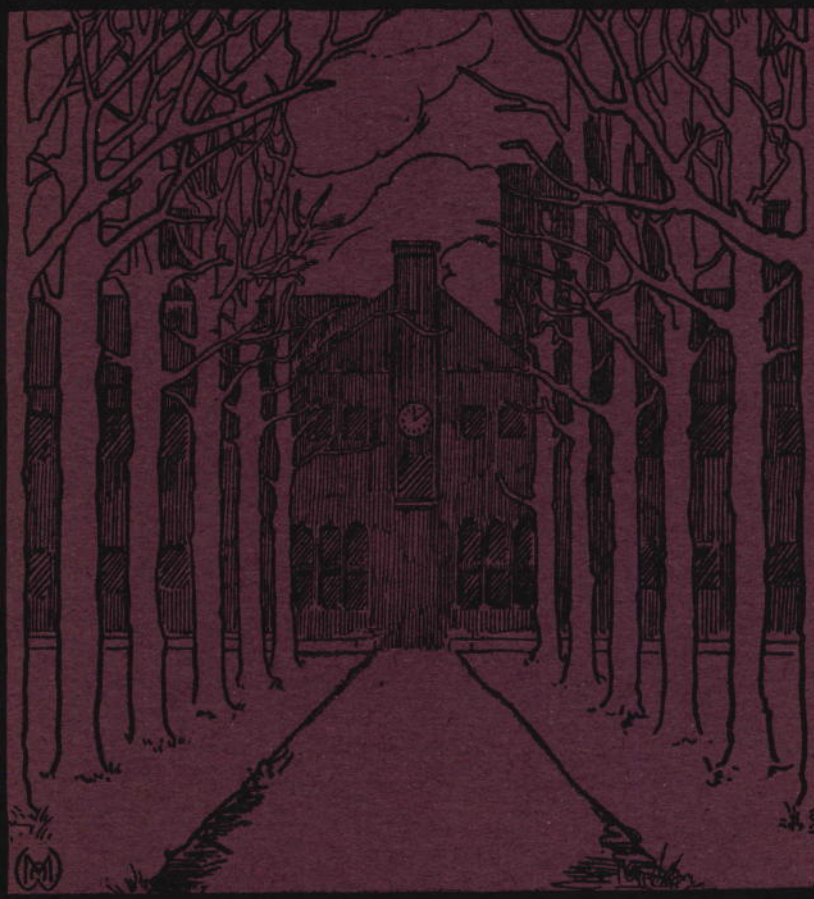
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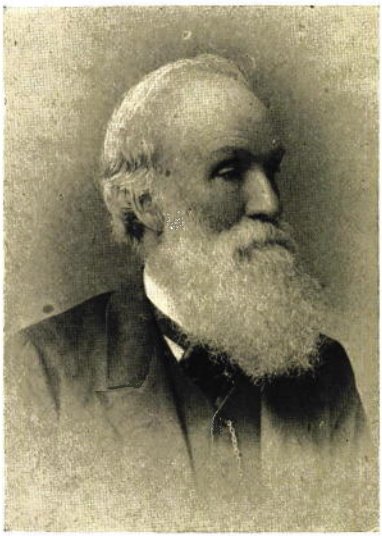
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FOREWORD.

REFRESHED by an extra week's holiday, occasioned by several slight cases of German Measles which appeared before Easter, we returned on May 6th, with renewed zest and enthusiasm, to the summer term's work and play. Although we regretted the cause of the extension and the consequent omission last term of the eagerly anticipated visits from "Foxes" and Old Scholars, with the exclusion also of the usual Athletic Sports, compensation was in some measure granted, as we revelled during those added days of idleness in brilliant sunshine amid "fresh woods and pastures new."

Whitsuntide, with its delights of re-unions, comradeship and intercourse, grave and gay, has passed, leaving us enriched by many glad memories of happy days. Saturday and Sunday saw many familiar faces among us, and the number of visitors was further augmented by those whom we welcomed on Monday. In the afternoon a successful performance by the Fifth and Sixth Forms of "The Tempest"—the Cambridge Examination play for the year—was given before a large and appreciative audience.

On Thursday, June 11th, we celebrated the recent twenty-first birthdays of Miss L. M. Walker and Mr. G. S. Pumphrey. Although the weather was not kind to us, we much enjoyed the half-holiday granted, and on the following evening rejoiced in the ever-popular Terza.

We reproduce in this number a photograph of the late Joseph John Robson, of whose death in April we were grieved to learn. His warm interest in the School, his kindly presence and helpful ministry, were much valued by us all and will be greatly missed.

The full School, there being at present seventy-three Girls and ninety-four Boys, proves a source of satisfaction, and we are hoping for good results from the term's work.

ELEANOR G. JONES.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

II.—THE JUVENILE LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE first page of the earliest Minute Book of the Juvenile Literary Society reads as follows:

At a meeting for business of the Juvenile Literary Society held 11th mo. 25th, 1818.

1. The following are some of the questions which have been introduced at this meeting, and which are thought suitable as under :—

" As the sun is nearer to the earth in Winter than in Summer, what is the reason that it is colder in Winter than it is in Summer ? "

Ans. " In Summer the sun darts his rays perpendicularly, and in Winter obliquely."

" Who were the first Consuls of Rome ? "

Ans. " Valerius Flaccus and Junius Brutus."

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" From what did Westmorland derive its name ? "

Ans. " Because it is in the West of England, and nearly full of Moors."

From the very commencement of the Minute Book the composition is good, the only noticeable point being the somewhat quaint wording. The following minute, however, at first reading, sounds more alarming than it really is :

(4. 2. 1805). "The 4 parts of the Christian Church being in a very bad condition, it is agreed that they shall be half bound, and the matter is referred to the Committee of Books."

One of the chief duties of the Society was to obtain books, which only members were allowed to read, and the funds of the Society were mainly devoted to the purchase of books. From time to time books were presented by Friends outside the School ; while members frequently lent their own books to the Society. The meetings were often mainly devoted to dealing with the administration of the library. Such minutes as the following are very common :

"Alf. Stevens having been convicted of reading a book belonging to the Society several times without leave he is accordingly fined in the penalty of 2d."

(15. 11. 1837). "T. J. F., R. S., and H. N., having been convicted at this meeting of more than 3 offences are prohibited from attending the meetings and reading the books of the Society until they again obtain permission. . . ." (The offences included leaving books about, damaging them, and so on.)

The activities of the J. L. S. embraced other than purely literary interests. For instance,

(4. 6. 1819). "It is agreed that the subject of the purchase of a Chess Board and Paradise Lost be referred to the Committee appointed for the purpose of entering the minutes into the new book."

(22. 2. 1819). "On account of the Chinese Puzzle damaged by Stephen Tree, it is concluded that a Committee shall be appointed to investigate the case . . ."

(26. 2. 1819). "We your Committee . . . report that after much deliberation and a good share of pecuniary

embarassment, we have decided that the accused should pay a fine of 6d., also that the above-mentioned injured article shall be sent to be repaired as early as possible, and if the members think proper it shall be bartered for a chess-board and men."

(12. 4. 1819). "On account of the Chinese Puzzle being very much damaged, it is concluded that —— and —— shall be appointed to sell it at the highest price."

In 1825 a Set of Draughts was presented by Robert Sessions. (A month later Joseph Ball is fined 2d. for playing at Draughts with another boy, not a member.)

In 1841 two "Interrogatory Games" were purchased, one on the Geography of the World, the other on the History of England.

In 1850 G. Ashford presented the Society with "Cards of Character," a biographical game; and a geographical game was presented by Samuel Hare.

As time went on, Natural History and other subjects of a scientific nature claimed a considerable share of the Society's attention, and still later the subject of Drawing was taken up, followed by Mapping, Modelling, Wood Turning and Carpentry. (Arising out of these interests separate branches were formed *e.g.*, Society of Arts, Natural History Society, Photographic Club, Aeronautical Society. The members of the last-named short-lived Society were particularly enthusiastic, and on two occasions the Juvenile Literary Society turned out in full force to witness their experiments with toy balloons.)

We gather that the proceedings at the meetings of the Society were occasionally considered rather tame—in spite of the fact that it was considered necessary, in early years, to appoint two door-keepers each month. Perhaps this was the result partly of the fact that a number of members joined mainly for the purpose of obtaining access to the Society's books, and partly of the method of question and answer adopted. At any rate, we come across several such minutes as these:

(4. 12. 1828). "On account of the improper conduct of —— and —— in this meeting, it is agreed that they shall be fined 1d. each, and the former of them expelled from attending our meetings for business during the pleasure of the members."

(22. 11. 1837). "R— W— having behaved in a disorderly manner at this meeting after several cautions had been extended by the president, he is prohibited from attending our meetings for the present."

(8. 2. 1841). "This meeting has been informed that C— W—, who was prohibited at our last meeting from attending the meetings and reading the books of our Society during the discretion of the members, has shown a determined opposition to the expressed wish of his fellow members. It is therefore decided after a full and deliberate consideration of the case that he shall be fined 2d., and not be restored to the privilege of membership within 6 months from the present time."

Occasionally it happens that some member wishes to resign from the Society. Should this ever happen in the future, perusal of the following Minutes may enable the matter to be dealt with suitably. The second example is commendable for its conciseness.

(18. 1. 1819). "B—D— having applied to withdraw from the Society, and having given the Meeting to understand that the books of the Library are incapable of affording him further instruction, and that he felt no interest in its welfare, this meeting anticipating his being speedily brought to a due sense of his error after mature consideration accedes to his unprecedented request."

(29. 1. 1819). "An application has been received from J— B—, requesting leave to withdraw from the Society, and this meeting considering him a useless member he is permitted."

Apparently feeling dissatisfied with formal answers to such questions as "Who first tamed a lion?" "Who constructed

the largest ship in this world with the exception of Noah's Ark?" "What is occultation?" the Society, in 1822, appointed a committee "to consider of the propriety of writing essays on different subjects"; which committee recommended that the experiment be tried. Accordingly, at a later meeting, "the following essays have been read at this meeting, and after several alterations have been received, viz., one on Idleness, another on Veracity, which were both given to the President to preserve." At the next meeting an essay on "Filial Affection" was read, and a month later one on "Creation."

Later in the history of the Society the more literary side of the Society's work was confined to a selected number of members. This again led to the business meetings being considered unsatisfactory. (9. 12. 1850). After a recommendation to members to write essays, one on "Archimedes" is produced and referred to a Committee to examine it critically and have it copied into the Essay Book, if they think it desirable.

C. BRIGHTWEN ROWNTREE.

(To be continued).

WHITSUN AT WALDEN.

TO a Walden Old Scholar, what a fund of pleasure is contained in these words! Year after year our untiring secretaries prepare such delights for our entertainment that the fame of our "camp" spreads abroad, and each year fresh members feel the temptation to be irresistible, and they find themselves back at the old school. The thought and labours of all concerned this year were rewarded with the largest gathering on record; a hundred "camped" for the week-end, and over two hundred sat down to dinner on Whit-Monday.

The weather on the whole was favourable, the hour for the one shower we did have was well chosen for Sunday afternoon, when, over the cups and cakes, we were able smilingly to assure the Clerk of the Weather that we were not in the least incommoded.

The Meetings for Worship on Sunday, both at the Meeting House and the School, were attended by nearly all the Old Scholars, and, as we sat in the familiar places, our thoughts went back to the days when as boys and girls we wondered what it would feel like to be "out in the world." In truth it feels little different from the old school days; some are leaders, some are led, and all find teachers to obey.

On Monday the usual contests between youth and riper years were indulged in. Fate was balanced by a win for the present boys in the team race in the swimming bath, and a victory by the Old Boys in the cricket match. An interesting addition to the sports was a tennis tournament. Twelve couples entered, and some well-fought games were played; the final victory was won by Rosa Tawell and Charles Ball, though they were hard pressed by Iris Miller and Russell Frayling.

A word of special praise should be given to the members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms who performed scenes from "The Tempest." The tennis court formed an admirable setting for the gay coloured costumes, and one regretted that photographs could not produce the full picturesqueness of the scene.

Perhaps the greatest feature of these week-end gatherings cannot be expressed in writing, for it lies in the atmosphere of the place. The spirit of Walden, that held us and moulded us in our childhood's days, grips us afresh, and we feel a deep necessity for sincerity and effort. Such occasions as these, as we were reminded on Sunday morning, are opportunities for communion with each other and with our Father, and it is this spirit which is the foundation of the success of Whitsun at Walden.

Emily Blomfield (1899-1902).

IMPRESSIONS AFTER SEEING SCENES FROM "THE TEMPEST."



T four o'clock on June 1st a happy party of old and present scholars, the staff and visitors, had gathered on the lawn, some sitting on the Avenue wall, others standing or sitting on the grass, all ready to see scenes from "The Tempest" rendered by the Fifth and Sixth Forms. The weather proved fine and it was an ideal afternoon for a play.

Between two of the trees, at the back of the girls' lawn, Prospero's cell was built, and the lawn was an uninhabited island.

I enjoyed "The Tempest" more than "Comus," which was acted a year ago at Whitsuntide. I think that probably the reason was that there were more characters in "The Tempest," or because I had read "The Tempest" before, and could follow the play more easily.

The first scene was very well acted, but I do not think this impressed me so much as the last scene. Miranda, Prospero, Ariel, Caliban and Ferdinand came in the first scene, all knowing their parts excellently. During this scene the girls sang "Come unto these yellow sands."

The third scene was a comical one and caused much laughter and merriment among the people. I think Stephano, a drunken butler, drank too much wine to be sensible, and Trinculo, a jester, although he did not drink so much as Stephano, also drank too much.

The fourth scene impressed me more than any others. It was the meeting of Ferdinand with his father, Alonso, and of Prospero with his brother, Antonio. During this scene the girls and boys sang "Where the bee sucks there suck I," and "Merrily, merrily, shall I live now."



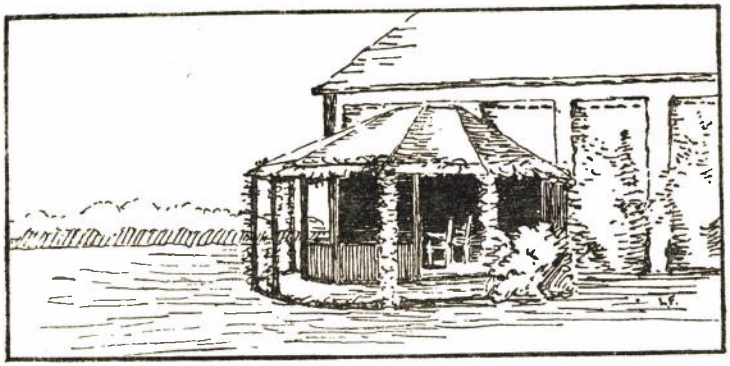
(Photos by *G. H. Farrington, H. Skelton,* and J. P. Whitlow.)

After the play was over I thought how well it was acted, excepting for one or two characters who were a little stiff in parts.

Gwen. Hayes (Lower School).

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ IN "THE TEMPEST."

Miranda—K. Delia Plant.
Prospero—Donald Ll. Redding.
Ariel—Howard Diamond.
Caliban—Leonard G. Salter.
Ferdinand—Richard Kilbey.
Gonzalo—Henry Skelton.
Alonso—Eric S. Jeffrey.
Sebastian—W. Robin Appleton.
Antonio—Benjamin D. Skelton.
Trinculo—Robert Trigg.
Stephano—William R. Bennett.



FOOTBALL SEASON, 1913-14.

ONCE again we have to record a season interrupted by infection in the School. Though the infection did not break out until March, and though the teams were not badly "hit," we had to cancel our matches with other Schools, and also, sad to relate, our matches with the Old Boys and the "Foxes." We were sorely disappointed in having to forego the last-mentioned matches; for had not some of our team gone into training, rising early for a cross-country run, and were not our hopes high that we should beat both the Old Boys and the "Foxes"!

At the beginning of the season we felt ourselves in a difficulty. We had lost Mr. Evans from our defence, and it seemed that Mr. Whitlow would have to take still another step backwards, this time into the full back line. We nurtured every hope that this would not be necessary; for we knew that we had no one who could fill the position of centre-half so successfully as he had done. Eventually we struck a "dark horse" in Skelton; and in the course of the season he and Gray developed into a hard-working, reliable pair of full backs. We felt perfectly safe in our goalkeeper, Mr. Lidbetter, and many a time he saved the situation in splendid style, and often amazed the spectators with his sky-scraping clearance kicks.

Our half-back line, consisting of Bennett, Mr. Whitlow and Mr. Rowntree or Mr. Holttum, did good service both in assisting the forwards and in strengthening the defence. The low total of goals scored against our first XI. is in itself sufficient to show the thoroughness of the defence.

Our forward line was perhaps the least satisfactory and suffered most changes. Mr. Pumphrey was a great acquisition, and the three inside men, Jeffrey, Mr. Brereton and Mr. Pumphrey, worked hard and scored goals, but they were severely handicapped in having to play with unsatisfactory wing-men. Our high-water mark of efficiency, as far as the forward line was concerned, was reached with Richardson on the left and Kilbey i. on the right; then we felt sure of winning our matches of the season—the Old Boys and the "Foxes" matches.

Throughout the season considerable keenness for the game was evident amongst the boys. At their own request a series of Bedroom Football Tournaments was organized, and the individual games were keenly contested. There had to be several replays, and the final honours were divided between the teams captained by Skelton i. and Kilbey i.

The usual Football Tournaments were played in the Spring term. On the whole the games were not so interesting as

those in the earlier Tournaments. The honours for this year went to Gray i.'s team.

Summary—	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals for.	Goals against.
First XI.	11	6	2	3	22	8
Boys' XI.	8	4	2	2	22	13
Boys' Second XI.	6	4	2	0	17	13

A. BRERETON.

HOCKEY SEASON, 1913-14.

THIS season was not so successful for us in actual results as usual. Out of sixteen matches played, we won nine and lost seven, with a total of fifty-two goals scored for, and thirty-three against us.

Our team had suffered the loss of several seasoned members, and those who took their places, being rather smaller than the usual run of those in the first XI., found themselves at a disadvantage when opposed to teams composed of players of far superior size and strength. Though bulk was lacking, however, in these small people, they evinced plenty of agility and enthusiasm, and there is promise of a stronger team in the near future.

We had a full fixture card for the season, twenty matches in all, and the eleven arranged for the Christmas term were all played, but four out of the nine planned for the Easter term were, owing to an outbreak of German Measles, scratched, the one most regretted of these four being that against the Old Scholars. The missing of this match, and consequently of the week-end visit of eleven Old Girls, was a great disappointment.

The Bedroom Tournament this year resulted in a win for No. 8. The trophy, a picture, having been won last year for the third year in succession by No. 10b, and therefore having become their property, Miss Howell kindly presented to the

School a reproduction of a photograph of the piece of sculpture of "Peter Pan," by George J. Frampton, R.A., which for the next year will hang in No. 9.

J. EDITH V. GRAHAM.

THE ALDRETH CAUSEWAY.

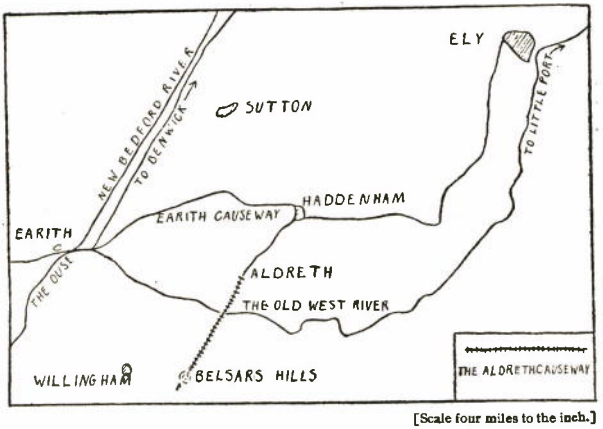
ONE day in the holidays we went for a walk along the Aldreth Causeway. This causeway takes its name from the village of Aldreth. This village still has many different names, viz., Aldreth, Aldrith, Aldrey, and more anciently called Aedreth, a corruption of Aethryth, a patron saint. In the Gesta Herewardi, giving an account of Hereward the Wake, it is called Abrehede, and later still Audreth. The word Causeway or Causey, or earlier still, Calcey, is from "calcis," the Latin for lime or chalk, and "via," meaning a way. In the Roman times a series of outposts and fortified camps were kept surrounding the fenland, and then a few roads were made to the Isle of Ely, probably by means of faggots of hazel boughs.

By the Saxon times these Roman roads had decayed, and became impassable, and once more the Isle of Ely was strong against invasion by its wide belt of bogs and swamps, its high reeds and its treacherous and deep peat, which was sometimes sixteen to twenty feet deep. The firmer parts were only known to the hardy fenmen. Through these swamps the Ouse and Nene rivers forced their sluggish ways. At the time of the Norman Conquest the river Ouse as it entered the fens divided into two at Earith. The main stream going North-West to Benwick, where it was joined by the Nene. The other branch was a small stream going East by Ely to Littleport.

The nearest part of the Isle of Ely to the high land was the end of a spur of the Isle near Haddenham, where the little

village of Aldreth was built, and opposite this were the unflooded lands of Wivelingham or Willingham, some two miles distant. A small branch of the Ouse ran through this part of the fens, but presented no great difficulties and was easily bridged.

Two centuries later this became the main river, the Earith Causeway took the place of the Aldreth Causeway, and this old and romantic causeway fell upon bad times, until now it is only a grassy driftway, deep in ruts and in winter hopeless for even farm carts.



[Scale four miles to the inch.]

There are many legends and a few historical events associated with the Causeway, telling of the heroism of the fenmen who defended the Isle of Ely when the rest of England was conquered. They defied William the Conqueror until traitors gave the fenmen away. Most of the attacks were along this short approach to the Isle. There are some local traditions and facts to support these old and fascinating stories.

It is chronicled that William collected a large number of faggots or tied-up bundles of brushwood, generally hazel, at the end of the Causeway to sink in the fenny soil for the foundation for a road. Railways on such a foundation have recently been laid across the fens. A general named Belasyus

was in command, and it is said that Hereward himself and a few trusted men stealthily came out of the surrounding reeds, set fire to the faggots and destroyed them.

Tradition says these faggots were piled together, the long and the short ones separate. Certain it is there are still remains of an encampment and earthworks on the rising ground near, which are called the Belsars Hills, and some land adjoining the Causeway is called " The Stacks " ; a field near is named " The Shorts," and another " The Longs."

Clunch and gravel are still found quite near the surface on the Causeway. These cannot be found on the surrounding land. The conclusion is that the clunch comes from Sutton, a village in the Isle, and gravel comes from Lakenheath.

It is not easy now to imagine that the quiet, lonely corn, the grass fields, and the broad, straight, grassy drive were once the scene of so much strife, excitement and energy, and that thousands of men of war were collected here to try to subdue the last stronghold of the Saxons.

William W. Tebbutt,
C. Frederick Tebbutt.

ROUND WALDEN.

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

AN interesting problem that confronts us in this part of the world is the relative ages of the beds of sand and gravel that appear at various points on our valley slopes and bottoms. In the July number of 1913, Eric S. Jeffrey describes the exposure of a pipe in the chalk at Newport which is filled with sand, probably of the same age as the Lenham Sands of Kent. At Quendon, just behind the Church, is a small sand-pit which contains a ferruginous sand inter-



Photo by] [*C. Falkner, and W. W. Tebbutt.*

MOOR-HEN'S NEST AT NEWPORT.

bedded with well-rounded flint pebbles, which is covered with from one to three feet of chalky border clay with characteristic Jurassic boulders and included fossils. In the museum is a fine palæolithic axe from "the sand pit at Quendon." If it is the same pit, and there seems to be no other, then Palæolithic man inhabited the Cam Valley in an interval between the advances of the Ice Sheet to the South.

A fortnight ago another interesting section was discovered by the roadside, a quarter of a mile east of the "Fox and Hounds" Inn, on the Debden road. It consists of a layer of fine running sand containing many mica flakes, and is overlaid by a considerable thickness (ten or sixteen feet) of boulder clay, with much rubble chalk. The upper beds of the sand contain a few lumps of chalk, but there are very few pebbles. It is possible that this sand represents some of the lower tertiaries of the Thames Valley basin, at any rate the sand is of an entirely different lithological character from any other sand exposure I have noted in this district.

GEORGE MORRIS.

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On 27th May, during a Natural History walk, an interesting example of a moor-hen's nest was found in a stream near Newport.

Although the nest was built in the middle of the stream, it was kept in position by a fallen branch, which lay across the water.

The nest itself, which measured about one foot across, was built of straw, sticks and a few leaves, and was firmly attached to the branch.

It contained six eggs, which were about the size of a small hen's egg, but more rounded. They were white to light brown in colour, with dark brown spots.

The water underneath the nest was about one-and-a-half feet deep, and a photograph was taken with some difficulty.

Eric S. Jeffrey.

Fleam Dyke is situated at right angles to the Ickneild Way, about nine miles from Newmarket. A large ditch about forty-two feet in breadth has been excavated and a rampart has been thrown up on the east side. The total breadth of the rampart and ditch is ninety feet. It traverses the country from the fenland to the forest. The date of construction is uncertain, but it is fairly probable it was the work of the bronze men. The slope of the banks of the rampart is uniform, but the summit has been worn flat and is about three feet across. The ditch is becoming filled up, probably to a great extent by decaying vegetation. The cause of its construction was probably to prevent the men of the South intruding into the country of the Breklands. Another theory which has been put forward as to the cause of its construction seems to show that it was built to prevent cattle raiding and plundering.

Another dyke of similar construction is the Devil's Ditch, situated about four miles north of the Fleam Dyke.

Owing to the sides of the rampart being steep, they have not been cultivated, and the result is that the banks are covered with the original chalk flora. The most common among the many plants and flowers to be found growing on the ramparts are the horse-shoe vetch, the Danish vetch, stemless thistle, rock rose, quaking grass, juniper and drop-wort.

Arthur W. J. Chacksfield.

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Some interesting specimens of Roman work have been brought into the School during the past few weeks. On the site of the Roman station of Chesterford are two gravel pits, one of which has been closed, but the other is still worked. Near the villas the Romans seem to have dug deep holes in which they deposited broken crockery, bones and other household rubbish. One such heap has just been sectioned, and

Stanley Grubb has obtained an excellent series of pottery (including Caistor, Duroborivian and local earthenware), bones and jaws of ox, sheep and pig.

On a recent visit to Thaxted I obtained a fine specimen of a Mortarium, and the bottom of a Roman vase, besides fragments of roof-tiles, etc. These were in the heaps of stone picked off the field over the site of the villa the Society excavated some three years ago. It would repay archæologists to look up the known Roman sites in the neighbourhood, and keep an eye on such heaps.

GEORGE MORRIS.

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All around our playground and avenue is a carpet of light cream-coloured flakes. They are so light that every puff of wind whirls them on high. These are the fruit of the Wych Elm, for several specimens of this tree grow along the side of the boys' playground.

Each fruit is oval in shape, and consists of a pale, transparent, network, papery wing encircling a small seed in its case. The case is dark brown, hard and oval in shape, and is situated rather near the top. The calyx of four sepals remains attached to the base, and the wing is slightly notched at the top.

There has been an immense crop of these seed vessels this year; on some trees they have even taken the places of the leaf buds, the dormant buds are opening later, but they are scarce, and the tree looks ragged and unclad. The leaves themselves are fresh-looking and of a bright green colour. The edges are doubly and trebly toothed, and the surface is inclined to be harsh and rough to the touch. At first sight they appear oval in shape, but on closer examination one notices that the two sides of the mid-rib are unequal. This is a characteristic of all kinds of elms.

HELEN L. HOWELL.

We are proud to note that Henry Skelton once more heads the list for his Archæology Diary in the Inter-Schools Competition. The School record was as follows :—

Name.	*Position in List.*	*Award.*
Natural History—		
Eric S. Jeffrey	11th	10/–
Freda Thurman	15th	7/6
Archæology—		
Henry Skelton	1st	15/–
Paul Mauger	3rd	7/6
Leonard Watts	6th	5/–
Howard Farrington ..	9th	2/6
Barbara Marriage ..	10th	5/–
Monica Marriage	12th	2/6
Howard Diamond.. ..	12th	2/6
Rita Gell	19th	2/6

THE NEW PEPYS.

Being his Diary for 1914.

May 6th.—To school, where a goodly company of boys and girls. I find that few have been stricken with meazles* this holiday.

„ 7th.—I to a games meeting at eleven of the morning where we did elect Mr. Lidbetter as games captain [and other sundry business]. This doe please me mightily.

„ 8th.—All the boys did play cricket in the field cloathed in white. Methinks a very gracious sight. I doe notice that the pavilion hath been cleaned and painted, but when I did come to examine it I find the inside to bee all dirty and untidy which doe remind me highly of a whited sepulchre.

May 9th.—Infinite of work. My heart and head full. I was getting a speech out of Hamlett* "To bee or not to bee." Instead of the usual tee we did resort to a drink which some do call Cocoa and some Jocolatte* and others Dedde-nobbe. It doth make me feel very bad in the head.

,, 10th.—[Lord's day.] To meeting where the sermons on the blessing of sight in connection with the Institute of the Blind newly opened for which money is greatley needed. A good worthy object and shall I hope meet with a generous response.

,, 11th.—They are, I see, mowing the grass now for the first time. The noise of the mowing-machine hath a cheerful, spring-like sound, which is very gratefull to me.

,, 12th.—Up betimes and at my multiplicacion table* which is all the trouble I meet with at all in my arithmetic. I doe think by now I doe know all the names of the new schollers.*

,, 13th.—To Bishop's Stafford* where we did play at cricket with the College there. We did lose the game, which did vex me sorely.

,, 16th.—I to Duxford with several others where a very ancient and graceful church, built they doe say about seven hundred years ago. A very wonderful place which doe please me much.

,, 19th.—After dinner we did all to the bedrooms for a fire-drill. One boy did ring the bell, and we to the girls' playroom, some by our stairs and some by the fire-escape. Methinks a good performance, and should prove usefull if a fire. Afterwards the prefects did make themselves

and the washroom in a terrible mess with the fire-hoses.

May 20th.—Come to us Mr. Downham's XI. to playe us at cricket. They did batte first but we did goe in and beat them, at which my heart was very glad, for it was a pleasant match and some good catches.

,, 21st.—To-day I was much disturbed in my work in the evening by many schollers* on the tennis-lawn getting Shakespeare's "Tempest" to mind for Whitsuntide. A very foolish play but a merry.

,, 23rd.—This day there were two matches, one at Cambridge against Fitzwilliam Hall, and one here with Cambridge Higher Grade Schoole. One we did lose and the other drawe. Methinks we doe play very poor cricket this year.

,, 24th.—[Lord's day.] To meeting where I found that my coming in a red tie did not prove so strange as I was afraid it would, for I thought that all would have presently cast their eyes upon me, but I found no such thing.

,, 25th.—In the afternoon a full-dress rehearsal of "The Tempest" on the lawn. Very pretty but the actors do not knowe their partes. I doe hope all will go well with it on Monday.

,, 26th.—We did hear to-night in the Lit. meeting much about the Irish Folklore. I was mighty pleased with the essay. The essays in the Society doe seem more interesting now than they were.

,, 27th.—Did doe nearly nothing all day.

,, 29th.—On the playground this afternoon and did see 3 tentes erected by the gardens. I am reminded that to morrow is Whit-saturday.

May 30th.—In the morning did see those Old Scholars who doe no work and so come down earlie for the week-end. More did come in the afternoon while we were playing a match with Bishop's Stafford* College second eleven which we did lose.

„ 31st.—[Lord's day.] To meeting where a goodly number assembled, three hundred I doe think. We did have several showres* of rain in the day I doe sincerely hope it will be fine tomorrow. The evening meeting was in the dining-room which every body did attend. Afterwards we did have some fine singing.

June 1st.—More did come to-day, in all two hundred and fifty or more. Methinks the numbers doe encrease year by year. We did have three sports, water polo which was a drawe, a team race which we won and a cricket match which (I did nearly say "as usual") we lost, for we did play very bad but the bowling was good. In the afternoon "The Tempest" on the lawn. A good play and excellently done. Methinks the dresses were very fine. It did last one hour. After tea to the lower field where a right merrie game of terza. Most of the visitors to London by the 7.44. To-day and Saturday, after supper, bonfires on the playground for being Whitsun time.

„ 2nd.—The last of the old schollers* did leave by various trains to-day, and every body was gone by tea-time. In the afternoon the actors of the "Tempest" did dress for photograph-taking.

G. Howard Farrington,
Howard Diamond.

* As in Pepys' Diary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

13th May, 1914.

DEAR EDITORS,

It was with feelings of great pleasure that on reading through the March number of *The Avenue* I found the letter signed by "Old Boy." The subject he has chosen to write about has delighted me even more.

I remember with pride the wearing of my first school cap, which was black, with F.S.S.W. in red on the peak; I have always advocated having a colour or badge for Old Scholars. I do hope that the matter will not drop, but that a committee will be at once formed and the matter spoken of at the coming Whitsuntide reunion. Later I trust that it will be adopted by general acclaim at the Annual Meeting of the Old Scholars in London in November.

Sincerely yours,

SYDNEY T. LIDBETTER (1891-96), No. 49.

[*Other letters have been received heartily approving the idea of colours for the Association, and we understand that a petition, begging the Committee of the Association to discuss the matter, has been drawn up and forwarded to the proper quarter, bearing over one hundred signatures of Old Scholars obtained at the Whitsuntide Gathering.*—EDS.]

A NEW GEOMETRY.

WE have received from the author, Ernest W. Sawdon, B.Sc. (Science Master, 1902-6), a copy of "A New Geometry," Part I. As many of our readers know, Mr. Sawdon is Headmaster of the Friends' High School at Chungking. All the illustrations in the book have been drawn by Mrs. Sawdon.

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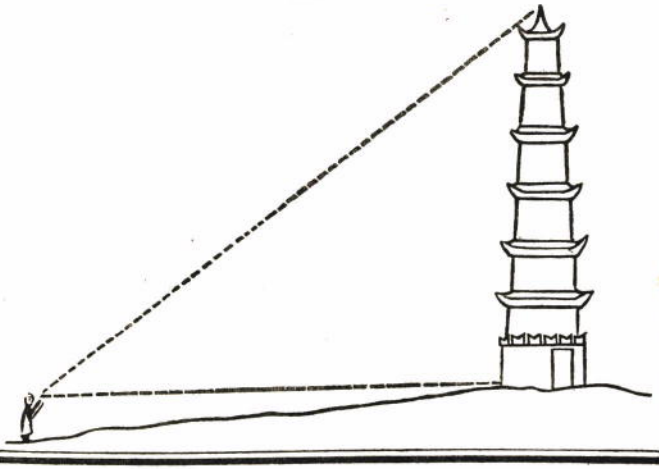
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吾人所居之教室內、問有何錘線、與地平線、酒平線、

第四款

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第七十二圖



We are enabled to show a specimen page (p. 91), by the courtesy of Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Ltd., the publishers of this and numerous other books in Chinese, including Æsop's Fables, Ivanhoe, Tales from Shakespeare, etc.

To the father of an Old Walden Scholar we are indebted for a translation of the previous page. (It must be remembered that the Chinese read from the top of the page downwards, commencing on the right and proceeding in columns towards the left; and that they begin a book on what we should consider the last page. The number of each page appears outside the margin near the bottom left hand corner.)

The first few columns refer to previous diagrams, and ask some questions. Then follows the reference to Figure 72, the one here given, which may be translated thus: "Ex. 4 (see Figure 72)."

"To estimate the height of a pagoda, the method might be, take three long sticks of wood, and use a screw with a nut; next fasten them together, allowing the wood to be movable, similar to the two legs of compasses. This article is called a theodolite (instrument for looking at angles). When you want to estimate the height of a pagoda, then make one of the pieces of this instrument level with the base of the pagoda, and further use a spirit-level to test if it is level or not" (continued on p. 92).

The High School at Chungking has fifty boys, and further accommodation is being provided for another dozen. There is urgent need for some Friend with educational training and experience to go out, even if only for a couple of years, to take Mr. Sawdon's place during his furlough, which is already over-due.

Three Saffron Walden boys keep up a correspondence with three of the Chungking boys. (Needless to say, the correspondence has so far been entirely in English.)



Photo by] [J. E. Walker.

Delia Plant. Elsie Smith. Howard Diamond. Richard Kilbey. Henry Skelton. G. Howard Farrington. Dorothy Deane. Leonard C. Walls. Doris Thurman. Eric S. Jeffrey.

THE SCHOOL PREFECTS, JULY, 1914.

FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Concerning Old Scholars.

Tom Marriage, who left the School last term, is now at Bootham School.

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On his return home from his first long voyage (to Australia), Fred Bennett (1911-13) writes, "I have enjoyed the voyage very much and am apprenticed for four years, at the end of which time I hope to sit for my Second Mate's Ticket."

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Subscription to "The Avenue."

Those of our foreign subscribers who find difficulty in obtaining the necessary money order to cover the cost of *The Avenue* will be interested to know the plan adopted by a subscriber in China who recently sent us his annual subscription in the following form:

seven ½d. stamps (King Edward),
nine ½d. stamps (King George),
three 7 cents "Temple of Heaven" Chinese stamps,
three 25 centimes "Coupon Réponse International."

After much calculation we concluded that the total value of the above was about 1s. 10¼d., and we were at once faced with the difficulty of knowing in what form to return the balance. We have tried to solve the problem by sending one Lloyd George 1½d. Health Insurance Stamp, and hope that our subscriber will be able to find a use for it.

The following is an extract from a further letter from William Hopkins, of Irymple, Victoria (1857-61).

"Accept my best thanks for sending the specimen books (*Avenue* and *Walden in Story*); I have read them with much interest and intend sending them to my sister in Brisbane, who was also a Croydon scholar, and afterwards at The Mount, York.

"The picture of the Beeches in the *Avenue* reminds me of the fine avenue of beeches leading up to the Park Gates, but as it is now over fifty years since I saw them there is not much likeness. I should delight to have a photo of the row of houses in Abbey Lane; it was in the one next the Churchyard that I lived in my childhood. It was there I raised orange seeds in pots in the window, and on leaving for school (never to return) mother gave the plants to Samuel Gibson's gardener, who grew them in the greenhouses till they fruited. . . I remember Arthur Midgley as a boy; we read together 'Robinson Crusoe.' I helped make hay at S. Gibson's and rode on the top of the last load, and had harvest home feast with the men. . . . *Re* Antiquarianism, have the boys examined the stone on the Newport Road on the edge of the path, which had in my time the name of the 'growing stone'? Have any of the boys taken a photo of the splendid chestnut trees at Audley End, not far from the entrance gates? I can see them now in imagination. The river Cam was in my time being 'dug out,' or rather cleared of the growth of weeds or water plants that almost filled it—is it clear-flowing now? That was just below the fine bridge near the mansion. The view of the market-place shows the old 'Rose and Crown' as it used to be, with the back entrance to the Common; I used often to pass through on going to cricket on the Common. The 'Maze' there on the Eastern side was an amusement then."

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Extracts from a letter from G. Douglas Williams (1908-13) *who is apprenticed in the merchant service.*

" We had rather heavy weather crossing the Bay ; another Irishman, Joyce by name, the Bos'un and myself were cleaning paint on the bridge deck, when the Bos'un shouted out " Look out for the water ! " and a huge wave swept along the bridge deck. The Bos'un managed to get out of the way, but Joyce and I got caught, Joyce worst of all, as he had his back to it, and he was standing on a box, which was swept away. He was thrown down and washed into the scuppers, and lay there in a foot and a half of water. I had hold of a stanchion, so managed to keep on my feet. . . . I saw ' Sans Famille ' on the cinematograph at Cardiff—it was simply ripping. Old Vitalis looked a treat, and Barberin and Mêre Barberin were very fine ; the dogs and Joli-Cœur were all there. It reminded me of the French classes at school. It was called ' Stolen from his Mother.' If ever you get the chance go and see it ! . . . The *SS. Hannington Court* is 400 feet long, 53 feet beam, and draws 26 feet of water. We are carrying a cargo of coals to Colombo, and then we may go to Bombay or Calcutta, and then back to Antwerp or Hamburg, and back on water-ballast.



DIARY.

March 3rd.—Lantern Lecture, "Fairy Flies," by Mr. F. Enock

,, 4th.—Fourth Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Grace Willis and William Tebbutt. Essays: "Among the Surrey Hills," Bernard Blackburn; "Past and Present," Winifred Beasant; "Tenterden and Surrounding District," Arthur Chacksfield. Violin Solo, Grace Willis; Piano Solo, Constance Wilderspin.

,, 6th.—Jun. M.H.U. Meeting. Papers: "Chinese Children," Christabel Liffen; "Chinese Men and Women," Gwen Pigg.

,, 7th.—Hockey Match, Boys *v.* Girls, Boys won, 3-1.

,, 10th.—Hockey Match, Boys *v.* Girls, Boys won, 2-0.
Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, John Thompson and Robin Appleton. Essays: "Old Marriage Customs," Hilda Rye; "Sports and Pastimes of Old England," Robert Trigg; "Keys," Elsie Smith. Piano Solos, Doris Thurman and Lily Wright.

,, 11th.—Sen. M.H.U. Mtg. Papers: "Results of the Coming of the White Man," Winifred Beasant; "The Coming of the Missionary," Helen Wright.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Roger Marriage and Leslie White. Essays: "Dr. Barnardo's Village," Gwen Long; "A Cornish Holiday," Edward Thomas; "Chesham and Surroundings," Gwen Hayes. Songs, Mr. Brereton and Mr. Lidbetter; Piano Duet, Leslie White and Gwen Hayes; Violin Solo, David Lacy.

,, 16th.—Lantern Lecture, "Madagascar," Mr. C. E. Stansfield.

,, 17th.—Hockey Match. Staff *v.* Scholars, Scholars won, 2-0.

,, 18th.—Lantern Lecture, "Town Life," Mr. H. Corder.

,, 19th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Lantern Lecture, "How to Study a Village," Mr. H. Corder.

,, 23rd.—Boys' Reading Club Mtg. Books discussed: "Esmond," "Keats and his Poetry," by W. H. Hudson; "Merry Wives of Windsor."

, 24th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Winifred Hargrave. Essays: "In Return," Leonard Watts; "Greek Olympian Games," Robin Appleton; "Swiss Engineering and the Lötschberg Tunnel," Miss Fairbrother. Piano Solo, Delia Plant.

March 25th.—Fourth Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Nina Townshend and Maurice Jeffrey. Essays: "David Livingstone,' Elfreda Blackburn; "Round Towers of Ireland," Miss Graham. Songs, Miss Waites.

,, 26th.—Mr. Barry spoke in Morning Meeting, on the Australian Defence Act.

,, 28th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Quendon.

,, 31st.—N.H.S. Mtg. Essays: "Bury St. Edmund's Abbey," Thomas Marriage; "Newport," Howard Diamond.

April 1st.—Death of Mr. Joseph John Robson.

,, 6th.—Class Placings. Howard Farrington, top of Form VI., Arthur Landsem, top of V. U., Eric Jeffrey, top of V. L., Florence Williams, top of IV., Robert Gray, top of III.U. David Lacey, top of III. L.

Football Tournaments. Final: Gray i. defeated Jeffrey i., 4-1.

Lantern Lecture: "A Holiday in the Tyrol and District," Mr. J. P. Whitlow.

,, 8th. Holidays begin.

May 6th.—School re-opened.

,, 12th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Howard Farrington and Benjamin Skelton. Essays: "The World's Greatest Engineering Feat," Geoffrey Ardley; "The Making of Glass," Helen Wright. Recitation, "Hervé Riel," Mr. Whitlow. Piano Duet, Richard Kilbey and Fred Butler; 'Cello Solo, Miss Howell.

,, 13th.—Cricket Match.—Boys' XI. *v.* Stortford College 2nd XI., away, lost, 56-102. R. Kilbey, 7 wickets for 42; C. Bannister 22.

Girls' Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Fowlemere, away, lost, 46 and 48 to 106.

Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Gwen Hayes and Grace Appleton. Essays: "The King's Visit to Cambridge," Irene Haynes; "Quiet Parts in Hadley Woods," Tusting Smith; "A Visit to Kingston," Margaret Kirkpatrick. Piano Solos, Leslie White and Jessie Milne. Song, Mr. Brereton.

,, 16th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Duxford.

,, 19th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Essays: "Little Walden Valley," Eric Jeffrey and Arthur Chacksfield; "The Bluebell," Gwen Pigg.

Boys' Fire Drill.

,, 20th.—Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Mr. Downham's XI., home, won, 139-102. Eric Jeffrey, 42; Mr. Pumphrey, 7 wkts. for 50.

May 20th.—Fourth Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Olive Nettleton and Herbert Teakle. Essays: "Switzerland," Hilda Cooke; "Maskelyne and Devant's," Noel Cooke; Violin Solo, Grace Willis.

,, 23rd.—Cricket Matches, 1st XI. *v.* Fitzwilliam Hall, away, draw, 80 for 8 wkts. to 119 for 4. Mr. Lidbetter 33.
2nd XI. *v.* Saffron Walden Higher Grade School, home, draw, 71 for 4 wkts. to 98 for 7 (declared). S. Quarrie, 25 not out.

,, 26th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Winifred Kaye. Essays: "Dress as an Evidence of Character," Doris Thurman; "Folk-lore of the South of Ireland," Miss Graham; "From Hampstead Heath to the Stock Exchange," William Bennett. Piano Solo, Lily Wright.

,, 27th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Newport.
Arch. Excursion to Strethall.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Leslie White and Ernest Steele. Essays: "Captain Scott," Mary Maitland; "A Visit to John Groom's Girls' Home," Gwen Hayes; "A Holiday in Kent," Leslie White; "A Donkey Hunt," Edward Thomas. Piano Solo, Doris Bush; Violin Solo, David Lacey. Recitations, Douglas Dickson and Marjorie Pollard.

,, 30th to June 1st.—Whitsuntide Old Scholars' Gathering.

,, 30th.—Cricket Match, Boys' XI. *v.* Bishop's Stortford 2nd XI., home, lost, 88 to 172.

June 1st.—Water Polo Match *v.* Old Boys, draw, 1-1. Team Race won by Present Boys. Cricket Match, 1st XI. *v.* Old Boys, lost, 39 and 78 to 79 and 114 for 7 wkts. Mr. Lidbetter 22; Mr. Evans (for Old Boys), 60 not out; Mr. Pumphrey, 4 for 25; Mr. Whitlow, "hat-trick," Mr. Rowntree, 3 for 11.
Performance of Scenes from "The Tempest," by Fifth and Sixth Forms, on lawn.

,, 2nd.—N.H.S. Mtg. Essays: "Carnac," Miss Fairbrother; "Gt. St. Bartholemew's Church, London," Leonard Watts.

,, 3rd.—N.H.S. Excursion to Debden.
Cricket Match, Boys' XI. *v.* Saffron Walden Grammar School, home, draw, 146 for 7 to 169 for 6 wks. (declared). Eric Jeffrey 40, William Bennett 27.
Fourth Form Lit. Soc. Diary, Helen and Philip Wright. Essays: "A Life Wasted," Katie Edmunds; "Winchester and its Surroundings," Emmeline Fitt. Piano Solos, Constance Wilderspin and Katie Edmunds; 'Cello Solo, Herbert Teakle.

June 4th.—Sen. M.H.U. Mtg.
Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Papers: "A Visit to Japan," Mabel Wellman; "Drawbacks of Japan," Ivy Nichols.

,, 5th.—Girls' Gymnastic Competition. Winner, Julia Bannister.

,, 6th.—Cricket Matches. 1st XI. *v.* Stortford College 1st XI., away, lost, 50 to 145. Mr. Whitlow 5 for 47.
2nd XI. *v.* Newport Grammar School, away, lost, 31 and 29 to 50 and 19 for 0 wickets. William Tebbutt, 2 for 18.
Girls' 1st XI. *v.* Fowlemere, home, lost, 80 to 103, and 93 for 8 wkts. Hilda Rye, 28 and 23, Miss Pickard, 27, Miss Graham, 22.

,, 9th.—Sen. Lit. Soc. Diary, Henry Skelton. Essays: "Lowestoft," Freda Thurman; "Steel-Frame Buildings," Charles Cherry; "The Hermit of Redcoat's Green," Fred. Butler. Violin Solo, "Caoine," Miss Clark; Songs, Miss Waites.

,, 10th.—Cricket Match. 1st XI. *v.* Mr. Downham's XI., home, lost, 22 to 99, and 86 for 7 wkts. Mr. Lidbetter, 34; Mr. Pumphrey 30; Mr. Pumphrey 7 for 31; Mr. Whitlow, 3 for 28.
Jun. Lit. Soc. Diary, Julia Bannister and Mary Maitland. Essays: "Autobiography of an Albacore," Tusting Smith; "Battle Abbey," Edith Newbery; "Old Debden," Jessie Milne. Recitations, Harry Dent and Gwen Hayes. Piano Solos, Eva Diamond and Gwen Hayes. Song, Miss Pickard.

,, 11th.—Half-holiday to celebrate the 21st birthdays of Mr. Pumphrey and Miss L. Walker.
Jun. M.H.U. Mtg. Essay: "Houses of Japan," Dorothy Richardson. Reading, "Glimpses of Sun-Rise Land," Mabel Wellman.

,, 13th.—N.H.S. Excursion (Annual) to Roman Road and Dykes. Arch. Excursion to Balsham.

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