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FOREWORD.

THE School re-assembled in September, and we were glad to find that once more we were full—so full indeed that there was some little difficulty in finding seating accommodation in several class-rooms, and those in authority had to do many intricate calculations before we settled in comfortably.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Evans, who has been with us as Science Master for six years, and we wish him every success in his new sphere of action as Science Master at the King Edward's Grammar School, Aston.

The Lower School has undergone a certain amount of re-organization. We welcome back Mr. J. S. Lidbetter as Master, taking command in conjunction with Miss Pickard. The higher average age has led to a diminution of numbers in the Second Form, which has therefore been absorbed in the Third. We are also glad to welcome among us Miss Walker, Mr. G. S. Pumphrey and Mr. R. E. Holttum, who join the staff this term.

We heartily congratulate L. R. Hart upon passing the London Matriculation, and we hope that he may be the precursor of a long line of future successes.

We have had with us during the past six months Mr. Hubert Walker, the eldest son of our Headmaster. We hope that he will take back to Assam very many pleasant recollections of his holidays.

We cannot close without mentioning the Week-end Lecture School, a full report of which will be found in our pages. It is a new departure, fraught with much good, and we hope that the experiment will be again repeated.

GEORGE MORRIS.

ROUND WALDEN.

FIELD NOTES BY MEMBERS OF THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SINCE our last issue a number of interesting facts have been brought to light concerning the prehistory of this district. On a recent excursion to Newport a number of flint flakes were obtained on the soil turned up by rabbits, among the alders in the Slade valley just beyond the rifle range. These are crude chippings, but give an undoubted locality for flint man. Mr. Maynard has found many hundreds of flakes on the slopes below Grime's Ditch Wood, and excavation has shown the presence of entrenchments continuous with those within the woods.

On a recent excursion to Great Chesterford, a visit was paid to the site at little Chesterford. A large number of fine flakes were found, *in situ*, and embedded with them was a fine example of a hand-axe. It is oval in shape, six inches long, three inches broad, and one-and-a-half inches thick. It was struck off a water-worn flint in a large flake and trimmed down. The under-surface is slightly concave and the upper trimmed to a keel. One inch from the edge it tapers to a point. The upper end has been dressed to give a good grip. Part of the under-surface is coated with an incrustation of carbonate of lime. Lying amongst the flakes was a horse's

tooth, also incrusted; it has been submitted to specialists, and we are now waiting for a report upon it.

GEORGE MORRIS.

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On a Natural History Excursion to the Claypits we found a large specimen of Angelica, measuring ten feet four inches in height. It was growing in a swampy ditch, with other smaller plants of the same species growing round it. The usual height to which the Angelica grows is about three or four feet. The stem is divided into sections by a pith partition and the average length of the sections is one foot two inches. It is composed of dry pith inside and thick, tough skin outside. The colour of the stem is light green at the base, tinging into brown at the top. The leaves are about two feet long, and are joined to the stem by a sheath, and they are bi-pinnate. The leaflets are two or three inches long and have jagged edges, and the veins branch off in pairs from a large centre vein. The umbels grow in a cluster at the top of the plant, and each umbel has the power of producing 1,600 or 1,700 seeds. In some parts of the country Angelica is cultivated, and the stem is candied and made into sweets. *Arthur W. J. Chacksfield.*

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In front of an old house at Littlebury the base of an old Market Cross is to be seen. The stone, as it now stands, for it is upside down, has a square top, twenty-eight inches square, which projects all round an inch beyond the rest, and which is roof-like in shape, being three-quarters of an inch higher in the middle than at the sides. The sides of the stone, which are sixteen inches by twenty-six inches, have a semi-circular headed arch with the sides produced upwards. The arch is fourteen inches high by twelve inches broad, and the sides, which are flat and slightly raised from the rest of the stone, are two inches wide, and meet two bands of the same width which go round the top and bottom of the stone. Each of two opposite sides have a pair of kneeling figures under

the arch, which, as far as can be seen, for they are very weathered, are women, dressed in flowing robes and wearing high head-dresses, kneeling on cushions and praying. On another side is a fifteenth century rose with five petals. The last side bears a cross with a heart on the base, from which two stalks grow with a four-leaved design at the end, representing an anchor. *Leonard C. Watts.*

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Little remains of the Norman Castle of Saffron Walden which was erected by Geoffrey de Mandeville soon after the Conquest.

Authorities suppose that the Castle had a large outer court, and possibly an inner one ; in support of this is the fact that during the recent drainage diggings they came across what seemed to be the remains of two ditches. If these belonged to the Castle then probably these were the outer defences of the two courts, and ramparts were raised within each of these ; in the inner court stood the square keep, and this is the only part now remaining.

The main body of the keep is almost square in shape, the sides measuring approximately sixty feet, while projecting from the western face is the entrance tower, this is about eighteen feet square. On the inside of these walls are to be seen the remains of large fire-places, and in the thickness of the wall, where the present entrance is, are small ledges which have led to the supposition that a spiral staircase used to exist there. In the centre of the ground floor used to exist the well.

The museum contains various relics of the Norman inhabitants, the most important of these is a large cross-hilted sword, but smaller things such as spurs are also to be seen.

Henry Skelton.

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The only place that I know of round Saffron Walden for getting seaurchins in chalk is a fairly big chalk pit not far

from Little Walden. On Wednesday, the 29th of October, I got half-a-dozen of them, one being different from the others. Five of them are " Snake's heart " seaurchins, while the other is shaped like a bun. They are all covered over with tubercles, which are really square hollows. These are the base of the spine. In the middle on the top is a round place, with five arms sticking out, which make it look like a star-fish. Down each side of these arms are some holes through which some feet come. If you turn them upside down you will find their mouths. The shell is covered with six-sided plates. In the " Snake's heart " urchin they are much smaller than in the bun-shaped one. They have evidently died and lain at the bottom of the sea for a long time, as they are covered with a lot of seaanimals ; for instance, one is covered with sea-mat, and has a fossil shell on it, while another has a lot of young oysters on it, and zoophyte, a seaweed-like thing that covers a lot of the shell. Then another has some limy tubes of the seaworm, and they all have something of the sort on them.

One measures about two inches round, and one inch high ; another, the bun-shaped one, which is slightly oblong, measures two inches and one-tenth across, and two inches and three-tenths in length, and is one inch and one-tenth high. The other three are almost equal, and are about one inch and six-tenths round, and one inch high. The remaining one is two inches round and one inch and four-tenths high.

Stanley Grubb.

AN AUTUMN MORN.

THE sun has risen o'er the misty earth,
Displaying leafless boughs and frosty ground ;
The birds are singing with a joyous sound,
Forgetful of approaching winter's dearth ;

The roads resound with happy children's mirth,
As, saunt'ring schoolward to their daily round,
They gather blackb'ries from a roadside mound ;
The cattle low, as if they know the worth
Of shelter'd sheds. Alas ! cold winter's face
Will soon again return, to make us flee
Into our cheerful homes and hug the blaze.
The little birds now hurry there apace
To beg their food, which Nature does decree
They shall be wanting through the wint'ry days.

Leonard C. Watts.

THE SCHOOL TRAMP.



"ESTWARD HO!" might be taken as the motto of this year's tramp, August 1st to 9th, for Cheddar and Exmoor were the scene of our wanderings. Locomotion was varied in character, and the title of "Tramp" was somewhat of a misnomer, for train, coach, motor-car, all had their place in the programme at different times.

A short stay in Bath on the outward journey enabled us to do full justice to the Roman Remains ; the fine King's Bath, medicinal springs, and museum being of special interest. The beautiful Abbey, with its famous West Front, decorated roof and interesting monuments, also claimed our attention.

Winscombe, our halting-place for the week-end, was reached the same evening, and after tea the "Island" and other places familiar to Sidcotians were visited.

On Saturday an excursion to Cheddar occupied the greater part of the day. Leaving Winscombe by the time-honoured Avenue, the route lay through Shipham and Rowberrow, and Cheddar was approached from the east, thus enabling us to

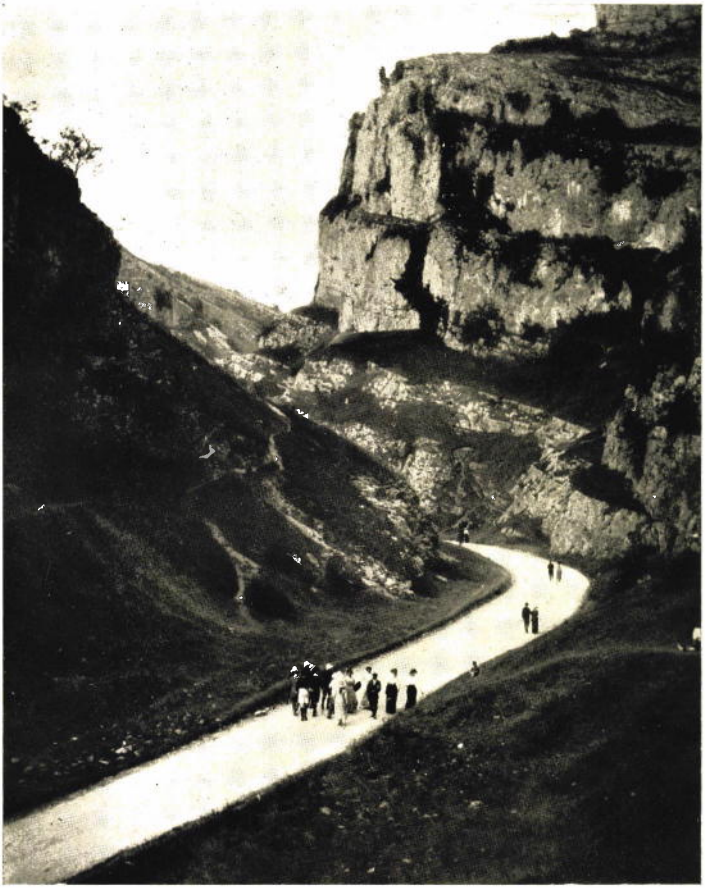


Photo by] [C. B. ROWNTREE.

CHEDDAR GORGE.
(School Tramp August, 1913.)

see, to the fullest advantage, the famous limestone gorge with its majestic cliffs. Gough's Cave was explored under the leadership of an energetic guide ; the extraordinary and often beautiful stalactite and stalagmite formations, with their wonderful reflections in the still pools of water, evoking much interest and admiration.

By the kindness of Dr. Lean, the evening was pleasantly spent in a visit to Sidcot School, where R. C. Burn did the honours in a most interesting and kindly fashion.

A restful week-end was followed on Monday by a coach and train journey to Wiveliscombe. A rather circuitous route was taken to enable time to be spent at Wells and Glastonbury. The archæologists revelled in the ample store of treasures to be found at both these places.

At Wells, the West Front, Cloisters and Chapter House steps were worthy of special mention, while the spacious grounds and stately ruins of Glastonbury were most impressive. That evening saw us gathered under Mr. William Brown's hospitable roof at Wiveliscombe, before dispersing to our respective lodgings to prepare for our first real tramp.

Edgar Brown, an old Sidcot Scholar, accompanied us when, in good time next morning, we set out for Minehead, a dusty but enjoyable walk along the roads through wooded coombes and ripening cornfields. Pleasant country this, with every now and then something of archæological or historic interest. Combe Syderstorn, the home of Drake, was unfortunately not open to the public, a great disappointment to some of us, but better things were in store before nightfall. Those who visited Cleeve Abbey, a Cistercian ruin in good preservation, were amply repaid for their trouble ; the Gatehouse, Cloister Garth and Chapel House being worthy of close attention. Later in the day some added the quaint old village of Dunster, with its Butter Cross, to their store of pleasant memories.

Minehead was agog with excitement over the opening meet

of the staghounds, to be held the following day at Cloutsham, some ten miles away, and the walking party next morning—for some slipped on to Porlock, the first eight miles of Wednesday's tramp, by motor—found the roads unusually full of traffic. Our programme was "Minehead to Lynmouth along the coast," but a brief half-mile of sea beach was more than enough and almost too much for some of the party, and the seaviews and breezes were voted more enjoyable from the wooded paths or broad high road along the cliffs. Henry Corder had joined us the previous evening and his chatty outline of the geological structure of the district during our mid-day rest at Culborne Church was greatly appreciated.

The afternoon's walk into Lynmouth will long be remembered for its magnificent views; the rich colouring of gorse and heather on the bold headlands stretching westward, to the north across the sunny waters the Welsh hills, to the south the wild stretches of Exmoor. Tired and footsore, we reached Lynmouth about six that evening, but the night's rest brought renewed vigour, and the majority of the party were quite ready for Thursday's walk to Dulverton. The remainder took train *via* Barnstaple and the party was re-united in the evening. The presence of James B. Crosfield, who joined us at Lynmouth, added greatly to the enjoyment of the Tramp, and set an example of steady endurance that would be hard to rival.

Leaving Lynmouth with regret, we climbed through the charmingly-wooded Lynn Valley, passed the "Meeting of the Waters," and so up on to open, breezy Exmoor; the high road now winding steadily ahead with rolling, uncultivated country stretching away to the horizon on either side. Away to the left lay the Doone country, and later in the day Dunkery Beacon, particularly interesting because it was enveloped in smoke, a fire having been started accidentally at the meet the day before. And so we journeyed on, through Simonsbath to Withypool, whence we drove to Dulverton. Here, on

account of accommodation, the party divided, some going on a few miles by train to Bampton.

Mid-day Friday saw the party re-united for lunch in a valley beneath the interesting old Church of Raddington, and an easy afternoon walk brought us safely back to Wiveliscombe. Once again we gratefully enjoyed the hospitality of William Brown, whose intimate knowledge of the district and kindly interest in making arrangements contributed in no small measure to the success of the Tramp.

On Saturday morning, the party, feeling that the days spent together had been noteworthy for the fine weather which had prevailed throughout, and for the variety of interest provided in the daily programme, dispersed, a favoured few to spend the week-end at Holford, the rest journeying homeward with very pleasant memories of the West Country in their minds.

ELEANOR G. JONES.
JAMES S. LIDBETTER.

THE EXTRA WEEK-END.

After the departure of the homeward train, the " favoured few "—there were nine of us—started off for the Quantocks. A short walk brought us to Lydiard St. Lawrence, where we stopped to look round the Church, which has a number of highly-carved pew-ends. At Crowcombe, a few miles further on, we found all the pews similarly carved. Thence we passed over the ridge of the Quantocks, through typical bracken country, reaching Holford in the early evening. At Holford we had tea in an open shelter attached to our inn, and at night retired to cottages in the village, being guided by lantern light through torrential rain.

The next day we intended to reach Taunton, but the proximity of the sea, only five miles to the north, tempted us to leave our rucsacs at the inn, climb the ridge past the

Holford Beeches and Alfoxden Deer Park (where a futile attempt was made to photograph the deer), and spend some time on the beach at St. Audries Bay. A paddle in the sea refreshed us for the return journey to Holford, where we took possession of our rucsacs again, and set out for Taunton, which we reached after a hot but pleasant twenty-six miles' walk.

The people of Taunton were much interested in our triumphal entry on Sunday evening in full walking costume. We were directed by the local policeman to a very comfortable hotel and soon sat down to a sumptuous tea, with the inevitable cream.

Monday morning saw the final parting, by mid-day all had dispersed, taking with them the happy memories of the past eventful week.

JOHN H. QUINN.

FACES.

FACES! what a variety one sees! Surely it is this fact which makes all human beings interesting, especially when one realizes the various forms and features indicating the temperament, feelings and emotions. The population of Great Britain is 45,000,000 and every face is different in appearance from that of every one else. Also there are 400,000,000 Chinese people who are again different, and the population of the whole world is said to be sixteen billions, and in all this immense number no two are alike.

Is it not a wonderful thought? How Nature keeps on inventing new patterns every day, week, month and year. This must be one of the many great things that makes the great world of ours so interesting.

If we know that a stranger is coming to live in a house near ours, one of the very first things that we think is: I wonder what he or she is like? Whether her face is pretty, or whether

it has a harsh, cross, sulky, or kind look. These differences can be seen in all people, wherever we meet them ; in a crowd, in a tram-car, in a train, or out walking ; and often when watching them one tries to picture the life that they live, and what they themselves are like.

Of course this is all surmise, but nevertheless I thought I would like to give a few pictures of them.

There is the old lady who is very wrinkled and feeble, and too old, at least according to the world's eyes, for the general activities. She has been through many of life's experiences, yet in her face one can see a very kind and gentle spirit, and she looks as if she could enter into and understand all about the many perplexing things of life, and we feel helped by her kindly advice.

Now in these days, how often we see running about the streets, and more especially in the large towns, the ragged and unkempt little boy. His eyes are sad, and he has a hunted look about his thin face that has risen there from the hard and cruel treatment of his parents, who are the very people who should love him and care for him. They have given him no place to sleep in, and no money with which to buy food, and think only of their own selfish pleasures, whether it be drinking, gambling or any other vice. They often have to think about changing their abode through getting behind with their rent, as they spend their money on so many useless things. After a time, perhaps they become tramps, or sometimes go to the workhouse, where they can be looked after, leaving their children to look after themselves as well as they can.

Then think of the little girl who has probably been brought up from her cradle with as much care as can be taken of her, with plenty of kind friends to help her out of her little troubles. She enjoys her life, as can be seen by her sparkling blue eyes, and her face, which looks so happy and is free from all hard and cruel influences. Surely a story can be conjured up when one looks at a face like this.

Another face that stands out amongst many others is the face of an old gentleman who is most likely losing his hair, and that which is left is growing grey. He is the embodiment of fatherliness, thoroughly sympathetic, and always has a kindly smile and words of praise ever ready for use. One can see the unselfishness printed on his face, and he loves to watch, and enter into if he can, life's enjoyments, whether it be small children playing at horses, or watching some interesting scene.

When talking about faces, there is this fact to be considered, that although we have no part in the making of the features, we have in the making of the expressions, which is done quite unconsciously, and people who make a character study of faces, can often tell something of what the individual is like, just from the expressions.

The face is really the index of the soul.

Elsie Smith.

ATHLETICS.

BOYS.

The Cricket Season, 1913.

THE total number of matches played this year was less than last year's, both in the Boys' XI. and in the First XI. Each of the XIs. won two matches only, while the First XI. lost seven. It naturally follows that the First XI. averages in batting and bowling are poorer than last season's, but in the Boys' First XI. they are much better, chiefly owing to Percy Munden, who not only heads the Boys' XI. batting with an average of 43, and the bowling with an average of 3.6, but is also at the head of the First XI. bowling averages, having taken nineteen wickets at an average cost of 13.9 runs. He was also third in the First XI. batting averages.

His highest score was 105 (not out) in the Boys' match against the Grammar School.

In fielding, the Masters' Prizes were won by Paul V. Mauger, Percy R. Munden, and William R. Bennett.

The most exciting match was probably the one with Mr. Downham's XI. on July 19th, when we had the best of the game on the first innings, by 99 to 63, leaving our opponents about an hour-and-a-half in which to dispose of us for a second time and to score enough runs to cancel the lead which we had gained on both innings. This apparently impossible task they very nearly achieved by dismissing our side for 65 runs, and scoring 89 for 5 wickets before time was called,—Mr. Downham's 61 (not out) including three sixes.

SUMMARY.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Average per Innings. For.	Against.
First XI.	9	2	7	0	87	135
Boys' XI.	3	2	1	0	73	42
Second XI.	4	2	2	0	56	66

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

FIRST XI.

	Innings.	Not out.	Total.	Highest.	Average.
G. H. Evans ..	10	0	188	51	18.8
J. P. Whitlow ..	10	0	157	56	15.7
P. R. Munden ..	10	0	112	28	11.2
C. D. Clarke ..	6	1	54	34*	10.8
C. B. Rowntree ..	10	1	90	19	10

BOYS' XI.

P. R. Munden ..	4	1	129	105*	43
H. L. P. Agnew ..	4	1	53	27*	17.6
E. S. Jeffrey ..	4	0	60	24	15
L. R. Hart ..	4	0	30	11	7.5

SECOND XI.

C. Cooper	5	1	50	20	12.5
G. D. Williams ..	6	1	52	25	10.4
H. T. Roper ..	6	0	51	19	8.5
B. D. Skelton ..	5	1	30	16	7.5

BOWLING.

FIRST XI.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
P. R. Munden ..	68.2	7	264	19	13.9
J. P. Whitlow ..	152.1	26	514	34	15.1
C. B. Rowntree ..	92.3	12	345	13	26.5

BOYS' XI.

P. R. Munden ..	26	6	65	18	3.6
H. Lewis	10	2	33	5	6.6
R. Kilbey	20.4	4	83	7	11.8

SECOND XI.

H. T. Roper ..	37	7	84	15	5.6
G. Trent	28	6	67	10	6.7
C. Cooper	10	0	47	6	7.8

GIRLS.

Only two outside cricket matches were played this year, both against Fowlemere. The first we lost, 25 runs to 44; the second we won, 131 runs to 57 + 51, Miss Pickard making 71 not out. A third match, arranged with Girton College, was, much to our disappointment, cancelled at the last minute, owing to the sudden appearance in the school of an infectious case of illness.

Disappointment was also caused by the failure of the Old Girls to raise their usual team against the Present Girls on Whit-Monday. Perhaps next year a tennis match could be arranged as a substitute.

Cricket matches between the Forms were this year played for the first time, the prize being a picture kindly presented by Mr. Arundel, two years ago President of the Old Scholars' Association.

J. EDITH V. GRAHAM.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

BOYS.

SENIOR.

Quarter Mile—1. Agnew; 2. Jeffrey i.; 3. Pitt.
Six Lengths—1. Jeffrey i.; 2. Agnew; 3. Farrington.

Two Lengths—1. Agnew; 2. Farrington; 3. Jeffrey i.
Neat Dive—1. Jeffrey i.; 2. Lewis; 3. Grubb i.
Champion—Eric S. Jeffrey.

JUNIOR.

Nine Lengths—1. Jeffrey ii.; 2. Whiting i.; 3. Dixon.
Two Lengths on Back——1. Whiting i.; 2. Jeffrey ii.
Two Lengths—1. Whiting i.; 2. Dixon; 3. Jeffrey ii.
Neat Dive—1. Cadman; 2. Whiting i.; 3. Dixon.
Junior Champion—W. Frederick Whiting.
The Swimming Picture was won by Bedroom 6.
(Captain: P. V. Mauger.)

The races in the Senior Championship were this year very keen. In the quarter mile and six lengths Jeffrey and Agnew turned each length at the same moment, and the result was in doubt till the last stroke. Both races were won by inches only, and the two lengths was also very close. The dive gave Jeffrey the championship, though only one point separated him from Agnew.

GIRLS.

Thirty Lengths—E. Falkner; W. Nicholls; M. Teakle; N. Townshend; H. Wright; G. Appleton; E. Carrodus; M. Kemp.; G. Long; J. Watts; G. Willis.
Dives—1. E. Falkner, H. Wright, M. Kemp. 2. N. Townshend.
Races—1. M. Kemp. 2. H. Wright.
Strokes—1. H. Wright; 2. N. Townshend.
Style—1. W. Nicholls; H. Wright. 2. E. Falkner.
Champions—E. Falkner, H. Wright.

GYMNASTICS.

The Girls' Gymnastic Challenge Cup was this year won by Hilda Rye, on April 19th, when Mrs. Peck again came over from Cambridge to assist Miss Ives in the judging.

The Boys' Form Squad Competition took place on the afternoon of the last Monday in the Summer term, and after a keen and close struggle the Fourth Form were declared winners, thus wresting the picture (a large reproduction of the "Discobulus") from the Third Form.

OLD SCHOLARS' LECTURE SCHOOL.

GLORIOUS Autumn sunshine, sky of blue, kindly welcome and fellowship in the best things which life holds, all of these contributed towards the grand success of the Old Scholars' Week-end at Walden, September 27th to 29th.

Tea on Saturday was the first event "programmed," but the preceding two hours had given most of us an opportunity of testing the hospitality of Miss Pickard, who, in spite of there being "standing room only" in her study, still cheerfully supplied afternoon tea to all who would come. The welcome of the mistresses meant a great deal to us, and by the time we were all seated in the Dining Hall, some at the enlarged top table, the rest at the Girls' "first," tongues were loosened and, as Mr. Walker remarked, "there seemed no ice to be broken." After tea, the Fifth Form joined the Staff and thirty Old Scholars in the Lecture Room to listen to a lecture by A. Neave Brayshaw, B.A., LL.B., on "What our School should mean to us."

If I allude somewhat briefly to the subject matter of the lectures, I do not want my motive to be misunderstood: we one and all felt that the wise and inspiring words of both A. Neave Brayshaw and A. Barratt Brown formed the pivot around which all other events naturally revolved. A full account of the lectures was given by Emily Blomfield in her report in *The Friend* for October 17th.

I like to carry away with me from a lecture some outstanding thought. Mr. Brayshaw's message to me was most certainly this—There are times in the lives of all of us when it does not seem possible to take up definite work for others; home ties or exams. perhaps claim our fullest energies. This should not discourage us, it is our attitude of mind that counts, we want to have the aim ever before us that *when* the opportunity comes it will find us *ready* for service. The same



Photo by] [J. E. WALKER.

OLD SCHOLARS' LECTURE SCHOOL.
September 27-29, 1913.

thought found expression in our Sunday morning meeting when Mr. Brayshaw warned us against the fear of ourselves. During that quiet hour of worship, with the familiar faces of Walden Friends around us, perhaps some of us realized, as never before, how much we owe to our School day associations. The welcome of local Friends was most warm, and what could have pleased us more than to receive invitations both from Miss Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Midgley, to visit their gardens—thus the time passed until mid-day dinner.

Immediately after dinner Mr. Walker took several photographs or rather Mr. Walker arranged the groups and requisitioned a present scholar actually to take the photographs. I will leave you to judge of the success or otherwise, from the reproduction here given.

A series of afternoon teas most happily occupied the time until Barry Brown's lecture on "Loyalties," in which he reminded us that often in our lives there seems to be a conflict of loyalties, between family and country, truth and friend ship. The only power sufficient to solve the problem is absolute loyalty to our Leader. Loyalty to *our* School does not mean antagonism to other Schools.

As the day wore on we felt increasingly that we were one united family aiming at a practical Christianity and bound together by our association with Walden. For those who have not recently spent a Sunday at Walden I can tell them that evening meeting at the School stirs chords usually silent in our natures. Mr. Walker, Frederick J. Edminson and others spoke to us; out and out manly, disinterested Christianity was the ideal held up before us.

There is much I could write of the careful arrangements for our comfort made by Mrs. Walker, Miss Barnard and Miss Norrington, of the freedom allowed us of mixing with the children; of the walks and talks around the familiar paths and fields—sometimes with present scholars, sometimes with past scholars, sometimes again with members of the staff.

The whole time Nature smiling upon us and the spirit of peace and good will in our hearts.

The Woodbrooke Extension Committee most generously co-operated with Old Scholars in arranging the lectures and it was a kindly thought for Frederick J. Edminson, the Secretary, to share the week-end with us. Roderic K. Clark, of Ackworth, Bootham, and Cambridge, known so well to boys from all our Schools, was another welcome "outsider." Of the factors which made for the success of this Lecture School, I place first and foremost the whole-hearted co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Walker and the staff.

As the train on Monday morning bore us away from the little town of childhood memories, dominated on the one hand by the "School on the Hill," and on the other by the beautiful Church spire, the desire in each heart was, I am sure, that when we find life's journey rough and difficult, we may remember the fellowship we have experienced and take heart to play the man and thus do honour to our School.

Our warm thanks are due to Gurnell C. Green, who undertook arrangements on behalf of Old Scholars.

M. Ethel Crawshaw.

A HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND.

AFTER a fairly calm voyage and a long night in the train, we, a small party of Waldenites, three mistresses, one present and one old girl, arrived at Berne in the afternoon of the 14th of August.

Here we spent the night, and after seeing some of the sights, the quaint streets, the flower-decked historic fountains, the cathedral, with its west doorway carved with figures representing the ten virgins and the Judgment, the curious old clock and the bears, we went to Lausanne and hence by boat to Chillon. Although afterwards we sailed on the lakes

of Thun, Brienz and Lucerne, I do not think I enjoyed any of them as much of that of Geneva ; it was such a glorious day and the water was so clear and sparkling and of a bright blue colour. From Chillon we went by train to Bex, and soon reached our destination, Chesières, after an uphill journey past wooded mountain slopes in an electric train. We stayed at Chesières for a fortnight. This is a charming little village, surrounded by mountains. It has one street, bordered on both sides by picturesque houses and shops. We had balconies overlooking the road and found it interesting to watch the diligence and ox-waggons go by. We had splendid views of the Grand Muveran, the Dents du Midi, the Glacier du Trient and other mountains. In the evenings the pink sunset glow made them more beautiful than I could have imagined. While at Chesières we went for many enjoyable walks, as the scenery round was lovely.

One of our longest expeditions was to the Lac de Chavonne and Chamossaire. Our way lay through a steep wooded ravine and along mountain roads to Bretaye. A little further on we descended to the lake, which in itself is perhaps a little disappointing. After lunch we returned to Bretaye and climbed Chamossaire, from the top of which we saw a magnificent panorama of snow-clad peaks: Mount Blanc, Les Diablerets, Jungfrau, and many others. Another delightful walk was to Pont de Nant, by road at first, then through fields covered with flowers, round steep gorges, and through woods on the mountain sides. We rested awhile in the Avençon gorge, through which races a mountain torrent ; then we walked round the hill at Les Plans where we had lunch. Afterwards we climbed to Pont de Nant and on to a plateau under the Grand Muveran.

From Chesières we travelled through the newly-opened Loetschberg tunnel to Spiez, where we stayed a night. Next day we took boat to Thun, where we visited the magnificent old Schloss and other objects of interest. From Thun we

went down the lake to Interlaken. That evening we saw the Jungfrau lit up with a soft orange glow, and we were fascinated by the shops. Next day we drove to Grindelwald, and visited the Upper Glacier, where we went into an ice grotto, which was lovely—so blue and cold.

We journeyed next to Morschach, which overlooks Lake Lucerne, and is situated above Brunnen.

We spent the rest of our holiday here and had many lovely picnics, going by boat to Rütli, where the three confederates swore in 1307 to rescue Switzerland from the Austrian yoke; to Altdorf to see the statue of William Tell and his son; by steamer to Lucerne, where we spent a day looking at the shops and visiting the famous Lion and Cathedral. The sail back was most beautiful, behind us Pilatus, threatening and gloomy, with the setting sun enveloping the Rigi and lake in a rosy glow. We also walked along the famous Axenstrasse, which runs along one side of the lake, with galleries and tunnels hewn out of the solid rock.

After staying about ten days at Morschach we returned home, having spent a most glorious and never-to-be-forgotten month in Switzerland. *Barbara W. Marriage.*

FOOTBALL AT WALDEN IN 1880.

The following is an extract from the December number of the *Natural History Journal* (the joint magazine of Friends' Schools, which preceded *Past and Present*) in 1880, describing the first matches between this School and Bishop Stortford College—or Nonconformist Grammar School, as it was then called. The arrangement of the Walden eleven, as given at the end of the article, is interesting.

v. NONCONFORMIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BISHOP STORTFORD.

THE first match between these two schools was played on the school ground, at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, the 30th of October, resulting in a victory for the Nonconformist Grammar School. There was a very evident difference

in the size of the two teams, the Grammar School boys being much the older and bigger ; this made the result of the match almost a foregone conclusion. Very early the Stortford players carried the ball into their enemies' district, and during much of the game it was kept there. They kicked five goals while the Walden team did not succeed in getting any—though there were many praiseworthy attempts. The play of the Stortford School was remarkable for the capital way in which the various members of the team worked together ; they passed the ball most judiciously one to the other, and supported each other thoroughly well. Hayward, the captain, Davey and Cropper were especially to be noticed. On the side of Walden, Murdoch, though hurt early in the game, did his best to avert defeat, as did Arundel and Brooks amongst the backs, and Alstone in goal.

The ground was in a very poor state, making it difficult to stand, and at the end of the game the players in person bore full evidence to the muddy condition of the field.

All were kindly entertained at tea by Dr. Alliott, thus concluding a very pleasant visit.

The return match was played in the School play-field at Saffron Walden, on Wednesday, November 10th. Again the stronger company carried the day. This time, however, the Friends' School players had evidently profited by experience and proved the truth of the old saying, *fas est et ab hoste doceri*. Though overpowered, they played with good heart, and kept well together, doing their utmost to turn defeat into victory. The game was a well-fought one throughout, at times almost evenly balanced. The ball visited both goals again and again, and was thrown back. The Stortford boys scored three goals, the Walden none. Where all did so well, it would be invidious to mention names. But the first-rate goal-keeping of Alstone and the forward play of Cooper deserve especial notice. Without Alstone's watchful care and prompt action, the goals would have been much more numerous. Both matches

were very pleasant ones, and it is hoped they may become annual.

The Walden eleven were: D. B. Murdoch (capt.) and C. Hotham, centre forwards; R. H. Field and T. Baylis, right side: T. Cooper and A. Young, left side; H. Wallis and H. Brooks, half-backs; F. R. Arundel and R. Hobson, backs; W. R. Alstone, goal-keeper.

OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting.

THE usual calm of the Devonshire House premises was somewhat disturbed on the evening of Thursday, November 19th, and why? It was the forty-fourth Annual Meeting of our Old Scholars' Association, and members in and around London gathered together, showing by their presence the real interest they have in anything connected with Walden School.

Full advantage was taken during tea for the renewal of old friendships, and so loath are Old Scholars to get on to the meeting in the Institute that one feels that they would spend a whole evening chatting—if they were allowed!

In numbers we were a smaller party than last year, about 150 against 200, but as the meeting progressed one felt that numbers after all are not everything. What really matters is the "tone" of the thing. The Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports were read and passed—the former was able to report an increased balance and also a legacy from our late Treasurer, Bedford Marsh, while the latter's report showed by the various meetings, etc., that had taken place during the past year that the Association is as vigorous as ever. After some discussion amendments to two rules were passed—one abolishing free membership and raising the minimum subscription to 2s. 6d.

per annum at twenty-one years of age ; the second creating a new official position as foreign correspondent, which will be filled by Maude G. Tyler, and it is hoped by this means that Old Scholars abroad may be kept in much closer touch with the doings of our School and Association.

Then came the speech of our President, James B. Crosfield, and all who were privileged to hear it must have felt the better and have become enthused with some of his splendid spirit and love for the school. One of the main points—if not *the* main point—was when he told us of the decision the School Committee came to some years ago in deciding to admit Non-Friends to the School and how he felt that the effect had been beneficial to all concerned—it had helped to broaden Friends' views, and Friends' principles had helped Non-Friends to a better understanding of many problems. He pointed out to us the progress education had made and is making, and his optimistic view of the good in life was very refreshing to us all—in these days when we are so often told we are degenerating.

Miss Pickard gave us a most interesting account of the first part of the Holiday Tramp, and James S. Lidbetter followed on with many reminiscences of the latter half—we felt that all must have had a thoroughly good time.

A vote of thanks to James B. Crosfield for presiding over the affairs of the Association brought the gathering to a close.

W. Russell Frayling.

THE BEECHES.

THE dew is wet upon the leaf
Like a glittering pearl within its sheaf,
The leaves and branches seem to sing
Till all the glade begins to ring.
With " Here are the tow'ring beeches."

Then a train comes whizzing by,
With its shrill and screaming cry
Penetrating to the sky,
Never deigning to look nigh
The ever towering beeches.

The branches under winter's claim,
Grow cold and stiff with wind and rain ;
But now the summer has begun,
The light and singing leaves have come
To shade the towering beeches.

The sunbeams play about the trees,
The flowers sway in the gentle breeze,
And lift above their peaceful eyes
To see if the branches touch the skies,
So high are the towering beeches.

Shadows, dancing on the ground,
In this shady place are found ;
Shadows of the bright green leaves,
Shadows of the golden sheaves,
Around the towering beeches.

Now the moon no longer hides ;
To the world its pathway glides,
And fills the trees with silv'ry light
To show the wooing of the night,
Amid the darksome beeches.

May Hargrave,
Winnie Price.



Photo by] [*B. D. Skelton.*

THE BEECHES.

"The sunbeams play about the trees."

KENILWORTH CASTLE.

LAST holidays I went to see Kenilworth Castle; it is a magnificent pile of old ruins. The reason for this is that when Oliver Cromwell was fighting against Charles I. he pulled down the old Castle and the bricks were used to make little huts for his men.

The best kept part is the Norman part. The four walls are still standing, and they are about sixteen or seventeen feet thick. In one corner of the Castle is a deep dungeon, which is now partly filled up. Just by the walls of the Norman section are the kitchens. One can see the remains of the fire-places, of which there are three or four left. By one of the chimneys is a place where they used to smoke bacon.

The next thing which attracts one's notice is the banqueting hall; here all the nobles used to feast. At one end of the room is an old fire place, while at the other is a raised dais where the host used to sit. All along one side are high and beautifully carved windows. The floor has fallen through, so the room underneath the banqueting hall and the hall itself are as one. Some of the prison cells come next to the banqueting hall. They are one above the other. The bottom one being the roomiest and having the least light, while the top one was the smallest and had most light. The ruins of the Presence chamber and the White Hall are still to be seen.

On the other side of the banqueting hall are the Elizabethan apartments. They were built specially for Queen Elizabeth, when she went to see Lord Leicester. She stayed there ten days and Lord Leicester spent twenty thousand pounds on her; he also erected a gate house. At that time there was a lake all round Kenilworth Castle, and when Queen Elizabeth arrived she was met by a floating island of fireworks. The only part that remains of the lake is a small stream which goes round the Castle about a quarter of a mile away.

George A. Manasseh.

THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

FOR the past few years this Society has been gradually increasing its membership. At first the Society was entirely devoted to Natural History, but in 1909 it was agreed to devote the winter months to an examination of the neighbouring churches and from this beginning sprang the present Archæological section. At present it happens that this section includes most of the fifth and sixth form members, and the Natural History section consists mainly of third and fourth form girls and boys. The Archæological section has done excellent work both with diaries and cameras. At the last meeting three papers were read, illustrated by lantern slides. These were manufactured by H. Skelton from negatives taken by himself and other members. Good work has been done by individual members of the Natural History section.

Excursions have been taken by both sections to various places of interest in the neighbourhood, including visits to Newport, Chesterford, Debden, etc.

Thirty-one boys and twenty-four girls are members of the Society, the numbers being about equally divided between the Natural History and the Archæological Sections.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President - - - John Edward Walker.
Chairman - - - George Morris, B.Sc.
Librarian - - - D. Redding.
Boys' Secretary - - E. S. Jeffrey.
Girls' Secretary - - Rita Gell.
Committee: Mr. Morris, Miss Jones, Mr. Holttum (*Sec.*), H. Skelton, H. Diamond, E. S. Jeffrey, Rita Gell, Helen Wright.

The Committee meet at intervals to arrange programmes of evening meetings, excursions and other business of the Society.

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Concerning Old Scholars.

Old Scholars who were in the Fifth and Sixth Forms last Term.

Harvey L. P. Agnew is attending classes at Clark's College at Southchurch.

Leslie R. Hart is studying for Intermediate Science at Bootham School, York.

A. Dulcie M. Kirkpatrick.

Barbara W. Marriage.

M. Irene Mason is studying Domestic Science in Leeds.

Paul V. Mauger is studying at the Architectural Association's School of Architecture at Westminster. He plays for the Foxes.

Elsie C. J. Rye is studying at the Folkestone Business Training College.

Ursula M. Smith.

George D. Williams.

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Extract from a letter written by Sydney Fellowes (1899-1904), *who is now at the Marconi Works at Chelmsford.*

". . . The 'Tainui' affair was caused by a collision with a collier in the Bay of Biscay. It come on very foggy early one Sunday morning, and before we knew we had smashed right into this boat. It was some hours before we found out it was serious, as our boat sank very gradually; but soon after midnight our captain decided to tranship our passengers to the *Garth Castle*. This was done without any mishap, although they were all very limp.

" We were down below in the engine room all night, expecting to go down every minute, as the boat had taken a bad list to one side and a big dip forward. The slope was so steep

that we could hardly keep our feet without holding on to something. Directly it was daylight we got under way, as the captain had decided to make for Corunna, that being the nearest port. Fortunately we picked up a couple of Spanish fishermen in a boat, and they piloted us into the harbour after nearly piling us up on a big rock in the entrance. At 4 p.m. on Monday we anchored near the fort where Sir John Moore was buried, and we were jolly glad to get in so well. Most of us went and 'turned in' (boots and all). I woke up about 11 p.m. and was told that we were resting on the bottom of the harbour.

"We were there about a week, and during that time the frozen mutton in No. 1 hold (where the water got in) all went bad, so that everything on the boat smelt and tasted of it. By this time the salvage people had patched her up, and we put to sea again, arriving in London about ten days overdue."

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Those who were at Walden when Kate Coning was Boys' Music Mistress (1901-1906) will be interested in hearing of her marriage, at York, to Bernard Linney, son of the late Albert Linney, who was for many years First Class Master at Ackworth School. The marriage took place on August 21st, 1913.

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To Ruth J. Cansfield (1903-10) the Editors tender their best thanks for some interesting photographs taken during the Lecture Week-end. Similar contributions will always be welcomed.

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Congratulations to Richard E. Holttum (1907-11) on being awarded the Bootham School Commemoration Scholarship of £200.

SCHOOL DIARY.

June 11th.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Mr. Lidbetter's XI., home, lost, 66 to 165; Mr. Whitlow, 7 wickets for 63.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Effie Carrodus. Essays: "Roscarberry," George Manasseh; "Glastonbury Abbey," Philip Ball; "Southborough," Margaret Kirkpatrick. Story, "The Children in the Lonely Cave," Effie Carrodus. Recitation, Herbert Emson; Piano Duet, Elfreda Blackburn and Margaret Kirkpatrick.

,, 13th.—5th Form Boys' Debating Soc. "That Ireland Should have Home Rule." Proposed by Harvey Agnew, seconded by Eric Jeffrey; opposed by Henry Skelton, seconded by George Williams.

,, 14th.—Cricket Match, 2nd XI. *v.* Higher Grade School, Cambridge, away, won, 100 to 62; G. Williams 25, Cooper 5 wickets for 14, Roper 5 for 18.
N.H.S. Excursion (Annual) to Sawbridgeworth.
Arch. Excursions to Cambridge and Elsenham.

,, 17th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Papers: "Saffron Walden Church," Leonard Salter; "Newport Church," Leonard Watts; "Great Chesterford Church," Leonard House; "Flint Implements," Mr. Morris.
Sen. M.H.U. Mtg. Reading, "Livingstone the Pathfinder," Miss Jones.

,, 18th.—Cricket Match, 2nd XI. *v.* Newport Grammar School, away, won, 59 to 17; Cooper, 20, Trent 5 wickets for 6, Roper 4 for 9.
N.H. and Arch. Excursion to Ashdon.
4th Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Freda Thurman and Gerald Trent. Essays: "Weymouth and its Surroundings," Leonard House; "Father Damien," Harriet Lidiard; "The Stolen Submarine," Herbert Lewis.

,, 21st.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Old Ackworthians and Waldonians, home, won, 211 to 75; Mr. Whitlow, 56, Mr. Evans, 45, Mr. Clark 34 (not out), Munden 5 wickets for 25, Mr. Whitlow 3 for 25.

,, 24th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Harvey Agnew. Essays: "Three Red Lions," Ursula Smith; "Corner of Poppyland," Geoffrey Ardley; "Alpine Gardening," Alec Walker; "An Optimistic and Pessimistic View of England," Doris Thurman. Piano Duet, Lilian G. Wright and Irene Mason.

,, 25th.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Mr. C. R. Downham's XI., home, lost, 88 to 187, Mr. Evans, 51, Mr. Rowntree, 3 wickets for 26.

Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Owen Price. Essays: "Helion's Bumpstead," Herbert Emson; "My Home," Maurice Jeffrey. Story, "Berenda," Mabel Wellman. Song, by five boys.

June 26th.—Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essays: "Elephants of Ceylon," Cristabel Liffen; "A Singhalese Boy," Joyce Watts; "A Pilgrimage," Joan McKenzie; "A Buddhist Temple," Edith Newbery.

,, 28th.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Hockerill, home, lost, 122 to 127 for 5; Mr. Brereton 30.
Arch. Excursions to Balsham and Elsenham.

July 1st.—N.H.S. Mtg. Papers: "Cone-bearing Trees" (continued), Basil Horne; "British Birds and Nests," Herbert Roper; "Excursion to Sawbridgeworth," Nina Townshend; "Flowers on the Newport Road," Lily Wright.

,, 2nd.—N.H. and Arch. Excursion to Abbey Farm and Beeches. 4th Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Harriet Lidiard and James Bannister. Essays: "Superstitions," Minnie Milton, "History of Game of Cricket," Reginald Montford. Piano Solo, Dorothy Robson.

,, 3rd—Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essays, "A Singhalese Story," May Hargrave; "A Girls' Boarding School," Dorothy Richardson; "Robert Knox," Jessie Milne.

,, 5th.—Arch. Excursion to Clavering.

,, 8th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Ursula Smith. Essays: "Burning of Rome," Fred Butler; "A Year in the Art School," Miss Walker; "Medicine," Lily Wright; "Utopia," Howard Diamond. Piano Solo, L. Wright; Vocal Duet, Misses Howell and Waites.

,, 9th.—N.H.S. and Arch. Visit to Audley End Mansion and Ring Hill Camp.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Kathleen Wilson and Joan McKenzie. Essys: "The Thames," Owen Price; "History of the Locomotive," William Tebbutt. Story, Margaret Kirkpatrick. Piano Solo, Joyce Watts.

,, 12th.—Cricket Match. Bays' XI. *v.* Walden Peace Scouts, away, won, 77 and 75 for 8 wickets to 53. Jeffrey 24, Munden 6 wickets, for 22.
Girls' Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Fowlemere, home, won, 131 to 57 + 51 for 5 wickets; Miss Pickard 71 (not out).
Arch. Excursion to Clavering.

,, 15th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Papers: "English Monasticism," Paul Mauger; "How to Study a Church," Howard Diamond.

,, 16th.—Fourth Form Excursion to Linton and Roman Road (Kindly given by Mr. J. B. Crosfield).
Girls' Form Cricket Match. Fifth Form beat Third, 98 for 3 wickets to 12.

Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essays: "Story of a Singhalese Girl," Lilian Dell; "Story of Faith—a Singhalese Girl," Gwen Hayes; "Singhalese Children at Play," Mary Maitland.

July 19th.—Cricket Match. 1st XI. *v.* Mr. C. R. Downham's XI., home, won, 99 and 65 to 63 and 89 for 5 wickets. Mr. Whitlow 26, Agnew 18 (not out), Munden 5 wickets for 37.

,, 21st.—Cambridge Local Examinations begin.

,, 22nd.—Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Fred Whiting. Essays: "Newcastle," Clive Bell; "Aviation," Albert Gardner; "Wickford," Effie Carrodus. Stories: "The Saint and the Lion," Owen Price; "How the Bear got a Stumpy Tail," Cecil Falkner; "The Baby's Supper," Herbert Emson. Recitation, Maurice Jeffrey; Piano Solo. Effie Carrodus.

,, 24th.—4th Form Lit. Soc. Annual Meeting. Diary, Constance Wilderspin and Leslie Brown. Piano Solos, Marjorie Teakle, Robin Appleton, and Harriet Lidiard. Part Song, "Oh Swallow," Hilda Rye, Winnie Nichols, Helen Wright and Nina Townshend.

,, 26th.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Hockerill, away, lost, 56 to 128. 2nd XI. *v.* Saffron Walden Choir Boys, home, lost.

,, 29th.—General Meeting. Boys' Senior Swimming Champion, Eric Jeffrey; Junior, Fred Whiting.

,, 31st.—Holidays begin.

Aug. 1st.—Walking Tour starts. Train to Bath and Winscombe.

,, 2nd.—Walk from Winscombe to Cheddar.

,, 4th.—Drive to Wells, train to Glastonbury and to Wiveliscombe.

,, 5th.—Walk to Minehead.

,, 6th.—Walk to Lynmouth.

,, 7th.—Walk to Dulverton.

,, 8th.—Walk to Raddington, Chipstable and Wiveliscombe.

,, 9th.—Return of main party of Trampers. Rest walk to Lydiard St. Lawrence, Crowcombe and Holford.

,, 10th.—Walk to St. Audries, Holford and Taunton.

,, 11th.—Final break-up of party at Taunton.

Sept. 16th.—Return to School.

,, 18th.—Quarterly Meeting. Half-holiday.

,, 20th.—Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* Saffron Walden, home, won, 2 to 0.

,, 23rd.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Richard Kilbey. Essays: "History of Fancy-Work," Dorothy Deane; "Charles Dickens," Elsie Falkner; "A Great National Game," Eric Jeffrey. Piano Solo, Lily Wright.

,, 24th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Little Walden.

,, 27th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Strethall.

Sept. 27th to 29th.—Lecture School Week-end.

,, 27th.—Lecture, "What our School should mean to us," A. Neave Brayshaw.

,, 28th.—Lecture, "Loyalties," Barrett Brown.

Oct. 1st.—N.H.S. Excursion to Pond beyond Clay-Pits.
4th Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Delia Plant and Christopher Cooper. Essay: "Canterbury," Delia Plant.

,, 2nd.—Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essay: "China's Babies," Gwen Hayes.

,, 3rd.—Sen. M.H.U. Mtg. Subject: "The Islands' People." Essays: "The Island Races," Winifred Beasant; "Family Life in the South Sea Islands," Helen Wright.

,, 4th.—Football Match, 1st XI. *v.* Foxes II., draw, 1 to 1. Entertainment. Scene from "Four Men," Messrs. Morris, Whitlow, Lidbetter and Brereton.

,, 7th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Dorothy Deane. Essays: "History of the Kinematograph," Dorothy Freeman; "Life in Man and Animal," Arthur Landsem. Trio, Misses Wright, Howell and Clark; Piano Solo, Elsie Falkner.

,, 8th.—Football Match. 1st XI. *v.* Bishop's Stortford Wednesday, away, won, 1 to 0.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Joyce Watts. Essays: "Farnworth and its Surroundings," Joan McKenzie; "South Kensington Museum," Fred Whiting. Piano Solos, Joan McKenzie, and Eva Diamond.
N.H.S. Excursion to Newport.

,, 11th.—Football Match. Boys' XI. *v.* Bishop's Stortford School, home, draw, 0 to 0.

,, 14th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Essays: "A Giant Piece of Angelica," Arthur Chacksfield; "Felixstowe Grove," Freda Thurman; "Waterboatmen," Cecil Falkner; "Some Notes on Water Insects," Mr. Morris.

,, 15th.—Football Match. 2nd XI. *v.* S.W. Grammar School, away, won, 4 to 2.
4th Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Leonard House and Helen Wright. Essays: "Audrey's Fugitive," Gwyneth Morgan; "An Afternoon of Magic and Mirth," Winifred Nichols; "Worthing and Neighbourhood," Winnie Price. Violin Solo, Grace Willis.

,, 15th.—Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essays: "Japanese Houses," Dorothy Richardson; "Babies of Japan," Julia Bannister; "Flowers, Plants and Trees of Japan," Mabel Wellman.

,, 17th.—Lecture, "Italy," illustrated with lantern slides, Mr. Blow, F.R.P.S.

,, 18th.—Hockey Match, 1st XI. *v.* Bishop's Stortford Ladies, home, won, 5-2.

Arch. Excursion to Ickleton.
N.H.S. Excursion to Debden.

Oct. 20th.—Lecture on behalf of the Young Abstainers' Union, Mr. Philips.

,, 21st.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Howard Diamond. Essays: "A Voyage from New Zealand," Rita Gell; "Some Pages of Pepys," Mr. Whitlow; "The Romance of Words," Howard Farrington. Piano Solo, Delia Plant; 'Cello Solo, Miss Howell.

,, 22nd.—Hockey Match, Boys *v.* Girls, boys won, 4-1.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Gwen Hayes and Edith Newbery. Essays: "Tunbridge Wells," Margaret Kirkpatrick,; "The New Chingford Reservoir," Leslie White; "A Day in London," Cyril Vaughan. Recitation, Tusting Smith; Piano Solos, Christabel Liffen and Margaret Kirkpatrick.

,, 25th.—Football Match, 1st XI. *v.* Whittlesford, away, won, 6 to 0.
Hockey Match, 1st XI. *v.* Bishop Stortford, away, lost, 0 to 2.
N.H.S. Excursion to Great Chesterford.

,, 28th.—N.H.S. Meeting. Essays: "Strethall Church," Rita Gell; "North and South Ockendon Churches," Monica Marriage; "Some Archæology of the Tramp," (illustrated with lantern slides), Henry Skelton.

,, 29th.—4th Form Lit. Soc. Diary, James Bannister and May Hargrave. Essays: "Camp," Herbert Teakle; "Tennyson," Gladys Russell; "Visit to Canvey Island," Marjorie Teakle; "History of Locomotion," William Tebbutt.

,, 30th.—Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Subject, "Japanese School-Days." Papers: "Great Days," Gwen Hayes; "Lessons," Kathleen Wilson; "Holidays," Christabel Liffen.

P.L.A. Meetings held weekly.

J. EDITH V. GRAHAM.
Henry Skelton.

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SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following have been awarded leaving Scholarships by the School Committee: Leslie R. Hart, Paul V. Mauger, G. Howard Farrington.

LONDON MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

Leslie R. Hart passed this examination in July, 1913.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

SENIORS.—Howard Diamond,* G. Howard Farrington* (Distinction in Model Drawing), Dorothy B. Freeman,* (Distinction in Old Testament, French, Macbeth), Elsie Rye, Henry Skelton, Leonard C. Watts (Distinction in Model Drawing).

JUNIORS.—William R. Bennett,* Dorothy Deane,* Rita Gell, Winnie Hargrave, Richard Kilbey (Distinction in Model Drawing and Design), Tom Marriage, Donald L. Redding, Leonard T. Salter, Benjamin D. Skelton, Doris Thurman, Robert Trigg, G. Douglas Williams, Lilian G. Wright.*

* Signifies passed in Spoken French.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

BRONZE MEDALLION: Leslie R. Hart, Richard Kilbey, Leonard C. Watts, G. Douglas Williams.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of copies of the following, School Magazines: The Beckside (Ayton), Stramongate School Magazine, Training College Magazine (S. Walden), By Kent and Skerne (Polam Hall), Sidcot Old Scholars' Report, School Echoes (Hobart).

EDITORIAL BOARD.

C. Dougan Clark, *Barbara Marriage* and *Leslie R. Hart* having left the School, their places on the Board are taken by James S. Lidbetter, *Elsie Falkner* and *Henry Skelton.*

INITIAL LETTER.

We publish another initial letter in this month's issue; it was designed by *Robert Trigg.*

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