

### School Notes and News

Last term ended with the excitement and enjoyment of the Staff Play, which this year was A.A. Milne's "The Fourth Wall". Mr. Hyde is to be congratulated on his first appearance as producer in which he was very ably supported by his stage manager, Miss Nicholson. School broke up for Easter on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. We said farewell to Miss Wright who has left us to be married to the Rev. H. Saunderson. She had been a member of the Staff for eight years, and we offer her our best wishes for her future happiness. We returned to School on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Miss Townsend has joined us as Music Mistress and we hope that she will enjoy her work with us. Miss Euler has been absent most of the term through illness, and we wish her a speedy recovery. During the week beginning May 11<sup>th</sup> the School had its General Inspection. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the School were again represented at Huddersfield Inter-School Sports. Mr. Austin was responsible once more for the coaching. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>., a party of 140 boys and girls accompanied by members of the Staff spent a very enjoyable day at Oxford. Empire Day fell on a Sunday this year, but the Headmaster addressed the School on the Monday, and read Earl Meath's and Earl Beatty's letters. The Inter-House Reading Competition took place on May 28<sup>th</sup>., and we were again fortunate in having Dr. Pycroft as adjudicator. Half-term and Whitsuntide were combined this term, and formed a good break, though the weather was not very kind. School Examinations took place during the week after Half-term. School Certificate and Higher School Certificate start on July 6<sup>th</sup>., and we wish all our candidates success. On July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>., Miss Harrison produced a children's Ballet with Forms 1, 2, 3, and 4, in the Quarry, which was very successful, and very much appreciated by large audiences. Parents' Day is fixed for July 22<sup>nd</sup>., and the Folk Dancing Display for July 15<sup>th</sup>. Term ends on July 30<sup>th</sup>., and the School re-opens for the Autumn Term on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Dr. Pycroft**

To the great regret of his many friends, Dr. Pycroft will be retiring shortly from professional work and will be leaving the district. His loss will not be felt least by those to whom his enthusiasm for literature and the dramatic art was at once an aid and an inspiration. It was this enthusiasm, combined with a tireless energy and the most scrupulous attention to detail, that enabled the South Elmsall Fellowship of Players to achieve such a high standard of success. And the same enthusiasm, the same attention to detail, the same sympathy and encouragement were evident in those inter-house competitions over which he presided here, to our great advantage and to his own obvious enjoyment. We shall miss his presence and his kindly help, and we take this opportunity of thanking him again for his many services to the School, and wishing him a long and happy retirement.

A.G.J

### The New House Cups



**L-R:** Mr. Flavell, Mr. Jenkinson, Betty Mulheir (Head Girl), Dr. Pycroft, Firman L.W. (Head Boy), Mr. Betson

On Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>., the School were made richer by two silver cups presented by the trustees of the South Elmsall Rugby Union Football Club. Dr. Pycroft and Mr. Betson on behalf of the trustees came to give the cups, and Dr. Pycroft offered the School some excellent advice on loyalty and playing the game. Mr. Flavell paid a tribute to the work of Dr. Pycroft and thanked him for the cups. The Headmaster then offered the thanks of the School to Dr. Pycroft for his constant interest in them which would never be forgotten.

## Tennis Notes

So far the Tennis Six have not had a very successful season. Three matches have had to be cancelled owing to rain, and of the five that have been played four have been lost and one won.

## **Results**

May 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	School v Ossett G.S	Away	The School were defeated by 62 games to 47.
May 13 <sup>th</sup> .	School v Doncaster H.S.	Home	School defeated Doncaster by 47 games to 34.
May 16 <sup>th</sup> .	School v Ackworth	Away	The School were defeated by 97 games to 38.
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	School v Normanton G.S.	Away	Normanton were victorious by 53 games to 46.
June 6 <sup>th</sup> .	School v Pontefract	Home	School were defeated by 41 games to 17.

There are still six matches to be played, and we are hoping that the second half of the season may be more successful than the first has been. On behalf of the team I should like to thank Miss Harrison for the support which she continues to give.

**M. Poole (Sec)**

## The Staff Play



Last term the Staff performed their annual play, and, as they had not done one in the previous year, it was doubly pleasant. It was A.A. Milne's "The Fourth Wall", a mystery murder play in three acts, so called because the audience see the action of the play through the fourth wall of the scene, Heron Place, in Sussex. Miss Kenward, who played her large part so well, and the versatile Mr. Hamilton were the chief players, taking the parts of two amateur sleuths who tracked down the murderer and his accomplice, played by Mr. Hyde and Mr. Manning, by means of the astute deduction. Congratulations to Mr. Storer, who, as P.C. Mallet evoked roars of laughter by references to his tomatoes. The people behind the scenes deserve many thanks for their work, especially **Mr. Hyde**, who produced the play and took the part of the villain. Altogether "The Fourth Wall" was a most excellent production and a fit successor to the long line of Staff Plays which are now history.

**E. Stamp.**

## **The Characters**

Jimmy Ludgrove	Mr. J.D. Hamilton
Susan Cunningham	Miss D. Kenward
Adams	Miss D. Euler
Edward Laverick	Mr. T. Manning
Edward Carter	Mr. L.T. Hyde
Major Fothergill	Mr. H.G. Augur
Mrs. Fulverton Fane	Miss P.E.M. Wright
Jane West	Miss E. Shortridge
Arthur Ludgrove	Mr. A.G. Jenkinson
P.C. Mallet	Mr. J.A. Storer
"Sergeant" Mallet	Mr. L.N. Collette
Producer	Mr. L.T. Hyde
Stage Manager	Miss E. Nicholson
Business Manager	Mr. P. Crossland
Electrician	C. Clarkson
Music	Under the direction of Miss Wright.

## Inter-School Sports at Huddersfield - May 20<sup>th</sup> 1936.

The School arrived at Huddersfield with a team of very good runners. The sports began promptly at 2.30 with the 100 yds. heats in which we did very well gaining places in every heat, as we also did in the 220 yds heats. In the 440 yds, Brailsford took the lead in the first 20 yds and went on to win by a clear 10 yds. Nuttall, who, for the first time in his School career, represented the School in the mile, came second to the Normanton boy in the very good time of 4 minutes 47 seconds. The Normanton boy gained a large lead in the first lap, only to win with a margin of seven yards. Cutts gained second place in the Senior High jump and 440 yards. Walker won the 100 and 220 yds, with Chapman second in the 100 yds. Harwood, a first year junior, showed us that he is going to make a name for himself in running. He won the 100 yds in 12 seconds, equalling the record, and broke the record for the 220 yds by 0.6 of a second in the good time of 27.6 seconds. Perry came second in the Junior High Jump, being beaten by a Royds Hall boy who broke the record by jumping 4 ft. 4 ins. The great disappointment of the day was the Middles Class, who only gained three points, and these in the relay. The School must learn to take the baton properly, the poor changing-over losing the shield. The School won the Junior Plaque, the final results being Normanton 55 pts., Hemsworth 49, Royds Hall 35, Honley 29, Penistone 27, Elland 20, and Hipperholme 9 points.

The School wishes to thank Mr. Austin, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Manning and Mr. Hall for the great help they have given in the training for these sports.

"Mickey" - Price.

### Folk Dancing Display July 15<sup>th</sup> 1936



**Mr. Jenkinson (centre) leads the way**

### The Oxford Trip

On the morning of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, numerous somewhat excited boys and girls, wearing H.G.S. hats and caps, congregated on the stations of Nostell, Hemsworth, and Moorthorpe, at the astonishingly early hour of eight o'clock. No one ought to have been more astonished than the members of the Staff who accompanied us, as, with the exception of one partial invalid, the whole party was on time, and even the latter managed to scramble aboard. The occasion was of course the trip to Oxford, when one hundred and forty pupils and six members of the Staff "did" the ancient, historic "seat of learning" in the truly American style.

Once aboard the train and the fun began. Probing back into the dim distant past one wonders however the train managed to hold to the rails, so great was the commotion and excitement of that first hour. Calm having been restored, and the boys "persuaded" not to lean out of carriage windows (headless bodies are such a nuisance to dispose of), the train Staff upset the temporary quietness by serving lunch. From that moment, very few thought of sitting still, but those who could view the countryside, were well rewarded by what they saw. Two points of interest did claim some attention - the aerial masts of Daventry, and the stream-lined rail-coach at Banbury.

On arrival at Oxford, we found (eventually) motor-coaches waiting to conduct us round Oxford. The next two hours were fruitfully spent sight-seeing. Different things captured the interest of different people, such as the magnificent grounds of the Colleges, especially Worcester, the splendour of St. Mary's Church, the Bodleian Library, Sir Joshua Reynolds' famous window at New College, and King Edward's apartments at Magdalen College. But one thing will be remembered by all - the wonderful mace of William de Whykam, Bishop of Winchester, at New College. Even the non-artists were impressed by its workmanship, and to those who could fully appreciate its artistry, to see it must have been worth the whole trip.

After touring Oxford, the party proceeded to the river, where two river-steamers were awaiting us. A good deal of rivalry existed between the boys' and the girls' boats, but the former managed to get away first, to the great elation of its passengers. The journey on the steamer was about four miles up stream; tea was served on board, and the boats returned about 5.45 p.m. to moor for the final Inter-College race at 6.30. The girls' boat had to moor nearer the starting point, but they were fortunate in seeing the only "bump".

The walk back to the station, which in ordinary circumstances would have afforded us an opportunity of obtaining mementoes was marred by a heavy downpour of rain, which made Oxford seem more like Manchester on cricket days. Nevertheless it was a very wet but highly satisfied party that left the train at the various stations of Moorthorpe, Hemsworth, and Nostell.

**Firman 6s and Rutter 5b, both of Talbot House**

### The Reading Competition

	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Seniors</b>
1	D. Lawton	Elvidge
2	Page	Griffiths
3	I. Miles	H. Noble
4	E. Hodgson	

### General Knowledge Examination

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Points.</b>
1.	Elvidge	6a	Talbot	10
2.	Firman	6s	Talbot	9
3	E. Cullingworth	6a	Holgate	8
4	Wainwright	6s	Price	6.5
5	Wilson L.	6a	Price	6.5
6	A. Jenkinson	5s	Price	5
7	B. Athron	6a	Price	4
8	Guest W.E.	6a	Guest	3
9	Jessop	4a	Guest	0.6
10	Branford	4a	Holgate	0.6
11	Skelding	6a	Talbot	0.6

### **Summary of House Points:-**

Holgate 8.6pts., Talbot 19.6pts., Price 22pts., Guest 3.6pts.

### Cricket Notes

Very few matches have been played as this issue of the Magazine goes to press, so it has been thought advisable to insert the complete account of all matches in the Autumn issue.

L.C.

### Enchanted Glade

The Quarry formed an ideal setting for the ballet which **Miss Harrison** produced on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Princess, bored with Court life, envied the goblins and was carried off by them. Midsummer Day was celebrated in the palace grounds with dances of many lands, but these were interrupted by the messenger announcing the disappearance of the Princess. Not even the court Jesters with all their agility could dispel the grief at this sad news. The Prince set out to discover the Princess, and finding her in the Enchanted Glade, joined her in the games of the Little Folk. At last the mortals went back to the Palace, and the Little Folk rejoiced in their happiness.





### "The Enchanted Glade"



The quarry in the grounds of the Grammar School made an ideal setting for a three act ballet, "The Enchanted Glade", which was presented by pupils of the Grammar School on Wednesday evening. The ballet was produced by **Miss Harrison**, a member of the staff.

The first act depicted the enchanted glade, and the characters were: M. Price (**Princess**), E. Clayton, M. Bevan, E. Hale, J. Milner, A. Perry, B. Clayton, C. Pickles, D. Park, K. Nuttall, D. Lawton (**Autumn Leaves**), J. Carter, R. Sinclair, N. Andrews, D. Bonnell, B. Parkinson, M. Tiffany (**Goblins**), R. Page, A. Welch, B. Burbridge, M. Allen (**Dryads**), J. Barker (**Piper**), I. Smith, P. Morris, J. Miles, J. Watkinson, H. Bramham, A. Everett, J. Tomlinson, L. Farmer, K. Sheffield, A. Wilkinson, J. McKenna, M. Hall, R. Tiffany, P. Carter (**Nymphs**).

The second act showed the palace gardens. Midsummer Day was being celebrated, and in this act Russian Dances were given by D. Park, B. Crossland, R. Page, M. Allen, D. Lawton, J. Barker, J. Towler and B. Gill. Chinese Dances by R. Hall, J. Gill and M. Briggs and Cymbal Dances by M. Park, M. Cutts, M. Bower and M. Jones. The characters in this act were: B. Day (**Queen**), M. Sykes (**King**), B. Page, E. Birley, J. Hulley, E. Smith, J. Garrod, C. Batty, E. Godfrey, J. Marriott (**Courtiers**), B. Townend, R. Needham (**Jesters**).

Act three reverted to the "enchanted glade," and the characters were the same with the addition of R. Needham (**Prince**). Music was supplied by the School orchestra. The performance was repeated last night.

### Library Notes

The number of books borrowed this term has maintained its fairly high level, and, on the whole, the books have been carefully handled. Some of the fiction books have now come to the end of their usefulness, for they have had very hard usage for fourteen years, so it has been decided to 'scrap' them. This means a somewhat depleted Library for next year, unless some fairy godmother or godfather comes along with a substantial donation towards new books. On the other hand, there are, I expect, many present pupils who would like to show their appreciation of what the Library has meant to them. If there are, now is their opportunity. A book, or books, or the money to buy the same, will be appreciated by all book-lovers in the School, and these donations can be given at any time during the year.

The following are books which have to be purchased. Perhaps the list will help would-be donors to decide. I can let them have the titles of other books if they want them.

L.C.

Title	Author	Price
Omnibus	H.G. Wells	7s - 6d.
Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Graeme	2s - 6d
The House of the Arrow	A.E.W. Mason	2s - 0d.
White Fang	Jack London	2s - 0d.
The Scarlet Pimpernel	Orozy	2s - 0d.
Three Men in a Boat	J.K. Jerome	2s - 0d.
Sir John Dering	Jeffery Farnol	2s - 0d.

### Slum Clearance

The public conscience has been lulled to unconsciousness with regard to the horrors of slumdom. We, as a nation, pride ourselves on our democratic government, large industries, physical prowess, sports, and airforce; in short, we are proud of ourselves and our achievements. But what of our slums? Have they to be included in our achievements? Or are we apparently oblivious of their presence? If we are aware of the danger of slums, which I think most men are, we, as Christians, should be doing more about this much-talked-of question.

In the early Church, the first Christians shared out their money and worldly goods, so that every man was made equal. But in the world of today, with a few exceptions, the universal policy seems to be to get as much for oneself as possible in either a dishonest or an honest way. The wicked do, undoubtedly, prosper, and the good seem to fall. This does not mean that all the poor wretches who live in slums are good people, actually, it is often the reverse. But we must remember that a man who has a wife and children who are starving, is not always honest and good, because he is desperate, and will do anything to get food for his family.

The problem of slums has been tackled by some charitable people and by councils. New houses have been built, and old ones pulled down. If these new houses were visited in two month's time, the same conditions as prevailed in the old slums would be found. For instance, in 1935 there was a large slum clearance in one of our big cities. A greengrocer, who was one of the people to be moved into a new home, had a donkey, and rather than part with his donkey, he turned his new bathroom into a stable, and kept his greengroceries in his new, white bath. Of course, as soon as these examples become evident, the people who have been trying to help to clear the slums, will immediately decide that slums are better left untouched.

But the inhabitants of slums have been born and bred in their terrible surroundings, and do not know how to rid themselves of their filthy ways. Therefore they should be taught how to get rid of them. The natural solution would be to educate the children of the slums to a better way of thinking and living. But some of the best-educated men and women of today are as evil and corrupt as the meanest criminals, but they are clever enough to hide their wickedness. The people who live in the slums then, must first wipe away unclean hearts, low morality, and drunkenness, that is, be taught to love Christ, and to live the life which He would have them live.

There would be much less filth and squalor in slums, I am certain, if this policy were applied. After learning how to live an unfeigned Christian life, the next step of clearing the slums housing, would follow and be successful. But until this idea is applied, there will not be much headway made in this difficult problem of slum clearance.

E.A.H.  
Guest.

### Calendar

September 21<sup>st</sup>.  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Tuesday)  
October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
November 16<sup>th</sup>.  
December 14<sup>th</sup>.  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>.  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)  
January 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

Entrance Examination. 10.00 a.m.  
Term begins.  
Summer Time ends.  
Marks and Orders.  
Mid-term Holiday.  
Armistice Day and Remembrance Day. Speech Day.  
Marks and Orders.  
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School Play.  
Term ends.  
Spring term begins.