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Editorial.

The end of another school year will soon be here, and with it we say goodbye to a large number of pupils. This term we must include one member of the staff, Miss Bompas, who has been fortunate enough to obtain a post at Hornsey, North London, very near to her own home. We hope she will always have pleasant memories of her stay with us.

At the beginning of last term we were sorry to discover that Mr. Jones had been ordered by the doctor to take a rest. He returned just before half-term, and is now quite fit again. Miss Hinchliffe, too, was absent until half-term, owing to her father's serious illness. Happily, when she returned to school, she was able to report that he was practically well again.

Miss Rudkins joined us in January, taking the place of Miss Ridge, and we hope she will stay some time with us.

The Summer Term will be remembered by most pupils for the reduction of homework. The Fifth and Sixth Forms, unfortunately, did not share in this, but we feel sure that their keenness to do well in the C.W.B. examinations would cause them to reject with scorn any plan for reducing their homework periods.

At the moment of writing the C.W.B. examinations are in full swing. May the examiners deal kindly with all candidates, and may we all have a pleasant holiday, with better weather than we have had during most of this term.

A.R.P.

(After "Three Jolly Farmers" by Walter de la Mare).

Three bold dictators
 Once bet a pound,
 Each blow the other would
 Off the ground.
 A flight of planes
 They built right soon,
 And high explosives
 Proclaiming doom
 To four-year plans,
 Autonomy,
 Balance of trade,
 And prosperity,
 One needed butter,
 Another lacked oil;
 They mobilized forces,
 Causing turmoil.
 To treaties and promises
 They paid no heed.
 Their plea they said was
 Not the word but the deed.
 This was the reason,
 Now don't you see,
 That we all got the craze
 For A.R.P.

MARJORIE GEORGE, VI.

"The Late Christopher Bean."

In the presentation of Emlyn Williams' "The Late Christopher Bean," on December 15 and 16, the School Dramatic Society returned to its now strengthening tradition of staging one three-act play rather than a number of shorter plays, the sustained effect thus obtained being no mean achievement for a school performance. This year in particular there was a feeling that the general standard of the acting was quite equal to that high standard already built up in the past, and that Miss Hemmings was to be greatly congratulated on her gifted producing of "The Late Christopher Bean."

This play provides a number of laughs and also passages of pathos, the interplay of which keep the audience in a continuous

state of interest. Strangely enough both humour and pathos are largely centred around one and the same character, that of Gwenny (played by Madge Davies). Much of the success of the play turns on the apt interpretation of this character, and the rendering given by Madge both in dialect and in the artistic pathos of parts of the play was both convincing and attractive.

Mr. Devereux is now an established stage favourite, and his twin gifts of a delightful voice and easy manner were both seen to advantage in his portrayal of the country practitioner, Dr. Haggett.

We were also fortunate this year in having Mr. Davies, who was able to play the double rôle of Davenport and of Stage Manager: as the artist-dealer Davenport we felt that he altogether "looked" the part.

As Mr. Davies was engaged as an acting artist on the actual nights of this play, the stage-managing was then capably carried through by Mr. Wyndham Jones.

The playing opposite each other of Susan Haggett (Diana Marendaz) and Bruce McRae (E. J. Canton) was charmingly taken and received due appreciation from the audience; while Mrs. Haggett (Mary Williams), a managing wife, and Ada Haggett (Elsie Brookfield), a spoilt young woman, were each ably portrayed. Tallant (W. A. Rickard) and Rosen (J. Dyke) "got over" the footlights for the unprincipled schemers that they were, the former in the rôle of a faker and the latter in that of a commercial dealer in works of art.

It was pleasing to feel the unmistakable sense of "esprit de corps" which characterised this little company, so that all worked together without any too greatly outstanding strengths or weaknesses being apparent.

Prize Day.

The principal speaker at the last Prize-Giving, held on December 10, was Dr. Roland Williams of Clynderwen, the prizes being distributed by Mrs. Williams.

After the chairman's opening remarks, a party of IIIrd Formers sang a German folk song. This was followed by the distribution of prizes and certificates. Katie Martin then sang two songs, after which came the Headmaster's report, in which he stated that the number of pupils on October 1, 1936, was 382, a new record. Most of the pupils who had left during or at the end of the school year had gone to other schools or to colleges or had found employment. He referred also to the inadequacy in

size of the present school field, and concluded with details of successes gained by old pupils.

Dr. Williams reminded the parents that education should be a co-operative affair between the school and themselves. He was glad to notice from the Headmaster's report that the cultural side of school life was not neglected here, and that the old fault of neglecting the development of the body had practically disappeared in our modern schools.

PRIZE LIST.

IIC-1, E. J. Parcell; 2, B. E. Owen. IIB-1, D. V. Wright; 2, N. E. Brown. IIA-1, D. Brookfield; 2, G. R. Davies. IIIC-A M. Manning. IIIB-1, W. H. Mills; 2, R. Prout. IIIA-1, J. W. Blencoe; 2, J. G. Bowen. IVC-V. G. Mansfield. IVB-1, E. M. Phillips; 2, M. F. Rogers. IVA-1, E. J. Pearce; 2, M. George. Lower V-R. W. O. White. VB-J. E. Garlich. VA-1 (equal), E. M. Scourfield (and Special Prize for Cookery), and B. Thomas; 2 (equal), M. Thomas and M. L. Player. School Certificates-M. A. George, D. P. Morris, L. N. James (and Special Prize for Cookery), M. E. Williams, J. M. R. Bevan, S. A. Dixon, B. T. A. Phillips (and Special Prize for Needlework), A. M. Johns, J. E. Simpson, R. B. M. Williams, G. M. James, P. G. Rossiter, B. E. M. Thomas. VS-1, F. A. Denzey (and Special Prize for Woodwork); 2, E. J. Canton. School Certificates-W. C. Bateman, A. G. Nicholls, R. W. Brinn, N. H. Owen, T. W. Belt, D. G. Russell, P. T. Gray. Lower VI-Form Prizes-J. A. W. Johns, W. T. J. Cox, E. G. Pendleton. Supplementary Certificates-L. M. Gwyther (Geography), D. G. H. Nevin (Geography), D. G. Taylor (English). Upper VI-Form Prizes and Higher Certificates-M. Davies, E. J. W. Mathias, E. L. Williams. Hockey Stick-E. M. Gibby. Cricket Bat-W. A. Richard. Mrs. Rees, Ty-Gwyn, Scholarship-W. T. J. Cox.

School Societies.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Last term the first debate took place on January 27th, when the meeting was devoted to impromptu speeches. One speaker, on the subject of Spain, referred to the Spanish Civil War as a struggle between the "Reds" and the "Patriots." A member from the floor proposed that the use of these terms should not be allowed to pass unchallenged by the House, and held that the terms "Government" and "Rebels," should be substituted for "Reds" and "Patriots." This was seconded by another member and the motion was put to the House and carried. There were also some amusing subjects discussed, thus making a very interesting and lively debate.

The second meeting took place on February 10th, when the motion "That Democracy in the Modern World is an Illusion"

was discussed. The speakers for the affirmative were F. A. Denzey and E. G. Pendleton, and for the negative W. A. Rickard and E. James. The subject seemed rather a difficult one for many of those who attended, but a number of interesting political facts were brought forward and discussed. The motion was eventually carried.

The subject for the last debate was "That the Pursuit of Knowledge is Not Worth While." The speakers for the motion were Madge Davies and Pearce, and for the opposition two members of the staff, Mr. J. Wyndham Jones and Mr. Devereux. The chairman was F. A. Denzey. The staff seemed rather disappointed at the lack of speakers from the floor, so the debate was not as successful as it might have been. The majority voted in favour of the motion.

PLAY READINGS.

On February 10 two plays were read. First, members of IIIa gave "The Princess and The Woodcutter." In this, the woodcutter, by a piece of strategy, manages to save the princess from a marriage with one of the three very inane princes, thus winning her for himself. Peggy Saunders was the princess, G. Davies the woodcutter, D. Rolfe the King, Margaret Gilby the Queen Mother, E. Nevin, G. Gill and G. Lloyd the three princes.

The second play, "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne, was given by members of the Upper School, and the subject was the change of outlook experienced by a boy coming home from the war. Before joining the army he had always submitted to the opinions of his uncle (his guardian). But on his first day home his uncle was made, by a dream, to see that he could no longer assert himself over a boy who had seen war. Those taking part were:—K. Tucker, the boy; E. J. Canton, his uncle; Madge Davies, his aunt; Mary Williams, the cook; Diana Marendaz, the maid.

On March 3 two more plays were read. This time "The Man in The Bowler Hat" was chosen, with "Five Birds in a Cage" to precede it. The first, a very melodramatic piece, dealt with the theft of a Rajah's ruby, which the thief confessed he had hidden in a hatbox at Charing Cross Station, the cloakroom ticket for which was in another hatbox at Waterloo, the ticket for which was in a hatbox at Paddington, and so on through all the London stations. Just as the thief states that he has lost the ticket for the last hatbox, the Man in the Bowler Hat shows that it is all only a rehearsal of a play. Those taking part were:—John, J. Dyke; Mary, Madge Davies; the Man in The Bowler

Hat, N. Owen; the Hero, J. Blencowe; the Heroine, Diana Marendaz; the Villain, W. Cox; the Bad Man, D. Russell.

The other play was "Five Birds in a Cage," which showed the plight of five people marooned in a lift halfway up the shaft. They are, a duchess (Edith Fraser), her admirer Leonard (K. Tucker), a little Cockney dressmaker's assistant (Marion Hall), a bricklayer's foreman (C. Thomas), and the liftman (W. Mills), who vetoes any suggestions made to him for the rescue of the party by stating that they are "agin' the regulations." Finally, however, by the application of an idea of the foreman's the party is freed.

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

The Science Society held one meeting during the Spring term, when L. Purser gave a paper on "Science in Agriculture." The chair was taken by Mr. Haines.

The subject was well treated. The effect of science on the development of agriculture from early times was indicated. The primitive methods of the early farmers have given way to more effective ones through the centuries, and with the advent of the Industrial Revolution and the Mechanical Age, the lot of the farmer has been changed. The various branches of agriculture, horticulture, dairy-work, etc., owe their origin to science. Thus we were shown that agriculture, from being a subject of primitive methods, has now become a branch of science, with all the knowledge and experience of science behind it.

The meeting was well attended, and Purser is to be congratulated on the excellent way in which he compiled his paper.

School Sports.

"Every man shift for all the rest and let no man take care for himself."—The Tempest.

HOCKEY.

Owing to bad weather we played against only three schools in the Spring Term. We were not successful in any of the three matches, for they were all drawn. In addition we played against the Staff on two occasions. The first time the result was a draw, but the second time the Staff won. We welcomed Miss Rudkins as our coach at the beginning of last term, and we hope she will be happy with the hockey team. The following were awarded colours at the end of the term:—M. Howard, E. Phillips, P. Johns, B. Elsdon, D. Brookfield and B. Johns.

The team was chosen from the following:—*B. Thomas

(Capt.), *W. Richards (Vice Capt.), *D. Charles, *E. Phillips, *B. Johns, *M. Howard, *B. Elsdon, *J. Flutter, *P. Johns, *D. Brookfield, R. Mathias, M. George, N. Davies, J. Morris.

* Colours.

Matches Played.

February 12—Tenby County School (away) Drawn 0—0.
 March 5—Milford County School (home). Drawn 1—1.
 March 26—F ishguard County School (away). Drawn 2—2.
 March 21—Staff. Drawn 0—0.
 March 30—Staff. Lost 3—0.

FOOTBALL.

Last term proved very disappointing to the School XI. Of the eleven matches arranged for the Spring Term, four were cancelled, three were drawn, and only one match was won. At the end of the Winter Term a match was played against the Old Boys, who, after a keenly contested game, were held to a draw. The second Old Boys' game at the end of the Spring Term resulted in the defeat of the School XI.

The team was chosen from the following:—*F. A. Denzey (Capt.), *E. J. Canton (Vice-Capt.), *F. G. Grey (Sec.), *H. Oliver, *R. White, *V. Clayson, M. Williams, D. T. Davies, L. Fielder, *E. Carr, N. Earnshaw, W. Adams, G. Round and N. Owen.

*Colours.

Matches Played.

December 21—Old Boys. Drawn 2—2.
 January 22—Pembroke Dock Ex-Schoolboys (home). Won 4—3.
 January 29 Milford County School (away). Lost 0—3.
 February 5—Milford Engineering Works (home). Lost 1—2.
 February 12—Tenby County School (away). Drawn 1—1.
 March 5—Tenby County School (home). Drawn 4—4.
 March 19—Milford County School (home). Lost 0—3.
 April 2—Tenby County School (away). Lost 1—2.
 April 5—Old Boys. Lost 0—1.

A House Tournament was organised during the Spring term, the Junior section of which was won by Tudor House, who also repeated their success in the Senior section.

TENNIS.

We have been particularly unfortunate in the matter of fixtures this season, having played only one match at home (which we won by 8 events to 1) against Milford Haven County School. The other fixtures have had to be cancelled, or else the secretaries failed to reply to our offers of fixtures.

However, at the time of going to press we are hoping to play a Staff Match on July 15th and an Old Girls Match on the last day of term—July 22nd. We have been unable to put in much

practice because of the weather and C.W.B. examinations, but we are determined to do our very best in these two matches to come.

The team was chosen from the following :—*Joan Flutter (Capt.), *Joyce Johns, Evelyn Phillips, Peggy March, Beryl Johns, Madge Davies (Sec.), Joan Simpson, Winnie Richards.

*Denotes Old Colours.

ROUNDERS.

This is quite a new game for the school, but we hope to take it up seriously and have a regular team in the near future. We had a fixture with Milford Haven County School on June 15, and we were quite pleased with our 6 Rounders to their 6½. As they have been fielding a team regularly for some time, our performance is encouraging. The Juniors also had a fixture with the same school on July 11, but this had to be cancelled at short notice.

The senior team was as follows :—Winnie Richards (Capt.), Beryl Johns, Barbara Elsdon, Phyllis Johns, Olive Flavell, Katie Martin, Peggy March, R. Lawrence, Florence Heath.

CRICKET.

Of the ten matches played so far this term, the School XI have been victorious in four, while the remaining six have been lost, and thanks to the weather only one has been cancelled.

This season has seen some splendid bowling performances by R. White. So far he has a bag of thirty-one wickets at an average cost of four runs each.

During the term colours were awarded to three members of the team, L. M. Barraah, G. Evans and P. Davies.

Three more matches remain to be played, of which the Old Boys' match will be the greatest attraction and is due to be played on July 22nd. It is to be hoped that the school will lend their vocal support in aid of the School XI at this match.

Committee :—F. G. Grey (capt.), L. M. Barraah (vice capt.), R. White (sec.), and G. Evans.

The following represented the School team during the term :—F. G. Grey, L. M. Barraah, R. W. White, G. Evans, P. Davies, P. Thomas, G. Round, R. Davies, E. Sutton, D. Davies, V. Clayson, E. Carr and S. Roblin.

The committee would also like to thank Mr. Devereux for his support during the season.

Matches and Results.

May 7—Burton Cricket Club (away). Lost 28—74. (Barraah 5 for 13).
 May 21—Pembrokeshire Cricket Club (home). Won 89—54. (Mr. Devereux 50; R. White 4 for 10).
 May 28—Ashdale Cricket Club (home). Lost 28—96.

June 4—Angle Cricket Club (home). Lost 48—73. (R. White 6 for 28).
 June 11—Fishguard County School (away). Won 111—61. (F. G. Grey 28; P. Davies 27; R. Davies 4 for 4).
 June 18—Angle Cricket Club (away). Won 53—47. (R. White 7 for 20).
 June 21—Rev. R. C. Davies' XI (home). Lost 71—25.
 June 25—Ashdale Cricket Club (away). Lost 25—45.
 July 2—Tenby County School (home). Won 42—23. (F. G. Grey 16; R. White 6 for 7 including hat trick).
 July 9—Williamston Cricket Club (away). Lost 60—76.

Life In India.

I spent three years in India with my father's regiment, and during that time I had many interesting experiences. When I first arrived in India we spent six weeks in Rawal Pindi. Then, as summer was coming on, we had to move up to the Himalayas. Two days before we started to move, our furniture had to be packed on bullock carts, and as bullocks are slow-moving beasts we reached our destination at the same time as the furniture. We arrived at our bungalow at dusk, and icicles were hanging from the roof, as it was so cold.

Our beds were just wooden frames with rope stretched from side to side. The mattresses consisted of three big cushions made of khaki cloth and filled with coir, which is the fibre from the coconut. We had no water laid on, so it was brought to us in sheepskins by natives.

Every night our sleep was broken by the howling of jackals and by monkeys. The monkeys used to jump on to our tin roof at night and make a fearful din, but we were not allowed to harm them as they are held sacred by the natives, although tribes of them often raid the cornfields.

When summer was ended and it was time to go down to the plains we moved to Delhi, and it was here that I had an exciting experience. Earlier in the day my mother had made a jelly and put it in the cookhouse to set, and had forgotten all about it until it was time to go to bed. So we put on our shoes and went to the cookhouse, which was at the end of the verandah, to fetch it. We secured the jelly, and I was walking along the verandah back to the bungalow, flashing my torch, when suddenly my mother screamed. I stood still, wondering what it was all about, and then I knew the reason, for right in front of me was a big snake, ready to strike. I jumped back, and Paddy, my dog, jumped in front of me. The snake struck and just grazed his foot, which swelled up to the size of an orange, and he was laid up for four days. My father, hearing my mother scream, rushed out of the bungalow and killed the snake with a long pole.

KENNETH DAVIDSON, IIB.

A Day In a Film Studio.

I lived in Baker Street along with Sexton Blake and the Abbey Road Building Society. Well, one has to be at the studio, which is at Wembley, next to the Stadium, by eight o'clock. That means getting up at seven for breakfast and bath, seven thirty if you have the good sense and energy to bath the night before.

Most people go to work by Underground. When I first came to London I thought that, as Wembley was a suburb, it couldn't be very far away, so I took a taxi. But at what a price! Therefore, having learnt my lesson, I henceforth took a "workman's day return"—one and threepence.

Getting into the Studio on the first morning is not easy unless you have been there often and the commissionaire knows you by sight. Once inside, you go to the notice-board and find out what dressing-room you have, ring for a boy, and then follow him to what is to be for a few weeks your own domain. It should now be about 8.30—you have changed into whatever you are to wear for the first shots, and now you must dash to the make-up room to be transformed into a thing of beauty and a joy for the ninepennies. It is now nine o'clock, prayers are on their way at School, and the call-boy is rapping panelled doors and shouting "Everybody on the set, please." So we go across a few "lots" on to the set. A "lot" is a scene built up out of doors.

On the set we usually wait around for about an hour while all the technical staff quarrel about the lighting. Then somebody calls you all forward and tells you he is the producer, and proceeds to rehearse a scene. People often ask: "Isn't it a terrible lot to learn?" No, it certainly is not, because the script is cut up into lots of scenes, which are numbered, something like this:—

257. Change to close-up of Dora and Charles.

Charles: "You cheat!"

Dora: "How dare you!"

Charles: "Because I saw you cheat."

Cut to

258. Long shot of Casino.

So you see, as one only has to think of a matter of a dozen words at a time it is not at all difficult. But sometimes the director will want the scene done a dozen times before he is ready, then the acoustics man has to give it "O.K. for sound" before they can shoot.

Then you go through the day in the terrific heat of a vast studio, built to contain about four or five different sets, so that as soon as one is dispensed with the others are ready. One of the most amazing things is the number of cups of tea which are consumed per day. The terrible heat can be effectively combated only by "the cup that cheers"

When lunch-time comes, about one o'clock, the entire "outfit" scrambles for the studio restaurant and is back again on the set in an hour. Then they work on until perhaps six in the evening, with a short break for tea.

Then—home to a really good meal and bed, not too late—film actors have no time for much play if they wish to be successful.

CLIFFORD MOSES.

School Notes.

At the beginning of this term there were 316 pupils in school, 187 girls and 129 boys. In addition there is one student teacher, Joan Mathias.

The Prefects are:—

Tudor:—Joyce Johns (senior), Dilys Morris, Winnie Richards, L. A. Purser, R. W. O. White.

Picton:—Madge Davies, Nancy James, Sheila Dixon, L. M. Barrah (senior), N. Owen.

Glyndwr:—Barbara Williams, Betty Thomas, Joan Simpson, W. T. J. Cox, F. Grey, P. R. Thomas.

The results of two Civil Service Clerical Classes examinations have been announced since the last Penvro appeared. In the middle of December we learnt that H. R. Beardsworth, W. A. Rickard and E. J. Canton had passed the examination held in September. Beardsworth did exceptionally well to come 44th. Rickard was 736th, and Canton 997th. They have all now been given appointments, Beardsworth leaving early in January to start work at the Admiralty, Rickard going to the War Office in the middle of February, and Canton going to the Air Ministry a week later. Rickard was unlucky enough to be taken ill a few months ago, but he has now started work again.

Just before the beginning of term, the result of the January Clerical Classes examination appeared. In this, E. G. Pendleton did even better than Beardsworth had done in September, being placed 37th. P. W. Winter, who left school last June, when his people moved to Gowerton, took the examination from the County

At the Universities, Dorothy Clements has passed the Final examination in Pure and Applied Mathematics at Cardiff, while Ralph Davies and Albert Morgan have obtained the Diploma in Education at the same college, with second class in both Theory and Practical.

Alan Beard, who left us when he was in the IIIrd Form, and afterwards obtained an appointment in the Civil Service through the Clerical Classes examination, has now passed the Executive examination, being placed 183rd.

Mervyn Thomas recently came first in the examination for the South Wales Post Office Clerical Department, and has since been transferred to Cardiff.

We congratulate too Betty Hulbert, who in April, passed an examination for advancement in the Ministry of Health. She has now taken up a new appointment under the Ministry at Acton.

Eileen Butterworth has passed both her hospital and her State examinations in Nursing, and has been appointed Staff Nurse at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Suffolk.

T. A. Owens was appointed in December as a schoolmaster under the Admiralty.

W. A. Thomas left for London in February to begin work in the rent-collecting department of the L.C.C.

Norman Nash was appointed to the Central School at Milford at the beginning of this term,

As reported last December, Frank Hobbs is now a chaplain in the R.A.F. He is stationed at Netheravon in Wiltshire, and was recently married, as mentioned later in these notes.

John Mumford, after spending three years at Mr. Mendus's chemist shop in Pembroke, has taken up a position in Muswell Hill, London.

It is some time since the Rev. E. L. Saunders was a curate at St. John's Church. He left here for Stroud in Gloucestershire, and has now become vicar of Whiteshill, Stroud.

We congratulate Ray Thomas on his appointment as Assistant Examiner in Geography to the C.W.B.

Wilfred Smith, of Bosherton, joined the Metropolitan Police in February. He has passed out of Peel House and is attached to a division. His cricket seems to be as good as ever, as he is playing regularly for his own division.

Mrs. Brown (née Marie Bull) is clearly among the best amateur tennis players in Cairo, judging from the report in an Egyptian paper of the easy way in which, against a formidable opponent, she won the Ladies' Singles Championship at Cairo in December.

Frank Denzey has been elected Men's President of the Normal College at Bangor for 1938-9, and also plays rugby regularly for the First XV.

Dick Jones and Royston Russell both arrived home in February after long voyages. Jones had been away for nearly nine months, and had visited, among other places, Japan, China, and the U.S.A. He saw some of the devastated towns of China, some of which had been almost completely destroyed by air-raids. He is now at sea again, probably on his way to Japan at the moment. Russell's voyage had lasted between four and five months, his furthest point visited being in Australia. He is now on his way home again from a similar voyage.

A glance at the cover will show the latest addition to the list of Governors to be Mr. E. J. Gibby, Bierspool. He is the first Old Boy to achieve this distinction, and we hope to be able to print his name on the cover for many years to come.

Mr. G. Courtenay Price has recently been elected a Vice-President of the Radio Society of Great Britain—the National Society whose distinguished membership covers the whole world. Mr. Price, who transmits under the call sign of GW2OP, holds the Society's highest certificates and represented its Council in the West of England for many years, and acted as such in S. Wales upon his return to Pembroke Dock four years ago. His radio activities started during the Great War when he was a Captain in R.E. Signals, and was Officer in charge of radio communications of the 32nd Division and later of the 15th Army Corps. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration for Officers in 1931.

The brothers Foss continue to do well. Eric is completing his second year at Westminster College, and hopes to take his degree next year. Brian obtained the Inter. B.Sc., London, in July of last year on the result of the Higher Certificate. He is taking the Higher again this year with a view to getting a State Scholarship. He has been a prefect at his school for some time, and will be Head Prefect next year.

Dennis Radcliffe and Roy Darlington visited us in June, when they were spending their summer holidays in the town. Both seem very happy in their work. Radcliffe is working for a firm of exporters with offices not very far from the Bank of England, while Darlington is working for a wholesale firm, also in London. Darlington began work with an advertising firm, and is now taking a course in advertising with the object of getting back into that work.

L. C. Rickard, who is in the Kent Constabulary, was recently transferred from Chislehurst to Maidstone.

We congratulate the following old pupils on their marriage:—

January 5—Doris Lawrence to Idris Evans, of Pembroke Dock.

January 15—Edna Williams to Flt.-Sgt. G. Rickard, of Bristol.

February 19—Clara Burgess to Staff-Sgt. G. West, of Portsmouth.

April 23—Gwen Roberts to Alfred F. Grieve, of Pembroke Dock.

June 7—Percy Lewis to Edna Fitzjohn, of Ludlow.

June 9—Margaret Davies to Spencer Davies, of Crickmarren.

June 9—Frank Hobbs to Ray Hughes Evans, of Carmarthen.

June 15—Esma Mathias to Cecil Richards, of Milford Haven.

We very much regret to have to record the tragic death of R. J. Wilson, who was killed in a motor accident on March 26. He had only recently left school, and had begun what promised to be a very successful career in the R.A.F.

In March, the death occurred in London, at the age of 56, of Mrs. E. Pickup (née May Snoddy), who was at school in the very early days. She distinguished herself in 1922 by passing the Law Society's final examination and heading the list. This was the first time the examination was open to women.

B.-P.'s Family.

Some of you, no doubt, wonder how it is that in the Boy Scouts Association we have a movement so designed that it attracts the boy, whether he be British or Chinese, white or black. The answer is to be found in the fact that our chief, Lord Baden-Powell, in devising his scheme of character training, has gone for his inspiration to the very core of young human nature. He has used the superabundant energy of the boy, the love of adventure and make-believe which is inherent in all young people, the underlying sense of chivalry which most boys possess, and the team or gang spirit which to a certain extent actuates us all.

Let us consider the life history of a scout. Before he is allowed to take our Promise, which admits him to membership of the troop, the boy has to pass certain tests. He must know the Scout Law of Honour, Usefulness, Friendship, Courtesy, Kindness to Animals, Obedience, Cheerfulness, Thrift and Cleanliness both of Body and Mind. Then he must learn all about his country's flag, which stands for loyalty to the Empire and its constitutions, the use of the scout staff, certain knots which are a prelude to adventure, and respect for authority.

Now he is on the first rung of the ladder, and is enrolled as a scout. Scouts when they are old men always remember the night when they repeated solemnly after their scoutmaster: "On my honour, I promise that I will do my best—1, To do my duty to God and the King. 2, To help other people at all times. 3, To obey the Scout Law." He now finds himself one of a patrol or gang of six or seven, he is made to understand that the efficiency of the patrol depends to a sixth part on him, and then begins to realise something of the true team spirit. Now he begins to acquire knowledge through his own efforts, and to encourage this proficiency badges are awarded.

At camp the scout plays the parts of pioneer, handyman and backwoodsman all in one. The Boy Scouts Association has several camping sites, namely:—Gilwell Park, on the borders of Epping Forest; Brynbach Camp, amid the Welsh Hills, seven miles from Denbigh; Great Towers, Westmoreland; Broadstone Warren, Sussex; and Downe Camp, Kent. Besides these, the local troops have their own sites, so that every scout, from the tenderfoot to the first-class scout, has every facility to camp.

Now a word or two on the more spiritual side of camping. When a scout gains proficiency in the all-important matter of camping he finds that it does not merely consist of living in a tent instead of a house, but that there is a vast amount to learn if health, comfort and happiness are expected. The first thing about camp is co-operation. Each one must do the job allotted to him or things will go wrong. As he grows more proficient in the art of camping, he acquires a certain independence born of the knowledge that he can fend for himself, that he can rig his tent and keep it dry, use an axe, and cook his food.

Sometimes, usually at Whitsun, a County Rally is held, where for three days the scouts of the county meet together and sleep under canvas. At this year's rally, at Hean Castle, Saundersfoot, I was rather impressed by the sight of the scoutmaster of the Goodwick troop, naked to the waist and dowsing himself with buckets of cold water—a regular "tough guy" and a good scout.

To conclude, "Scouting for Boys is a game; and it will only be successful when treated as a game. But all the same it is a serious game—the game of life as seen through young eyes. And it is one beloved by the boys who play it, and full of happiness and hope for those who are privileged to lead them."

KENNETH TUCKER, IVA.



Adventure on a Summer Afternoon.

It was one of these afternoons in August which make you feel it is an impossibility to do anything that needs energy.

That was how Barry felt, so he just took a book from the library and wandered into the garden. As he swung himself into the hammock under the apple-trees, he saw his brother Michael busily weeding the garden.

"I say, Micky," he called, "don't be so energetic; it's too hot to-day, and to-morrow we have to go to school, so make the most of your holiday and don't do any work."

Michael shook his head and went on weeding as if he had not heard his brother's remark.

Barry, seeing that Michael was not to be persuaded, started to read his book. It was a detective story, but it failed to interest him, as the scene in the story was set in a dark cell, and Barry could not help being conscious of the sun and all his cheerful surroundings.

At last he gave it up, and was just going to sleep, when a wasp suddenly appeared on his rather misty horizon, and disturbed his slumber.

"Drat the thing," said Barry, as for the third time he tried (unsuccessfully) to put it at a safe distance, but the wasp was determined to be a nuisance, and continued to buzz around his head.

Suddenly Michael called to him, "Barry, go up and fetch those seeds for me from the top attic, will you, please."

"Oh! dear, no peace for the wicked," said Barry, as he slowly climbed down and walked towards the house.

As he climbed the stairs, he thought that the attic seemed darker than ever, despite the sunshine, and unconsciously he slowed his steps. Once inside he looked around for the seeds, and then the detective story he had been reading came to his mind.

"..... there lay the body, the head was battered in, and the blood, now dry, had trickled down the face, making the pale countenance all the more ghastly"

"Oh! stop it," Barry commanded himself, but he shivered as he spoke, and, seeing the seeds, he turned quickly to the door.

As he turned the handle, a moan reached his ears. Barry had always boasted that, now he was thirteen, nothing frightened him, but now he was certainly scared and he knew it.

A second time the moan came, and this time it was louder. Slowly Barry turned and looked fearfully round the attic.

Where did it come from? Was it from behind that cupboard?

Or was it from behind that box?

Suddenly the moan seemed to be nearer than ever, and Barry, forgetting all his boasts, and only remembering that moan, and the description of that corpse, went out as quickly as possible.

Once in the light, his courage returned, but his laugh was still shaky, and so were his legs.

"Long time getting them, weren't you?" said Michael, as he took the packet.

"Oh, I wandered round a bit," said Barry, who had to defend his courage.

"By the way," asked Michael, "How is that cistern now? It is broken, and gives out queer sounds now and then, like a groan..... hear it?"

"Oh, yes," said Barry, "but I did not bother," and he walked away, his reputation of courage still intact. Now he is older, Barry wonders why he was frightened, but he always gives the excuse, "I was only thirteen, you know." MARION HALL, IV.

Some New Stamp Issues.

This year is an eventful one in the stamp-collecting world because it is now that the new George VI stamps are beginning to circulate.

Most people are acquainted with the design of the Colonial Coronation issue. These were of various colours, with the picture of the King and Queen separated by the sceptre and the ivory, with the dove surmounted by a crown. The name of the issuing colony was inscribed at the bottom of the stamp. Since then many of the Colonies and Dominions have issued their regular George VI stamps.

India has a very interesting set of stamps, recently issued. These show the various methods of transport used in India for carrying the mail. The aeroplane, the railway train, the bullock wagon, the camel, the elephant and the native runners are all illustrated. In addition to this, India has the ordinary stamps with the head of George VI replacing that of George V. Ceylon has a very fine picture of Colombo Harbour and a tea-plantation, also a river scene.

Malta has issued a set of interesting pictorials which show various local landmarks, including, on the 1½d. red, a Neolithic Hypogeum, which seems to be the Maltese equivalent of Stonehenge. Gibraltar used to have a picture of the Rock with a few almost pre-historic battleships at anchor in the Straits. Now there are several much more handsome views of the Rock, including one (on the 2d.) taken from the North side, and another

(on the 3d.) of Europa Point with the Rock behind it. The pictures are surmounted by the head of George VI and the Gibraltar coat-of-arms. The stamps are made, as are nearly all the modern stamps, by the photogravure process.

Australia has a good picture of Queen Elizabeth, but the portrait of the King on the 2d. red is very ordinary. Grenada has a very striking new stamp. It consists of a portrait of the King (which, by the way, is said to be the finest portrait of him on any stamp yet) in a circle with the word Grenada printed round it. The value is at the bottom. The stamp is very simple but very handsome.

To leave the British Empire, Russia has just issued a very striking set of pictorials, which give her fighting forces much publicity. There is an infantryman with a host of big guns and tanks behind him, a sailor with fixed bayonet, a very smart airman with a folded parachute, a cavalry review, and a machine-gun crew in action. Soviet Russian stamp-designers have a special manner which imparts a great deal of life and action to their stamps. When Russia issued a stamp last year to commemorate an agricultural exhibition, instead of boosting the U.S.S.R.'s agricultural powers it gave a good advertisement to Henry Ford of "Tin Lizzie" fame, because the massive tractor shown hauling a large plough across the stamp was an American Fordson!

Sports stamps are interesting. Panama has just printed a beautiful set of these, commemorating the recent American and Caribbean Olympic Games. They include netball, baseball, swimming, boxing and football. Germany, Russia, Italy, Bulgaria, Cuba, Hungary, and the U.S.A. have all issued sports stamps at one time and another. Other kinds of sport illustrated are rowing, hurdling, tennis, steeple-chasing, cycling and fencing.

A month or so ago France issued a stamp for which one franc was charged, 35 centimes of this going to a fund in aid of the dependents of those seamen who were drowned with the famous explorer Jean Charcot, whose portrait adorns the stamp. They were shipwrecked while exploring the Antarctic Ocean in a tiny ship called the "Pourquoi Pas."

Sweden celebrated the tercentenary of the founding of a Swedish colony in North America by issuing a set of stamps in April of this year. The colony was unfortunately captured by the Dutch some years after it was founded. The stamps bear a portrait of Queen Christina, and pictures of the Swedish flag being raised and of a Swedish church at Wilmington, U.S.A., which is still standing.

Any of these new issues may become valuable, and all of them are interesting and will go a long way towards beautifying your album.

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