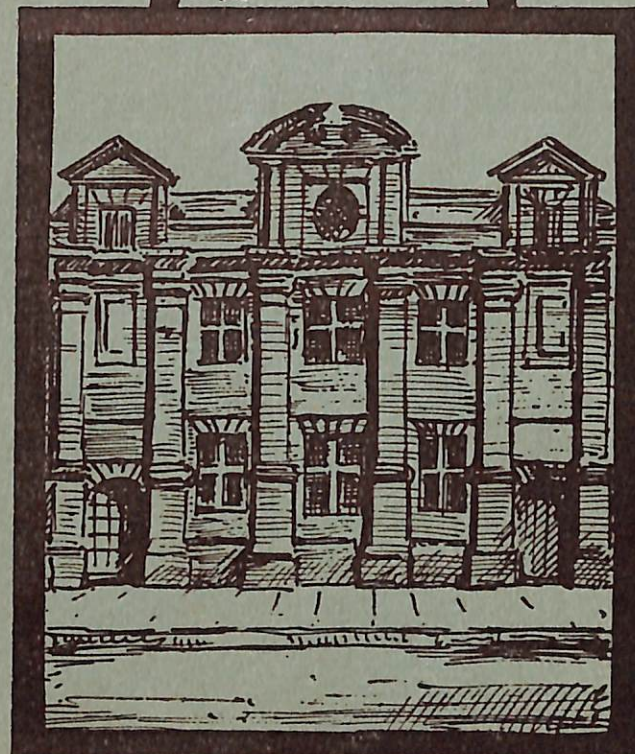


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Editorial.

Most *good* bands, orchestras and cinema organists have signature tunes ; the School is not an orchestra, but, slowly and surely, one is growing up from the budding musicians. However, being a *good* School, the fact remains that it should have a "signature tune," and, thanks to Miss Stenning and Mr. Williams, a real school song has developed with success.

So, heralded by the strains of "When Charles the First was on the Throne," we present, once more, the annual account of the School's activities, flavoured with specimens of works from the literary scholars, and, we are pleased to announce, from Old Scholars as well. Contributions to the magazine, from them, are always gladly welcomed.

Results of the School Certificate Examination, this year, were not quite so good, only eleven passing, but illness was rather to blame. However, two Higher School Certificates counteracted this, to some extent, while the increase in Sixth Form members, bodes well for the future in this exam. The results of the Football and Cricket Matches, do not justify the efforts of the teams, more ambitious matches being entertained. As usual, the Entertainment proved to be a very good production, and all "red-letter" days, especially Founders' Day, when Tercentenary was celebrated, re-established the School's records. The two great improvements in the School, are the re-decorating of the class-rooms, and the re-flooring and re-decorating of the corridors. Outside, the benefits of the new playing field become more apparent under the groundsman's care, while higher, wire, tennis-netting proves a great convenience.

A new language mistress—Miss Letcher, who arrived at the beginning of the year, is a welcome addition to the staff. Unfortunately, we have had to say "good-bye" to Mr. Stott and Mr. Belton ; the former will always be remembered for his good work, especially in founding the Aero Club, and in helping Saunders to achieve supremacy, while the latter's fruitful ideas, apparent in School Plays, Art and Craft Society, lectures and exhibitions, met with great success.

More film shows, including those of Ford Works, and Dunlop Rubber Manufactures, and lectures on Cement, and by specialists from Plumpton have occurred during the year. All were much appreciated. Accounts of most appear inside.

We wish the very best of luck to all those leaving, and extend a hearty welcome to all appearing at the School for the first time. Congratulations, also, to those four members--Richards, J. Brewis, Bullett and K. Breeze who succeeded in passing Civil Service Examinations.

Finally, as Syd Walker would say, "Thank you, one and all, chums, for your help in submitting contributions."

"SIGNATURE TUNE."

Meryon House Notes.

House Mistress : Miss N. M. Tunstall.

House Master : Mr. J. J. Broome.

Prefects : W. Allen, Huxstep, Smith (A.), Shearer (J.)

For Meryon, this year has not been as successful as usual. The boys managed to retain the football shield, and also won the cross-country and cricket, all this being due to the splendid efforts of the juniors.

The girls were second in tennis and netball, but third in hockey. The House came second in the swimming sports and lost the Inter-Athletic Shield by $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, after leading until the last three events. However, although we lost the House Championship Shield, we managed to regain the Work Shield.

Winnie Allen, Barbara Ellis and J. Shearer (Matric.) are to be congratulated on gaining their School Certificates.

A combined show was given by the three Houses at the senior party at Christmas, while the juniors gave an entertainment.

We wish a happy and prosperous future to those not returning next term.—J.J.S.

Peacocke House Notes.

House Mistress : Miss Turner.

House Master : Mr. Pigrome.

House Prefects : W. M. Smith, K. Williams, A. Purkis.

Peacocke House has continued to improve during the past year although its successes do not justify its efforts. Repeated misfortunes, especially in the events on Sports Day, are outstanding examples of this.

Swimming was not too successful owing to the lack of good swimmers in the House, while in Football and Cricket, we

missed the support of both Grummitt and Stonham. However, the efforts of the previous year's Juniors helped to make up for this.

Owing to lack of talent there was very little success regarding Sports on the boys' side, but the girls, especially the Seniors, made a very creditable effort and won for us the Gymnasium Shield.

During the year we have lost quite a lot of useful members. Our best wishes go with those who are leaving us this term, and we are particularly sorry to lose Law who has been a very useful member of the House, in Work and Sport.

Saunders House Notes.

House Mistress : Miss Seed.

House Master : Mr. Stott.

House Prefects : P. Green, N. Baker, D. Jones, K. Breeze, Shearcroft, Bullett, Mewse.

Captains : Mewse, P. Green.

Saunders had a comparatively successful year, starting by winning the swimming sports. The senior boys were first in football, cross-country run and sports, and second in cricket, while the girls won everything. On Open Day, the boys won the gymnasium competition.

During the year, the House lost Bullett and K. Breeze, and at the end had, regretfully, to say "good-bye" to Mr. Stott whose enthusiasm and zeal greatly helped in creating Saunders Cock-House.

Saunders v. Meryon.

It rained most of the afternoon, and looked like raining again, as the valiant teams viewed the threatening clouds looming up in the west. Opinion was divided as to whether the great cricket match should be played or not. "It's sure to rain," said some, dreading the consequences, for shelter on the playing fields is limited. "Yes, look at those clouds over there, it'll rain like (anything) in a minute. Why, it's spattering now."

But the stalwarts noticed the tinges of blue sky behind the clouds, and, from their meteorological experience, said, "Oh, it'll be all right, we'll play." However, more humming and

hawing followed, until with a decisive air, the captains decided to trust their luck and venture forth. Mingled groans and cheers were heard, as Meryon with their nine men and a junior, started on the first stage of their tiring walk with Saunders to the playing field.

At 3.45 p.m. sharp, the first two Meryon batsmen took their positions not daring to hope for victory. Slowly the runs mounted, the hero of the match, P. Shearer, making most. With hopes rising, Meryon realized that he already had made fifty when the score was over 100, and still there were half the team to bat. Saunders' bowling began to tire, as the overs passed in monotonous succession and still the score rose. Meryon even dared to suggest that they would not declare before 150. The weather began to take a decided turn for the better.

At this momentous period, Mr. Stott arrived to cheer his team to victory—such were his plans, no doubt! But even he started to get restless as Saunders only slowly beat down the opposition. He found two or three strolls round the boundary necessary to calm his feelings, while on the second or third return he muttered, "Ah, this isn't a game, it's a marathon; it's the team who can last the longer who will win. Their blood-sugars will give out before they can finish." That was evidently what Saunders thought as well, for by now two hours or so, had elapsed.

However Shearer (the aforesaid valiant hero) was at last dismissed for 79, while the total score was well over 100. The single Saunders' supporter recommenced the pacings, fearing total collapse of his team. But at 6, or so p.m., the last man of Meryon was dismissed with a total score of 145—an unheard of thing, for even the most optimistic had not deemed this possible. Everybody breathed a deep sigh, for hunger and thirst were beginning to tell.

The struggle began, Meryon with their nine men and a junior finding themselves hampered, so a kind hearted substitute condescended to assist them. The fielding team feasted longing eyes on the supplies of chocolates and refreshments purchased for Saunders to win the endurance test. Even the umpires were seen to partake of large slabs of chocolate. The weather was quite fine by now, and the stalwarts thanked their meteorological instincts.

The runs now began to mount and excitement ran high, for this looked like being a real game. A fine Shearcroft-Burnett partnership, realizing about 50 runs, brought the score to over 100, and it seemed that chances of victory were equal. However, Burnett was at last bowled for 56 runs, and the remainder of the team, though causing Meryon much anxiety, failed to add the necessary number. Their total score was thus 137, 8 short of Meryon's.

Tired but happy (?), the teams trudged home, dying for sustenance.

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In other words, an inter-house cricket record was set up on 30th June, 1939.—A.S.

Speech Day.

This year, Speech Day was again held in the Monastery, and a large number of parents and friends was present. The address was given by Mr. S. R. Gibson, headmaster of Bec School, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Gibson. Mr. H. C. Burra (Chairman of the Governors) presided, supported by the Mayor of Rye (Councillor G. Marsden), Mrs. Jacobs, the Hon. Ruth Buckley, Canon John Fowler, Mr. E. Austen, Miss Austen, Mr. L. A. Vidler, Alderman J. Molyneux Jenkins, Miss Stenning, Councillor Mrs. Powles, and Mrs. Skinner.

Mr. Burra referred to the work of the Headmaster and Mr. L. A. Vidler in compiling a history of the School.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that illness had rather interfered with school work, the interruption of which, through absence, had upset examination results. Even so, eleven pupils obtained School Certificates, and two, Higher School Certificates. The library and extra staff doubtlessly facilitated Sixth Form work. There was an all round improvement in games especially in hockey and cricket, while a new swimming scheme for juniors at the Hastings Baths resulted in fifteen members learning to swim. The enthusiasm, and the great success of the swimming sports, at which more parents were present, "shows," said the Headmaster, "that all we need is the Rye Swimming Bath." (Applause).

The opening of the School Library was the event of the year, and friends and pupils were thanked for their help and

presentation of books. All entertainments, including a fête and the play, were in aid of the Tercentenary fund to provide a sports pavilion as a memorial. The violin classes under Mrs. Pigrome were a new development, and a School Orchestra was an object worth striving for. The Headmaster thanked the Education Committee of the County Council for the enormous improvements they had given the School, and also thanked the old school captains and A. Dunlop for their guidance in the School Committee in its critical stages.

Mr. Gibson congratulated the School on its age, and stressed the fact that character was of as much importance as brains to a clever person. He wondered why so many pupils took office jobs afterwards, when so many outside opportunities were available. "School Certificate," he said, "is only the beginning of education. The development of character in the last few years in the sixth form is often very great." Finally, he stated that the spirit of comradeship was necessary throughout.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson was proposed by the Hon. Ruth Buckley, and the Chairman was thanked by Alderman J. Molyneux Jenkins.

A new School Song, with words by Miss Stenning and music by Mr. J. C. Williams and *Coleridge Taylor's* "Viking Song" were sung, during the proceedings by the entire School. Declarations were given by T. Shearer and Irene Hatter.

In the House Competitions, Meryon won the football, hockey, netball, athletics and house championship shields. Peacocke won the running trophy and tied with Saunders for the cricket shield. Saunders won the gymnasium, tennis, swimming, diving and work shields.

The Senior Christmas Party.

This year all three houses pooled their entertainment resources and produced a good, short, variety show. After refreshments, the evening was devoted to dancing, games and a few competitions. Owing to the bad conditions of the roads, transport away from Rye was impossible, so that arrangements had to be made and the Party was lengthened. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

The Library.

The outstanding achievement of the year 1938-9 in the Library, has been the rapid filling up of empty shelves. This has been due in some measure to the acquisition of new books with the special grant of £50, but more especially to the very generous gifts made by friends of the School. Chief among these, is Mr. Perugini, who gave us his valuable set of *Kipling's* works, a very large collection of art books which has made the Fine Arts Section one of the most comprehensive collections in the Library, and a number of other books and magazines. The only return that the School could make Mr. Perugini was our grateful thanks and honorary membership of the Library. Other generous donors of books and money during the year were Miss Curteis, Rev. Hurst, Major Luxmocre, Mr. Wake, Miss Joan Ker, Mrs. Breeds (in the name of her nine sons who were pupils at the School), Miss Sells, Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Mollett. Last year's School Captain, P. C. Grummitt, on leaving the School gave a Book Token to the Library. With it some much-needed scientific books were bought including *Hogben's* "Science for the Citizen." Among other past and present pupils who presented books during the year, were Swaine, Dunlop, Dorothy Griffiths, Filmer, Winnie Kempton, Beryl Winter, Barbara Ellis, Apps, Martin, Butler, Thomas and Pilcher.

A welcome addition to the furniture of the Library, is the cupboard which houses the collection of County Library Books, replacing the boxes and displaying the volumes in a more accessible and elevated fashion.

The Author Catalogue of the Fiction is now complete and it is hoped that both the Author and Subject Catalogues of the other will be completed before the beginning of next term and that all the books will have their Dewey Classification number marked clearly on the outside, so that there will be no excuse for books put back in wrong places on the shelves.

More use might still be made of the Suggestions Book, particularly in the second half of any term, or in the month before the arrival of a new collection of County books, so that suggested books can be included either in the School Requisition made early each term, or in the County List.

Several new magazines have been taken in the Library during the year so that there is now a large variety including

"Cycling," which is supplied weekly by a former pupil, G. R. Smith, and "John o' London's Weekly," which is brought by a present pupil, Ford. Other offers of magazines, which can be brought to the Library when finished with at home, will be welcomed.

Library Duty during Long Break and after school has been efficiently carried out by Sixth Form Librarians, Pat Green, who has also been in charge of the periodicals, Winnie Allen, Smith, A., Purkis, Shearcroft, Mewse, Williams and Shearer, J. and one Fifth Form girl, Helen Rook. Responsibility for the tidiness of the shelves was transferred during the year to members of the Fourth Form, Margery Archer, Doreen Winter, Myrtle Dabson, Paulina Metianu, Veronica Edmiston, Sylvia Jacobs, Ambrose, Bullett, Bannister, Smith, G. and Watson, who have worked very conscientiously on Friday afternoons when other Form Librarians, especially Peggy Dengate, Helen Metianu, Rosalie Green and Pulford have also been of great assistance in labelling new books, repairing old ones, and making Library Time-tables.

E. A. Turner, Librarian.

Open Day.

Open day on Saturday, 10th June, began at 2.30 p.m., with physical training displays by the girls and boys. Throughout the afternoon exhibitions including art, geography, history, handicraft, domestic science and science were open. A special exhibition—"Design for to-day," was arranged by Mr. Belton and the Art and Craft Society in the hall.

In the library, a talk was given by Miss Turner, about it, while in the chemistry laboratory, architectural lecture by J. Mewse and two film shows—one by the Art and Craft Society and one about Canada, were given.

Scenes from the play "As You Like It," were enacted by Form IIIa on the open-air stage. In School, a map showing the air warden's sectors for Rye, and illustrating the need for volunteers, was on view.

The programme concluded with a Peacocke v. Saunders House Tennis Match, and the day proved a great success.

Founders' Day.

The Founders' Day Service was held in Rye Parish Church, attended by the whole School and a number of parents and friends. The preacher was the Bishop of Dover, who spoke of the attitude that we took to various problems. It was not so much the problems themselves that mattered, as the way in which we tackled them. He gave as an example—David and Goliath. The latter was regarded by the rest of the Israelites as a thing to be feared, but David regarded him as an obstacle to be overcome.

Sports Day.

In spite of a rainy afternoon, the School Sports were held, for the first time, on the new playing field. Conditions rather interfered with the events, but did not damp the enthusiasm. Trophies were presented by Mrs. J. J. Broome.

Saunders won the inter-House shield with 68½ points, followed by Meryon with 64 points and Peacocke with 53 points. Throwing the javelin was introduced for the first time, Jones, with a throw of 123 feet, winning the event.

The field proved to be an excellent one for the sports.

Wanted!

Olive Phillips, an old scholar, submits an extract from an old newspaper. She writes: "The newspaper I took it from, was found under the floor of a house in Lincolnshire, and I have copied the actual spelling, capitals, etc., used in the newspaper."

An extract from *The Sun*, Saturday, July 7, 1798:—

TWO HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD. GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Tuesday, July 3, 1798.

The Post Boy carrying the Mail from Bromley to Seven Oaks last Night was stopped about two Miles from Farnborough, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven O'clock, by a single Highwayman, who presented a Horse Pistol, and demanded the Mail which the Boy gave him. He offered the Robber Half-a Guinea but he declined taking it. The Robber is described to be a

Young Man, middle Size, had on a Drab-coloured Great Coat and rode a Horse with a white Face. The same Man, as supposed, passed through the Turnpike Gate at Pratt's Bottom, towards Riverhead, on Horseback, about Three O'clock in the Afternoon, returned about Seven in the Evening and asked his Way to Croydon: He had a Pair of Small Saddle Bags, and had the appearance of a London Rider, in the opinion of the Turnpike Man.

The Bags taken away are, those for

SEVEN OAKS	BATTLE
TUNBRIDGE	RYE
LAMBERHURST	HASTINGS

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Reward of FORTY POUNDS given by Act of Parliament for apprehending Highwaymen. Or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall surrender himself and Discovery whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will be entitled to the same Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By command of the Postmaster-General,

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

Swimming Sports.

The annual swimming sports, which were held at the White Rock Baths resulted in Saunders being the Champion house with 164 points, and Meryon and Peacocke tying as runners-up with 96 points. Trophies including one for diving presented by the manager of the baths, were presented by Mrs. Jacobs. Forty-five scholars took part, and showed particular skill in the new events introduced this year including surface diving and retrieving. The sports were well worth while, especially as last year's Form II, who were instructed during the summer term, put up a fine show and the total number of competitors was greater than previously.

The School Entertainment.

"The Rivals," by Sheridan, was the play acted by the School this year, the proceeds being for the Tercentenary Fund. It was an ambitious undertaking, for the play is not easy to act, but the three performances held in the Monastery were a credit to the actors, who enjoyed it quite as much as the audience though there was no lack of enthusiasm. E. N. Francis', "Captain Absolute," Pat Green's, "Lydia Languish," Violet Vincett's, "Mrs. Malaprop," and W. M. Smith's, "Sir Anthony Absolute," are all highly commendable. Yet T. Shearer as "Sir Lucius O'Trigger," and J. Huxstep as "Bob Acres," acted their parts excellently. The School Art and Crafts Society made some fine sets, and their lighting was very effective; the production was smooth and speedy. Interval music was supplied by the School orchestra, and altogether the performance was most enjoyable.

School Football.

This season the School had a particularly young and rather light team. After Christmas it suffered through the loss of Carey, Swaine and Elphick, but members taking their places showed their desire to remedy the loss. For the First time fixtures were made with Eastbourne and Ashford Grammar Schools. Both Schools are much larger than ours, and the results were quite satisfactory. The total number of games played was ten, of which the School won three, lost six and drew one. Generally the standard of play was quite good though the defence was possibly a little stronger than the attack. Football colours were awarded to R. Burnett and E. Francis.

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An article for the School Magazine? Surely not an unexpected request, but one which every Old Scholar ought to be prepared to meet. And, on re-visiting Rye, I came more than prepared to hear this age-old plea for a contribution, however small, which might, or might not, be gratefully accepted. Not being educated up to Higher School Certificate standards, I find it difficult, even insolent, to write words worthy of being read by pupils of the School and their betters. Let this suffice for an introduction to, and an excuse for, all that follows.

The appearance of the School's grounds is vastly different from that which greeted me on turning up for my first day's schooling at Rye. I remember enquiring timidly the way to the School and following a burly (or so it seemed to me) IV Former to the Headmaster's study, after negotiating tennis courts and cricket nets on the journey. Now what is there. . . . ?

On entering the School precincts again, one is impressed by the walls of wire-netting which now surround the tennis courts, giving the grounds what one might call a "Whipsnadian" effect. I will say no more about that here, except that the amount of running about after tennis balls must be drastically reduced. How does one practice for Sports Day now, then?

The new internal decoration of the ground floor rooms of the School building itself also is striking. No doubt the fresh colour scheme will stimulate the minds of pupils, and a higher work output by all will result. Might one express the thought that the grey paint is rather lugubrious, and apparently lessens the internal illumination of the corridors, etc. One notes, too, that the Oxford influence is predominant on the lower surfaces of the walls. However that may be, one feels a complete stranger in old and, what should be, cherished surroundings. Only the individual welcomes of the Staff stimulate memories of bygone days—unless that old mirror on its bit of string in the boys' lobby does! Why doesn't someone . . . but what is the use? It would never get past the School Committee

Having transferred my allegiance to an alma mater far worse furnished in places than the pre-Crisis School, I find the innovations perhaps more striking than do my contemporaries who still remain at school. I will say no more for fear of saying too much, but perhaps you can see by the title how I felt when I left.

P. Grummitt.

Stamp Society.

The society has continued its good work during the current year. An interesting programme was arranged in the Christmas term. Several instructive talks were given and competitions attracted a good number of entries. At this stage the society had 14 members.

Meetings continued to be held throughout the Spring Term. There was a large number of entries for a jungle animal stamp competition and some good designs were exhibited. A film show was made open to the School, the films "Toronto" and "Canada's Fishing Industry" were loaned by the G.P.O. film library.

It was decided at the last meeting to adjourn the society until the Autumn term.

J. Ford.

Cross Country Running.

The Senior Cross Country Run took place on 5th April, and was won by E. N. Francis (S) in 32 minutes 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ seconds; R. Cowper (P) was second and A. Smith (M) was third. The ground was badly water-logged, which made heavy going and a slow race.

The Senior competition was won by Saunders, with Peacocke second and Meryon third.

The Junior run was won by S. Vincett (M) in 23 minutes 32 seconds; Peecham (P) was second and Webb (M) was third. The Junior competition was won by Meryon, with Peacocke second and Saunders third.—E.N.F.

Forms V and VL—School Visit.

We left Rye at 9.30 a.m., on 9th July, for an architectural tour of the surrounding district. We first visited Winchelsea church where the Vicar met us and told us the history of the town and of the churches, and pointed out interesting things in the present church. It is only the choir of the original church, and the stained glass windows are all modern except one Victorian.

After Winchelsea, we visited the Norman church of Icklesham. It soon became noticeable how extremely adept the "non-architects" of the Form became at finding the vestries of all the churches. Evidently they found the style of architecture very interesting to their untutored minds.

We proceeded via Westfield to Brede church, which is a fine example of Early English Architecture. We then went through Tenterden to Smallhythe and visited the interesting cottage of Dame Ellen Terry, the actress. Her bedroom is still exactly as she left it after her last illness. We were shown the dresses and other "props" that she used in her plays. Behind the cottage we visited a barn which has been turned into a theatre, and in which Shakespeare is said to have played. We then returned to Tenterden and after visiting the church, had our lunch.

After lunch, we went to the Early English church at Woodchurch, and from there continued through Bilsington to the small Norman church of Ruckinge which has suffered from the death-watch beetle. Perhaps this was the cause of the overpowering musty smell. At Hythe, after studying with interest the Decorated style of architecture, we found our way to the crypt. This contains hundreds of skulls and bones which were dug from the graveyard centuries ago.

From Hythe, we proceeded to Dymchurch where, to the great pleasure of both parties, we joined forces with the Fourth Form for tea. Our last visit was to New Romney, an interesting Norman church, and we arrived back in Rye about 6 o'clock. The Fifth Forms very much appreciate all that Miss Tunstall and Mr. Belton did to make the tour a success.—J.H. and T.S.

Hockey.

This has been a very disappointing season for the hockey team. We had seven new players in the team and all the old colours had left. Rain stopped a number of practices but we were able to get in a few games on Saturday morning although we lost rather badly against Charter's Towers, we were pleased to be able to play a new team. At the Sussex Schools Championships at Bexhill we were unfortunate in having two of our regular players absent and were put in a much higher section than last year, so that although the team played hard, we lost all our games. The team played well in all the matches and with more practice should be quite successful next year.

Colours were awarded to W. Allen, A. Eastwood, N. Wyborn and V. Vincett.—W. Allen.

Tennis Report (Girls).

Four out of the six members of the team were new this year. They played, however, very steadily and although the results were not too encouraging, the standard of play was good.

We lost once and won once against the Hastings High School; the match against Charter's Towers had to be postponed on account of bad weather and we lost to Bexhill County School. In the match against the boys tennis six, the team was defeated by 60 to 39 games.

The tennis among the lower forms promises well for the future.

Colours were awarded to N. H. Baker and D. I. Jones.—N.H.B.

Cricket—Season 1939.

Results—Played 10; won 2, drawn 1 and lost 7.

Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Result
May 18	Eastbourne G.S.	235-7de.	Rye G.S.	28-5	Drawn
May 20	Rye G.S.	81	Bethany House	27	Won
June 3	Rye G.S.	67-7	Bexhill C.S.	64	Won
June 7	Rye G.S.	68	Old Scholars	106	Lost
June 14	Rye G.S.	88	Ashford G.S.	152-8de.	Lost
June 21	Bexhill C.S.	74	Rye G.S.	65	Lost
June 24	Hastings G.S.	110	Rye G.S.	39	Lost
July 1	Rye G.S.	67	Eastbourne G.S.	70-3	Lost
July 5	Bethany House	101	Rye G.S.	49	Lost
July 8	Rye G.S.	53	Hastings G.S.	77	Lost

The School did not have a very successful season this year, winning only 2 matches out of 10, and drawing 1. The standard of last year was maintained in the win over Bexhill, although the general standard was below expectations. No exceptional scores were made, although the bowling was very consistent. The fielding on the whole was good, the standard of catching being much higher. In spite of this year's poor season, hopes for next year are fairly high, as some of the younger members of the team were very promising.

Colours were renewed to Shearcroft and awarded to Smith, A. and Burnett.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
1 Shearcroft, R. M.	10	1	206	42	22'89
2 Burnett, R. G.	10	1	69	25*	7'67
3 Huxstep, J. R.	9	0	52	14	5'78
4 Shearer, P. G.	10	2	41	14	5'16
5 Smith, A. F.	10	1	45	14	5'00
6 Ashdown, G.	6	3	15	6*	5'00
7 Breeze, F.	9	1	35	10*	4'38
8 Shearer, J. J.	10	3	23	8	3'29
9 Mewse, J.	10	0	29	11	2'90
10 Hepworth, I.	4	0	8	4	2'00
11 Shearer, T. H.	9	1	14	4	1'75
12 Offen, L.	4	1	3	2	1'00
13 Skinner, P.	3	0	3	2	1'00
Totals	102	14	543	—	6'17

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
1 Skinner, P.	1'3	—	6	4	1'50
2 Offen, L.	18'0	5	45	6	7'50
3 Ashdown, G.	16'4	—	74	7	10'57
4 Smith, A. F.	130'2	29	349	32	10'91
5 Breeze, F.	28'3	7	99	8	12'38
6 Shearcroft, R. M.	17'00	3	67	5	13'40
7 Burnett, R. G.	99'2	19	333	21	15'81

CATCHES.

Position.	Name.	Number.	Position.	Name.	Number.
1	Smith, A. F.	5			
2	{ Breeze, F.	3	7	{ Ashdown, G.	1
	{ Shearer, J. J.	3		{ Hepworth, P.	1
	{ Shearcroft, R. M.	3		{ Offen, L.	1
	{ Burnett, R. G.	2		{ Shearer, T. H.	1
5	{ Shearer, P. G.	2			

WICKET-KEEPING.

J. Huxstep—caught 7; R. M. Shearcroft—stumped 1.

Fourth Form Visits Day.

On the 7th of July, the Fourth Form visited Canterbury for the annual School visit. We set out from Rye early and journeyed through picturesque Kent country-side arriving at Canterbury one-and-a-half-hours later. We set out on foot for the Cathedral which we entered by the South door. The first thing that impressed me, was the height of the perpendicular arches which towered above us.

We saw the tombs of many famous people such as the Black Prince. A guide showed us the spot where Thomas à Becket was cruelly beaten and killed. He then took us into the crypt. Here we saw some good examples of Norman architecture, especially the pillars which were beautifully carved. These carvings were done with only a blunt axe as a tool. In the cloisters we saw some very fine carvings and figure-heads on the arches.

We left Canterbury at about half-past three, and travelled back through Hythe to Dymchurch, where we were given half-an-hour to enjoy ourselves. We arrived at Rye about a quarter to six.—L. Offen.

Empire Day.

This occasion was celebrated by a special Empire Day Service, in which the hymn "Jerusalem" was sung. The headmaster who addressed the School, spoke of the importance of the visit of the King and Queen to Canada, in that it was the first time that such a thing had occurred in the history of the British Empire. "Although the Dominions are independent nations," he said, "their ties with the Mother Country remain unbroken. Such a form of empire is unique; it is, in fact, a sort of minor League of Nations, setting an example to the rest of the world." He expressed his faith in the principles of the League of Nations, although a cloud seemed to be hanging over it. The rule of law, not of force, was what was necessary in the world. The Empire Day Message stressed the responsibilities as well as the privileges of each individual, and stated that service towards the Empire was the most necessary factor to be strived after by the coming generation. In order to return to peace and sanity, the world would have to return to the principles of the League of Nations.

Guide Notes.

This year, B. Ridler and N. Wyborn were made Acting-Lieutenants and K. Breeze, the Scribe. Our first Field Day was held on 30th September, when several Guides passed their First Class Hike. On 21st October, a very successful Social was held with the help of the Scouts. At Christmas, ten stockings were filled for poor children. A Guide Party was held on 21st January which was a great success, the Leaders, Seconds and Guides in the district being invited. On 24th March, another Field Day was enjoyed by all. The Division Competition was held at Wadhurst this year on 3rd June, when the Company came first in the District and fourth in the Division. A Company Inspection followed on 23rd June for the District Competition, in which the Company tied for first place with the 1st Iden Company. We had to say "Good-bye" to J. Tutt and K. Breeze during the year, but were pleased to enrol P. James, J. Terry, V. Dawson, D. Stonestreet, H. Mills, C. Cade and M. Samaden as new Guides. 49 badges were gained during the year including D. Finch who has gained her 1st Class Badge.—B. Ridler.

IIIa School Visit to Dover.

We started for Dover at half-past nine on Friday morning. The drive was an interesting one, and after passing through Brookland, where there is a very quaint church, Hythe, Folkestone and other places, we arrived at Dover, and visited, first, the castle. This is built on top of the cliff, and on a fine day, the coast of France can easily be seen. It was originally built by the Romans, but it has additions such as the keep, which are Norman. There is a moat round the outer wall, and there are several towers and gateways by which the castle can be entered. Before anything else, we visited the keep, which contains several things that have only recently been discovered. One of these is a well which is four hundred and thirty feet deep, while the walls vary from sixteen to twenty-one feet in thickness; also there are many small rooms actually built in the walls. Most of the windows are just slits and have steps leading up to them, made for the archers to walk up.

From the keep, we went to see the church—St. Mary-in-the-Castle—which is very beautiful indeed, and very interesting.

The walls inside are practically covered with coloured tiles, and scratched in one place, are three circles which overlap one another. This proves that pilgrims visited the church on their way to Canterbury, as they always left this sign.

The Pharos, or light-house, is close to the church which is Roman, only the walls remaining. We then went to see the Underground work, where the soldiers used to pour boiling oil and water on to their enemies. After we had seen this, we ate our lunch, and in the afternoon visited the Municipal Buildings. The Town Hall has many beautiful paintings and stained glass windows. From there, we went to see the college, the chapel of which is quite small, but very interesting, and some of the pews were made by boys in the college.

We then took a bus to the Admiralty Pier which extends for two miles into the sea, and afterwards returned home. We arrived at Rye at about half-past five, and, although it had rained nearly all day, we all enjoyed the trip very much.—S. Killick.

A Pleasant Geography Lesson.

This was experienced by G. H. Hodson, whose holiday cruise took him from Southampton to Rhodes, Athens and Malta.

He writes—"On July 8th, I went on board the P. and O. liner *Stratheden* at Southampton. Leaving the quay-side at 4 p.m., we soon passed the new *Mauretania* which had just returned from her maiden voyage to America, and after proceeding down the Solent, dropped our pilot off the Needles at 6 p.m., and headed down the Channel with a week's journey before us. Our first port of call was Rhodes, the largest of the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean Sea, and Italian territory since the close of the Italo-Turkish War in 1912.

Tuesday 11th. Passed C. de Gata (E. of Almeria, Spain), and 4 Italian submarines to whom we "dipped" our ensigns in salute.

Wednesday 12th. Clocks were advanced 20 minutes at 2 a.m. and similar advances on 13th and 14th.

Thursday 13th. Passed Pantellaria Island (Musso's Malta) at 9.30 a.m. One can quite understand Musso's wish to have Tunis, as a line from Sicily to Pantellaria and Tunis, would effectively cut the Mediterranean in half, although there is a

good deal more "room" between these points than appears on small maps.

Our excursion at Rhodes, where we arrived on Saturday 15th, was somewhat curtailed as manœuvres in progress prevented us from visiting a town named Camiro to view some ancient ruins, so we "carried on" to a picnic lunch on the top of Mount Filereme, from which the mainland of Austolia (Asia Minor) could be plainly seen. On this hill (only 800-ft. high) is a restored church of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who ruled in Rhodes from 1308 to 1523. Returning to the town of Rhodes, we visited the "Street of the Knights," in, or near which, are situated the "auberges" of the various branches of the order--Spain, France, Castille, Provence, Italy and England. Thence to the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in which are memorials to Knights of different nationalities. In a museum here, is a wonderful statue of Venus, which, though very small, is most beautifully executed, and the lady has, fortunately, retained all her limbs without amputations!

The Colossus of Rhodes, which used to span the entrance to the harbour was overthrown by an earthquake in 224 B.C., and is now replaced by two pillars surmounted with a wolf and a stag in bronze, one on either side. The most striking thing at Rhodes was the noise made by the cicadas in the trees and grass. At 5 p.m. we left for Athens, 257 miles away. I should imagine the navigation from Rhodes to Athens required considerable care as there are scores of little islands to pass, and very few lighthouses.

Sunday 16th. Arrived in Phaleron Bay and anchored off Piraeus from whence we left in cars for Athens, a run of 20 minutes. Here we visited Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Jupiter, the Stadium where the Olympic Games were revived in 1906, Mars Hill (which must have been a splendid open-air pulpit for St. Paul), and the Accropolis. Our guide spoke excellent English and helped us to realize the majesty and beauty of these wonderful buildings, and the history attached to them. Lunching at an hotel in Athens, the orchestra regaled us with selections of English music, and in the afternoon we motored to Eleusis on Salamis Bay, calling on the way at the Grove of Daphni. We eventually returned to the ship about 5 p.m. after a tiring but very interesting day. In the evening I spent some time ashore

walking round Piraeus and incidentally lost myself for some time! The fact that the Accropolis was floodlit in honour of our visit helped to restore my sense of direction.

Monday 17th. Sailing from Athens at 2 a.m., we again reached C. Matapan and bade farewell to Greece. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes this morning and will be again to-morrow morning.

Tuesday 18th. Entered Grand Harbour, Valetta. The island of Malta, occupying a strategic position in the Mediterranean, has always been a "bone of contention." Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs and Turks have owned it at various times, until it was granted to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem when they were expelled from Rhodes in 1530. Five years later, they resisted a long siege by the Turks. Captured by Napoleon in 1798 and re-captured by Nelson, it has remained under British rule since that date. An interesting sight was watching the navvies drawing wheat from a large underground wheat store, like drawing water from a well. We left Valetta at 1 p.m., homeward bound.

Sunday 23rd. First sight of land at 9.30 a.m., and picked up Pilot at 10.45. Docked at 1.15 p.m. Thus ends a most enjoyable holiday in which I had travelled 5,688 miles, and in which I had seen the marvellous works of God in the beauty of sea and land, and the wonderful works of man in the marvels of the Accropolis and other ancient monuments."

Visit to Dungeness and Dymchurch.

On 7th July, Form II escorted by Mr. Broome and Miss Letcher, jogged along in a Skinner's bus to Brookland church. Here, as one small scholar says, "Mr. Broome told us as much as he knew." Several halts were made on the way to Dymchurch to study the contours of Romney Marshes, which were unfortunately obscured by mist and rain.

At Dymchurch the boys made a bee-line for the fun-fair, and after lunch they played the girls in a cricket match on the sands. Much controversy exists on the final score, but as the same small boy says, "we didn't want to lick them too much, so we batted left-handed."

Arriving at Dungeness, Mr. Broome with superb optimism declared the lighthouse to be only a short distance away. Bent

double they at last reached it, and general wonder was expressed at the magnificent view. With their newly-gained wealth of knowledge, the scholars then returned to Rye, after an instructive and enjoyable day.

Form IIIB School Visit.

The long awaited Visits Day arrived and the members of IIIB, in raincoats, made their way towards the bus parked in Rope Walk. At 9.30 a.m. we were off, but owing to the rain, the scenery did not look its best.

Bodiam Castle was reached at 10.15, and it was raining quite hard as we made our way up the sloping path. The castle, built of grey stone was surrounded by a moat almost covered with water lilies. We were told the history of the castle and were shown the chapel and kitchens. We climbed to the top of one tower and in one room saw a well thirty feet deep; when told this some one asked where Warne was. After the museum had been visited, the party returned to the bus, and was driven to Battle Abbey.

We were shown over most of the Abbey, and the place where Harold fell, in the Battle of Senlac was pointed out. As one old guide used to say, "Harold looked hup, received a harrow in 'is heye and collapsed." Lunch was taken at Battle and many bought fruit in the town.

At length we set off for Pevensey, arriving at about a quarter to three. A guide here told us many interesting things and showed us a dungeon where a lamp was burning. In the grass court-yard there was a well, and huge stone balls which had been used with big slings for shooting over the walls when fighting in a battle. From Pevensey we returned home.—Mary Kerr.

R.G.S. Model Aeroplane Club, 1938-39.

A model aeroplane club was formed at the beginning of the School year, and a large number of model builders was attracted. During the first few weeks of the Autumn Term, flying meetings were held in the evenings but bad light prevented further activities outside. In December, a lantern lecture on "Civil Aviation" was given with slides loaned by the Air League.

During the Winter months, members were engaged in building models in preparation for the exhibition held in January. A large number of models was displayed, and competition models were judged by Mr. Hewitt. Mrs. J. Moore presented the prizes to the winners as follows: Duration record, J. Green; Scale flying models, J. Moore; Solid scale models, R. Burnett. The exhibition was followed by a film show of G.P.O. and Imperial Airways films, the projector being loaned from Mr. Barnden. The proceeds of the exhibition were added to the Tercentenary Fund. At a meeting following the exhibition, Mr. Finch, a well-known Rye Aero-modelist, gave an illustrated talk on Model Aircraft Construction and members were able to inspect some skilfully built models.

A social evening was held in March, and a fair attendance augmented the Club's funds. In May, a visit was made to Hawkinge aerodrome to see the Empire Air Day Display; non-members were invited to the visit.

It is hoped that new members will be enrolled this year to enjoy not only a useful indoor hobby, but also outdoor flying meetings.

J. Ford, who is to be congratulated on winning a prize in the Air League Competition.

The Expedition to Fairlight.

Upon a sunny summery morning, sometime in June, a cloud of dust swiftly moving along the Pett road might have been identified, upon close observation, as the VI Form Biology class, feverishly pedalling towards Fairlight where they intended (?) to make a survey of Marine Biology. Arrived at an ice-cream shop, Mr. Stott very kindly treated us all to an ice, and then, having added sundry refreshments to our already too cumbersome paraphernalia of jars and nets, we finally arrived at our destination having crawled through jungle-like undergrowth plus nettles. The tide being high we proceeded to restore the blood sugars and revive fatigued muscular tissues with lunch. Meanwhile the tide was obligingly receding, so, with trousers rolled up bravely, or skirts held up modestly (Mr. Stott favoured wellingtons) we took to the water, where splashings, slippings and shoutings indicated great activity, and occasionally heralded the discovery of an interesting specimen. At 4 o'clock, Mr.

Stott wearied by his labours with fungus, gammarus and his plankton net, retired to the cliffs for tea, carefully calculating the calorific value of his ginger beer in case of an enforced stay, which seemed quite likely, as large portions of cliff began to fall around us. Mr. Stott transferred to safer quarters, but, unable to resist the temptation, he soon returned to help the boys knock down more of the cliff. This strenuous pastime quickly tired the male members of the party, so we once more took to the rocks. As the tide was now out, we noted the beach zoning, and found many specimens, but greatly to our disappointment, failed to find the sea-lemon Doris ("From the Greek you know"—Mr. Stott). At length, with specimen bottles half-full of marine Flora and fauna, we returned for our bikes and refreshments. Battling with a head-on gale all the way home, great anxiety was felt for Mr. Stott, who seemed in imminent danger of "taking off," due to his plankton net and the aeronautical atmosphere which now surrounds him.—P. Green VI.

Results of House Competitions.

Work and Merit Shield. The points were as follows: 1st, Meryon 205½ points; 2nd, Saunders 201 points; 3rd, Peacocke 169 points. The SHIELD is thus won by Meryon.

Football—1, Meryon; 2, Saunders; 3, Peacocke.

Cricket—1, Meryon; 2, Saunders; 3, Peacocke.

Athletics—1, Saunders; 2, Meryon; 3, Peacocke.

Tennis—1, Saunders; 2, Meryon; 3, Peacocke.

Hockey—1, Saunders; Meryon and Peacocke tie.

Netball—1, Saunders; 2, Meryon; 3, Peacocke.

Swimming—1, Saunders; 2, Meryon; 3, Peacocke.

Cross Country Running—1, Meryon; 2, Peacocke; 3, Saunders.

Boys' Gymnasium—1, Saunders; 2, Meryon; 3, Peacocke.

Girls' Gymnasium—1, Peacocke; 2, Saunders; 3, Meryon.

Saunders thus wins the HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD.

Old Scholars' Association.

The Old Scholars' Association is in a very healthy state. The number of subscribing members is larger, the London section is now well established and is a very valuable addition to the activities of the Association, while the News-Bulletin helps members

living away from the district to keep in touch with the doings of old friends. There has again been tennis at School this Summer, but the football section is understood to have finished, and the team running as Rye Old Grammarians will not entirely consist of Old Boys. The reunions in January and on Easter Saturday were well attended, particularly the latter.

News of Old Scholars.

P. Allen (1936) has recently obtained 1st Class Honours in his final degree examination at Reading University, and has been awarded a research scholarship.

A. Almond (1929) was recently married at Wittersham.

D. A. Breeds (1937) has completed his course at Winchester Training College, where he obtained his cricket colours, and has secured a job with the East Sussex Education Authority.

W. Bullett (1939) has passed the Civil Service Examination and will be going to London shortly.

J. S. Carey (1938) has recently been home on sick leave from the Royal Air Force.

F. M. Crisford, like J. S. Carey and Gordon Hickman, won a runners-up medal with Icklesham Casuals in the Hastings Minor Football Cup.

Ann Hubbard (1938) is working in the Rye Showroom of Hastings Electricity Department.

Ruth Hinde (1937) has completed her Teacher's Training at Brighton and has obtained a job.

Joan Morgan (1938) is at Avery Hill Training College, Eltham.

A. Martin (1938) is with Caffyns Ltd., the motor distributors.

Olive Phillips (1935) is now teaching at the Rye Junior School.

T. Phillips (1931) has just returned from Malta where he has been in the Accounts section of the R.A.F.

P. Grummitt (1938) is doing extremely well at Guy's Hospital, where he is studying dentistry.

A. E. Swaine (1938) has joined the Metropolitan Police, and is stationed at Bexley Heath.

J. Richards passed the Civil Service Examination and is at Lewes in the Tax Inspector's office.

Congratulations to H. Cheesman (1932) to whom has been awarded the Andrew Lloyd Award, for landscape-painting, at the Royal College of Art. This is the highest compliment that can be paid to a student, and is the most coveted award. He has now obtained a post as an art master.

Form II School Visits.

On Friday morn early out we set,
Thirty-one of us, I'll bet ;
On Skinners' bus we jogged along,
Shouting, shrieking, full of song.

Arriving at Brookland we alighted,
Some of us noisy and some excited ;
Into the church we entered next,
Not to study book or text ;
After learning about the church.
The driver then resumed his perch.

The girls played cricket 'gainst the boys,
The bat was bought from a shop of toys ;
The girls then won by only one,
The boys, disgusted, were undone.
Again we entered in the bus,
Thirty-one in all of us.

The lighthouse stood there, tall and thin,
In single file we all went in ;
Up and up, without a stop
At last, at last, we reached the top.
Then upon the view we gazed,
Silent, standing all amazed.

Inside the bus again we sat,
The rain on the roof went pit-a-pat,
Soon we entered into Rye,
Alighting with a heart-felt sigh.

C. Cade, Form II.

Detention.

While boys outside are hard at play,
All thoughts of lessons far away,
I sit and think how best to state
The reason why I'm home so late.

My restless eyes roam round and round ;
They scan the ceiling and the ground ;
They read the blackboard o'er and o'er,
And longingly regard the door.

I count the pictures on the wall,
And listen for my playmate's call,
I count the ink-wells row by row,
And wonder when he'll let me go.

My teacher sits upon his chair ;
As I sit here, so he sits there ;
And I feel glad to think it true
That teacher keeps himself in too !

P. Abbott.

Down by the Pool.

Oft when I am fishing
By a wide, deep pool,
The cows and calves come down
To drink the water cool.

The fishes dart and swim
Out of danger's way,
The water rat goes scurrying
Into the fresh-cut hay.

I hear the mower clatter,
As sun-tanned men in vain,
Try to finish mowing
Before it starts to rain.

The river slashes angrily
At stubborn roots of trees,
The water rat comes back again
And looks quite ill at ease.

P. Shearer.

Commentary the First Concerning R.G.S.

During the consulship of Mr. Jacobs, the School was divided into three parts, of which the first part being Red, in the command of E. Turner and E. Pigrome ; the second part being Green under the influence of J. Broome and M. Turnstall ; the third

part being Yellow under the leadership of N. Seed and F. Stott —(The which that, horrible to relate, to be about to leave for foreign parts.)

These three parts (the which having been mentioned above) were wont to strive in amicable combat, the one with the other, for this reason, that goblets and shields were to be won by those of highest valour. Not only do they engage in battle of this kind, but also both the unmarried maidens, and fair youths wage hostilities against foreign tribes, to augment the honour and glory of their native domain.

It to be the custom that unhappy delinquents to be brought before the dire consul, therewith to sustain such judgment as is found on all sides to be meet. And if they wished him to hold them guiltless, and likewise himself to be willing to receive the submission of them, they ought to escape unscathed, but the gods being adverse, a worse fate to befall, and exemplary torture to have been inflicted at the earliest possible moment.

This speech having been delivered, we, Neoptolemus, Sinon, and Dido to be about to depart.

Speed ?

"Speed, my lad, is what I crave,
And speed is what I get
Out of this bike of mine, my lad,
Can't find its equal yet."

So said a Sixth Form boy to me,
I looked with staring eyes
Upon his so-called motor-bike,
I said, "Of course it flies?"

"No sauce, old chap," my elder said,
No cheek from you, old boy,
This bike is good and goes real fine,
Although it looks a toy!"

"A toy, my hat," was my reply,
A toy at least looks clean,
And doesn't leave a patch of oil,
Upon each place it's been!"

So, friend, take my advice,
Go, get yourself a car;
It's warm, it's snug, it's dry, it's safe
And cleaner, too, by far.

One word more, before I close,
That bike of yours, old chap,
Why not help your country's need?
You'll get good price for scrap."

A Lesson (Dedicated to Rye Grammarians).

"England expects each man to do his duty!"
So said Lord Nelson very long ago.
Do we fulfil our country's expectations
By doing good in every way we know?
If only we could realize the meaning
Behind those words, and really do our best
To live our lives by helping one another,
Regardless of the toil: be self-possessed.
All men who serve their motherland are faithful;
A helpful, loving child makes many a friend
Ev'ryone should pull his weight; and he who
"Hits a man who's down," his ways should mend.
Sir Walter Raleigh's chivalry was famous,
So was Sir Roger's in those essays grand!
Keep ancient heroes in your mind while working—
Hold up the spirit of our motherland!
E'en good deeds carried out inside the schoolroom
Hold a significance which seems quite small;
But the spirit's there, so's the intention,
And that is what God wants from one and all!
Peggy Dengate.

The Thistle.

I am a soldier of the field,
All armed with swords and spears,
Beware of weapons which I wield
Unless you look for tears.

The prickles of my leaves and stem
Can stab as needles do,
But if you never touch them
They'll do no harm to you.

But presently, my purple crown,
Which looks so brave to-day
Shall turn to softest thistle-down
And lightly float away.

F. Breeze.

Seen on the English Blackboard.

November 17, 1938.

King Arthur's Last Speech from Morte D' Arthur :

oo—ah—aw—ee—er.