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EDITORIAL

After two years of evacuation it is appropriate to look back, and, reflecting on the mistakes and errors committed during that period, to determine to do better in the future. It is even more appropriate to consider how we were guided, checked and corrected in those past months, and by whom. The staffs of most schools are incessantly railed upon for their shortcomings and only occasionally given recognition for their many sacrifices and kindnesses. The Editors think that the time has come, at least in this School, to bestow, in all respect, some sincere eulogy upon the Staff for their contribution toward the alleviating of the difficulties of evacuation.

Have you ever considered the position of the Staff? We know that you are apt to consider them as immune from the hardships and heartaches of evacuation, but in reality they share them equally with you. They, too, have been uprooted from their homes and they, too, in the main, are forced to live in somebody else's house; and besides incurring these customary reverses of evacuation, what are their positive achievements for you? Surely you must have noticed and appreciated them by now; the friendly enquiry after health and billet, the note of comradeship so often struck, and the voluntary supervision of Saturday night and other activities. If you consider for a moment you will, we are sure, realise the meritorious worth of your Staff and all join in promising them your fullest confidence and your ablest backing.

And to particularize, study the record of the Headmaster and the Senior Mistress—a record full of self-sacrifice and service. Have you never felt a warmth for those two people with such difficult tasks—two people who between them know the troubles and anxieties of every boy and girl in the School? You will each admit that, at some time or another, you have had reason to apply to Mr. Jacobs or Miss Turner for advice, and that almost invariably you have retraced your steps with a cheered heart and a lighter frame of mind. Even if at Rye you would have left School with a large debt of gratitude to them, but the debt you already owe them is incalculable and impossible to repay fully. As Senior scholars we can assure you that under the diligent care of the Headmaster and the Senior Mistress you need never to fear, worry or despair. Indeed, you may comfort yourself with the reflection that the quality of their service could not be surpassed.

THE EDITORS.

OBITER DICTA

We wish to register the School's joy on hearing of the steady progress of Miss Tunstall and the urgent desire of all to have her amongst us once more.

The School is very pleased to welcome Miss Macklen to the Staff and hopes that her stay in the School will be happy and successful.

School dinners have now started and are proving a boon to foster-parents and scholars alike.

J. S. L. Pulford has been made School Captain and the following are the new prefects: Colvin, Fellows, Pollard, Jean Austen, Helen Metianu, Eileen Munday (acting Senior Girl prefect), Dawson, Rosalie Green, Joan Hoad and Jean Pope. It may be added that the four latter pupils are in the Fifth Form, and their selection constitutes an unusual proceeding.

We congratulate Colvin and Fellows on being appointed Sergeant and Corporal respectively in the A.T.C.

Four Scouts of the School Troop are to be congratulated on passing, with a high standard, their test for the Ambulance Man's badge. They are Troop-Leader Jury, Patrol Leaders Fuggle and Simpson, and Scout Saunders.

HISTORY OF THE EVACUATION

Although this term has been long, it has not yielded the amount of history expected. However, it has surpassed other terms in the amount and variety of entertainment produced. An interesting task is to try to register the effects of the almost weekly socials and dances, for some people are doubtful as to the wisdom of such "play"—does it tend to make work deteriorate or does it act as a spur to scholastic efforts?

However, to turn to the activities themselves, some real progress has been achieved in the amount of initiative and originality shown

by different groups in the School. For example, the Rangers organised a "Progressive Games" evening, which, as a welcome change for most people from the rather moribund dances, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. If any of my readers are mystified by the title, I will explain. Two partners (boy and girl) are each given a card upon which is written their score at each game or competition. The first game might be that of throwing celluloid balls into iron buckets which almost invariably expel them with a tinny chuckle. The partners then compete in the other games, arranged in a circle round the room, and perhaps finish by sticking an enormous number of pins into a potato with the compulsory aid of a pair of scissors.

The success of the Whist Drive on Saturday, December 12th, was not to be wondered at considering the former achievements of the School Scout Troop. It is a fine thing to be able to think, when a new Scout project is rumoured, that "it will certainly be a success," for all of the present Scouts were enrolled only two years ago. Let us hope that the Scouts will keep up their fine record of enthusiasm and innovation.

During the term all the boys from IIIA upwards attended a lecture given by a Major from the famous 51st Highland Division, at Owen's School. After dealing with the nature of "panzer attack," the Major went on to answer questions, especially emphasizing the fact that the advantages in the Army resulting from a proficiency in mathematics were "terrific." Perhaps the School is not militaristic enough, but most of the boys appeared not to appreciate the lecture.

As a well-deserved (?) treat the whole School was taken to see the film "Mrs. Miniver" on Monday, November 23rd, and naturally appreciated this relaxation from their hard work in School.

To ascend from such pastimes into the realm of civics, it is pleasing to announce that a School Committee has at last been reborn. Last Term a Games Committee was constituted, but that has now become a sub-committee under the School Committee. Separate games such as hockey and football will now become sub-committees of the Games Sub-Committee. The composition of the Committee is as follows: the School Captains and Prefects, the School Games Captains, the House Captains, four members from the Senior School, six members from the Middle School and three members from the Junior School.

The system of representation is thus based upon both House and Form. It is hoped that the Headmaster and the Senior Mistress will become the members of Staff needed on the Committee. A meeting will take place in the first week of next term and another probably after half-term. As an institution I hope the School Committee will be respected and appreciated by all scholars, and it is up to them to come forward with suggestions and ideas in order to make it a really representative and living organism in the School.

J.S.L.P.

HOUSE NOTES

PEACOCKE HOUSE

House Master : MR. MORGAN.

House Mistress : MISS LETCHER.

Boys' Captain : T. R. COWPER.

Girls' Captain : HELEN METIANU.

Prefects : JEAN AUSTEN, JOAN HOAD, JEAN POPE,
P. J. MEAD.

As is usual at the end of the Autumn Term, the majority of House competitions are only half-completed, making it impossible to make any definite statement about them.

The Senior boys have not been very successful in the football competition, occupying third position as they did last season. Both matches *versus* Sanders and Meryon were keenly contested and not walkovers as most of us expected. Fuggle, Douglas and Gutsell combined well on the right wing and deserved special congratulation.

The Junior boys were more successful and are, at present, sharing first place with Sanders. Morris and Chappell have played well and have been the mainstay of the team.

The House hockey eleven have played well, losing to Sanders and beating Meryon, and now occupy second position in the hockey competition. Helen Metianu and Joan Hoad are reliable players, while Julia Smith is very safe in goal.

In the Work and Merit Competition our standard has deteriorated. The members of the Fourth Form have remained true to precedent and serve as an example to the other forms of the House. Detentions and black marks are obtained far too frequently by a few members of the House. At the close of term, Meryon are first with 76 points, while Peacocke and Sanders are equal with 67 points.

Contributions to charity have been maintained at a high level throughout the term, the sum of thirty shillings being realised. This is to be sent to the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

At the end of term we had a very enjoyable party, which included a tea consisting of such delicacies as jellies and blanc-manges. Even though the jellies were made by a member of the House it did not prevent us from enjoying the entertainment which followed.

Next term will see the completion of many House competitions and we hope to have some good results.

We will be sorry to lose one of our prefects, Jean Austen, who has been a steady worker for the House. T.R.C.

SANDERS HOUSE

House Master : MR. DOUGLAS.

House Mistress : MISS SEED.

Boys' Captain : E. A. FELLOWS.

Girls' Captain : M. SAMADEN.

Prefects : R. GREEN, E. MUNDAY, E. A. FELLOWS,
M. S. LANSKY, T. G. H. POLLARD, J. S. L.
PULFORD.

This term's House meetings have been more interesting, but there is still room for improvement and any suggestions to this end will be very welcome. The collections have been quite substantial, and we have in hand a good sum to be sent to the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

The House has been very successful in games this term. The Senior girl's hockey team has defeated both Meryon and Peacocke, and Eileen Munday, Stephanie Gain and Barbara Catt are to be congratulated on their fine play throughout the matches. The Senior boys won matches against both Meryon and Peacocke, while the Juniors beat Meryon and drew with Peacocke. No Junior hockey matches have taken place, but if they do it is hoped that the Juniors will follow the example set by the Seniors.

The standard of work has not been so high as that set in games, for, except in Forms IIIB and II, we have not taken first place in work or merit. Something must be done about this if we wish to obtain the Work and Merit Shield. As this is only the first term we still have time to "pull our socks up" (as it was expressed by the Boys' Captain at the last House meeting) and carry off the Shield.

Daphne Caister and Barbara Catt should be especially congratulated on their high standard of work which has put their forms first in both work and merit. Will the Senior and Middle Schools please note that these are both in the Junior School. We have shown them what we can do in games so let us see to it that we follow their example in work. P.I.M.W.

MERYON HOUSE

House Master : MR. BROOME.

House Mistress : MISS MACKLEN.

Boys' Captain : C. WEBB.

Girls' Captain : DAPHNE BREEDS.

Prefects : W. COLVIN, B. DAWSON.

This term has not been an eventful one for Meryon, and consequently not much House business has been conducted. Miss Macklen, who takes the place of Miss Tunstall, received an enthusiastic welcome from the House.

The work this term has improved considerably and is of a good standard. Although in the last interim Meryon dropped several marks through detentions and people arriving late, we maintain first place. We hope to keep the achieved good standard throughout the next two terms.

We have not had much success at sports this term, coming third in the House Football Competition, but we hope to do better next term when Jury recovers from his injury and is able to play. In the Hockey Competition we are also third, but again we hope for a better effort next term.

The collection for charity still continues, although a little more substantial support is needed to bring the total to a respectable sum.

We have to say farewell to Elizabeth Ellis, Pat Barfoot, Kennet and Butchers this term, and we wish them all the best for the future. J.O.B.

COMMEMORATION DAY

In the School's third year of evacuation the Commemoration Service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford.

At 9.0 a.m. the confirmed members of the School attended a Communion at which the Rev. W. H. Lane officiated.

The Commemoration Service, which was held at 3.0 p.m., was attended by many foster-parents and Bedford people, as well as by the whole School.

The Service opened with the National Anthem and, after the Responses, Eileen Munday read the Lesson, which was taken from *Corinthians* xii. The Headmaster read prayers for the old scholars now serving in H.M. Forces, a list of whose names was read by John Pulford. "Bunyan's Hymn," "Judge Eternal," and a psalm were sung during the service.

The Rev. W. H. Lane talked about the way in which people become famous. He gave examples of great men, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, who, when at school, had been ordinary boys but had taken immediate advantage of the rare opportunities which appeared in their lives. Mr. Lane went on by saying what great men were: "the truly great are truly humble." They must be inwardly good besides being outwardly great, and so it was always from a school with high ideals that famous people came, and it was by following in the footsteps of the Master that high ideals were formed.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GAINED IN JULY, 1942.

- A. W. J. Ambrose—Principal Subjects: Mathematics and Advanced Mathematics. Subsidiary Subjects: Physics and English.
J. S. L. Pulford—Principal Subjects: History and English. Subsidiary Subjects: French and Latin. Certificate gained after one year's work.
G. G. Smith—Principal Subjects: History and English. Subsidiary Subjects: French and Latin.
Paulina Metianu—Principal Subjects: Geography and Biology. Subsidiary Subjects: Mathematics and English.
Olive Paine—Principal Subjects: History and English. Subsidiary Subjects: Geography and French (including Oral).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GAINED IN JULY, 1942.

- R. Andrews—"Very Good" in English Language, 3 credits.
J. Boreham—"Very Good" in English Language, 3 credits.
W. Colvin—"Very Good" in Mathematics, 6 credits (Matriculation Exemption).
E. Fellows—3 credits.

F. Foster—"Very Good" in Mathematics, 5 credits (Matriculation Exemption).

H. Kennard—3 credits.

A. Marson—"Very Good" in Social Studies and General Science, 6 credits (Matriculation Exemption).

T. Pollard—"Very Good" in English Language, Social Studies, Geography and Mathematics, 5 credits (Matriculation Exemption).

Jean Austen—"Very Good" in French, 1 credit.

Gloria Bray—"Very Good" in French and Mathematics, 6 credits (Matriculation Exemption).

Joyce Dunster—3 credits.

Valerie Finch—2 credits.

Helen Metianu—"Very Good" in English Language and French, 4 credits (Matriculation Exemption).

Eileen Munday—2 credits.

HOLY ISLAND

I have twice visited Holy Island, a very quiet little island just off the Northumberland coast. On both occasions I went there in the middle of the summer, and I found it a most pleasant place in which to spend a holiday. The people there, altogether about three hundred, are mostly fishermen, and they are some of the friendliest people I have ever come across.

The island itself, which is about three square miles in area, consists mainly of rolling sand dunes dotted here and there with patches of fine shingle. On the north coast, the land rises and we find there rocky cliffs rising up vertically to a height of a hundred feet and here, more or less unmolested, fulmars, beautiful seabirds, rear their young every year. In the south-east corner lies the very quaint village with its boats, small fishing huts and very old church. In the centre of the island, where a few people have endeavoured to set up little farms, is situated the most prominent landmark, the castle, which is very old indeed.

As I have already mentioned, the people are for the most part fishermen, and when they are not out on the sea fishing for cod or laying their crab and lobster pots, they are down with their boats, named after some member of their family, preparing for the next trip on to the open sea. I liked to walk down to the primitive

harbour and watch the men, young and old, mending or baiting their lobster pots, or packing their crabs and lobsters into the "stone tubs," and once I managed to get a chance of going out with a sturdy old fisherman, Thomas Kyle. It was fascinating out on the sea watching the pots being hauled up with the crabs inside, while the little motor boat, the "Sarah Brigham," bobbed up and down with the usual North Sea swell. That trip, very early one morning, with the seals continually bobbing up out of the sea, the porpoises endlessly rolling over as they journeyed across the surface, and the seagulls screaming overhead in the hope of getting some little piece of fish, is a thing I shall never forget.

I used to roam out on to the sand dunes and watch the many interesting birds that inhabit those parts. It was very fascinating to sit down and wait for an hour-or-two watching a ring plover or a tern, with the hope that it would finally move on to its nest. Then, having made sure of the spot, I would go out and photograph the nest. I spent many an hour watching the shell duck and eider duck, the latter of which is so tame that, when the eggs are due to hatch, one can actually stroke the birds (at the same time keeping an eye on their beaks for otherwise one might suddenly receive a sharp peck). Another interesting sight is the beautiful lake which is full of gulls, swans and moor-hens, each claiming a portion of it for its nest. The island is full of bird life including oyster catchers, lapwings, rock pipits and many other kinds.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the island is the absence of policemen. There is no crime on the island so there is no need for a policeman, and the only time one is there is on Thursday afternoon, when one comes over from the mainland.

The customs of the Holy Island are very different from our English customs; perhaps the most striking example of this difference is a wedding. When this happens (on the average about twice or thrice a year) not only the two families concerned but the whole population celebrates the occasion. Coppers are thrown to the children; guns are fired; the oldest men help the bride over the lucky stone—a feat for which they receive ten shillings; a dance is provided by the bridegroom and there are free drinks for everybody.

For a quiet, interesting holiday, you could not do better than to go to Holy Island—a very striking contrast to the great seaside resorts of the South.

B. DAWSON.

THE BRITISH MAN IN THE STREET

He performs Herculean labours
On fourteen pen'orth of meat;
"Impossible!" say the scoffers
But not to the man in the street.

I rise at six in the morning,
I've abandoned my car for my feet,
I hurry along to the office
With other men in the street.

And though my occupation
Is harder since the war,
'Tis the easiest part of the day for me
When I "clock off" at four.

Then home I rush for my tea,
Time presses, and scarce can I eat;
Margarine and khaki bread
Suffices the man in the street.

Then I become a Home Guard;
Waiting isn't a treat,
"If only something would happen,"
Thinks the cold, wet man in the street.

I save my tins and my paper,
I'm rationed up to the eyes,
I must not talk in public
For fear of those listening spies.

I've bought so many stamps,
My saving is quite a feat;
With taxes my pocket is empty,
"I'm broke" says the man in the street.

"You've grumbled enough" says the Hun,
"So don't you think you are beat?"
"Good heavens! that's what keeps me going—
I'm not," says the man in the street.

JEAN POPE.

THE GUIDES

RANGER REPORT

At the beginning of term Miss Thomas suggested to the Fifth and Sixth Form girls that we should form a School Ranger Company to do Home Emergency Service, which is the Ranger Pre-Service Training Scheme. We readily agreed and so a Company of thirteen members was formed with Miss Thomas as Captain.

As one of the regulations of H.E.S. is that drill should be performed at every Company meeting, we set about learning drill. We succeeded very well and now regard drilling as one of our greatest accomplishments as a Company. This term we have learnt the semaphore signalling system and have practised messenger work, memorising and passing on verbal messages. We have acquired a knowledge of First Aid and the properties of war gases, and of the prevention and cure of their effects. Emergencies have been arranged in which we have to give First Aid without any preparation. We have helped the Guides in the campaign for the B.P. Memorial Fund by collecting and selling wood and giving two entertainments for the School, a "Progressive Games" Evening and a Junior and Senior Social. We raised about four or five pounds for the Fund.

Two Field Days have been held, on which Rangers have walked or cycled to villages round Bedford, collecting blackberries and rose-hips on the way. On October 31st, several members went to the Bedford Sea Rangers' Birthday Party, which was enjoyed very much.

At the last meeting of term we said good-bye to one of our Company, Jean Austen. Her leaving means that we now have only twelve members, but I think everyone will agree that thirteen has not been an unlucky number for our first term as a Ranger Company.

We would like to thank Miss Thomas for introducing, helping and instructing our new institution, which we hope will prove useful to our School and country and remain a feature of our School activities for many years to come.

J.M.P.

GUIDE REPORT

This term we have had much pleasure in welcoming Miss Thomas as our Captain in the place of Miss Tunstall, who left us owing to ill-health. We were also pleased to welcome Miss Letcher,

as our new Company Lieutenant, and eleven new girls. At the first Court of Honour held on September 4th, the business of electing new leaders was discussed. A few days later the votes were counted and the elected leaders chose their seconds. The new leaders and seconds were as follows :

<i>Patrols</i>	<i>Leaders</i>	<i>Seconds</i>
Shamrock	E. Ellis	L. Crouch
Robin	D. Smart	D. Standen
Red Rose	P. James	I. Leeds-George
Swallow	M. Kennard	I. Farrant
Holly	B. Ford	S. Mewett
Kingfisher	R. Oylor	M. Foster.

It was decided to ask Julia Smith to become Company Recorder, and Ruth Morris to be Company Leader and Secretary of the Court of Honour.

On Tuesday, September 15th, Miss Hewetson enrolled Miss Letcher, Pauline Baker and Kitty Dibley. Miss Hewetson told us about the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund and asked us to try to raise some money for it. Everybody seemed enthusiastic, so at the next Court of Honour many suggestions were put forward.

For the first target month from November 2nd to December 2nd we set as our target £5 5s. od. Robin and Kingfisher patrols together raffled 11b of chocolate, and Red Rose raffled a pocket torch. The Court of Honour gave a social and dance on All Hallows' Eve.

The Rangers were also busy with entertainment and together with money collected from hip collecting, horse-chestnut collecting and several other items we managed to out-run our target. This inspired us, so we set £10 10s. od. as our second target, which we reached on December 1st. We then started working for the second target month.

While we have been busy working for the Memorial Fund, our Guide work has not been neglected. In fact, a great deal more rivalry among the Patrols has risen up because we have a shield which is competed for each month.

On October 27th, an enrolment of new Guides took place. These Guides, B. Brakefield, R. Wells, R. Dive, and B. Whiteman, were very fortunate to have, for the first time since we have been in Bedford, the Union Jack and the World Flag. Other Guides were enrolled on November 17th.

The Leaders' investiture which was to have been held on November 17th was postponed because one leader was absent.

A Guide Badge Test was held on Saturday, November 14th, at the Modern School, when twenty-six badges were passed. Points have been awarded as follows :

- For gaining Second Class, 10 points.
- For passing Tenderfoot Tests, 5 points.
- For gaining First Class proficiency badges, 5 points.
- For gaining any other proficiency badge, 3 points.
- For each test of First Class, 3 points.

These points, together with those given for inspections and games, decide the winner of the Patrol Shield.

The Leaders' investiture was held on December 1st, when five leaders and three seconds were invested. The Colours were carried by D. Caister, R. Dive, S. Gain, P. Baker, I. Leeds and M. Breeds. Three Second Class badges have been gained by S. Mewett, P. James and R. Ray this term. Miss Thomas stated that any second who had not got her Second Class badge by the end of this term would not be invested next term. It is hoped that other leaders and seconds will be enrolled at the beginning of next term.

Many of the Guides who joined us in September, 1941, are doing very well, and R. Ray is to be particularly congratulated on being the first of these to gain her Second Class. P. Barfoot, B. Catt and B. Chapman will soon have obtained their Second Class.

RUTH MORRIS.

SCOUT REPORT

As is usual at the beginning of the Autumn Term, a large number of new recruits joined the Troop, and it was decided to make them all pass their Tenderfoot by November 1st. All but one passed the test—a very good record considering the difficulties of teaching a patrol in the same room as another patrol.

Two successful Field Days were held during the term, both at Stagsden, each patrol as usual making its own camp. The chief item—food—and the stews were excellent and very welcome. First-class axemanship and cooking, as well as stalking, using no arrows or Scout signs, were practised successfully.

Towards the end of the term an enrolment of recruits was held, followed by a story from the Scoutmaster.

The term ended as a triumph; four boys won their ambulance man badges, a great feat, and were heartily congratulated and their certificates awarded by the Headmaster at the morning assembly.

On the last Saturday of term a whist drive and dance were held with very successful results.

L. ALLEN.

THE CRAFT SOCIETY

After two years of evacuation we have been fortunate this term to bring the Crafts Society once more into being. This was made possible only because the Bedford School workshops were made available for use on Tuesday afternoon, which is the time set aside for School Societies. The rebirth of the Crafts Society has unfortunately meant the death of the Art Society, but as the members of the latter had for long been reduced to boys only, the change meant merely that they did Handicraft instead of Art. The artists unanimously decided to turn their attention to Craftsmanship, and as others soon became interested our ranks are now full to capacity.

Although we have been given freedom in the kind of work we may undertake (Mr. Morgan thought the making of scale models, particularly of aircraft, would be popular) the tendency is to favour something useful. Most of us are busy on pieces of furniture which we hope, one day, to take back to our homes in Sussex. We are fortunate in having Mead as our Senior Member, as we have all benefited by his experience and skill. Marshall has worked diligently on an arm-chair, which he has nearly completed. Button has proved a useful addition to the Society.

Field Days have been more or less "busmen's holidays," for we have all been glad to carry on at the work-bench. Our second Field Day was, however, a red-letter day in our history, for we were given, by the kindness and courtesy of one of our billetors, facilities to visit an engineering factory where important work is being done. A detailed account of our visit would enable you to realise the activity in this factory, but would probably entail lavish use of the censor's pencil. We can, however, say how thankful we are for the opportunity of visiting this factory. It was our first experience of a large works, and we all showed our obvious interest in the working of capstan and automatic lathes, shapers and millers, drilling

machines and grinders which were pattern-making and casting. Moreover, we were made aware of the efforts exerted on our behalf by those on the "Factory Front."

We hope such visits will be a feature of all our future activities.

P. GUTSELL, Form IIIA.

HOCKEY REPORT

FIRST ELEVEN

This term the results of our fixtures have been rather disappointing although all the team has played very well on the whole. At the beginning of the term, we looked forward to a number of victories for us as several of last year's team were still with us.

Our first match was on October 3rd in Bedford Park against Telephone House 2nd XI. The game was very hard and even and our team played well, although the forwards could have combined better. In spite of this we lost by one goal, the final score being 5-4 in our opponents' favour.

Four weeks later we played a return with Telephone House 2nd XI. This time our team was re-arranged and some fresh players were included, some of which were from IIIA. Our team had made some remarkable improvement from the previous time, and after our side had proved itself the stronger we won by 6-2.

Our next match was against the Modern School 2nd XI on their pitch on November 28th. We started by playing a determined game as we knew that the 1st XI was yet to be played. The game was very even and by half-time neither side had scored, although we had done most of the attacking. Our forwards did not combine well enough, but the backs played very hard indeed. About two minutes from the final whistle our opponents scored the only goal and so won 1-0.

On December 12th the Eleven played against the Telephone House 1st XI in Bedford Park. Many of the usual team were unable to play, so some players were picked from IIIB. In spite of this the side played a good game but lost 5-2.

During the term there has been notable improvement in our teamwork, the forwards having combined better towards the end of the term. We have a number of very promising players in IIIA who will be of great assistance in next year's team.

Next term we have a number of fixtures, and having found out our general deficiencies we should put up a better show and perhaps obtain a few victories.

E.T.D.M.

FOOTBALL REPORT

FIRST ELEVEN

The season on the whole has been rather disappointing, although at the beginning of the term we were confident of a successful year as we had several members of last year's XI from whom to choose.

Our first match was on October 3rd, at home, against Wootton Blue Cross. The game was one-sided and Wootton scored fourteen goals to our one. In spite of the heavy defeat the game was of great value, for it showed the general deficiencies of the team and gave it match practice.

The following Saturday a re-arranged team played Owen's School at the Meltis Ground. In the first half we had as much of the play as our opponents, but failed to finish as well as they when the ball was near the goal, and by half-time we were three goals down. We had little play in the second half and by the time the final whistle was blown, Owen's had increased the score to 8-0.

The next match was a return with Wootton so, in view of our previous defeat at their hands, we included two Old Boys, Breeze and Renville in the side. During the first half the play was even, but by the end our standard had declined, and Wootton won 5-0.

Our first and only victory was against Shiners' United. Play was even at first but by half-time we scored three goals to our opponents' two. In the second half, Rye forwards were attacking continually Shiners' goal, while our defence prevented the opposing forwards from scoring again. The final score was 6-2 in our favour.

The following week, cheered by our victory, we travelled to Cranfield to play Cranfield United. Soon after the start of the game we were leading 2-0, but by half-time our opponents had passed our score. In the latter half we tried to catch up, and the forwards played hard but could only score three more against Cranfield's four, thus making the final score 7-5 in Cranfield's favour.

To play Stewartby, we again called upon Breeze. Within a few minutes we had scored, but Stewartby soon replied. We again scored, but by half-time Stewartby, who had gradually showed themselves the better team, were leading 4-2. In the second half Stewartby were almost continually menacing our goal mouth, but several times our forwards broke away, once scoring another goal,

against our opponents' five more. This game, in spite of the score 3—9, was the best we had played as regards combination.

The last match of the term was a return with Cranfield. In the first ten minutes Cranfield, who were kicking downhill, scored and soon afterwards added a second. Before half-time we had scored one and soon after it we equalised, but in spite of great efforts by both sides to score the winning goal, neither did so. The final result was a draw 2—2.

During the season the team has been ably captained by B. Dawson, and the following have played fairly regularly: W. Colvin, R. Cowper, E. Fellows, L. Fuggle, P. Gutsell, G. Paine, T. Pollard, J. Pritchard, L. Simpson and P. Wood. The absence of Jury has handicapped the defence, but Breeze has played several times in the forward line, and other vacancies have been filled on different occasions by Adams, Douglas and Shearer.

The result of the term's matches is: Played 7, won 1, drawn 1, lost 5, goals for: 17, goals against: 47. T.P.

UNDER 15½ FOOTBALL

The Under 15½ football team have enjoyed a very successful season, three matches having been played with Owen's School, all of which were won by us.

The first match, at the Meltis Works Ground, proved to be very keen and was won after a hard fight by two goals to one.

The second match was played in Bedford Park and was no less strenuous than the previous one. The play was very fast, but determination helped us to change the score from a 2—1 lead to Owen's to a well-deserved 3—2 victory for our team.

The third match, also played in Bedford Park, resulted in a 5—0 victory. From the start the School proved to be the better side and only twice did the Owen's appear very dangerous.

The general play has been very good and there has been some keen combination, which is all very promising for a good future First Eleven. B.D.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

During the past term, in addition to the usual Junior team, matches were arranged for an Under 13½ years-old team.

The Junior team opened its programme with a match against London Bunyan School, in Russell Park. A strong wind made the

ball difficult to control but play improved as the game proceeded. Scoring once in each half, through Morris and Gutsell, we won 2—0.

In our second game, which was against Clapham Road, the first half was even and each side scored three times. After half-time we had most of the play and scored a further three goals, thus winning 6—3. Each of the forwards scored and combination throughout was good.

Next we played Owen's Juniors on the Meltis Ground. This match proved a very even struggle, in which both defences held out until shortly before the final whistle, when Morris scored to give us a narrow victory of 1—0.

The match against Goldington Road School was an easy victory. By fine passing and shooting we obtained an interval lead of six goals. During the second half we attacked continually and scored nine more, thus winning by 15—0.

Our final match, a return with Clapham Road School, we won 3—1. Kicking downhill we established a lead of two goals by half-time, and about ten minutes from the end our opponents reduced our lead, but almost immediately we broke through and scored again.

The younger team opened the season with a visit to Marston on October 22nd. Although kicking against the wind we scored twice through Parks and Morris. In the second half neither side scored, so we won 2—0.

In the second match against Goldington Road 2nd XI, our opponents took the lead but Parks soon equalised. In the second half our shooting improved and we added three more goals, to win 4—1.

There was a second visit to Marston, and there we were soon one goal down, but by half-time we had passed their score. In the second half we had rather the better of the play, but failed to score, so the final result was a 2—1 victory in our favour.

The next game was against Rushmoor School, in Bedford Park. Although we had most of the play in the first half a good display by the Rushmoor goalkeeper prevented us from scoring more than once. After half-time play was more even, but near the end we added to our score, when Morris netted from a centre by Chappell. We won 2—0.

The last match was a return with Rushmoor School. A hat-trick by Morris gave us an interval lead of 3—0, which was increased in the second half by Bullen and Chappell to 5—0.

Sinden has proved a most reliable goalkeeper. In the Junior team Shearer and Wood have tackled and kicked well at back, while Roberts has played strongly at centre-half. The wing halves, Sexton and P. Boyce, have worked hard and supported the forwards well. The forwards have combined well. Bryant, M. Boyce, Parks, Chandler and Franklin have shown great promise in the younger team.

Junior team : Sinden, Wood (capt.), Shearer, Sexton, Roberts, P. Boyce, Gutsell, Hood, Morris, Bullen, Chappell. Also played : Blackmore, Wells, Franklin and Burt.

Under 13½ team (from) : Sinden, Bryant, Shearer, Burt, M. Boyce, Roberts, Sexton, Chandler, Parks, Bullen, Morris (capt.), Franklin, Chappell. D.M.

A.T.C. REPORT

A.T.C. parades began on the first Tuesday of term and were arranged as follows : Sections 1, 2 and 3 paraded at the Modern School, at 3.30 p.m., for roll call, after which Section 1 had one hour of signalling and then one hour of navigation or meteorology, while Section 2 had one hour of navigation, followed by half-an-hour of morse and half-an-hour of P.T. Section 3 had one hour of morse, half-an-hour of P.T. and then half-an-hour of law and administration. Saturday morning parades began at 10.30 with a roll call, followed by all sections doing drill and P.T. For the last parade Section 1 had law and administration or hygiene, Section 2 signalling, and Section 3 meteorology.

Two visits have been made to a nearby air station during the term, neither of which turned out as anticipated as something went wrong on both occasions. The first party arrived at the air station unexpected by the officers there, and so parties had to be sent to various places on the aerodrome, where there was nothing ready for them to do. Soon, however, those that were sent to the Armoury were put on to cleaning Lewis guns and stacking Sten guns. Those visiting the Mechanical Transport were given the job of cleaning the windows of lorries, and those at the Meteorological Office chased 'planes with the Theodolite. Those that went to the Parachute Stores and Control Tower had more interesting things to do. One party was left to wander over the "drome" to find anything of interest for themselves until four o'clock, when they had a flip.

On one of these trips the rear turret blew off, and the N.C.O. in the turret was nearly frozen by the time we landed on the "drome" again.

On the second trip other members of the Flight had similar disappointments. The conveyance arrived very late, and they reached the air station just in time for dinner, after which they had an hour to wander at will on the aerodrome. They were then posted in parties to the Parachute Store, Armoury, Control Tower, Operational Post and Transmitting Centre. These parties had a very interesting time, although they were disappointed that there was no flying for them.

Another trip had been arranged during the term, but had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Cadets Hargrove and Butchers took the R.A.F. Aircraft Apprentices Examination, and we hope that they have been successful. Members of Sections 2 and 3 have taken the Maths. and Morse preliminary examinations for Proficiency, Part 1, which will be taken by those who pass the English, P.T., Drill and Aircraft Recognition examinations in March. Section 1 will probably take Proficiency, Part 2, in June.

The last parade of term was held on Saturday, December 12th, and the first parade of next term will be on Tuesday, January 19th.

SGT. W. COLVIN.

STALINGRAD

Our hearts go out in sympathy
To great Stalingrad's gallant sons,
Who fight beneath their ruined homes
Amid the mighty roar of guns.

The women and little children
Are being murdered by the score,
But instead of breaking their morale
It strengthens it all the more.

Ruthless Huns machine-gun the streets,
They barricade doors with their dead,
But more Russians prepare to die
To avenge who died in their stead.

All the free peoples of the earth
Admire the brave and gallant men
Who fought and died at Stalingrad,
That Russia might be free again.

A. SHEARER, IIIA.

THE JUNIOR SOCIAL

On Friday, November 27th, a social for the Juniors was given by some of the members of our Ranger Company. It started off with "Slosh," a game which is very popular among the Juniors. Next came "Musical Arms," and then that old favourite, "Bigamy." At first there was some confusion as there were not enough girls to go round, but the Rangers, always resourceful, soon remedied that difficulty, and the trios married each other amid shouts of laughter until no "bachelors" remained. So then we started "Winking"; first the boys stood outside, and then the girls tried to wink successfully. Next, for a change we danced three quicksteps and then a waltz, some of the Rangers showing the boys how to perform the various steps.

"Putting the baby to bed" was the next game; this was novel and amusing to us. The "babies" were represented by a doll and a teddy-bear. Having put them to bed successfully, "Passing the Orange" was started, much to the delight of the boys of Form II. Next came "Musical Mats," an exciting game for most of the new girls and boys. The last game was "Spinning the Trencher," another new game for many of us.

At five minutes to eight the social ended with the "Anniversary Waltz." I enjoyed the evening, and I hope that everybody else present did.

B. APPS, Form IIIB.

THE PEACOCKE PARTY

On Wednesday, December 9th, at 5 o'clock, Peacocke House had their first Christmas Party for some years. All arrived looking as smart as they could do in their School uniform and took their places at the tea-table. Mr. Morgan then read out four telegrams, from Lord Woolton, Adolf, Musso. and Thomas, all expressing their regrets that they could not be present. In a way, without being rude, we are rather glad Lord Woolton did not turn up, because we fear that he would not have approved of the feast spread

on the table. After the reading of the telegrams Marshall played Schubert's "Serenade" on the piano, which gained him well-deserved applause.

Just before tea there was a sudden diversion, Mead entering with something wrapped in a white cloth, which, when uncovered, proved to be "Thomas," a large metal peacock.

Then tea began and what a meal it was; considering the conditions, the British Restaurant gave us a remarkable feast. During and after tea the serviettes, designed by Mr. Morgan and painted by Helen Metianu, Marshall, Mead and others, were used as autograph sheets. They were mostly with a peacock in the middle and the names of members of Peacocke House round the edge. Miss Turner, our guest of honour, was called upon to sign many of these.

After tea games began with "Musical Mats," won by Ruth Morris and Blackmore. After a dance, Mead set the ball rolling with a healthy anecdote and others followed suit. More dancing followed, after which Joan Hoad and Jean Pope sang two carols, "The Birds" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory," and were loudly applauded.

As the evening progressed quickly, with games and dances alternately, the Headmaster dropped in and joined in the games.

Towards the end Marshall again entertained us with the first movement of "Moonlight Sonata," which was most soothing. At 7.30 p.m., after the last dance, we all joined in "Auld Lang Syne." The Headmaster made a speech at the end, congratulating Peacocke on its success.

Thus everyone went away after a very enjoyable party, and thanks are due to Mrs. Morgan for bringing Gillian, who livened up the party considerably.

BETTY FORD.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

With war-time restrictions even more severe than last year, the parties held on Tuesday, December 15th, were again lacking in refreshments, etc., but, nevertheless, both Juniors and Seniors got all the fun they could out of the proceedings.

Lasting from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., the Junior Party was fairly rich in entertainment. Marshall played Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" (first movement) on the piano, and this was followed

by "Smiling Through" and "Jealousy" sung as duets by Julia Terry and Joan Hoad; the latter providing accompaniment on the piano. Dawson then rendered a monologue entitled "Magna Carta" and followed it with an impersonation of Cyril Fletcher. Joan Hoad played a piano piece and then Suttaby began to "swing it" on the same instrument, inducing us to community singing. The usual games were played and a few dances sprinkled here and there, after which the prizes were presented by Miss Turner and "Auld Lang Syne" sung.

By this time Seniors were arriving in a steady trickle and dancing began immediately. The latter pastime was continued for the next three hours, only broken by two or three games and more playing and singing by Julia and Joan. Before "Auld Lang Syne" (what is it about that song which moves one so ?) was sung, the Headmaster presented the prizes to the lucky dancers. Thanks were expressed by the Headmaster to the Senior members who had organised the parties.

THE BUFFER HOSTEL

The sun rose in the April sky and the birds in the garden of 36, Lansdowne Road began chirping gaily as they hopped from branch to branch of the newly-budding trees.

But hark ! Another sound is heard, this time coming from the first-floor windows. The boys are awake, whistling and shouting (they call it singing) a varied selection of songs till it is time to get up. Mrs. Baxter clatters down the stairs and, banging on the doors, shouts, "Hurry up ! We're late this morning." Eight sleepy-headed youngsters immediately make a bee-line for the bathroom. If one is lucky enough to be first, it is O.K., but to be the last or even third, well, if people will leave water on the floor—.

Breakfast is a hurried meal and then comes a grand dash for the garage. How aggravating it is to find one's tyres let down when there is only five minutes in which to get to school !

There is more time at the dinner hour so a walk round the garden is possible, but also dangerous because of several small boys recklessly throwing hard balls about in imitation of cricket.

As afternoon school ends at 4.15 p.m. and as tea is not until 6.0 p.m., there is ample time to smuggle tuck into a dark corner of one's cupboard. The play-room boasts an extremely large table

which is most suitable for prep. But when three boys are arguing on the already ill-used sofa by the fire, and four others are playing a very noisy game of whist, while Matron, poking her head round the door, informs us in strident tones, "No rough games are allowed indoors !" such an operation is very difficult, especially when one is a little worried about one's knitting in the hands of the boys.

Supper arrives at about nine o'clock and sometimes consists of soup in little white bowls termed "Oliver Twists." Conversations are held all the way upstairs and terminate on the landing after about half-an-hour. The girls resort to christian names when saying "Good-night" and retire to their room after distributing the tuck allotted to the first-floor occupants. But when, after making general repairs on the boys' jackets, one finds a cleverly laid apple-pie bed, it is a great temptation to go downstairs again and give one's opinion of the beastly boys

The sun has set and the birds in the garden are silent. Only a gentle snoring disturbs the stillness of the April night.

We all join in conveying our sincere thanks to the Hostel staff for their kindness and consideration to us during our stay there.
R.G. and J.H.

THE ORIGIN OF THE VIOLIN

The origin of the violin is still a puzzle to the present musical historians and archaeologists. They know that the first real violin came into existence in the middle of the sixteenth century. They know also that it did not spring into existence. The gradual development from inferior forms of bow instruments is proved beyond doubt and has been traced for centuries back, but in the ninth century all evidence of the existence of bow-instruments ceases. The question has often been asked, are they a European growth at all or are they an Eastern importation ?

Two great races of antiquity, the Greeks and the Romans, give us no clue. There is an insight gained into a highly ingenious system of music and the various instruments, but not a sign of an instrument which even the most determined and imaginative enthusiast could construe into one likely to have been played with

a bow, much less a sign of such a contrivance as the bow itself. Equally unfruitful have been researches in Egyptian and Chaldean records of antiquities. There is the unmistakable proof of the shape of the representation of their musical instruments. These instruments are found in considerable numbers and varieties, and the majority of them can be traced down to bow instruments, but there is no trace of any sort of pre-historic fiddle. The nearest approach to the form of a violin was an instrument somewhat resembling a flute provided with a finger board with one or two strings. One was discovered in Rome and the representation of similar ones has been found in Egypt, dating back to 1500-2000 B.C., and also on Assyrian monuments, probably a foreign importation. But these instruments, although suggesting a bow kind, can hardly be taken as belonging to the violin class, for if the Assyrians and Egyptians had intended to represent a bow instrument they would hardly have left out the most essential characteristic—the bow.

In the Old Testament, where the word “viol” occurs, it appears that the Hebrews were familiar with some kind of instrument resembling the viol of our forefathers. There was nothing in the original text to warrant the belief that it was an instrument played with a bow. It was probably meant to be an instrument whose strings were plucked. Genesis iv, 21, “Jubal : he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ,” was translated into German as “Jubal von dern sind hergekommen die Greiger und Pfeifer,” which literally means “Jubal, from whom have come the fiddlers and pipers.” This passage would have satisfied the Germans as to the origin of the violin had it not been suppressed in the English version.

The best authorities have agreed that stringed instruments in general were mainly of African origin, and there is evidence of the mention of bowed instruments in Sanskrit documents of great antiquity. They probably developed to a great extent independently, and the bow is of too great and undoubted antiquity to be regarded as a development of the plectrum or other devices for agitating the plucked string. The two classes of instrument, no doubt, were under mutual obligation from time to time in their development. Then their stringing of the viols was partly adopted from that of the lute, and the form of the modern Spanish guitar was probably derived from that of the fiddle.

E. A. FELLOWS.

ON LEAVING SCHOOL

That life is cast behind ; gone are those days
Of happiness and untold harmony.
Their voices fade but I shall always see
Those cheerful faces—lest the years erase.
O ! that we could again return that phase
And live once more those joys, but Destiny
Has worked her will and so on this decree
I must abide and enter in life's maze.
Too often we slip into the distant past,
Too often also do we pass unseen
But for some action time has left unfurled.
From harbour now I sail, and in contrast
The swirling waters with their treach'rous sheen
Draw me into the maelstrom of the world.

R. ED. TAPE.

APPLIED QUOTATIONS

“Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard
Are sweeter.” (Ode on a Grecian Urn.)
Thoughts on hearing that piano-practice at Ixworth Court
has been cancelled.

“My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains
My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk.” (Ode to a
Nightingale.)
Feeling after eating School lunch.

“Nor virgin-choir to make delicious moan
Upon the midnight hours.” (Ode to Psyche.)
A singing practice arranged by the Senior girls.

“We look before and after,
And pine for what is not.” (Ode to a Skylark.)
She seems to have gone a different way this morning.

“Trip no further, pretty sweeting” (Shakespeare).
Remark made to girl who did not notice the draught-
obstructor.

"I am ! yet what I am who cares or knows" (Clare).
Thoughts of a piece of Latin unprepared prose.

"All Nature seems to work. Slugs leave their lair"—
(Coleridge).
Yes, but we're not often late.

"ERASMUS."

A WEEK-END IN LONDON

At the beginning of the summer holidays I met my sister in London to spend a week-end there, and I was to appreciate for the first time some of the famous features of our capital city.

We began our exploring with a shopping expedition in the Piccadilly area during which I was introduced to many famous streets, such as Charing Cross Road, Regent Street, Oxford Street and Oxford Circus. On Friday evening we went to the Coliseum to see the musical comedy "The Maid of the Mountains." The colourful scenery and costumes, combined with clever acting, both serious and amusing, provided excellent light entertainment. The show ended at 9.0 p.m. so there was still time for a walk. We reached the Embankment, via Northumberland Avenue, and during our stroll along the banks of Old Father Thames we saw Cleopatra's Needle, Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament, as well as stopping to hear Big Ben strike the hour. We continued our walk through St. James's Park, up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, and through the Green Park back to the small hotel in a quiet street off the Strand where we were to spend the two nights.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, so, to make up for late rising (due to late retiring), we hurried off to catch a bus which took us to St. Paul's Cathedral. On the way we passed the offices of many famous newspapers in Fleet Street, and finally alighted just beyond Ludgate Hill at the steps of the magnificent building. Owing to the shortness of time our inspection of the interior was brief, but we did venture into the crypt, climbed six hundred and seventy-five steps to the Whispering Gallery, and three hundred and seventy-two more to the dome. From here we had a wonderful view of the City of London. Our guide pointed out many well-known buildings, one of which, the Greenwich Observatory, just visible, was twenty miles away. We had just

enough time for a short visit to Madame Tussaud's before lunch. I found the wax models very fascinating but was not deceived by a very life-like attendant.

After lunch we escaped to Regent Park, where we saw a delightful performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Open Air Theatre. This was the perfect setting for such an enchanting play, supported by Purcell's music played by a String Quartet.

For Saturday evening we had managed to obtain tickets for a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra was conducted first by Sir Henry Wood and later by Sir Adrian Boult. Eva Turner rendered two beautiful arias, and Moisewitch, as solo pianist, left me speechless after a skilful rendering of Tchaikovsky's "Concerto." The Hall, which to me seemed so huge and splendid, rang out again and again with the thunderous applause of the excited audience. Once again there was time for a walk, and on this occasion it was through Hyde Park, with a peep at the Serpentine and Marble Arch.

On Sunday morning we fed the pigeons in Trafalgar Square, passed the Admiralty Arch, Whitehall, by Downing Street, to arrive at last at Westminster Abbey. We spent a few minutes in this lovely old building, so awe-inspiring in the morning light, which shone through the beautiful windows. Poets' Corner was not left unnoticed, but then—alas, it was time for my train. As it steamed out of Charing Cross to carry me down to Sussex I knew that I was leaving behind me what is, in every sense of the word, the greatest city in the world.

ROSALIE GREEN.

T. J. BROWN

Timothy John was a tomboy at school,
To get into scrapes was quite good fun :
He fought in the Quad, spilt ink on his books,
Was late each day, with homework undone.

Black marks, detentions and canings each day,
But our hero plots mischief still more.
His pals admire him 'cos when Brown's about
There is always good fooling in store.

His master said, "Brown, quite plainly I see
That your work on the whole is too bad.
So unless you attend and try harder with prep.,
You'll stay bottom in form, my dear lad!"

Tim remains careless, gets even less marks
For Maths. only he gets a "V.G."—
Air Corps exams. soon, one day not far off
A fighter pilot Tim hopes to be.

But when the day's over and Tim trudges home
With a black eye and tie all askew,
His games togs muddy, boots needing a clean,
Our Tim turns in but one thing to do—

"Please God, bless Mum, Dad, and kid sister too,
And tomorrow please don't let it rain—
And when the war's won and victory ours
Please send Dad safe home again.

ANON.

CORRESPONDENCE

SCHOOL TRADITION

Dear Editors,

I am writing this as one of the very few people left in the School who knew Rye Grammar School as it was before the war and evacuation. Most of my readers, also parents and Staff, would like to know and see again the discipline and loyalty towards the School which has gradually deteriorated since the war, and also since we have been in our new surroundings.

Couldn't our older pupils show the younger pupils, and any who are interested, what the *real* Rye Grammar School is like, and what it should be like according to its traditions?

Yours, etc.,

A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR SCHOOL.

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Dear Editors,

Doubtless the above letter has come as a shock to many people, but to some of us its purport has long been apparent. I am glad the

writer has taken this step, for it gives me an opportunity of placing the question before the School, and, at the same time, of stating the views of many pupils upon the subject.

The tradition we have in this School did not spring up suddenly; it was something which grew gradually, in splendid harmony with the ageing of Peacocke's revered walls, and was established by the contributions of hundreds of worthy scholars. Are we going to let that tradition die? I know it is difficult to preserve the atmosphere of tradition in new buildings and in a strange town, but the scholars who first entered the present building in the Grove, in 1908, managed to preserve the School tradition, and furthermore, to impart a new and revitalizing element into its structure—that of co-education. The introduction of the latter had tended to bring a more refined and gentler atmosphere into the School, and that is precisely what is in danger of disappearing. I will not go into details, but I will mention one or two outstanding faults; slovenliness of dress or appearance, which a single action would remedy, noisiness in the streets, and a lack of appropriate courtesy between the boys and the girls.

Although tradition is the joint legacy of thousands of scholars, yet primarily it originates in the action and initiative of an individual, and is therefore an individual responsibility. It is incumbent upon each one of us, from the highest to the lowest, to consider this question earnestly and, after a searching of the conscience, to be able to say, "I, for one, am upholding the tradition of Rye Grammar School."

Yours, etc.,

J. S. L. PULFORD
(School Captain).

VALETE!

G. G. Smith (School Captain, 1941-42) is now reading in Arts at Balliol College, Oxford.

A. W. J. Ambrose has been awarded a State Bursary in Science and is studying Engineering at New College, Oxford.

Paulina Metianu is reading in Science at University College, London.

Olive Paine is at Bishop Otter College of Chichester.

Joyce Hulbert is teaching in East Sussex.

J. Boreham has just recovered from a broken leg incurred while working on the land.
 F. Foster is working in Bedford.
 Gloria Bray and Marson are at the Inland Revenue Department, Lewes.
 D. P. Walker is in a bank at Cricklewood, and Valerie Finch is in one at Milford Haven.
 Joyce Dunster, H. Kennard and B. Simpson are at Rye.
 Joyce Bull is working in Udimore.
 Joan Beasley is at Bath with the London Building Society.

SCHOLARS OLD AND NEW

Scholars who left between September, 1941, and July, 1942 :
 FORM VI (UPPER)—Paulina Metianu, Olive Paine, *Margery Smith, A. W. J. Ambrose, G. G. Smith.
 FORM VI (LOWER)—*Irene Hatter, Joyce Hulbert, *P. Abbot, *G. T. Ashdown.
 FORM V—Joan Beasley, Gloria Bray, Joyce Bull, *Olive Clothier, Joyce Dunster, Valerie Finch, *J. Bates, J. O. Boreham, F. Foster, H. Kennard, A. E. Marson, B. D. Simpson, D. P. Walker.
 FORM IV—*E. C. Apps.
 FORM IIIA—*Ray Kirtlan, *Helen Payne, *Margaret Nash.
 FORM IIR—Olive Boulter, Margaret Hibbs.
 FORM II—Margaret Best, *J. Brooker, *C. Butchers.
**Left before July, 1942.*

Scholars who joined in September, 1942 :
 FORM II—Anne Baker, Lilian Barnes, Beryl Brakefield, Daphne Caister, Rosemary Dive, Freda Fairbrass, Ann Fellows, Daphne Gill, Marie Hoad, Rita Oyler, Rosemary Wells, Betty Whiteman, D. G. Alford, J. P. Ashwin, D. W. Barham, B. Beeching, P. Bryant, K. W. Cook, J. H. Dunster, A. W. Law, G. W. Sexton, D. J. Streeter, P. Webb, R. B. Wigg.

OLD SCHOLARS

Maurice Neeves has now obtained his Master Mariner's Certificate.
 Joan Worsley has been invalided out of the W.A.A.F.
 P. Kiley is on a naval floating dock.
 S. Barnard has been made a prisoner-of-war.

T. Montague is at present a glider-pilot.
 L. Butler has been undergoing training as a paratroop.
 June Hobbs is still working in Bedford.
 A. Cornner has joined the Navy.
 Peggy Dengate is in the W.L.A., at Peasmarsh.
 Cynthia Breeds, as representative for Salisbury Training College, attended the five-day conference of the Students' Federation for International Affairs held at Cambridge University in July.
 1st Lieut. D. A. Breeds (who was married to Miss Edna Roberts a few weeks ago) is now training cadets at a pre-O.C.T.U. training centre in the south of England.
 Jean Smith (one-time School Captain) is a nursing sister in the Middle East.
 John Smith (ex-officer of the O.S.A.) is now farthest south of all Old Scholars.
 Airgraphs have been received from Peter Swaine in East Africa (who is still wrestling with languages) and Joe Mewse (East Africa), who came to Bedford with us in the earliest days.
 The recent offers of Engineering Cadetships have led to news of Ashdown and Gibb.
 V. Apps has obtained a commission in the R.E.M.E. Vic, who was with us in our first year at Bedford, has sent a trophy to the School Scout Troop, for which he did so much.
 Margaret Baker is now a lecturer at the West of Scotland Agricultural College.
 P. Cooper has entered the Theological College at Kelham, and is now in the Navy.
 Deslys Jones is to be congratulated on her narrow escape during enemy action at Rye.
 A letter was received from J. L. Green just before he went abroad with the R.A.F., telling of his enthusiasm for his training.
 L. Offen, of Udimore, is training as a pilot.
 C. Bullett is still working near Bedford and often comes to cheer us on at football matches.
 J. P. Finch (at Bedford during the early days) has obtained a very good School Certificate.
 F. J. Ford (School Captain, 1940-41) is in the R.A.F., at High Wycombe.
 Stella Killick (1940) is a nurse at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton.

Molly Mills is getting on well at school in Scotland.

A. J. W. Third (Editor, 1940-41, and star athlete), late of the London School of Economics, is now in the Forces.

F. K. Breeze is now in the R.A.F.

"Chippy" Butler is in the Royal Armoured Corps

The following Old Scholars have visited us recently : Barbara Ellis, Kathleen King, Paulina Metianu, Margery Smith, P. Abbot, V. Apps, R. Bourne, Will Dunlop (Secretary of the O.S.A.), D. Renville, M. Smith and S. Vincett.

Letters and cards, which we now gratefully acknowledge, have been received from : Margaret Baker, Margaret Bidauld, Olive Clothier, Dorothy Elliott, Margaret Hibbs, Joyce Hulbert, Paulina Metianu, Olive Paine, V. Apps, G. T. Ashdown, J. Boreham, Will Dunlop, C. Fowler, D. S. Gibb, J. L. Green, F. Morphy, D. Renville, G. G. Smith, and J. Sweatman.

This year the Headmaster was delighted to receive many Christmas greetings from old scholars and would like now to express his grateful acknowledgments to the following : A. W. J. Ambrose, Margaret Baker, Jean Blackman, Mr. Biddle (his greeting, sent from on board ship, actually arrived on Christmas Day), Gloria Bray, R. G. Burnett, Mrs. Clothier (now happily recovered, we hear), F. J. Ford, D. J. Gibb, Pat Green, Margaret Hibbs, Marjorie Jezzard, Dorothy Jezzard, C. Jones, J. Mewse, Penny (who kindly sends us the "Sussex Express" each week), A. D. Douglas, Helen Rook, O. Schofield, J. Sweatman, and Nancy Wyborn.

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Owing to various causes (one of which was the intricacies of adult handwriting) we had need to make the following corrections in "Roll of Honour" of *Nova Rya*, No. 6. Read :

R. Hunter *instead of* A. Hunter.

J. Flanagan, R.A. *for* 5th Royal Sussex Rgt.

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Madge Collins *for* Mabel Collins.

A. Glazier, R.A.S.C. *for* Royal Sussex Rgt.

TO FRIENDS AND OLD SCHOLARS

News of Old Scholars is always welcome, especially those who have not figured recently in the *News Bulletin* or *Nova Rya*. Copies of back numbers of *Nova Rya* are mostly obtainable and will be forwarded to those who desire them.

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