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SOLE MAKERS OF SCHOOL BLAZER



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THE COMMITTEE ADMIT A NEW BOY



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FOREWORD.

THROUGHOUT the latter part of last term the School experienced its share of dry weather and although this enabled us to have a number of matches, the tennis courts and cricket pitches suffered considerably from the drought. The health of the School was generally good until the last few weeks of the term, when there were a few cases of chicken-pox and scarlet-fever which kept us in quarantine until the holidays.

There were fifteen entries for the General School Certificate Examination. Of these thirteen passed, eight at Matriculation standard, Mollie Hooper and John Harris obtaining Honours.

The absence of Miss Priestman at the beginning of this term was a great disappointment to all of us, but we are indebted to Miss Warner for helping during her absence.

We extend a welcome to Miss Dow who has come as Mistress of the Family and to Miss Rose the new Housekeeper; also to the Student Masters, Mr. Burtt and Mr. Muschamp.

Joan Francis

(Stage 7).

SCENES FROM THE EARLY LIFE OF THE SCHOOL.

SCENE II.

A COMMITTEE MEETING.

(Nine men and the Steward sit round a table in a room in the workhouse, under the leadership of a chairman. On the table before the chairman are the Minute Books and a wooden money-box.)

They sit for a moment in silence.

CHAIRMAN. I will call over the names of the Committee :

Robert Freame, John Baker, John Gobsell, John Powell, Richard Mellor, William Ockenden, John Cooper, Edward Haywood, Gilbert Mollison, John Marlow, Richard Garvy, John Hopes, Joseph Hayton, John Dodson, Daniel Quare, Henry Goldney.

(Those whose names are underlined answer "Here.")

I understand that Robert Freame and John Marlow were absent from the last meeting. They are called upon to pay 1/– into the Poor's box.

Minutes of the last meeting.

1. This Committee having considered the proposals from the Savoy M.M. relating to the taking in of an ancient woman, and by her deportment before the Committee she did not appear to be a Friend, upon which, this Committee thinks it not proper to take her into this House.

2. Elizabeth Goldney appearing here with Rebecca Cooper, a poor woman of the Bull Meeting, and Henry Goldney and Daniel Quare having brought a minute from the said Meeting proposing 3/6 a week allowance for her, which this Committee thinking too little considering her disability, do agree to take her in at 4/- a week and not under, upon which condition the Meeting agrees to take her when she is ready.

3. It is agreed that when any ancient friend is admitted into this House that at the same time the Steward do read the orders of the House to them and also read the Bill of Fare, and likewise do signify to the Committee that the said ancient friend is willing to comply therewith before they are admitted.

4. After having a report concerning the conduct of the boys in the workhouse, it was agreed to add the following to the orders to be read to the boys every month :—

(*a*) that when the bell is rung to meals they shall after washing themselves and brushing their clothes go orderly to the table and sitting down in their places, keep silent, showing a good behaviour to all of what rank so ever, the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress to be present.

(*b*) they shall not speak untruths nor use naughty words but avoid idle discourse and use plainness of speech to all as well as to each other.

(*c*) they shall not go out of the gate without leave.

(*d*) the child who enticeth another into a fault is to receive double punishment, but if he or she that is drawn into the fault shall confess it before it is found out they shall in that case find favour.

5. A distribution of the Absentees money from the Poor's Box was made as follows :—

To 6 ancient men	2/6 each,	15/–
To 8 ancient women	2/6 each,	1/ –/–
To 47 boys	–/9 each,	1/15/3
To 15 girls	–/9 each,	11/3
To 6 servants including the Schoolmaster	5/– each,	1/10/–
	Total	£5/11/6

Will John Marlow and John Hopes give their report about the clock for the workhouse ?

JOHN HOPES. Friends will remember that for some time there have been occasions of great trouble in arranging the affairs of the House, there being no central clock, so that it was thought well to obtain such clock. There has now been set up a clock of £13 value for the use of the workhouse, and so that payment should not be made out of the public stock a voluntary subscription was opened,

and we are glad to report that the clock be already nearly paid for.

And thinking that the bell for the said clock be too little we did cast about to see if some Friend would

give us a larger bell. And we did approach John Bellers who did offer to give a larger bell.

JOHN POWELL. I think it is very kind of John Bellers, and I propose that his generous gift be accepted.

CHAIRMAN. Those agreeing? It is agreed.

I will call upon the Steward to make his report.

STEWARD. There are about 16 aged people and 44 boys and 14 girls who are all carefully looked after and the children have suitable education. Three boys have been put out to prentice since last year and two more going out.

The beds of the boys from the Barking Meeting want blankets, sheets, etc.

JOHN GOBSELL. I propose that the Steward be ordered to acquaint the Barking Meeting of this in order that it may be redressed by the particular members that belong to this Committee.

CHAIRMAN. Do friends agree? That is agreed to.

Friend Edward Haywood has a minute from the Ratcliffe Monthly Meeting to put before this Committee.

EDWARD HAYWOOD. To the Committee of the Workhouse,

Dear Friends,

The Ratcliff Monthly Meeting have considered the placing of Lowry Twinborrow's boy, Thomas, aged 9, in the Workhouse. They have inquired into the condition of the boy's parents, and finding the mother long dead and the father now not able or suitable to take proper care of the boy's upbringing, they have approached the father with a view to letting the boy come into the Workhouse. And the father being willing, the Monthly Meeting request that the boy be taken in for the good of his education and training at a charge of 1/- per week.

CHAIRMAN. Do friends agree to take in Lowry Twinborrow's boy, Thomas? Steward, bring in the boy and his father. Lowry Twinborrow, this Committee has considered the request of the Ratcliffe Monthly

Meeting to take thy boy into this Workhouse, and we have agreed to take him. I propose now to read to thee the Bill of Fare, so that thou canst say that thou agreest thereto.

1st day :	Breakfast.	4 oz. bread, 10 oz. cheese or 1 oz. butter and beer sufficient.
	Dinner.	8 oz. roast meat, 4 oz. bread and beer sufficient.
	Supper.	Same as for breakfast.
2nd day :	B.	Same as 1st day.
	D.	1 pint of milk well thickened with bread.
	S.	Same as breakfast.
3rd day :	B.	Same as 1st day.
	D.	6 oz. of meat, 1 pint of broth, 4 oz. bread and beer sufficient.
	S.	Same as breakfast.
4th day :	B.	1 pint of broth well thickened with bread.
	D.	1 pint of frumenty or rice milk with bread, and beer sufficient.
	S.	as for 3rd day.
5th day :	B.	as for 3rd day.
	D.	,, ,, ,,
	S.	as for breakfast.
6th day :	B.	Same as on 4th day,
	D.	1 lb. of plum or plain pudding and beer sufficient.
	S.	Same as for 5th day.
7th day :	B.	Same as on 5th day,
	D.	1 pint milk pottage thickened with bread or 1 pint of pease pottage with bread, butter and beer sufficient.
	S.	Same as at breakfast.

Dost thou agree ?

LOWRY TWINBORROW. I do.

CHAIRMAN. Has thou brought a Doctor's certificate for the boy ?

LOWRY TWINBORROW. I have.

CHAIRMAN. Give it to the Steward. Steward, wilt thou receive the boy into the House and show him all that he needs to learn. [The Steward takes the boy out.]

This is a convenient time to consider a letter sent by the Steward to this Committee. I will read the letter.

Friends,

It is now 14 yrs. since the Committee was then in want of two in this post, and desirous that they might not be such as were necessitous persons, or had miscarried in their own circumstances, nor public friends whereby they might be drawn out of the service of this House, nor to have children or to have many to come after them which might prove chargeable to the House. At that time the Committee seemed inclined to conclude they might find it difficult to procure two persons that were suitably qualified, that would give their whole time entirely to the service of the House. But the Committee did appoint me and my wife and we have served the Committee faithfully.

After 8 yrs. our salary was £40 a year, and we did then apply to the Committee, desiring they would advance our salary to £60 a year, and the said Comtee. did acknowledge we did deserve it, yet desired we would be easy with £10 a year being added to our present salary at present.

It being now going in 5 yrs. since, and not being pleasant to us thus to apply again, yet we do think ourselves under a necessity to let you understand that we are not thoroughly easy with our present salary. And note our salary is for two persons who are accountable for the whole, and when difficulties of any kind doth attend, fails not of coming to our lot.

And if this Com^tee^ sees meet to comply with what is now desired, we do assure you that while we continue in the service of the House, we shall not desire any further advance of our salary for the future.

RICHARD AND SARAH HUTTON.

[Various members of the Committee express their approval.]

CHAIRMAN. Friends, I have composed the following minute :

The Steward having some years since applied to the Committee to advance his salary to £60 a year and now again made the like application, this Com^tee^ in consideration of his care and pains with respect to the trade, and his wife's conduct and service in the family, do now agree to make his salary £60 a year, himself and his wife having assured us that they will not at any time hereafter ask any farther advance to the said salary and that they will continue in their service so long as they live and are able.

Does the minute meet with the approval of Friends ? Call in the Steward.

Steward, this Committee has considered thy request for an advance in salary, and in consideration of thy service and thy wife's, they have agreed to advance it to £60 a year, they being assured that thou wilt not again ask further advance, and that thou and thy wife will continue in your service so long as you do live and are able.

John Powell has a concern to lay before us.

JOHN POWELL; Some time ago it happened that I took up and read again John Beller's Epistle to Friends concerning the Education of Children, and therein these words did burn themselves in my mind "Next the care of our own Souls, a right Education of our Children is greatest."

And remembering that this Workhouse did arise out of John Bellers' concern, it did appear that for one reason or other we do keep in mind the benefit of the poor to the neglect of the young. And that this might not continue to be, I would propose we open a Boarding School in this House. No doubt there be some who will say that the expense will be too great, but in answer I would say that I do know that many Friends would gladly send their children for education, and as for the expense, we have here the buildings and a Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress and by the payment of £10 or £12 a year the charges could be met. And in case some will say that no one will send their children to a workhouse for education and to live among the ancient friends and the poor, I would add that there be plenty of room in this House so that the boarders could be lodged and taught apart from the rest. And as to the name, what hinders the following of our Friend, John Bellers, and calling the Workhouse a College, which name comprehends both Hospital, Workhouse and School?

[Various members express their approval.]

CHAIRMAN. While our Friend has been speaking I have seen that we are all of one mind and I have composed the following Minute :

It has been proposed for the general benefit of Friends' children that a Boarding School be set up at the Workhouse at £10 or £12 per annum for the education of youth in all manner of useful learning. And that all the same scholars and boarders shall have suitable attendance and eat and lodge separate from the poor.

It is proposed also that in order that Friends may not take an exception to the name Workhouse to hinder Friends sending their children to school, that the name be changed to the word College,

which comprehends both Hospital, Workhouse and School.

Do Friends agree ? It is agreed.

This matter ought to be brought before the Quarterly Meeting and it will be well to appoint two or three Friends who will do this.

Will you give me three names ?

[The names of Robert Freame, John Gobsell, William Ockenden are given.]

Robert Freame, John Gobsell and William Ockenden are appointed to lay the above proposition before the Quarterly Meeting.

The Steward has a report to give concerning the conduct of some of the ancient Friends.

STEWARD. Friends will remember that at a previous meeting of this Committee I reported that several of the ancient Friends had gone out and had got themselves disordered with liquor which abuse of liberty is to the disreputation of this House. Two of them were examined by the Committee and confessing the same, the Committee ordered that they shall not be permitted to go out of the House for one month except to Meeting and shall return immediately. For some time there was no trouble but last week Marabella Perkins went out against orders and pawned her sheets, cloak and several other things, and Jane Robins against whom there has been many other complaints continues to get herself greatly disguised with liquor and takes no notice of the orders of the Committee.

RICHARD MELLOR. I do consider that as these two ancient women have been spoken to and still do practices that are to the disreputation of this House and the dissatisfaction of this Committee they should be ordered out of the House.

[Voices of assent.]

WILLIAM OCKENDEN. Although I am fully in agreement with Friends that the conduct of the two ancient Friends cannot be allowed yet let us continue to exhort them to behave seemingly so that they might remain in the House under our care. I therefore propose that before we order them out of the House we do call them to this Committee to censure them for their unseeming conduct and that we do order the Steward to send a copy of our Minute to Horseley Down Monthly Meeting desiring them to take some care respecting same.

CHAIRMAN. The alternate proposition is before the meeting. Those agreeing? Against? The vote is equal. I give my vote in favour of mercy.

Steward see that the order is sent and that Marabella Perkins and Jane Robins appear before our next meeting.

RICHARD MELLOR. Friends, I have often considered the great inconveniences in this House from the Ancient Friends being maintained in common with the children, and I am of opinion that it would be of great advantage with respect to the education of the children, as well as the economy of the House, if the ancient friends were maintained by the Monthly Meetings in a private way.

CHAIRMAN. Friends, this proposal of Robert Freame needs very careful thought. I would therefore advise that we do leave the consideration of it to our next meeting.

Has any Friend any other business to bring forward?

Adjourned to 5th day of 4th month.

[CURTAIN.]

(Note.—The passages in small print are actual extracts from the Minute Books of the early years of the School, 1702-1740.)

IMPRESSIONS OF GENEVA.

IN writing my impressions of Geneva I shall avoid, as far as possible, a time table of the various happenings, and I shall try to give my feelings and opinions rather than descriptions.

The party assembled at Victoria on Friday the 9th of August at half-past seven in the evening. The journey was interesting, but somewhat tiring ; however, we got to know each other and from the first the tour promised to be a social success.

We arrived at Geneva on Saturday night and the next day we went to Meeting quite near Calvin's Cathedral. In the evening, after tea at the Friends' Hostel, we assembled at the International Club. Here we met parties from other schools and, about one hundred in all, we made up the first Junior Summer School.

The rest of our stay at Geneva, a week, from the 11th to the 18th, was spent as follows : in the morning, a lecture, and then a tour of one of the League buildings ; 12 o'clock dinner, and then till 3 o'clock the party disported itself on the lake, or else did shopping. After this, a lecture until tea, and after supper another lecture until 10 o'clock.

All the lectures were good ; Mr. Whelen, Princess Zadiwill, Mr. Ayusawa and Miss McGeachy were particularly good. Mr. Ayusawa spoke about " The Labour Bureau and the Far East." He dealt with the problems arising in the newly industrialised East, and this was all the more real since Mr. Ayusawa is a Japanese himself.

We made tours of all the various buildings and saw the monuments of the town. The International Bureau is one of the most interesting. Every country in the League has

contributed something and the result is a very imposing building inside and out. Of the town monuments I thought the Reformation monument the best; it is a great stone wall and the figures stand out from it, while their doings and the scenes of their lives are in bas-relief.

It must not be thought that we only attended lectures; delightful excursions were arranged to Mount Salève, a mountain quite near Geneva, abounding in flowers and butterflies, which, together with the views to be had from the top, made it a most delightful afternoon's excursion. The whole day's outing to Chamonix and the Mer de Glace was likewise successful. We actually went on the glacier accompanied by a jolly Swiss guide.

The week at Geneva passed quickly and just as we were really appreciating life, Saturday had come. However, we had a whole-day trip to the castle at Chillon, a grim old prison-like building filled with the atmosphere of the persecutions of the past. Here Bonivard was imprisoned and the torture chamber also bore testimony to the ways of the past.

On Sunday the Junior Summer School broke up and the Friends' School party went to Champéry, leaving the other members behind. Here, although the weather was hardly ideal, we passed a very agreeable four days, and on Thursday, the 22nd, we left for home, feeling very pleased with our fortnight's stay.

My impression of the League as a whole is that it is entering upon a promising youth, but that there is too much of the dangerous attitude that "it's all perfect." I do not wish to be a pessimist, but all is not perfect; each man and woman in the world must feel themselves personally concerned with its welfare, and the League must be made much stronger than it is at present.

As regards the value of the Summer School; it was very good, but it must be borne in mind that it only represents a small part of the youth of England, namely the middle class,

and much is still to be done for the mass of the people. We must work, therefore, for a democratic and enlightened country, all of whose members are striving after peace.

EDMUND T. BURTT
(1925-1929).

SPRING MORNING.

Undimpled lay the dewy grass,
Each blade its dew-drop kept;
As if since night no man had passed
And all the meadow slept.

And yet there had been someone there
Who left a honeyed scent,
That tinted all the morning air,
And seemed from heaven sent.

And there her tiny footprints, spread
For any eye to see,
All ghosty white and rosy red,
The daisy flowers so wee.

For Spring had passed along the lea
All in the morning clear,
And every bird on every tree
Sang, "Spring, sweet Spring is here."

Honor Liddle
(*Stage* 5).



SOCIETY REPORTS.

The Literary Society.



NOTHER very successful year's work has been done, and the number of essays which have reached a really high standard has increased. The chief awards were made to Jack Harper for "The Route to a Practical Utopia" and to Ruth Edmundson for a delightful essay on "The Open Road." Many writers showed much original thought in writing on problematical subjects, and some of these gave rise to a considerable amount of discussion, though often meetings would have been much improved by more members taking part.

Apart from a very successful Christmas Social no special meetings were held, but music has played a prominent part in our ordinary meetings and a dozen of our members have added to our enjoyment in this way, Betty Law and Arthur Mulholland having been most prominent.

A very great improvement in the interest of the Diary has been made, especially during the Summer Term.

J.P.W.

Boys' Reading Club.

The Boys' Reading Club can again report a successful year. Once more we have Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree to thank for inviting us to enjoy their cordial hospitality at Hillcroft. By this means we were enabled to hold our usual evenings of interesting discussion and social enjoyment. The books discussed varied greatly, for it was tried never to have more than one of any type of book for a meeting. Discussions on the whole were general and good, and it is possible to report on a pleasing trend of the introductions in their tendency to be in the form of careful criticism and argument rather than mere "précis" of the books. Altogether eleven books were read, de Morgan's *Joseph Vance* and Sinclair's *Easingden* being most popularly

received. The membership decreased greatly at the end of the year and at present there are vacancies in the Society, which we hope will soon be filled during the ensuing year.

O. Parsons
(*Stage 7*).

GIRLS' READING CLUB.

As in past years keen interest has been shown, and our membership has been full throughout the year.

Our meetings in the Autumn and Spring were held in Miss Priestman's room, but last term the weather fortunately favoured us, and we were able to hold the last meeting of the year out-of-doors.

Unfortunately Miss Priestman had had to go home and was unable to be present at our last meeting.

Of the novels read perhaps *Mary Barton* was most enjoyed, with *Shirley*, *Shepherd Easton's Daughter* and *Pride and Prejudice* closely following.

Two plays have been read during the year, Hardy's *Dynasts* in an abridged form, and Shaw's *Pygmalion*.

A Woman at War by an anonymous author, giving short, vivid descriptions of the life of an army signaller in France during the Great War, was our one War book.

Thornton Wilder's *Bridge of San Luis Rey*, *Erewhon Revisited*, *God's Country* and *Prose of To-day* (a selection from fifty-one modern authors) were other books much enjoyed.

The introductions have kept up their high standard, and the discussions have been good, showing the interest and enthusiasm of the members.

During the year we have been very sorry to lose Miss Green and Miss Irvine from the Society.

Ruth Edmundson
(*Stage 7*).

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

During the year we began the system of Subject Evenings, each meeting being devoted to some special subject, hoping in

this way to enliven the interest of the Society and to promote fruitful discussion. As this has not proved a very great success, the system has been gradually dropped.

Some very good essays have been produced, and special mention should be made of Jack Harper's enthusiastic and helpful work as secretary of the Society.

Margaret Rollason has interested us with her Natural History Essays, Edmund Burtt with his talks and essays on "Moths and Butterflies" and Jack Harris with his Archæological essays.

Derek Schove has found a partner in his Meteorological studies in Richard Dell, and both have faithfully kept the Meteorological report throughout the year, as well as giving numerous essays on this learned subject.

In the Autumn term there was a cycling excursion to Crishall and Elmdon, and early on in the Summer term a walk along the Cam Valley. The excursion of the year, however, was a cycling one to Takely Forest where the lake proved a great source of interest.

The reports of these excursions, the Current Events' Report and the Diary have been well kept, and on the whole the year has been a successful one. The aim of the Society should now be to procure more specimens to be exhibited during the latter part of the meetings.

Ruth Edmundson
(*Stage 7*).

MIDDLE LITERARY SOCIETY.

Whilst on the whole the written work has reached only a moderate standard there have been a few papers of outstanding merit. Some of the papers have not had sufficient time and attention given to them. The papers of Harper, H. Liddle, M. Poulter, L. Rayner, Reader, and E. Sawdon are worthy of honourable mention.

The reading has often suffered from inadequate preparation. The discussion of the papers has been quite good and many have taken part therein.

We have had more recitations this year and in this connection we would thank Harper, E. Kendall and H. Liddle. We have had many musical items and these have been very good indeed and given decided pleasure. Many have taken part in this branch of the Society's activities and we thank them very much.

This year there has been a sad falling off in the number of plays—only one having been presented.

The departing members gave a good opening meeting. As usual the Summer Social went off splendidly.

Throughout the year the secretaries, R. Francis and Harris ii, have done their work very well.

D.P.
M.G.Y.

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY.

In reviewing the work of this Society during the past year, one finds that the spell of the mystery and adventure story has not been broken ; and the essays produced have, on the whole, been of a mediocre standard. Peter Dobrashian, however, contributed a very long story of quite good quality, and the work of Kenneth Fowler, Richard Brooks, Joan Mulholland and Molly McGowan has been worthy of mention.

Recitations have been numerous and quite well prepared and delivered, a really good standard having been reached by Dilys Rees, Margaret Harland, and Ruth Butler.

It has been pleasant to have a plentiful supply of musical items, and to hear two new instruments, the 'cello and the viola, played by Kitty Hooper and Michael Green respectively. Daphne Palmer, Diana Close, Jean Stubbs, Molly McGowan and Fowler have each contributed good items during the year.

One evening, several boys performed a short play entitled " The Jester who Didn't "—a very welcome and praiseworthy innovation.

E.M.R.

TEN DAYS OF GLORIOUS LIFE RELAID FROM THE SAN.

THE many letters which cheered one lying for a period apart from the strife give a vivid if somewhat kaleidoscopic view of life in the larger world of School. There can be little room for boredom when ten days can produce the record which follows.

In the Summer term the Swimming Bath looms large. One writing on the field speaks of " the terrible noise in the bath as usual," but it was more than mere noise, for did not the School beat Cambridge Ladies by 19 points to 16, even after only gaining one point in the first two events ? Life Saving exams. in the near future claim serious attention and the two Norwegians, in view of leaving before the end of term, take theirs early. Were they thinking of their last disastrous voyage home ?

There are House Cricket Tournaments, too, the Peel match, a challenge received by girls' second field from boys' fourth field, while a member of girls' second field reports : " To-day I bowled an over with only two wides. There's glory for you," and a member of Group A, who " this afternoon made five runs in seven balls," longs for another Merit-half, " so that I can show the boys I'm not quite so hopeless as I was."

Of Societies it is recorded : " We had 'Natch' last night and after ——'s weather report, Mr. —— made a remark something like this : ' I sat down to hear a Weather Report and first I heard something about prejudices, then philosophers, then the hotel keepers on the Riviera, then I had my leg pulled, and then we had the weather report.' "

The more serious side of school life is not overlooked. References are made to subject tests, and to unlooked for success in assignments, while the Geometry class taken by one of its

own members is considered highly satisfactory. A member of Stage 3 writes: "—— took us for Geometry, but he didn't do anything exciting. We didn't either, except work, which isn't so very unique towards the end of the term!"

From Stage 4 we hear: "To-day we had Literature Reading in B with Stage 2, who had to draw bananas, and then they could eat them. It was awfully funny to see them eating their bananas and drinking their paint-water. Mr. —— gave —— words for eating his before he had drawn it, but I think he let him off them."

Perhaps the outstanding event of the term, inasmuch as it was entirely novel, was the visit of twenty-five members of the School by bus to Friends' House to perform again the scenes from the History of the School got up for General Meeting. "After having tea, the boys began their scene and we all went up into the gallery to listen. They had almost to shout as it was held in the largest room. Quite a lot of Old Scholars came and we had quite a good audience. When it was over we went and changed. Then —— and —— and I spent the rest of our time until we went on the lifts much to the amusement of the others. It was beautiful inside the charabanc and you could have gone to sleep easily."

The comment of a member of the School Committee was that "the costumes on the platform were so *far* more becoming and charming than what the audience wore, both as to head gear and clothes—male and female."

—— shall close this scattered medley: "There is not much news really, but as I expect you know we are looking forward to the day when we shall all walk sedately down to the Station and get into the 8.52 for Liverpool Street."

Who can fill in all the blanks?

F.D.P.



Photo. by] [*C. B. Rowntree.*

LUNCH ON WHEELDALE MOOR

(School Tramp, 1929)

THE SCHOOL TRAMP, 1929.

JULY 26th found some two dozen Trampers on the platform of Walden station, but we were sorry that Mrs. Rowntree was not one of the number this year. The weighing machine was engaged in weighing rucksacks and their owners, while the latter were waiting for the train.

Our destination was Scarborough, which was reached in the afternoon, in time for a walk round the Castle cliff and across the fields to Cloughton, where Miss Andrews had provided tea for us.

The week's Tramp began at Scarborough, included part of the coast of Yorkshire, and ended at York, covering various parts of the Moors to the north of the Vale of Pickering. The vale itself was in pre-historic times occupied by a lake formed by the blocking of its eastern outlet by an ice barrier, its new outlet was to the west, away from the coast. From the Moors we caught glimpses of the vale, spread out like patch work some 400 or 500 feet below.

The first part of the Tramp we were walking along the coast towards Whitby ; we had intended following the coast all the way, but we actually did so only as far as Robin Hood's Bay, owing to the fact that some of the party were slow in covering the ground. The trouble was that in their desire to be near the sea they had overlooked the fact that boulders on the shore are difficult to walk on. The rest of us walked along the cliffs as far as Ravenscar, and thence across the sand to Robin Hood's Bay, where the stragglers eventually caught us up. As a result of the delay we were obliged to take advantage of the local bus from Robin Hood's Bay to Whitby, being packed like sardines in a tin, with only an hour to spare for the Abbey.

The next two days were spent at Goathland, one of the small moorland villages where everyone stays " because it is so quiet." It was on our way from Goathland to Pickering that some Trampers began to take a more sympathetic interest in their

feet, although on the whole there were few with blisters, owing to the cross-country walks which we took.

On Tuesday we met Miss Priestman and her mother at Lastingham, as a result of which we had raspberries for lunch—after having inspected the ancient church. In the evening we were sorry to find that we had to divide, some staying at Kirby Moorside and others at Helmsley, as neither place could find room for all of us. We met again on Wednesday and started off in a fine drizzle until we reached Rievaulx Abbey. From Rievaulx we walked to Thirsk, which we approached by way of Sutton Bank after a rather heavy storm; we had been walking for some time in the rain when a fine white mist came down and hid the surrounding moorland from sight. Just as we reached the top of the Bank the mist lifted as though a curtain had been raised, giving a most wonderful view of the plain below, stretching for miles in front of us. We seemed to be standing in the clouds and looking down on the world below us.

Thursday was the only day when rain upset our plans, but even then it could not damp our enthusiasm, and the afternoon cleared up so that we could visit Byland Abbey and Newburgh Priory.

The Tramp was a great success, and, as usual, we were very sorry when the end came. In conclusion a word to new Trampers: "Don't be afraid of your own voice, when there is no piano to drown it."

D. Joan Gundry (1923-27).

THE FREDERIC MERTTENS ESSAY COMPETITION, 1929.

THERE were rather more essays presented this year, and not only was the general standard of work higher than during the preceding year, but the excellence of the best essay was by far the highest yet attained. Last year most of the



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LOOKING UP FARNDALE

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competitors dealt with the League of Nations, this year with one exception the subject was "War," or its prevention through "Disarmament." A brief report on the individual essays is given below.

1. "Disarmament," by Joan Bull.

This piece of work was somewhat elementary in character. The writer failed to make an adequate analysis of the problem, and consequently there was little scope for the development of argument, and the suggested solution was unconvincing.

2. "Ethics of War," by Edmund T. Burtt.

This essay was brimful of valuable thought and ideas, but these were expressed with such a disregard of logical sequence that the essay as a whole had little value as argument. The best part of the essay was the summing up, but that was far too brief.

3. "War," by Edithe Child.

This was a good essay, well developed though somewhat lacking in proportion—too much space was given to the evils of war, and too little to the suggested remedies. The work contained many sweeping statements, but it certainly revealed the results of much reading and thought. The writer had thought deeply and felt strongly in regard to Peace and War. She showed a fair command of argument, and on the whole she had produced an effective piece of work.

4. "War," by Basil Clayton.

This also was a creditable piece of work. The writer had clearly envisaged the problem, and by good cogent argument he had developed a satisfactory solution. He would do well to realise that rhetorical questions and uncontroverted answers are not conducive to convincing argument.

5. "Disarmament," by Marjorie Close.

Though there were evidences of wide reading and the assimilation of ideas, it was clear that the writer had not

grasped the fundamental difficulties of the problem. She should realise that in dealing with a problem like "Disarmament," generalisations and good wishes are inadequate. There must be a marshalling of facts and the conclusions must be driven home by cogent argument.

6. "The Ethics of Peace and War," by John F. Harper.

This was a thoughtful, painstaking piece of work, but here again an inadequate analysis of the problem weakened its effectiveness. The writer dealt at length with the causes of war, but did little to show how such causes might be modified, controlled, eliminated, so as to promote a state of affairs, wherein physical warfare would be unnecessary.

7. "The Race Problem," by Jack Harris.

This was a splendid essay, packed with fact and argument, and expressed in language of high literary merit. The writer had read widely and thought deeply. He was under no delusions in regard to the difficulties of the Race Problem, but he was able to deal with its various aspects with commendable success. This essay was far in advance of any other produced either this year or last.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Boys' Cricket.

NOT being content with seeing the cricket season run its normal course, several people took it upon themselves to get ill, and quite successfully marred the latter end of our cricket season. Despite their efforts, however, we succeeded in getting some very good matches, and the standard of cricket was as high as in previous seasons.

In the 1st XI. our bowling strength was a notable weakness. Mr. Pumphrey's return to form, after a rather off season, was welcome in that Mr. Whitlow and he had to do a large

proportion of the bowling. Several boys bowled quite regularly in the 1st XI. but with varying success. Mr. Brereton resumed his place in the team at the latter end of the season and helped considerably to steady things. Most matches resulted in victories for our team, but the captain's luck with the coin was not of the best. Our two student masters, Mr. Fox and Mr. Nicholson, played regularly for the team, although in view of his ability the actual scores of the latter were a trifle disappointing.

In the Boys' XI. the side was better balanced than in the previous season. Whereas then the batting was considerably better than the bowling, this season, the difference was not so marked. R. Morland, a new acquisition, bowled quite successfully, and the brunt of the attack was borne by him in conjunction with B. Clayton. Behind the stumps, J. Reynolds proved very useful. The batting was consistent and more than once the tail " wagged " when the earlier men had failed. O. Parsons showed himself to be a useful bat and produced several good scores.

The 2nd XI. had few fixtures, but they were sufficient to show that an enormous improvement was necessary, their two matches resulting in crushing defeats for our team.

The House matches resulted in Morland taking first place, Crosfield second, and Godlee third. Morland inflicted innings defeats on both Crosfield and Godlee.

I don't wish to finish on a pessimistic note, but several of us noticed a certain lack of enthusiasm among those not in the Boys' XI. when practice matches came to be arranged, more so than in previous seasons. Perhaps this will be rectified in the future.

J. Reynolds won the Crosfield bat in addition to the fielding points. Points for bowling were won by R. Morland and B. Clayton respectively. The latter headed the batting averages with an average of 16.9, while Morland took 17 wickets for the Boys' XI. at an average of 5.9 apiece.

Colours were awarded to O. Parsons, J. B. Smith and J. C. Reynolds.

Summary :

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
1st XI.	7	4	2	1
Boys' XI. ..	7	5	2	0
2nd XI.	2	0	2	0

Basil Clayton (Capt.)
(1926-1929).

GIRLS' CRICKET.

The standard of cricket for this season showed little change from that of last years. The batting was better than the fielding, although the calling was uncertain in many cases. The fielding on the whole was rather slow, although during matches and tournaments it reached a slightly higher level. A word might be said for the bowling which came on very well during the term.

On Saturday, May 25th, Miss Bryant, an English International hockey player, who has also done a lot of cricket coaching, came down to coach us. We borrowed the boys' nets for the occasion, and even had some of the younger boys to bowl at us. Miss Bryant taught us how to play the different strokes, and told us of many ways in which we could practice fielding and batting.

In the evening she spoke to those who wished to come in the Lecture Hall, and also she went through some of the strokes again. Our batting certainly improved in style and hitting after Miss Bryant's visit.

We played three matches this term, only one of which was against an outside team.

Our first match was against Homerton College. We played at home on the Boys' second game pitch. Homerton College won, 72—47.

Whitsun brought with it the match against the Old Scholars, which we won by 2 wickets and 20 runs, the score being 46—68 for 8.

The last match was against the Lower School Boys. They were dismissed for 57 and we went in and made 68 for 3.

In the tournaments Crosfield came first, with Godlee second, followed by Morland third.

Colours were awarded to B. Law, who kept up a very good standard all through the term.

Joan Bull (Capt.)
(1924-1929.)

TENNIS.

Again this year the courts were in great demand and at half-term nearly everyone entered for either the Senior or Junior tournament. The finals were played off during the last week of the term. Kathleen Davidson was the Senior champion and Joan Francis was runner-up, while among the Juniors, Irene Goss was champion and Ruth Butler runner-up.

Five fixtures were made but as we were in quarantine, the last two matches had to be scratched. Of the remaining three we lost two, the result of one of these being thirty to twenty-nine games.

Kathleen Davidson and Joan Francis were awarded their colours.

Joan Francis
(*Stage* 7).

GIRLS' AQUATICS.

Crawl and the Crawl Frame are undoubtedly the most important features of the swimming of 1929. The latter is a wooden frame which enables the pupil to learn the correct stroke on dry land under close supervision before attempting it in the water. Even the non-swimmers learnt the crawl before the breast stroke, and to show the success of their efforts gave a display at General Meeting. Improvement did not, however, lie only in this direction. The standard of swimming as a whole

rose considerably as is clearly shown by the number of records broken :

1 length Crawl. Senior, 18⅘ secs. M. L. Close.
1 length Crawl. Junior, 19⅗ secs. J. Cornish.
1 length Breast. Junior, 21⅘ secs. R. Butler.
2 lengths Back. Senior, 48¼ secs. M. L. Close.
3 lengths. Senior, 1 min. 14⅘ secs. E. Child.
3 lengths. Junior, 1 min. 22 secs. R. Butler.
Fewest strokes Back. Senior, 4 (1 length). V. Brewis.
Plunge. Senior, 53 ft. E. Child.

All the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society were again attempted with enthusiasm, and the results were an improvement on last year's record. Twenty-two Proficiency Certificates, thirteen Bronze Medallions, five Silver Awards, two Diplomas, and two Honorary Instructor's Certificates were gained in July, while seven Proficiency, seven Bronze, two Silver and one Honorary Instructor's Certificate were won in October.

The match *v.* Cambridge Ladies Swimming Club has now become an annual event. On July 2nd we won for the second time, by 19 points to 16.

As an outcome of a day spent by five girls practising diving at Cambridge, Marjorie Close entered an Open Diving competition there and won third place.

The results of the Sports were as follows :

E. Child (Crosfield), Senior Champion, with 26 pts.
M. L. Close (Morland), Senior runner-up, with 24 pts.
R. Butler (Godlee), Junior Champion, with 37 pts.
J. Cornish (Godlee), Junior runner-up, with 22 pts.

In the House Relays, Godlee came first, Crosfield second, and Morland third. The House Sports were won by Crosfield with 32.5 points, while Godlee gained 30.8 and Morland 16.5 points.

FRANCINA N. CLOSE
(1925-29).

BOYS' AQUATICS.

The Bath was as popular as ever during the Summer term, and the swimming and diving reached a high standard of

excellence, but this year the examinations for the Royal Life Saving Society's certificates were given a rest. Both the House Sports and the Open Sports were keenly contested; in the former Crosfield House were the winners closely followed by Morland House. In the Relay Race, which was very close indeed, Crosfield equalled the record set up by Morland in 1927 of 98⅕ secs. for six lengths (150 yards).

Tom Francis (Morland) proved the winner of the Championship this year, with Peter Snow (Crosfield) as runner-up. In the Junior section, William Wood carried off the honours, with John Reader second—both of Morland House. No fresh records were made in the Senior division, but in the Junior, Wood set up new times—15 seconds for the one length, and 42⅗ secs. for the two lengths breast stroke.

The results were as follows:

SENIOR.

18 lengths: 1, Francis; 2, Scott; 3, Buckmaster. 7 m. 19 secs.
4 lengths: 1, Snow; 2, Harris (2); 3, Francis. 73⅗ secs.
2 lengths: 1, Francis; 2, Harris (2); 3, Snow. 34⅕ secs.
2 lengths Breast: 1, Francis; 2, Snow; 3, Scott. 42⅕ secs.
Neat Dive: 1, Francis; 2, Goss; 3, Rees and Kenneth.
Plunge: 1, Buckmaster; 2, Dell; 3, Kenneth. 41 ft. 4 ins.

JUNIOR.

9 lengths: 1, Taylor; 2, Reader; 3, Wood. 4 m. 0⅘ secs.
2 lengths: 1, Wood; 2 Reader; 3, Taylor. 39⅕ secs.
1 length: 1, Wood; 2, Reader; 3, Bolton. 15 secs.*
2 lengths Breast: 1, Wood; 2, Smith (4); 3, Fowler. 42⅗ secs.*
Neat Dive: 1, Reader; 2, Fowler; 3, Bolton.
Plunge: 1, Wood; 2, Peet; 3, Reader. 41 ft. 11 ins.

RELAY RACE.

1, Crosfield; 2, Morland; 98⅕ secs.

* School Record Time.

J.P.W.

A JOYOUS LIFE.

WITHIN two months of her majority, Joyce N. Maybery's bright spirit has passed on into the fuller life, leaving memories that may well prove a challenge to her many friends. These she gathered wherever she went—at Walden from 1920 to 1926, where she was Head Prefect; in Clark's factory at Street, where in her welfare work she entered fully into the lives of the workers, and at Woodbrooke, where she had passed the examinations for the first year's work for the Social Diploma, and was looking forward eagerly to her final year.

Full of the joy of life " she was thinking things out; how to share what she had with those who had not; how to help those in sore need." Having contracted typhoid unknowingly during a motor tour in Brittany, she spent her last week of health with a group of Walden Old Scholars on the Broads, entering with her usual zest into the boating and bathing.

" For their sakes " she was sanctifying herself. To her friends she has flung her torch.

F.D.P.

FAR AND NEAR.

Concerning Old Scholars.

Old Scholars who were in Group C. last Term:

E. Joyce Banham.

W. Joan Bull is taking a Domestic Science Course at Exeter.

Edmund T. Burtt is at Bootham School, York.

Edithe H. Child is living near Dresden.

Basil Clayton is in an Insurance Co. at Southampton.

Francina N. Close is at St. Alban's High School.

Marjorie L. Close is taking a Matriculation Course in Baker Street.

Marjorie Dell is studying Dressmaking and Design at the Barrett Street Trade School in London.

Olive M. Duke.

Thomas W. Francis.

Arthur N. Goss is taking a Matriculation Course at Red Lion Square, London.

John F. Harper is in the Friends' Provident and Century Life Office in London.

W. John A. Harris is taking a post-Matriculation course at Port Talbot County School.

E. Mary Hooper is taking a Secretarial Course at Watertown, New York.

Georgina Hooper is at School at Canton, New York.

Eileen F. Kendall.

Betty C. Law.

Marjorie R. C. Marshall.

Mary Parkin is at a School at Lausanne.

Marie G. Ramsland.

John B. Smith is studying Architecture at a London Polytechnic.

Vera E. Smith.

Peter B. Snow is at University College, London.

Margaret E. Stern.

R. Aldis Uldal.

Irwin H. Woodhead is studying Farming in Shropshire.

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Josie Frise (1927-28) writes from Austria :

" We are spending the summer months on a most beautiful lake, the Attersee. We have an ideal position on the edge of the water, very deep blue-green, and behind us rises out of the wood a wall of mountains. I have not yet tried the mountains, but the water I sample two or three times daily,—swimming, rowing and fishing, though it is rarely that I catch anything huge in the way of fish. We were in the midst of the recent hurricane that swept over Europe. We had cycled across to

the other side of the lake, and as we approached the town we were met by a gust of hot wind to which, however, we paid no attention ; but we had not been there long before everything was in an uproar,—a whirlwind blowing in the street, roof-tiles falling and pedestrians being blown out of their course. When we ventured home the road was strewn with fallen branches and stones, while the water was lashing furiously."

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Frances Waters (1919-25), writes from the Friends' School, St. John's Hill, Wanganui, New Zealand :

" *The Avenue* has just reached me once more,—what an interesting number it is. The children here like hearing about the schools at home, and are specially interested in looking at the Sports Records. . . . It is early spring here (September) and oh ! so hot in the sun. I am feeling very fit as I have just returned from a holiday on Mount Egmont. There were ten of us in the party ; we stayed in a house 4,300 feet up,—about two-thirds of the way up the Bush Line,—so we had to do a little climbing before we came to the snow. . . . School opens again next week."

SCHOOL DIARY.

June 20th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Peggy D. North ; Essays : " Riding," T. Francis ; " The Importance of Other People," W. Joan Francis ; " Reflections on Military Sunday in York," Mr. Nicholson ; " The Canterbury Pilgrims," Carol Headley ; Pianoforte Solo, " The Last Movement of Beethoven's Sonata in F mi," Betty Law. Viola Solo, " Two Pieces from Kreuz," Ina Hooper.

,, 27th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Current Events Report, Peggy D. North. Essays : " Our Aquarium," Elwyn Owen-Jones ; " Inter-Stellar Space," Alan Scott ; Talk on Quy Fen, Margaret Rollason. Diary, Roger Morland.

,, 29th.—N.H.S. Excursion to Takely Forest.

July 3rd.—Cricket Match : Boys' XI. *v.* Mr. Whitlow's XI., won by the former, 123 for 9 wkts.—90. P. B. Snow 46 runs.

,, 6th.—Cricket Match : Boys' XI. *v.* Peel Institute, home, won, 54—8 and 44.

,, 8th.—Middle Literary Society, Annual Social.

,, 9th.—Junior Literary Society, Annual Social.

,, 10th.—House Socials.

July 11th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Ruth Edmundson. Meteorological Report, Richard Dell; Report of Expedition to Takely Forest, Edmund T. Burtt. Essays: "Rosaceæ," Marjorie L. Close; "Of Archæological Insterest," John Harris; Review of an Article in the Geographical Magazine, Edmund T. Burtt.

,, 13th.—Cricket Match: 1st XI. *v.* Hinxton, away, lost, 51—130.

,, 15th.—Girls' Rdg. Club Mtg.

,, 18th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Elwyn Owen-Jones and Marjorie Dell. Essays: "Snobbery," Basil Clayton; "The Art of Repartee," Edithe Child; "As You Like it," Alec Godden; "Journalism," Francina N. Close. 'Cello Solo, Mrs. Radley. Pianoforte Solo, Mendellsohn's "Spring Song," Betty Law. Gramophone Selection from Stravinsky's "The Firebrand."

,, 24th.—Cricket Match: 1st XI. *v.* R. R. Dobbin's XI., home, lost, 71—150.

,, 25th.—End of Term.

Sept. 12th.—School re-opened.

,, 19th.—Quarterly Mtg. Half Holiday.

,, 20th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Elwyn Owen-Jones. Current Events Report, Honor Liddle. Meteorological Report, Derek Schove. Essays: "The Flight of Birds," J. C. Smith; "Rainfall," Arthur Mulholland.

,, 21st.—Football Match: "A" XI. *v.* The Rovers, home, lost, 1—2.

,, 26th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Owen Parsons. Essays: "Glimpses of a Great City," Peggy Krippendorff; "Russian Music and Composers," Arthur Mulholland; "The Origin of the English Language," Peggy North. Pianoforte Solo, Polpini's "Poupée Valsanté," Joan Francis. Pianoforte Duet, Rachmaninoff's "Scherzo," Arthur Mulholland and Richard Dell. Gramophone Selections: Rimsky Korsakov's "Scheherezde," Borodine's "Dance" from Prince Igor, "Andante Cantabile" from Tschaikowsky's "Quartet in E flat."

,, 28th.—Football Match: 1st XI. *v.* The Rangers, home, won, 4—0.

Oct. 3rd.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Peggy Krippendorff. Meteorological Report, Richard Dell. Essays: "Wonders of the Sea Shore," C. J. Smith. Exhibition of Brass Rubbings, Muriel Poulter; Exhibition of a Ballamnite, Mr. Morris.

,, 5th.—Lantern Lecture: "Quaker Pictures," Mr. J. W. Harvey Theobald.

,, 9th.—Life-Saving Examinations.

,, 12th.—Football Match: 1st XI. *v.* Old Scholars, home, lost, 6—9.
Hockey Match: 1st XI. *v.* Old Scholars, home, won, 5—1.
Lantern Lecture: "School Tramps," Mr. C. B. Rowntree.

,, 17th.—N.H.S. Mtg. Diary, Honor Liddle. Current Events Report, Ralph Erskine. Essay: "Freiburg and the Feldburg," Peggy Krippendorff. Talk on the Tomb of Tutankhamen, Mr. Morris.

,, 19th.—Football Match: 1st XI. *v.* The Rangers, home, lost, 0—13.
Lantern Lecture: "The Olympic Games," Mr. J. F. Wadmore.

Oct. 22nd. —Merit Half-Holiday.

,, 24th.—Lecture, "National Savings," Mr. Cruikshank.
Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Peggy Krippendorff and John Reader. Essays: "Careers," Elwyn Owen-Jones; "Old English Fashions," Cicely Rawlings; "Communism," Owen Parsons. Pianoforte Solos: (*a*) "Danse de la Fée Dragée," (*b*) "Danse des Mirlitons" from Tschaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite." Gramophone Selections: Stravinsky's "Russian Dance" from "Petroushka"; Handel's "Honour and Arms," sung by Robert Radford.

,, 26th.—Football Match: "A" team *v.* Horneybrooke F.C., home, lost, 3—4.
Recital of Old and Modern English Songs, Mr. Frederick Woodhouse.

Nov. 2nd. —Lantern Lecture: "Books and their History," Mr. Maurice Marston.

,, 7th.—Lit. Soc. Mtg. Diary, Cicely Rawlings. Essays: "Stamps and Stamp Collecting," Eleanor Sawdon; "Town Life and Country Life," John Reader; "The Stock Exchange," Madge Spendlove; "The Pursuit of Pleasure," Harding Rees. Pianoforte Solos: "Gique," by Millicent Garnett, Edith Kilbey; "Scene from an Imaginary Ballet," by Coleridge Taylor, Eleanor Sawdon. Violin Solo, "Cavalina," Ralph Erskine.

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Pass: Edmund T. Burtt (M, C), Basil Clayton (C), Francina N. Close (M, C), Marjorie Dell, John F. Harper, Peter B. Snow (H, M).

School Certificate.

Edithe H. Child, Marjorie L. Close, Alec W. Godden (M), Arthur N. Goss, Margaret E. Krippendorff.

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