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Editorial.

REGULAR readers of the School Magazine will observe that for the first time in about twelve years the name of Miss S. Evans Hughes does not appear among those of the Editorial Committee. Reference is made elsewhere in this issue to Miss Hughes's retirement; but we feel it especially incumbent upon us to record her services to the School Magazine, of which she might be described as "Illustration Editress." In happier days when printing was neither so difficult nor so costly, we printed innumerable "black and whites" and lino cuts, which always formed a pleasing feature of the magazine; and for these we were indebted to Miss Hughes's pupils working under her skilled and able direction. We appreciate this opportunity of thanking her most warmly for all she did for us and we wish her a long and happy retirement. SCHOOL NOTES, October, 1944.

The new school year opened on September 6th, when we started with 421 pupils (including 4 evacuees) on the roll, 214 boys and 207 girls..

The results of the School Certificate Examination held in July were again very good and well above the average of all the schools which take the examination. 38 candidates out of 46 were awarded their Certificates, and G. Entwistle achieved the distinction of obtaining A (Very Good) in 7 subjects. The two candidates who sat for the full Higher School Certificate were both successful, and of the 10 candidates who took subsidiary subjects four passed in 4 subjects and five in 3 subjects.

We again send our warmest greetings to all Old Grammarians and members of the Staff who are serving with the Forces, and we are always delighted to see them here when they are home on leave. Since the Old Grammarians' Visitors' Book was started in December, 1942, 118 names have been entered, and quite a number of such visitors have departed without entering their names. Please ask for the book and

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Record your name! We deeply grieve for the loss of a number of Old Grammarians who have given their lives on active service during the past year: their names are recorded with honour elsewhere in this issue. Among them is Peter Pepler, and we would express our deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Pepler and with all who have been bereaved.

We have heard quite recently from Mr. Carey, who was then in France, and from Mr. Lewis who was in Africa, and we wish to express our warmest congratulation to the latter on being mentioned in despatches. We have also recently heard from A. H. Sheen, the School gardener, who is now in Italy, and who while in Africa was able to discover Mr. Lewis. We hear of other such pleasant meetings of Old Grammarians and others. One such was between M. Butt and J. Grocott, just before the latter was repatriated after several years in Prisoner-of-War Camps in Germany. The thrilling talk which he gave to the School after assembly on September 7th will long be remembered.

Another most memorable talk was that given to the School on October 5th by an American, Professor Newell, who came here under the auspices of the English Speaking Union and gave us a most admirable and timely address on the possibilities of friendly co-operation between Britain and U.S.A. and any other well-disposed peoples when the war is over. Some intelligent and shrewd questions were asked and elicited replies of true wisdom and helpfulness from Professor Newell.

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Miss Grant and the pupils of the Preparatory Department on the most delightful entertainment which they gave us in the School Hall at the end of last term. It was a splendid achievement, particularly in face of the difficulties which were encountered.

The School is again most grateful to a number of people for generous gifts: to Nancy Lloyd, Mary Pace and Cicely Woodward for handsome gifts of money, to be used in the first case for a clock in the library and in the others for books; to Lorna Jackson for a number of

books for the library; to R. Wilkinson for a handsome vase for our floral decorations; to Miss Knowelden for a generous cheque to be spent on some musical requisite; and to Mr. R. A. Taylor for a very fine bust of Beethoven for the Music Room. With money gifts which we have previously acknowledged as coming from Nancy Craighead, J. Craighead and Madge Smith we have purchased, through the kind offices of Mr. J. F. Ford, a beautiful piano stool, which accords well with our grand piano.

We were very proud to learn of the latest distinction won by H. Berry, an Old Grammarian, who for some time has been Dean of the College of the Pharmaceutical Society in London, and who has now been made Professor of Pharmaceutics in the University of London. We extend to him our warmest congratulations.

At the end of last term we lost two valued members of our staff, Miss Hughes and Miss Knowelden. The former had been with us for no fewer than 26 years, and it is difficult to think of the School without her. Generations of Old Grammarians have never failed to look up Miss Hughes when they have called here, for her friendliness was only equalled by her zeal for courtesy and good order. We thank her for her devotion to the School and wish her every happiness in her retirement. Miss Knowelden left us for a post at Bristol, where she will have ample scope for employing those musical gifts which had been placed so lavishly and unselfishly at our service for five years, and for which and for all her kindnesses we are most grateful. The places of these ladies have been taken by Miss E. Dobson and Miss I. M. Bebbington. To them we extend a warm welcome, and also to Miss G. M. John, who has joined us as Latin Mistress in place of Mrs. Clarke, who so kindly helped us out temporarily after the departure of Miss Hutt last December.

The School is to be very warmly congratulated on its most generous response to two Good Causes which have recently been supported in addition to our regular charities. We have collected £10 3s. 6d. for Help to French Schools and £4 12s. for the British and Foreign Bible Society, whose representative, Mr. Platt, addressed us on October 30th.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT NOTES.

As mentioned in the previous notes, we started the Summer Term with our numbers much reduced owing to fresh cases of chicken-pox. We hoped for better things as the term advanced, but were disappointed. Measles raised its head again, and there was even a case of scarlet fever at the end of term.

The result of the book drive in April was very gratifying. "The Little School" collected 7,848 books, and twenty-seven Captains, ten Generals, and eleven Field Marshals strutted among us for a while.

We posted a parcel of comforts to the Air Force in May, and another in September. Following a special appeal, we are doing our best to enrol more knitters. During "Salute the Soldier" week in May we made £100 our target, but managed to exceed it by £7 11s., which we considered very good indeed.

In June we sent £5 0s. 10d. to the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund and in August £5 15s. 3d. A few children are now contributing 2d. weekly, and one or two are nobly giving 3d. We continue to collect for the Lord Mayor of London's Relief Fund, but owing to so much absence our contribution of £1 1s. was lower than usual.

In September Miss Wragg, M.A., Warden for Cheshire, came to speak to the children about Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and to open the boxes. The total of £40 3s. 10d. exceeded any of our, previous efforts, and all are to be commended for their help. Eighteen new members were enrolled. Our protégée, Barbara Dovey, is now under-nursemaid with Mrs. Butler, sister-in-law of the Minister of Education.

The concert we planned early in the year in aid of the "Pioneer Children's Theatre" materialised in July. Up to the last moment we had fears that it would have to be abandoned owing to illness. Those taking part were changed again and again, first in one play and then in another. It gave nearly every child a chance of doing something and that was good, but otherwise it became a sort of nightmare. However, things passed off smoothly in the end. We were assured that it was a very good show, and the children were highly congratulated on all hands.

An article on the Concert by a member of the audience was sent to us, and we publish it below.

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We succeeded in making a profit of £23 15s. 3d., which we consider very creditable. In addition to this a number of pupils made individual efforts for the cause, and a total of £11 2s. 51d. was handed in from this source. Mr. Lodge was good enough to present us with a cheque for £1 1s., and Mrs. Whiston sent us the generous sum of £3 3s. In all, we have a sum of £39 3s. 6d. as a result of our effort.

The initial activity of the theatre is the presentation at Whalley Range High School, Manchester, on October 9th, of Hans Anderson's "Snow Queen" as it was done in Russia. The intention is to produce four plays a year and the company will tour theatres and halls in the county and schools wherever possible. We are trying to arrange a performance in the School hall, but it is probable the stage will not be large enough. If not, we still hope to see the company on our stage in some play requiring less space and less elaborate scenery.

E.M.G.

A SMALL APPRECIATION.

The little pupils of the Preparatory Department gave a very enjoyable concert on Tuesday, July 25th. Before the performance began Mr. Lodge spoke a few words to the assembled parents and friends, telling us of the difficulties that had been overcome owing to various small actors being ill or going away on holiday.

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The programme opened with some renderings of very original verse, much enjoyed by the audience, and these were followed by a playlet "Through the Fire," the story of two little mice and a mistake. Other little plays very competently acted were "Fat King Melon," "The Magic Shirt," "St. George and the Dragon," "Darby and Joan," and "Cabbages and Kings." The little players are all to be congratulated.

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Miss Nona Egan and Miss Shirley Edge danced very delightfully, the latter looking very nautical indeed in her rendering of the "Sailors" Hornpipe.", Miss Felicity Slack's solo "Vesper's Song" was also very much enjoyed. I should like to say, on behalf of all who were present at the concert, that it was an excellent entertainment, and that Miss Grant and her little pupils deserve the very heartiest congratulations for a most successful and enjoyable evening. E.B.E.

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Roll of Honour.

To the names of ten Old Grammarians who have given their lives on active service, as recorded in December, 1943, the following have now to be added:-

Cpl. D. GREEN, R.C.S.

Lieut. R. A. HULSE, R.A.

Lieut. P. PEPLER, R.A.C.

Sgt. A. PRICE, R.A.F.

Sub./Lt. G. RICHARDSON, R.N.V.R.

The following have been reported missing:-

Ft./Sgt. D. GRETTY, R.A.F.

Ft./Sgt. E. GRUNDY, R.A.F.

Sqn./Ldr. L. OLLIER, A.F.M., D.F.C., R.A.F.

HOUSE NOTES.

Captains: Girl-M. Riches; Boy-E. Lloyd.
Vice-Captains: Girl-P. Hollinshead; Boy-B. Fossick.

Another year has passed, another effort unrewarded. That we missed the Championship by only a few points is but small consolation. We did well, but not well enough, and we feel that a more united and all-out effort might have written a still more glorious page. Our victories were numerous; the Cricket Shield we gained for the second year, the Athletic Shield we obtained for the first time, whilst we only missed the Swimming Shield by a few points.

A fair number of Champions were found amongst our ranks, Lloyd and Wilkinson gaining the Senior and Junior Athletic Championships respectively. Keeley gained the Senior Swimming, Pamela Bailey the Girls' Junior Swimming, and Audrey Robinson the Junior Tennis Championships. All are to be heartily congratulated.

Our best wishes are extended to Miss Knowelden, our House Mistress, and to Marion Hilton, our House Captain, who have just left us. May they meet with success in their new spheres.

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All members of the House are urged to make unceasing efforts this year, for nothing but an all out effort can bring us the Championship. Victory can be ours if we wish it. To all newcomers we would say- You don't follow tradition--You make it.

M.R., E.L.

Captains: Girl-N. Maddock; Boy--B. Cooke.

Vice-Captains: Girl-G. Haslam; Boy-P. Moulton.

For the tenth time in succession Thrush were the proud winners of the House Championship. Although there were fewer individual champions in the House and we lost some of our coveted shields, the long record of unbroken victory was maintained as a result of the unstinted efforts of every member. We were successful in recovering the music trophy, thanks to the fine performances of our soloists and the enthusiasm of the choirs. In the realm of sport we gained fewer points than last year; we were second in the Athletic Sports and cricket contest, but failed to obtain a place at the Swimming Sports, though the girls gained full points for the Tennis and the Gym. Competitions. Individual champions were: Shelagh Whittaker, Stella Bulpitt, Entwistle, Pepler and Thompson.

Good luck to all Thrushes who have left School, especially to Lorna Jackson, Nancy Lloyd and Entwistle, who all held office. May we assure them that Thrush will not relax its efforts and is determined to continue to hold the House Championship Shield..

N.M., B.C.

Captains: Girl E. Adams; Boy-G. Mottram.

Vice-Captains: Girl-M. Preston; Boy-W. King.

This year the House made a valiant effort to secure the House Championship, but unfortunately Thrush again defeated us, though this time by a narrow margin only! The House recovered its lead in swimming activities and carried off the shield once more. We also gained great success in examination and term work, besides the notable achievement of having the least number of conduct marks.

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Special mention is due to B. Hinde, the Girl Senior Champion, to D. Benoy, the Swimming Champion, and to D. Grocott, who obtained the trophy for tennis. At the end of last term we lost both our Vice-Captains, Pat Ogden and Fox, besides a most enthusiastic member of the Staff, Miss Evans- Hughes. To all, our best wishes. Finally we trust that the new members of the House whom we welcome this term will pull their weight, along with the others, to wrest the Championship from Thrush.

E.A., G.M.

TENNIS

NOTES,

1944.

The following girls represented the School in tennis matches this season: G. Haslam, H. Ferns, D. Grocott, E. Wilkinson, M. Jackson, B. Hinde, M. Hilton. The tennis team was only average, but at times they showed great promise, which, however, did not result in many victories. On three occasions they looked as though they might win the match,

but they came down on final sets and finished several games behind their opponents. Determination over individual points might have reversed the result. No colours were awarded this season. Matches played 6, Won 1, Lost 5.

RESULTS.

Opponents.	Result.	Score.
Northwich	Lost	46-17
Whitchurch	Lost	49-32
Northwich	Lost	43-38
Staff	Lost	43-38
Market Drayton	Lost	47-34
Staff	Won	28-35

M.B.

CRICKET NOTES.

The School played nine matches last season, three of which were won and two of which were drawn. The results, however, are no reflection on the standard of play, which was good throughout the season. Our opponents on many occasions were older and more experienced players, and our defeats by the R.A.F. and Crewe Secondary School were only by a narrow margin, and on one occasion the School played the town to a very good draw.

Bostock and Sutton bowled well throughout the season, Bostock being top of the bowling averages with an average of 3-5 runs per wicket. Sutton finished with an average of 5.35 per wicket.

Lloyd, the Captain, who headed the batting averages, is to be congratulated on scoring a century against Whitchurch.

C.H.B.

RESULTS.

Opponents.	Venue.	Result.	Score.
Doddington C.C..	Home	Won	55-40
Whitchurch G.S.	Away	Won	51-160 for 4.
Nantwich C.C.	Away	Draw	147 for 3-120 for 6
Crewe Secondary	Home	Lost	85-69
Market Drayton G.S.	Away	Won	43-62
R.A.F. (Hack Green)	Home	Lost	65-48
Whitchurch G.S.	Home	Draw	72-45 for 8
Crewe Secondary	Away	Lost	50-63
R.A.F. (Hack Green)	Home	Lost	47-35

E.L.,
C.H.B.

SPORTS DAY, 1944.

We print the following account of the Sports Day events from the Guardian of Friday, July 28th:- With a total of 200 points Hodgkin won the House Championship Shield at the Nantwich and Acton Grammar School annual Athletic Sports, held on the School playing fields last Wednesday, July 19th. Weather conditions were ideal. Last year's champions, Thrush, came second with 161 points, and Wilbraham third with 121 points.

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E. Lloyd (Hodgkin) won the Boys' Senior Championship with 36 points, the runner-up being G. Entwistle (Thrush) with 21 points. The Junior Boy Champion was R. Wilkinson (Hodgkin), who gained 25 points, R. Scott (Wilbraham) being the runner-up with 14 points.

The following were the results of the Girls' Competitions:- Senior-Athletic Champion: B. Hinde; Runner-up, E. Adams. Gym. Champion: B. Hinde; Runner-up, E. Adams. Tennis Champion: D. Grocott; Runner-up, B. Hinde. Swimming Champion: D. Benoy; Runner-up, M. Preston. Junior-Athletic Champion: P. Bailey; Runner-up, M. Day. Gym. Champion: S. Bulpitt; Runner-up, M. Lewis. Tennis Champion: A. Robinson; Runner-up, G. Moores. Swimming Champion: P. Bailey; Runner-up, R. Bailey. In the senior boys' long jump, Sanders (Thrush) set up a new record of 18ft. 4ins., beating the existing record by one inch. This was the only new record established.

The record of 13 1/5th seconds in the 100 yards race for senior girls was equalled by Hilda Smith (Wilbraham).

RESULTS.

Mile (Senior), Boys.-1, Bate; 2, Boyer; 3, Sanders.
880 Yards (Junior), Boys.-1, Scott; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hollinshead.
Long Jump (Junior), Boys.-1, Scott; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Cooper. 100 Yards (Senior), Boys.-1, Boyer; 2, Sanders; 3, Davenport. 100 Yards (Sub-Senior), Boys.-1, Edge; 2, Cooper; 3, Crosby. 100 Yards (Junior), Boys.-1, Wilkinson and Dickenson; 3, Oliver. 100 Yards (Sub-Junior), Boys.-1, Kirby; 2, Flemington; 3, Leese. 100 Yards (Senior), Girls.1, B. Hinde; 2, E. Adams; 3, M. Preston. 100 Yards (Sub-Senior), Girls.-1, H. Smith; 2, S. Whittaker; 3, M. Lewis. Time, 13 1/5th secs. (record equalled).
100 Yards (Junior), Girls.-1, B. Jones; 2, G. Moores; 3, B. Skitt.
100 Yards (Sub-Junior), Girls.-1, B. Broughton; 2, P. Vickers; 3, J. Walters. 440 Yards (Senior), Boys.-1, Lloyd; 2, Cooke; 3, Entwistle.
Hurdles (Sub-Senior), Boys.-1, Cooper; 2, Edge.
Hurdles (Senior), Boys.-1, Boyer; 2, Anderson.
Boys' Hurdle Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Thrush.
Senior Girls' House Relay. 1, Wilbraham; 2, Hodgkin. Junior Girls' House Relay.-1, Thrush; 2, Hodgkin. Senior Boys' Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Thrush. High Jump (Junior), Boys.-1, Scott; 2, Neville; 3, King. Long Jump (Senior), Boys.-1, Sanders; 2, Sutton; 3, Lloyd. Sanders beat the existing record of 18ft. 3ins., by one inch.

As the Camera Sees it



*Guides' Camp Fire
in a corner of the
School Grounds.*

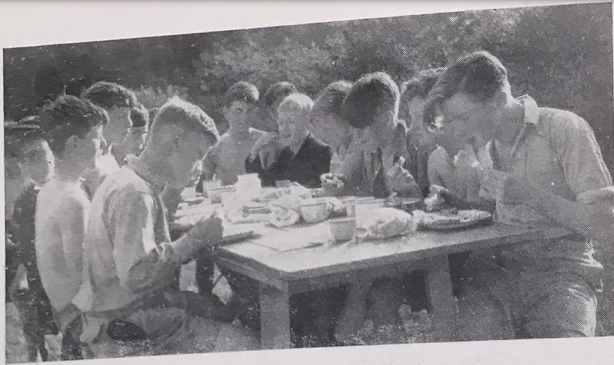
THE CYCLING TOUR AT WHITSUN.



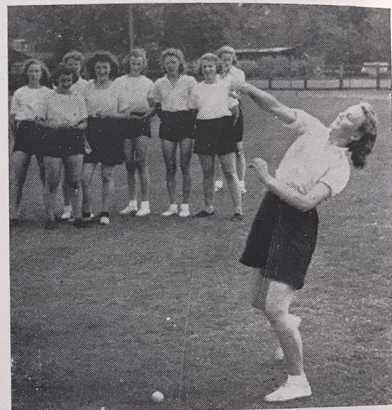
Above Llyn Idwal.



*The complete party by Ellesmere—
Last day.*



*Evening Dinner
in Camp.*



*C. King wins the
Throwing Contest.*



*Sanders, C. wins the
Long Jump with
18ft. 4ins
—a record.*



The Summer Camp at Marton, Cheshire



Miss Trentham's Christmas Play, 1943, "Les Reguges."

Photos by C. H. B.

The supplement this year includes two new activities.

Twelve boys from LV.A. undertook a cycling tour during the Whit Holiday. The route lay through Llangollen and Bangor, returning along the coast to Conway, then inland through the Conway Valley, and staying at Youth Hostels on the way. Fine weather and high spirits lasted throughout the tour.

The other new activity held in the first week of the Summer Term consisted of a camp of 20 boys from the Fourth Form. Our site was at Marton, Cheshire, on the borders of the Peak District. We were welcomed (?) and forced to retire by a cloud burst, to Eaton Vicarage. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Moore, an Old Grammarian, gave us every assistance, and next day our spirits rose sufficiently for a return to Camp. During a week of perfect weather we visited Buxton, Macclesfield, Dane Valley, Cloud End and the Bridestones, not omitting the Pictures and Chip shops of Congleton. J. Boyer and B. Cooke were invaluable as camp prefects.

The last activity of this type was in 1940, when a football tour was arranged by Mr. Carey, a member of staff, now in Belgium.

C.H.B.

Girls' Multi-Relay.-1, Wilbraham; 2, Thrush.
 Boys' Multi-Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Thrush.
 220 Yards (Junior), Boys.-1, Wilkinson; 2, Scott; 3, Dickenson.
 220 Yards (Senior), Boys.-1, Lloyd; 2, Cooke; 3, Jones and Edge.
 Throwing the Bali (Girls).-1, C. King; 2, N. Maddock; 3, P. Hollinshead. House Relay (Junior),
 Boys.-1, Thrush; 2, Hodgkin.
 High Jump (Senior), Boys.-1, Boyer; 2, Dutton; 3, Keeley.
 Tug-of-war.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Thrush.

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1944.

Tuesday, July 25th, was in many respects typical of the summer- chilly and showery. Indifferent weather had seriously interfered with practice and yet a good number of standards had been obtained and the swimming events were eagerly and well contested. Wilbraham won the House Championship Shield with 185 points, and Hodgkin were the runners-up with 177 points. Thrush, last year's shield winners, were third. D. Benoy won the Senior Girls' Championship Cup, and the Junior Girl Champion was P. Bailey. Her sister, R. Bailey, was the runner-up. J. Pepler and H. Keeley tied with 10 points each for the Senior D. J. Thompson was the Junior Boy Boys' Championship Cup. Champion.

Only one new record was length race for Girl Beginners. established, by C. Butler in the one- Her time was 33 2/5th seconds.

RESULTS.

Girls, Beginners' Width.-1, B. Mitchell; 2, J. Haighton; 3, R. Jones.
 Boys, Beginners' Width.-1, Tudor; 2, Emsley; 3, Bennion.
 Girls, Beginners' Length.-1, C. Butler; 2, R. Storey; 3, M. Jones. Time, 33 2/5th secs.

Record.

Boys, Beginners' Length.-1, Bedson; 2, Clayton; 3, Clewlow.
 Junior Girls, Breast Stroke.-1, P. Bailey; 2, G. Moores; 3, M. Jones.
 Senior Boys, One Length, Free Style.-1, Cooper; 2, Pepler; 3, Smith.
 Senior Girls, One Length, Back Stroke.-1, M. Preston; 2, D. Benoy; 3, L. Jackson. Senior Boys, One Length, Breast Stroke.-1, Moulton; 2, Boyer; 3, Bate. Junior Girls, One Length, Back Stroke.-1, I. Darbishire; 2, R. Bailey; 3, C. Butler. Junior Boys, One Length, Back Stroke.-1, Forster; 2, W. Parker; 3, Tole. Senior Girls, One Length, Breast Stroke.-1, D. Benoy; 2, E. Adams; 3, L. Jackson.

Senior Boys, One Length, Back Stroke.-1, Keeley; 2, Elliot; 3, Boyer. Junior Girls, Diving.-1, J. Price;
2, M. Day; 3, F. Birchall.
Junior Boys, Diving.-1, Thompson; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Clayton.

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Junior Girls, One Length, Free Style.-1, P. Bailey; 2, R. Bailey; 3, B. Jones. Junior Boys, One Length, Free Style.-1, Thompson; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Charlesworth. Junior Boys, One Length, Breast Stroke. 1, Thompson; 2, Forster; 3, W. Parker. Senior Girls, One Length, Free Style.-1, M. Preston; 2, E. Adams; 3, N. Maddock. Senior Boys, Two Lengths, Free Style.-1, Pepler; 2, Smith; 3, Cooper. Senior Girls, Diving.-1, D. Benoy; 2, E. Adams and P. Ogden (tied). Senior Boys, Diving.-1, Keeley; 2, Smith; 3, Pepler. Junior Girls, House Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Wilbraham. Junior Boys, House Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Wilbraham.. Senior Girls, House Relay.-1, Wilbraham; 2, Thrush. Senior Boys, House Relay.-1, Hodgkin; 2, Thrush:

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

The following pupils were successful in the recent Examinations held by the Northern Universities' Joint Matriculation Board:-

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

L. Jackson (e, es); M. Wych (f, fs).

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE-SUBSIDIARY SUBJECTS.

Boyer, J. (mp, ma, c, b); Svendsen, J. (e, b, g); West, B. (c, b, g);
J. Beasley (e, h, d); S. Gaudern (e, g, d); M. Hilton (e, h, f); M. Lloyd
(m, c, b, g); P. Ogden (e, c, b, d); B. Simcoe (e, h, f, d).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

VuA.-Anderson, J. A.; Entwistle, G. (E, e, g, f, m, s, t); Flynn, T. (E, r, f, m, s, t); Francis, D. (t); King, W. (s); Steele, J. R. (s); Walley, B. (g, s); E. Adams (s, d); D. Benoy (a, s, t); J. Deakin (e); P. Dickens (E, e, s); D. Edwards, H. Ferns (a); D. Grocott (E, f); R. Hanley; G. Haslam (E, f, m, s, t); K. Hendley (a); B. Hinde (e); K. Hope (g, f, a); C. Hopley, C. King, M. Preston (e, h, r, s); C. Sheriff; B. Walkden (E, e, r, f); J. Walley, A. Weaver (E, e); E. Wilkinson; J. Williams.
VuB.-Baston, D. (g); Bate, J.; Elliott, M. (a); Fossick, B.; Fox, G.; Murray, J.; Sanders, C.; E. Mills; M. Trelfa; O. Warburton.

Letters in brackets indicate: "Good in H.S.C. and Scholarship papers; in S.C.; a-Art; Subjects passed in H.S.C. (Subsidiary Subjects); "A credits' b-Biology; c-Chemistry; d-Domestic Science; E-English Language; e-English Literature; f-French; g-Geography; h-History; m, mp, Mathematics (Pure, Applied); r-Scripture: s-General Science I.; t-General Science II.

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SCHOOL SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The interests of the Society during the Summer Term were concentrated in a single yet noteworthy meeting, which took the form of a reading of "Macbeth. The cast, headed by members of the Staff and VU.S., together with some help from Form VI., worthily accomplished the task it had undertaken, and, it is hoped the reading proved valuable to those of the VU.S. for whom it was largely intended. The Autumn Term promises many varied meetings and members will find that there is something of interest for a wide range of tastes.

B.C.

MUSIC NOTES.

HOUSE

COMPETITION.

The House Music Competition was held on May 26th, and judged this year by Mrs. W. Lea, to whom we are grateful for her detailed marking. Some very hard work had been done among the choirs by House Captains and their helpers, but I would suggest that next year's conductors should give more attention to finding a helpful accompanist, deciding together the best pace for each song, and then both keeping to it. The solo items were enjoyable, and showed promising talent among both juniors and seniors. Wilbraham boys' choir came nearest to expressing the contrasted moods of "Hannibal" and "Loch Lomond," but perhaps the lingering sweetness' of Thrush girls' choir singing "Afton Water," a really finished piece of work, was the most memorable item. In the final total Thrush came first, with Wilbraham only one mark behind.

SCHOOL

CHOIR.

A voluntary choir of girls from IVth to VIth Forms has met regularly after school on Fridays throughout the School year, and made public appearances at Carol Concert, at the County Music Festival, at one of Mr. Taylor's organ recitals, and at a Nantwich Musical Circle Meeting. A full chronicle of our activities would mention extra practices

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on cold December mornings, or in lunch times, a sumptuous tea provided by members on June 14th, and some vigorous country dancing between rows of desks laid out for July examinations. The climax of the year's work came on July 20th, when a group of twelve choir members, assisted by three bass voices from the VIth Form, helped to provide illustrations for a lecture on Elizabethan music, singing such madrigals as "The Silver Swan" and "Now is the Month The soloists, Lorna Jackson, Freda Papworth, Elizabeth of Maying. Turner and Pat Hope, deserve special mention for their songs, and so do the eight dancers who performed "Rufty Tufty" and "Sellinger's Round."

I have greatly appreciated the Choir's enthusiasm, and wish the members success and enjoyment in their future performances.

M.C.K.

GUIDE NOTES.

Guide meetings last term were chiefly devoted to out-of-door activities. These included an excursion to the Bickerton hills, where a cave was 'discovered,' and practices for the District Sports. At the latter event the Company obtained the second place. We are sorry to lose Nancy Lloyd, who has been a Patrol Leader for three years, and we wish her success at the University.

J.M.

RED CROSS.

During the two years we have been collecting we have subscribed the fine sum of £131 9s. I shall be really satisfied when every member of the School is a subscriber.

F.C.P.

RED CROSS. JUNIOR LINK.

Very little money was collected between September, 1943, and July, 1944 £1 15s., of which 5s. was spent on our affiliation fee. The School helps the Red Cross in other ways, but we can never do too much for this cause.

W.T.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS.

Last term the total saved was £577. Since the special effort last May I am afraid a great deal of slackness has developed. Let all members be regular savers.

F.C.P.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE.

The total amount collected in boxes this year was £23 16s. 01d., the largest sum we have produced so far. We now have 65 members, many of whom work really hard to fill their boxes; they have the satisfaction of knowing that without them, and people like them, the Barnardo Homes would not exist.

W.T.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY. VLB. GIRLS' Y.H. HOLIDAY.

Numerous fellow passengers in the corridor of a South-bound express must have wondered why my head suddenly pushed towards the window. They were not to know that as we steamed through Shropshire I was re-living the last week-end of the Whitsun holiday, when a company with bicycles traversed, somewhat more slowly, the same countryside.

Wenlock Edge stretched peacefully over there, yet on Friday, June 2nd, the long pull up in the afternoon heat nearly defeated some of us. Wilderhope Youth Hostel was concealed among its trees, and there we enjoyed the sensation of inhabiting, if only for two nights, a real Elizabethan manor house, with massive oak door, stone floor, and spiral stairs leading to our attic dormitory.

My train sped through Craven Arms, but not before I had located the British Restaurant where our hungrier companions enjoyed a substantial lunch on June 3rd. I remember how easily we all cycled that evening too, after a plentiful tea with strawberry jam. We had been visiting Stokesay that day, a moated castle, dating from 1240. Its tiny windows, high on the grey walls, give it an aloof air, as if it feels the dignity of its 700 years when it sees us lounging on the grass, peering into the moat, or musing on its history.

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From the train I had a most impressive view of Caer Caradoc, a long, bare hill, whose summit, the Sunday we were there, was swept by such a wind that we had to crouch in the bracken for warmth and safety. I wonder, did bread, margarine and Marmite ever taste so good as on that day when eleven hungry people picnicked in the invigorating air? We were as high as we could be, the world spread out below us, its everyday routine, the war news, and the latest fashion, all forgotten in the enjoyment of open-air life. As I passed the scene two months later, these were my impressions of our holiday together. We had had no misfortunes, though one person seemed determined to fall off her bicycle, and several of us grumbled at hill-climbing. However, Miss Jackson, the leader of the expedition, is assured of our gratitude, for her experiment was a great success.

M.C.K.

BIRDS OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

A previous number of The Nantonian contained a complete list of the trees to be found on the School grounds, with a plan to show their distribution, and a list of one hundred wild flowers

found there in the course of a year, with an indication of their habitat. It remains to make a similar list of birds which have been observed on the School grounds, and the list which follows is the result of fairly close observation carried out during the past eight years. The list is likely to be complete as regards birds which regularly visit the grounds, but since such a strange fowl as the Quail has visited us in the past something equally unexpected may visit us in the future, and in any case the present observer has yet to see a Bullfinch and a Marsh Tit on the School grounds. The list as it stands includes the names of 66 birds, set down in the order of families which is followed in most bird-books, including The Observer's Book of British Birds, which provides admirable pictures and descriptions of the birds, with other helpful information about them. An asterisk indicates that the bird is known to have nested on the grounds. The letter in the first column indicates the status of the bird in this district: -R = Resident (all the year round), SM = Summer Migrant, WM = Winter Migrant, T = Transient. The letter in the second column indicates the frequency with which the bird has been seen or heard on the grounds: -A = Abundant, C = Common,

F Few, R Rare. Birds marked A can usually be encountered by anybody with eyes and ears, those marked C by anybody who is at all observant, those marked F and R only by the alert watcher and listener. The letter in the third column indicates whereabouts on the grounds the bird is most likely to be seen or heard:-

A		On	or	around	the	buildings.
B	=	On	the	fields,	especially	the Big Field.
C	=	In	shrubberies,	plantations,	orchard	and hedges.
D		=	In	larger	trees.	
E	=	On	top	of hedges	and fences,	telegraph wires.
F		=	Pools	and	wet	places.
G		=	Only	flying	over	the grounds.
H		=	On	arable	just	beyond School bounds.
I		=	In	trees	just	beyond School bounds.

Of the 66 species recorded below more than 40 can be seen regularly every year at the proper times and places. It is probable that the School is rather exceptionally well situated for encouraging the visits of birds, for while it is on the edge of the town the open country lies just

beyond, and the canal and river are close by. Moreover the planting of trees and shrubberies has encouraged the visits of many birds and has led to the nesting of several species.

Species.	Status in district.	Numbers on grounds.	Distribution	on grounds.	Remarks.
Carrion Crow	R		C	BD	
Rook	R		C	AB	
*Jackdaw	R		A	AB	
Magpie	R	F		CD	one or two frequently by rubbish dump.
*Starling	R		A	ABD	
*Greenfinch	R		C	BC	
**Goldfinch	R		R	C	
Lesser Redpoll	R		C [B]		Nested in orchard, June, 1939. Once only, 22/1/41, on shelters in hard weather.
*Linnet	R		C	BC	
*Chaffinch	R		C	BC	
Brambling	WM		R		[B] Few with chaffinches on shel- ters in hard weather, Jan. 1941.
*House Sparrow	R		A	AC	
Tree Sparrow	R		R	E	
Yellowhammer	R	F		E	Also on field in winter.
Skylark	R	C		BG	On field in winter.
Tree Pipit	SM	R		DI	Cock singing by tennis courts, 26/5/41.

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Species.	Status in District.	Numbers on Grounds.	Distribution	on Grounds.	Remarks.
Meadow Pipit [WM]		F		B	Winter only.
Yellow Wagtail	SM	F		B	Usually in July and August.
Grey Wagtail	WM	R		F	Single bird by pool and ditch, autumn, 1937, 1938.
Pied Wagtail	R		C	AB	
Tree Creeper	R		R	[C]	Once only, trees by pool, 27/1/41.
*Great Tit	R	C		C	
*Blue Tit	R	C		C	
Coal Tit	R	F		C	Usually seen on bird-table.
Willow Tit	R	R		C	On bird-table, Jan.-Mar., 1939.

Long-Tailed Tit R	R	C	Small parties moving through plantations.
*Spotted Flycatcher SM	F	AE	Nests regularly on main building.
Chiffchaff SM	F	C	Visits plantations regularly in late summer.
*Willow Warbler SM	C	C	
Garden Warbler SM	R C		Singing in trees behind greenhouse, 12-29/6/39.
*Whitethroat SM	C	CE	
Lesser Whitethroat SM	F	C	
Fieldfare WM	F	BD	
Mistle Thrush R	C	BD	
*Song Thrush R	A	BCD	
Redwing WM	F	BCD	More frequently met than Fieldfare.
*Blackbird R	A	BCD	
Wheatear T	R	BE	Only on autumn passage, e.g., 2/9/38
*Robin R	C	C	
*Hedgesparrow R	C	CE	
*Wren R	C	C	
Swallow SM	C	AB	
House Martin SM	F	AB	
Sand Martin SM	R	[E]	With swallows and martins on wires in autumn.
Swift SM	C	A	Usually high over buildings.
Great Spotted Woodpecker R	R	I	Frequently heard, sometimes seen.
Green Woodpecker R	R	I	Heard from front of School, 17/4/44.
Cuckoo SM	F	AD	Young bird being fed by Pied Wagtail, 4/8/42.
Tawny Owl R	F	AD	Usually after dark; throughout day, 27/6/40.
Kestrel R	R	G	Occasionally seen hovering.
Sparrowhawk R	R	G	Occasionally seen circling above grounds.

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Species.	Status	in district.	Numbers	on grounds.	Distribution	on grounds.	Remarks.
Heron	R		R		G	Probably flying from canal to river.	
Mute	R		F		G	Swan Probably flying from canal to river.	
Canada	R		F		G	Goose Fairly large flocks occasionally fly over.	
Wood Pigeon	R		F		BD		
Stock Dove	R		F		BD		
Turtle Dove	SM		R		[D]	Once only, 6/7/42.	
Lapwing	R		C		BG	On ground only in hard weather.	
Curlew	SM		F		G	Usually late summer, e.g., 2/8/40, 8/8/43, on passage.	
Snipe	R		R		F	Once only, 15/12/37, in hard weather, in wet ground just beyond N. hedge.	
Black-headed Gull	R		A		BG	Throughout year	

Common Gull	WM	A	BG	Not	May	to	Aug.
Herring Gull	R	F	BG	Throughout	year	Sometimes	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	R	F	BG	Throughout	year	all 4 species	
Partridge	R		BH	On ground	only	after dark	or
				early			together,
						morning.	
Quail	SM	R	H	July,	1938,	in arable	north of
grounds: call heard from School buildings. e.g. 14/9/37							

J.L.

OLD GRAMMARIANS' NOTES.

Hearty congratulations to Harry Berry (Dean of the College of the Pharmaceutical Society) on his appointment as Professor of Pharmaceutics in the University of London; and also to Capt. Colin Edwards, M.C., on his promotion to the rank of Major. In a copy of the Powell River News, which was sent to School recently, we were pleased to see a photograph of our late Headmaster -Lt.-Col. A. T. Powell now a magistrate of Powell River. All Old Grammarians will join in wishing him every success in his new office. He

The School and Staff gave a hearty welcome to F./O. Jack Grocott (New Zealand) on his visit to School, when he gave a most interesting account of his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany. thanked the scholars for their support to the Red Cross Prisoner of War Fund and said that a great percentage of the prisoners owed their lives to the contents of the Red Cross parcels.

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Quite recently we've had a visit from William Coates, whose family left for Canada about fifteen years ago. His brothers John and Kenneth, also with the Canadian Forces, have already been to see the School. William had not seen his brothers for over three years.

Since our last edition of the School Magazine the following have visited the School: Sgt. E. W. Stanton, R.A.F., E. A. Dyer, A.C.2, R.A.F., Madge Smith, Pamela Williamson, Sybil Edwards, Kenneth Mather, Thelma Done, Olive Dodd, Barbara Gowdridge, A. Lloyd, J. Sadler (R.A.F.), Mary Ellson, B. N. Furber, K. Hope, N. Bonell, Ruth Stanley, H. Bostock, Ralph Doody, Frederic J. Williams, J. Grocott (R.A.F.), E. Silversides, Frank A. Dutton, Frank Stubbs (R.A.F.), Peggie Smith, Brenda Ferns, Pat Robinson, Margaret Storey, A. C. Birchall, Francis Roberts, Marian R. Hill, Edward Cooper, Kingsley, M., M. Williams, Geoffrey Charlesworth, Brian Millard, J. H. Purcell, W. Coates, J. A. Leedham, E. F. Steventon, F. Westwell, Charles D. Holgate, Ethel Steventon, A. G. Cooper, A. Hambridge, P. Shaw, G. B. Griffiths, Tom Steventon, R. E. Hanley, June Deakin, A. Lodge (R.A.F.), E. Myers (R.E.), R. C. Peake (R.A.).

We were all deeply grieved to learn that Lieut. Peter Pepler, of the Notts. S.R. Yeomanry, had been killed in action on June 9th-a few days after the landing on "D" day. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. The following tribute to Peter is taken from the Port Sunlight News:- "Peter Pepler has made the Supreme Sacrifice, and in his passing we mourn the loss not only of a colleague and a friend, but also of one who well represented all that is best in British manhood. A veteran, for at 24 he had already given almost five of his best years to his Country's service, he was still a youth, for he retained all the vigour and bubbling enthusiasm which we had come to associate with him. Physically, he was very far from being a weakling, and yet army life developed him considerably, with the result that when, a few months ago, we saw him after four years' absence, the strapping young Hercules was hardly recognizable. War, however, has taken its toll, and we salute a very gallant soldier who, knowing full well the price that might be exacted, nevertheless did not hesitate to take the path which duty indicated. It was but typical of the man. He had seen active service in Greece and Cyrenaica, fighting hard all the time, and latterly in Normandy, where he laid down his life, still, as ever, fighting

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hard. What a tale to tell had he but lived to relate it! In his life and in his death may he be an inspiration to us who live on."-F.MCN. As we go to press we are delighted to record the visit of Kenneth Hope, who was with the Airborne Division at Arnhem. It was a great relief to know that he was safe and a real pleasure to see him again.

STOP PRESS: Our congratulations to Ft./Sgt. E. Stanton on winning the D.F.M., and our thanks to Mason Melling for a most interesting letter from S. Africa.

B.M.

VALETE ET SALVETE.

The following pupils have left or joined us since our last issue: Left:-
HODGKIN HOUSE: -

Boys: Bond, J., Bostock, J. D., Boyer, J. L., Cockshott, B., Davenport, R., Hollinshead, R., Jones, K., Maden, W., Murray, J., Ridgway, J., Svendsen, A., Walley, B., Wilkinson, R.
Girls: M. Hilton, B. Simcoe, M. Trefa, J. Walley, A. Weaver, E. Wilkinson, C. Woodward.

THRUSH HOUSE: -
Boys: Anderson, J., Bate, J. D., Dutton, R., Entwistle, G., Sanders, C., West, B.
Girls: J. Beasley, M. Beeston, J. Deakin, P. Dickens, D. Edwards, J. Evans, H. Ferns, R. Hanley, K. Hendley, C. Hopley, L. Jackson, R. Kinsey, N. Lloyd, K. McClelland, M. Pace, C. Sheriff, O. Warburton, M. Wych.

WILBRAHAM HOUSE:-
Boys: Charlesworth, D., Cliffe, H., Fox, G., Griffiths, R., McHale, K., Robinson, D., Shakeshaft, L., Sanders, W.
Girls: D. Charlesworth, K. Faulkner, S. Gaudern, K. Hope, C. King, P. Ogden, H. Sheward, J. Williams, E. Woodhead.

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New Comers:-
HODGKIN HOUSE:
Boys: Boyer, A., Crawford, G., Doig, A., Fitzsimmons, W., T., Meakin, J., Ollier, C., Garner, R., Jones, R., Jones, Stillwell, P., Watts, D.
Girls: B. Barnes, J. Baxter, B. Calderbank, M. Clewlow, J. Farrington, B. Griffiths, W. Harrison, B. Jones, S. Kingsley, M. Merrill, M. Newton, W. Sanders, W. Sproson, J. Walley, G. Weatherston, D. Wright.

THRUSH

HOUSE:

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Boys: Ansell, R., Bailey, P., Beardwood, F., Churchyard, J., Crump, D., Davies, P., Eaton, A., Gooby, J., Gorst, J., Roe, D., Haighton, R., Kelly, W., Large, R., Maddocks, R., Parry-Williams, L., Ratcliffe, J.

Girls: B. Armor, J. Billington, M. Cowap, I. Cresswell, M. Dutton, P. Ellerton, B. Jones, C. Malam, V. Moore, M. Morrissey, S. Owen, S. Rowland, A. Smith, J. Thompson.

WILBRAHAM

HOUSE:-

Boys: Barlow, S., Bell, I., Deán, B., Densem, J., Duff, C., Ford, A., Harding, B., Jordan, B., Kirwin, S., Langley, K., McTurk, C., Ormes, D., Thomas, B., Wood, S., Wright, F.
Girls: H. Banks, S. Davidson, M. Hastings, M. Heath, G. Hennessey, P. Pett, R. Roe, B. Reece, J. Slack, J. Whittle.