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Editorial.

THE present issue marks the beginning of a new volume of the School Magazine. We had hoped that peace would have already been restored to Europe; but there can be little doubt that by the time this magazine reaches our readers, peace will have been proclaimed.

The interest of this issue lies in the fact that it reviews our activities over the last months of the War Years. The account of our Speech Day celebrations is an admirable summary of our life in School for the greater part of the war period. Besides the usual account of our annual Shakespearean production we print a first instalment of the beautiful Christmas play which Miss Grant wrote and produced for the Carol Concert; and both are admirably recorded and illustrated by the excellent photographic supplement prepared by Mr. Bailey.

The return to peace time conditions will mean, we hope, a relaxation of certain war time restrictions which have imposed limitations on the production of the magazine. Among other things we shall be requiring literary articles, which formed so pleasing a feature of earlier volumes; will would-be contributors please note. SCHOOL NOTES, May, 1945. These notes cover a period from December, 1944, and for that month there are several things to be recorded.

A large audience was delighted by the varied and charming items of a Carol Concert on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 13th. A fuller report is given elsewhere in these pages, and Miss Bebbington and her choir are to be warmly congratulated on the singing. Our special thanks are due to Miss Grant and the children of the Preparatory School for the movingly beautiful Nativity Play with which the concert was concluded: it was a most lovely and appropriate tribute, and all concerned deserve the highest praise for such a finished achievement. Miss Grant, who herself wrote the dialogue, has kindly consented to its

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appearing in the pages of the Nantonian in two instalments, the first of which is printed in this issue.

In view of what the Preparatory Department did for the School on this occasion, and of what it has done, under Miss Grant's guidance, for many years past, it is sad to reflect that the County Education Authority, acting under the terms of the new Education Act, has decided that no more pupils are to be admitted to the Preparatory Department, which will therefore cease to exist when the pupils who are now there have passed right through it. It will thus continue for another three years or so; and during that time we shall certainly have further cause to be grateful for its good works on behalf of the School as a whole.

The other festivities and parties usual at the end of the Christmas term were once more celebrated with customary enthusiasm, and collections were made for good causes. Members of Form VI. are to be specially congratulated on a most amusing and well acted pantomime with which they delighted the several parties.

At the end of the Christmas term we said good-bye, with great regret, to Miss Moss, who had been with us for over four years, and had done so much for those who were beginning their acquaintance with the French language and for our Guide Company. We are most grateful to Miss Moss for all her kindnesses and in particular for a generous gift which she has made us at parting for the purchase of gramophone records of dialogues in French. Her place on the Staff has been taken by Miss D. Brassington, to whom we extend a particular welcome since she is an Old Grammarian. Miss Jackson has very kindly taken over the leadership of our Guide Company.

Our thanks are due, now as always, to a number of people who have very kindly presented us with gifts: to G. A. Stubbs for three spools of photographic film, particularly valuable in these days; to R. Chesworth for a dagger to add to our collection of weapons; to Dr. J. R. T. Turner for L. Abbott's The Listener's Book on Harmony, a valuable addition to our musical library; and to all those parents who

w have kindly acceded to the request of the County Education Committee that they should surrender for the use of the School the text-books which had previously been the private property of certain pupils.

To M. Melling (1931-1934), who has been serving in South Africa as a naval telegraphist, we are indebted for a fine collection of photo- graphs, with his own most interesting commentary.

The request for text-books was made in consideration of the fact that on April 1st, by one of the most memorable terms of the new Education Act, education became entirely free at this school, as at all maintained Secondary Schools throughout the country.

This Act is certainly a landmark in the history of English education; and it was appropriate that Mr. J. Wesley. Emberton, the Chair- man of our Governors, and himself both an Old Grammarian and a member of the Education Committee of the Cheshire County Council, should attend the opening assembly of the School under its new conditions (and with its new and preternaturally extended name, which we shall seldom want to use, Nantwich and Acton County Grammar School) on the morning of Tuesday, April 17th, 1945, and should remind us of what the School had stood for in the past and give us encouragement and exhortation for the future.

On Thursday, January 11th, just after our return from the Christ- mas holiday, was held in the School Hall our first formal Speech Day for five years. We were honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Crick) and Mrs. Crick, and the Bishop presented the prizes for the school year 1943-1944 and gave a most genial and inspiring address. The Chairman of the Governors was unfortunately absent through illness, and the chair was taken by Mr. T. M. Boardman, the Vice-Chairman. Before the presentation of the prizes the Headmaster read a Report which briefly surveyed the activities of the School during the previous five years, all of which had fallen within the period of the war. Extracts from this Report appear elsewhere in these pages.

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On the day after Speech Day we received an unexpected but most welcome visit from Mr. D. R. Hughes, who had recently returned from five years of campaigning in N. Africa and Italy. We hoped that he might call again while he was in the district, but he had to return to his depôt. He has since been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. On this we congratulate him most warmly, but hope that it will not still further delay his return to our midst.

We would extend our hearty congratulations to two Old Grammarians on achieving academic distinctions: to Dr. Conway A. Wood (1928-1935), of the School of Agriculture, University College, Bangor, on his appointment to the post of Assistant Adviser in Plant Pathology in North Wales Advisory Province; and to Mary Ellson (1935-1941) on gaining her Mus. Bac. at Manchester University and on thus achieving the distinction of being the first Nantwich Old Grammarian to obtain a degree in music.

The mention of music reminds us of the Music Festival, held in Crewe on Saturday, March 3rd, to which, Miss Bebbington took a choir of our girls. They are to be congratulated on the excellence of their singing, which was warmly and discriminatingly praised by the Adjudicator, Dr. Hubert Clifford.

Perhaps the least inadequate way of praising the excellence of the School production of Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, which was performed before crowded and enthusiastic audiences in the School Hall on March 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 25th, is to say that in the opinion of most people, including our most discriminating critics, it was an even more finished and artistically satisfying achievement than the *Hamlet* of last year. It was certainly an achievement of which any school whatsoever might have been very proud, and warmest congratulations are due to all those who co-operated in any way in its presentation. The School owes a special debt of gratitude to a number of friends who generously gave their expert assistance in various matters: to Mr. A. McGraw who yet again came over from Wallasey to give us the benefit of his skill in stage decoration, to Mrs. B. Thistlethwaite for her expert

help in directing the dance movements, and to members of the orchestral section of the Nantwich Music Circle for providing us with a musical setting of charming quality and texture.

On Friday, April 27th, the School listened to a genial and picturesque talk about Australia given by Mr. A. D. Kay, an Australian, who has been an M.P. for New South Wales. There were many questions from members of a very interested audience.

On another page are recorded the details of the School's support to various Good Causes. The enthusiasm and practical help displayed by many members of the School are greatly appreciated, in particular the support which is given to Mr. Pepler in his good work on behalf of Red Cross and War Savings, to Miss Jackson in hers on behalf of fruit collections and Comforts for the Forces, and to Miss Trentham in hers on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Our most affectionate greetings are once more extended to all Old Grammarians who are serving with the Forces. It is always a great pleasure to welcome them when they visit the School, and the long array of entries in our Old Grammarian Visitors' Book is eloquent tribute to the interest and affection which Old Boys and Old Girls feel for the School.

Founders' Day falls on May 26th, but since this date fell during the Whitsun Holiday the Founders' Day Service was held on May 18th at Acton Parish Church by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Parry Williams. Before the war these services were held at the parish churches of Nantwich and Acton in alternate years, but no such service had been held since 1940. It was appropriate that the sermon this year should be preached by the Bishop of Chester.

Before these notes appear in print the War in Europe will have come to an end and V.E. Day will have been celebrated. There will have been heartfelt rejoicing for the passing of a period of

hideous destructiveness, coupled with deep sympathy for all those to whom it has brought grievous sufferings; and there will remain the need for courage

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and steadfastness in facing a future which is still darkened by war in the East, and which, when peace is restored, will admit of no relaxation of constructive effort.

As we go to press, we are able to record the collection of £30 and a large number of useful articles for "Help to French Schools." Miss Trentham and Miss Brassington and all concerned are to be most warmly congratulated on this magnificent effort, which we have asked to be devoted to the help of a school at Périers, with which we have very special ties.

J.L.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT NOTES.

We are commencing the Summer Term with a full School, the first time for months. Shortly after the last notes were written, Miss Wragg came to open the Children's Barnardo Boxes. The result, £40 3s. 10d., exceeded any previous total, and the Young Helpers were warmly commended. Billy Baker and Marjorie Wardle were presented with silver badges for having collected for three years. Nineteen new members were enrolled. In December eight pupils had "Christmas Trees" in aid of the Barnardo Homes, and £4 Os. 6d. was despatched as a result of their efforts.

We held our Harvest Festival in October, and the Rev. J. Wheldon Williams was kind enough to

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take the service. We made £10 by the sale of the produce, and sent the money to Mrs. Churchill, who had broadcast an appeal for a hospital expressly for Russian children maimed in the war.

In October we posted a parcel of woollies, knitted by the children, to the R.A.F. At the end of the month the Rev. W. J. Platt, Superintendent of the Home Dept. of the British and Foreign Bible Society, lectured to the School on the "Ituri," or Belgian Congo Forest, and afterwards £1 6s. 8d. was contributed in aid of the missionary work there. In December we had a 'Soft Toys' Competition for parents. Mrs. Jones won the first, and Mrs. Merrill the second prize. The proceeds from the sale of the toys, £3 10s. 3d., was sent to the Airborne Forces' and Commandos' Benevolent Fund. In addition we had a sale of

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children's second hand books, from which we were able to send £5 5s. to Mrs. Churchill's Red Cross Fund, and a parcel of books to the Red Cross Shop in Crewe. We also made a collection of toys for bombed-out children, and these were dispatched to the Secretary of the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund. The Autumn Term closed with the Carol Concert, at which we gave a Nativity Play in two scenes, which we believe was much enjoyed and appreciated.

In February Mr. Ivan Pedersen, a widely-travelled Dane of the India-Burmah Association, who served on the India Famine Relief Commission last year, spoke to the children on "How to Get the Best out of Life." Questions were invited at the close of his talk, and as fast as he answered one, another was forthcoming. It developed into an interesting and unusual Geography lesson, and Mr. Pedersen ended by remarking that the children were "alive." We collected £5 14s. 5d. in November and £5 5s. 5d. in February for the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, and sent £1 9s. in December, and £1 1s. in March to the Lord Mayor of London's Relief Fund.

The entrance examination to the Upper School took place in March, earlier than usual. Only children between eleven and twelve years of age on August 1st are now allowed to enter, apart from those who have proved of exceptional ability. This has caused a good deal of disappointment to younger children, but these pupils will have their chance next year.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOOD CAUSES.

SENIOR

SCHOOL.

Amounts as set down below have been contributed by the School to various Charities, good causes and national efforts during the past year.

RED CROSS:	£.	s.	d.
(a) Penny-a-Week Fund	47	10	0
(b) General Fund-			
(i) From Proceeds of Carol Concert	6	6	0
(ii) Collection at Garden Party, July, 1944	3	14	6
(c) Prisoners of War Fund (Proceeds of Carol Concert)	5	0	0

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DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES:-	£.	s.	d.
(a) Members of Helpers' League	23	16	0
(b) Collections at School Parties	4	6	1
(c) From Proceeds of Carol Concert	5	13	11
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOMES	3	5	0
FRENCH SCHOOLS	10	3	6
LIVERPOOL RADIUM INSTITUTE	1	0	0
TUBERCULOSIS (NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF):-			
Sale of Stamps	1	0	10
BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY	4	12	0
SCHWEITZER'S HOSPITAL FUND	3	10	0
NANTWICH COTTAGE HOSPITAL	10	10	0
NANTWICH BOYS' CLUB	2	2	0
FRUIT COLLECTION:-			
Rose Hips (337 lbs.)			
(Proceeds to Red Cross included in Penny-a-Week Fund)	2	9	10
War Savings (including Preparatory Department)	1133	0	6

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RED	CROSS:
(a) Penny-a-Week Fund	10 19 10
(b) General Fund	5 5 0
(c) Hospital for Russian Children	10 0.0
(Mrs. Churchill's Appeal)	
DR. BARNARDO'S	HOMES:-
(a) Members of Helpers' League	40 3 10
(b) Christmas Trees	4 0 6
AIRBORNE FORCES & COMMANDOS' BENEVOLENT FUND	3 10 3
LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S GENERAL RELIEF FUND	2 10 6
BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY	1 6 8
PARCEL OF BOOKS TO RED CROSS SHOP,	CREWE.
PARCEL OF TOYS FOR BOMBED OUT	CHILDREN
(Lord Mayor of London's National Distress Fund).	

House Notes.

Captains: Girl-M. Riches; Boy-Lloyd, E.

Vice-Captains: Girl-P. Hollinshead; Boy-Fossick, B.

Our achievements up to date, if not overwhelming, have certainly been encouraging and have raised our hopes of gaining the Championship this year. The boys succeeded in regaining the Football Shield for another year and were again well represented in the School XI. Although the girls were not so fortunate in the Inter-House matches, they could also boast a number of players in the School XI. The boys-following up their success of last year-once more led the field in the Cross Country, five out of the senior team of six finishing in the first nine, with Keeley and Whittaker in first and second places respectively. We now call for an all-out effort. If we are to gain our desired objective, unity is an essential factor and all sections of the House must work with untiring energy in all the summer activities. If we once falter it may jeopardise all our hopes. Therefore let us go forward together, determined that we will surmount all opposition, however difficult. The fruits of victory are within our grasp and we must clutch them before they are snatched away.

M.R.,

E.L.

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

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

The efforts of all members of Thrush, after ten years of unbroken success, have by no means relaxed, although the strivings of the other Houses are becoming increasingly dangerous. The girls deserve special congratulations for their successes, with firsts in Hockey and the Gym. Competition (where M. Day was Junior Champion), and a second in Netball. The boys have been less fortunate, sharing second place in Football and failing to obtain a position in the Cross Country, despite a gallant effort by the Juniors, led by Thompson. There is still much room for improvement in the realm of term work, examinations and conduct marks.

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Success has come to Thrush in the past since everyone worked enthusiastically to the best of his or her ability. Success can come again in the same way and the fine spirit of pride in the House, which is displayed in so many ways, is a favourable omen for the future.

N.M.,

B.C.

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

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

The only sphere in which the House has aspired to the first position is Netball. However, we attained second place in several activities, including Hockey, Football, the Cross Country Run and the Gym. Competition. B. Hinde, E. Adams and I. Darbyshire are to be commended for their individual efforts in the last event. On balance, indoor activities have been quite satisfactory, for the House has been placed first in term work and second in examination and conduct, but there is room for improvement. This is an important term and we are relying on each member of the House to make every effort in order that we may not once again have to submit to Thrush.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The hockey team did not have a very successful season this year. Six matches were scratched and of the remaining seven, one was drawn and one won. The team played well together, and on occasions there was some very good individual play, but on the whole they lacked that drive essential to a successful team. The following girls represented the School: J. Billington, M. Jackson, D. Haynes, E. Adams, J. Birchall, D. Benoy, G. Haslam, S. Whittaker, N. Maddock, M. Cotterill, P. Hollinshead.

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Fixture List.

Opponents.	Result.	Score.
Verdin Grammar School, Winsford	Won	3—0
Market Drayton Grammar School	Lost	5—1
Crewe Training College	Lost	5—4
Whitchurch High School	Lost	5—2
Crewe Secondary School	Lost	2—1
Sir John Deane's School, Northwich	Drew	6—6
Market Drayton Grammar School	Lost	6—4

FOOTBALL NOTES.

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The School Team enjoyed a successful season, despite the fact that some matches had to be cancelled during the latter half of the season, owing to the bad weather conditions and transport difficulties. Six out of the eleven matches played were won. Our old rivals, Crewe Secondary, were the only School team that succeeded in defeating us, our other defeats being sustained at the hands of an R.A.F. XI. from Wardle.

The goalkeeper, Stockton, was awarded his Colours this season, whilst the team contained three of last year's 'colours' (Fossick, Moulton and Lloyd).

Our centre-half, Fossick, is to be congratulated on being selected to play for Cheshire in the F.A. County Minor Cup Competition, after playing in a Trial Match at Crewe.

The following boys represented the School: Lloyd, Fossick, Moulton, Stockton, Edge, Flynn, Cooper, Mottram, Sutton, Vernon, Smith D., Trinder, King, Bate and Jones R.

Results: Played 11, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Goals for 69, Against 33.

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Fixture List.

Opponents.	Venue.	Result.	Score.
Chester City and County Grammar School	Home	Draw	1—1
Crewe Co-operative Society XI.	Home	Won	13—1
Nantwich Army Cadets	Home	Won	15—2
Reaseheath Agricultural College	Home	Won	17—0
R.A.F. XI. (Wardle)	Home	Lost	4—1
Crewe Secondary School	Home	Lost	7—1
Winsford Verdin Grammar School	Home	Won	8—2
R.A.F. XI. (Wardle)	Home	Lost	6—0

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Market Drayton Grammar School	Home	Won	9—2
Audlem XI.	Home	Won	5—2
Crewe Secondary School	Away	Lost	6—0

E.L.,

C.H.B.

CROSS COUNTRY RACES.

The Cross Country Races were run under good conditions on Tuesday, March 27th. Both races proved exciting, though the times were much slower than last year. Hodgkin won the Senior race comfortably from Wilbraham, with Thrush a poor third. Thrush won the Junior race and only three points separated Hodgkin and Wilbraham for the second place.

We congratulate Keeley (Hodgkin) and Thompson (Thrush) on winning the Senior and Junior races respectively.

The individual positions were:-

1. Keeley (Time: 29 mins. 40 secs.).
 2. Whittaker.
 3. Mitchell, R.
 4. Crewe.
 5. Cooke.
 6. Mottram.
 7. Lloyd, E.
 8. Jones, R.
 9. Wycherley.
 10. Smith, D.
 11. Crosby.
 12. Lloyd, M.
1. Thompson (Time: 20 mins. 45 secs.).
 2. Leese.
 3. Astbury
 4. King.
 5. Brookes.
 6. Yearsley.

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7. Smith, N.
8. Clayton.
9. Kehoe.
10. Tapley.
11. Platt.
12. Vaughan.

HOUSE PLACINGS.

House.	Placings.	Totals.
SENIORS.-		
1. Hodgkin	1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 19	41
2. Wilbraham	3, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16	59
3. Thrush	5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22	77
JUNIORS.-		
1. Thrush	1, 4, 5, 8, 15, 17	50
2. Hodgkin	2, 3, 7, 10, 18, 22	62
3. Wilbraham	6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14	65

R.G.

CAROL CONCERT.

We print the following account, which appeared in the Guardian, of the Carol Concert which was held at the end of the Christmas term: "The hall of the Nantwich and Acton Grammar School, transformed by greenery and candles in their gleaming brass holders, provided a perfect setting for the carol concert presented to a crowded audience last week.

"Bach's 'Sheep May Safely Graze,' arranged for two pianos, introduced groups of carols and readings from the Bible, well chosen and finely rendered. The singing, while always good, varied in tone and expression with the age and experience of the pupils, and the difficulty

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of the carols. On a future occasion, the possibilities of a larger choir of the senior girls might be explored with success.

"The pupils of the preparatory department performed a Nativity for the high standard of the production. The homely dialogue of the play of great beauty, and a special word of praise is due to Miss Grant first scene, with its very human touches, was followed by a most impressive "moving tableau.". The costumes and staging, and the delivery, gesture and graceful movements of the young actors deserve unqualified praise."

SPEECH DAY.

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT, SPEECH DAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1945.

After recalling that the last formal Speech Day had been held on March 8th, 1940, and that the present Report therefore covered a period of five years, the Headmaster went on to deal with the chief events of that period, including the hospitality afforded to Oldershaw Grammar School and the resulting benefits to Nantwich Grammar School. After mentioning various cultural and athletic activities he went on to speak of school work in these words:

"In spite of increasing difficulties, to which further reference will be made later in this report, the standard of work in the classrooms has also been maintained, and the results at the public examinations have been outstandingly good. Though we continue to have quite a large Sixth Form, large enough among other things to provide us, as a rule, with a full complement of School prefects, the school life of the majority of our pupils tends to finish with the acquisition of the School Certificate. All the pupils of our fifth year, whatever may be their attainments, sit for the School Certificate Examination, and the results during the five years under review, the five years of the war, have been most gratifying. The percentage of passes has been as follows: in 1940, 83-3; in 1941, 76-3; in 1942, 91-6; in 1943, 89-2; and in 1944, 82-6. In four out of the average of the 500 schools which take the Northern Universities' the five years it has been anything between 5 and 15 per cent. above School Certificate Examination, and in 1941 it was about one per cent. below. This, for a country grammar school sending in all its eligible pupils (usually some 40 or more), is an astonishingly fine record of achievement and reflects great credit alike on pupils and staff. The

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brilliant individual achievement of our present Head Boy, B. Cooke, in obtaining 8. distinctions in 1943 has been closely approached by several pupils in 1944. In the Sixth Form, each year has seen a number of pupils obtaining the full Higher School Certificate and others, after one year of study, passing in a number of subsidiary subjects. In the period under review a small number have continued to proceed to the Universities, and County Major Scholarships were won by Enid Owen, Margaret Dane and Madge Smith, the last two being awarded County Domestic Science Scholarships and thus continuing a fine tradition of achievement under our Domestic Science Mistress, Miss E. M. Uttley, who left us in 1943 after eight years' service. It is in Sixth Form work,

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however, that the most serious depredations have been made by the war, for many pupils who at this stage would have taken the full Higher School Certificate have been deflected from their course by the imminence of war service. Much valuable work has nevertheless been done, and the challenge of abnormal and critical times has led us to explore new and adventurous paths of investigation. And here I would like to express my warm appreciation of recent Sixth Forms. For several years I have had a particularly reliable set of senior boys and girls at the top of the School: they have provided us with a valuable body of prefects, and they have been active and useful leaders in our various athletic and cultural undertakings. I am very grateful to them for the service which they have done for the School in helping to maintain good tone and sound discipline, and I feel that they should be able to play an intelligent and constructive part in handling the complicated problems, political, social and religious, which will face the men and women of their generation."

He then spoke of the School's record of war service and its support of good causes. This was followed by an expression of thanks to members of Staff and to parents. Then came the following reference to the material and moral impoverishments caused by the war: "In drawing to a conclusion I trust that I have made it clear that in my view a remarkably high standard of achievement and a remarkably high standard of discipline and of conduct have been maintained at this School throughout the past five years: the numerous and varied challenges which war conditions have presented to us have been just sufficient to elicit a successful response; the skill and resource of an experienced staff have hitherto been equal to the occasion. We face the

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future with courage and determination, but we are only too conscious of those impoverishments which are making themselves felt with ever increasing force as the war drags on.

Experienced and valued colleagues have left us--one of them, Miss S. Evans-Hughes, was with us no less than twenty-six years--and since the war began there have been thirteen changes in a

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staff of 16 in the Senior School - Text-books and equipment of all sorts are more and more difficult to obtain. While the and material welfare of the children is increasingly assured by such admirable provisions as school dinners, school medical service, school buses, the war, and while before very long, under the terms of the new Act, and a high standard of physical health has been maintained throughout all places in this School will be free to such as can win them in open competition, nevertheless the impoverishment of spiritual values is yearly more apparent in our war-weary world, and in the face of the challenges presented by these material and moral impoverishments a high standard of work and conduct in school becomes more and more difficult to maintain. To maintain it in spite of difficulties is our constant endeavour, for we schoolmasters and schoolmistresses are intensely alive to the great responsibility which rests with us in moulding the characters and in training the faculties of the coming generation, a generation which has grown up amid so much that is merely destructive and barbarous and in whose hands lies the refashioning of our western society." The Report concluded with further expressions of appreciation and an expression of thanks to Governors and officials.

PRIZE LIST, 1943-4.

The Bishop of Chester presented prizes to the following pupils: VIA.-Lorna Jackson (personal service as head prefect and form prize); Margaret Wych (personal service as head prefect, form prize, music); B. Cooke (personal service as head prefect, Mr. Bevan's history prize, speech, Scripture). VIB.-Nancy Lloyd (form prize); J. L. Boyer (form prize); Patricia Ogden (domestic science); Sheila Gaudern (domestic science); R. F. G. Davenport (speech); E. Lloyd (general personal service).

As the Camera Sees It

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Princess: But come, the bow: now mercy goes to kill.--Love's Labour's Lost, IV, i.



Costard: Thou art not so long by the head as honorificabilitudinitatibus.--L.L.L., V, i.



ROSALINE: *Did not I dance with you in Brabant once?*—*Love's Labour's Lost*, II, i.



HOLOFERNES: *Great Hercules is presented by this imp.*—*Love's Labour's Lost*, V, ii.



"Once in royal David's city."—Tableau from *Bethlehem*, Xmas, 1944.

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VU.A.-T. Flynn (form prize, library); G. Entwistle (form prize); Bessie Walkden (form prize); Marjorie Preston (form prize, music, Scripture); Gwendoline Haslam (form prize); Ethel Adams (domestic science); J. Anderson (handicraft); Kathleen Hope (art).
VU.B. Form prize, D. Baston.
VL.A. N. Woodhead (form prize, Mr. J. Ramsay Smith's Latin prize); Julia Renshaw (form prize); Pamela Bailey (Mr. J. Ramsay Smith's Latin prize).
VL.B. Form prizes, R. Jones and Pearl Moores.
R.A.-J. D. Smith, P. Garnett (form prizes); Eileen Jackson (form prize, personal service).
R.B. Form. prizes, R. Whittaker, Audrey Robinson, Ada Gawthorne.
IVA. Dian Barker (form prize, Mrs. Harlock's French prize); R. B. Parker, Ruth Bailey (form prizes); Stella Bulpitt (personal service); Pamela Vickers (Mrs. Harlock's French prize).
IVB. Form prizes, Barbara Stafford, T. Dodwell, Mary Crewe; Mary Brookes (personal service).
IIIA. Form prizes, Margaret Woodhead, Elizabeth Swindells, Iris Darbyshire, J. Duncalf.
IIIB. Form prizes, B. Taylor, Jean Moore, Estelle Williams. IIU. Form prizes, Patricia Sleightholme, Nona Egan, K. Hyde; D. Tyler (wild flowers).
III. Joan Williams (form prize, upper division); Jane Parkes (form prize, lower division).
I.-Form prizes, Helen Storey, Jennifer O'Neill.

"LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST."

We print the following account of our annual Shakespearean production, from the Guardian of Friday, March 23rd, 1945:-
The Nantwich and Acton Grammar School has already established a high reputation for its performances of Shakespeare's plays by the presentation of "Hamlet" last year, and of "Twelfth Night" the year

before. This week the School is adding to its laurels by a most finished production of that seldom acted comedy, "Love's Labour's Lost"

"A light, fantastic thing, whose wit and truth
Breathe all the freshness of our Shakespeare's youth,
A tapestry of quaint and courtly figures,"

to quote from the epilogue, which is spoken on this occasion. Colour scheme and lighting, movement and grouping, costume and make-up, and music in the skilled hands of members of the Nantwich Music Circle all contributed to the artistry of the presentation; and in all those particulars, as in the speaking of the words, a loving attention to detail and to finish was evident throughout. The scene of the play, the park of a certain King of Navarre, was charmingly suggested on the curtained stage by breaking the line of the curtains at the back to disclose a hedge and a cyclorama cloth representing, with its delicately graded colour, a sky of appropriate brightness. Against this were silhouetted distant trees and a pavilion, in which the Princess of France and her three ladies, who had come on an embassy to Navarre, were lodged by the King, who, with his three lords, had sworn for three years 'to fast, to study and to see no woman.'

Of course they broke their oath, the four of them falling in love with the four ladies; and no one could blame them when the ladies were so lovely and vivacious as the Princess and Rosaline, Maria and Katherine, depicted by Daphne Grocott, Gwendoline Haslam, Elizabeth Turner and Ethel Adams. They made a particularly delightful group, and played together admirably; the Princess combined just the right amount of dignity with her playfulness, and the archness of Rosaline was charmingly conveyed by voice and gesture; Maria and Katherine, with only a few words to say, were "in it" all the time. Boyet, the lively old courtier in attendance on these young ladies, was enacted with ease, grace and humour by B. Cooke. T. Flynn, G. S. Mottram, D. J. Thompson and O. J. Allin, as the King and his gentlemen, were a gallant and resourceful foursome, though the ladies gave them points for deft team work. Flynn, as the King, was in every way a worthy partner to the Princess. Mottram, as the scoffer Berowne, had the longest and subtlest part to play, and played it with real understanding and delicacy. and with a fine whimsicalness of facial expression; this was a notably good performance.

The King and his "book-mates" find entertainment in the fantastic behaviour of the Spaniard, Don Armado, and in the clownish talk of "Costard, the swain. The former was enacted with rare spirit and with a fine sense of comedy by E. Lloyd, and D. Cooper got the laughs he deserved for the robust humour of the latter. R. Tole, small of stature, brisk of movement and tuneful of voice, was just the boy wanted to play the part of Moth, Armado's cheeky page, who can sing so sweetly; and Armado crowned his performance with a most tuneful rendering of Arne's setting of "When Icicles Hang by the Wall." Marjorie Preston's Jaquenetta, the country wench with her rustic self-possession, and D. Smith's Dull, the country constable, with his stolid remarks and imperturbability, were an admirable foil both to Armado, and to "the two learned men," Holofernes, the schoolmaster, and Sir Nathaniel, the curate. The former of these was played with amusing pomposity by J. R. Steele, and the latter with comic self-effacement by P. R. Moulton. All these "lighter folk" excelled themselves in the pageant of the Nine Worthies, which they performed so disastrously at the end of the play before the King and the Princess. This was a riot of fun, in which highest honours for sheer comedy again went to Lloyd as the "shirtless" Hector. R. B. Cooper, W. E. Grocott and B. J. Madden gave the right individuality to the small parts of forester, messenger and page.

The whole production was a fine piece of team work, and has been thoroughly enjoyed by large audiences at the several performances during the week.

EPILOGUE TO "LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST," 1945.

Kind critics, even now you heard me say
"Our wooing doth not end like an old play:
Jack hath not Jill," and poor Berowne must pine
A twelvemonth and a day for Rosaline.
Love's labour's lost, and yet it is not so,
For future bliss will cancel present woe.
And here and now our joy will reach full measure
If by our labour we have given you pleasure.
Our former ventures have been famous plays:
"Twelfth Night" and "Hamlet," they win easy praise.

This time we lead you into pastures new
And hope the play we offer pleases you-
A light fantastic thing, whose wit and truth
Breathe all the freshness of our Shakespeare's youth,
A tapestry of quaint and courtly figures
Untroubled by the world's more grievous rigours,
Whose graciousness, we trust, has not been marr'd
By our interpretation of the Bard.
In short, we hope, now that our play is done,
"Love's Labour's Lost" has proved "Love's Labour's Won."

J.L.

V.E. THANKSGIVING AT N.A.G.S.
(FROM A LETTER ADDRESSED TO A.L. IN GERMANY).

Yours of V.E. Day has just arrived, and we were very interested to read your account of the short service of thanksgiving which seems to have been very appropriate. You ask how the event was celebrated at N.A.G.S. and would be glad of at least a précis of my remarks to the "troops." I have already told you how they came to be assembled in the hall at 3.30 on the afternoon of Monday, May 7th, just a week from this present time of writing. Of course they were all agog with excitement (bless 'em!) but E.G., whose duty-day it was, assisted me in securing the atmosphere requisite for a religious service.

When I mounted the platform and faced the array of cheerful countenances I suggested that they should start by letting off steam with a loud cheer. This having been done we sat down and sought to bring ourselves to the right frame of mind by listening to our recording of Walford Davies's Solemn Melody. I then rose and, after some seconds during which I sought to collect my thoughts, I said that this was a great occasion which demanded a few words from me, and my words were on the following lines..

It was right that we should meet together for rejoicing and thanksgiving for a great deliverance. For five and a half years we had been passing through a period of hideous destruction and barbarity, which now in Europe at any rate had come to an end. We had done our best to be truly helpful during that period, and we should realise how little

we, as a school, had been called upon to suffer. There had nevertheless been individual sufferers: some of us had lost near relations and friends, and many had had dear ones in the armed forces. At this moment we should feel the deepest sympathy for all those who had suffered grievously and were still suffering grievously, and we should express our sympathy and kindly feeling in some practical way as we had done in the past. A collection on behalf of French schools was now being arranged. Here was the opportunity for a first practical effort; others would follow. For the rest, it was for us to do our best to see, as far as we were able, that such another period of wicked destruction should not occur in the world; we must "educate ourselves" to achieve this, to work constructively for good. This was the great task which demanded all our effort in the near future and which those in front of me would have to train themselves to take in hand. Thus much I felt compelled to say on this occasion, which would fix itself as vividly in their young minds as did November 11th, 1918, in my mind when I was still young. "But let our immediate mood be one of deep thanksgiving. God bless you. God bless us all."

Then we sang that fine old hymn, which derives from the great seventeenth-century Puritan divine, Richard Baxter, author of *The Saints' Everlasting Rest*, the hymn "Ye holy angels bright," with the appropriate exhortation:

"Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives,"

which leads on to the last verse, sung like the second with descant:-

"My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise."-

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After that I read certain verses from Psalm 62 (q.v.) and then, as prayers, the General Thanksgiving and a prayer addressed to God, "the Physician of men and nations, the Restorer of the years that have been destroyed." Then we joined in the Lord's Prayer, and the service was concluded with the prayer, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour...." The mood of rejoicing was emphasised by our concluding voluntary, Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary, after which we sang "God save the King" and gave three more cheers and so passed from the hall for our two days' holiday.

For myself, after settling various affairs, I wandered round the grounds and was reminded at every turn of incidents of the past five and a half years, and for a while abandoned myself to that blessed sense of relief which you seem to have felt when you passed from your service to the woods and avenues and paths of your Schlossgarten, so reminiscent of that delightful rococo setting of Mozart auf der Reise nach Prag. I heard no nightingales as you did, but it was a bright sunny evening, "im wunderschönen Monat Mai," melodious with the voices of linnet and willow-warbler and a distant cuckoo. Vale.

J.L.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The meetings of the Literary Society during the past two terms have been of a very varied character and we are indebted to Mr. Johnson for his lecture on "Old Nantwich" and to Mr. Bailey for the presentation of the School film. Otherwise, the events have been provided from within the Society itself, and included a talk on Modern Poetry, two sessions of a Brains Trust, which led directly to a discussion on the treatment of post-war Germany, and a meeting devoted to a personal choice of gramophone records.

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Although there have been rather fewer meetings than usual this year, all, including the party, which appears to be now a regular feature, have had a good attendance, which we hope will be maintained in the future.

G.S.M.

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Although the school year is not yet completed, we seem to have had a busy time musically. First, I must recall the Carol Concert on December 13th as it was our first experience together in public since my appointment in September. The date very nearly proved too much for us in that music ordered specially for the event arrived too late and in some cases even after the date of the concert. However, choirs of both boys and girls, from the Prep. School right up to Sixth Form, took part and the event went off with no major catastrophe.

During the spring term the girls' choir again entered the County Music Festival held at Crewe Secondary School. We were unlucky enough to be drawn first for the programme a fact which probably accounted for the extreme nervousness shown. Nevertheless the adjudication was very good and encouraging the only faults being wrought by the choir's nervousness. Next year we hope we shall be last-but then we shall not be able to sit back and enjoy all the other items on the programme!

I should like to thank Marjorie Preston for her invaluable help in so admirably filling the gap on all occasions at prayers, when my absence was unavoidable. We wish her the best of luck for the future, and also E. Lloyd and others who have played voluntaries at prayers. May I hope that more will volunteer for this side of the School music, especially from Removes and Fifths whom I do not meet in music lessons. I should value their co-operation.

At the present time rehearsals for the House Music Competition are well under way. I expect, however, that by the time you read this it will be a thing of the past and you will know the lucky winners of the Music Trophy. I envy whoever wins such a delightful trophy. It is the loveliest I have ever seen and well worth all the lunch-hour labours and warblings during interval, to which the Staff are just now being 'treated.'

The Juniors have begged for a Junior Choir a healthy sign! Unfortunately so far there have been many interruptions, but we hope it may flourish to the full next term.

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Finally a word about the future.
Last term for the School production of "Love's Labour's Lost" we had a small orchestra of players

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from the Nantwich Music Circle. Next year I want it to be an orchestra of players from the School, so will you all get your instruments and polish both them and your playing of them please? I should like to start next September, so this is plenty of warning. Our best wishes are extended to those of us who are leaving and entering a new chapter in life, but remember-you have to part from School, but music you need never part with all your life.

I.M.B.

CARAVAN.

There are in the School twelve people whose correspondence with pen friends abroad is regular and interesting. In addition, there are many pupils who have written letters to "Unknown Friends" and who are eagerly awaiting replies. Ten members have paid the voluntary subscription and receive the magazine, "The Children's Caravan," from New York.

It is good to see people wearing our badge, a brooch bearing a white flag with a green ball in the centre, against a background of blue sky. "In the world of to-morrow, the people will salute one flag, symbolising this great, green rolling earth created without frontiers." It is not yet too late to offer hospitality for one or more weeks to a boy or girl from Liberated Europe and I shall be glad to supply further particulars to anyone interested.

E.R.C.J.

BOOK CRAFTS CLUB.

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Meetings have been held regularly throughout the winter terms and the members, though few in number, are very enthusiastic. They continue to do good work for the library, and, in addition, have made some attractive Christmas presents.

E.R.C.J.

ROSE HIPS AND HERBS.

A Certificate of Merit has been received for work done by pupils in connection with the Herb Centre and it is displayed in the School Hall.

In February the Rose Hip Pickers received, payment for their work and they generously gave £2 9s. 10d. to the Red Cross. Thank you all!

E.R.C.J.

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KNITTING.

A band of enthusiastic knitters is constantly at work. Since Christmas they have completed thirteen scarves and seven pairs of socks for the Forces, in addition to thirteen jumpers and cardigans for children in Liberated Europe. The standard of knitting is good and I am sure the recipients of the garments will be extremely pleased with them.

E.R.C.J.

GUIDES.

The Guide Company was unfortunate in losing at the end of the Christmas Term Miss Moss, who had been Guide Captain for just over three years. The Guides wish to express their gratitude to Miss Jackson, who has taken Miss Moss's place as Captain. At the commencement of the Spring Term nine new recruits were welcomed, making a total of twenty-eight members. With the increase in numbers it has been necessary to form a new patrol, making four in all.

The Patrol Efficiency Cup was again won by Swallows for the fifth time in succession, although the result was very close. Barbara Stafford has to be congratulated on gaining her gymnast badge and six second class Guides have taken the test for needlewoman badge and are now waiting for

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the results.
The term's outdoor activities included a Patrol Leaders' hike to the hills in March.

SWALLOW P.L.

WAR SAVINGS.

The total savings for the year were £1,133-a fine total, due to the work of a number of keen subscribers. I want all members to realise that the group is run for their benefit and it is up to them to save all they can.

F.C.P.

RED CROSS PENNY-A-WEEK FUND.

Last term the School gave £22 16s. 8d. to the fund, including a generous gift of £2 9s. 10d. from the pupils' earnings for collecting rose hips. Since October, 1942, we have given a total of £159 10s. 4d. to the Red Cross.

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BETHLEHEM.

A NATIVITY PLAY IN TWO SCENES.

By E. M. Grant.

CHARACTERS.

Reuben		A		Shepherd.
Martha		His		Wife.
Mary	about 10 years	Children	of Reuben and	Martha.
Dan	9	“”		
Naomi	8	“”		
Elizabeth	7	“”		
Joseph	6	“”		
Sarah		Wife	of another	Shepherd.
Benjamin		Sarah's		Children.
Rachel		“”		
Angels				(Ten)

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Shepherds (Eight), including More or less according to space.
Reuben “”
Three Kings.
Joseph.
The Virgin.

Before the play commences the audience should be asked to join in singing the first two verses of "Once in Royal David's City" at the end of the tableau, after an introductory chord has been struck.

Lights will remain lowered.
It is an advantage if the words are printed on the programme, so that they can be looked over before the play starts.

SCENE 1.

Inside a Shepherd's Cottage.

Door on left. Two stools on left, Martha seated on the one to the right, mending a sheep-skin rug. Three lower stools on right stage, Elizabeth in the centre, Naomi left, Joseph right (near

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outside). All are playing quietly, Naomi alternately with a wooden whistle (pretending to blow) and woollen ball, Elizabeth with a doll, and Joseph with a whip and box of brightly coloured bricks.

A low wooden table at the back, on which is a small brightly coloured shawl, Joseph's top, and a jug of flowers. A wooden stool on right of table. On the floor, under table, a pair of little sandals. MARY (entering from door on left and standing by stool): It's a beautiful starry night, mother, and everything is so quiet.

MOTHER: Yes, the wind's quite dropped. I noticed it an hour ago. MARY: But, mother, there's a strange feeling in the air.

MARTHA: A strange feeling, child! Whatever do you mean?
always saying queer things.

You're

MARY (sitting): I can't describe it, mother, but I feel as if something is going to happen.

MARTHA: Of course it is.
Things are always happening.

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Things

always will happen. There's nothing strange in that. MARY: Yes, mother, but I mean something unusual, something that never happened before. something different, something that never happened before. MARTHA: Oh child, how you do talk! You have the queerest notions! I don't know how you come by them. I'm sure I never had them, or your father either. NAOMI: Yes, mother. She says the flowers talk to her. JOSEPH (laughing): The flowers talk! As if they could! ELIZABETH (standing up): And when she walks by the brook she says it sings to her. NAOMI: Yes, and that the music keeps ringing in her heart afterwards. Like sweet bells she says. JOSEPH (standing): Well, I love her. She painted my top lovely colours. ELIZABETH: And she dressed Sarah, my dolly (holding it up). NAOMI: And she made me my lovely new whistle. MARTHA: Oh, she's a good girl for all her queer notions. MARY (getting up): Hark! What was that, mother? MARTHA (all getting up and standing in listening attitude except Elizabeth, who slowly moves to centre of stage).

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MARY (pointing to door): That sound, mother. Can't you hear it? MARTHA: I hear nothing, my dear. JOSEPH: I don't. ELIZABETH (going back to stool): I don't. NAOMI: I don't. MARY: Oh, I did, as plain as could be. Listen! Listen, children! It's still there (going to door). Outside! (She stands there a moment and looks out; then turns and runs excitedly in to the others). Oh, mother! Lisbeth, Naomi, Joseph, all of you! Come and see! An angel! (All run to door, but remain just inside the room, so as to be seen by audience). ALL: Where? Where? MARY: There! In the sky! All shining and wonderful! NAOMI: I can't see it. MARTHA: None of us can. You imagine things, child. MARY: I don't, mother. Oh, can't you see the bright, bright light, and the shining angel? MARTHA: No, I see nothing. MARY: His eyes shine like fire. His feathers are like doves? His feet... MARTHA: Oh, what nonsense the child talks! (Going to stool): Come in Mary. Come in do. (Mary remains at door. Children move to their stools). JOSEPH: There's nothing there at all.

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ELIZABETH: Only the big, round moon.
NAOMI (contemptuously): Angels in the sky!
JOSEPH (half laughing): As if there could be!
MARY (running in greatly excited): Oh mother, mother! Come quickly! Now you must see. A host of angels! Come!
(All run to door and look out again).
Can't you see them?
MARTHA: No, no. I see nothing but the stars, child. (Going back into room, children following). I say again, you imagine things, I sometimes think.. Well, I had better not say.

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JOSEPH: I knew there'd be nothing.
ELIZABETH: And so did I.
NAOMI: And I. I shan't look again, whatever she says.
JOSEPH: I shan't either.
ELIZABETH: Neither shall I.
MARTHA: Come in and shut the door, child, and put it all out of your mind.
MARY: I can't, mother. I can't. I shall always remember them. Always! Oh, now they're fading away, and the bright light has gone. I wonder, I wonder what it can mean.
MARTHA: It's all fancy, child. Nothing but fancy.
Come in and close the door, and help me to mend the sheep-skin rug. It's torn down the back.
(Mary comes in and sits).
JOSEPH: Mother, may she tie the knot in my whip first? It's come undone.
MARTHA: Yes, darling. Of course she may.
JOSEPH (holding it out): Please, Mary. You're so good at tying knots, aren't you?
MARY (going across stage to him): Am I? but it's so easy.
JOSEPH: I don't think so, Mary.

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MARY (tying knot): It's quite easy when you know how.
(A knock at the door).

MARTHA: Why, there's someone at the door. See who it is, Mary. MARY (crossing stage): Yes, mother.

(When half across, Sarah enters carrying a big doll for baby, followed by Rachel carrying a bright woollen ball and Benjamin with a toy sailing boat. The other three children make gestures of welcome as they hurry across to join them. Mary slowly goes to her stool, passing behind Martha).

SARAH: It's only me, Martha. May I come in?

MARTHA (placing stool from table near centre stage): Certainly, Sarah. Come in do, and sit down.

SARAH: I just can't rest to-night and young Jacob here (looking at baby) is as lively as a cricket. Rachel and Benjamin are just about as bad, so I thought I'd like It's no use putting him to bed, and to join you for an hour.

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MARTHA: We're very pleased to see you.
It's really bedtime for all
the children, but I've said they can stay up until Dan comes back.

SARAH: Dan! Why, where is he, Martha, at this hour?

MARTHA: He went ages ago with his father's bit of supper. We discovered he'd left it behind, but the lad has been gone so long, I begin to feel anxious. He's had time to go there and back half a dozen Mary, I wonder if you had better go and look for times over.
him.

MARY (getting up): Yes, mother. Of course I will.

JOSEPH (running across stage to Martha): Let me go, mother.

ELIZABETH (running across also): Let me!

JOSEPH (to Martha): No, No! (To Elizabeth) I want to go.

ELIZABETH (to Joseph): I do. I do.

ELIZABETH: Me.

JOSEPH: No, No! Me.

Together: Me!

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MARTHA: Be quiet, children. Mary, you go.
MARY (standing): Yes, mother.
(Elizabeth moves round back stage to her stool. Joseph remains standing near Martha).
RACHEL (coming forward): There's someone coming now, mother.
SARAH: You're right, darling, there is.
MARTHA : You've quick ears, little one.
(Dan rushes in and stands on extreme left).
Why here he is.
ALL (getting up): Dan!
MARTHA: Wherever have you been, lad? I began to wonder what had happened to you.
DAN: Mother, they're all gone!
MARTHA: Gone!
Who is gone? Whatever do you mean?
DAN: The shepherds, mother! All of them!
ALL: The shepherds gone!
DAN: Yes, every single one.
JOSEPH: P'raps the wolves have eaten them all up.
DAN: And left the sheep. Joseph? Never! MARY: Oh, I knew things were happening to-night.

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MARTHA: Yes, she said so, didn't she, children?
NAOMI, ELIZABETH, JOSEPH: Yes, she did.
MARTHA: Did you look everywhere, Dan?
DAN: Yes, mother, everywhere. But there was no sign of them. MARTHA: Well, it's strange and frightening.
SARAH: It is. And my Levi? Had he gone too?
DAN: Yes, all of them.
MARTHA (putting rug over stool): Sarah, I had better go with Mary to seek them. Will you stay with the children?
SARAH: Yes, certainly, Martha.
ELIZABETH: Will you tell us a story while mother's away?
NAOMI: No, let's play a game.
SARAH: I'll see. Perhaps I'll do both if baby stays asleep. He's fast asleep now. I'll put him in the rug shortly.
(Door bursts open and Reuben rushes in to centre stage between Joseph and Sarah).

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(To be Continued).
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Since the Museum has been turned into a Canteen there has been much speculation among diners as to what happened to the stuffed birds kept therein.

Cooke's Theorem states: the relative size of Seniors and Juniors is directly proportionate to the dinners consumed and inversely proportionate to the time necessary for their consumption.

Statistics seem to prove that School Cert. is anything but.

There is no truth in the statement that the starting pistol, which so often fails to fire, is to be replaced by a cross-bow.

Remembrance Day	(May 26th) Founders' Day.
Swimming Sports	Flounders' Day.
Athletic Sports	Bounders' Day.

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A visitor to the Library during a VIth Form free period immediately notices that the B.B.C. series "To Start You Talking" has.

All members of N.A.G.S. are willing to help the Prefects. It is a joy to see volunteers being rounded up to straighten chairs in the Hall or to sing in the House Choirs.

G.M.

OLD GRAMMARIAN NOTES.

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With the prospect of the war in Europe drawing to a close we hope to welcome home many Old Grammarians. All are assured of a hearty welcome at School both by the staff and by the scholars. There are still quite a number of the School Staff who will remember them and they may be the means of helping Old Scholars to get in touch with each other. We are trying to keep a record of all old pupils who are serving with the Forces, but feel that it is far from complete. News of old pupils is always welcome. Much of our information has been obtained during personal visits to School.

We also look forward to a great increase in the membership of the Old Grammarians' Association-the Life Membership fee for which still remains at one guinea. We hope that the Association will be able to arrange many happy meetings in the immediate future. During the war the Association has consisted of "Life Members" only-the end of the war should put new life into the Association. In the meantime we welcome letters from all old pupils and wish all old scholars a speedy return to civilian life.

Since the last issue of the School Magazine the following old pupils have visited the School: F. A. Dutton, K. McHale, N. Pooley, H. D. Bostock, R. Hill, H. C. Morris, E. M. Meeres (née Green), J. Meeres, A. M. George, M. D. Brydson, H. Ferns, R. Ferns, D. Jones, P. M. Carr, E. Lee, P. Moulton, E. F. Steventon, M. Wych, D. Charlesworth. R. Hollinshead, B. West, G. Stubbs, J. Beasley, T. R. Steventon, G. H. Lloyd, H. A. Clarke, W. Davies, M. C. Ankers, J. Hall, G. S. Maden. R. E. Doody, W. A. Thomas, W. E. Nickless, E. Allsop, J. M. Williams, E. Wilkinson, J. Williams, E. R. Talbot, E. W. Stanton, A. Lodge, M. Rowlands, T. V. Bibby, G. Platt, Jean Clarke (née

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Pepler), C. Edwards, E. C. Sutton, S. P. Steele, A. J. Wych, B. Gowdridge, J. D. Bate, D. W. Asquith, B. M. Mahon, A. G. Cooper, R. W. Williams, J. Boyer, P. L. Riley, P. Kelley, J. F. Halewood, T. Kingsley, G. C. Wilson.

B.M.

VALETE ET SALVETE.

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The following pupils have left or joined us since our last issue:

Left:-

HODGKIN

Boys: Gray, D.; Johnston, W.; Watts, D.
Girls: E. Hammersley; B. Walkden.

THRUSH

HOUSE:-

Boys: Beardwood, F.; Davies, P.; Dickinson, J.; Eaton, A.;
Elliott, M.

Girls: M. Brassington; M. Morrissey.

WILBRAHAM

HOUSE:-

Boys: Allin, J.; Kirwin, S. J.

Girls: P. Hastings; F. Lamb; J. Walters; D. Wright.

New

Comers:-

HODGKIN

HOUSE:-

Boys: Meredith, J., Plowright, P.

Girls: E. Hyland.

THRUSH

HOUSE:

Boys: Mitchell, D.; Mitchell, R.; Shakeshaft, G.

Girls: A. Thorn; B. Turner.

WILBRAHAM

HOUSE:-

Girls: K. Day; M. Ford; J. Gaudern; A. Mitchell.