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CHRONICLE OF EVENTS.

The 61st anniversary of the King's birthday was kept in the usual manner on June 3rd.

Owing to the bad weather the bathing season did not start till June 18th; this must be the latest time for some years.

On June 23rd, the birthday of the Prince of Wales was observed in the customary way.

At the evening service in our Chapel, on Sunday, June 27th, we had the great pleasure of listening to the Rev. the Hon. Orlando Forester, who has spent many years as a Missionary in Japan. In a very interesting and attractive manner he showed how the Japs were attempting to get to heaven in the wrong way, or, as he put it, playing at Blind Man's Buff in a topsy-turvy way. He pointed out the only true way, cleansing from sin through our Lord, and the need of prayer and faith.

The annual sermon on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society was preached at the Evening Service on July 4th by the Right Rev. Bishop Chavasse, D.D. In a very earnest address, which was listened to with rapt attention by all, he impressed upon us a desire for, and use of, the Bible in our daily life. In the course of his address, he gave us the story of Mary Jones, the Welsh servant girl who had such a longing to possess a Bible of her own that she saved all she could—this took her six years. But to purchase one she had to tramp twenty-five miles from her village, where she lived, to Bala, over a very difficult road. This did not stop the brave girl, who performed her journey bare-footed in safety, though worn out and weary. The next morning she went to the Rev. J. Charles, who listened to her story and request, but he was sorry after all she had been through that he had to disappoint her, as all the Bibles he had received had been sold, except a few, which had been promised to others. At this, Mary broke down, and her sobs so touched Mr. Charles that he took down a Bible which he gave her and said, "Read carefully, study diligently, treasure it. Act up to its teaching." Mr. Charles was so impressed with this incident that he, with others, formed that Society, which since has been such a blessing to millions of people all over the world—the British and Foreign Bible Society.

He also told us of two travellers who were riding through the bush in Australia, and who were forced to put up for the night in a very lonely place. They were not impressed by their hosts, who were very rough-looking men, and on retiring to bed, they made up their minds to be on their guard, and planned for one to keep watch while the other slept. Presently, the watcher came over to his comrade

and said, "It is all right, they are reading a portion of their Bible," and they went safely to sleep. In an earnest manner, he urged us to be able to make the Bible, which is God's Word, our very own.

The collection amounted to £2 8s. 6d.

The first match of the House Competition for the Cricket Cup took place on July 17th. The opposing teams were Sheffield and Bradford. Sheffield could not do very much against the bowling of M. Turner, who took 6 wickets for 8 runs, Packwood being the only batsman who reached double figures. J. Pearce took 4 wickets for 21. The Sheffield innings closed for 29. Bradford then went in and made 52, their chief scorers being H. Abbey (14) and F. Reekie (13). W. Fraser took 7 wickets for 26. In their second innings Sheffield made 44, P. Anderson being chief scorer with 17, J. Pearce taking 4 wickets for 17, M. Turner 3 for 14, and H. Abbey 3 for 9. Bradford obtained the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets, thus winning the match by 8 wickets, H. Abbey being not out, 18.

On Saturday, July 24th, the Final for the House Competition took place. Bradford batted first, and made a total of 74. M. Turner 39 not out, and T. Handy 15, being the chief scorers. Durham then went in and made 44; J. Middlecoat 11, and Hastilow 10, being the chief scorers. Rain interfered with the further progress of the game.

On Saturday, August 7th, the game was resumed. Bradford in their second innings made 66; H. Abbey 21, and T. Searle 18, being the chief scorers. G. Griffen took 6 wickets for 35 runs.

The fine bowling of H. Abbey, who took 9 wickets for 8 runs, was responsible for the downfall of Durham in their second innings, who were all out for the low score of 14. Bradford thus won by 82 runs.

We were very pleased to see so many visitors during the Holiday Week. We were very fortunate as regards the weather, and one and all had a very happy and enjoyable time in renewing old and pleasant friendships and associations.

On Sunday evening, Mr. Young gave the address, in the course of which he welcomed the visitors and wished them all a happy and joyful time.

On Monday, August 2nd, our Sports took place, the weather being all that could be desired. We were favoured with the presence of many friends, including Mr. A. Young and Mr. Claude Birch. The various events were keenly contested, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The results were as follows:—

H. Abbey won the 100yds. Open. Half-Mile over 12, 220yds. Open. F. Smart the 80yds. under 9. J. Pearce the Hurdles. J. Welch the Egg-and-Spoon Race. J. Pearce and M. Turner the Three-legged Race. L. Abbey the 150yds. under 12. J. Thompson the Obstacle Race, and R. Thurgood the Consolation Race. In the House Competitions, Bradford won the Relay, the Mounted Relay and the Tug-of-War. Sheffield won the Leap Frog and Durham the Sack Race.

In the eight events for Old Boys, B. Anderson was first in four, second in three, and third in one. The results are as follows:—

B. Anderson won the Quarter-Mile (14-17), Half-Mile, the Cycle Slow, Cycle One-Mile. H. Mathias the 100yds. and 220yds. H. Jenkins the Hurdles, and L. Lamb the Obstacle Race. The Hill beat the Visitors in the Tug-of-War.

The cricket match between the Visitors and Hill took place on Tuesday, when the Hill won by an innings and 3 runs, the scores being: Visitors 57 and 90, and the Hill 150.

On Wednesday, the cricket match took place between Norwich and Visitors, and after a very keen and exciting struggle resulted in a win for Norwich by 2 runs, the scores being: Visitors 94, Norwich 96.

The chief scorers for the Visitors were C. Robinson 36, A. Camp 13, and R. Turner 11. B. Anderson took 8 wickets for 36 runs; B. Anderson 69, and G. Nash 10, were the chief scorers for Norwich. W. Arnould took 3 wickets for 1 run.

On Thursday, at 4 p.m., we had our Memorial Service. Kingham Hill, past and present, with other visitors, assembled in our Chapel to express their feeling of admiration of those who, a few years ago, were with us, and who had so gallantly gone forth and given their lives for us and our country. It was a very solemn and impressive service. We joined in the hymns, "On the Resurrection Morning," "Sleep thy Last Sleep," "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," and listened to that wonderful Psalm of Thanksgiving for deliverance (the 46th).

The Gathering of the Clans perhaps is one of the happiest days on the Hill, and one that is remembered by all who have participated in it. The Clans gathered at their respective houses, and did justice to the good cheer provided by Mr. Young and the efforts of the Superintendents and Matrons, who had not spared themselves to make this a day of joy and feasting. Mr. Young, accompanied by Mr. C. Birch and our Chaplain, visited the three houses. Mr. Birch, as usual, cheered us with some of his witty remarks, and Mr. Young wished us all a happy evening. After supper, at the invitation of Norwich House, the visitors met there and enjoyed a musical evening, and kept up the happy revelry until early morn.

On Friday, August 6th, Norwich and the School met at cricket. The School batted first, but were all out for 50, E. Lovegrove taking 8 of their wickets for 19. Norwich then went in, and made a score of 152. Their chief scorers were E. Lovegrove 31, W. Kennard 22, and H. Jenkins 20. The School, in their second innings, fared better, and made 131, J. Davies scoring 72, not out. Norwich, in their second innings, scored 76, of which E. Lovegrove made 28. J. Davies took 7 wickets for 22. Norwich thus won a good and interesting game by 47 runs.

On Sunday evening, August 15th, Mr. Kinahan gave an interesting and impressive address, which was much appreciated by all present.

Our Swimming Sports were held on August 18th. The weather was rather unsettled, and it seemed at one time that the races would have to be postponed, but we all journeyed down the way so familiar to all old Kingham Hill boys, and were rewarded by the weather holding up sufficiently to allow the sports to go on, and a capital afternoon's sport was witnessed. The races were keenly contested, and exciting struggles took place, and most were won by a close finish. The results were:—

Championship (Two Lengths): 1. J. Pearce; 2, W. Fraser; 3, P. Anderson.

Diving: 1, A. Handy (22); 2, J. Pearce (20); 3, A. Packwood (18).

Clothes: 1, W. Fraser; 2, T. Searle and J. Pearce (dead-heat).

Relay: Sheffield House.

Passed this year (One Length): 1, A. Newman; 2, T. Beer; 3, R. Watkins.

Mr. Young presented the prizes and congratulated winners and competitors on their excellent racing.

The following report of the doings of the Cricket Eleven is supplied by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. J. Melton:—

“The Ashes once more are lodged in the Old Country. Now, where are the dismal Jimmies who tell you that England is played out. No, never! That old flag is still flying to-day as ever it did, and I trust it ever will as regards true and clean sport. We were all pleased when the Visitors turned out to give battle to the Hill team. The Visitors batted first and ran up a total of 57, C. Viner being top scorer with 25. To this, the Hill replied by scoring 150, F. G. Goddard being top scorer with 50. Below will be found the individual doings of the team for your perusal. I now say good-bye cricket and cricketers for this season, and will ring up the curtain when you will see the great winter game, Football.

BATTING AVERAGES—FIRST ELEVEN.

Names	No. of Innings	Most in an Inns.	Times Not out	Runs	Average
F. G. Goddard ...	9	60	1	204	25.5
F. G. Rose ...	11	52	0	258	23.4
W. Michie ...	9	48	2	147	21
J. Jones ...	7	35	0	104	14.8
J. Davies ...	7	25	2	57	11.4
G. Bond ...	9	33	0	75	8.3
B. Anderson ...	9	25	1	62	7.7
C. Melton ...	11	18	0	67	6.09
J. Farnborough ...	8	13	0	40	5
T. Barlow ...	7	18	1	27	4.5
L. Lamb ...	9	9	0	25	2.7

Also Batted:

G. F. Goddard ...	4	14	1	26	8.6
H. Jenkins ...	4	13	0	31	8.5
A. Davies ...	5	8	2	18	6

BOWLING AVERAGES—FIRST ELEVEN.

Names	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Averages
F. G. Goddard ...	39	17	90	13	6.9
F. G. Rose ...	96	16	263	29	9.06
J. Farnborough ...	103	20	269	29	9.2
J. Davies ...	40	9	80	7	11.4
B. Anderson ...	32	3	125	9	13.8
J. Jones ...	38	5	118	7	16.8
Also Bowled :					
G. Bond ...	5	1	15	2	7.5
C. Melton ...	9	1	43	5	8.6
W. Michie ...	22	1	63	4	15.7

Matches played, 11. Won, 6. Lost, 5.

T. W. SCARFE.

LONDON LETTER.

The following notes on the last cricket season are given by the Secretary.

A meeting was held on March 16th, 1926, during which the officers for the 1926 season were elected as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Carley; Hon. Secretary: F. White; Captain: F. White; Vice-Captain: C. Robinson. Fifteen games were played, 6 being won, 7 lost and 2 drawn.

Latimer v. Prince Albert Lodge C.C.—Lost by 5 wickets. Latimer, 32; Prince Albert Lodge, 62 for 5.

Latimer v. Regent Sports Club.—Draw. Latimer, 78 for 8; Regent Sports Club, 27 for 2.

Latimer v. Regent Sports Club.—Lost by 1 run. Latimer, 45 and 84 for 8; Regent Sports Club, 51 and 79.

Latimer v. R.E.A.L.C.C.—Won by 2 runs. R.E.A.L., 62 (Robinson 4 for 22); Latimer, 64 (F. White 37).

Latimer v. St. Marylebone C.C.—Lost by 106 runs. St. Marylebone, 124; Latimer, 18.

Latimer v. Star Athletic.—Lost by 41 runs. Latimer, 44; Star Athletic, 85 (R. Steele, 5 for 29).

Latimer v. Camden United.—Won by 18 runs. Latimer, 51; Camden United, 33 (Robinson, 5 for 12).

Latimer v. Old Christophians.—Won by 20 runs. Latimer, 87 (Steele, 39); Old Christophians, 67 (Steele, 6 for 18).

Latimer v. St. Thomas's C.C.—Won by 4 wickets. St. Thomas's C.C., 46; Latimer, 54 for 6 (F. White, 29).

Latimer v. Camden United.—Lost by 57 runs. Camden United, 112 for 4; Latimer, 55.

Latimer v. Desports C.C.—Won by 22 runs. Desports C.C., 34 (Steele, 5 for 12); Latimer, 56 (F. White, 34 not out).

Latimer v. Old Christophian's C.C.—Won by 37 runs. Old Christophian's, 51; Latimer, 78.

BATTING.

	Runs	Innings	Times Not out	Highest Score	Average
F. White ...	185	13	4	37	20.55
S. Jarvis ...	40	5	1	16	10.0
R. Steele ...	106	12	0	39	8.80
R. White ...	66	12	4	13	8.25
C. Robinson ...	77	15	0	21	5.12

BOWLING.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
F. White ...	38.2	6	106	17	6.25
S. Jarvis ...	21	2	71	10	7.10
C. Robinson ...	129.5	28	348	47	5.13
W. Arnould ...	9	2	29	4	7.25
R. Steele ...	85.1	12	233	30	7.80

Mr. and Mrs. Carley left Latimer House on August 18th, after being here for seven years. We wish them happiness in their new home, and we desire to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Emptage, the new Superintendent and Matron, who have come in to take their place.

RED & GREEN.

"A TRIP ACROSS THE ATLANTIC."

We started our first long journey in life from Euston, twenty past ten, Friday, March 12th, to Liverpool. We had one stop during the train ride, and that was at Crewe, which seemed rather a smoky place, arriving at Liverpool Station soon after two o'clock, where a charabanc took us to the quay. At half-past three, we got on board ship, S.S. "Mortnairn." The first thing we did was to look round. I wandered into the first-class compartment, and could not find my way out. Later, we watched the luggage being lowered down into the hold. At six o'clock, we had a late, but welcome dinner. At nine o'clock, they started to pull out of dock, and we stayed on deck to watch the lights from land disappear, and when we went to bed that night, we never realised that we had already travelled over two hundred miles of our journey, and we slept soundly the first night. When we got up in the morning, there was no land in sight, and the water was very calm. At eleven o'clock we picked up passengers from Belfast, and later on in the day some people from Greenock, Scotland. So far, we had enjoyed ourselves, and not any of us felt very home-sick. But that night

when we went to bed, the ship seemed to rock a lot. Next day, Sunday, when we got out of bed, we found it a job to keep steady on our legs, and Albert Ward, our man in charge, was already seasick. During the day, we thought of those on the Hill who would be singing and praying for us. We all felt a bit dizzy for about two days, except A. Ward, who was sick for about four days. As soon as we got used to the ship, we found something to do to pass away the time. We had a very good concert one night, when they sang a lot of the old but not forgotten songs. The only casualty during the voyage was when E. Robin's hat blew overboard, and no one dived overboard to save it. We had rabbits for dinner one day, and someone said they were fresh daily. When our voyage was coming to a close, we began to wish it would last longer. On Sunday, March 21st, we caught the first glimpse of land, which was all covered with snow; we reached port in the evening, but did not land till next day. We then started on the next stage of our journey, S. Johns, N.B., to Woodstock, Ont. We did not like the train, which was very dirty and hot, but what struck us most was that they had gas-lights in the carriages. We did not get much sleep that night, for they came and had a look at our tickets at eleven o'clock, two and four o'clock. We reached Toronto, Tuesday, March 23rd, at two o'clock, where we stopped for an hour and a half; it looked a very nice town with broad streets and large buildings. Afterwards, we got back to our train and the last lap of the journey. We reached Woodstock at six o'clock in the evening, where Mr. Davidge was waiting for us. We finally reached Havelock at seven o'clock, where a fine supper was waiting for us, and afterwards went to bed for a sleep we needed badly. We have now settled down to our new home, and we like it very much; for the first few weeks the snow hung about, but afterwards we had some warmer weather and settled down to work. We now send our best wishes to all on Kingham Hill, and hope they have the best of luck in cricket, although I am not there to show them how to play.

FRANK OVERTON, for the Young Settlers.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

You have all heard, no doubt, of the Isle of Wight, a small island just off the south coast of England. It is a beautiful island, and Ryde, a fairly large town on its shores, is in keeping with its renowned beauty of scenery.

I never went further afield than Ryde itself, but that alone gave me some idea of the island. To get to Ryde from Portsmouth, one has to board a small steamer for half-an-hour's run across the Solent, a stretch of water between Portsmouth and Southampton. From the sea, Ryde slopes upward, and as you near the outskirts of the town you are puffing and blowing up a very steep street, the High Street of Ryde. Towards the end of the High Street, however, one has time to recover one's wind before once more encountering rising country. As

a holiday resort, Ryde, I think, is hard to beat. One has the seashore, a nice town and beautiful country scenery near at hand, in which to spend a happy holiday.

As it was my first visit to the Isle of Wight I took every opportunity to explore the country beyond Ryde and I had not far to go for good views of the countryside.

One of my favourite walks was down a bridle-path that led to a small village called Fishbourne, not far from Ryde. There I passed many a delightful hour, gazing upon the meadows and wooded slopes hard by.

About halfway down this shady lane, some kind person had provided seats for the benefit of those who came that way, and many like myself were grateful to avail themselves of a seat on a hot day after a tiring walk. On this walk of mine I had a favourite seat on which I would sit and revel in the sunshine and beautiful surroundings. Picture to yourself a long, winding lane, with low-cut hedges, bordered by stately elm trees which stand like sentinels over the road. Truly a restful picture to the city-dweller on holiday, to soothe and please him. Looking across the hedge to the right is a green meadow filled with large daisies, nodding their white heads in the breeze. Beyond that, lies the sea, dancing and rippling in the rays of a hot June sun.

Towards the end of the bridle-path stands an old grey church in a little grass-grown graveyard, with a background of beeches, and the sea glistening in the distance.

I stopped to gaze upon the ancient church, and, as I stood there, a few notes from the organ floated on the air, filling me with rapture, and as I turned slowly away, I heard the sweet music dying in the distance.

Perhaps one day you will pay a visit to this enchanting little island, and see for yourself some of its beautiful scenery, and I hope that you will be as pleased and interested as I was myself with what I saw and have attempted to describe in these lines.

ALLAN W. BRUCE.

A CANADIAN RE-UNION.

For the benefit of those in the Homeland, I should like to give you an idea of how we amused ourselves at the Annual Reunion of Kingham Hill Boys in Canada, 1926.

On July 1st, which favoured us with one of our hot and glorious Canadian days when the thermometer registered 85 to 90 degrees, a party of us boys started from London, Ontario, to Havelock Farm, a distance of thirty miles, and we thoroughly enjoyed the ride. The car which, by the way, belonged to one of our number, is very common in Canada. When we arrived at the Farm, we were greeted by a huge sign of welcome at the front and back doors. After making ourselves known, we proceeded to the cricket field—if such a term is right. One needed to be highly insured to play for any length of time there. However, we survived with just a few casualties. Next we played football in

the same field, where cows were very much in evidence, and a slip was fatal, as in the case of the writer, for I ruined a new pair of flannels.

In the meantime, more cars and boys were being added to the already swelling number. Then, after the heat of play in the sun, we started off for the old swimming creek, or hole, as it is called in Canada. While the boys were in the water, some of the more mischievous ones were busy hiding and tying up stockings, and shoes—several shirts and pants were lost for a while, to the amusement of the rest of the crowd. Then dinner came, and we sat down to a sumptuous feast. It put me in mind of the old days on the Hill, when we had the "Gathering of the Clans," when I saw jellies and such nice things on the table.

After dinner, we were detained to have our pictures taken—the usual fuss, of course. We then went to the field again, where we all joined in a good old English game of rounders, known to Americans as Baseball. The single men playing the married men, the married men showed their skill by winning the game. The married men were captained by Mr. H. Hodgkins, and the single men by Mr. S. Juffs. One of the features of the game was the one-hand catch by Mr. J. Gilkes, who is settled on a homestead in Northern Ontario; he had come all the way from there in his car, and he certainly appreciated all that was going on, and thoroughly enjoyed himself. After the game was over, we turned again to the old swimming hole, and enjoyed its refreshment. A huge supper was waiting for us on our return, and we talked over the old school-days and doings of the past. We then got the dishes cleaned, and cleared decks for a concert and musical night. Songs and speeches were given by those present. One thing that came up was a suggestion that in the future more care should be exercised in the befriending of new boys coming out to Canada, and giving them the hand of fellowship as they come from the Old Home where they were cared for by Mr. Young, and furthermore, that a button of some kind be made with the initials K.H. on it, and sold to all Kingham Hill boys, past present, and future, so that in time to come, a Kingham Hill boy away from home will be known by his button. It was left to Mr. Davidge to select the pattern, and for each boy to purchase one, and for new boys to be sold one upon their arrival in Canada; so that, instead of being passed by, they may be given a glad hand and helped in their new life. Then came the time for departure, some boys going home by car as far as Toronto, 140 miles away. The evening came to a close with the singing of the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

P.S.—Some old-fashioned games were indulged in after supper, such as "Kick Can," "Jump Jimmy Nacker," at which the married men were beaten by the single. The married men made poor weak horses. Mr. Young and Kingham Hill in general were well kept in mind. Many inquiries as to Mr. Young's health were made, and we all regretted very much his absence. Everybody enjoyed the day, and are looking forward to the time when we shall meet again. Kind wishes to all on Kingham Hill.

ARTHUR F. WHEATLEY.

