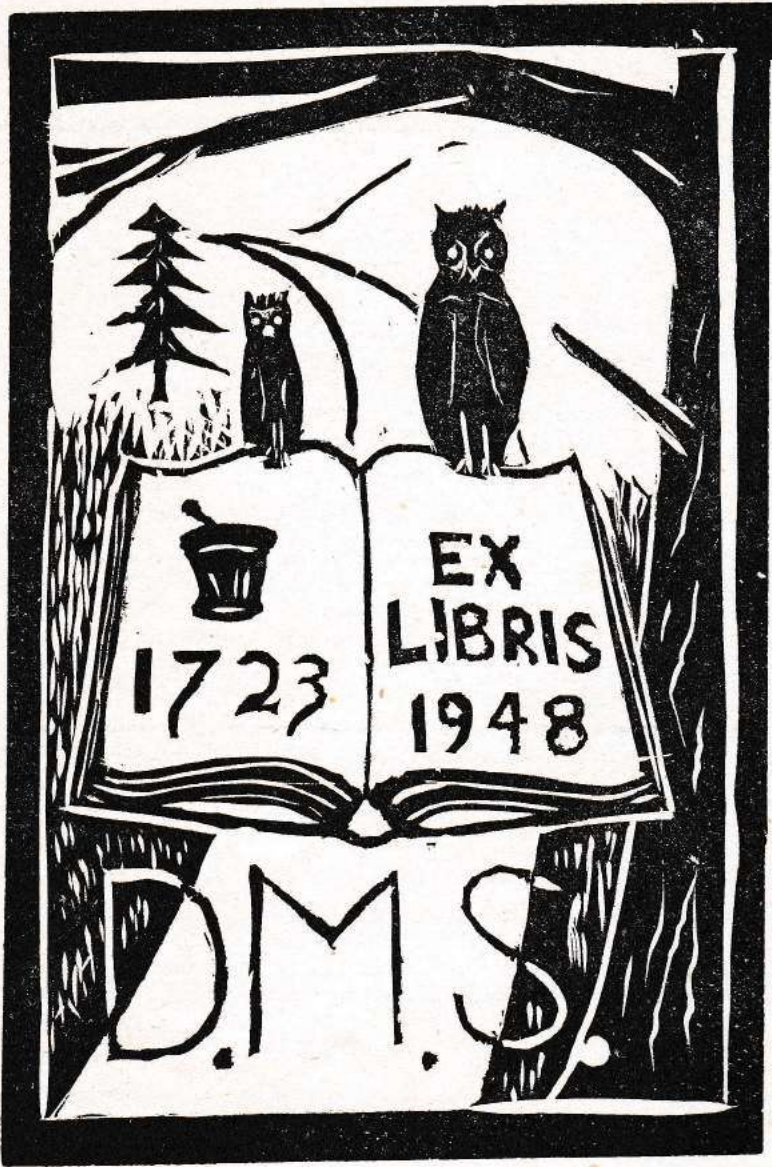
Many members of the House appear to be asking: "What's the use of House-Prayers?" So far this term there has been little House activity, therefore House-Prayers serve a definitely useful purpose—they bring members of the House together, and so make them aware of the common cause. At any rate, the near future will see great need of these meetings, for, the next term will be crowded with events that will need especial direction.

This term House activities have been held on a very minor scale. To-date only one House Rugby match has been played. This was lost to Wyndham, 0—27. The score need not have run into two figures had the House played with more of the spirit, which, strange to say, made itself manifest at the close of the game! The team would do well to study the School motto closely—"WELL BEGUN IS HALF DONE!!" There remains one Rugby match to play. This will be with Hopton, a House far from weak in the sphere of Rugby. It is up to the team to show its real fighting spirit.

In conjunction with the "Silver Lining Campaign" special effort, the House played Hopton in the first round of the "Handball Knock-out Competition." The game was lost by three goals to eight (scored by Thomas (i) and King (1), the remaining goal was a very fortunate "own goal"). Better results could have been achieved had the ball been passed with greater ease and frequency!

The higher intellectual sphere—Chess—which I understand needs "Brains not Brawn" offers an opportunity, for the less energetic members of the House to do something to retrieve the honour of the House. Mr. Brydon has kindly offered to give aid and advice in the lunch-hours to those who are willing to try their hands. (Should this be heads?). Those who wish to do so should contact either Mr. Brydon or the Chess Captain (Medley). Now is the time for you Mathematicians to show your mental capacities!

Looking forward we shall, next term, again enjoy (?) the pleasures of an English summer. Be this as it may, there will be a host of House activities to engage the energy of everyone. Cricket, Swimming and Athletics offer a wide range of pursuits for "all sorts and conditions." No matter what you do, no matter how trivial it appears, especially in the Sports we can win valuable points for the house. Cricketers, why not win back the Cup we lost last year! Above all Swimming should be a great success. All of you live within reasonable distance of the sea; so put in all the Swimming or Diving practice you can. There will be *no* excuse for losing the Swimming trophy!! Needless to say, there is ample oppor-



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tunity for Athletics practice. In the absence of a House motto I suggest that during the Summer Term each member of the House follow the following:—

Retain the Swimming trophy !
Regain the Cricket Cup !
Obtain the Athletics Shield !

Finally, on behalf of the House, congratulations and good-luck to Mr. Heseltine on obtaining County Tennis-colours. And to all members of the House—A Joyful Easter Holiday !

D. G. KING (Captain).

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RUGBY 1947—48.

1st XV.

Morgan's have had a good season on the whole, winning 12 of the 18 games so far played. In these games they have scored 218 points to 135 points scored by opponenets. REID was the most outstanding player with 19 tries to his credit. It was he who scored the 50th try of the season during the game against Weston Grammar School on March 3rd.

Other scorers are:—SMALL, eight tries; WADDLETON—seven tries; GILBERT—five tries; PRESCOTT—three tries, one dropped goal and four conversions; BIRD—three tries; CHILVERS—two tries, one penalty goal and seven conversions; DAVID, POLE, BRAUND and THOMAS—two tries each; BURFORD, PRING, GREENSLADE, BRAINE and CHAPMAN—one try each. David, "the hooker," was awarded his colours late in the Christmas term. He has not missed a game this season, and like PRING does not seem to worry about possible injury.

Morgan's have played the Old Boys twice this season. The first was won 17—0, the second 11—0. The School showed that superior teamwork and handling will beat mere brawn at any time. Both games were tough, but the second is remarkable for the fact that just before half time three of the School side were off the field because of injuries.

The following are descriptions of a home match and an away match which the school has won.

1st XV v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Locking, away.

Morgan's were definitely the better team in this rather one-sided game. Only one person in the Locking team (the stand-off half) seemed to have any idea how to play. He, it was, who scored his side's three points when he intercepted a pass from PRING and ran threequarters of the field to touch down near the posts.

WADDLETON opened the score with a try from a line out inside the twenty-five. Within a few minutes WADDLETON had scored again, this time from a five yard scrum on the touch line. Then came Locking's

only try. PRESCOTT was the next to score from an opening made by REID. GREENSLADE then scored from a scrum beneath the posts. The next try, which CHILVERS converted, was secured by REID.

In the second half we were playing uphill and against the wind. Morgan's soon warmed up and a passing movement (rare thing for us) sent SMALL over, far out. The last two tries, both unconverted, were scored by REID. Final score, 26—3.

1st XV v. Queen's College, Taunton, home.

The School showed their best form when they beat Queen's College, 15—5. In the beginning of the season, when we played Queen's, at Queen's College, we were beaten 11—17 so spectators rather thought Morgan's were due for another beating. REID, after one of his famous "break-aways" touched down for an unconverted try. Queen's then took the lead after a good try had been easily converted. REID put Morgan's in the lead again with another unconverted try. Then, after a pretty piece of inter-passing BIRD crossed over on the right wing.

In the second half, REID increased the score with a brilliant individual try. Running up the touch line he beat two men in a straight race to cross over between the posts. The last try of the game was scored by BIRD, who dribbled past an opponent, gathered the ball and touched down in the corner.

Since 24th January J. REID has been acting as captain in the absence of I. S. POLE.

COLTS XV.

The Colts XV show a good, steady average. They have not played many games this season—nine to be exact—mainly because of last minute cancellations. However, they have won five games and lost four, amassing a total of 111 points to 83 scored by opponents.

BRIAN J. TOUT, 5s (Hon. Sec.).

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THE SCHOOL PLAYS.

Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th December, saw the first performance of what, we hope, will become an annual feature in the School. It was decided to present another series of one act plays, but instead of the four Houses presenting a play each, the Houses would combine forces to produce only three plays, as it was felt that the dramatic talent of the School was not evenly distributed and the competitive spirit did not have the required effect.

Another upward step this year was the printing of programmes by Mr. Uzzell with the willing help of several boys. They had to struggle with a very limited supply of type and what might be Caxton's original printing press, and turned out a very commendable effort.

Unfortunately we are unable to license the School hall for public performances and consequently cannot charge for admission in the normal manner.

Collections were made at the two performances in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign Fund, and the sum of £2 10s. 0d. was raised.

The three plays chosen this year were: Charles Rock's adaptation of the story by W. W. Jacob "The Ghost of Gerry Bundler"; Neil Grant's "On Dartmoor"; and "The Family Group" by Mabel Constanduros.

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THE GHOST OF GERRY BUNDLER.

Hirst	M. D. Squibbs.
Penfold	J. Madeley.
Malcolm	B. Norris.
Somers	..	..	..	..	..	K. A. Ware.
Beldon	..	..	..	..	..	M. G. Waddleton.
George (a waiter)	..	..	..	..	..	H. Butcher.

The Ghost of Gerry Bundler was produced by Mr. Heseltine with the above cast.

The story centres around Hirst, admirably played by Squibbs, who is portrayed as a rather wild young man "just crazy about acting and practical joking," who carries the latter to the extent of being shot by the normally calm and collected Dr. Leek. Although his drawl was inclined to become monotonous, King played the part in true doctor fashion.

Malcolm, Somers, and Beldon, three visitors to the inn were well played by Norris, Ware, and Waddleton, although none of them has what could be called a real stage personality.

At the last minute, Reakes, who was originally cast in the role of waiter, was taken ill and had to be rushed off to hospital. Butcher stepped into the breach with only about two days to go before the production.

Madeley, beautifully made up, with his pipe became a typical inn-keeper. The cast achieved a "Smoking Room" atmosphere that was the real thing, much to their enjoyment and to the amusement of the audiences. The whole play went off extremely well except for one snag that was no fault of the actors—the end of the play could not be seen from the back of the hall—Oh! for another foot on the stage.

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ON DARTMOOR.

Prof. Max Armstrong	B. J. Tout.
Leonora Armstrong	J. Aitkenhead.
Bill Syme	D. Peterkin.
Albert Read	..	..	..	..	..	J. F. Gibbs.
Fred Lee	..	..	..	..	..	A. Prescott.

The scene of this play is set in the living room of a cottage in the wilds of Dartmoor. The house is owned by a rather eccentric professor and his wife. Their main occupation is helping convicts escaping from the nearby Dartmoor Prison.

After Bill Syme tricks them into believing he is an escaped convict, and Albert Read that he is a police inspector, and carry out a daring robbery on the house, their whole outlook on criminals is changed, and the real convict, Fred Lee, has an unexpected shock awaiting him when he comes to the cottage expecting shelter from the law.

The whole cast were exceptionally good, Tout and Aitkenhead being the mainstays in the two leading roles of the professor and his wife. The play was produced by Mr. Jacob, who had to alter the leading parts considerably as they were originally written for two females and the supply of good "female" boys is rather limited.

Sound effects records required were unobtainable at the time and great credit is due to Butcher for his improvisations.

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THE FAMILY GROUP.

Grandma	D. Harvey.
Em'ly	J. W. Stokes.
Father	D. W. Besley.
Young Ede	P. W. Besley.
Photographer	G. C. Tout.

The action of this skit, which can hardly be called a play, takes place in the studio of a French photographer and was one laugh from beginning to end.

Grandma, whose whole idea was to shelter from the rain, decides to have a family group taken. By various means she manages to prevent the photographer from getting down to business and finally, having spoilt half a dozen "skates," walks out on the poor photographer.

The cast was held together by Tout with a personality as big as his figure. Reid was an excellent aunt, and Harvey, although he was inclined to be unconvincing in a long speech, was a perfect grandma. Judging by his performance, Besley, senior, will make a very understanding and long-suffering father, and his brother would fulfil the role of a sister beautifully. Stokes, with an accent that, no doubt, was natural, was good as the mother.

The play was produced by Mr. Overy and formed a fine finish to the evening's entertainment.

The lighting of all three plays was executed by R. W. Hughes, who together with D. G. King put in some valuable work on the stage.

Make up was a joint effort of the three producers and many of the costumes were dug up from family heirlooms, others being hired.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Evis and Sons and the Quantock Electric Co. for the loan of the spot-lights and cables.



'SUNT IACRIMAE RERUM'

R.O.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Last term this was written by Gerald Tout. Now he has left us to become a Civil Servant. That was a blow for the infant society, but it has survived. It is fitting, here, to mention our debt to Tout. His work in starting the society was outstanding; and we are sure that he will be pleased to know that the Society is still going strong and sometimes stormily with plenty of vim and action. After the departure of Tout the Government were left with the problem of choosing a successor. T. R. David has since led the Labour Party. The opposition went into affairs very deeply and produced a document explaining their views and policy. This document was signed by Biffen, Butcher, Aitkenhead, Squibbs and Channon. The opposition declared themselves in sympathy with the Conservative Party, but elaborated its principles and called themselves "Independent Conservative Party" in order that when the time came for office they would have a free hand to carry out an unfettered policy. The Labour Party, enjoying the position of having to follow, and not to lead, Westminster, declared steadfast support for the Labour Government. There seem to be no organised Communists. The Liberal Party has completely disappeared, since Madeley left we have not even had a fleeting glimpse of the Gladstonians! David (Lab.) moved a vote of confidence in his government at the first session. He contended that the Labour Government had done more for the country in two and half years than the Tories had ever done in twenty years (Labour cheers). His motion was supported by Tout (Lab.). Speaking for the Opposition, Biffen thought that two grave crises confronted the nation. An international crisis and an economic crisis. He hoped the Government would make it quite clear that they disassociated themselves from Communism. He guaranteed the Government support for any and every nationally-spirited legislation they introduced but warned them against the expense incurred by Nationalisation. The Government Vote was carried by 21—13. The Debate was quite noisy and the Prime Minister suggested that a Sergeant at Arms was needed to keep the Leader of the Opposition in order! Biffen is glad to report, however, that he is still free from the Socialist Gestapo. The week following King (Ind.) introduced a motion for the abolition of homework in forms V and VI. His motion was supported by several speakers, including David (Lab.) and Aitkenhead (Cons.). The Opposition to the plan came from Butcher (Cons.) and Richards (Lab.). There were many speakers in the debate, and Besley (Lab.) thought homework should be abolished in the lower school but retained for the Vth form. The motion was surprisingly defeated by 13—21. A motion to increase the Committee of Privileges was carried by 27—5. On the 4th February the Palestinian question was debated. A motion favouring partition was introduced by Atyeo (Cons.) and Bailey (Cons.). The debate which followed livened up and there was considerable surprise when Aitkenhead (Cons.) advocated withdrawing from Palestine and letting the Jews and Arabs fight it out. Biffen (Cons.) hastened to explain that this was not the view of the party. Besley (D.) (Lab.), the Foreign Secretary, agreed with partition. Other speakers in favour of partition included Medley (Lab.), Russ (Cons.), and Butcher (Cons.).

David (Lab.), the P.M., in a minority in his own party was opposed to partitioning the state. When the guillotine was introduced members were still trying to "catch the Speaker's eye." The motion was carried by 26—5. The Royal Allowances were debated the following week. Besley (ii) (Comm.) introduced a motion limiting the Royal Allowances. He was supported by the Prime Minister, David (Lab.), and by Butcher (Cons.). Opposition to the motion was vigorously put by Aitkenhead (Cons.), who claimed the Royal Family were respected and popular. The Leader of the Opposition, Biffen (Cons.), also denounced the motion. The motion was carried 13—5 (approx.).

Then followed a debate which lasted for two sessions. This was on the subject of School Dinners and Dinner Arrangements. The debate was lively but not of the highest standard. Unfortunately, speakers began to drift from the subject and attack the Prefects indiscriminately. This resulted in a Prefects "bloc" being formed which cut right across party divisions. King (Ind.) moved confidence in the present arrangements. David (Lab.) hoped to abolish the queueing system and supplant it by a large number of tables with their milk orderlies etc. He also advocated dividing the shifts into Senior and Junior, not the House System. Aitkenhead (Cons.) vigorously attacked the "brutal" attitude of prefects. Besley (W.) (Lab.) and Squibbs (Cons.) defended the attitude of the prefects. Before the second session took place the shift system was changed to Senior and Junior. The second session degenerated often into an attack on the attitude of Prefects and their ideas of discipline in the dinner queue. To the fore of the "democrats" were David (Lab.), Aitkenhead (Cons.), Russ (Cons.), Butcher (Cons.), Brown (Lab.), Besley (ii) (Comm.), and Stokes (Comm.). The prefects defended themselves quite vigorously and returned some of the slanging by pointing out the poor behaviour of the School. Pre-eminent among the prefects was Besley (W.) (Lab.). The motion expressing confidence in Dinner Arrangements found no support. The prefects abstained. There was a heavy vote against the motion.

The Economic Policy of the Government was debated the next week. Brown (Lab.) moving a vote of confidence pointed out the great increases in Production and our freedom from Communist troubles. Jarvis (Lab.) seconded. Biffen (Cons.) observed that the production increases were a credit to Private Enterprise. He quoted a Government Advertisement credit column in which all the industries mentioned were run under Private Enterprise. Butcher (Cons.) seconded. David (Lab.) claimed that the Nationalisation of Iron and Steel was necessary, and pointed out that many industries were handicapped by lack of steel. Aitkenhead (Cons.) fiercely attacked the government for wasting the American Loan. The Opposition Whips succeeded in obtaining the necessary number of supporters and the motion was defeated, 7—15.

So ended the first Labour Government of D.M.S. David was asked to resign by the Speaker and he did so. Biffen, the leader of D.M.I.C.A., the Conservative Opposition, was asked to form a government. David's Government had included:—

BESLEY, REID, TOUT, GIBBS, HAWKINS, STAFFORD.

BIFFEN'S Government included AITKENHEAD, BUTCHER, WILLIAMS and SQUIBBS.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY NOTES.

I should like, firstly, to express on behalf of my party, gratitude and thanks for the work put in by Mr. Speaker and his deputy. They have done so much to make the Debating Society the success it has been. Our opponents are disgruntled because we support E. Bevin's Foreign Policy, and Sir S. Cripps' policy of freezing wages, prices and profits. But we believe the time has come when, to combat these national crises, a national spirit is needed. And so we are not ashamed of supporting Socialists, whose plans are based on the need for national recovery, and not for mere party gain and sectional interests. Unfortunately our opponents have committed themselves to a variety of partisan acts—such as the Nationalisation of Iron and Steel. We intend to see that Morgans, at least, will not condone such babyish acts of political spite and rigid adherence to a party policy evolved long before the Crisis came. The Crisis calls for special "national" action. But we Conservatives will see that this action does not mean more Governmental control and less liberty. Our "Policy Pamphlet" published early this term advocated a Reformed Second Chamber. Now the Government are following suit—not bad for beginners?

W.J.B.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES.

This term has been rather unusual for the school Labour Party. At first we enjoyed a considerable majority over the Conservatives and the Labour—Tory clashes were enjoyed by all. Recently, however, the old Tory trick of "change of name" was employed. The "Independent Conservative Association" thus formed, having annexed the Liberals and those unable to think for themselves, substantially reduced our majority. Consequently, on a hot afternoon when only five of our members were in attendance, we were defeated in a farcical debate.

The temporary "I.C.A." Government owes allegiance to no existing party and as their policy is three parts Socialism, our task of opposing is rather ironical. It is significant that ever since the "I.C.A." came into being, not one of their members (outside the official speakers) has spoken in the House. We are proud, however, of the achievements of the Parliamentary Labour Government, and will continue to support them both in and out of the Debating Society.

Our Party is not subject to direction, and our leaders have not censored or dictated the speech notes of any member as in the "I.C.A." Despite this, we are confident that as soon as wet weather and crowded sessions return, our majority will put us back in power.

Of one thing we are uncertain. What will happen to the "I.C.A." when their "leader" leaves? We suggest that they will take as their theme song part 26 of Handel's "Messiah"—"All we like sheep have gone astray"

LABOUR PARTY EXECUTIVE, 12/3/48.
(T.D., D.W.B., J.A.R.).



'I MUST GO DOWN TO THE SEA AGAIN'

Grandfield VI.

D.M.S. PHILALETIC SOCIETY.

This Society has the honour of being the most flourishing concern, other than the Debating Society, in the School. It has been difficult to give an interesting programme each week on the same subject but we have succeeded, judging by the attendances. We have had varied meetings with talks ranging from "Stamp Manufacture" to "Philaletic Terms." The lecturers have been boys of the Society and the members are very grateful to these boys, not forgetting Mr. Jacob who has also lectured. Members have looked at "penny blacks," valuable flaws and scarce stamps on the screen in the lecture room, perhaps with a little envy.

W. J. Biffen opened the session with a very interesting talk on "Stamp Portraits." Before then I don't think many boys had any idea that behind most stamps there is a story. The next talk was on "British Stamps" and was ably given by J. C. Lawrence. Judging by the stamps shown he has got together a good collection. Stamps ranging from "penny blacks" to the 1947 Peace Stamps were shown. This talk was marred when a wax seal of the King's head, which is at the end of a reel of stamps in a stamp machine, was shown and the heat of the epidiascope was so much that the seal literally stuck to the glass. When it was recovered it was found to be ruined. N. Palfrey gave the next talk entitled "Stamp Manufacture." This was very interesting because so many boys who collect stamps do not know how they are printed. At one point technical terms were used but were explained by photographs of stamps being made. Mr. Jacobs gave us a talk later on "Philaletic Terms," and boys who were new to stamp collecting found this very helpful. The last talk on this session was given by the writer on "The work of the Post Office." He knew this was off the "beaten track" but he thought that members should know about the G.P.O. as it is the concern which has the most to do with stamps. Again this lecture was illustrated.

These talks have been interspersed with Auctions, quizzes and swapping, but I think the Auctions have been the most successful. There seems to be no limit to either cash or goods. At one such meeting there were nearly 60 lots to be sold, but we got through them in time. These Auctions seem to have killed swapping which has hardly existed this term. A competition was held this session and entries were to show stamps of twelve different countries portraying their industries. This proved very successful and we are grateful to the people who judged it.

The Society would like to express its thanks to Mr. Skilton for the use of the lecture room and the epidiascope and to Mr. Overy for the use of the Art Room. Then we must not forget Mr. Jacob, who, though in the back ground, has kept his eye on the proceedings. So ends another session of Philaletism and I hope that we shall meet again next term, but I expect these meetings will be few and far between because of the attraction of outside sports.

H. BUTCHER, 5sc.

THE SILVER LINING EXHIBITION.

The Silver Lining Exhibition was held at Taunton from the twenty-eighth of February to the sixth of March. On Friday, March the fifth, the third forms of Dr. Morgan's School were privileged to pay it a visit. We arrived at Taunton at three o'clock and formed ourselves into groups.

The Exhibition was planned to show what the local government did towards the welfare and upkeep of Taunton.

There were many interesting stalls and at each there was a person to explain any details. The first stall concerned Education and showed many crafts practised in the schools.

Another interesting stall was called Highways and Byways. This was to me the most interesting. There was a complete model showing how traffic is controlled. Many small motor cars threaded their way along the roads. The roads were divided into tracks in which traffic went according to its speed. Reluctantly, we moved on to the next stall.

This showed how the County Council plans the towns and villages of the district. One exhibit in the Water Supply Stall was a tap with water pouring out, but no pipes were to be seen.

We walked up some stairs and came to the Agriculture department. We gazed at the luscious fruits with envy. As our time was limited we hurried up some more stairs and came to the General Post Office departments.

We saw there a machine capable of stamping about two hundred letters per minute. Some of the boys sent telegrams to themselves. In one corner there were two telephones enabling people to speak to each other.

The last room was devoted to Admiralty exhibits. There was, on view, a chart in excellent condition made for Captain Cook. By the side of this chart there was a cumbersome machine which was used for making charts. There were two beautiful models of warships. Most boys were attracted by an exhibit which would light up pictures of famous ships.

After everything was viewed the masters in charge conducted us to the buses. We arrived back to the school at about four o'clock, all of us having enjoyed our trip.

M. BROOM, IIIA.

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'BUTTING THRO' THE CHANNEL IN THE MAD MARCH DAYS' Dickinson, VI.

CLOUDS.

On many a pleasant day in summer times
The lofty Cirri stream their slender fibres
Of wisp-like patterns, feather-strewn designs,
Across the wind-swept heavens; or divers
Beauty give to first rays of rosy morn
Or moon, her laurel wreath,—her halo, adorn.
Not like the fickle fleecy rounded mass
Of cumulus which outline sharp doth give
Against an azure sky, as proudly pass,
But soon blot out the sun, and do but live
To darken hopes, unite with rainy Nimbi.
Storms rend broad bosoms of the turbulent sky.
An omen of fine days, the Strati rise
At early morn, from mist-enshrouded glen,—
Embraces cirri and adorns the skies;
Exquisite beauty,—hypnotising men
Delicate handiwork of Nature, apply
The spectrum—tinted hues of “mackerel” sky.

P. HAGGETT V L.

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TWO WHODUNIT VERSIONS OF MACBETH'S CRIME.

THE MURDER OF DUNCAN

BY LORD P. WIMSEY.

One day, I was sitting in my study, reading my book of previous cases, when a discreet knock came at the door.

“Come in, Bunter,” I said, for I knew the knock well. Bunter was my personal valet, assistant, and photographer.

“If you would like to see him, my lord, Inspector Parker is downstairs,” he said.

“Good day, my lord,” came from the doorway, and a quietly-spoken young man in civilian clothes stepped inside. “I thought I would save your valet the trouble of coming downstairs to fetch me. Here is my card.” He handed me his card.

Bunter discreetly left the room and the Inspector began.

“My lord, you have helped my superiors in the past, and now they wish you to help them again.”

This statement was so frankly produced that I could not very well say no, and I eventually agreed to his proposition.

It appeared that there had been a particularly nasty murder committed in the house of Lord Glamis; otherwise known as Macbeth. The king, Duncan, had been asleep in Macbeth's house with two guards at

the door. Next morning, the guards had been found drunk and Duncan stabbed through the heart with a bayonet.

I took Bunter and the Inspector to Macbeth's house near Forres. Here it was that the interrogations were held, but almost everyone had a cast-iron alibi. I say almost because the stable-boy could not give a satisfactory account of himself. His alibi was that he had been on Forres hill, looking at the moon. He blushed while he was making this statement, not, as it happened, because he was telling a lie, but because of his female company. He was young, however, so we made allowances for him.

Our first clue was given by Lady Macbeth. She had been acting strangely ever since the murder, but not in the natural way of an unfortunate hostess. She had been crying out in the middle of the night, and the doctor had been called in.

We played on this attack of nerves, as it was obviously our first clue. Bunter told her that we knew that she had had something to do with the murder, and that if she did not own up, we would accuse her before a court of law of being the murderess. She replied that the law always recognised a person as being innocent until proved guilty before a court.

It was the infallible Bunter who first found her weakness. It was her inability to resist cigarettes. He learned from the stable-boy previously mentioned that, through the previous shortage, she had been very "jittery" when she had not been able to smoke.

We interrogated her in a room where no cigarettes were to be found. We fired questions at her from all angles, set the light so that it pointed directly at her face, and began to notice that her nerve was failing. I then took out my cigarette case, offered a cigarette to Bunter and Parker, and lit one myself. I noticed her biting her lower lip, and eventually she pleaded for a cigarette. I displayed my cigarette case and told her she could have the lot if she would tell all she knew.

She licked her lips.

Quarter of an hour later she burst into Gaelic tears, and, as the Inspector said afterwards, "gave us the goods."

We confronted Macbeth with the evidence, and he too confessed. Incidentally, neither of them was hanged, both were transported for life.

R. POWER, IVA.

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THE MURDER OF KING DUNCAN AS SOLVED BY SHERLOCK HOLMES.

"Ftzzz."

A shower of sparks fell from the electric bulb, and the room was plunged into darkness.

Sherlock Holmes was sitting in an armchair by the fire, puffing contentedly at his pipe, a copy of Macbeth lay on his knee. He leapt to his

et in alarm and groped blindly for the doorknob. "Another fuse," he uttered as he turned the handle. He shivered as he thought of the cold pillar where the fuse box was situated; after all, he thought, is there any need to mend the fuse now, there are plenty of candles.

As he went into the dark passage he pulled up with a start, he could almost fancy his way barred by Macbeth himself, a bloodstained dagger in his hand. Pulling himself together, he felt in the cupboard for a box of candles, then struck a match, shielding it from the icy draught with a cupped hand. He lit a candle and carried it back through the passage to a table in the centre of the darkened parlour; there he placed several of the lighted candles. He sat down again and poked the fire vigorously, sending a cascade of sparks up the chimney; leaning back, he dreamily watched the dancing pin points settle themselves on the chimney pack—a miniature fireworks display. He started, sleepily, to read his book again, and as the clock struck eleven he turned a page. Presently a loud snore came from his chair—Sherlock Holmes slept!

The clock struck eleven thirty with its customary wheeze and the pendulum tapped against the side click, clack, click, clack.

"Click, clack," the sound of horses' hooves rang out in the paved courtyard, and a jangling bell woke him to the fact that he was sitting before a table littered with papers. The room was spacious, with huge rafters running across the ceiling. Bright tapestries decorated the walls, and on the worn flag stone floor were costly rugs.

He found he was writing a report on the murder of King Duncan, and when he finished, he sprinkled sand on the parchment to dry it. A messenger then strode in and Holmes gave him the report which he slipped into a leather case before leaving. The detective then sat down again and absently put the quill into his mouth, a moment later tearing it out and throwing it onto the table in disgust—he missed that pipe! He opened a drawer, pulled out a bloodstained dagger and scrutinized it through a lens, first blowing a small quantity of white powder onto the haft, thereby showing the finger prints in detail; he peered at it again, and then, as if satisfied by what he saw, laid the dagger aside.

Just then Lennox entered, carrying a written message from Macbeth. Holmes laid the note open on the table, shook some of the white powder over it and examined it closely through the lens.

"Ha! as I thought," he exclaimed, after another glance at the dagger, "Macbeth hath done this bloody deed!"

"Nay," exclaimed Lennox, "what proof hast thou?"

"Elementary my dear Lennox, elementary," returned Holmes pleasantly.

The bell outside clanged again and Holmes awoke with a start to hear the clock striking midnight and to see the light of a single glittering candle casting grotesque shadows on the wall.

He yawned prodigiously, picking up his cherished pipe, fervently wishing that all the crimes he encountered could be solved as easily as the one in his dream!

D. CHARD, 4A.

"O WAD SOME POW'R THE GIFTIE GIE US. . . ."

I took my favourite seat in the back of the morning 'bus which took me to my business every day, and glanced up at the clock outside the 'bus station. It was two minutes before the 'bus started. I pulled a newspaper from my pocket just as the red-nosed, beefy looking man sat down beside me, then felt a hot breath on my neck, and looked up to see him earnestly perusing my paper as usual. I irritably folded it up, the response being a deliberate hiccup in my ear—his usual morning defiance. The 'bus was slowly moving, so I replaced the paper in my pocket, and looked across the aisle between the seats at the conductor who was giving a ticket to an elderly lady opposite; as he turned to me he gave his customary fearsome "hawk," and I found myself waiting with bated breath for the spit that never came, for he handed me a ticket and passed on. I watched fascinated, as he "hawked" his way up the 'bus stopping to give a ticket to a miserable looking man who was puffing away at his eternal pipe. As the conductor leant over him, about to deliver his usual broadside he was caught, as always, by the inevitable cloud of black smoke which enveloped his none too prepossessing features. This, however, did nothing to improve his horrible mannerism for he let it loose on the rest of the long-suffering passengers with disastrous results. I looked out of the window and noticed that the 'bus was slowing down, and to my relief the beefy gentleman vacated his seat beside me. As the 'bus was moving off again, a portly-perspiring man raced up, his generously upholstered little dog in tow.

Ever since I had travelled on the route, he had caught the 'bus in this extraordinary manner. Anyway, there he was with his beastly little mongrel beside me; the latter dribbling and drooling into my lap making it impossible to read the paper in comfort again, so I put it back in my pocket with a sigh. I looked up at the owner, and was once more struck by their remarkable likeness to each other, as he too sat back and more or less dribbled and drooled after his exhausting run. At the next stop a group of giggling girls crowded on to the 'bus.

I looked up with a feeling of despair at the newcomer on my other side, and I watched the inevitable comb appear out of her handbag. A moment later she started to comb her hair vigorously, compelling me to spend the next few minutes picking stray hairs from my trousers. I sat back, but a sickening, grinding noise reached my ears from the seat opposite, occupied by my pet aversion—a small schoolboy who was feverishly making an everlasting meal from his nails. I wondered for the hundred and first time why his parents allowed the horrible habit to persist.

It was with a feeling of relief that I thankfully left my seat at the end of the journey.

But stay! My ears went hot with shame and confusion, for, as I hurried to descend, a voice clearly audible reached my horrified ears.

"See the old boy getting off the 'bus now, Bert, have you noticed the maddening way he's always moving his false teeth around with his tongue? Serve him right if they jolly well fell out!"

I chose another 'bus next day!

D. CHARD, 4A.



SNOW SCENE J. C. Lawrence, VS

A ROOM PREPARED FOR A PARTY.

As I was feeling slightly peckish, I thought I would sample one of the sandwiches which had been prepared for our Christmas party. As I entered the room the prominent feature was a gaily-lit table. It was groaning under the weight of various delicious foodstuffs. Occupying the centre of the table was a cake. It was fairly big and covered with different coloured icing to make it look like a village. I wondered who would be the lucky one and get the village church for that was the largest icing-house there. Arranged tastefully around it were blanchmanges, trifles, and jellies. I searched for the trifle which I knew had a particularly large cherry in it. There was a plentiful stack of chicken, tongue and ham sandwiches. The drinks consisted mainly of squash and "fizzy" lemonades.

There was one light in the room, a seventy-five watt bulb. On the table were two lighted candles and in the darkest corner was a dark green Christmas tree with coloured candles in their holders.

The Christmas tree was decorated with tinsel and icicles while the frost was sprinkled lavishly over the laden branches. The presents were hung from the stoutest branches, I counted them and found that there was one for each guest.

Across the room was draped long "chains" while sprigs of holly were secured to the mirror and curtain rail.

I could just imagine the group of jolly people talking and laughing or pulling crackers or absentmindedly putting out a hand for a sandwich or glass of lemonade.

I left the room munching a sandwich and wondering if the afternoon was going any slower than it had already.

P. BROWN, III B.

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THE DOWLAIS STEEL WORKS.

During last summer holidays I spent a few days in Cardiff and while I was there my uncle invited me to visit the Dowlais Works. These Works are owned by Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Limited, and they produce steel for a variety of uses, in fact anything in size from steel plates used in the construction of ships to rivets.

I was invited to be at the works at about two o'clock in the afternoon when I was to be met by my uncle who was to conduct me round. My first impression was the noise coming from the continuous movement of the steel ingots moving over the rollers taking them from one process to another. We proceeded through the entrance gates, past many offices, and entered the main building.

As I stood just inside the building the immense size made me feel very, very small. This feeling remained with me during the visit. I can only describe everything as huge. The rolling machines, the guillotines, the blast furnaces and the overhead cranes appeared just masses. To describe the length of the main workshop I can only say that standing at one end it is impossible to recognise a person standing at the opposite end. As regards height the workman in the overhead cranes appeared like dwarfs. Railway lines ran through the building both on the ground floor and overhead. The ground-floor rails were used by the railway trucks taking away the finished products and the overhead rails by trucks bringing in fuel, scrap-iron, and iron-ore for tipping into the furnaces.

I saw the steel pouring out of the furnace into moulds and the ingots produced, weighing many tons, going through their many processes. The ingot was first taken on to the heavy rollers where it was rolled to the required thickness. It was then passed through smaller machines which cut the required lengths and through many other machines until I saw the finished articles which were steel bars two inches square and twenty feet long. Other machines were prodding lengths of angle iron. My tour concluded by a close-up of the blast furnaces. This was rather remarkable because I was able to look into the furnace without feeling the terrific heat. I understand that this was due to a device which keeps down the outside temperature of the furnaces. During the visit I found the workmen most helpful in explaining things to me and I left the Dowlais Steel Works much wiser than when I entered.

J. GRIFFITH, 2A.

BLACK MORGAN THE PIRATE CHIEF.

Black Morgan, the pirate chief, was a harsh and cruel old sea dog, whom everybody hated and feared. He was a tall, fat, weather-beaten lubber. He had deep set, glaring eyes and a hooked nose. His left hand was replaced by a sharp steel hook, and his right leg had been amputated at the hip, and replaced by a wooden crutch. His prisoners never escaped with their lives, and his methods of torture were dreaded by all; if any of his crew made the slightest mistake he ordered, and enjoyed watching their torture almost to death. His cruel ways eventually drove his crew to mutiny and he was hanged from the rigging and then thrown to the sharks.

DONALD ORME, IF.

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A VISIT TO AN EXHIBITION OF BRITISH RACING CARS.

When I was in London recently I had the good fortune to visit the above exhibition. The first thing that I saw on entering the display was Sir Malcolm Campbell's "Bluebird" with its famous fin and long lowslung body. As most of you know, this car does not hold the world's speed record now because it has been superceded by John Cobb's "Railton Special," named after the designer, which I saw on the same visit to London at the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition.

Near the "Bluebird" was a 1908 Grand Prix Austin with a 100 h.p. engine—large even to-day. This car attained an average speed of 54.8 m.p.h. for nearly five hundred miles! Compared with the "Bluebird" it can be seen that great steps have been made in British racing cars.

The famous Bugattis were well represented including a 1931 model which made itself famous in hill-climbs. The Exhibition not only included cars which had made racing history but also private racing cars built to a private plan. For example, there was the "Bolster Special." Designed by J. N. Bolster, the car, nicknamed "Bloody Mary," has two J.A.P. motor-cycle engines and a transmission that is mostly chain while wood has been used considerably during the construction of the chassis. The car has earned fame in speed trials and hill climbs and should become popular in this country.

There was a sprinkling of motor cycles such as are being used in Wembley Stadium Speedway. The A.J.S. motor-cycle seemed to be the most outstanding exhibit because it was the first machine to complete a 100 m.p.h. lap in an international road race.

A new design of cars is a sports car which can be used for pleasure-riding or racing. This has been achieved in a Riley two-litre model. The engine and most of the parts of the car are the corresponding portions of the normal Riley car.

All round the hall were pictures of thrilling racing incidents, portraying cars skidding round corners at 100 m.p.h. and head-on collisions. There were also films bringing these pictures to life by showing actual races on the screen with full noise effects which greatly added to the thrill. So ended a very interesting morning looking at the "cream of British racing cars."

H. BUTCHER, VS.

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OLD MORGANIAN ASSOCIATION.

Although no social events have taken place during the past term the Association has shewn that it is not stagnating by means of a circular letter to members. This brought some interesting replies, many overdue subscriptions, and some very welcome guineas from Life Members.

A Committee Meeting was held on 4th March and the question of a War Memorial discussed. Mr. C. P. Staple undertook to look into the question of prices. It was decided to hold three social functions next season, a dance at the School in the late autumn, another dance (probably in conjunction with the Rugby Football Club) at the Clarence, as near Christmas as possible and a dinner (as cheap as possible) in the early spring.

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OLD MORGANIAN R.F.C.

The Club has made a more successful start than we dared hope and competition for places in the team has been most encouraging but there has been a rather large number of injuries—particularly in the game against Burnham Y.M.C.A., who have a number of Old Morganians playing for them!

Results to date are:—

					F.	A.
24th Jan.—Bridgwater 2nd	..	..	..	..	0	18
30th Jan.—School XV	..	..	..	..	0	17
7th Feb.—Chard	..	..	..	..	3	3
28th Burnham Y.M.C.A.	..	..	..	..	3	16
13th Mar.—School XV	..	..	..	..	0	11

The results are not impressive but, with a mid-season start, are nothing to be ashamed of.

There are two more games during the present season: North Petherton on 20th March, and Easter Tuesday evening against Glyncoirwg, for which game Bridgwater have kindly lent us the Taunton Road Ground.

A list of some 30 fixtures has been arranged for next season.

OLD MORGANIAN NOTES.

The New Year's Honours' List found Dr. Morgan's well in the picture at the beginning of this term. Whitby is an old and well respected name in the history of Bridgwater and we hasten to congratulate Bernard J. (1902/1906) on his knighthood. Sir Bernard Whitby is the senior partner in the well known trading firm of Ferguson, Gilchrist & Co., of Bombay, and we understand he has now retired and is returning to Bridgwater. We shall hope to see him at Durleigh when he has taken up his residence among us.

Congratulations also to Bertrand Fredk. Brueton (1906/08) on his M.B.E. Before moving to Bristol, where he is the Town Planning Officer for that area, Brueton was well known as the organist at the King Street Methodist Church, and we read in a Bristol paper that he has recently retired after 20 years' service in the same capacity at Cotham Methodist Church.

We regret to have to announce the death of Wm. Hy. Smith, perhaps the oldest Old Morganian in Bridgwater at the time of his decease early this year. For over 50 years he carried on the business of saddler in the town. He was the oldest seat holder in St. Mary's and one of the original members of the Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee. W. Hy. Smith was very definitely a link with the old days of the Lucettes and we much regret his passing.

It was with very great pleasure that we have heard within the last few weeks from the Rev. Canon T. D. Sully, M.A., Principal of St. John's, Agra. In his letter he refers with feeling to the Rev. W. E. Catlow, J. P. Templeman, "Diffey" Smith and Dr. Lucette. Canon Sully was at Mount Street from 1899 to 1904 and we hope that on his next visit to this country we shall be able to welcome him to the new Dr. Morgan's School.

And now for news of some more recent Old Morganians. David J. Underwood writes to us from 11, Princes Gardens, Kensington, S.W.7, and sends best wishes to members of last year's VB. Best wishes and happiness to Ronald Langdon on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Brenda Padfield. Both parties to the contract have many friends in Bridgwater and we are sure all will join with us in sending them our heartiest congratulations. Eric J. Reynolds (1924/31), better known as "Rook," has recently received from the French Government the award of the Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star, "pour service exceptionnels de guerre rendus cours des operations de liberation de la France." Well done, Rook, we are very proud of you and we wish you a complete recovery from the strains of your war service. Brother Joshua has recently been appointed to the lecturing

staff at Bristol University. Readers may recall that at one time he was engaged in teaching at Hong Kong University. Good luck to both brothers.

Congratulations to the following proud and happy parents:—

- YOUNG. On Oct. 29th, 1947, at Surbiton Hospital, Surrey, to Paula (*nee* Potter) and Ivor John Young, a son—David Michael.
- MEAD. On Dec. 23rd, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs., to Nancy (*nee* Nation), wife of Leslie Mead, a second daughter—Margaret Ruth.
- GILLARD. On Jan. 23rd, at Carlton Lodge Nursing Home, Harrogate, to Joyce, wife of Major W. G. Gillard, the gift of a son—Geoffrey Vernon.

We were very lucky one evening in February to meet the Rev. S. C. Bastable and his wife, a few days before they were sailing for Jamaica, to undertake missionary work for the Baptist Union in the Port Antonio district. We wish both all happiness and satisfaction in their new sphere of activity and shall hope to see them both when they return to Bridgwater on leave. The very best of luck and the same to the Rev. A. E. Bastable and his wife now doing similar work in China.

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