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PRIZE DAY.

THE annual Distribution of Prizes took place at three o'clock on Thursday, December 21st, in the School Hall.

The Chairman, Mr. Arthur Young, in his speech said:

"It is very natural on an occasion like this to offer one's congratulations to the successful boys, and at the same time offer sympathy to those boys who have failed to win a prize; but I want you to consider this day as some sort of a dividing line or day in your lives, not to look upon it as a mere formality, but as a day for looking back on the Term that is past and looking forward to the Term that is coming on. And I say to both classes of boys, the successful and the unsuccessful ones: "Happy is the boy who can turn his mistakes in the past into hopes for the future."

There is a passage which keeps running through my head, some of the

most familiar lines, and which probably several of you know:—

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries."

Now don't think that these lines are inappropriate to an audience like

this; the most majestic lines are often the simplest to understand.

Now most of you boys have not yet come to such a dividing line, but to a certain extent this day presents occasions for the exercise of the dividing line. That is to say, the dividing line between the slow, sluggish stream of contentment with a low standard on the one hand, and the full, flowing tide on the other. That is to say, the slow, sluggish stream, choked with weeds on the one hand, and the clear, bright river of duties performed with a willing mind on the other.

You will soon be going back to your work again, and I hope that the prizewinners on this occasion will get higher prizes next Term, and that *all* may get prizes next division."

The Head Master, Rev. C. R. Forrester, expressed the great pleasure of all present at having Mr. Arthur Young in the Chair and thanked him for his

most helpful message.

In making his report, he referred to two unfortunate happenings of the School year. The first was the absence of Mr. Hughes and himself for some weeks owing to illness, and he wished to offer sincere thanks to those who had so kindly and so well taken charge of forms during that time—Mr. Butler, Mr. Doherty and the Rev. R. H. de Pemberton.

The second was the outbreak of chicken-pox at the Hill—none of the cases,

however, being of a serious nature.

In spite of these hindrances he was glad to be able to report good progress for the year, and some marked improvements. There were 124 boys on the

books, of whom 34 were new arrivals in 1933. A further 30 boys were attending

evening classes.

As to the School games, there had been increased interest and better play all round, and the football, cricket and swimming seasons had been very suc-The Sports of August Week and the School games as a whole had benefited much by some splendid gifts from Old Boys, including individual trophies given by Lieutenant Douglas Board and a splendid Swimming Shield given by Mr. F. G. Goddard.

Mrs. Michie, the Cub Mistress, and Mr. F. Harwood, the Scout Master, were doing most successful work. He was glad to be able to say that Mr. de Pemberton had now started a Rover Troop, which had made an excellent

So far from all these activities being in any way a hindrance to studies, he believed that the work in every subject of the School curriculum was the better for them.

An interesting series of lantern lectures had been given in the School Hall on Wednesday evenings during October, November and December, and both Staff and boys were looking forward to a continuation of these in the coming term.

The Secretary of the Trust, Mr. Goddard, was to be congratulated on his training of the Choir week by week, and it was most pleasing to hear com-

plementary remarks from time to time about the singing in Chapel.

The frequent requests for the services of the Kingham Hill Band at functions in the neighbourhood made it almost superfluous to refer to the quite remarkable improvement its members had achieved under the capable conductorship of Mr. A. Swann.

Good work had been done in the Gymnasium throughout the year, and the Instructors, Mr. Rose and Mr. Doherty, had been able to award a prize for Drill in each of the four sections into which the School was divided for drill

purposes.

He had reserved to the end mention of the most important subject of the School curriculum, Religious Knowledge. The Chaplain, Rev. R. H. de Pemberton, was now taking a course of Scripture Lessons with each of the three divisions of the Upper School, and this extra help was likely to have most beneficial results.

As to examinations. In May, after a very short period of special preparation, Kenneth Townsend had entered for the Aircraft Apprentices' Examination and had passed well up the list. In July, Ashton, Ellis and J. Maule had taken the Oxford School Certificate Examination, and B. Carter, E. Hawes and. A. Maule the Oxford Junior Examination. All six had been successful, and in addition S. Ashton and J. Maule had gained exemption from the Matriculation Examination of the University of London.

He would like to thank all those whose work he had already mentioned, as well as Mr. Atkins, Mr. Bond, Mr. Hughes and Miss Scarfe, for their loyal

and successful help throughout the year.

There had, of course, been difficulties and disappointments, but even these, and certainly the year as a whole, should inspire boys and masters alike to go forward in all humility with renewed effort and quiet confidence. Let them thank God and take courage.

THE PRIZES.

FIRST FORM B. F. Towsey (1st).

R. Mansfield (Scripture).

FIRST FORM A.

N. Willmer (1st).

P. Hiatt (Scripture).

W. Carter (English, D. Section Drill and 2nd Lower School Drawing).

SECOND FORM.

D. Strong (1st).

E. Hussey (Scripture). J. Havter (1st).

THIRD FORM B.

R. Wiles (Scripture).

F. Blencowe (1st Lower School Drawing).

THIRD FORM A.

R. Hughes (1st). C. Cook (Scripture).

F. Jarvis (C Drill Section).

FOURTH FORM B.

A. Hawes (1st). J. Collett (Scripture).

FOURTH FORM A. H. Hill (1st).

K. Mackenzie (Scripture). C. Wiles (B Drill Section).

FIFTH FORM B.

I Carter (1st in Form, English, Science and 1st Upper School Drawing).

R. Warner (2nd).

E. Beckett (3rd). J. Tucker (Scripture).

J. Millard (French and 1st A Drill Section).

J. Wilson (2nd A Drill Section).

M. Forth (2nd Upper School Drawing).

H. Thatcher (Mathematics).

FIFTH FORM A.

G. Townsend (1st). P. Askew (2nd).

H. Widdows (3rd).

B. Carter (Scripture).

R. Horsfield (Science).

Oxford Junior Certificates were presented to A. Maule, E. Hawes and B. Carter; School Certificate and Matriculation Certificates to S. Ashton and J. Maule, and a School Certificate to G. Ellis. Each boy received a book prize in recognition of his success

in the examination.

EVENING CLASSES.

UPPER. V. Hope (English).

L. Abbey (Arithmetic). LOWER. F. Sanson (English).

E. Quartermain (Arithmetic).

HILL NEWS.

OLD Kingham Hill Boys will be interested to hear of some changes in the

Houses since the last issue of the Magazine.

Owing to the decision of the Trustees that in future the leaving age for boys should be eighteen, and to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Rose from "Norwich," it was decided to accommodate there the increasing number of schoolboys under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Doherty.

The former occupants of "Norwich"—boys at work—have been transferred to "Sheffield," where Mr. and Mrs. Meehan are in charge. Those working on the farm and in the gardens are at "Stratford," with Mr. and Mrs. George Bond.

These changes give increased accommodation for about 25 boys Our

numbers at present are 160.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter, who have come to us with excellent credentials from former schools, have taken charge of "Bradford," and we extend to them a hearty welcome.

Mr. Carter, who was formerly a Staff-Sergeant Instructor in the Royal Marines, is taking charge of Drill and Gymnastics and will be a great help to

us in superintending games and swimming.

His Majesty's Services.—Among boys who have left the Hill lately, Kenneth Townsend has gone to the Royal Air Force, Basil Lewis into the Oxford and Bucks Regt., and Alfred Brown has passed into the *Warspite* with a view to training for the Royal Navy.



THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Our Christmas Party.—A very successful and enjoyable evening was spent on December 28th, when a Fancy Dress Party was held in the School Hall for the Staff and Senior Boys from "Norwich" and "Stratford." About one

hundred were present, and much fun was enjoyed by all who took part in a very full programme of progressive games. The "Norwich" Mouth-organ Band provided the necessary music and played during the interval for refreshments. Some of the fancy-dress costumes were extremely good and showed great enterprise and thought. Mr. Meehan, representing "Night," dressed in a wonderful mid-Victorian nightshirt and holding a bed warming-pan and nightlight, was awarded first prize for the men; while Mrs. Mickie, who had turned herself into a very delightfully decorated Christmas tree, carried off the first prize for the ladies.

Lantern Lectures.—This winter we have had a number of lantern lectures given by prominent men on various subjects. We were privileged last October to welcome Rear-Admiral A. B. Carpenter, V.C., the hero of Zeebrugge, who gave us a most fascinating account of how that great naval exploit was carried out. Since Christmas perhaps the most popular lectures were those given by Captain F. McDermott on "The Wonderland of the Amazon" and by Mr. Crudge on "Empire Airways and Aeroplanes." Other lectures were given on "How we got our Bible," by Mr. Limbrick, "Myths and Marvels of the Heavens" by Miss Proctor, "Slavery" by Lady Harris, "Palestine and the Rock City of Petre" by Dr. Orr-Ewing.

The winter session concluded by a recitation of Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities," which was given by our old friend Mr. Runnels-Moss and greatly enjoyed by all.

THE Flag of Canada sent us by the Canadian Old Boys' Association has been draped over the door of the Chapel (inside), and the distinctive Maple Leaf is an effective reminder of old friends across the seas.

The following dedicatory message which accompanied it will interest our

readers:-

"Brothers, greetings to all on Kingham Hill.

"It is my happy privilege to offer you, in the name of the Kingham Hill Old Boys' Association of Canada, our Flag, which is sent as a token of esteem and regard for you all across the seas. May this emblem ever keep green in your minds and hearts the happy times we have spent on Kingham Hill in years gone by. May it also remind us all of the noble and unselfish life of our beloved Founder, E. E. B. Young, who gave his life for others.

"This gift we are sending is of no intrinsic value, but it is rich in love and remembrance. May it be the means of always keeping alight the fires of Christian Fellowship and Loyalty, not only to the British Throne, but also

to our Heavenly Father.

"Kindly accept it with our united hopes that the lives of all on Kingham Hill will always be as happy as Kingham Hill has made ours.

"May God richly bless you all

Percy N. Fitzgerald, Secretary.

ON KEEPING FIT.

by Douglas Board.

NATURE has made us in such a way that the more we use our brains or muscles the better developed they become, and the less we use them the less their development.

A certain amount of exercise is also necessary to keep our internal organs

healthy and assist in their work.

Before the introduction of machinery, motor cars, tram cars, etc., people used to do an enormous amount of work by hand, which is now done by machines. And if they wished to go short distances, they would walk, instead of riding as many do now.

Occupations which call for more mental than physical exertion have

increased by a very big percentage in the last fifty years or so.

The above facts have presented a problem which has been seriously considered by all educational authorities and by the Government.

Physical training has now become an important part of the training in

all Services, colleges and schools.

As an example, in sailing ship days of the Royal Navy, almost all the work of the vessels was done by bodily labour. Guns were loaded and moved by hand. Sails were set by hand, and men were continually being called upon to go aloft to tend to sails and rigging. All heavy hauling and hoisting of boats was done by hand.

A warship now is one intricate mass of machinery, and most of the work

of the ship is carried out by steam or electric power.

The sailor nowadays has a good deal of studying to do and sitting down listening to lectures, etc. He, therefore, uses his brain much more than his muscles. It is for this reason that physical and recreational training is looked upon with so much importance in the Navy to-day. The sailor of sailing-ship days was well developed physically, but no trouble was taken with his mental development as very little brainwork was required on the part of the lower deck man.

The same sort of thing has, of course, occurred in nearly all professions. There are three kinds of fitness to my way of thinking, which are as

follows:-

I. Medical Fitness.

The doctor will sound you all over, and if your heart and other organs are sound and you have no physical deformities, will pronounce you medically fit. If the muscles are flabby and out of condition, then we should be medically but not physically fit.

II. Physical Fitness.

To be physically fit means that one's muscles and chest are in good condition, and that ordinary games and exercise can be taken and enjoyed without feeling any ill-effects afterwards.

III. Athletic Fitness.

A person who is called upon to box, swim long distances, play several games of Soccer or Rugger in one week, or perform strenuous exercises out of the ordinary, is usually called an athlete. He requires special training and would not be considered fit until the muscles and lungs, etc., were fully and scientifically developed to stand the extra strain.

The individual who is medically fit and keeps himself physically fit by his work and regular exercise, such as walking, games, etc., is living according to Nature's requirements. It is sometimes more harmful to take too much

strenuous exercise than not enough.

Overtraining will injure the heart, which can never be put right again, while overwork of the muscles will result in muscle binding. But these are only in extreme cases, such as long pulls at tug-of-war over many weeks, long distance running and all-day exercise for boxing, etc., wrongly applied.

The boys of Kingham Hill lead an ideal life for keeping fit. Plenty of pure air, good food, warm clothing, running about, playing games in the open and plenty of rest combine to give them a fine physical foundation. A lot of time is spent at desks, but this is counteracted by exercise and physical training. The latter, properly applied, helps to mould a young boy when he is growing. It gives him an erect carriage, stretches his muscles and develops his chest. Football, cricket and other open-air games also help in this direction.

The lungs play a very important part in physical fitness. They are housed in the chest, the walls of which are capable of movement. When we inhale the chest walls expand, when we exhale they contract. Physical training, games, etc., help to stretch the muscles between our ribs, thus making them more elastic.

Each time we breathe we take in a certain amount of oxygen. The oxygen is carried to all parts of our body from the lungs by the blood for renewal of life. Each time we exhale we breathe out the used-up air which has been brought to the lungs by the blood on its return journey. A few minutes only without oxygen is sufficient to render a person unconscious.

A man carrying out muscular exertion will use ten times more oxygen than a man lying in bed. It will, therefore, be seen how important it is to take in

as much fresh air as possible when the need arises.

An elastic chest with the greatest movement is much better than a chest which is large but stiff. For example:—

Jones's chest measures: Expanded 40 inches. Contracted 36 inches.

i.e., he has four inches of movement.

Smith's chest measures: Expanded 41 inches. Contracted 39 inches.

i.e., he has two inches of movement.

Jones would take in most oxygen and blow out most waste air, because he has four inches of space to fill and empty, while Smith has only two. Jones should be able to last much longer in a strenuous game because he has more oxygen to keep him going and he can clear his system of used air much quicker.

I have already mentioned that a Kingham Hill boy lives an ideal life for

keeping fit, but there is a lot he can do to assist in developing his brain and

muscles and preparing himself for the time when he leaves the Hill.

He can take an intelligent interest in all outdoor games, not only from the top of the bank watching the game, but on the field playing the game. The facilities for playing games are better at Kingham Hill than at any other school I know. By the time he leaves the Hill he should have sufficient knowledge of one or more games to enable him to take his place in a team when the chance arises. This is most important, as many of our fellows go to large towns where they sadly miss the fresh air and exercise of the Hill, and any exercise in the open spaces of parks, playing fields, etc., is of great value.

The next and not the least important item is how to help in the development of our mental powers. Some, of course, are born more intelligent than others, but we can all make the most of our brains by taking a keen interest in our work at school and evening class. The harder you work the more your brain will develop, and you will not only have the advantage of extra

knowledge, but also a keener intelligence.

The golden rules for keeping healthy and fit are :-

Eat good, plain food.

Drink plenty of cold water.
 Drink and eat in moderation.

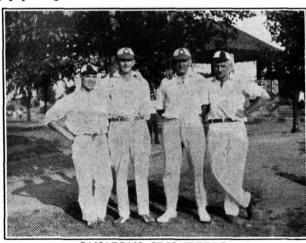
4. Play outdoor games or do plenty of walking.

5. Wear warm, airy clothing and keep dry.

6. Have plenty of fresh air circulating in your sleeping quarters.

Take sufficient rest.

Remember that the harder you work at school or at your job, the more you will enjoy your games and leisure moments.



CANADIAN CRICKETERS. from left to right—Maurice Brown, C. Hemmings, Dick Bosworth and J. F. Herring.



CHIEF STANLEY SCRUBY.

I T is with sincere regret that we record the death of an old Kingham Hill boy, District Chief Stanley Thorne Scruby of the London, Ontario, Fire Brigade. "Killed in action," as a local paper expresses it.

Stanley Scruby came to Durham House in 1889, and on leaving the Hill went to Havelock Farm. The following extract from London, Ontario, papers are an interesting tribute to the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

We take this opportunity of conveying to Mrs. Scruby an expression of very sincere sympathy in her great loss.

The following are two Extracts from accounts given in the Canadian Papers.

"District Fire Chief Stanley T. Scruby of London, killed Saturday night while fighting a fire in Hunt's flour mills in East London, is a former resident of the Woodstock district, having come out from England to Havelock Farm shortly after the farm was first taken over as a training farm for the young Englishmen brought out to Canada under the Kingham Hill emigration plan.

"District Chief Scruby, who was fifty-two years old, joined the London fire department March 20, 1905. He was made a lieutenant by the late Fire Chief Aitken, in 1927 was made a captain, and in 1929 became a district chief under Fire Chief Scott. He was a married man, being survived by his widow.

"Kingham Hill boys from Woodstock and district will be represented at

the funeral, which is to be held from the George E. Logan funeral home, London, Tuesday, at 2 p.m."

"Trapped, blinded by dense smoke, unable to fight their way to safety, two veteran officers of the London Fire Department died heroically at their posts as an inferno of flame raged through the Hunt Flour Mills, Nightingale Avenue, Saturday night. Half a score others were injured, four seriously, before the conflagration was brought under control with an estimated loss of \$400,000."

"The bodies of two London firemen, District Chief Stanley Scruby and Lieut. Arthur Hartop, were laid side by side in heroes' graves in Mount Pleasant Cemetery late vesterday, after the homage of a city had been paid them in

impressive funeral services.

"It was estimated there were 15,000 in the crowds which lined the route of march for the double procession or participated in the services at the Logan's and Evans' funeral homes and at the graveside.

"Between the throngs of people, the cortège for Lieut. Hartop proceeded from Evans' funeral home, joining that for Chief Scruby in front of Logan's

funeral home, from where they proceeded together to the cemetery.

"In the down town district, where the crowds were heaviest, the sidewalks at points were solid masses of humanity. In the cemetery, loud-speaking equipment was used so that all could hear. The two firemen met death in the fire which destroyed a section of Hunt's Flour Mills on Saturday night.

"The service at the graveside was brief and impressive. Thousands were gathered about the two open graves, side by side, when the cortège reached

Mount Pleasant.

"Tribute to the heroism of District Chief Scruby, who gave his life in devotion to duty, was paid by Rev. Mr. Young and Rev. Mr. Trumper, the officiating

clergymen at the service held in the Logan Funeral Home.

munity to a man who stood for all that is fine, noble and heroic in the character of a man. Chief Scruby has written a story of a noble life, of heroism and devotion to his duty to the point of giving his life. It is a story that will be imperishable and that will live for ever in the hearts and minds of the people,' said Rev. Mr. Young.

"To these words were added the tribute of Rev. Mr. Trumper, who paid glowing praise to the sterling character of Chief Scruby, who in both his home and public life had displayed all the fine characteristics that men develop in

leading lives of dangerous public service.

"Though the body may be destroyed, the character of such men will live eternally,' said Mr. Trumper."

A Letter of Sympathy from the Old Boys of Canada.

IT is with the deepest regret and fondest of memories that I write this letter on behalf of our late schoolmate and friend, the late Chief Stanley Scruby,

who passed away in the action of his duties on March 3rd, 1934.

Like a shock from which we could not recover, the suddenness of his death left a vacancy which cannot be filled neither forgotten for his outstanding character and devotion to duty and his fellowmen, loved by all to whom he was known.

We are proud that he was one of us who graduated from Kingham Hill and left such a grand record, both of service and duty behind him, of twentynine years in the Service.

To his widow we express our sincere sympathy through this column,

knowing it to be jointly in accord with our brothers across the sea.

For her future we wish her refreshment of the memories of the happy days which they enjoyed so pleasantly together and in the realization that they were truly happy together.

A. F. WHEATLY.

A Letter from Mr. Buxton.

Britain's Lodge, Sevenoaks.

DEAR CANADIAN FRIENDS,

To-day is Budget Day, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer has just been telling us on the Wireless that at last it seems as if we are out of the worst and that there is a brighter future ahead.

Doubtless you in Canada are finding the same, and I hope that all of you with your own businesses and farms are finding better prices and more work, so that the hard work you have put in may be rewarded.

Havelock Farm seems to be yielding better results than last year, thanks to the hard work put in there; but it is still costing the Trust a good deal.

When better prices come along we expect it will pay its way.

Many thanks to Shepperd for his letter and for kindly sending me several papers about the great fire in London in which Scruby lost his life. Well, you in Canada may well be proud that he died doing his duty and gave his life for others, following out the best traditions set by Mr. Young.

M. B. Buxton.

MR. ARTHUR YOUNG'S GIFT TO CAMBRIDGE.

OLD Kingham Hill boys will be interested to hear of the wonderful gift which our Chairman, Mr. Arthur Young, has recently made to the Library of Cambridge University, where both he and our Founder completed their education after leaving Eton.

Mr. Young has been a keen collector of old Bibles all his life, and the following extracts from *The Times* will give some idea of the value of this interesting

To the Editor of The Times.

"SIR,—I shall be grateful if you will allow me to point out that the generous gift made to the Cambridge University Library by Mr. A. W. Young, of Trinity

College, of *incunabula*, manuscripts and other books, to which brief reference is made in your University News to-day, is probably the most valuable benefaction that has been received from any private individual in the long course

of our Library's history.

"The importance of the collection, which consists mainly of Bibles and Testaments in various languages, may be gathered from the fact that the 150 volumes of which it is composed include a splendid copy of Gutenberg's 42-line Biblia Latina, the so-called Mazarine Bible, printed at Mainz about 1456; the first dated Bible, printed in 1462 at Mainz by Schoeffer and Fust on vellum; and the only perfect copy of the first edition of Caxton's Golden Legende, printed at Westminster in 1483; together with a number of other incunabula of extreme rarity and great typographical interest, among which I would mention the following:—Biblia Germanica, Strassburg, H. Eggestein, c. 1466; Biblia Latina, Rome, Sweynheym and Pannartz, 1471; Le n uveau Testament and La Bible du viel Testament, Lyon, B. Buyer, n.d.; Biblia Hebraica, Brescia, Gerson, ben Moses, of Soncino, 1494.

"The manuscripts include a Wycliffe Old Testament of the early part of the fifteenth century, especially valuable as giving the text of the earlier version; a Wycliffe Bible (Old and New Testaments) giving the usual version; the Gospels in Greek of the eleventh century; and Richard Rolle's Works, an extremely fine example of the English style of the period, fifteenth century.

"By presenting to the University the fruits of a long life of discriminating and scholarly collecting, Mr. Young has enriched our Library with a number of examples of typography of great interest, perfection and beauty, and by filling many gaps in its series has placed it in the front rank of institutions where the development of the art of printing can be profitably studied.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A. HUTCHINSON.

"Pembroke College, Cambridge, Oct. 18."

CAMBRIDGE, Tuesday.

"The Librarian of the University has informed the Vice-Chancellor of a further gift of 82 printed books and manuscripts from Mr. A. W. Young, bringing up the total number of books from this benefactor to over 300.

"The most remarkable part of the latest gift is a series of 28 printed English Bibles and Testaments of the sixteenth century. They are fine copies

of exceedingly rare books.

"Among the manuscripts are two English Testaments and a book of the four Gospels, a missal written in England about 1400, and a French Book of Hours of the fifteenth century in a magnificent state of preservation."

Mr. Young has also allowed us to print the following letters which he received from Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of Cambridge University, and from the Vice-Chancellor:—

House of Commons.

"DEAR MR. YOUNG,

15th March, 1934.

I have just heard a detailed account of your wonderful gift to the University Library, which puts Cambridge in the forefront of all collections of early printed books, and I should like as Chancellor to tell you how much I appreciate your generosity and to send you my warmest personal thanks.

I am sincerely yours,

(Signed) STANLEY BALDWIN.

"From The VICE-CHANCELLOR,

University of Cambridge.

" DEAR SIR,

24th October, 1933.

I have had the pleasure as Vice-Chancellor of publishing to the University a letter sent me by the Chairman of the Library Syndicate about the munificent benefaction which you have made to the University Library.

"The Council of the Senate at a meeting yesterday, realising the great importance of the Bibles and other books (both manuscript and printed) contained in your gift, sanctioned a Grace which will convey to you the formal thanks of the University.

"This will come before the University at the next Congregation, but as that is not until Nov. 4 I should like to take this opportunity of telling you of the sensation (for that is not too strong a word) that your gift has caused in Cambridge, and of assuring you that the treasures you have entrusted to us will be most carefully guarded.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. F. CAMERON, Vice-Chancellor.

LATIMER HOUSE.

THE London Home of the Kingham Hill Trust is still as you were, doing its level best to carry on the good work inaugurated by our beloved Founder.

There have been many changes since we last wrote—several of our older lads having left, feeling able to stand on their own and make room for others.

Two who came to us some five years ago have recently married, one of them from Latimer House.

This has paved the way for new arrivals, and recently we have had quite a number of lads, about fourteen years of age, from the distressed areas in the north-eastern district.

To know the need of these areas one has only to read the daily papers. In the *News-Chronicle* of 6th April, 1934, the Mayor of Jarrow-on-Tyne, once a prosperous ship-building town, said: "If nothing was soon done for Jarrow it would probably have to be kept by the country, as there would be no work there at all."

As we said in our previous letter, there is still plenty of work in London for lads who are willing to do it, and settle down to the conditions as they find them, not expecting to find our streets paved with gold.

Of course, the change from small towns to London is very great, and many of the lads who arrive require a good deal of managing and fitting in the

right job.

The writer does not believe that a lad knows exactly what he is fit for or what he intends to do when he makes up his mind to leave home, and it takes time for him to find the job that really suits him. With younger lads there is always a large margin of time, and usually several positions are tried before a suitable one is found; but, if the boy is adaptable it does not take long, and there is no doubt that adaptability is the key-note of many of our successful business men.

Few, if any, of our lads are in what are called "blind alley" jobs, for great care is taken to avoid these, unless the boy himself, as sometimes happens, will not settle down and then, of course, our time is wasted. All around are factories, workshops and big business houses, always ready to employ a suitable lad should a vacancy occur, and we here often get calls from employers for lads.

Just now we are not quite full, but we have only one, an older lad, out

of work.

Our Christmas at "Latimer" was carried on in the old-fashioned way, some sixty lads remaining to take part in the festivities, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Dramatic Society.—On 26th January the Latimer Dramatic Society gave us their usual treat, consisting of two plays: first the Famous Trial of Bardell v. Pickwick from Charles Dickens's "Pickwick Papers"; and the second, "The Man in the Bowler Hat." All the parts were taken by lads from "Latimer," the part of Sam Weller, which was taken by Fred Trinder, caused plenty of laughter among the 100 persons present, and all spent a very pleasant evening.

The plays were arranged and produced by Len Morris, to whom our best

thanks are due.

Indoor Games.

Table Tennis.—During the winter months we have had visits from three well-known Table Tennis Clubs, who have played competitions in the Home, and with whom we have played return matches at their Clubs. Of the 6 games played: "Latimer" won 5, lost 1; which shows that our lads are going strong.

Our Table Tennis League is still in operation, although we have nearly reached the closing stages; there is still keen competition among the leaders

as to who will win, for the prizes are worth striving for.

Billiards.—Our Billiard Tables are still an attraction, and we are now in the midst of a Tournament in which there are thirty entrants.

Gymnasium.—Boxing appears to form a very large part of our gymnastic activities, and some of our recent arrivals are showing what they can do. There

have been several knock-outs lately, but no one appears to be any the worse for them.

The horizontal and parallel bars are also in constant use, for our lads like to keep fit.

OUTDOOR GAMES.

Football.—Our new venture as members of the Wood Green, Hornsey and District Leagues has proved very satisfactory, our lads are well liked for their sportsmanship and several local papers have praised them for their all-round play.

The First Team has been very successful in the First Division Wood Green

League.

Although they cannot win the Championship, with only one more game to play they are sure of their place as runners-up with the medals for that event, and promotion to the Premier Division Wood Green League, where they will have to meet such teams as the Tottenham Juniors of the Spurs team.

This result was not expected when the season started, for although our lads last year won the championship of the Third Division, West London League, the teams they had to meet in the Wood Green League were much stronger and it can be truly said that it is the team spirit under the captainship of W. Mathews that has got them where they are.

Our Second Team in the Hornsey and District League were also entered in the Hospital Cup; they have not fared badly and are placed fourth in the table. In the Hospital Cup Competition they won the first round by 22 goals

to o, but in the second round made a graceful exit by 6 goals to o.

We lost two of our football stalwarts at the beginning of the season in R. Jenner and L. Lamb, who both left "Latimer" to work and live in Croydon; they were badly missed, but fortunately we were able to find others to take their places and the good work went on.

L. Lamb, a Kingham Hill boy, was for two years General Secretary of the Latimer Athletic Club, and for his good work in connection with the same, was elected the first Honorary Member of our Club, and he has played occasionally in the side during the season.

We are glad to note that both are doing well.

So far the First Team have played 19 league games: won 14, lost 3, drawn 2. Goals for, 81; against, 43.

The Second Team have played 12 games: won 7, lost 5. Goals for, 42;

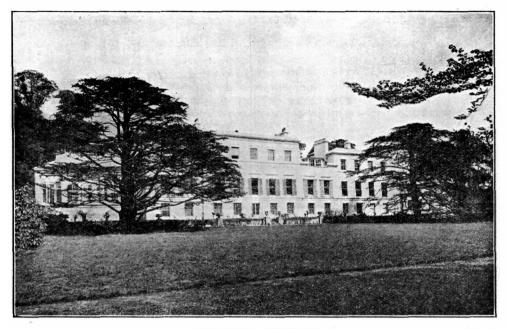
against, 47.

Our chief goal scorers: W. Mathews, 35; J. Potter, 22; A. Richards, 12; G. Price, 12.

Cricket.—We have again entered the Regent's Park Cup Competition, and with thirty games already arranged we are hoping for a good season.

Harry Ryder is now General Secretary of our Club, and under his supervision the Sectional Secretaries are working well and we are hoping to make the Club a greater success in the future than it has been in the past.

Two Blues.



OAK HILL COLLEGE.

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OAK HILL is not quite the same as it was. It is true the Estate continues much the same as hitherto, but all around us building goes on rapidly and it has become clear that before long we shall be the centre of a great population. Those of us who have lived in the densely populated parts of London cannot but be glad that people should have more space in which to live and more air to breathe, but on the other hand, we must confess to real sorrow as we see the beautiful countryside give way to bricks and mortar. It seems to be true that you cannot both have your cake and eat it.

During the past months we have greatly missed old Mr. Tom Hook. For fifty odd years he was the Bailiff here and knew the estate almost to a blade of grass. The coming of the College must have seemed to him an intrusion, but he was invariably nice about it and tried his utmost to adjust himself in his old age to the new life. And this is not so easy when the eightieth year has long since gone by. He "played the game" with us to the end. His calm attitude to all the changes had its secret in the fact that he spent an hour a day all alone in prayer and reading the Bible. When a man seeks God daily like that it is surprising what a difference it makes to life.

We cannot pretend that our Hockey Season has been marked by a great

triumph. We played 14, won 5, lost 8 and had one drawn match. Goals For, 22; goals Against, 39. We like to think that "Latimer" who play football now on this Estate do better.

H. W. H.

REPORTS FROM THE HOUSES.

Norwich House.

ON the 1st February we moved from "Bradford" to "Norwich." bringing with us twelve "Bradford" boys. With these and twenty boys from "Sheffield" commenced a new Home. We pray that the Lord may richly bless and guide in every detail continually, and that many, many souls may be won for the Master—so keeping the ideal of the Founder of the Homes before us. We would ever strive before all else to win souls.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Meehan for their help on the day we moved, by feeding our boys at dinner-time.

It is now April and we are still endeavouring to "settle down." The Hall which has been newly decorated with cream and a soft shade of brown, which enhances the beauty of the handsome teak staircase, cost each one of us many an "anxious" moment; from the time we entered Norwich House, the party of painters (installed to greet us!) spent their time commanding us to "mind the paint." We feel sure that the only words a painter can successfully write is, "WET PAINT." Needless to remark, the joy of carrying and moving furniture, etc., was greatly added to by the various "WET PAINT" signs. We were indeed thankful when the paints and ladders were removed and the painters went to another residence on the "Hill," but strange to say, we are hoping they (the painters) will come back again in the Autumn!!

Easter has come and gone, the weather was rather disappointing and only brightened up on the last lap, which enabled us to walk into "Chippy" to spend our superfluous cash on "Lollies." In the beginning of March, Maurice Forth left us to go to relations. His place is filled in the Home by Douglas Paine, who came to us from London. Jimmy Tucker, who was taken ill and transferred to the Sanatorium, is now doing well; we continue to pray for his speedy recovery.

A. P. DOHERTY.

Sheffield House.

AND so we come to the end of another winter; its infinite variety of activities has made it pass very quickly, but it is not without regret that we see our black boots put away to make room for the white boots of summer.

The health report is very good excepting for a few mild cases of chickenpox; but even in times of sickness with the extra duties that it brings we can rely on someone causing a laugh. One boy was asked if he had ever had chickenpox, he replied, "No, the only disease I've ever had is a cough."

Football and cricket are not our only games in the autumn, there is the popular and ancient game of "conkers." Just when they are nice and brown

there is a raid on the trees along the Plymouth road; next a piece of string with which to hang it on, a "conker's" life goes on until perhaps he is a twenty-oner; then he meets a harder one, a thirty-fiver, a good hard whack and twenty-oner joins the other vanguished, usually on the back-door step.

When we tired of that we made model aeroplane propellers; then, after painting divers colours and putting a nail through the centre, rush about making a blaring noise meant to resemble the roar of an aeroplane engine, and twisting it about into all kinds of antics.

Now instead of the crack of the "conker" we hear the click of the billiard balls, and the buzz of the aeroplane is replaced by the music from a four-valve wireless set installed in the Reading-room, for the working boys from "Norwich" have moved into "Sheffield," and the "conker" and aeroplane enthusiasts have gone into "Norwich." Will Old Boys please note the change over; we hope you will keep up your visits as in the past.

Three stayed with us for Easter: Basil Lewis (Oxford and Bucks), Ken Townsend (R.F.C.), Bert Anderson (R.E.), his brothers—John and Percy—

paid a flying visit, and George Berry (H.M.S. Achilles).

Again we were very pleased Mr. Arthur was able to visit us on Christmas Day and with Mr. Alan Young and Mr. Kinahan to take part in some of the fun of pulling crackers and overtaxing our digestive systems.

Now we have a fine portrait of our dear Founder hung in our Dining-room, a pleasant reminder to us who knew him of his happy nature, and we hope to the future generations not only a likeness, but also a symbol of human love.

F. A. MEEHAN.

Clyde House.

IT seems almost absurd to begin talking about Christmas on such a day as this, when all the young are picking violets, but Christmas is something too precious in the eyes of us all to be missed out in any article for the Magazine. Father Christmas paid us his usual visit on Christmas Eve and filled all our socks with good things; his understudy came on Boxing Day, accompanied by Mr. Arthur Young, who made us feel that the small "Father Christmas" must be a very important person for so many people to be coming to see him. It was so very nice to see so many, and Mr. Alan Young told us how very pleased they all were to come and see us. I think most of us were very disappointed that there was no snow; some of us were very glad, of course. We had a very jolly time walking down to Kingham Junction to see the Meet during the Holidays, it was the first that some of us had seen!

We have several new boys in "Clyde" and have passed up six of our number to "Durham," which rather ruined our football teams; however, we have "picked up" again, and although the yellow team seem to be THE TEAM, we manage to get some very good games. Life is always a very serious affair on Fridays, all are so anxious to play for their side; tea on that afternoon is spent in discussing what should have been done and what will be done next time.

Easter has just gone and there is still the pleasant memory of the lovely

eggs we had, and the thrill that although ours may not have been as big as John's, it was "ficker" (as one small boy was heard to remark). Good Friday we had a combined picnic with "Durham," and after walking to Chastleton Common we were rewarded with our first violets. I see that tadpoles are gradually wending their way into the playroom again, also gardening seems to be taking a more serious aspect. We are very pleased to note how smart the boys are getting, thanks to Mr. Carter and gymn. We are anticipating great things of "Clyde" in the near future.

E. M. CARR.

Stratford House.

I HAVE been trying really hard for the last two weeks to keep out of the way of our Editor, but he button-holed me one day and "Yes," says I. There is one consolation, however, we know our articles do get printed and read.

Do we remember the Christmases that we spent as boys on the Hill? Do we remember the puddings, the mince-pies, the cakes? Well, some like them, only better (Mrs. Bond will read this presently) are still being eaten in the same Houses at about the same time on the same day. Our House was gaily decorated with evergreens and paper-chains by the lads, who took keen delight in their self-appointed task. The table was decorated in a different manner. We thank Mr. Kinahan very much for the two splendid geese which we had for Christmas and Boxing Day, and also for the two turkeys for New Year's Day.

Except for Christmas there is not very much really to write about.

Two lads have left: J. Welch on October 26th to employment at Cornbury Park, near Charlbury, and B. Lewis, who has joined the Army and is now stationed at Oxford.

Two lads have arrived: D. Howells on October 27th and G. Winter on March 16th. Both are working at the Farm.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. C. Viner and family, who came and had tea with us on April 5th. Fred Marley also paid us a short visit.

Mr. R. Fryer is with us again during the Easter vacation and was here during the Christmas vacation.

SCOUTS.

OUR autumn programme started with a Social in the Scout Room to celebrate the winning of the Barton's Challenge Cup for two successive years. The next thing to do was to reorganise the Troop. Six of the Scouts formed the nucleus of the Rover Crew with the Rev. R. H. de Pemberton as their Leader. One or two of the Scouts left the Hill. I was very sorry to lose John Maule, as he would have made a very good Leader. I am sure all will join me in wishing him and the others every success in their new adventure.

Mrs. Michie sent up six of the Cubs to the Scouts. In addition to those, twelve others joined, so we were able to have four patrols of seven.

Through the inability of Mr. Hughes and Mr. Atkins to help, I was obliged to get another A.S.M. However, I approached Mr. A. Doherty and he kindly consented to help.

With so many new Scouts it meant starting again, that is, training for Tenderfoot Badge, Enrolment and then Second Class. I am glad to be able to say that the new Scouts are doing very well, most of them have passed their Tenderfoot tests and have begun Second Class work.

Mr. Impey (D.C.) and Mr. Goodhart paid us a visit on 26th October, chiefly to interview the two new Scouters, the Rev. R. H. de Pemberton and Mr.

Doherty.

The Scouts decided to have a Drum and Fife Band. All were keen to start, but the novelty has worn off or they find it harder than they expected; the consequence is that in the last two months we have not had a full band for practice. Mr. Pawson is always there to help, so "Scouts, do your bit." Three of the Scouts attended the Ambulance Classes at Chipping Norton. All three were successful in passing their examination and so hold the St. John's Ambulance Certificate and the Scouts' Ambulance badge, and they have also done First Aid in their quest for a First Class badge.

For their good turn at Christmas the Scouts sent a donation of £2 to the Rosemary Home for Disabled Scouts at Herne Bay. We also helped the

Cubs and Rovers in giving a concert on 5th January.

On 30th January no less than fourteen new Scouts were invested.

Owing to the fact that there were so many new Scouts and as we had already given a concert at Christmas, we decided to get on with Scout work instead of giving our usual concert in April. At the time of writing we are taking part in the district championship for Scouts' football. We easily defeated Spelsbury, and now have to meet Chadlington on our ground.

Our Camp site for this year is St. Brelade's Bay, Island of Jersey.

F. HARWOOD (G.S.M.).

BADMINTON CLUB, 1933-34.

THE theory of Professor Einstein, which has held the field for so long, has recently been called into question in the world of science.

We feel that it will, therefore, cheer the Professor not a little to learn that so sane a body as the above has proved by experience the truth of his famous theory. And this not by reference to some abstruse and distant star "X" light years away, but by plain everyday facts which none can dispute. There is need neither to correlate results, nor draw graphs; each fact can stand alone unaided and speaks for itself.

Take for examples two outstanding incidents of the past season :-

1. Our Christmas Supper and Social.

2. Our away match with Witney Windrush.

1. A few weeks before our Social one of our members (who shall be nameless) had spoken to me in glowing terms of a visit he had paid to the Ritz.

A few days after our Social he again haunted this famous hotel, and I

asked whether he had had a good time. A look of disgust mingled with anger crossed his face—"That foul restaurant," he exclaimed.

You see it is all a question of "Relativity."

2. Our mixed team went to Witney on March 16th and had not been beaten since the previous October. I am not betraying any secrets when I say that they felt they were "not so bad."

The result will be found below! "Relativity" again you see!

During the season 18 matches were played. Of these 14 were won and 4 lost. The results were as follows:—

		MIXED	MATCH	ES.		
				Games	Games	
Opponents.				For.	Against.	Result.
Milton-under-Wychwood	•••	•••	(\mathbf{H})	I	8	Lost
Witney Windrush	•••	•••	(H)	I	8	Lost
Chipping Norton	•••	•••	(A)	7	2	\mathbf{Won}
Shipston-on-Stour	•••	•••	(A)	9 8	0	Won
Burford	•••	•••	(\mathbf{H})	8	I	Won
Milton-under-Wychwood		•••	(\mathbf{A})	5	4	Won
Shipston-on-Stour	•••	•••	(\mathbf{H})	9	O	Won
Chipping Norton	•••	•••	(H)	8	I	Won
Witney Windrush		•••	(A)	I	8	Lost
Milton-under-Wychwood	•••	•••	(H)	5 6	4	Won
Burford	• • • •	• • •	(A)	6	3	Won
Played II; Won 8; Lost 3.						
		Men's	MATCHI	ES.		
Chipping Norton	·	•••	(H)	9	О	Won
Witney Banks	• • • •	• • •	(A)	5 8	4	Won
Shipston-on-Stour	• • • •	•••	(A)		I	Won
Burford	•••	•••	(H)	8	I	Won
Shipston-on-Stour	• • •		(H)	6	3	Won
Chipping Norton	•••	• • •	(A)	4	5	Lost
Burford	•••	•••	(A)	5	4	Won

Played 7; Won 6; Lost I.

In the men's team our two first pairs—W. Michie and J. H. Hughes, A. Edginton and G. Goddard—did extremely well. Messrs. Michie and Hughes were only defeated twice throughout the season, and on each of these occasions on a strange court.

On the whole the season was a very happy one, both as regards social evenings and games. Our best thanks to those who have co-operated with tea-pot and shuttle to make the season a real success.

E. C. ATKINS, Hon. Sec.

FOOTBALL, 1933—34.

REVIEWING the past season, one can say that it has been fairly successful. In addition to winning the Rollright Engineers Challenge Cup we attained a fair amount of success in our league games. We entered the Oxon Junior League, Junior Shield, Chipping Norton Hospital Cup, Engineers Cup and Bourton Hospital Cup. The team deserve our hearty congratulations for bringing home the Rollright Cup. Our league status shows a marked improvement on the last two seasons. We were unlucky in losing some of our players in the second part of the season, which unbalanced the side. Otherwise we would have been League Champions too? But we'll leave that to next season.

I'm sure we all wish the team lots of luck for future competitions and at the same time congratulations on what has been achieved in the late season.

Our chief Goal-getters were M. Jones 22, J. Hughes 13, and L. Osborne 9.

R. A. JALLAND, Hon. Sec.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL, 1933-34.

ONE shadow—that of widespread illness throughout the district during the Christmas Term—crossed a Football Season which otherwise has proved both happy and successful.

The School Eleven this year has lowered the colours of every challenger and has itself admitted defeat but once. Of still happier augury for the future, the Season has seen the birth of a Football "nursery." A School Football League was begun in February, and almost daily since then the "dogs of war" have been unleashed. (Joke over!) Resplendent in shining "armour," valiant knights have encountered each other in bloodless conflict, and a desperate struggle has given to one Jakke Millarde and the menne of Bradford Albion a year's possession of the magnificent shield presented by the Resident Trustees.

Woe to the Paynim of the future!

School First XI.

Played II. Won 8. Drawn 2. Lost I. Goals For, 57. Goals Against, 18.

School League.

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ТЕАМ.		PL.	W.	D.	L.	\mathbf{F} .	Α.	Pts.
Bradford Albion	• • •	10	8	О	2	37	12	16
Bradford City		IO	7	I	2	30	18	15
Sheffield Wednesday		IO	7	0	3	35	20	14
Sheffield United		IO	4	2	4	24	28	IO
Durham Villa	•••	IO	Ī	1	8	7	41	3
Durham Hotspurs		IO	I	O	9	17	31	2
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CRICKET CLUB.

THE General Meeting was held at Sheffield House on 19th February. The chair was taken by Mr. Kinahan. The Officers were elected for the coming season. New teams are—1st XI., Banbury Town and G.W.R. (Banbury), 2nd XI., Milton, Hook Norton, Wyck Hill and Great Tew. In addition to the usual fixtures there will be evening games in connection with the Chipping Norton Charity Cup Knock-out Competition.

Officers:—Hon. Secretary: F. Harwood. Hon. Treasurer and 1st XI. Captain: F. G. Goddard. Vice-Captain: L. Osborne. 2nd XI. Captain: R. Edginton. Vice-Captain: E. Lovegrove.

The above with J. Farnbrough and R. Jalland form the Committee.

	lst XI.		2ND XI.	
Date	Opponents	Ground	Opponents	Ground
May 5	Chipping Norton	н	Bliss C.C.	A
,, 12	Shipton-u-Wychwood	н Б	Hook Norton	A
,, 19	Banbury Town	A .	Bourton Star	H
,, 26	Shell Mex (Oxford)	H	Tysoe	A
June 2	Hook Norton	A	Moreton-in-Marsh	H
,, 9	Banbury Town	H	Bourton Star	A
,, 16	Stow-on-the-Wold	н	Great Tew	A
,, 23	G.W.R. (Banbury)	A	Tysoe	н
,, 30	Stow-on-the-Wold	A	Bruern	н
July 7	Hook Norton	н	Wyck Hill	A
,, 14	Shell Mex (Oxford)	A	Hook Norton	н
,, 21	G.W.R. (Banbury)	н	Bruern	A
,, 28	Headington	A	Milton-u-Wychwood	н
Aug. 4	9		Fifie!d	A
,, 7	Visitors	н		
,, 11	Latimer	н		
,, 18	Chipping Norton	A	Wyck Hill	н
,, 25	Headington	н	Moreton-in-Marsh	A
Sept. 1	Moreton-in-Marsh	A	Fifield	н
,, 8	Shipton-u-Wychwoo		Great Tew	H

F. HARWOOD.



MISSIONARY NEWS.

Women's Missionary Helpers' Union.

FOR more than a year the W.M.H.U. has been in existence and the ladies have done splendid work in connection with it. Every other Tuesday a meeting is held, through the kind hospitality of Mrs. Kinahan, at which work of a very practical nature is undertaken to help the Missionary work being carried on in Zaria Hospital in West Africa. At these meetings the ladies are busy with needles, knitting-needles and scissors, etc., with which a great number of very useful articles are turned out. Work begins after the meeting has opened with prayer, and proceeds while a book describing some sphere of missionary work is read, and finishes with the cheering cup of tea kindly provided by Mrs. Kinahan, to whom our best thanks are due for all her help and interest in the work.

A splendid amount of work has been done this winter, consisting of boys' shirts, children's dresses, socks, book bags and scarves. These will be sent to the Church Missionary Society in London for despatch to Zaria, where they will be much appreciated both by the missionaries and by the African patients. The last meeting of the session was held on April 24th, when Mrs. Morris, who had been a missionary in Africa for fifteen years, spoke. During the year a sum of 38/- has been collected to forward to the C.M.S., while we still have a balance in hand of some £2 15 0.

Last year an outing was arranged and some twenty-five members of the W.M.H.U. spent an enjoyable day at Bournemouth. It is hoped to arrange the Annual Outing this year to Weston-super-Mare in June. We congratulate the ladies on what they have done and the interest taken, and believe that such a work should do much to promote a real missionary spirit amongst us. Pray that this may be so, and that we on Kingham Hill may ever remember our responsibility to those who still live in the darkness of heathenism.

KINGHAM HILL HOMES OFFERTORY ACCOUNT, 1933-1934.

RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
£ s. d. March 31.	£ s. d.
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Kingham Hill Bed.

C.M.S. Hospital, Zaria,
North Nigeria,
West Africa.
March 29th, 1934.

DEAR MR. KINAHAN,

I think you will be interested to hear the story of the little boy who

occupies the bed you support in our hospital.

Tsarhasi is three years old, and three months ago he was very badly scalded with boiling water. One of our nursing sisters went to see him at his father's house, and after much difficulty persuaded his people to bring him to hospital.

He was terribly burnt all over the stomach and thighs, and was so ill

for weeks that we did not think he would live.

However, at last, very slowly, he began to pull up and get stronger; but I knew it would be many months before the wounds had healed over, as so much of the skin had been burnt away.

I, therefore, decided to do a skin graft—that is, to plant fresh skin on the raw area. The child himself could not spare any from any other part of his body, so I spoke to his relatives about it. The idea of service for other people is an entirely foreign one here, and the father, a big strapping man, refused to consider it, as he said quite frankly he was afraid. He said that he would send the boy's mother, however; but she herself was also so scared that though she was more or less forcibly brought to the hospital, she ran away at the first opportunity not only from us, but also from her husband!

I then decided to give the boys of our school an opportunity of service, and asked for volunteers. One of the older boys replied without hesitation and

came into hospital for a few days for the slight operation.

His bit of service was successful in helping the wound to heal and Tsarhasi

is now getting fat and strong and beginning to run about in the sun.

He will be going home soon, and though he himself is too small to remember much of his time here and the generous gift to him from a Christian schoolboy, we hope that it will remain in the mind of his father, who has spent a great deal of time in hospital with him and has heard the Christian message many times at hospital prayers.

Yours truly,

V. RUTH SHARP.



A REPLY TO A CRITIC.

DEAR SIR,

I noticed in the last Magazine that the boys were criticised for not helping very much in the preparation of the Sports for August.

I should like to point out, however, that the boys always have, and I trust

always will, do as much as they are asked to do.

But on such a day as this there must be no hitch. Everything must run according to programme; each line, peg, hurdle and obstacle must be in its place. There must be no mistakes! Admitted. Then how can these things be left to boys? I am not disparaging the capabilities of the boys. Far from it. I am simply stating the facts. It would be a poor excuse, wouldn't it, it something went wrong: "The boys forgot." One simply cannot put old heads upon young shoulders.

As regards the fetching and carrying of whitewash, pegs, hurdles, flags and the hundred and one things needed on Sports Day, the boys do help, in fact do practically the whole of it. After all, "the proof of the pudding is in

the eating."

I will admit, however, that some of the bigger boys might have come and

helped us a little more than they did.

Now the suggestion for running the Relay Race round the track may, or may not, be a good one. There are one or two points which perhaps our critic has overlooked. The handing over of the baton is an important point and must be done within a specified limit. But does No. 2 commence his run from his station? If so where is the speed? Or perhaps he starts, say five yards before his station, then with both runners together, and no doubt runners from the other teams being there as well, who can say when the change does take place?

But a far more important point than that arises: namely, the longer distance run by the team which was unfortunate enough to be left with the outside station. On our track of last year this extra distance would have meant another eighteen yards or more, which would be a very serious handicap for any team. A race should not be won by the spin of a coin.

Your humble servant, G. Bond.

If any recipient of this Magazine changes his address, he should at once communicate his new address, if in Canada, to Mr. Hodgkins, or Mr. Fitzgerald; all others to the Resident Trustees, Kingham Hill, Kingham, Oxon.

