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EDITORIAL

What is the point of having a School Magazine? This, the first edition of the revived magazine, is part of our answer—the answer of a small, hardworking team of volunteers who replied to the notice of invitation to join. We have tried to ask everyone in the School to contribute in one way or another to this edition, and the response has been encouraging.

I hope you will enjoy this issue, and will write and tell me what you like about it, and—equally important—what you don't like about it. Your ideas will help the magazine staff to produce a better edition next Summer. I particularly want more features of an imaginative kind, and more news of Old Boys who have recently left the School. All members of the School, past and present, are welcome to send in contributions for the magazine, and to offer suggestions about its contents.

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

M. HARE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

I am delighted that the Magazine has found such vigorous life again, after so many years of suspended animation. The Editor and his staff deserve our congratulations for the excellent job they have made of this first issue for eighteen years.

It is now up to the School to make full use of this new-found outlet for self-expression, and to overwhelm the Editor and his helpers twice a year with contributions of quality.

Welcome to the Magazine on its re-appearance, and may it enjoy a long and flourishing new span of life!

[The staff of the Magazine and I are very grateful to the Headmaster for his kind words and for his support, which has been very encouraging to all of us—*Editor*]

A MESSAGE FROM J. D. LIVINGSTONE, Esq., M.A.

Headmaster of The Central School for Boys from 1933—1957.

As I write I have before me a copy of our School magazine issued to me when I was in the 4th Form. It recalls among other domestic events how young B—— became a hero. Someone had spilled a bottle of ink in the Headmaster's desk. The Head, breathing fire, proclaimed that in the absence of a confession the whole school would be in session on the next half hol. B—— confessed and was punished for the offence. It was conclusively proved, some time later, that B—— could not possibly have had anything to do with this childish act.

Yes, my magazine is still a treasured possession, reminding me of the most wonderful school in the world—the one I attended—the one to which I owe so much. When you reach my age I hope that this magazine, treasured over the years, will remind you of the most wonderful School in the world—the one you attended.

You will recall the happy days of your youth and wonder what has become of your schoolboy hero. He is probably empire building—or perchance holding some high public office—or, who knows, just an ordinary decent citizen earning an honest living—a credit to the most wonderful parents and to the most wonderful School in the world.

J. D. LIVINGSTONE.

SCHOOL NOTES

It would not be possible to write about every school activity in the detail that they deserve. As well as items of general interest, we print in this section summaries of the main Societies and Clubs which, happily, are thriving in the School. Incidentally, they are nearly all on the look-out for new members, so if you are interested, make enquiries as soon as you can. You may be lucky and be able to join.

To the nine new members of the teaching staff, and to the new boys of all ages and sizes, we wished a warm welcome on September 10th and 11th. They are all so much a part of the School now that it seems hard to believe they were not with us in the remoter past—April 21st, 1958, to be exact—when the School first ‘warmed the house’ in its new buildings. We hope that this term will be the first of many happy terms for all of them, and that they find the School as good a place to work in as they thought it would be.

M.H.

Morning Assembly

For most boys in the School, the working day begins with Assembly in our very fine Hall. The form of service varies slightly, but the usual pattern is the one widely used up and down the country—a reading, prayers and a hymn. I often wonder if the boys realise how much careful thought and practice goes into these short services. They are the fruit of many people’s ideas and we should be grateful to the members of staff who read and who prepare the readings, to the boys who offer to read and who, ‘overcoming the butterflies in the stomach’ with great self control, are the objects of our attention and respect, and finally to the able team of pianists.

But the Assemblies are not put on to give the readers something to do, but to give the School something to think about as we go through the day’s work.

We have indeed had much food for thought, and “in God’s plenty.”

M.H.

SCHOOL NOTES

Editor—A. FORD

ANGLING CLUB OUTING

The Angling Club fishing match which was held at Dimmocks Cote on 3rd November was arranged by Mr. Whitehead. 37 boys took part and there were 7 boys acting as stewards. The party went by bus to Dimmocks Cote, leaving at noon and returning at 5 p.m.

The match lasted two and a half hours, and the river was in full flood, the banks overflowing in some places. But in spite of the difficult conditions, five fish were caught, and I think everybody enjoyed themselves.

1st prize was a 15/- fishing tackle voucher, won by T. Gifford.

2nd prize—10/- voucher, won by Hudson.

3rd prize—7/6d. voucher.

4th prize—Fishing reel, won by Stittle.

A.F.

BIRD CLUB

Owing to the difficulty of arranging a time for meetings, the Bird Club is finding it hard to keep alive, but Mr. Sell would welcome suggestions for future films and meetings, from all who are interested in the study and watching of Birds.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR

Many members of the School—staff and boys—have been practising very hard in the last few weeks for the Carol Concert at the end of term. There are 61 people in the choir, 7 staff as Basses and Tenors, 40 Trebles and Altos, 14 5th and 6th formers, Basses and Tenors.

We wish them well in their venture and hope they will get a good audience on the night of the Concert. Their hard work deserves our wholehearted support.

FIFTH AND SIXTH FORM DANCING FOR PARTY ON DECEMBER 15TH

There have been several practices for the party with the girls in December. The boys have been enjoying themselves immensely. The staff have been very kind in staying behind on two nights a week to instruct them. We hope the party will be a success.

A.F.

RAILWAY CLUB

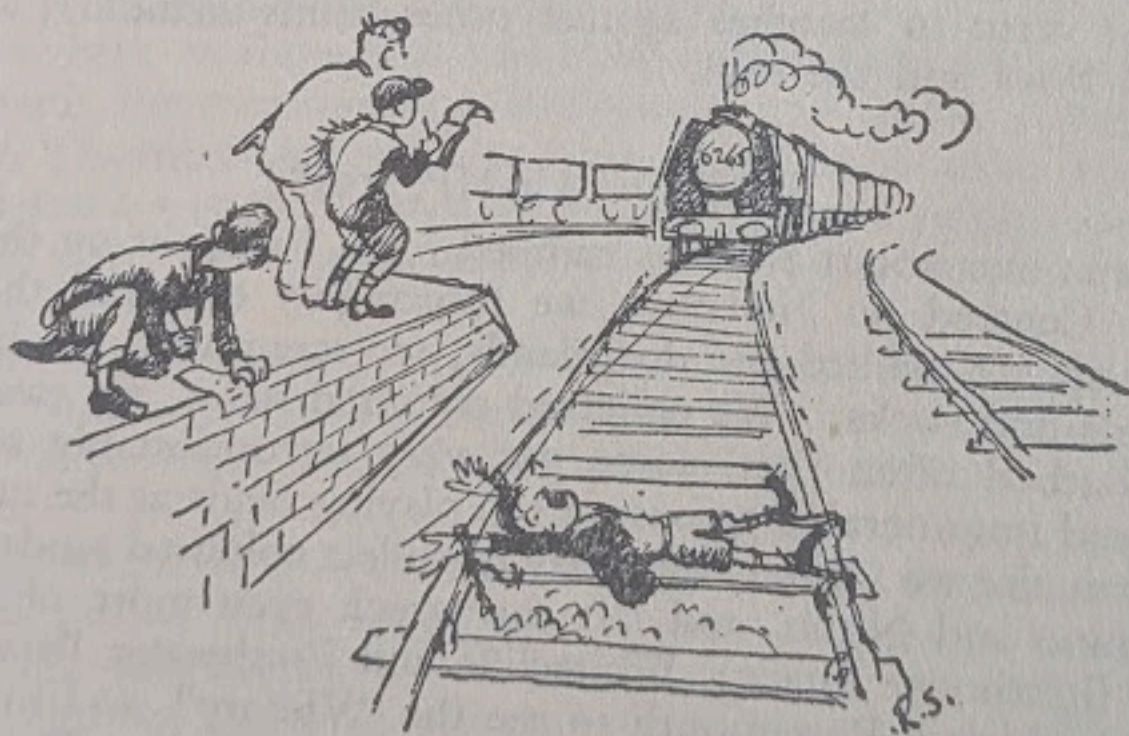
The activities of the Railway Club for the winter term actually began at the School Camp in the summer holidays, when Eastleigh Locomotive and Carriage Works of the Southern Region was visited. The first port of call was the foundry where all rough castings were made; the skill with which red hot castings were thrown into their receptacles and not into the onlookers, impressed all. Many other parts were seen including the main erection shop where Merchant Navy Class engines were then being rebuilt. The party then passed to the carriage works where electric multiple units for the Kent Coast were taking shape. In this part of the tour our party were not slow in taking souvenir pieces of aluminium, which I am told now serve as excellent pocket mirrors.

Later in the summer a number of boys had the freedom of No. 1 Area for a week round Cambridge, with a runabout ticket. Among the depots visited were Peterborough (Spital and New England) March, Lincoln, King's Lynn, Hunstanton, Norwich and Yarmouth (Vauxhall, South Town, and Beach); with a total distance of 1,073 miles travelled.

The Term proper began with a film show, and a visit to Camden, Willesden, and Old Oak Common sheds in London.

Future events will be talks, films, visits, and it is hoped a competition may be organised.

C.J.B.



SWIMMING CLUB

It is regretted that the School Swimming Club is not operating at the present time. We have always used the Leys School Swimming Bath, but extensive re-building is taking place there now, and we are not expecting it to be finished before May 1959.

A.F.

A SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL ?

The plans have not yet been started, but preparations are taking place. There have been visits to other pools by Mr. Giles, Mr. Newitt, and the Headmaster. They have been to Reading, Arrington, and Trumpington, but have not seen exactly the kind they liked.

If it eventually proves feasible to build a pool, it will be situated outside the Library.

A.F.

THE TUCKSHOP

The School is to have a Tuckshop and with luck it will be open on the first day of next term. The School is very grateful to the Parent-Teacher Association for a generous gift towards the cost of starting this venture.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Club is meeting regularly each day from 3.35 to 5.30. At the moment we are unable to provide for all who wish to join and our activities are limited to some 50 members of the 4th, 5th and 6th years. It is hoped that it may be possible to permit a few boys of the 3rd year to join us during next term. It is evident that there is considerable playing ability among our members and we propose to demonstrate this next term in matches against other teams including, we hope, the Old Boys and the staff.

A.B.

SCHOOL CAMP, 1958

Last summer about 80 boys camped for a fortnight on the Isle of Wight. Centred on Newport, we thoroughly explored the island. In general, we walked the downlands, we scrambled up, down and over cliffs and rocks. We collected coloured sands, we swam daily, we sunbathed often (yes, some got very uncomfortably sunburnt) and played innumerable games on the playing fields at the camp.

In particular we visited Alum Bay to collect coloured sands; Blackgang Chine and Niton, and left the wreck even more of a wreck, but the lighthouse intact; Whitecliffe and Freshwater Bays for sun and sea bathing; Portsmouth to see the "Victory" and to tour the dockyards; Southampton to view the "Queens". Oh yes, and railway fans had a great time at Totton Depot. How did we pack that into a fortnight? Sounds unlikely I agree—but we did.

D.B.A.

R.S.P.C.A. CLUB NOTES

Interest in and concern for the welfare of animals is as strong in the School as it has ever been. At our first meeting in the Easter term we saw films on the work of the R.S.P.C.A. and animal life. Particular interest was shown in Heinz Sielmann's 'Woodpecker' film; in this it is possible to see the young ones inside the nest actually being fed on regurgitated food by their parents.

By kind permission of Prof. Pugh two visits have been paid to the Animal Hospital, Madingley Road. Mr. Down, who has shown so many of our boys over the Hospital in the past, again patiently answered the questions put to him.

Towards the end of the summer term about thirty members visited the R.S.P.C.A. hostel at London Airport. Here journeys for animals not only begin and end, but thousands besides touch down, perhaps only for an hour or two or for a night, before continuing their travels from continent to continent. Although the sight of hundreds of caged rhesus monkeys, resting at the hostel before resuming their journey to America to certain and often painful, death was a depressing sight, the general feeling amongst members was that the hostel is doing much to ease the discomfort of its visitors by providing them with rest, food and water.

Our thanks are due to C. Bird whose expert knowledge of railway and bus time-tables made everything run so smoothly.

Practical help continues to be given to animals. Our collections on R.S.P.C.A. Flag Days have never dropped below £100; this year was no exception. In all, by various means, the Club has contributed well over £1,500 to animal welfare.

A word of thanks to those who have, from time to time, helped aged and sick people to get their pets to the R.S.P.C.A. Clinic in Great Eastern Street; to those also who have collected our cat baskets from people with short memories! Remember, the Clinic is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; if your pet is ill and you are unable to pay for the services of a veterinarian, bring it along; many children are in the Waiting Room by 9 o'clock every Saturday.

The two magazines of the R.S.P.C.A. "Animal Ways" and "Animal World" continue to be very popular; in fact, since we have been in our new School the demand for "Animal World" has considerably increased.

We are delighted to learn that Mr. Whitehead shares our interest in animal welfare; we look forward with pleasure to his help and advice in the near future.

At the time of going to press our young orators in the Club are anxiously rehearsing their speeches for Parents' Night. In the past the parents have been attentive, appreciative and generous.

W.L.E.

CHESS CLUB

The Club have been doing well in their matches, but few people have turned up to the meetings, and only 6 subscriptions have been paid. If the Club is to continue to exist, then more people will have to pay their subscriptions.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

League Matches

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| (1) Netherhall 1 | School 5 |
| (2) Coleridge 5 | School 1 |

Starr Cup

- | | |
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| (1) School 2 | Coleridge 3 |
| (2) Chesterton 0 | School 5 |
| (3) School 4 | Netherhall 1 |
| (4) School 4½ | Cambs. High School ½ |

The boys who represented the school were: Brown, Saunders, Hedge, Staras and Bolton.

A.F.

THE BADMINTON CLUB

The School Badminton Club is coming into full activity now, after a spell in the doldrums. Thanks to the combined generosity of the Old Boys and the P.T.A., it now possesses new net-posts; and a P.T.A. grant is enabling us to purchase new racquets and presses.

Sixth and Fifth formers play on Saturday mornings and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, after school. R. Warne and K. Chilvers of 5 A are doing the secretarial and administrative work: they will welcome all enquiries about the club. Annual subscription is fixed at 3/-, as reasonable a fee as possible for what is an expensive game.

It is hoped to start a session for other forms, along with older boys interested in taking up the game. If you can only do the 'Wimbledon Smash' (into the bottom left of the net), or the 'Sedgman Swipe' (into the wallbars), you are nevertheless invited to try a new racquet. Like the Pobble Who Had No Toes, come along and try to find your feet.

F. SMITH.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

It is proposed to form a Scientific Society with meetings starting next term. Membership will be restricted to the 4th, 5th and 6th forms. Meetings will take the form of lectures, films, discussions, and visits to places of scientific interest in and around Cambridge. If there is sufficient demand, there may be one or two branches of the society to cover special interests e.g. radio and astronomy.

Watch the notice board next term for the date of the first meeting.

J.B.W.

THE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN WORLD CITIZENSHIP C.E.W.C.

You may have heard people use the expression "How small the world's getting." It is true that jet speeds make the people on the other side of the world our neighbours. How much do we really know about them? The Council for Education in World Citizenship, a branch of the United Nations Association of Great Britain, tries to help people to get to know about these newly found neighbours. A branch of the Council will be opened in the School next term, and will meet to hear talks and see films and film strips about the work of United Nations, and its many special Agencies such as UNICEF, FAO and UNESCO that are at work in the world today.

This year, a Sheffield Schoolboy 'won' a 3 months' tour of the United States of America as the prize in a Competition for an Essay entitled, "The World We Want." It might be the turn of a Cambridge Schoolboy next year.

M.H.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The neighbourhood of Cambridge provides the student of nature with a considerable variety of interesting places; some near the school, such as Lime Kiln Close, others, like Wicken Fen, further distant, but amply repaying the journey. These and other localities will be visited in the Summer Term by the Natural History Society, which is about to begin its activities. Indoor meetings will also cover a wide field—film shows, experiments, making microscope slides, and sessions devoted to the special interests of some members, such as the grouping of cacti and the care of tropical aquaria.

H.F.K.



Features Section

CYCLO-ANALYSIS

In recent years, instruction both in riding and in maintenance of the bicycle has been introduced, for young cyclists in this country. This instruction, followed by a proficiency test, is intended as a measure to reduce the number of serious accidents which happen to these young riders. A glance down the main street of any busy town illustrates the characteristics and denotes the numerical strength of the various groups into which all cyclists can be classified. It is therefore necessary that the new participant of this pastime—sport, method of transport,—call it what you will—should not, on purchasing a bicycle, just get on and pedal off, but should, with great deliberation, decide which class of cyclist is going to acquire a new member.

Of the many classes to choose from the most obvious is the 'Get-there-if-it-kills-me' group; easily recognised by their habit of appearing round corners at great speed with no more warning than the rattle of chain and mudguard. Usually cycle and rider are practically horizontal with the rider pedalling furiously with splay feet in and out of the bewildered traffic. Wild eyes and flapping coat-tails are a common recognition feature. Signals are neither given nor expected from this group.

At the other end of the scale is the 'Sedate' group. It consists of a somewhat elderly membership usually found perched upright on a very high and solid bicycle. The male sector of this group considers it unseemly to be seen on their bicycle without a large trilby hat with a brim capable of flapping upwards and backwards in the wind. Likewise, their cycle must be adorned with a large basket and a large bell. Signals are prolific and deliberate, but the signals for a left or right turn should not be confused with the launching of a Lord Mayor's Appeal Fund.

Situated mid-way between these two extremes are two other very well supported groups; the first being the 'Guess-where-I'm-going' group. Those in this group have a very strong faith in their fellow beings and obviously wear under their shirts on a piece of string some 'Saint Something-or-other' which they found in a Christmas cracker and which is reputed to keep a watchful eye on the traveller. A sense of wonderment is left in the heart of the bystander watching the nonchalant flick of the handle bars as our light-hearted cyclist meanders between the fast-moving traffic, frequently bringing it to a screeching, nerve-shattering stop. Signals can be expected to cover every manoeuvre: just after the manoeuvre has begun.

The second intermediate group is the 'Sporting' group: the non-smoking, lemon juice-drinking, bulbous-calved group whose sole object in cycling on a weekday is to add a quarter of an inch to already

bursting leg muscles, in order to be able to propel themselves faster on Sunday outings. The control and co-ordination between rider and machine has almost reached perfection. It is somewhat spoilt by a certain herding instinct which makes them rather a trial in narrow streets. It is not yet known whether the strained expression normally found on members' faces is brought about by the great effort of physical concentration or by the peculiar shape of saddle they insist upon using. Signals will be given if the rider can support the weight of a head-down body on one hand.

There are naturally many variations to these main groups, but until hope came in the shape of training schemes, there was little likelihood of finding the most important group of all: the 'Safe' group.

A. MARSHALL.

MINUSINSK, CENTRAL SIBERIA

From afar dear Anna the beech woods smould,
And burn and blister cresting waves of gold.
The foaming trees are listless and all limp:
The leaves are yellow and crimson flowers bursting life—
They burn: and loose their heat in the cool air,
And spill a twirling leaf as a cold tear,
Smothering the grass in smooth waxing tints.
The branches droop their leaves in soft cadencing grief
Bending tired slender feelers in sadness and belief:
In sorrow for a melting senile sun
And content for a promised rest to come.

Are the dark sullen needles of the close striving pines
Furring the plains and silvered lingering pools?
The springy tufts shiver in the smooth merge
Marriage of Peace and age: in snow the spiry shooting slopes
Glisten and sparkle—twinkling in the low noon sun.
Still, still from the grey sky to the moon white earth
Trembling, fluttering patters the snow:
Crimpled crisp by the light sleigh's jingle,
Heaving me betrayed, stiff and dead into the earth.

J. F. WRIGHT, 6 Arts.

LE DÉPART

Red Cliffs, I see you for the last time,
From your shore I make my way.
The haze of moors, blue-tinged, shall vanish
From eyes, grown used to thronging crowds in May.

This coast of curves, creeks, fishermen,
Of pebbled sands, that bear the Channel's rage,
Lives on, 'midst memories, confused yet sadly clear,
While I must end a chapter, turn another page.

P. R. HOLME. VI. Science. (Late of S. Devon.)

RUMOURS OF A SATIRICAL KIND

We know a master bright and wise,
Whose hand always in his pockets lies,
It's rumoured too that on cold nights
He rides a broomstick—to the heights.
Another's always seen to muse
And be hypnotised by his shoes.
He glides along the corridors
And lives, it's said, upon the moors !
Groan and grumbles are often heard,
From him who quivers and who's feared—
By cowslips, goblins, and tiny elfs
Who shriek in terror at himself.
Biting wit and subtle charm
Come from the North and disarm
The rustic crude morality
Of our grim and gaunt locality.
It's whispered in quaking, trembling wails
That one cuts off our pussy's tails :
And makes sausages from their skins,
When eaten they cause an awful din.

Another—so it's said,
Walks around without his head.
But Friends you'd really not believe
What happened on Christmas Eve.
There is a master broad and wide
Who from the third floor window fled.
He said that he believed
The concrete was made of weeds !

P. R. HOLME, 6 Science.

J. F. WRIGHT, 6 Arts.

THE STORY OF MR. POLLIX

PART I

Mr. Pollix had just come out of the Navy when he inherited a small fortune from his mother's estate. It was the year 1950 and he was twenty-four years old. He bought a small comfortable house somewhere in the North-West of Scotland. He believed in a theory that there was a gas, unknown to the world, which would break up any substance to water. He set about discovering the gas by building a great laboratory and five enormous gas chambers which held over 4,000,000 cubic feet of gas each. They covered the mountain-side and towered into the air.

It took him and his few workers twenty-seven years to build the laboratory and the gas chambers. He had been working now to produce this gas for a long, long time. A few years after the finishing of the laboratory he finished his calculations. The result was a black exercise book, full of the complicated processes needed to make the gas. It would have been impossible to learn the processes, in fact he himself could not remember them without referring to the book.

To collect the gas he had to wait till the year 1986, for that year Haley's comet returned. He believed because of the nearness of this great comet, the gas would be in greater proportions in the air and it would be possible to collect it.

During the years leading to 1986 he worked out a building system which would turn the gas to a liquid. In this form it would be possible to store it because it would not turn its container into water. He calculated that he would have to pass through the laboratory 97 billion cu. feet of air to get 1 cu. cm. of the gas.

He had worked the best part of a life time to make the gas and the year 1985 was drawing to a close.

PART II

During the year 1981 he had been given a small black dog named Chip. Mr. Pollix had lived alone since 1951 and so the dog became his best friend in his loneliness. Chip loved his master and his master loved the dog. He used to go down to Glasgow to buy the dog some special meat. Mr. Pollix used to look forward to getting home and seeing his dear dog.

At last the year 1986 began and Haley's comet came into view from the Earth. Mr. Pollix went down to the laboratory with his black exercise book and his dear dog. He was standing on a high platform in the laboratory with the dog and he pushed the master button which set the machine going. He had the book open in front of him on a table and Mr. Pollix followed his instructions in the book. He pulled knobs and levers and added all sorts of substances, here and there. The great machinery clashed and roared. Then suddenly the book fell on to the table and got stuck in a cog wheel which was

very slowly turning away and if the book was not removed it would be lost. Mr. Pollix caught hold of the book with one hand and then the dog fell over the side of the platform. Mr. Pollix grabbed the dog's collar with the other hand. The dog was yelping loudly looking far below into an acid bath. Mr. Pollix realised he had not enough strength to pull both the dog and the book to safety with one hand on each. So he had to let one go !

He let the book go, pulled out the dog, and saw the book, with his life's work, get crushed in the machinery. He had chosen the life of his dog in place of his life's work. And so the gas still remains unknown to the world. Chip still lives and has become an even closer friend of Mr. Pollix.

I. CUSACK. 4B.

PRICES, PRODUCTIVITY AND INCOME

The Financial Reporter of the school magazine recently told me that he repudiated the idea that the rise in the sterling areas' gold and dollar reserves was due to the stabilising of our monetary system by amalgamating our Western European interests with our overseas Commonwealth commitments.

"Oh," said I.

He went on to say that by this theory our trade difference would vary proportionally to our deficit with the World Bank and unfavourably towards our deficit with the European Payments Union.

"No!" said I,

"No," said he,

"Oh," said I.

"Well now," he began, in spite of the numerous times I had yawned, and unheeding the incessant hints I had given that this was one of those days when I had to be off to see 'so-and-so'. Our Financial reporter is as ruthless as he is boring, so I was forced to give in to him.

"Well now," again—he began, "I think that our increased prosperity is due to the greater sale in the United States of 'Robin Hood' outfits, Scottish Tartans, made in Bermondsey, and Pedigrees from the Royal College of Heraldry establishing that James Henry Tulcraft is descended from de Mollère who came over with William the Conqueror." My "friend" explained that pedigree prices differ. For instance, the price of a pedigree which proves a person's descent from an Anglo-Saxon chieftain is more than that for one of Queen Victoria's relations. I asked him why this was, and he explained that this was because of the galaxy of Queen Victoria's relations there are around Europe—it was the economist's old explanation—supply and demand.

Our financial correspondent also said that Touring companies made quite good sums out of "lightning" tours. I now remember a poster which announced :

"Guaranteed to take you around London in half an hour ; if we have a quarter of an hour to spare, we'll show you Ely as well."

This sort of tour appeals very much to the "around-the-world-in-two-and-a-half-days American tourist."

When my friend stopped I could draw one comforting conclusion. Our prosperity depends upon our ability to mix our past history with our tourist and export trade.

Why not then, erect giant hoardings in America proclaiming this, "YOU, TOO, CAN HAVE A LONG LOST ANCESTOR IF YOU CONTACT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF HERALDRY" or ;

"COME TO ENGLAND AND SPEND SIX SECONDS IN GENUINE WINDSOR CASTLE."

A. HENDERSON VA.

A WEEK IN MY GARDEN

(A detailed and Scientific survey of Agriculture)

On Monday I do my garden.

I do my garden on Tuesday.

Wednesday is a good day for my garden.

Sometimes I do my garden on Thursday.

You will find me in my garden on Friday.

As there is no School on Saturday, I do my garden.

If you look in my garden on Sunday,

you will find me there.

N.B. All Latin and Scientific phrases that you do not know will be found in any expensive Dictionary of Advanced Agriculture.

R.E., 4A.



PERFECT FUTURE FOR THE FUTURE PREFECT

The following contribution was received from a pupil attending the school in 2058. A.D.

(The twenty-first century seems to be even more rushed than our own. Therefore we apologize for his grammar and punctuation—*Ed.*).

In secluded part Cambridge, between Atomic Bomb Plant and Rocketship Base, there nestles strange gaunt edifice known locally as Grammar School for Alpha Morons. It is here that citizens of future England learn such scientific subjects as Annihilation n Destruction. Let us not forget Art subjects. The Controller of the School has at last given in n there is now one period of Spanish er month; for the French students there is weekly course every other year. It must be remembered that French and Spanish are dead languages n universal tongue is Russian. This has been the sad States of affair since Russia beat England in the World Cup in 1984 by the small margin of 42 goals to 3. The England team claimed that referee was bribed as least one of Russian's goals was definitely offside.

There is system at present by which a student from Mars comes to hinder Foreign Language Department, now consisting of five masters and a human.

Every year school arranges camps to neighbouring planets. The favourite resort is obviously Mars ;; n its advertising slogan (Mars is Marvellous) can be seen embazoned in one-foot-high letters across every 10 inch talke screen.

The abolition of School play fields back in 1997 has changed all school sports. Instance, football is played with broken bottles n cricket is now fastest game in world as its performed on ice. These interesting games have led to n improvement in political relationships of different countries. Nowadays fixtures are carried out with greater degree of friendliness than was ever known in old days.

The ringing bell to signal end of lesson has become n anachronism ; we now drop small nuclear bombs previously constructed in undisturbed tranquility of the Senior Chemisty lab. This method has caused the death of many people but has advantage that it can be heard throughout School.

May I offer my congratulations to a member of staff who has just attained his 150th year.

Long may he be with us.

(Message received by P. R. HOLME. VI Science.)

Competition Section

FOR SENIOR NEW BOYS

FIRST AND LATER IMPRESSIONS

New term! New school! New boy! I wondered what it would be like after being at Sawston for three years. How would I fare at the Grammar School for Boys, Queen Edith's Way? Would I feel a stranger, or would I soon enter the friendly atmosphere of school life?

The stark, severe features of the new school contrasted with the mellow tones of our old school at Sawston. The Village College, screened by trees, is built round three sides of the Fountain Court. This new school stands erect and bold against the surrounding countryside. Its simple bareness seems to issue a challenge and an invitation. Groups of boys stood in the quad, laughing and joking, each one looking smart in his uniform. One thing made an instant impression—the CAPS. Caps everywhere. A sea of caps. Big boys, small boys. fat boys, thin boys, dark hair or fair it did not matter, each one had his cap firmly on his head.

A master summoned us into the school, a hurried movement and the caps had disappeared. Inside, the warm contemporary colour scheme seemed to achieve a friendly atmosphere. A certain glow seemed to fill us—to think that we were privileged to have this new school for our own. Marching into the hall, we assembled with many boys we had never seen before, but most of whom were to become familiar figures in the next few weeks. The Masters walked on the Stage and we awaited the arrival of our new Head Master.

I couldn't help wondering—would he appear before us like the "capped" ones, wearing a mortar board? Alas no, he was bare-headed, but my disappointment was soon forgotten. His warm smile and welcoming speech made me relax inside. This was my Head Master, my school, I was one of Queen Edith's Boys. A new era had begun.

The weeks have simply flown by, and we have been at school for six weeks. The strange faces have become familiar, and we are surrounded by new friends. Although at first we had difficulty in finding our classrooms, we now find them with no effort. We have also become accustomed to the stairs, which were not a feature of our former school.

We look forward to the future and trust we will do our best for our new school.

M. J. GENT 4 Alpha.

FIRST AND LATER IMPRESSIONS

The first time I saw my new school I was not favourably impressed at all. It was on the day when I had heard that I had been awarded a place there and I cycled over with my father and mother to see it. I am afraid my first thought was, 'It looks like a factory.'

However when I actually went inside I was struck by the lay-out of the building. It was so very different from my Junior School where I had spent four years of my school life. I had been used to a school in which the classrooms had been situated round a hall, and the new school just didn't seem like a school to me.

I was overwhelmed by the hall and gym and wondered if I would ever feel at home there. The laboratories too filled me with apprehension as I was quite sure I should never be able to work there.

It was also strange seeing all male faces after the mixed classes at Milton Road.

After a few days however, things began to look differently for me. The school had not changed but I had, and I began to realize what a magnificent school I was in. I was still impressed by the building but I was no longer over-awed. As time went on I began to feel that I was part of the school and now I am completely at home there.

When I first saw the timetable and saw the many new subjects I was going to take I felt somewhat nervous, but already I am finding it great fun trying to express myself in French and 'meddling around' with a Bunsen burner in the Science laboratory.

Altogether, although my first impressions were so mixed, I now view the school with pride and I am very pleased to be a pupil there.

R. SANDERS. 1 B.

(A second prize has been awarded to S. Ayres of 1B for his entry. I regret we do not have enough space to print it.—*Ed.*)

FROM SENIOR BOYS

"MAY I RECOMMEND?"

The Editor.

The Grammar School for Boys,
Queen Edith's Way,
Cambridge.

9, Gunhild Close,
Cambridge.

19.10.58.

Dear Sir,

Speaking as a schoolboy I have the usual improvement applicable to all schools. Unfortunately (for him) this idea was tried by Guy Fawkes in an effort to improve the Houses of Parliament. It failed. Realising that in ten years time I would regret this action, I must forget it.

My time at school is something enjoyable which I'm sure will leave me many pleasant memories and, I hope, far wiser.

My first summer school camp showed to my surprise that the forbidding figures now wearing gowns became one of us. They even took us for a short eighteen mile walk, sharing the dubious pleasure of aching and blistered feet.

One thing I have in mind is a youth club for the use of the Grammar School boys. This would bring us together, apart from school time, e.g. Debates, quiz games, table tennis etc.

Homework! The dread of all schoolboys. For my part I do not feel the amount given is too much, but how I would welcome a teacher who could stop all the answers that I know in school from leaving my head when I sit down at home and start work.

Yours Faithfully,

NICHOLAS FINCHAM. 3 Alpha.

FROM JUNIOR BOYS

“MAY I RECOMMEND?”

The Editor,

94, Cromwell Rd.,

“The Cambridge Grammar School Magazine” Cambridge,

Cambridge.

15.10.58.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to suggest to you the possibility of erecting a new swimming pool on, or near, the site of “The Cambridge Grammar School for Boys” in the near future. As I am a pupil at this school, I feel it would be a great advantage for us who are interested in Sport, to give a small fee towards the funds of this project, and the boys of my class unanimously agree. It would be a great step towards the upholding of the tradition of the school, if we could draw up a team of boys to meet boys of other Schools, and arrange return swimming matches with them. I also suggest that the swimming pool could have a canteen, where after we have been in the water, we could get some refreshments e.g.—tea or soft drinks. This tuck shop would of course be of much use to our visitors and their parents. I for one would very much like to see this arranged. We would if possible, prefer an indoor swimming pool for it would be convenient all the year round, and changing cubicles could be centrally heated.

Hoping you will be able to attend to this small matter in the near future.

I am,

Yours Faithfully,

A. J. BULL. 2 Alpha.

SPORTS SECTION

(1) SPORTS NOTES

Although last term may now seem a long way off, there are, in this magazine, details of last term's sport, which, although they may not seem of any real interest now, we hope will make interesting reading in a few years' time!

At the time of writing, this term's fixtures are not yet complete, so included are results of matches played and details of forthcoming fixtures.

The School was well represented in last term's Cambridge Schoolboys' XI with Ford, Hammond, Langran, Levitt, Marshal and Wallis playing regularly, and Bridgeman, Clifford, Gleeson and Noble also playing.

Congratulations to M. Stonecliffe who was picked to represent Cambs. at last term's National Athletic Championships at Houghton Le Mill, Northumberland. At the Championships he reached the semi-final of the 100 yards.

Park House won both the Athletics and Swimming Sports last term. Is this a sign of a Park revival of their one time domination of House matches? Clarendon, however, dominated the Cricket field, winning the senior and junior House matches.

In this term's Cambridge Schoolboys' football team 7 boys and 1 reserve came from this school. They were Bowstead (Capt.), Goddard, Taylor, Denton, Smith, Christian and Wisbeach. Ford was the reserve goalkeeper.

In the National competition the schoolboys lost 4—2 to Dunstable. In a friendly against Peterborough they won 2—1.

CRICKET

SCHOOL v. PARENTS

This match was played on the evening of the School sports, on Emmanuel College Sports Ground. Before the match the parents entertained the School team to tea. The School, captained by Phillips, won the toss and sent the Parents in to bat. Each side batted for a limited time.

The Parents' innings opened disastrously, the first wicket falling with no runs on the board; there was then a good stand of 67 and at that total 3 wickets fell. The Parents were eventually all out for 124.

The School then batted and their innings similarly, opened disastrously, the first wicket falling for two runs. Wickets then fell steadily and the innings was saved by a ninth wicket partnership of 30 which put the School 5 runs in front of the Parents.

Details

Parents 124 all out (Briant 30, Curtiss 35, Orchard 21 not out; Hammond 3 for 7, Coupe 2 for 40).

School 129 for 9 (Wallis 20, Coupe 19, Phillips 19, Baden 22 not out; Mallows 4 for 37).

SCHOOL XI v. THE STAFF

A fine evening allowed us a very enjoyable game of cricket. The boys were all out to get revenge on the Staff after a very hard-working term.

The two captains, Mr. Beckley and V. Phillips, tossed up and the boys, after winning the toss, put the Staff in to bat. The Staff were soon in trouble when Mr. Bell was unfortunately given out by a certain Mr. Edsger's ruling. Wickets began to fall until Mr. Chapman, a former master of the school, took over. He scored 98 before being caught. The Staff's innings ended with the score at 172 for 8. Tea was then taken.

After tea, provided by the Staff, the boys went in to bat. Wickets began to fall quickly until a fifth wicket partnership helped the score along. When this stand was broken the boys were in trouble once again. At 7.30 the boys were all out for 116. The Staff once again proved that they were masters of all.

Scores

Staff 172 for 8 (Chapman 98, Hare 19, Dawe 21).

Boys 116 all out (Ford 17, Place 45).

Mr. Smith's bowling (6 for 29) deserves honourable mention.

T. NORMAN.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS

It was a pleasant day for this match; the two captains, Baden and Gillingham, tossed up and the Old Boys put the School in to bat. After a promising start the School's wickets soon began to fall, two very commendable innings by Levitt and A. C. Matthews preventing a total collapse. Mr. Bell batted for the School as they were one man short. The Old Boys made every endeavour to give Mr. Bell the bowling so that they could attempt to shatter his stumps; on one occasion he was clean bowled but the umpire gave a rather belated "No Ball!"

The Old Boys, like the School, made a promising start, but unlike the School, they kept it up. They passed the School's total for the loss of only three wickets. After passing the total several of the Old Boys retired so that all the side could have a bat.

Scores

School 72 all out (Levitt 26, Matthews 17 not out).

Old Boys 94 for 5 (Bullen 32 not out, Ison 21 not out, Brown 16).

E. BADEN.

CRICKET RESULTS, 1958

House Matches

All House matches were played on Parker's Piece, each side's batting time limited to 1 hour.

Clarendon did well to win both the Senior and Junior trophies.

SENIOR	Clarendon	}	Clarendon	}	Clarendon
	Paradise				
	Park	}	Melbourn		
	Melbourn				

Final Details

Melbourn 43 all out (Bolton 14 ; Christian 4 for 6, Briant 3 for 2).

Clarendon 92 for 7 (Bridgeman 17 not out, Briant 24, Christian 22 not out ; Wallis 4 for 39, Langran 2 for 45).

JUNIOR	Clarendon	}	Clarendon	}	Clarendon
	Paradise				
	Melbourn	}	Park		
	Park				

Final Details

Park 41 all out (Cox 20 ; Briant 4 for 24, Summerlin 5 for 15).

Clarendon 52 for 7 (Summerlin 12, Stockdale 12 not out ; Cox 2 for 12, Johnson 3 for 16).

SCHOOL MATCHES

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
School v. Coleridge	...			Won	Won
		†	Won	Won	Won
School v. Impington	...	—	†	—	—
School v. Netherhall	...	†	Lost	—	—
School v. St. George's	...	—	Won	—	—
School v. Chesterton	...			Lost	Won
		†	—	Lost	Won

† Match not finished.

The 4th year boys did well to win all their matches and so win the League I shield.

The 3rd year team completed all their matches and finished with a record of 2 wins and 2 defeats.

The 2nd year had a season of mixed fortune, only losing one match. One match remained unfinished.

The 1st year were very unlucky as not one of their matches was finished, owing to bad weather.

ATHLETICS

Special congratulations must go to Park who won the School sports for the first time since 1949. The afternoon of the sports brought the usual sunny weather, but only just; there was rain the previous night and later that night "Summer" returned.

There were some outstanding all-round performances taking into consideration the fact that there was a lack of training facilities last term. Special mention must be made of V. Phillips' new high jump record of 5 ft. 5 ins. and M. Stonecliffe's new long jump record of 18 ft. 11 and a half inches.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Football in games periods this term has been run on a House match basis, with 2 points for a win and 1 for a draw.

Four teams have been entered in the Schools football league.

This term's fixtures :

4th Year (League 1)

Oct. 18	
Oct. 25	
Nov. 8	Coleridge 2, School 5
Nov. 15	School v. Chesterton
Nov. 22	Impington v. School
Nov. 29	Sawston v. School
Dec. 6	
Dec. 13	School v. Impington
	2nd Year (League 3)
Oct. 18	School 0, Neth. 5
Oct. 25	Chesterton 4, School 3
Nov. 8	Neth. 0, School 1
Nov. 15	
Nov. 22	School v. Chesterton
Nov. 29	School v. Sawston
Dec. 6	Sawston v. School
Dec. 13	Impington v. School

3rd Year (League 2)

Catholic 3, School 0
School 13, Coleridge 1

School v. Chesterton
St. George's v. School
1st Year (League 4)

Catholic 2, School 2
Netherhall v. School
St. George's v. School

CROSS COUNTRY

This has been the first term in which Cross Country has been worked at seriously in this school. The new sport has been taken up with remarkable keenness and some very good times have been set up. Three courses are being used : 2 miles for juniors, 3.1 miles for seniors and 5.8 miles for seniors. The long course is voluntary. While the honours must be taken by the boys setting up the fastest times, those boys who are not built for running, and yet manage to get round the course, must also be congratulated.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

We particularly welcome the following report—the first, I hope, of many—from Mr. E. G. Ray, the Secretary of the Higher Grade and Central School Old Boys Association.

“The Association continues to thrive, but the Officers and Committee hope that many more boys, as they leave School and become eligible for membership, will join our ranks.

Both the Cricket and Rowing sections enjoyed a successful season in 1958; congratulations are due to the Cricket XI in winning, for the first time in their history, the Junior League Championship.

The Boat Club gratefully acknowledge the presentation, by Mr. B. T. Pilsworth—an old boy serving with a Petroleum Company in Iraq—of a trophy, to be awarded annually to the ‘outstanding oarsman of the year’. This year the trophy has been presented to Michael Clarke, the club’s popular stroke and treasurer. Incidentally Michael is leaving Cambridge in the New Year to take up an appointment in Glasgow—we wish him well.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, in July, of Mr. Fred Hessey. Mr. Hessey had been Chairman of the Boat Club since its formation.”

E. G. RAY,

8 Heron’s Close, Cambridge.

Honorary Secretary.

We print below a list of boys who left us in July, 1958 with the places of work they then thought they would be going to. I would be very grateful if any errors and omissions were pointed out to me.

A. B. Harrison. —

J. G. Coupe. Apprentice Draughtsman, W. G. Pye & Co.

V. M. Phillips. Apprentice Bricklayer, Johnson & Bailey.

E. Chapman. R.A.F. (Boy Entrant).

G. S. Jaggard. University Dept. of Psychology.

D. W. Simons. Apprentice Instrument Maker, C.I. Co.

D. J. Toop. Marshall’s Airfield works.

O. R. Marks. Apprentice Instrument Maker, Cambridge Instr. Co.

A. J. Taylor. Trainee, G.P.O. Engineering Dept.

I. J. Thorburn. Apprentice Toolmaker, W. G. Pye & Co.

C. S. Jarvis. Research in Electronics, W. G. Pye & Co.

G. V. Pilsworth. Signal Engineer, British Railways.

P. C. Feast. Clerk, Co-operative Society.

D. Elborn. Local Exam. Syndicate.

D. R. West. —

R. A. Symonds. Clerk, East Anglian Hospital Board.

R. F. Setchell. Apprentice Joiner, Wedd & Son.

R. Cutter. Apprentice Bookbinder, University Press.

M. Langley. Apprentice Instrument Maker, Cambridge Instr. Co.

G. R. Kentish. Technical College.

- P. Allen. Engineer, Hinxton Hall (T.I.).
 D. Lott. Service Engineering Apprentice, W. G. Pye & Co.
 M. G. Haynes. Surveyor and Estimator, W. Sindall & Co.
 J. Wallis. Body Builder, Marshall & Co.
 M. Brown. Surveyor and Estimator, Johnson & Bailey.
 C. Flack. Motor Mechanic, Cambridgeshire Motors.
 K. J. Parfitt. Printing.
 K. E. Hart. Light Steel Erection.
 P. Talbot. Instrument Maker.
 F. Marshall.
 D. Isgrove. Male Nursing.
 L. Haylock. Compositor, University Press.
 R. D. Rouse. University Dept. of Pathology.
 J. M. Clay. Electronics Engineer.
 B. A. Williams. Electronics Engineer.
 C. J. D. Place. Electronics Engineer.
 P. D. Davidson. Telecommunications Engineer.
 M. J. Northfield. Male Nurse.
 J. T. McGillan. —
 T. I. Shadbolt. —
 R. F. Halls. Telephone Engineer in Training.
 K. D. Francis. Trainee Accountant in Education Department, Shire Hall.
 D. W. Jenner. H.M.S. "St. Vincent," Gosport.
 A. Gleeson. Apprentice Diesel Engineer.

I would be very glad to hear from all these Old Boys again, particularly from those whose jobs are not given above, and from those who have changed their jobs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

(Too brief—help me to make it longer !)

- D. Welch (left '57) is enjoying his full-time studies at the Cambs. Technical College. He enjoys particularly the atmosphere of the place. When I met him, I could hardly see across the room. We wish him the best of luck in the G.C.E. Examinations.
 B. Parker ('57) had a "grand time" in Canada this summer as an A.T.C. Exchange Cadet.
 R. Pilsworth ('57) was selected for special training at Marshall's in Electronic Research and Development. He seems to thrive on it, and did his best to explain to me what he was doing. If he failed, it was not his fault. He had many pleasant cricket matches with the Old Boys' team this summer (mentioned in the Report by the Secretary, Mr. Ray).

Younger members of the team included Edwards ('57), Benton ('56), Hedge ('56) and Shipp ('56).
 M.H.

NEWS FROM THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

This is an association of which parents of all boys in the school automatically become members. The association was formed in 1953, and has a committee consisting of the Headmaster, four members of the teaching staff and two parents representing each of the year groups of the school. The four staff members and the twelve parent members are elected annually. The main objects of the association are to encourage co-operation and contact between parents and the school and to bring to the notice of the committee any matter that is in the interest of the boys.

Various meetings of the association are arranged each year, apart from the Annual General Meeting in October. Our last social function was the cricket match between parents and the boys held on sports day, June 26th. Our next meeting will be a school "open evening" arranged for November 26th. This gives parents an opportunity of seeing not only the school and its equipment, but actual demonstration classes attended by a number of the boys. The committee and association members as a whole fully appreciate the amount of work that is put into these "open evenings" by the school staff and the boys who take part.

Any money raised by the association through social evenings, jumble sales, etc., is held available to assist in the provision of items not provided by the education authorities, but that are needed by the school and its various clubs. Financial assistance has been given during the past year to the swimming club and the badminton club. Other help the association has been able to give during the past two years includes the provision of a Webley starting pistol, for sports' day, and the 'Pye' Transhailer (megaphone amplifier). Although this latter item was given by Messrs. Pye Ltd., the association had originally decided to purchase it, but hearing of this, Pye's offered to present it to the school free of charge; so it was through the efforts of the association and its committee that this piece of equipment was obtained for the school.

The committee are very interested in the proposed school swimming pool, and have offered, on behalf of the association, to help in any way possible, and will give all the help they can as soon as it is required. The school tuck shop is another project which from the time it was first mentioned has had the full support of the association's committee. I hope we shall be able materially to assist in bringing the tuck shop into being as early as possible and that the boys will derive much pleasure from it.

H. G. MASTERS,

Secretary,

The Parent-Teachers' Association.

MORE FEATURES—FACT AND FICTION

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

This organisation takes on the difficult task of caring for the many thousands of Blind people in the country. It does not take care of the people blinded in the war; the St. Dunstan's Fund for the Blind does this. The R.N.I.B. builds homes for blind babies, blind children, and elderly blind, some of whom are also deaf. It also places blind people in employment with other sighted people, both doing the same job. Many of the county organisers are themselves blind. These organisers work in their areas collecting money for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Don't forget, "Give generously if you can".

SIGHT IS A PRICELESS GIFT

W.J., 2A.

SOME LIMERICKS

(With apologies to Edward Lear)

1

There was a young lady of Norway,
Who casually sat in a doorway;
When the door squeezed her flat,
She exclaimed, "What of that?"
This courageous young lady of Norway.

2

There was an old man on the Border,
Who lived in the utmost disorder;
He danced with the cat,
And made tea in his hat,
Which astonished the folks on the border.

3

There was an old man of Thermopylae,
Who never did anything properly;
But they said, "If you choose,
To boil eggs in your shoes,
You shall never remain in Thermopylae."

4

There was an old man of Dundee,
Who taught little owls to drink tea;
For he said, "To eat mice,
Is not proper or nice,"
That friendly old man of Dundee.

R.T., 2A.

Columbia's crew
Had little to do,
Since Sceptre
Proved inept.



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