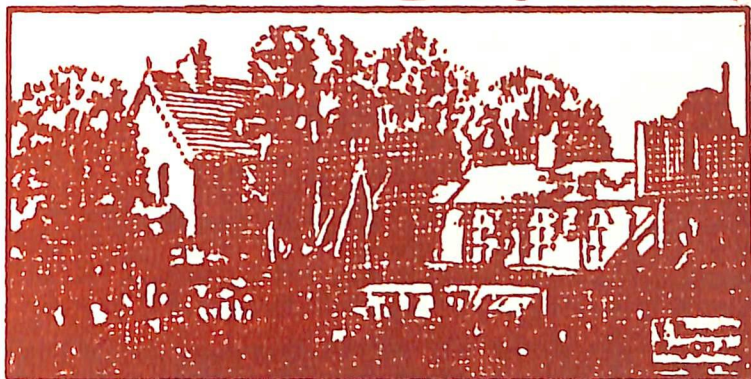


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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Holidays :—

• Christmas.—Thursday, December 21st, to Wednesday, January 10th.

Spring Mid-Term.—Friday, February 16th, and Monday, February 19th.

Easter.—Thursday, March 21st, to Tuesday, April 9th.

Whitsuntide.—Friday, May 10th, to Monday, May 20th.

Summer.—Thursday, July 25th, to Thursday, September 12th.

The Christmas and Easter holidays have been slightly curtailed in order to compensate for the shortened school day. Some inconvenience may have been caused to parents by the changes in the school sessions, but the advantages of early closing in present conditions have been generally appreciated. Many of our boys travel fairly long distances to School and on some of the routes the bus services are poor ; it has been our aim to ensure that all boys may get home before dark, even on the shortest days, and also that they are not using the buses at the busiest times of the day.

This School is in a privileged position in that it has not been called upon to share its premises with an evacuated school. We were quite prepared for such a contingency and should, of course, have willingly acted as hosts to another school. Many of the Masters and Senior boys gave valuable assistance during the evacuation period.

According to our present records, which are probably incomplete, more than 80 Old Boys are now serving with His Majesty's Forces and are represented in all three arms of the services. A Christmas parcel and greetings have been sent to all of these, whether they are serving at home, at sea or overseas ;

the boys of the School have subscribed the funds to make this possible. We welcome the large number of letters we have received and the visits paid to the School.

Our Poppy Day collection amounted to £6 os. 6d.

Mr. J. H. Reade, M.Sc., has been appointed Gas Identification Officer for the districts of Poulton-le-Fylde and Thornton Cleveleys and has recently taken a special course of instruction in Manchester.

Two of the Masters, Messrs. Crosswell and Okell, were exhibitors at the Autumn Exhibition of the Fylde Art Society.

Congratulations to R. Stuttard, F.S.M.C., on passing the Final Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

The following were elected Prefects at the beginning of the term :—

Senior Prefect : R. Thompson.

Full Prefects : A. B. Simpson, R. J. Walker.

Sub-Prefects : L. Proudfoot, K. M. Backhouse, H. W. Bailey, F. Roberts, R. T. Cookson, A. E. Adams, R. E. Broadway, J. A. Scowcroft, D. P. Keirby.

R. E. Broadway, J. A. Scowcroft, J. D. Kay, K. Hudson and J. E. Lawson have been appointed to temporary clerkships at the Ministry of Pensions.

We learn that J. R. Birtwistle, for three years School Swimming Champion, and now a student at the Manchester University, gained 29 out of a total of 54 points gained by Hulme Hall in the Inter-Hall Swimming Championship, and ensured the success of his team.

Speech Day has not been held this term, for a variety of reasons. It is intended to hold a Prize Distribution and Parents' Afternoon in the month of February, and on this occasion the new Gymnasium and Library will be formally opened.

The Prize List and List of Successes in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, 1939, will be published in next term's issue of "The Poultonian." It is worthy of mention that only three of our candidates failed to gain School Certificates.

SCOUT NOTES.

A description of the Summer Camp at Southwick will be found on another page. All that need be added here is an appreciation of the spirit of the Camp : there was no "slacking" of any description, and in every respect the camp was the finest we have ever held. One could wish that all members of the Troop—and not only the twenty-six who were there—could have attended. Perhaps they will do so when the next Annual Camp takes place.

Before the term began a number of older Scouts had already volunteered their services for the arrangement of billets (one acted as an unofficial billeting officer) and for the actual evacuation of school children. A Commissioner of another District wrote thanking members of the Troop for their help : upon the first signs of an emergency they had donned uniform, gone to their local billeting centres or to the stations and had done very useful work. This was, as he said, a fine piece of Scouting which was appreciated all the more by B.G.S. Scouters as the work had been done without any suggestion from them.

Since that time, members of the Senior Troop, which is at last a "going concern," have begun to prepare themselves for further service : an Anti-Gas Course has been well attended and before Christmas nine Scouts will have gained the Civil Defence Badge, which is a King's Scout qualifying badge. For the past few weeks a course in First Aid has been in progress, so that before long each member of the Senior Troop should be wearing an Ambulance Man Badge.

In a number of other ways the Troop is serving, or has offered to serve, the community : by offering to decorate the evacuee hostel in Poulton—a job which will probably begin early in the New Year ; and by collecting waste paper. This latter scheme hung fire for some time because no suitable central storage depôt could be found in Poulton, and even now that one has been found it is not certain that Scouts will be allowed to collect paper. The three local Scout Groups, the 1st Carleton,

1st Poulton and ourselves, have also co-operated in making arrangements for the Scout and Cub evacuees in Poulton, and as a result about twenty Cubs and nine Scouts have been found places. These evacuee Scouts and Cubs are to be invited to join our Annual Group Christmas Party.

Despite all these innovations, Scouting has moved steadily forward. Senior and Junior Troops have met regularly on Saturday afternoons and, considering the difficulties of Saturday afternoon meetings, they have been very well attended, more particularly by members of the Junior Troop, who also showed, by turning up in force at the Scouts' Own Service on October 22nd, that even a wet Sunday afternoon will not deter them.

In the Senior Troop Meetings, emphasis has been laid on mapping, pioneering and general First Class work, and each Scout is aiming to win a special Badge, to obtain which he must pass First Class, Civil Defence and Ambulance Man tests. J. F. Walker has been acting as A.S.M. to the Senior Troop and it is hoped that he will shortly receive his Warrant. This means that we now have the help as Scouters, of two former "Bushman's Thong" Scouts, whose experience is already proving very useful.

Despite the weather not all these meetings have been held indoors. The first one took the form of a cycle "Wide Game" which ended at the palatial country house of the 8th Blackpool ("Woodcraft") Group; whilst others have been spent in the School Wood or in fostering a rather slow-growing Patrol spirit by encouraging Patrols to meet on their own. This, by the way, is an "old Norwegian custom" which Scouts and Patrols would do well to copy; in Norway, Patrols meet separately three weeks out of four, and only once a month does the Troop meet together.

Six members of the Senior Troop had a one-night "black-out" Camp at Bleasdale during October, and there is no reason why further activities, such as visits to Youth Hostels, should not be arranged if there is any demand for them. Such matters are for the Courts of Honour to discuss at their weekly meetings.

Ten Old Scouts are now members of one or other of the Services, and quite a number have either called or written:

Scout training should stand them in good stead and the Group wishes them " Good Rovering and a smooth trail."

One member of the Senior Troop was transferred to Altrincham Grammar School Troop during November: to him, to those others who have left School, and to all B.G.S. Cubs, Scouts and Old Scouts, we send our best wishes for " Good Scouting " in 1940. H.N.M.

SCOUTS, JUNIOR TROOP.

The Junior Section of the Scout Troop is making good headway and this year we have an enthusiastic group of boys. The work to date has been principally for the Tenderfoot and Second Class tests, whilst some of the Scouts have been reading and studying for Proficiency Badges.

Inter-Patrol competition is keen, and there has been a great improvement in the work of the Troop since the inauguration of the " Points System " early this term.

We welcome all the recruits to the Troop, the ex-Cubs, evacuee Scouts, and boys new to the Movement. We wish them all " Good Scouting." S.M.

WOLF-CUB NOTES.

J. R. Davies, of Prep., is our only newcomer this term, and Owen is the only Cub who has been transferred to the Scouts.

We are anticipating a number of new entries next terms and until then have deferred any attempt to make an alteration in the number and constitution of the Sixes.

The result is that each Six is at the moment under full strength ; however, there has been an excellent race for point,

between Reds and Blacks, the former eventually winning with 48 points against 41. Greys, with a rather poor attendance, come third with only 16.

Six boys have qualified for First Star this term; this is very creditable, and these boys have worked well. They are: Box, Parsons, Merrill, T. P. Schofield, Hope and Hyde.

Box is Sixer of Blacks, with Hope as his Second; Walker is Sixer of Reds, and Merrill Second; Darbyshire is still in charge of Greys, but no one has yet qualified to act as Second.

Just after Half Term, the Pack was visited by Mrs. Bacon, District Cub Commissioner, and Miss Lloyd, District Cubmaster.
C.M.

SOUTHWICK CAMP, 1939.

"We're off to bonnie Southwick,
At the rosy dawn of day."

(Ramoth Gilead—B.G.S. version.)

We arrived on what appeared even at a first glance to be the perfect camp site after an uneventful journey and were welcomed by the S.M. and "Old Faithful," who had made the journey the previous day in the "Atom," which was to perform valiant service as Camp "tender." Of course, even the most perfect of camp sites has some snags somewhere; our host had told us that our particular field was a breeding-ground for horse-flies, or "clegs" as they call them in the country. But neither the clegs nor any other kind of snag materialised. Admittedly, we suffered a certain shock when we learned that the food had not arrived, but it was not long before this was traced to its hiding place at Dalbeattie and brought out on our host's lorry.

On the Sunday morning following our arrival the S.M. was rudely awakened about 7-0 a.m., to find water spilling over his face. Breathing threats of vengeance, he hurled himself out of

his tent to find that the culprits were two Senior Scouts who had just arrived by car, having left Blackpool at 3-0 o'clock in the morning, and were now making pointed remarks about people staying in bed until the middle of the morning. It was not long before the whole Troop was out, and as usual there followed the exhilarating dash to the pond, the shivering moments on the brink, and then the churning up of ice-cold water.

On the following day we had a tour by motor coach through the "Stewartry" of Kirkcudbright, which was considerably enlivened by our yells and songs. At Carsluith, where we visited the Castle, we were driven from the beach by a rain storm, but by the time we had finished lunch at Newton Stewart, the skies had cleared, and for the rest of the trip we had perfect weather. After lunch we were able, through the courtesy of Messrs. Cree Mills, to look round a woollen mill. Unfortunately it was the local holiday week and so the mill was not actually under production, although some of the machinery was running for the purpose of repairs, and we were thus able to gather the principle of how the wool (which arrives just as it is shorn) is carried from stage to stage until it becomes the finished article. Any disappointment we may have felt at finding the mill not working soon turned to delight when we were given the run of the warehouse. Here we purchased at ridiculously cheap prices, scarves which had slight, almost indiscernible faults. On emerging once more into the street, clothed in our purchases, we were at once taken for a Polar Expedition.

In the afternoon we passed the Clatteringshaws Dam, erected by the Galloway Hydro Electric Power Company, and were especially interested in the pipe line which, after carrying the water through the hills for miles, emerged and ran down to the generating station in the valley bottom near Dalry. A little earlier we had passed by the great monument to Alexander Murray, the shepherd boy who became one of Britain's finest linguists, and we felt thankful that we were not called upon to lift the great granite blocks to the hilltop. This road from Newton Stewart to New Galloway must surely be one of the wildest as well as one of the most beautiful stretches of road

in the British Isles. For 18 miles it twists past brawling burns and heather-covered mountain slopes where fire brooms give constant warning of summer dangers on these moors, and not once in all those miles does one see a petrol pump or pass a village.

Another day the usual Camp Sports were held, "Bacchus" literally walking away with the Cross Country, whilst the Obstacle Race devised by "Johnnie" and "Ollie" provided much amusement—for the spectators. An innovation, made possible by Mr. Thomas' kindness in placing his pool at our disposal, was a Swimming Sports, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and for once the Seagull Patrol was first to arrive at the finishing point! The Novices Races and the Obstacle Race—especially the attempts to swim with lighted candles and to tow canvas water buckets—were particularly amusing. Indeed, the pool, which was only a quarter of a mile from Camp and surrounded by beautiful lawns, was in constant use, though the number of hardy ones who plunged in at 7-15 each morning, became less and less as time went on.

An expedition was organized later in the week to climb Criffel—the local Everest—and after many false starts due to the weather (you would have thought we were climbing Everest by the amount of study we put in to ensure that nothing went amiss) we set off for our "base camp" at Kirkbean, the majority of the party travelling (appropriately enough?) by horse-box which Mr. Thomas insisted on sending. On arrival there we left "Bram"—still indignant that the doctor had, as he said, tied a "grannie" in the stitch in his leg—with some kindly villagers who gave him dinner but refused all offers of payment. This, by the way, was but a further example of the so-called Scottish "meanness." We took the climb slowly for the sake of the younger Scouts and reached the top in time for lunch. There was a magnificent view to the south and south-east of Solway Firth, the dark mass of mountains in the Lake District, and the estuary of the Nith; but the wind was so strong that personal discomfort quickly drove out other thoughts, and we were glad to set off again. This time we split up into two parties,

the older Scouts returning all the way on foot across wild, rolling country to Borland of Southwick, whilst the youngsters returned to Kirkbean and thence by horse-box, to Southwick.

The Patrol System does not leave a great deal of spare time. What time there was we spent on such Scouting activities as First and Second Class Badge work, Pioneering, Wide Games, and so forth, a very interesting afternoon being spent in watching the local woodsmen who were felling beech trees not far from camp, using huge axes reminiscent of the headsman's axe which they wielded with marvellous precision and dexterity. Southwick Burn provided us with plenty of practice in Pioneering: it is just possible that one of the bridges we threw across it still stands, for it consisted of two trees, felled near the stream then carried across with much effort and quite a number of wettings. Then there were Wide Games, for which the country was admirable: a long, gaunt ridge to the east, which we christened "Matterhorn" and to which several trails and hidden messages led; and nearer Camp, a great larch plantation, silent and brooding as a Cathedral, a grand place for stalking games, or "game"—we saw several deer whilst we were there. With regard to Badge Work, we think we should mention the amount of practice that was put in, so that a fair number of Scouts gained Second Class Badges whilst in Camp; and two Scouts—Dishman and Alsop—spent two days on a pretty strenuous First Class Journey, leading them through unknown country in weather which almost turned note books into pulp. We congratulate them on their success in passing.

Of the many amusing incidents, one remembers most vividly the roar which heralded "Ginger's" advent into Camp one day when he had been exploring an island in the stream. He and J.W.N. evidently disturbed a wasp's nest, for J.W.N. was stung quite badly in at least twenty different places, whilst "Ginger" was attacked so viciously that it was some time before he could sit down with any degree of comfort!

The only village shop was also the unwitting cause of some entertainment when a certain "Willie" Seagull boasted of having eaten seven "Snowballs"—a vile confection much

beloved by younger Scouts—at a sitting. He was introduced to the Camp First Aid Box with the utmost speed, and an old Fascist punishment meted out to him with complete success from all points of view except that of the village shopkeeper, whose stock of "Snowballs" stopped decreasing from that time.

As is our custom, we held a Farewell Camp Fire on our last night in Camp, and we were honoured to have Mr. Thomas and his two daughters as our guests. We think all who were present, at any rate the more Senior amongst us, will remember this Camp Fire as the finest ever attended. After the songs and yells, we presented Mr. Thomas with a bronze figure of a Scout, suitably inscribed, as a token of our appreciation for the great care he had taken to ensure that our stay was a happy one. In fact, as we pointed out to him, he spoiled us so much that we all want to go again next year, despite our tradition of breaking fresh ground year by year. After this presentation we sang "Auld Lang Syne," "Taps" and finally, "Abide with Me."

Five minutes later—or so it seemed—we were stumping coldly through a heavy dew, packing tents and gear and all too soon we were leaving Southwick.

Our first call was at the Carnation Milk Factory, Maxwelltown, where we spent a most instructive hour learning how milk becomes "evaporated" milk and finds its way into tins. After a really good and remarkably cheap lunch we spent nearly two hours in Dumfries, shopping or visiting milk-bars and then our return journey began. Even the railway officials excelled themselves, making a special stop of the Mid-Day Scot at Preston, for us, so that we reached Poulton about half-an-hour earlier than we had expected.

The results of the Patrol Competition, which included points for games, inspections, etc., were as follows:—

1. Squirrels.	122½ points.
2. Bulldogs.	101½ „
3. Beavers.	97½ „
4. Seagulls.	94½ „

Congratulations, P.L. Swire and Squirrels !

We feel we cannot close this account of what was considered by everybody to be the finest Camp ever, without expressing our admiration of the Scouting spirit of the younger Scouts and our appreciation of the many kindnesses of Mr. Thomas and his family.

“ J. AND J.”

NATIONAL SAVINGS BRANCH.

For the eleven weeks of this term, up to 1st December, our returns are :—

Number of members, 106.

Number of subscribing members, 56.

New members this term, 11.

Average number of subscribers per week, 35.

Amount subscribed this term, £46 4s. 6d.

Forms with the best record : Preparatory, 20%.
Form IIb., 15%.

Amount subscribed to date, £3,090 14s. 6d.

The “regulars” this term have been: Prep., R. E. Dewhurst, M. S. Williams; Shell, H. W. Merrill; Form IIb, R. Matthews, P. F. Waterhouse; Form IIIm, B. Ormond, G. S. Holden; Form IVm, K. Fitton; Remove, J. C. Hellowell; Form Vm, G. M. Whiteside.

“LEND to DEFEND the RIGHT to be FREE.”

Of outstanding importance this term in connection with the National Savings Movement is the introduction of the Seventh Issue of National Savings Certificates on 22nd November.

Our School Savings Group has not yet obtained the literature (leaflets, etc.) necessary for making a forceful propaganda campaign but we hope to be able to do so before the end of this term or at the beginning of the next.

The result of such a campaign will depend almost entirely on the response accorded to it by the parents themselves.

We do not emphasize the interest to be derived from this new issue of Certificates. Rather is it our duty to impress upon the public the vital need for personal economy and the careful limitation of individual demands upon the Nation's resources in order that material and labour to the fullest possible extent may be available for carrying on the war.

We invite your help in securing for this campaign the success that is absolutely essential for victory. We should like to feel that every boy in the School is being encouraged to increase the Country's supply of "HARD CASH—the embodied power to purchase more weapons than the enemy, more ammunition, more defences."

LEND TO DEFEND THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

A.C.O.

SCHOOL SKETCHING CLUB.

This term has been most successful. The weather was favourable at the beginning and, what is more encouraging, the members have shown real enthusiasm and attended in greater numbers.

Seven meetings have been held, several out of doors, when advantage was taken of the wonderful Autumn colouring.

During the last few weeks of the term indoor practice has been regularly attended.

On November 1st, eighteen boys paid a visit to the Fylde Art Society's Exhibition. Criticisms were many and pointed.

J.C.

SCHOOL SOCIETY.

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Chairman : Mr. J. H. PEEL.

Secretary : R. T. COOKSON. *Treasurer :* K. M. BACKHOUSE.

This term has seen a marked decrease in membership, our roll now totalling 75. We sincerely hope that more boys will take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the Society in its various Sections. In the Society, boys are able to exercise any hidden talents which they imagine themselves to have, cultivate comradeship, leadership, self-reliance and are given a broader outlook upon the future. Time spent in the School Society activities will provide many treasured memories for years to come.

The Session was opened with a Cinematograph Show which was enjoyed by most boys.

The Dramatic Section has been revived and its exceptionally enthusiastic members are at present rehearsing two plays, performances, of which, will be given in the near future.

We must not omit to express our thanks to Messrs. Harris and Shaw, for the invaluable aid which they have given.

The Photographic Section has again been very active under the direction of Mr. Reade. A detailed account of its activities will be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

Another revival may be seen in the formation of the Music Section, but lack of numbers is more than compensated for by the enthusiasm shown by present members.

The Chess Section continues to hold weekly meetings under the auspices of Mr. Hood.

Under the capable direction of Messrs. Okell and Astell, the Model Aeroplane Section continues to meet regularly every Friday in the Manual Instruction Room, where many interesting models are under construction.

Amongst the Model Aeroplane Engineers of to-day we have the aircraft designers of tomorrow!

The Junior and Senior Table Tennis Tournaments have been held later in the term than usual. Sixsmith who won the Junior Championship, beat Hardwick, his opponent, by a narrow margin, after an exciting game. Thatcher won the Senior Championship by defeating J. Bardsley, after a keenly fought game.

Mr. Reade has obliged with a most interesting series of illustrated lectures on Photography, and these were quite well attended.

"Scouting through the Ages," was the title of a much appreciated lantern lecture given by Mr. Moulding.

Mr. Chapman will give what promises to be a most absorbing talk on "The Manufacture of Pottery," before the end of term.

Mr. Peel has given generously of his assistance and we wish to thank him for this and his active interest in all Society affairs.

R. T. COOKSON.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION.

The Section has been very active during this term and all lectures have been well attended.

In all, three lantern lectures by Mr. Reade and two demonstrations of photographic processes have been given. A rather complicated apparatus for photo-micrography is also being assembled by a group of Seniors. Another process we hope to try next term is the production of colour prints.

We should like to express our appreciation of the help given by Mr. Reade and of the services of Messrs. Johnson and Sons and Ilford Ltd.

R.T.

THE ISLE OF MAN CAMP.

The Annual School Camp was held this year from July 28th to August 11th, at Strandhall, between Castletown and Port St. Mary, in the Isle of Man.

On Friday, July 28th, a record number of seventy Baines's boys and three Masters boarded the "Ben-my-Chree" at Fleetwood. After an hour's calm sailing, which we all enjoyed, rough weather was encountered and many of us were glad when the rugged silhouette of Manxland was observed in the distance. From Douglas we travelled by rail as far as Ballabeg, and walked the remaining mile and a half, to find a well-drained camp site about three hundred yards from the shore.

The advance party, consisting of Messrs. Pickett and Reade, with four robust Senior boys, had worked well in spite of extremely bad weather and erected "Mrs. Sam" and several tents. Under the Masters' competent supervision, the party was soon bedded down and eagerly awaiting the dawn.

Road communications were rather poor but there was a pleasant half-hour walk to Colby Station. An innovation, however, was the issue to each boy of a weekly "Runabout" ticket for use between all stations served by the Isle of Man Railway. Douglas and Port Erin were the most popular centres, although most places of interest on the island were visited. We certainly had our money's worth!

The weather was not sufficiently attractive for many large sea-bathing parades but often boys were seen, with towels and costumes under their arms, journeying to the Port Erin Baths.

A party of boys visited Castle Rushen—a typical example of medieval architecture—the drawbridge, traps and turrets still remaining intact.

An excursion was organised to Peel Castle, where a very capable guide explained to us the many points of interest, including all the local legends.

An organised party also visited the aquarium at Port Erin, where particular enthusiasm was shown by the Junior boys, many of whom were later to be seen fishing in the local stream.

Many enjoyed the Cricket in the Camp field, while some availed themselves of the tennis courts at Port St. Mary and Castletown.

The fagging this year was excellent and special mention should be made of Calderbank, Hardwick, Eddleston and Stewart, who received the Fag Prizes.

The effective organisation of a Camp Bank enabled most boys to save a little money until the last few days. The profits from the sale of mineral waters were used to buy extra rations for all boys on the homeward journey.

The Sing-Song on the last night in the marquee was very successful. Some individual items by small boys were excellent and Robertshaw's impersonation of Frank Randall was particularly good.

On Friday, August 11th, many willing hands were engaged in striking camp. It was an arduous task and was really only completed when, after a pleasant crossing, the luggage was unloaded from the "Lady of Man" at Fleetwood.

In conclusion, may I, on behalf of all boys who participated in the Camp, thank the Camp Officers—Messrs. Shaw, Pickett, Waddington, Reade and Curwen—for their excellent organisation of a most enjoyable Camp. This, in spite of the weather!

A. B. SIMPSON.

CYCLING IN LAKELAND.

By R. DOWNING.

In accordance with a rather hasty promise made to a friend, I set off early one Sunday morning late in August to pass seven days cycling and walking in the English Lake District. Being aware of both the energetic temperament of my friend

and the steep contours of Lakeland, I fully realised that the fleshpots of Egypt were not for me, especially since it had been previously decided that we should stay at Youth Hostels, which, although quite clearly marked on all good maps, seem particularly elusive after a day's hard travel through unfamiliar districts.

However, on that bright morn, Lancaster and Kendal were left behind and the Rubicon unwittingly crossed. Before us lay the prospect of Shap Fell. Only motorists and expert racing cyclists regard the long climb with indifference. The weather was hot and oppressive. A cool stream trickling into a stone trough lured me, whilst Bill, my companion, pushed on. Left alone to wheel that accursed cycle whose front wheel would insist on leaving the ground, I could have murdered each motorist who roared past me. It was a peculiar fact how thoughts kept persistently recurring to my mind. First I was breathlessly humming a tune, then Fleetwood's town motto kept monotonously repeating itself. At last I reached the topmost point and flung myself panting beside a grinning "friend" who had found the most comfortable spot twenty minutes previously.

After many precious moments of contemplation, the cycles were remounted. What a glorious sensation free-wheeling down a long hill! I even grinned at the motorists who imperiously sounded their horns. Now to find Stainton and the Hostel. Those two miles from Penrith stretched endlessly. Each turn of the pedals demanded an effort. On arriving, we discovered that a young man from Dumfries was the only other person at the Hostel. So, having persuaded the good lady of the house to forego rules and regulations, we had our first meal since departing. Hot tea and food revived my jaded spirits and I went so far as to take a short stroll to appreciate the twilight hour. As I lay in bed, peering into the darkness and munching chocolates, the trials of the day seemed of no consequence. I became torpid and perhaps, in my own mind, a trifle boastful. Shap Fells had their trials, but unaided and alone I had climbed them. And so to sleep.

Then came the rosy dawn, with sunshine and no wind. Having eaten a hearty breakfast, we cycled down to Penrith, the two miles of the previous day passing unnoticed. Retracing our route, we followed the road through pleasant, undulating country which was well-wooded and interspersed with stretches of emerald-green meadow. Gradually, hillsides appeared instead of flat meadow and Ullswater became visible, shimmering under beetling crags. We were soon attracted by the ripe, luscious blackberries festooned on the hedge-side, and having gathered some considerable number, we ate them sitting by the lake-side where tiny waves broke with a soothing murmur on the shingle. Beyond Patterdale and Brothers Water, half Kirkstone Pass was climbed before we noticed the difference in the gradient. Turning back and branching left past Patterdale, we commenced the long ascent from Ullswater to Matterdale Common. The road winds like a long snake up the hill-side. How despondent one feels standing at the bottom of a long climb, but what an inspiration when the view gradually unfolds itself as the summit draws nearer. At the sleepy hamlet of Matterdale, we unwrapped our packed lunches. Whatever the state of our appetites a week ago, they no longer needed a stimulus.

We had a glorious run down to Troutbeck. It was obviously raining in Keswick on our left, but the wind was blowing the clouds away from us, so we carried on with untroubled hearts to the main Keswick-Penrith road, which skirts the shoulder of Saddleback, whose summit, 2,000 ft. above us, was shrouded in mist. The roads were wet as we entered Keswick, a small town of grey stone, most depressing in a drizzle of fine rain. The sun shone fitfully and the rain cleared. Our spirits rose and we pushed hopefully onwards to Bassenthwaite, whose rather disappointing surroundings are relieved by the magnificent background of Skiddaw.

Grange-in-Borrowdale was our destination and a more pleasant spot could not be imagined. We took the road from Braithwaite and traversed the path high along the side of Derwentwater. The lake was calm. Not a breath of wind stirred its placid surface. The setting sun cast its last beams upon the summits, dyeing the heather with a deep purple glow and

silhouetting the rocky crags against the evening sky. Two night-jars silently flitting amongst the fir trees like huge bats were the only signs of life; even the persistent cry of the sheep was stilled. Slowly we pedalled into Grange and found the Hollows Farm Hostel hid away under the steep and now rapidly darkening slopes of Eel Crag. As I gazed out of my bedroom window, the western peaks alone were visible, clear in the sky like a row of jagged teeth.

On Tuesday, we decided that Borrowdale offered far too much to miss, so cycles must be left whilst we attacked Cat Bells, Scawdel Fell and Dale Head. In the early morning, a white mist covered all the tops but as the sun rose this soon cleared and, having forded the River Derwent, we began to plod slowly up the steep ascent to Cat Bells, which rise 1,000 ft. sheer above Derwentwater. The trees in the valley below were a glorious sight, the tender green of the deciduous trees mingling with the bronze shades of the conifers as in a wonderful carpet. A pack of some thirty or forty red-setters lower down the hill-side proved their superiority over mankind as they galloped about the heather with that wild abandon and excitement of trained dogs which, for a short while, are allowed to do exactly as they will. From Cat Bells' summit, we proceeded to follow the ridge right along the edge of the screes of Newlands Valley. On Maiden Moor we encountered a man from Keswick, bent double under the weight of a huge pack. I have never seen a person so hot and tired. He was bathed in perspiration. His clothes clung wet to his body and there was still the prospect of Dale Head to climb. We topped Scawdell Fell (2,143 ft.) together, and ate our lunches by the cairn on the summit, commanding a pleasant view of the grassy valley around the village of Rothwaite which appeared like so many white specks below us. Descending to the Lobstone Band, after cautiously looking round, we hastily removed our clothes and plunged into Dale Head Tarn to wallow noisily in its breath-taking water.

Now commenced the precipitous ascent to Dale Head. Short spells of vigorous scrambling with pauses to "admire the view," eventually brought us to the summit. Buttermere,

glistening in the distance and Honister Craggs confronting us across the pass were our reward.

How our weary companion managed the descent to Buttermere I can't say. Neither can I fathom why he should talk about fruit pie and thick cream on the top of Dale Head. Our next task was to descend to Grange. The path is precipitous and consists of loose slate upon which one slides and skids in an extremely discomfoting fashion. It was a heartbreaking descent, both footwear and shin bones suffering accordingly. We paused awhile to gaze at a stunted mountain ash resplendent with brilliant scarlet berries and growing out of a fissure of rock. Again we returned to Grange Hostel and I immediately slipped away to the crystal-clear pool by Grange Bridge. Deep water fascinates me, and I dived to the stony bottom of the River Derwent to gaze at the smooth surface some nine feet above, almost envying the small trout their perfect home.

[This contribution will be concluded in our next issue.]



FOUNDER'S HOUSE.

Vice-Captain and Secretary: P. D. TAYLOR.

Finally we hope all our members experience an enjoyable holiday and return refreshed to do credit to the House both in the Classroom and on the Sports field.

THE FOOTBALL RESULTS.

	First	Second	Third
Founder's v. Hodgson	—	0—2	—
v. Hibbert	2—8	—	—
v. Whittington	2—2	2—6	1—0

P. TAYLOR.

HIBBERT HOUSE.

House Masters : Messrs. HARRIS, READE and WARBURTON.

Captain : D. P. KEIRBY.

Vice-Captain : R. DAWSON. *Secretary* : A. B. SIMPSON.

For the fifth year in succession, and for the eighth time in the last nine years, Hibbert is the "Cock" House.

A hearty welcome is extended to all new members this term. May they all pull their weight and carry on the good name of the House in future years.

Curtis and Downing, House Captain and Secretary respectively, left at the end of last term and the above officials have been elected in their places. Curtis, who has won many points for the House on the Sports Field, has gone to York Training College. Downing, who has been equally successful in the Swimming Sports, has gone to Liverpool University. We wish them every success in their future careers.

May we congratulate all boys who gained School Certificates in July, and give a special word of praise to Downing, who distinguished himself in the Higher School Examination.

Congratulations also to Thompson on his appointment as Head Prefect.

We have not been quite so successful as usual in the Football matches played this term. The results to date are as follows :

First Eleven :

Hibbert v. Founder's Won.

Hibbert v. Hodgson.... Draw.

Third Eleven :

Hibbert v. Hodgson.... Draw.

Finally, may we wish all a Happy Christmas, especially those Old Boys who are serving in His Majesty's Forces.

A.B.S.

HODGSON HOUSE.

House Masters: Messrs. WADDINGTON, OKELL and ASTELL.

Captain: K. H. RAWCLIFFE.

Vice-Captain: P. S. STOPS. *Secretary:* L. PROUDFOOT.

As was anticipated in last term's report the remaining matches of the Cricket Season sufficed to give us a lead of one point over Founder's House; accordingly we won the Cricket Cup. Moreover we have every chance of repeating this performance next year.

In the meantime, each of our three Football Teams has played one match. The results, with which we have no cause to feel dissatisfied, are as follows:—

Hodgson First Eleven v. Hibbert	....	Draw	....	2—2
Hodgson Second Eleven v. Founder's	....	Won	....	2—0
Hodgson Third Eleven v. Whittington	....	Draw	....	0—0

Rawcliffe, our Captain, has been awarded Football Colours which his steady three years' service to the School Team has so fully merited. Not only the House but the whole School congratulates "Sammy" on this honour.

Brown and Stops, the latter now our Vice-Captain, continue to maintain their positions in the School First Eleven, which they gained last year. Lloyd alternates between the First and Second Elevens. As all are comparatively young players, their attainment is particularly commendable.

Several members of the House gained their School Certificates in the midsummer examination. Indeed, scholastically as well as athletically the Summer Term was a triumph for the House.

This year the Inter-House Competition promises to be unusually open. Since our Football Teams have acquitted themselves well so far, and our Cricket strength has suffered scarcely any loss by players leaving, a substantial performance in the Swimming and Athletic Sports, especially the former, should put us in the running for the position of "Cock" House.

A Merry Christmas to all.

L.P.

WHITTINGTON HOUSE.

House Masters: Messrs. PICKETT, HOOD and MOULDING.

Captain: J. R. BARDSLEY.

Vice-Captain: J. WOOD.

Secretary: R. J. WALKER.

We have been unfortunate this term in losing the services of our capable Vice-Captain, W. H. Taylor. He is now studying at Reading University and we wish him every success in his chosen career. At a recent meeting, J. Wood was elected to this office.

Partly owing to the eccentricities of the weather, only three Football matches have been played this season, our House acquitting itself quite favourably, having gained three points. The First Team drew, one goal each; the Second Team won easily by six goals to two; and the Third Team lost, one goal to nil; all these matches were played against Founder's. Our teams played really well and we stand a very good chance of carrying off the Football Championship. Summersgill, in particular, although quite young, has again played in his usual fine style in goal, and we can look forward to his developing into a really fine goalkeeper. Lawson has ably captained the Second Team, leading them to a fine victory. Other players of note are Walker and Boardman.

May we remind boys of the Annual Cross-Country Race to be held probably at the end of next term. Whittington House is expecting every member to turn out on this occasion.

In the Annual Swimming Sports held at the end of last term, K. Hudson and J. A. Holden gained the Senior and Junior Championships respectively, the latter tying with Hardwick of Hibbert House. We heartily congratulate them on their fine performances. These two members, however, were not backed up sufficiently and the House took third place.

Let us offer a word of praise to those who have gained successes of a more scholastic nature, namely awards in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, held last July; and, finally, we give a hearty welcome to all new boys this term.

R.J.W.

OLD BOYS' PAGES

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OLD BOYS' EDITORIAL.

It seems to us that this is perhaps one of the most difficult times in the history of Baines's to write an Editorial. Our minds are continually full of War and all its effects on our civilisation. There are, however, many things which will not be greatly affected at any rate immediately, by the present situation, and not the least of these are the usual functions and meetings of the Old Boys' Association.

We realise that many of our members may not have so much leisure under the new conditions as they once enjoyed but we hope that as many Old Boys as possible, whether members of the Association or not, will continue to attend the events arranged in connection with the O.B.A. There will be difficulties we know, but few difficulties are insuperable.

We can hear a few critical remarks about us for stressing again a subject which has already been mentioned in our last two Editorials but we think that the strength of the Association depends upon the support given by each individual member.

Quite a number of O.B.'s are giving the Association very excellent support. A recent example is that set by J. A. Walton, of Salford—our energetic Chairman of Committee (Walton of Beetle fame) who not only braved the black-out to attend the last Committee Meeting on November 16th, but also must have used quite a considerable portion of his petrol ration on the journey.

That is the spirit which has made Baines's and will keep it "alive and kicking."

The Committee have considered the question of holding the Annual General Meeting and Dinner and we are pleased to be able to report that not one member of Committee was against the proposition that this should be held as usual. The provisional arrangements are as follows :—

DATE. Saturday, 17th February, 1940

PLACE. The Savoy Cafe, Blackpool.

PRICES. As last year, viz., 5s. 0d. each, except in the case of members who have left School within the last two years. In such cases the price will be 3s. 6d.

At the Committee Meeting the Headmaster asked the Secretaries to bring to the notice of the Old Boys who are serving in the Forces that, if they found themselves in the position to attend, the School would be pleased to invite them to the Reunion as guests of the School. The Committee expressed the thanks of the Association for this generous expression of the friendly link between the School and the O.B.'s.

We hope that the practice of asking some special speaker to talk to us will be continued.

It should be remembered that some adjustments may be necessary in the arrangements but a circular will be issued as usual nearer the time of the Reunion.

May we also call members' special attention to the Old Boys' Correspondence which this term has an added interest. Extracts from as many letters as possible will be published in each issue and we hope that every O.B. will keep us posted with news of his experiences.

O.B.E.

All members of the Association will receive with this Magazine (either printed in the Magazine or as a separate leaflet) the names of those who are known to be serving in the Forces. If those members in the Services who do not find their name included will notify the Headmaster, giving particulars of rank, etc., it will enable the School to keep this record up to date.

HOT-POT SUPPER.

"Please reply if you are coming, and if you don't hear anything to the contrary you will know that it is 'on'." Such was the gist of the circular. I duly replied that I hoped to be

present ; did not hear anything to the contrary and so on Friday evening, the 20th October, I sallied forth to the School for the Annual Hot-Pot Supper.

Notwithstanding the black-out, the petrol rationing and restricted bus services, etc., etc., there was quite a good turn up of about 50, including, of course, a good number of the regular attenders.

After Supper (part one)—the usual "Mrs. Hampson's Special"—there was the ever-popular Table Tennis Tournament, culminating in a thrilling 15-14 final between S. Cottam (winner) and C. L. Kippax.

An O.B.'s gathering would not be complete without a bit of Community Singing, so we had a few of the old favourites, with Mr. H. N. Moulding as the Soloist and Mr. F. Rawes as Pianist, assisted by two Piano-Accordionists, A. G. Davey and D. R. Wilkinson.

Similarly there would be something missing if J. A. Walton was not present—a bit Irish, I admit, but you know what I mean. Despite the black-out, etc., hereinbefore referred to, he had made his usual special journey from Manchester to undertake his duties as Director of Games (everybody must have a title these days). Unfortunately, time was rather limited and we could only enjoy two of his items. The first for want of a better name I must call the "Newspaper Sorting Competition" (where's page 6?), won by Mr. J. H. Peel, and the second a "Scat Drive," something akin to the Beetle fellow, the winner being T. Tasker, who incidentally had managed to score more points than was possible for the number of rounds played, until his card was checked and duly corrected. (Pipe smokers add 4 !)

Then followed part two of the Supper—Coffee and Cakes—(how do they do it for the money?) and a few words by the President and the Distribution of the Prizes. "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King" brought to a close another very enjoyable evening and I think the wish of all present could be best expressed in the words of the former B.B.C. Dance Band Leader : "Here's to the next time."

It was quite in keeping with the times that we had half-a-dozen of the younger members in khaki, and also a representative of the Senior Service. Although I did not know them personally, they all appeared to be "likely lads" and well able to maintain the traditions of the School and the Association and to follow in the footsteps of those members of the Association who did their bit in the last War. We wish them all the best of luck and a safe return from wherever they may have to go.

For the first time at one of our Hot-Pots a photograph was taken of the gathering and those of us who have seen the result congratulate D. R. Wilkinson on the excellent amateur effort.

As I am only acting for the official Editors (who were, unfortunately, not able to attend) and do not possess any Journalistic qualifications, I trust that my effort will be received in the same spirit of goodwill as that in which it is submitted, without any undue criticism as to lack of quality, compared with the usual high standard of the O.B.'s Pages.

The following were present (the asterisk indicates members serving in H.M. Forces): J. R. Bennett, R. E. Bentley, N. Broughton, K. Broughton, *D. E. Burt, G. H. Chapman, R. Clayton, S. Cottam, J. Croswell, G. Curven, A. G. Davey, *R. Duckett, J. S. Fell, *J. Greenhalgh, E. F. Harris, H. Hartley, L. A. Haworth, E. Hewitt, W. Hewitt, A. Ingle, C. L. Kippax, A. Leach, A. E. Lees, T. A. Lendrum, J. K. Livingstone, H. N. Moulding, *J. W. Nuttall, A. C. Okell, W. G. Payne, J. H. Peel, B. A. Pickett, N. B. Platt, R. Pye, J. Rawcliffe, F. Rawes, G. G. Rigby, W. Rowlinson, G. Shaw, D. C. Southworth, F. J. Stafford, *G. Stephenson, T. Tasker, E. Taylor, *W. I. Vickers, W. W. Waddington, J. Walton, D. R. Wilkinson, T. S. Winder and A. Wright.

J. RAWCLIFFE.

OLD BOYS' DANCE.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

Although we were unable to hold our Winter Dance at the time and place we mentioned in our last issue, we did manage to hold it in spite of Adolf. Our usual domicile—the School

Hall—was, unfortunately, not “black-out” so the Committee had to look for new premises. A member of the Committee suggested the Park Club, Cleveleys, and thus it was. Many of us had never been there before and we all had quite a lot of fun finding it in the darkness. Fortunately one or two of the shops in Cleveleys were still open after 7-0 p.m., and these rendered great assistance in directing us. On arrival we learned that about 100 O.B.’s and friends were expected, but at 7-45 p.m., only a handful of people had arrived. However, the band struck up about that time and the fun began. The floor felt as if it had been recently painted with glue, but when Mr. Shaw arrived with the “powder” and the floor had been made to look as if a snowstorm had been raging, things began to go more smoothly. Gradually the room began to fill and we noticed quite a large number of the younger O.B.’s were present as well as the old familiar faces of those who turn out to all O.B.’s functions. As the room became more crowded we tried a Paul Jones and this persuaded the shy ones to join in. Instead of having two “lucky spots” as we usually do we tried an “Elimination Dance” (we never knew that so many men did not wear suspenders, or that so few people went to the hair-dressers!). Eventually we had only two couples left and they took some eliminating. However, we did it!

At about 9-30 p.m., Supper was served in the true Baines’s style with little tables round the room. After Supper we moved to another room which was rather more cheerful and had a better floor and a stage for the band. During this “second session” we were treated to a “Slipper Dance” and an “Excuse Me” and a “Lucky Spot.” Lemonade just before midnight was very welcome. (How many men went into the kitchen and thus had two?) The evening passed all too quickly until at 1-0 a.m. we “closed down,” scrambled for coats and taxis, and went out again into the “black-out” to grope our way home.

OLD BOY'S ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

Another Football Season has commenced successfully. Although competitive Football is not being played we have had some enjoyable games in the Northern Section of the Fylde and District Football League. We have been unfortunate to lose the continued services of Copley, who was last year's Captain, owing to the fact that his present duties do not permit him to be available every Saturday. He has been replaced by Winder, another popular member of the Club.

Up to the date of going to press, eight matches have been played, four of which have been won, three drawn and one lost. The following O.B.'s have taken part :—Burt, Bentley, Cottam, Copley, Hartley, E. Hewitt, W. Hewitt, Lord, Lendrum, Quayle, Tasker, Taylor, Winder and Wood.

Cottam has played for Blackpool Reserves this Season. He has, however, been unfortunate enough to receive an injury. We wish him a speedy recovery and continued success in the higher Football spheres.

Both the First and Second Elevens played against the School this term, and both teams won. We were very pleased to avenge last season's defeat. It was not a walk-over by any means and in both cases the result was left in doubt until the closing minutes of the games. The results were : First Eleven, 2 School 1 ; Second Eleven 5, School 3. Both were very enjoyable matches. The Teams were as follows :—

First Eleven : Quayle ; Burt, Bentley ; Wood, Taylor, Lord ; E. Hewitt, Winder, Tasker, W. Hewitt and Hartley.

Second Eleven : Gillooley ; Clayton, Seddon ; Palmer, Martyn, Livingstone ; Dunkerley, Lendrum, Greenhalgh, J. H. Cottam and Waddington.

The Second Team also played a return match against the School Second Eleven, which they won by eight goals to seven.

Two matches have also been played by this team against the Manchester High School.

R.C.

WHO'S WHO.

ARTHUR CRABTREE OKELL.—Entered Baines's in 1913. Appointed Junior Member of the Staff in 1917. House Master from 1918 until the termination of the Boarders in 1920. B.A. (London) Degree, 1926.

1947 Twenty-four years' active membership of Old Boys' Association. Joined in 1916. Joint Secretary and Treasurer, 1916-1922. Member of Committee since 1922. Member of War Memorial Committee. Assistant Old Boys' Editor, 1922-1925. Editor from 1925 to 1939. Treasurer of Old Boys' Organ Fund. Vice-President 1925, etc. Actively associated with O.B.'s Dramatic Section. Has attended 22 of the last 23 Annual Reunions. President of the Association, 1939-1940.

Donor of the "President's Record" Trophy.

Keenly interested in Art. National Society of Art Master's Certificate, 1923. Designer of School Crest, Colours, O.B.'s tie, etc. Designed and made scenery for O.B.'s Dramatic Section. Member and exhibitor of Fylde Art Society.

Member of Hardhorn-with-Newton Parish Council.

OLD BOY'S NOTES.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to all O.B.'s who have joined the Association since our last published list.

The Treasurer informs us that the subscriptions for the current year are now due. No doubt all our members will have received the Bankers' Order Forms sent out recently. We hope that members will complete these so that the Treasurer will be saved much work in sending out reminders during 1940. The trouble to members will also be less and the finances of the Association will be kept up to date. Please note the Treasurer's new address in the list of corrections.



Mr. A. C. OKELL,
President, Old Boys' Association, 1939-1940.

Congratulations to all O.B.'s whose names appear in the Honours List. We often wonder how many more there are who have not yet been "found out."

It has been decided that we should not print the usual list of members' addresses which has been included in our December issue for some years. Under present conditions many of our members are constantly moving about and we feel that in many cases the addresses would already be out of date when it was issued. Our policy, therefore, will be to publish each term in the Magazine a list of the changes of addresses which we have received. By this means any interested members will be able to keep up to date the last list, published in December, 1938.

We are pleased to be able to record that Mrs. Whittington continues to make steady progress towards recovery from her accident. It is our sincere wish that the cure may soon be complete.

We quote the following from a recent press report of a Blackpool v. Preston North End Football match:—

RESERVES WIN.

Brilliant Goalkeeping by Cottam.

It was the brilliance of Cottam in the Blackpool goal which contributed to the win.

Congratulations, Cottam!

There appeared in a local paper on the 18th November, an article by Mr. H. N. Moulding on Fylde History. This article made very interesting reading and was an extract from a paper "Some Highlights of Fylde History," given by Mr. Moulding to the Blackpool Rotary Club. We wish we could all have heard it.

The same newspaper brought us some information of the out-of-School activities of another Master—Mr. B. A. Pickett. He is the Corps Commandant of the Blackpool Messenger Corps. We hope that some Baines's boys are backing him up.

It is hoped to be able to include in this issue a report of the Winter Dance to be held on Friday, 8th December. Should we be too late to do so, an account will appear in our Spring issue.

The Committee would like to place on record their appreciation of F. W. Coope's generosity in allowing them the use of his office for all Committee Meetings during the last twelve months and also for the loan of his matches!

OLD BOYS' CORRESPONDENCE.

Private A. Ibison writes from "somewhere in the North." He gives an interesting account of his life in the Services since he joined up in July. At first he was stationed in Preston, where he had "a very good sergeant who was an excellent instructor" after which he was transferred to a spot in the south of Lancashire where his duty was to guard an ammunition dump. At the time of writing (7/11/39) he was billeted "in a rambling old mansion situated in the centre of some densely wooded country in the North where our sleeping quarters are in the stables—but we are warm and the food is the best we have had in the Army up to now." On his way to the "unknown destination" he spent his time, "as a point of interest" in counting the stations passed on the journey. When his list of station names had reached over seventy he "was very tired and grateful for a hot cup of tea"! He concluded with a hint as to the next "unknown destination" and the remark that "it is no use bothering as we have a job to do and the sooner it is brought to a conclusion the better it will be for the nations it affects."

Early in November, Leading Aircraftsman K. Bamber sent us a very long and equally interesting letter that we are truly sorry we are unable to reproduce in full. He writes from an Air Service Training Station in the South of England at which place "in peace time young 'bloods' from wealthy families inhabited the quarters, paying fabulous fees in order to qualify as pilots, etc., in the R.A.F., so you may imagine there are certain amenities which are most welcome." He tells us that he is "conveniently situated, surrounded on one side by a huge petrol dump, on another by an aircraft factory and on the other by another aviation factory." He says: "If it wasn't for the central heating and four very rough blankets and a two inch mattress, I should plead for evacuation. By the way, our beds are amazing contraptions; one thing is certain—they were never meant to be slept on! They consist of a low, wooden frame and a wire mattress supported by three so-called springs which are continually coming unstuck. Still, I can assure you it is a most enlightening occupation putting the springs into place every night."

Private R. W. Fletcher writes (16/11/39) to say that he is working at his own trade, motor engineering, in the B.E.F. He remarks on the fine spirit of comradeship out there, and the wonderful way in which "we are all pulling together to gain the ultimate goal."

Gunner R. H. Crawshaw wrote to us whilst on sick leave (18/11/39) from his troop, stationed in the South of Lancashire.

Another letter from an O.B. serving with the B.E.F. comes from Gunner H. Poole. He writes (14/11/39) as follows: "We have been busy digging gun emplacements and dug-outs in the peaceful surroundings of a farm where the work goes on as usual. The only thing that reminds us that a war is on is the air raid siren when a German reconnaissance plane is over. We are at present quartered in a disused cement works where we are able to make ourselves very comfortable. We have had two concerts

in the village school, which were a great success. On Remembrance Day some of us visited a memorial erected to our Division in the Great War. Whilst we were there some school children placed wreaths on the memorial and sang the French and English National Anthems."

H. E. Tomlinson, who was appointed Assistant Master at Rochdale Municipal High School, last year, writes (6/11/39): "We started normally on the first day upon which it was legal to do so—September 12th—and before that we had reported each morning and put in valuable hours with pick and shovel and sandbags in efforts to disguise the Town Hall as a military objective!"

He tells us that he is still very keenly interested in Heraldry and that at present he is busily engaged in designs for cap badge, etc., in connection with the Central High School at Mold.

Gunner J. L. Watson writes (28/11/39) from "France." It is particularly interesting to hear that he and Gunner H. Poole are stationed in the same village awaiting orders. "We had a pretty rough time," writes Gunner Watson, "for about two weeks but at present we are fairly comfortably settled here. There are many things I would like to tell you but owing to the censor I cannot. However, I may get the opportunity later. The French I learnt at School is now standing me in good stead and I can manage quite well! At present I am acting as Batman to two Officers."

A letter (written in September) from N. C. Nelson is made all the more interesting by the Russian aggression on Finland. As readers of this column are aware, N. C. Nelson, by his marriage to a Finnish lady, has given us a definite link with that brave country which, as we go to press, is fighting so gallantly for the peace he so aptly describes. Economy compels us to limit a vivid pen picture of various aspects of Finnish life to a few excerpts:—

"We spent a great deal of our holiday at the bungalow at Lake Paijanne, swimming, fishing, sun-bathing, eating, and visiting the inevitable 'sauna.' The atmosphere to be encountered at this spot on the Paijanne waters is very wonderful. I have never experienced such calm serenity, such quiet peace as you get here.

We stayed a day in Helsinki on our return journey. We spent the morning viewing the latest addition to its architectural features, the Finnish Post Office Headquarters, a colossal building completed last year at a cost of approximately £1,000,000.

We also had several hours in Stockholm, where we visited the City Hall, which is renowned throughout the architectural world. The Banqueting Hall is probably the most striking portion with its floor of Swedish marble and walls covered with over 25,000,000 mosaic pieces, mostly in gold. The whole represents the history of Sweden and the designer had 20 men employed on the work for over three years."

D. W. Berry writes from "somewhere in England" of his Army experiences, remarking that "up to now it is a very healthy life."

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF MEMBERS.

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NEW MEMBERS.

- 1938. K. W. BAILEY, c/o Mrs. Hammick, 48, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate, London, N.19.
- 1936. T. GATES, "St. Helens," High Road, Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland.
- 1939. E. A. LEES, 3, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.
- 1939. H. D. PILKINGTON, 129, Poulton Road, Fleetwood.
- 1938. H. ROSKELL, 135, Petherton Road, London, N.5.

CORRECTIONS.

1914. H. H. AIREY, 37, Kenwyn Avenue, Blackpool.
1933. S. COPPLE, District Bank, Sedbergh, Yorkshire.
1935. R. H. CRAWSHAW, 18, Princes Way, Fleetwood.
1918. E. A. HORNER, 8, Prestbury Avenue, Blackpool.
1923. J. E. RILEY, 13, Redcar Lane, Redcar, Yorkshire.
1928. H. ROSCOE, 20, Blackpool Road, Carleton, near
Blackpool.
1920. C. WHITAKER, 32, Pinecliffe Avenue, West Southbourne,
Bournemouth.



BY THE WAY

Our School Roll numbers 415.

During the term, 84 boys have been admitted, of whom 16 are unofficial "evacuees." Six of these have since returned to their own homes, and are attending their previous schools.

PREP "B."

J. M. ABBATT	Founder's
J. R. DAVIES	Hodgson
A. B. HAMPSON	
P. T. HAYHOE	Hodgson
R. J. HAYTHORNTHWAITE	Whittington
F. L. HIGH	
R. NEVISON	Hodgson
L. REAY	

PREP. "A."

D. ARMITAGE	Whittington
G. B. MURRAY	Whittington
W. B. TILLOTSON	Hodgson
P. G. WHITESIDE	Hibbert

FORM SHELL.

R. G. ALLEN	Founder's
B. L. BALDERSTONE	Founder's
J. E. BARKER	Whittington
A. V. BROWN	Hodgson
K. B. DALEY	Hibbert
J. M. DODGSON	Whittington
D. GARDINER	Founder's
C. HOWARD	Founder's
H. JACKSON	Founder's
C. W. JONES	Hodgson
F. NEWSHAM	Whittington
T. PERCIVAL	Hibbert
J. C. ROBINSON	Hodgson
J. ROWLANDSON	Whittington
F. A. SOBEE	Hodgson
J. A. WATKINSON	Hodgson

FORM Ib.

A. M. BARNES	Founder's
R. BUNCE	Founder's
J. CARTMELL	Whittington
T. A. CROOK	Founder's
J. C. DAGNALL	Founder's
D. EAKINS	Hodgson
L. EDWARDS	Hibbert

G. T. GREEN	Founder's
G. E. HARRISON	Hodgson
H. B. HANSON	Whittington
L. R. MORGAN	Hibbert
W. H. MORTIMER	Founder's
A. NEAL	Hibbert
J. B. NICHOLS	Whittington
W. PORTER	Founder's
G. W. RIDDELL	Hibbert
W. F. ROBINSON	Whittington
I. SOUTHWORTH	Hibbert
R. STROTHER	Founder's
D. WHITEHEAD	Whittington
H. WHITEHEAD	Hodgson
C. W. H. WICKS	Hibbert
L. WRIGHT	Founder's

FORM Ia.

B. BATTY	Whittington
C. W. BOOTH	Hibbert
R. COXALL	Hibbert
D. E. HARDWICK	Hibbert
G. G. W. HAYHOE	Hibbert
J. J. HOLLAND	Hodgson
L. S. JAMES	Hibbert
G. K. JARVIS	Founder's
A. S. JUDD	Whittington
P. MAY-MILLER	Hodgson
I. S. MURRAY	Founder's
A. P. NUTTALL	Hodgson
A. STUART	Founder's
J. SWIFT	Hibbert
B. D. WOOD	Founder's

FORM IIb.

J. ADAMS	Founder's
R. A. CAMPBELL	Whittington
F. K. DIXON	Whittington
H. G. HOPWOOD	Hibbert
S. C. JEFFREYS	
A. LISTER	Hibbert
A. S. PERCIVAL	
D. WALTON	Whittington

FORM IIa.

R. F. TAYLOR Founder's

FORM IVm.

H. B. CLARKE Whittington
A. I. CRAVEN Hibbert

FORM IIIs.

J. CROSS Founder's
E. LISTER Hodgson
A. TWEEDALE Whittington

FORM Vs.

A. RAWSON Founder's

FORM Vm.

J. I. CLARKE Hodgson

FORM IIIIm.

J. J. NIGHTINGALE Hibbert

FORM VI.

D. L. MASON Whittington

To the young schoolboy, plodding laboriously through the elements of arithmetic, figures are hard, dry-as-dust things, soulless, unattractive, not worth a thought outside the routine of the classroom, unless it be on the Cricket field. It may be that later, long after he has survived the shock of discovering that algebra, far from being the foreign language he had once believed it to be, is merely one more complication in his list of "sums," he will begin to catch glimpses (only glimpses) of the Elyseum into which the art of juggling with numbers and symbols can lead that very superior being, the mathematician. Still, for him, they hold at present, no attraction; they can even be made to mislead and deceive the innocent novice. Who can forget the pain of the discovery that, with no apparent trickery, it can be proved that $1 = 0$?

For us who are older, although, with all due modesty, we are bound to disclaim any pretension to mathematical eminence, there is romance in numbers, quite apart from the attractiveness of performing feats of legerdemain with them. There is romance, for instance, in the number 222, there is something rich and rhythmic about this repetition of figures; and, as it happens, it is 222 years since the will of James Baines led to the foundation of our School. In the year 2050, exactly half-way through next century, this rich, satisfying repetition will occur again in the number 333, but none of us will be there to appreciate it, so let us make the most of the present opportunity, let us smack our lips over the morsel of romance which comes to us in this fateful year of 1939.

And in this year, there is another romance of numbers to record. The total number of boys attending our School is 415,

and so we have for the first time passed the 400 mark. True, if we exclude our "temporary" friends the evacuees, we are left with 397, but even so we have reached a higher figure than ever before. You who are now pupils will hardly realise that at the turn of the century, when the evergreen "T.D." began his Headmastership, there were a mere dozen names or so on the books. In 1917, the bi-centenary year, the total, appropriately enough, had increased to 200; by 1924, when your present Headmaster took over his office, it had decreased, owing to the fact that Boarders were no longer catered for, to 165, or thereabouts. There is romance in all these figures, and in the subsequent rise to our present total.

One disadvantage of the present size of the School is the fact that, by the very nature of things, we are unable to get to know you all, as we did those 165 of fifteen years ago. It may be that some of you will pass through the School without ever becoming known to some of your Masters, those who never have the privilege of teaching you in person; still, you may become acquainted in Old Boys' Meetings of the future.

Classrooms have all been full this term and every desk that we have is in use; however we shall manage to find room for more if the necessity arises.

Twenty-five years ago the "Poultonian" breathed a note of easy optimism; there was every confidence that what we now call the Great War would end very soon, possibly before the publication of the next number of the Magazine. That was before anyone in England had realised the possibilities of a modern war, and the way in which it could be prolonged over a period of over four years. This time, however, none of us dares venture to predict when or how the war will end. We know that our cause is a just one, and that conflict has been forced upon us against our will, and we believe that, in the long run, we shall be successful in checking the threat to our liberties; let us hope that something will bring about that success very soon.

By December, 1914, some sixty-four Old Boys were known to be serving in the Forces ; this time, the number is rather larger, in spite of the fact that membership of the Forces is open to very few volunteers of more than two-and-twenty years.

A few Old Boys are in France ; many are still in training in England, and of them, those who are between eighteen and twenty years of age will doubtless remain for some time in this country. A few have been able to pay visits to School ; we hope to see more when their leave brings them to the district.

One boy, who used to ride a motor-cycle in his school-days, is in training as a pilot in the Air Force. Those of us who remember the grim expression on his face as he used to ride down the Hardhorn Road, crouching (or was it lying?) over the tank of his machine, will be able to picture him at the controls of an aeroplane, grimly heading for the enemy. Good luck to you, Tommy !

Another is our old friend, Captain A. M. Hutchinson, of lion-hunting fame, who is back in his old regiment. That'll *larn* 'em !

Yet another, who is in France, wrote home to his parents to say how greatly he regretted not having taken more care over his French lessons at School. You who can, take warning from this sad tale, while there is yet time !

Before term began, it was decided to adjust the time-table so that the many boys who live at a distance might reach home, during the winter months, before the "black-out." Our dinner-hour has been shortened to fifty minutes, and we close at 2-50 p.m. One consequence of these arrangements has been that many more boys are obliged to stay for lunch ; the Dining Room has been crowded, and the large overflow of boys who bring their own lunch has availed itself of the accommodation in the Assembly Hall.

This is, of course, a minor inconvenience, and one which is cheerfully borne by all. After all, as you were reminded in

Assembly at the beginning of term, the war is likely to require all kinds of sacrifices from you, and we know that they will be made with every readiness. Some of them you realise already ; there are others about which up to now you have not thought ; there may be some which none of us can yet foresee. Yet in one respect we have been very fortunate : we began work on the appointed day, we have been working in our own buildings, and we have not been asked to share those buildings with an evacuated school. We thus lose no more than half-an-hour a day ; some of you, in your more frivolous moments, will say that this is a pity, but, looking back in maturer years, you will realise that you were among the highly-favoured ones in this year of evacuations and general upheaval.

One future sacrifice of yours is already assured ; yours will be the task of paying off the vast burden of debt that is bound to be incurred by our country : by way of compensation you will have the privilege—and it will truly be a privilege—of helping to shape a better and a saner world than that which will have been handed on to you by your elders. In our Hall, there is, as you all know, a Roll of Honour containing the names of former Baines's boys who died during the Great War in the belief that they were helping to end war for all time ; you will play your part in bringing to pass that dream of theirs of settled peace.

The gas-mask soon became an indispensable article of wear for every boy ; it was with a feeling of nakedness that we were seen without them. At the end of November, however, the order to carry gas-masks was rescinded for schools in this area ; it required very little time to discard the habit, so carefully formed, of carrying the mask over the shoulder.

Senior boys responded well to the call for volunteers to dig trenches before the beginning of term, and one result of their excellent work, and that of the Masters who supervised and directed it, remains on the Poulton side of the main Football field. This zig-zag line of trenches, running the length of the hedge, has met with great approval from those who have

inspected it. "As good as an Army trench," was the verdict of one of our Governors who is well-qualified to give it. Unfortunately, the decision of the powers-that-be, that schools in our district should not use outdoor protection against air-raids, prevented the completion of a second line of trenches elsewhere in the field, and they have been abandoned. We hope, all the same, that the necessity for "prone-falling" on Classroom floors will never arise!

It is hoped that the gardening plot in Field "B," on which work has been begun, will soon be making real headway, though we must refute the suggestion, made in the local Press, that the Football pitches themselves were to be sacrificed in the "digging for victory" campaign. There is, at present, plenty of ground available, without encroaching on the playing-pitches.

Talking of "digging for victory," we are reminded that we have seen our old friend Mr. Pagett (once a Master here, but known to very few of our present boys) conducting vigorous digging operations on a large piece of ground adjoining his bungalow. He is apparently, despite his *n* years, losing none of his former energy.

Existing Football fixtures were, of course, immediately cancelled when term began. Fortunately, fresh ones were forthcoming from the various evacuated schools, and we have had an uninterrupted sequence of games until late in the term. Our teams have done well; it is particularly gratifying to note that, in the series of fixtures with Manchester Grammar School (formidable rivals!) the honours were very evenly divided. One of the best games we have ever seen on our ground was the match with the Old Boys; both teams played clean, skilful football. (We regret that we cannot say the same about one particular game which was played later in the term.)

The School Society has opened many branches. One of them is the Fencing Section, and thereby hangs a tale. An official of this Section wrote, immediately after its formation, for a catalogue of Fencing equipment. He received it, complete

with prices and descriptions of fencing of all kinds—wooden fences, wire-netting, tree-guards, hurdles, to say nothing of the illustration on the cover, depicting a frustrated bull breathing fire and slaughter behind a stout enclosure of wire and concrete ! We have no report to hand of further progress in negotiations.

The Dramatic Section is to be commended for its enterprise in choosing and rehearsing two plays with a view to production at a private " show " next term. Our customary School Concert will have to be abandoned this year. Speech Day, too, will be a much-abbreviated function, and will probably take place in the Hall on the day of the opening of the new buildings.

The levelling of the new Cricket Field is now completed ; the playing pitch will be laid shortly, and the fence against the wood is being placed in such a way that a clump of trees on the south-eastern edge of the wood will remain available as shelter for spectators.

Congratulations to Mr. Greenaway upon obtaining his degree of B.Sc.Econ. at the University of London.

The usual series of lectures and recitals has been cancelled. Mr. Adrian Harley, however, paid us a visit, and gave a recital of Masfield's " Martin Hyde, King's Messenger." to the Junior School. He has been welcomed here by Juniors for ten or twelve years, and he is still, though noticeably older, full of fire. His adventure stories have a great appeal for our youngsters.

The Rev. F. L. Stubington, B.D., addressed us on November 27th, upon the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. His talk was greatly appreciated by the boys.

Our Sixth Form has swollen to the unusually large number of 37. Some of these boys were intending to take Civil Service Examinations, but these have been postponed until the end of the war. It may happen, however, that some will be admitted as temporary Civil Servants without examination ; in the meantime they are working on Higher Certificate Courses, and, as we write, some are attending an interview for this purpose.

In certain parts of Europe, the use of force has become the recognised method of keeping order, quelling the protests of the objector, and persuading the poor, frightened chicken, the small nation, to shelter beneath the kindly wings of its more powerful neighbour. In our country, we resent displays of force; yet a favourite question of you boys is: "Please sir, are we *forced* to?" with great stress on the word "*forced*." You don't mean quite what you say, of course; this is merely your way of saying: "Please sir, are we *obliged* to?" Still, the use of the expression is rather annoying at times.

One of our boys, having seen a number of Masters wearing the A.R.P. badge of the Air Warden, was heard to make a statement that Masters were *forced* to become Air Wardens; a rash generalisation, this!

Some of the Masters have been attached to the Wardens' Post established in the Prefects' Room; this Post is now, however, like the others in Poulton, no longer manned day and night, but is merely for use in the event of an air-raid. As we write, it has just been discovered that the sandbags which have been piled outside its windows during the last three months have collapsed and scattered their contents on the embankment.

We will close with one "howler" One of our boys, asked to distinguish between the words "corpse" and "copse," said, "Copse is short for policeman."

A Merry Christmas to all! We hope that unofficial rationing will not unduly cramp your style at the festive board.



FOOTBALL.

Captain: D. P. KEIRBY. *Vice-Captain:* J. R. BARDSLEY.

Secretary: F. ROBERTS.

Before School opened this term it was decided that we should not be justified in attempting to carry out our usual Football fixtures, because of the amount of travelling entailed. Prospects for an enjoyable Football Season seemed no brighter than the international situation. No raucous voices dinning out sing-songs in motor coaches when travelling to a match: no altercations on the return journey upon how we won or why we lost. We fancied, too, that we had rather a good team, since nearly all last year's players were back at School, and regretful thoughts arose when we dwelt on the fact that we should not be meeting old opponents. There must be something in a remark of Neville Cardus's to the effect that though an Englishman is supposed to love a game what he dearly loves is a match.

We did what in the circumstances was the obvious thing to do, invited the evacuated schools who had come into the neighbourhood to play us on our fields. They usually had difficulty in getting a field. In consequence our fixture list has turned out to be almost as good as usual, while the games have certainly been as enjoyable as in a normal season.

One other remark must be made; the weather has been ideal throughout September, October and November.

FISH.—Is a much better goalkeeper than he was last season.

*STOPS.—Is an excellent full-back. He tackles effectively and kicks well with either foot.

WADDINGTON.—A dour full-back, difficult to beat.

WOOD.—A whole-hearted player but rather lacking in ball control.

*KEIRBY.—A sound, untiring centre-half.

*BROWN.—A neat and clever footballer.

McINTYRE.—Has played quite well at outside-right.

*BARDSLEY.—A tricky inside forward, very difficult to shake off the ball.

*COCKSHOOT.—Has changed over from half-back to centre-forward with complete success.

RAWCLIFFE.—Has this term played with the skill and forcefulness of which we have long known him to be capable.

ROBINSON.—Started the season as outside-left but he has been replaced temporarily through loss of form.

*Football Colours.

The following have also played in the First Team on occasion: Simpson, Dawson, Lloyd, Robinson and Rigby.

Rawcliffe has been awarded Football Colours.

FIRST ELEVEN GAMES.

MATCHES PLAYED THIS TERM.

All played at home.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

September 23rd, 1939.

SCORE: B.G.S., 2 goals; Manchester G.S., 2 goals.

The School opened well and scored twice before half-time, but after this they deteriorated and were lucky to finish with a draw.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

September 30th, 1939.

SCORE: B.G.S., 3 goals; Manchester G.S., 1 goal.

In this game, the School, although opposing a stronger team, played much better and were worthy winners.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

October 7th, 1939.

SCORE: B.G.S., 10 goals; Manchester C.H.S., 1 goal.

The School proved to be the much superior side mainly due to age and size. The game after a while became rather uninteresting.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

October 21st, 1939.

SCORE: B.G.S., 4 goals; Manchester C.H.S., 1 goal.

In this game Manchester fielded a stronger team, but the School had no difficulty in turning out winners.

B.G.S. v. CHORLTON AND RUNCORN HIGH SCHOOLS.

October 25th, 1939.

SCORE : B.G.S., 5 goals ; C. and R.H.S., 1 goal.

The above two schools composed the visiting team. After a keenly contested first half, the game turned in our favour. Despite a fine display by the opposing goalkeeper the score was increased.

B.G.S. v. OLD BOYS.

October 28th, 1939.

SCORE : B.G.S., 1 goal ; Old Boys, 2 goals.

Right from the kick-off the Old Boys opened the scoring, following a corner kick. The School fought back and outplayed the Old Boys to be rewarded by a good goal just before half-time. In the second half the Old Boys pressed continuously and gained a goal lead. Although the School rallied, they were unable to score, but the Old Boys' goal had many narrow escapes. Thus the string of victories of the School First Team was broken.

B.G.S. v. THORNTON PARISH CHURCH.

December 2nd, 1939.

SCORE : B.G.S., 6 goals ; Thornton P.C., 0 goals.

The School, with the aid of a strong wind, gained two goals before half-time. In the second half the School managed to play very well against the wind and were successful in increasing the score to six. Thornton had one or two unlucky chances at reducing the score.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Lawson has captained this team with enthusiasm. Several Second Team players are good enough for the First Team if places could be found for them. Among them we mention Simpson, Thatcher, Dawson, Lloyd, Rigby, Hudson and Holme.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 1. Goals scored—51, Goals against—29.

The following have played regularly in the Second Eleven this term :—Lawson (Captain) (8), Summersgill (8), Wood (3), Holme (5), Rigby (3), Cardwell (4), Fletcher (8), Hudson (6), Lloyd (5), Boardman (6), Thatcher (8), Dawson (7), Astley (6) and Simpson (5).

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, September 23rd.

This was the first match of the season, and Manchester soon took the lead. After a slow start, the School combined well and ran out worthy winners.

RESULT : B.G.S., 5 ; Manchester G.S., 2.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, September 30th.

Manchester fielded a better side than in the previous match and the game was evenly contested. Manchester scored the winning goal in a break-away, a few minutes from the end.

RESULT : B.G.S., 3 ; Manchester G.S., 4.

B.G.S. v. MANCHESTER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, October 7th.

The Manchester side was weakened by calls of the First Eleven, and Baines's soon held a commanding position over the game.

RESULT : B.G.S., 6 ; Manchester C.H.S., 2.

B G.S. v. MANCHESTER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, October 21st.

This was the best display given by the Second Eleven this term. After Manchester had scored the first goal, the School forwards and half-backs over-ran their defence for the rest of the game.

RESULT : B.G.S., 13 ; Manchester C.H.S., 1.

B.G.S. v. OLD BOYS' SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, October 28th.

The game was evenly contested until the last fifteen minutes when the heavier Old Boys' Eleven broke through the defence repeatedly.

RESULT : B.G.S., 3 ; Old Boys', 5.

B.G.S. v. CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL FIRST ELEVEN.

At Poulton, November 8th.

The School soon took the lead in this game, but defensive slips allowed Chorlton to score five goals. In spite of the fine display given by the Chorlton goalkeeper, Baines's managed to force a draw.

RESULT : B.G.S., 5 ; Chorlton H.S., 5.

B.G.S. v. OLD BOYS' SECOND ELEVEN.

At Poulton, November 18th.

The Old Boys' Eleven started brilliantly and were leading by eight goals to two at half-time. The School recovered well, and were very unlucky not to level the scores.

RESULT: B.G.S., 7; Old Boys', 8.

B.G.S. v. BLACKPOOL PALATINE SCHOOL FIRST ELEVEN.

At Poulton, December 2nd.

Four of the usual Second Eleven side were required by the First Eleven. The depleted side acquitted themselves capably, particularly in the second half, when seven goals were scored.

RESULT: B.G.S., 9; Palatine School, 2.

"UNDER FOURTEEN" FOOTBALL.

In Football, as in other matters, this term has brought many changes. Many of our old fixtures have had to be cancelled, and in their place we have had games with schools evacuated into the Fylde, whilst during November we took part in games organized by the Blackpool Schools' Football Association.

Seventeen games have been played altogether, including Second Team matches, and of these, all but four have been played on our ground. Eight have been won; one drawn, and eight lost.

At the beginning of the term only two members of last year's team were young enough to play and as the length of the following list of players will show, we have had more difficulty than usual in finding a suitable team:—Brown, Hatton and Moorhouse have played only for the Second Team, whilst for the First Team have played:—K. Henderson, J. Leech, J. J. Nightingale, J. E. Catterall, J. C. Halstead, R. Erskine, H. K. Stock, C. Driver, R. Bunce, J. Hodgkinson, R. W. Troughton, R. K. Jenkinson (Captain), W. D. Airey, W. Lawrenson, W. Townsend, J. Taylor, W. A. Jemson, A. Pickover, J. Cooper, D. E. Hardwick, D. Eakins, W. Walmesley, H. Eddleston (Vice-Captain), A. Fitton, I. S. Murray and G. D. Hardwick.

RESULTS.

Sept	23—	Claremont School	....	A.	0—10
„	27—	Manchester G.S. (First " Under 14 )	....	H.	5— 0
		„ „ (Second " Under 14 "	....	H.	1— 1
„	30—	Tyldesley School....	....	H.	5— 3
Oct.	4—	Manchester G.S. (First " Under 14 )	....	H.	3— 2
		„ „ (Second " Under 14 "	....	H.	1— 2
„	7—	Manchester Central High School	....	H.	2— 5
„	14—	N. Manchester School	....	H.	6— 2
„	17—	Tyldesley School....	....	A.	0— 8
„	23—	Manchester Central High School	....	H.	1— 9
„	28—	N. Manchester School	....	H.	11— 0
Nov.	8—	Chorlton High School	....	H.	6— 4
„	11—	Claremont School	....	H.	2— 3
„	18—	St. Matthia's School, Salford	....	H.	6— 4
„	25—	Palatine School	H.	0— 4
Dec.	2—	Bailey Senior School	A.	0— 6
„	9—	N. Manchester School	H.	11— 0

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