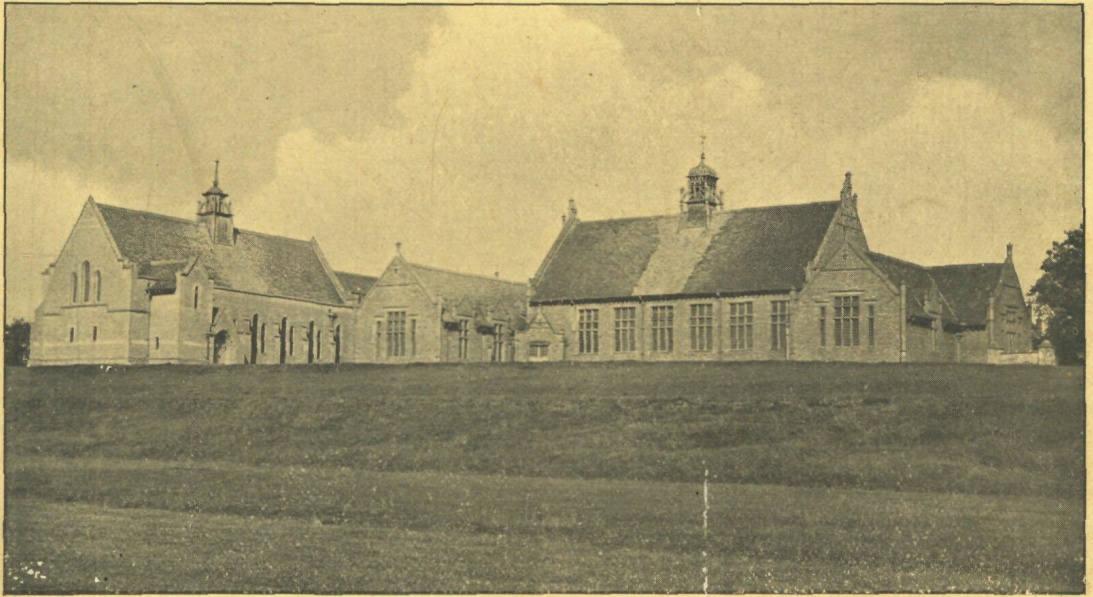


# KINGHAM HILL MAGAZINE

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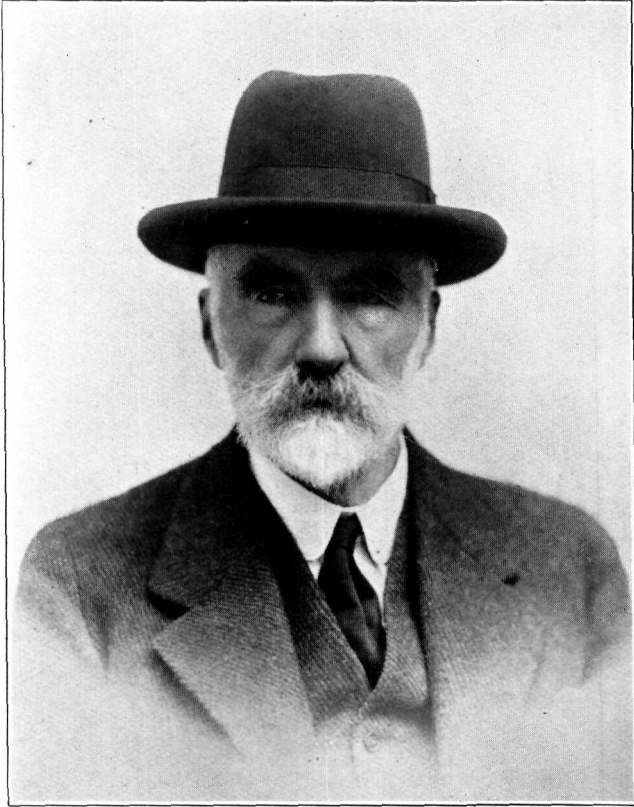
In Memoriam



William Mitchell-Carruthers

Born September 12th, 1853

Died September 13th, 1931



THE REV. WILLIAM MITCHELL-CARRUTHERS

I THINK that all of us, when we heard of the very sudden death of our late friend Mr. Carruthers, must have felt that it was a very appropriate death for him. No lingering pain, or growing weakness, but a quick transition from one sphere of work to another, unknown as yet.

He was an earnest worker from his first Cambridge days, where he came out decidedly on the side of religion to the years he spent on Kingham Hill. He gave himself up to the service of his Lord and Master. Weariness at times he must have felt, and he must have met with some disappointments; but his cheerful nature and most of all, his reliance on Divine Aid, carried him safely through. Now, after a strenuous but most useful life, in which he endeared himself to a wide circle of friends and relations—some of us jokingly said that wherever he went he came across a Cousin—he rests in peace as we believe, or works still without weariness and without anything in the nature of disappointment.

And doubtless unto him is given  
A life that bears immortal fruit,  
In those great offices that suit  
The full-grown energies of heaven.

A. W. Y.

ON Sunday evening, September 13th, the news of the sudden death of our Chaplain, at Burford came as a great shock to us all on the Hill.

We indeed have lost a true friend and leader, one who loved his work among us and was always ready with a cheerful and helpful word.

Our memory of his faithful ministry to us will bring forth thanksgiving to God for giving us such a loyal servant of our Heavenly Father, and inspire us to endeavour to follow the Master as devotedly and sincerely as he did.

A service was held in our Chapel on the morning of the Funeral, preceding the interment, and was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Hinde, M.A., one of the Trustees, and the Headmaster the Rev. C. R. Forrester.

In addition to the members of the family, Mr. A. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Kinahan, with the boys, staff, Mr. Emptage (representing Latimer House, London), employees on the Hill and Farm were present.

The Lesson which was 1 Thessalonians IV, verses 13—15, was read by the Rev. C. R. Forrester, and the Hymns sung were "How bright these glorious spirits shine" and "For ever with the Lord."

*Address.*

*By the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Hinde, M.A.*

"We are here in the presence of God, with our minds occupied with thoughts of William Mitchell-Carruthers.

Thanksgiving should have the first place in our service. The Hymn which we have just sung has already struck that note.

We should give Thanksgiving—

Firstly for his life and love. For 11 years he has been Chaplain here and for much longer a Trustee, and

throughout all that time, and indeed for many years before, he showed himself an earnest minister of God, consistently, humble minded and zealous. Loving and serving the Lord Jesus he longed that others should know Him too, and following in the Master's footsteps he sought to be the friend of all.

Though he had reached old age his interest in the boys did not flag. Old age sometimes gets impatient with youth, and youth loses its respect and honour for old age, but that is not so in this case.

The recollection of his interest, love and kindness calls forth to-day gratitude to him and thanksgiving to God for having given us so good a friend.

Secondly, for God's goodness to him in calling him into His service, for enabling him to serve Him, for bearing with him in his failures and shortcomings (which mark all human service), in sparing him to old age, in bestowing upon him, both in body and soul, so many mercies and blessings.

Thirdly, for his entrance into the bright and glorious life to which he has gone. Do we know this? The hymn has borne witness to it. To the believer, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

With him, oh, with Jesus,  
Are any words so blest?  
With Jesus everlasting joy  
And everlasting rest.

While we thus give thanks we will also pray—  
For those who mourn with us through his departure.  
The Lord Jesus knew what human sorrow was, and felt it even when Himself giving relief to it, and removing the cause of it. He knows how sorry we feel at losing one whom we loved, and so we may confidently pray for all who mourn that they may be comforted, and sustained.

Let us pray too that we may be enabled by God's grace to follow in his footsteps, and to live our lives in the service of God for the good of others. That when we come to the end, people may be ready to thank God for us, that the world may be the better for our being in it."

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS

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*The Record*, Oct. 2, 1931.

#### W. MITCHELL CARRUTHERS.

I was sorry to see the announcement in "The Record" of the death of my dear old friend, the Rev. W. Mitchell Carruthers, who passed away very suddenly on Sunday, September 13.

I first met Mr. Carruthers in 1873, when he came with his tutor, the late Rev. Hugh Hawthorne Wood, at that time Rector of Lullington, to visit the Rev. Sholto D. C. Douglas, at All Saints' Vicarage, Derby. They stayed for about a week or ten days, and just as they were leaving, and the carriage was at the door to take them to the station, Mr. Douglas said to Mr. Carruthers, "Remember you have only one life to live, and if you mis-spend it, God will never send you back into the world to live it over again." That remark entirely revolutionized his life. He had just left a public school, and said he was going to Sandhurst with a view to obtaining a commission in the Army. He did not go to Sandhurst. He went to Trinity College, Cambridge. He did not go into the Army, but he went into the Ministry, with what results "the day" only will deduce.

Whilst at Cambridge, he did a splendid work amongst the undergraduates, and he was largely instrumental in founding the C.I.C.C.U. On leaving Cambridge, he worked as a layman for about a year or eighteen months in the parish of All Souls', Langham Place, of which, at that time, the Rev. Sholto D. C. Douglas was Rector. There he superintended the Boys' Sunday School, and conducted Bible Classes. He was ordained to the curacy of St John's, Paddington, Sir Emilius Bayley being at that time Vicar. He subsequently held charges at Brunswick Chapel, Marylebone, Holbrook and Little Munden, eventually becoming Chaplain at the Homes for Boys at Kingham, founded by the late C. E. Baring Young, Esq. An interesting incident in connection with Mr. Carruthers' work occurred

as follows. Many years ago, whilst he was still a layman, Mr. Carruthers was addressing a meeting connected with the Y.M.C.A. in old Exeter Hall. In the course of his address he related the story of his conversion—and repeated the words spoken to him by Mr. Douglas. “You have only one life to live,” etc. There was in the audience a young lady who had just left school, and had no particular aim in life; what she heard then led to the consecration of her life to God’s service, and she threw herself into the work of “The Post Office Christian Association.” Some two or three years ago, whilst Mr. Carruthers was staying with me here, the annual meeting of the Glasgow branch of the Post Office Christian Association, of which I am Hon. President, took place. Mr. Carruthers accompanied me to the meeting and gave an address, and he met there that lady whom he not seen for many years.

THOS. D. STOCKDALE.

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*Chipping Norton Deanery Magazine*, October.

The Rev. W. Mitchell Carruthers died suddenly on Sunday, September 13th. On that day he was helping one of his brother clergy, as he often did. At his funeral at Daylesford Church on September 17th, there were fourteen clergy robed, and six others present. The service was taken part in by the Rector of Daylesford, the Rev. Martin Spearing, Canon Payne, and Canon Leigh-Mallory (a friend of fifty-six years). Among the clergy and also by the laity of our Deanery, Mr. Carruthers will be much missed. He was a constant member of our Clerical Society, Chapter and Conference; and he was indefatigable in organizing Missionary gatherings; and above all he was an affectionate friend, of wide sympathy.

JULIUS D. PAYNE, Rural Dean.

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Rev. William Mitchell Carruthers.—The news of the sudden death of Mr. Carruthers was received with genuine sorrow by very many in both Chipping Norton and Heythrop, where, by his kindness and sympathy in helping in many ways, he had endeared himself to very many of us.

For Heythrop Church he often expressed a special affection and he was most kind in his offers of help, and his earnest and eloquent sermons were most valued by the congregation—and will be much missed. Indeed his death means a great loss to the



neighbourhood and far beyond, and especially to the cause of foreign missions which he had so much at heart and did so much for throughout the Deanery. The removal of his wonderfully sympathetic presence means a great blank in our clerical life and neighbourhood. On the Sunday succeeding his death the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Arkell), in both Heythrop and Chipping Norton Churches, made a special reference to the great loss the whole neighbourhood had sustained, and we would express our deep sympathy with Miss Carruthers and the rest of the family in their sad bereavement.

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#### SARSDEN-WITH-CHURCHILL.

Sorrow came to us with the news of the sudden death of the Rev. W. Mitchell Carruthers on Sunday, September 13th, who has been Chaplain of the Kingham Boys' Homes for the last 11 years. He was always ready to help his neighbours, and will be very greatly missed, not only at Kingham Hill, but in many other parishes in the Deanery. He was a great friend of many in Churchill, for he had visited the parish during the vacancies in 1922 and 1926 and at other times. Those who knew him will not soon forget that loving, joyous character, which sprang from his deep devotion to Our Lord.

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*Oxford Times*, Friday, September 18th.

#### DEATH AT BURFORD OF REV. W. M. CARRUTHERS.

The death has occurred suddenly of the Rev. William Mitchell Carruthers, of Kingham Hill Homes. He preached at the Sunday morning service at Finstock Parish Church, and seemed in his usual good health when he left the Homes by car. After the service he went to Mrs. Hall's at Burford for lunch, and was having tea with his hostess when he collapsed and died immediately.

Mr. Mitchell Carruthers was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained an honours degree in 1879 and his M.A. in 1884. He was curate of St. John's, Paddington, from 1886 to 1888, and was assistant secretary of the Church Missionary Society from 1891 to 1892.

His first parish as rector was at Holbrook, Suffolk, where he remained until 1907. For 13 years he was Rector at Little Munden, Herts. He went to Kingham Hill Homes as Chaplain

in 1920, succeeding the Rev. Hankin Turvin, and showed great interest in the boys and their welfare.

He was a resident trustee of the Homes, an office which he had held for a number of years. He was much liked by all the residents and the clergymen of the district. He was the diocesan secretary of the C.M.S., a cause which was very dear to his heart. He leaves four sons and three daughters. His eldest son is a well-known explorer, Mr. Douglas Carruthers, who has worked for the Geographical Association in Africa and in Tibet.

Mr. Mitchell Carruthers was aged 78 on Saturday.

#### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Thursday, when the Daylesford, Church was packed. The Rev. H. Leigh-Mallory, of Birkenhead, conducted the service. The family mourners were: Miss W. Mitchell-Carruthers (daughter), Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mitchell-Carruthers (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. Malcolm Mitchell-Carruthers (son), Mr. Nigel Mitchell-Carruthers (son), Mrs. Holden (sister-in-law). Among others who attended at the church were Mr. A. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinahan, and the staff and boys from Kingham Hill Homes.

The Kingham Hill Homes patrol of Boy Scouts formed a guard of honour outside the church.

ON September 22nd, being the third anniversary of the death our dear Friend and Founder, we met around the grave at Daylesford; Mr. Arthur Young, Miss Young, Mr. Allan Young, Miss Cholmondley, Mr. J. Kinahan, with the boys and their teachers being present. A short service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Bowring, Rev. A. J. Cholmondley and Rev. C. R. Forrester. After the service we all went into the church, where we listened in rapt attention to an earnest address given by the Rev. A. J. Cholmondley. His text was "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I. Cor. iii. 11). The preacher began with a brief reference of gratitude to Mr. Charles Edward Baring Young, the founder of the Homes; to Mr. Arthur W. Young, who has so wholeheartedly entered into his labours, and to Mr. Mitchell-Carruthers, whose work of love has been so suddenly brought to a close, and who will be so badly missed.

Then he went on to urge with special emphasis how that it was the love of Christ in a good man's heart that led to the building of the Homes; so then Christ may be rightly thought of as the foundation of them. The power of Jesus Christ in good men's lives is an outstanding fact in this world of ours, which all who are wise will take account of. To Him is due the gratitude for all the advantages here enjoyed. And on what other foundation then should we seek to build our own lives, if amid the manifold temptations of the world they are to stand secure? There is plenty of foolish building going on in these days, as if they that will love life and see good days had nothing better to care for than amusement, and the pleasing of self, and to making something of a show, whether in sport or anything else. But something better will be hoped for in those that have had their upbringing in the Kingham Homes. They will make the best of their opportunities of getting on honourably in life; they will take thankfully all opportunities of rational enjoyment and healthy recreation that may open to them. But fidelity to Jesus Christ will ever be at the foundation. We all owe to Him a debt which only by our lives we can repay. To be doing some good in our generation, and to help others as we have ourselves been helped, will be the steady aim of those who have once learnt that other foundation can no wise builder lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

A wreath which had been sent by Kingham Old Boys' Association (Canada) was laid on the grave of our Founder.

### RE-UNION WEEK.

It gave us great pleasure to welcome Old Boys and visitors to the Hill for this week. Although the weather was unfavourable, most of the arrangements were carried out successfully.

The preliminary heats for certain races connected with our Sports programme were run off on Saturday, August 1st.

On the Sunday, the addresses at morning and evening service were given by the Rev. W. Mitchell-Carruthers, and collections were made on behalf of Missionary work in Africa and India. Holy Communion was celebrated at the close of the morning service.

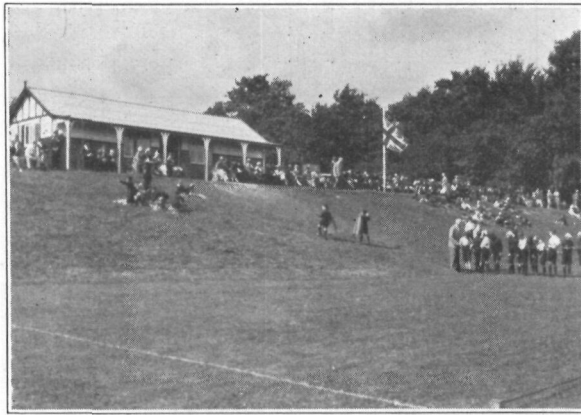
As usual, the small squad of willing workers was early astir on the Pitch, and to the tune of "Ain't you coming out, my Juliet," were able to secure the help of other energetic workers. At noon the pitch was gay with bunting, the various races were planned out, and all was ready for the afternoon's events.

Our thanks are due to all who helped in this way, especially Messrs. E. Bond, A. Jarvis, F. Harwood, G. Bond, Rev. C. R. Forrester, R. Fryer, E. Atkins, J. Johnson, H. Scarfe, W. Michie, and to Mr. F. G. Goddard who, with the above, acted as officials in the afternoon.

We also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Meehan for their good cheer at breakfast.

The Sports began at 2.30 p.m. and by that time there was a good muster of spectators on the bank.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. A. W. Young with us once again after his long absence due to illness. We were also glad to see old friends, Mr. Claude C. Birch, Mrs. and Miss Fisher, Rev. A. J. Cholmondley and Miss Cholmondley, Rev. E. G. Bowring.



SPORTS DAY

The weather, which had been very unsettled the previous week, now improved and the sun, tempered by a gentle breeze, shone throughout the afternoon. The programme of events and prize-winners are as follows:—100 yards open, E. Quartermaine; 100 yards (9 and 10), D. Roser; 80 yards, under 8, R. Hayter; the Oxford crew won the Boat Race; 220 yards and hurdles, A. Maule; Three-legged race, P. Abbey and J. Berry; Half-mile, D. Mead; Obstacle, E. Beer; Consolation Race, Gentry; House Competitions: Football, Sack, Net Ball, Relay were won by Bradford House; Relay Race, Durham House. In the other Races open to Old Boys the results were as follows:—Quarter-mile, R. Watson; Cycle Race, A. Newman; Obstacle Race, P. Woolrich; Motor Cycle Race, — Osborne.

At the close of the Sports, Mr. A. Young presented the prizes to successful competitors.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH.** The annual cricket match between the Hill and Visitors took place and proved a very interesting match, the visitors scored 106, while the Hill obtained 107 for 7 wickets. R. Jenner batted in good style and obtained 42 for his side, while G. Goddard obtained the same number of runs and was still undefeated at the close. F. Rose bowled very well for the Hill, taking 4 wickets for 33.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH witnessed a very keen struggle between the Visitors and Norwich House. The cricket was very good on both sides. Norwich proved the victors, scoring 89 to the Visitors 72. F. Dudley did well for Norwich House, scoring 35 runs. G. Lamb obtained 24 runs for the Visitors.

In the evening at 6 p.m. a Concert was held in the School Hall and a very enjoyable programme was arranged. Our thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen who took part. The programme, which lasted until 8 p.m., consisted of the following items:—Instrumental Quartette by Mr. Sutton, Mr. C. Sutton, Mr. G. Goddard, and Miss Goddard; Songs by Miss Baron and Miss Goddard, Messrs. F. G. Goddard and A. Jarvis; Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis; Recitation by Miss Ford; Clarinet Solos by Mr. J. Johnson, and an excellent Sketch played by the Scouts, entitled, "Four Stations Calling." Mr. G. Bond gave a word or two, including some of his latest stories, and the "Roosters" rendered some Plantation Songs in a very effective manner. The Rev. C. R. Forrester played a delightful piano solo, and Rev. W. Mitchell-Carruthers announced the various items in his most genial manner, which was furthered by some unofficial extra turns ably announced by Mr. Forrester.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH. At 3 p.m., a large gathering assembled in the School Hall for the Annual Prize-giving. An account of this is given by the Head Master, the Rev. C. R. Forrester, on another page.

The Memorial Service was held in the Chapel at 4 p.m. This was well attended by Residents and Visitors. The address was given by our Chaplain, who spoke of the sacrifice made by Old Boys in the War and also by our dear Founder.

At 5 p.m., the "Gathering of the Clans" took place. Most of the Old Boys were accommodated at Bradford (Mr. and Mrs. Meehan) or at Norwich (Mr. and Mrs. Rose). We were very sorry that Mr. A. W. Young was unable to visit each House this year, but we were delighted to welcome Mr. Claude Birch and to listen to his amusing yarns and chestnuts.

After tea a number of Old Boy visitors walked over to Daylesford Church and laid a wreath on the resting-place of our dear Squire.

In the interval between tea and supper various open-air games were indulged in, while an exciting tournament took place on the Tennis Courts.

Supper followed, about 9 p.m., and full justice was done to the sumptuous repast provided. We then adjourned to the Gymnasium for the usual happy evening of games, songs, etc. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Rose, the members of the Band, and the various ladies and gentlemen who so ably entertained us.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH. The Swimming Sports were held at the Baths at 2.30 p.m. The weather could not have been better for this outdoor event and was a welcome change from the damp mist and rain of the past two days.

Entries were smaller than usual, but the racing was quite up to the standard. The Prizes were distributed by Mr. Kinahan and Mr. Carruthers to the following winners of the various events:—D. Mead, the Championship; A. Maule, One Length; D. Mead, the Diving; Bradford House, the Relay Race; J. Berry, the Greasy Pole; E. Hawes, the Clothes.

An innovation this year was the Mop Fight in boats, and with practice the boys will become more skilful in the manipulation of the boats and we should see some excellent fun next season.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH. Unfortunately rain caused the abandonment of the match between the Hill and Latimer House.

Several of the Latimer team with Mr. Emptage made a special journey from London for this important match. We are sorry for their disappointment and look forward to the soccer encounter which we hope will take place during the football season.

### PRIZE DAY.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Arthur Young in the Hall on Thursday, August 6th, at 3 p.m.

*Mr. Arthur Young's Address.*

MY DEAR BOYS,

I cannot say in words how glad I am to see you and be with you this afternoon once again at the distribution of prizes.

This prize-giving—looking back over a year's work—ought to be considered in a somewhat solemn light. I can only hope that those who have not been successful in getting a prize this year will work hard and get one next year. I will not trouble you with many words of my own, but I will take these well-known words of the Prophet Isaiah as my message this year :

'Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.'

### *The Prizes.*

#### NORWICH FORM PRIZES :—

Senior—R. Jalland.  
Intermediate—G. Little.  
Junior—G. Rawley.

#### SCRIPTURE :—

S. Ashton (VI) ; E. Beer (V) ; J. Wilson (IVa) ; D. Howells (IVb) ; D. Roser (III) ;  
D. Plowman (II) ; T. Reed (Ia) ; J. Sperry (Ib).

#### ENGLISH :—

J. Maule and K. Townsend (VI) ; J. Berry (V) ; C. Hope (IVa) ; J. Millard (IVb) ;  
P. Bothwick (III) ; L. Dainton (II) ; F. Woodward (Ia) ; D. Strong (Ib).

#### ARITHMETIC :—

S. Ashton (VI) ; E. Quartermaine (V) ; F. Lambert (IVa) ; R. A. Warner (IVb) ; L.  
Street (III).

#### DRAWING :—

D. Mead (VI) ; G. Townsend (V) ; D. Howells (IVa) ; J. Tucker (IVb).

#### FRENCH PRIZE :—

S. Ashton and J. Maule.

SCIENCE PRIZE :—

S. Ashton and K. Townsend.

HISTORY PRIZE :—

S. Ashton.

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*Let us now praise famous men, leaders of the  
people by their counsels, and by their knowledge  
of learning meet for the people, wise  
and eloquent in their instructions.  
Their glory shall not be blotted  
out. Their bodies are buried  
in peace, but their  
name liveth for  
evermore.*

#### W. MITCHELL-CARRUTHERS.

The Chaplain, The Reverend W. Mitchell-Carruthers, who was with us on Prize Day, is with us no more. No words would be enough to say how much he is missed, how much he was loved, and how much he loved Kingham Hill. He was a great man, doing, to the end, a great work. On the day before he died he came into School for the last time. His last act there was to hand to me a paper of references to the Hebrew Bible. In accordance with his life-long habit of finding time for everything, Mr. Carruthers had gone to the trouble of compiling this for my use.

*They that wait upon  
the Lord shall  
renew their  
strength.*

C.R.F.

#### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH. At 9.30 a.m. we assembled at the School for our walk to Evenlode *via* Adlestrop. We arrived home at 1.15 p.m.

Games took place in the Gymnasium for the younger boys. Swimming in the afternoon.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH. A Treasure Hunt took place. It started from the School, where the first clue was given; thence round the School wall to find the clues which led the searchers to the Main Gates; then to Norwich, where the clues directed them to Well House; the Mill near Sarsden Halt was next visited; they then had to make their way to the Farm, then up the Hill, where the last clue was to be found on a certain tree, and so back to starting point. P. Abbey was the first one back, having done the whole distance in 40 minutes. It took him a further 6 minutes to find the treasure (a tin of toffees). The second boy arrived back about 30 minutes after P. Abbey, and we must congratulate the latter on a very fine run.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH. The cricket match between two teams calling themselves England and New Zealand, resulted in a very close and exciting game, England winning by three runs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH. The Picnic to Chastleton Common had to be abandoned

owing to wet weather. However, the picnics assembled in the Gymnasium and spent a very enjoyable afternoon in various games, competitions and singing. Tea was served at 4.30 p.m. and the fun continued until 7 p.m.

On two successive Tuesdays, by the generosity of the Trustees, we were able to visit the Kidlington Zoo. On August 18th, Bradford and half of Sheffield went, while on the 25th Clyde and the remainder of Sheffield. On both occasions the weather was fine. The boys enjoyed the ride on the Oxford bus, which had been especially chartered to convey them to their destination.

Much interest was taken in the various animals to be seen. The monkey house proved a great attraction. The feeding of the lions and other animals was also a source of interest. Many curious birds were seen, and there was much liveliness in the parrots' abode.

We left the Zoo about 7 p.m. for the return journey. Strange to relate, but much to the enjoyment of the youngsters on both occasions, we had several breakdowns.

We arrived home late, but we had thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Hearty cheers were given to our driver, which must have relieved his feelings.

Most of our outdoor activities had to be abandoned and the Gymnasium was in great demand.

### **AN AFTERNOON AT THE ZOO.**

The day dawned with some dark clouds, which happily cleared away, giving the sun supreme command.

Then, just after dinner, with our Sunday "bibs and tuckers" on, we left Clyde in the bus.

During the journey we talked chiefly of the previous party's misfortunes, and hoped that we would experience some similar to theirs. But nothing of interest took place except for a beautiful view of Blenheim Palace.

We soon arrived at our destination, the tickets were obtained and we rushed through the turn-stiles ready to enjoy the privileges granted us by them.

As soon as we were inside, those of us with superfluous wealth bought some monkey nuts, which a few of us sampled, just to make sure that the monkeys were not poisoned.

There is little doubt that of all the birds, animals and reptiles we saw, the popular centre was the house of our so-called ancestors. The place next in interest was the lion and tiger house, especially so at feeding time. Another magnet was the stall of a negro, who sold lemonade, monkey food and sweets. He told us he had come all the way from Arabia, which statement we did not doubt owing to the fact that he was fuzzy-headed and black.

Soon came tea, and as there was another party present we tried to outdo them at eating. I think, without boasting, that we beat them by about five plates of bread and butter.

After tea came the sad, inevitable ending, which we delayed as long as possible.

On the way back we had several of our hoped-for misfortunes, which came in the form of twelve stops due to the failure of the force-feed.

After this ripping outing, all of us, I am sure, would like to tender our thanks to the Trustees and Mr. Scarfe.

K. TOWNSEND.



**ROUND THE HOUSES.****Norwich House.**

On Friday of June, Norwich House Social Club went for their second Annual Outing.

Two very comfortable motor coaches were hired from Oxford, and our destination was the Wye Valley.

We left Norwich House at 7 a.m. and climbed the hill to Stow-on-the-Wold. From there we proceeded through some picturesque scenery to Cheltenham, which is famous for its mineral waters.

From Cheltenham to Gloucester the road is flat and uninteresting.

At Gloucester we once more admired the beautiful Cathedral.

From Gloucester we made our way to Ross, with its famous Church and fine market place in which is situated the house of John Kyrle, celebrated by Pope as the "Man of Ross."

We reached Symond's Yat soon after 11 o'clock and here spent a most enjoyable time amidst the beautiful surroundings. The glorious countryside makes it a veritable fairyland. Many tried to climb to the top of the cliff, but as the weather had been very bad it made it difficult and a few only were successful. Altogether we stayed one and a half hours at this delightful spot. It was now decided to go on to Cardiff.

After passing Monmouth, which stands at the junction of the Monnow and Wye, we arrived at Newport. We had decided beforehand to stop here, but as it was raining hard it was impossible to leave the coaches, so we proceeded onwards to our destination.

When we reached Cardiff the sun was shining and the weather became more settled. We stayed here for over an hour. Many shops were visited and bargains were made.

Our next stopping place was at Tintern, where we were greatly interested in the lovely ruins of the fine old Abbey, which was founded in 1132.

Here justice was done to the nice things provided for our tea.

We left Tintern at 6 o'clock and made our way back to Cheltenham. At the latter place a good entertainment had been provided for us.

We reached home somewhere near midnight, and after bidding our drivers goodnight we made straight for our beds to dream of all we had seen and the lightness of our pockets.

Once again we thank the Trustees for giving us the opportunity of having such an enjoyable day.

The first week in August is of course the most important time to all on the Hill, as it is our gala week, when our friends and Old Boys visit us.

Monday, the Sports Day, found us all on the "pitch," hoping to give our visitors a good run in the various races allotted to the Old Boys, but they proved too good for us and the majority of the events were won by them.

The cycle race was won by Arthur Newman after a fine run in which he managed to beat his brother Albert, and T. Searle came in third.

The Cricket Match with the Visitors ended in a win for Norwich. We were very pleased with the result, this being the first time for many years that we have proved

successful. It was a very evenly contested game. E. Hiscoke and E. Lovegrove were in good form with the ball, while E. Lane, the Visitor's skipper, showed that he could use the bat and played a splendid innings of 31 runs.

"Gathering of the Clans," as usual, took place on Thursday, and full justice was done to all the good things provided for us. We finished up the event with a capital entertainment at the Gymnasium.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Rose for their exertions in giving us all a splendid time.

Friday at the Swimming Sports, R. Jalland, V. Searle and H. Davenport did very well for Norwich.

Our house is being overhauled and so we are in temporary residence in Durham House, where we have been since the end of August.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sergel, and were much impressed with the addresses they gave. Every evening during the week they were here they took services, which were much appreciated.

We are very grieved at the passing away of our dear friend and Trustee, the Rev. Mitchell-Carruthers, and shall miss his cheerful presence among us. Our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

We are looking forward to the football season. Our best wishes to the Hill team for success in their venture into the Oxfordshire Junior League.

F. DUDLEY.

### **Sheffield House.**

A gloom has been cast over us by the sudden death of our dear friend Mr. Carruthers.

He visited us almost every day, and loved to have a joke with the lads and listened to the conundrums which they asked with great pleasure. We miss him very greatly.

It was very nice to have a picnic in the long meadow among the sweet-smelling, new-mown hay. Then to roam along the brook and finish up with a visit to the swimming bath.

We kept our "Gathering of the Clans" in Bradford House, where we were in residence while Sheffield was being renovated. Mr. Arthur Young, to our great disappointment, was not able to pay us his usual visit. Once more Mr. Claud Birch helped us to digest our tea with his wonderful supply of jokes.

Afterwards we went to the Gymnasium where an entertainment had been provided, and Sheffield competed in the game called "O'Grady." The prize given by Mr. Jarvis was won by D. Roser, P. Roser, R. Cottou.

After a disappointing cricket season owing to the wet weather, we are looking forward to a full football season.

We were very pleased to have Mr. Allen Young with us and quite enjoyed the time he spent at our house.

Mr. Bryan brought a new friend, Mr. Sergel, with him when he came at the end of the School holiday. Mr. Sergel quickly made himself very popular with the lads and established himself as a lasting friend to all on Kingham Hill.

Unfortunately the weather was wet and so most of the games had to be held in the Gymnasium.

The voluntary meetings in the evenings were well attended and great interest was taken in them.

On Sunday evening Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sergel came to Sheffield House and had tea with us. On the morning of their departure about twenty of our lads bid them farewell at Kingham Station. According to a report no honeymoon couple has had such a hearty "send-off."

We are all trying hard for the prize which has been offered by Mr. Bryan for the best kept Scripture Union Diary which he so kindly sent to each boy.

It was nice to receive a visit from George Richard, who left Bradford House in 1919.

F. MEEHAN.

### **Bradford House.**

On September 1st we moved from Durham to our own house. The joy of moving could scarcely be exaggerated.

Of the events which have been mostly appreciated by the boys, those connected with the Re-union Week take first place.

Next comes the visit to the Oxford Zoo, which took place on Tuesday, August 18th. We were fortunate enough to have a fine day for our trip. Among the many sights which interested us, one was particularly thrilling—when the keeper entered the den of the lioness, while she was being transferred from one cage to the other,

Many walks were taken to various places in the neighbourhood, such as Chastleton, Adlestrop, Chipping Norton. At the latter place we were able to witness the fine procession which formed part of the attractions of the Annual Hospital Fête. These were greatly enjoyed. We must not forget the visits to Kingham Junction, which were not only recreative but instructive.

These journeys, coupled with the picnics, helped to make the holidays seem only too short.

The time between Services on Sundays are spent in the reading of some interesting books placed at our disposal.

Another thing which has proved very helpful has been the "Search Texts" competitions, and many of us have been gratified by seeing our names among the list of successful competitors printed in "For Every Land," a magazine published by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

We cannot close this brief account of our doings in Bradford without referring to the great loss we have experienced in the sudden death of Mr. Carruthers. We miss him greatly, not only as our Chaplain, but as a sincere friend and counsellor.

Whenever he entered the pulpit in our Chapel, we felt sure that we should hear the Gospel, and his theme was ever Christ, and Him crucified. His loyalty to the Master whom he so sincerely loved and served faithfully, and the manner in which he so carried out the solemn trust committed to him by the Founder of these Homes, is an inspiration to all of us to follow his example.

C. M. BENSON.

### **Clyde House.**

Summer holidays have come and gone, and already one of the chief topics of Clyde conversation is Christmas. How thrilling is the joy of anticipation!

The weather was not what one would have chosen for August, and outdoor

picnics will be all the more welcome next year because of the lack of them this year. Judging by the happy faces on their return home, some very jolly afternoons were spent over "Gym-picnics"; and who will forget the day at the Oxford Zoo and the big red bus (very big to Clyde eyes) which took us there so gaily and brought us back with such delightful splutterings and delays!

The fate of our Games Shield hangs in the balance. The "Reds" gained most points on Sports Day, but the "Yellows" were the victors in the cricket match, after a very exciting game, as the "Reds" managed to lead in the first innings.

Now we are busy with football and hope to have our match quite soon.

Who said "Cubs"? We have no boys yet enrolled, but the three Clyde recruits have such a busy time on Thursday evenings—at present it takes quite an hour and a half to shine our shoes and brush our hairs, and clean our hands and knees and faces!

The next batch of recruits are eagerly awaiting their turn to "join up," and Clyde sometimes rings with the blood-curdling cry of a pack of wolves!

There is one event of quite frequent occurrence which Clyde misses, and will miss. How often in the Playroom one has seen a happy, chattering group of little lads, every face beaming as each tries to get a little share of attention from the kind, smiling face of their good friend, Mr. Carruthers, who was never too hurried for a word with the smallest of Kingham Hill's large family.

G. PHILLIPS.

### GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

*An Old Boy rises and speaks:*

"Yet another happy gathering to-day of brothers, young and old, met with joyous greeting to share the common feast, and renew the comradeship of youth on this lovely Cotswold Hill.

"Sit we here, as round the festive board we gather, light of heart, to talk of games we played and lessons done, of boyish pranks and escapades, of innocent pleasures and happy days spent on this little world of ours.

"In our memories are treasured the friendship and affection of absent ones, who worked with us and shared our many joys.

"Once again in quieter tones, let us recall those who, in early manhood and when life was sweet, nobly gave their all for Country—and are not here.

"And with grateful hearts let us ever remember our dear Founder, at rest beyond the hill, who loved us all and made us brothers here on Kingham Hill."

A. F. J.

### SCOUTS.

Owing to wet weather, we did not start our camping-out so early as we might have done.

In various other ways we were able to get through some very good and helpful work.

Through the kind invitation of the Hon. Miss E. Corbett, ten of our Scouts were able to "hike" to Spelsbury in relays of two, spending the night at Spelsbury, and returning home next day. This was undertaken with the idea of qualifying for their first-class journey badge.

On June 16th, we received a visit from Mr. Impey, our District Commissioner. We were not able to carry out our intended programme owing to wet weather, so at the last moment we had to improvise another, which was carried through in our Gymnasium. This was enjoyed by all. Our Commissioner helped in the various games.

On consecutive weeks the Eagle and Otter Patrols camped out in the field in front of Stratford House.

By the kind invitation of the Hon. Miss Corbett, we journeyed on June 27th to take part at Spelsbury in a small Jamboree, which lasted from Saturday noon to Sunday afternoon. It was very poorly attended; many of the Scouts in the district were unable to be present.

When we had pitched our tents, etc., our troop went across the fields to a bathing pool. This was very refreshing as the weather was very hot. On our return, Col. Jervis kept Cubs and Scouts occupied with games until tea-time. Later on in the evening Col. Jervis opened the Camp Fire, which was attended by Canon Stansfield, the Rector, and a fair sprinkling of villagers.

Cubs and Scouts alternately contributed items to the programme. Canon Stansfield gave a very amusing story on behalf of the visitors.

On Sunday there was a Church Parade in which the Brownies, Cubs and Scouts took part. We marched to Church where we enjoyed a very simple, though impressive service.

After dinner, we struck camp. A vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Corbett for a most enjoyable week-end. We then returned to the Hill in our lorry.

The next week was spent in getting ready for Camp. In common with all Scouts, this is an event which is looked forward to with great interest.



AT PIRBRIGHT CAMP

We started for Camp, which was held this year at Pirbright, Surrey, at 9.15 a.m. on July 11th, from our Scout Room. The ground was lent by Lieut.-Col. Smith.

It was an ideal spot for a Scout's Camp, being situated amongst low but steep hills covered with ferns and heather, and dotted here and there with soldiers' camps.

We were there nine days, and the following is a brief summary of a day in Camp: Call Cooks, 6.30 a.m.; Rise, 7 o'clock; Wash; Inspection; Breakfast; Prayers; Inspection of Kit, etc.; Drill and Scouts' Games; Dinner; Rest for three-quarters of an hour; Walk; Time off, 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Supper; Prayers; Sing-song; Turn in and lights out at 10 o'clock.

Amongst the most important events connected with our period of Camp life were the following:—Church Parade under the Umbrella Tent at Bisley Camp, at which the Lord Bishop of Buckingham gave an address. This was attended by about twelve hundred people.

We were shown over the Rifle Ranges at Bisley and saw the prizes which were given for the various competitions.

We visited two soldiers' camps. The Quarter-Master General very kindly took us round the camp of the Royal Horse Guards and told us some very interesting things concerning the horses, cookhouse, etc.

At Pirbright we were shown over the Ambulance Station and were given a forty minute lecture on First Aid.

Lt.-Col. Smith took prayers on two occasions, which was much appreciated.

All too soon our Camp came to a close.

We had a very good report from Col. Smith; to quote his own words: "A well disciplined troop with excellent spirits." It speaks well for the lads and I am greatly indebted to the valuable assistance rendered by A.S.M.'s Hughes and Atkins.

We had altogether a very enjoyable time, for which we thank the Trustees and especially Mr. J. Kinahan, who had arranged this outing for us.

On July 22nd we had another visit from Col. Jervis. This time twenty Scouts were successful in their 1st Class Swimming Test, and three of our Scouts gained the Swimmer's Badge.

At the close of the events in the Swimming Bath we made our way to the Scout Room, where Col. Jervis spoke to the Cubs, who were present with Mrs. Michie (Cub-mistress), and then to the Scouts.

We were delighted with the visit to our Den by Messrs. Bryan and Sergel. Running was the subject of Mr. Bryan's talk, while Mr. Sergel spoke to us on swimming. Both emphasized the need of going all out in whatever we mean to do.

F. HARWOOD, *Scoutmaster.*

**CRICKET.**

KINGHAM HILL C.C. 1ST XI.

## BATTING AVERAGES.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>No. of Innings.</i>	<i>Times Not Out.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Total Runs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
F. G. Goddard .. .. .	7	—	33	122	17.4
G. Bond .. .. .	10	2	21*	121	15.1
G. F. Goddard .. .. .	10	1	42*	135	15
J. Rathbone .. .. .	5	—	46	69	13.8
L. Osborne .. .. .	8	1	48	95	13.5
E. H. Pogson .. .. .	3	—	31	36	12
P. Floyd .. .. .	7	2	23	58	11.6
F. Rose .. .. .	7	—	43	74	10.5
J. Davies .. .. .	9	—	29	94	10.4
J. Hughes .. .. .	3	—	13	30	10
J. Farmborough .. .. .	9	2	12	60	8.5
F. Dudley .. .. .	10	3	24*	57	8.1
G. Hancox .. .. .	4	—	8	17	4.2

\*Denotes not out.

## BOWLING AVERAGES.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
E. H. Pogson .. .. .	30	7	65	14	4.07
L. Osborne .. .. .	45	8	107	18	5.9
F. Rose .. .. .	43	3	133	14	9.5
G. Hancox .. .. .	36	13	97	10	9.7
J. Davies .. .. .	75	10	224	22	10.1
J. Farmborough .. .. .	45	7	173	9	19.2

Owing to the very wet weather experienced this season, no less than eight out of the seventeen matches which had been arranged had to be put off.

Mr. Goddard again headed the batting averages and Mr. E. H. Pogson the bowling. Against Shipton, Mr. Pogson was almost unplayable, taking nine of the ten wickets. The batting of our team was certainly better than in previous seasons.

Matches played 9 ; Won 5 ; Lost 3 ; a Tie 1.

The Second XI had a much better season than last year. R. Jalland and Pulpher proved very useful with the bat and E. Lovegrove bowled very well.

Matches played 9 ; Won 4 ; Lost 3 ; Drawn 1 ; Tie 1.

**SCHOOL CRICKET.**

A decided improvement has been noticed in the batting and bowling among our lads, but we are still far from the standard which we are anxious to attain. Wet weather interfered with some of the matches. The number of matches actually played were 12.

In the House Competition, Sheffield repeated their success of last year by obtaining the chief points and thus retained the Cup.

Two scratch matches with teams calling themselves respectively England and New Zealand, provided a good deal of interest. New Zealand won on July 27th, while England won on August 12th.

In the matches with outside teams the result was as follows.

Matches played 7 ; Won 5 ; Lost 2 ; Drawn 0.

## BATTING.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>No. of Innings.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Berry, J. .. .. .	13	235	18.10
Beer, T. .. .. .	13	118	9.0
Abbey, P. .. .. .	16	139	8.6
Howells, D. .. .. .	5	33	6.6
Maule, J. .. .. .	7	46	6.5
Maule, A. .. .. .	8	49	6.1
Jackson .. .. .	12	69	5.7
Quartermaine, E. .. .. .	11	48	4.3
Hawes, E. .. .. .	11	31	2.8
Townsend, K. .. .. .	11	19	1.7

## BOWLING.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Jackson, A. ... ..	13	15	9	1.6
Abbey, P. ... ..	33	38	17	2.2
Harrold, A. ... ..	31	42	16	2.6
Quartermaine, E. ... ..	30	51	18	2.8
Hope, C. ... ..	6	10	2	5.0
Berry, James ... ..	44	87	17	5.1
Townsend, K. ... ..	12	28	3	9.3

S. ASHTON.

## FOOTBALL.

At a General Meeting held at Norwich House, we decided to enter the Oxfordshire Junior League. We used to be in this League years ago, and no doubt Old Boys who have played for Kingham Hill, and those who have not, will be pleased to hear that we are once more back in our old place.

We have not been very successful up to the present, having played four, won one and lost three ; but a start has been made, and as we play better teams and enjoy better football we are not worrying about losing. We shall live up to the old Hill spirit and acquit ourselves to the best of our ability.

Ronald Edginton has gone to an Agricultural College at Moulton and although we miss him greatly at centre-half and wish he was still with us, we sincerely wish him success in his career.

We have also entered for the Junior Shield. Our first game in this Competition is played on November 7th. We drew a bye in the 1st Round.

Also we are certainly going to have another shot at the Chipping Norton Hospital Cup. We were successful in winning this trophy last season and shall do our best to retain it. Shall our hopes be fulfilled? If not, it will not be for the want of trying.

We all join in wishing the team a good sporting season, and may success crown their efforts.

G. BOND.



**SWIMMING.**

I am afraid things did not go swimmingly (sorry) this season.

The weather was as bad as it could be all the summer (?) and very little could be done.

As usual, some lads learnt to swim and some did not, some were glad when the rain came at "Class" time and some were not; sometimes we would go down and chance it, and sometimes we could not.



RESULT OF A MOP FIGHT AT THE SWIMMING SPORTS

One would have to go back a good many years to find such a wretched summer. However, one or two bright spots appeared to cheer us up.

Mr. Michie kindly made some boats for us. These are flat-bottomed and shallow, with one oar. The idea is for one boatman to sink the other. I leave you to guess at the fun. At first, before the lads had gained any experience in rowing them, great was the upset.

Another new feature is the Diving Platform, also erected by Mr. Michie, in the form of steps. This is well patronized by the older boys.

Two much-needed shelters have also been built, one at each end of the Bath, for which we were truly thankful, and they, too, were well used during this wretched season.

We can only hope for better times next year.

G. BOND.

**TENNIS.**

Owing to the unfavourable weather, play on the Tennis Courts has been curtailed.

A good number of tennis enthusiasts assembled at the opening of the season on May 4th.

Several matches were played, afterwards we adjourned to the Pavilion where a good spread had been prepared, to which all assembled did justice. A very sociable evening followed, charades and games being played.

During August Week a tournament was arranged. Several entered and some very close results ensued.

The finalists were Miss Swain, and Mr. G. Atkins *v.* Mrs. Goddard and Mr. H. Scarfe, which resulted in a win for the latter pair.

We much appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Rose in providing the delicious Ice-creams on this occasion.

We shall miss our dear friend, Mr. Carruthers, greatly. He was always very interested in our Club and made every effort to attend.

Cheerful, energetic, he infused life into all he undertook.

W. MICHIE.

### **THE MISSION, AUGUST 31st—SEPT. 6th, 1931.**

The few days that our friends, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sergel, spent amongst us will long be remembered.

These two splendid Christian fellows, both of whom have won the coveted "blue" for their University, greatly appealed to the boys by their display of muscular Christianity and by their spiritual earnestness.

The Sunday before the Mission commenced, the late Mr. Mitchell-Carruthers explained why it was taking place and solemnly reminded us of our dear Founder's weighty words to him on taking up the duties of Chaplain at Kingham Hill. "My Chief aim," Mr. Young said, "is to train boys in Christian character." Words which both past and present members of Kingham Hill will do well to ponder again and again.

A full programme was arranged for the week, but owing to the inclement weather many of the events had to be cancelled.

Our splendid Gymnasium was put to good use, and the Missioners taught the boys many things which should help them to develop their physical powers.

We were able to get in one picnic, which was held in Daylesford Park; also we had a treasure hunt for the little boys.

A short, informal service was held each evening, and although attendance was quite voluntary most of the boys were eager to attend.

The addresses given by the Missioners were simple and direct and went to the heart of things. They were loyal to the old Gospel truths.

The Missioners also visited Norwich House and took prayers each evening. Naturally one is tempted to ask if there are any apparent results from such an effort as this. While we have every right to expect results—and some are already apparent—yet the final issue is in God's hands. Those who have the welfare of the boys at heart hope and pray that it may lead many of the lads to give themselves wholeheartedly to Christ and obey His call: "Follow Me."

ROBERT D. FRYER.

### **OUR LONDON LETTER.**

Our London Home for Working Boys at Latimer House, Fitzroy Square, W., is still progressing, and still keeps very full.

We have recently had a second billiard table installed and our old one has been overhauled and renovated. This of course is a great boon to all, and the tables are rarely vacant when the lads are home during the evening.

These, with the other indoor games provided, keep our boys pleasantly employed and amused, for we know only too well the dangers that are apt to beset lads in this busy part of London.

We have also been able to provide a very up-to-date library, thanks to the Library Committee of the Holborn Borough Council, who have granted us a supply of the books withdrawn from issue.

**CRICKET.** This year our team has had a very successful season. Out of 29 games played, 18 were won, 5 lost, and 6 drawn. E. Lane topped both batting and bowling averages; his batting average being 18, and his bowling 65 wickets at the cost of 4.41 runs per wicket.

W. Matthews was a good second, with a batting average of 17.0 and bowling of 5.60.

We were disappointed at not being able to play our match at Kingham Hill on August 8th. The rain prevented the match being played.

**TENNIS.** We have now a capital Tennis Club at Latimer and are able to play in the enclosure at Fitzroy Square, and almost every evening and most Saturdays during the summer our lads were engaged in that pastime, the two nets being provided by the Square Committee.

**FOOTBALL.** We have now commenced our Football Season. This year we are in the West London League and the Froge Cup Competition.

In both of these we expect to go far. We have already played 4 matches, won 2, drawn 1, lost 1, in the League.

We have drawn a bye in the first round of the Cup Competition.

There is of course a good deal of enthusiasm at these matches, and our team always has plenty of supporters on Saturday afternoons.

As regards Entertainments, we are hoping to start these shortly.

Apart from the Sports side of Latimer, there is another, and that consists of our Meetings in the Music Room.

We are fortunate in having a Curate at Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone—a Mr. Viney—who takes great interest in the lads and our work at Latimer. Almost every week he brings along some young men like our own, who are in business, and are real Christians, and these relate their experiences among the various men they work with, and point out the pitfalls for our lads. These talks are a great help, for besides being interesting, they are just the kind of thing necessary to our boys, who are employed in almost every walk of life.

We also look forward to the visits of Mr. Kinahan, who has always something helpful to tell us, and advice to give those that need it.

We wish to record our thanks to the Trustees for providing the new up-to-date wash basins and extra baths; also for the shower baths near the Gymnasium; the whole of which have supplied a very pressing need and are greatly appreciated.

It is interesting to note the various occupations of the lads at Latimer, and to state that although times are bad, and unemployment great throughout the country, we seldom have a lad out of work for longer than a week.

There are about 20 lads in various forms of electric engineering, several motor drivers, shop assistants, clerks, and shop porters and warehousemen have a good percentage.

Very few are in what are known as blind-alley jobs.

Altogether we are a happy family, trying to make and get the best out of life and fit ourselves for citizenship in the future.

TWO BLUES.

### CANADIAN OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Brothers, Greetings to all on Kingham Hill, Latimer House and elsewhere. I am sure you will be delighted to hear of our growth since we formed our Association in 1928, when our beloved Founder and Friend passed away.

It came into the minds of four of our number to locate as many of our boys as possible, so that we might hold a Memorial Service. They got into touch with a few in different locations. These in turn rounded up others. At that service (which I am sure will never be forgotten) we had 65 present. Many of us had met for the first time in Canada. Others had not met for twenty years. You can imagine how overjoyed we were at meeting one another again.

At that gathering we decided to form an Association with a central committee at Woodstock, each district to have a committee of its own. Through the effort of all, we have to-day a membership of 117, and we are still trying to find others with whom we have not yet come in contact.

Every year we hold our Memorial Service, and our souls are refreshed with the kind deeds of Mr. Young and of the practical and living Christ that made his life such a spiritual success.

I wish to express the thanks of all old Kingham Hill boys resident in Canada for the Magazine. I receive many letters from time to time in which they say how the news from home is appreciated and the pleasant memories it recalls. We wish to congratulate all connected with its production.

A. Boyden (Sheffield) fell by the wayside—I suppose that I should have said he got married. We trust that the rolling pin may be kept under and wish Arthur happiness and success.

Many of our boys are working short time on account of the world-wide depression, but we are all smiling. We know there is an axiom which says "All signs fail in dry weather." We are looking forward in expectation of the showers of Blessing.

PERCY FITZGERALD, *Hon. Secretary.*

In the present troublous times it is good to be quiet, and rest our minds to find solace in reading good words. Lockhart in his "Closing Scenes of Sir Walter Scott" writes: "He expressed a wish that I should read to him, and when I asked from what book, Sir Walter Scott said, 'Need you ask? There is but one.' I chose the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel. 'Lockhart,' he said, 'I may have but a minute to speak to you. My, dear, be a good man—be virtuous—be religious—be a good man. Nothing else will give you any comfort when you come to be here.'"

The Kingham Hill Chapel holds a lasting place in the memories of all who have had the privilege of attending service there. The form of the service is an expression of the character of our Founder—sincere and straight-forward.

Visitors have always been impressed by the way in which the boys have taken their part in the service, especially in the singing.

Some of the boys have later on taken up the Master's work in some definite manner, while others attend services as members of the congregation in various places of worship.

All bear witness to the influence of Mr. Young, whose work lives after him and bears fruit in better living, increased happiness and enjoyment on the part of those Mr. Young so nobly helped in their younger days.

We in Canada often think of "the old remembered names, familiar as the land itself. And breathing thoughts of England and English ways"—those who have died and whose names are engraved in stone in the Churchyard at Kingham or on the Memorial Tablet in the Chapel.

ROWLAND F. COOKE (Clyde).

### FORTY YEARS.

June 17th, 1931, is a very hot day. One feels it while hoeing out in the field when the thermometer registers 86° in the shade, and our skin is tanned by the sun.

Thinks I—this is the anniversary of my leaving the Hill. My son is working along side of me and I tell him that this is the date I left School in 1897. "Oh," says he, and went on hoeing. Honestly, I believe he is more interested in that swimming-pool down the road than ancient history, so I am left entirely to my own thoughts. At last noon arrives and we leave for dinner. After dinner, I stroll down to our gate, where I met the mail man (the same who delivers letters at Havelock, five miles away).

What a pleasant surprise awaits me! Kingham Hill Magazine, from Percy Fitzgerald.

There will be nothing doing on this farm until I have read this link with my boyhood days. If you care to come in imagination out on the lawn in the shade, I will tell you what memories it brings back.

It was in the year 1891, as a lad of nine years, that I first met our Founder; he came to our house in London. Of course I was too young to understand the circumstances, etc., but I knew that I was anything but happy at that time. Dad had just died. I well remember the morning of the start for the Hill, all I hoped was that the plans would not fall through. With my railway ticket pinned inside my coat I was put on the train for the Junction. Mr. Collett (Sheffield) met me at Kingham. What a change from London! Of course, I had been in the Parks, but here were fields galore. Oh boys, what a change! After dinner I was told to write and let my stepmother know I had arrived safely, which I did and secretly hoped she would not come and take me back. I was not long in getting acquainted with the lads. I took all the children's complaints; in fact, when I look back, I seemed to have taken everything but prizes. I think I can claim to be one of Mr. Scarfe's first pupils. Just an average lad. I remember my likes and dislikes. One thing I liked was fish dinner on Thursday, but darning socks was an awful bugbear. My school-days lasted until June 17th, 1897. Mr. Young had previously spoken to me about making my start in life. On June 17th, I arrived at Daylesford House, where I started my duties as page boy. It was with mingled feelings that I went about my work. I sadly missed the boys. Our Friend just seemed to understand my feelings. Whenever there was an House match on the Hill he would come into the butler's

pantry and tell me to come along with him to see the match—just a little thing, but, believe me, a mighty big thing to a boy.

One of the big events of that year was the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign. I still have the Bible that Mr. Arthur Young gave me to commemorate that event. Bradford House was opened the same year, the opening hymn being "Rescue the perishing."

In those days the boys in Form VI used to walk to Daylesford House on Sunday afternoons to Bible Class, and as page-boy I still attended the class which was taken by Miss Young. I still have the hymn-book and Prayer Book which she gave me.

I remember that I used to be scared to walk back to Daylesford alone after evening service on the Hill. I would hang around the gate at Kingham road until Mr. Young would come along, and then everything would be O.K. He would chat as we walked along. This would happen quite often.

On Dec. 7th of the same year the family went up to London. Mr. Young wished me to follow up my occupation as a page, so I entered the service of Dr. Fenwick, Harley Street, London. I slept at Latimer House. For four successive years I visited the Hill during the holiday weeks, and I cannot remember when I enjoyed myself so much. By this time I was getting on—nearly twenty—as lively as a colt and just as steady, and I realised that I had to get into collar. I approached Mr. Young regarding Canada. I saw he was disappointed and tried to persuade me to stay in service, but at last he gave his consent, but I must work on the Farm at the Hill for one year. On my arrival at the Hill I was promptly dubbed "Mr. Young's returned empty." Though I laughed at this, it stuck in my neck and set me thinking how much he had done for me. In that winter Mr. Young went to Egypt on account of bad health. I remember receiving a letter from him on my twenty-first birthday; that was in March, 1903.

Previous to sailing for Canada we went to London. We went to the Colonial outfitters—nothing was forgotten, even preserved meats for the long train journey after we landed in Canada.

We arrived in Canada, July 10th, 1903. I stayed the first year at Havelock Farm, where the late H. G. Benfield was in charge. For a few years I worked for different farmers by yearly contracts. In 1907 I was married. In 1909 Mr. Young came over to Canada. He paid a visit to my home. How he smiled when I showed him "Rogues' Gallery"—which were photos of numbers of our boys. In 1913 he made his last visit to Canada. He was kind enough to take a forty mile train journey to take dinner with us.

These and other memories are stirred up on the arrival of our Magazine. I look again at the cover.

Chronicle of Events—

1. Kingham Hill.
2. Latimer House.
3. Havelock Farm.

I feel that I have graduated from all three. Now, folks in charge, do not let this Magazine stop.

WM. ADAMS (Sheffield, 1891).

**VANCOUVER.**

The long-looked-for two weeks' vacation had arrived, and together with two friends, who were going with me, we hurried to the Canadian Railway station at Edmonton to catch the midnight train to Vancouver. We had some difficulty in securing seats, as the long train was very crowded, owing to the summer holidays.

Waving goodbye to those who had come to see us off, we settled down to a journey of two nights and a day. This is a feat of endurance, as other "Hill Canadians" will tell you (particularly as we could not afford to pay for a berth or bed, so had to sit up the two nights).

Towards morning, a little after seven o'clock, we reached Jasper Park, where we viewed with interest the ancient Indian Totem Poles and marvelled at the quaint devices of birds and beasts. This attracts tourists from all parts of North America. It was here that the mountains first came into view, towering up to the sky, the eternal snow on their summits glistening in the early morning sun.

Partaking of a hurried breakfast, and you may be sure we had a healthy appetite due to the bracing mountain air, we once more climbed aboard the train. As we sped along we were fascinated with the wonderful scenery of the famous Canadian Rockies, with an occasional glimpse of a turbulent river rushing down to the sea, and of a placid lake stretching far into the distance, looking so peaceful and quiet, far away from the bustle and noise of the hot, dusty city.

In the evening, Kamloops, a small township nestling in the foot-hills, was reached. Here the people seem to spend most of their time in the river that flows alongside. It was so hot that we also wished for a swim.

We arrived at Vancouver the next morning, glad that our long train journey was finished, and that we could stretch our legs.

Vancouver is one of Canada's largest cities, with a population of 278,752, possessing the finest harbour on the Western Coast and is a seaport of considerable importance. Here ships from all parts of the world call. There was nothing during my stay in Vancouver which pleased me better than to go down to the docks and watch the big boats steam majestically into the harbour, or to see others steam slowly out to sea, and disappear in the hazy distance, and to long for the day when I too could board such a ship that would carry me back to the dear old Homeland.

Stanley Park is very beautiful, with its broad acres of massive timber. In the Zoo there is to be found the brown bear, begging buns and such like goodies from the visitor, the nimble monkey swinging in the trees, the morose-looking buffalo, the fierce-visaged moose, and a host of other animals.

"Happy Land" or, to use its proper name, Hastings Park, resembles very much an old English country fair, only on a much larger scale. The "Giant Dipper," where after jumping into your seat you receive a series of ups and downs; one minute you are climbing to the sky and the next you are sent downwards at a terrific, breathless speed that makes you hang on for your life; then round corners at a breakneck speed, which makes the more timid utter a squeal of terror and vow—never again, no, sirree.

From the north shore of Vancouver is the famous Capilene Canyon with its famous Suspension Bridge, reputed to be the largest in the world. It was built by the Indians many years ago, and although very little of the original structure remains,

it yet stands a monument to their primitive skill. It is over two hundred feet high and as many feet across. As one treads warily along its narrow way, the swaying causes a sensation not unlike sea-sickness.

All too soon came the time to start on our return of nearly a thousand miles back to Edmonton and work. I have not mentioned the many industries of Vancouver, but I am sure the younger boys on the Hill know all about these. Perhaps they too will one day have the pleasure of going there and see for themselves some of the places that I have tried so poorly to describe.

ALLAN WESLEY BRUCE.

### FROM HERE AND THERE.

Wolf Cubs started on the Hill on June 18th and Mrs. Michie was asked by the Trustees to become Cub-Master, with the assistance of Mr. Michie.

The Pack may be seen at work any Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

In connection with the Tennis Club a Badminton Club will be held in the Gymnasium during the Winter months. We thank the Trustees for their generosity and good will in giving the Club such an excellent start, and trust that many happy evenings will be spent.

It was a great pleasure during the summer to walk through the orchards and gardens and to see everything looking so well and abundant. Though the weather this year has been such a severe handicap, Mr. Haynes and his men must have been well satisfied with the result of their labours.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes on their marriage. We hope they will enjoy many years of happiness.

We were pleased to welcome Messrs. Marley (Durham), H. Isaac (Clyde), H. Silver (Durham) on their visit to the Hill.

Notwithstanding the wet summer, it is very pleasing to see the quantity of hay which has been gathered in such a fine condition. How this was accomplished one is puzzled to know. It speaks well for our workers on the Farm.

The new fittings in the cowsheds must be of great benefit and comfort to the animals, and those that look after the cows are able to go about their work under much better conditions.

The new Dairy is now in working order and well repays a visit. One is struck with everything that is done to keep the milk pure and clean.

We are delighted with the appearance of the fine Guernsey cows.

We must congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Edginton, and though they are silent yet the results of their work speak.

We are very grateful to Mr. Northcote Deck for his very interesting and helpful address to us in our Chapel on Sunday, May 31st. The battle-axe, which we were allowed to see and handle at the close of the Service, will help us to remember the brave chief who gave it him and who was of such valuable assistance to Mr. Deck in his work of preaching the Gospel to the heathen islanders.



On Sunday morning and evening, August 9th, we listened with great interest to the Rev. W. B. Gill, who related to us many of his experiences while a missionary in Uganda, E. Africa. The boys followed his words with much attention and quickly responded to some of the many questions asked.

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We sincerely thank Mr. Gillespie for coming to our Sunday School and telling us such a great deal of the life lived by the Indians.

Also we had another friend, Mr. Kirkman, who came over from Daylesford, where he was paying a visit to Rev. E. G. Bowring. We shall not forget his address on "One Thing."

Both of these gentlemen made great impression on the boys and we trust that they will be able to come again soon.

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We thank Mr. R. Fryer for all the many ways he helped during his stay on the Hill.

In the Chapel he rendered great assistance by his very earnest addresses to us from the pulpit and generally helping in the services.

He took great interest in the Mission and helped in the many activities that were associated with it.

On the playfield, in the School, and in the house, he entered into the daily life of the boys.

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One of the great pleasures of this time was the visit of Mr. Fred James, who was accompanied by his wife, who we were so pleased to see while on their holiday from Canada. Mr. Fred James occupies the important post of Assistant Director of Publicity and Immigration.

We shall not readily forget his talk to us in the School, when he expressed the responsibility of each boy to uphold the good name of the School not only while a scholar, but throughout life.

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We also were pleased to see Mr. D. Board, who always has taken so great an interest in the home of his boyhood, and is ever taking thought for the progress and honour of his School.

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We give an hearty welcome to Miss C. M. Benson on taking charge of Bradford House. May the blessing of God rest upon her labours among the boys is our earnest desire.

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Mr. Douglas Carruthers, on behalf of his sisters and brothers, returns sincere thanks for the kind messages of sympathy.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. G. Lamb at Bath, on August 10th.

He was working on the Daylesford estate when our Founder began his work on Kingham Hill.

Very early in its history he became associated with the fine buildings on the Hill and practically took part in its growth.

As we walk through our beautiful Chapel, School, Workshops, Gymnasium, and the various Houses, we are reminded of his work.

In 1908, when Severn House was opened, he and Mrs. Lamb were chosen to take charge of this important branch of the work. Except for a short interval, 1915 to 1917, when the house was closed owing to the War, they faithfully carried out the responsible duties attached to this department until their well-earned retirement took place in 1925.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lamb and family in their great loss.

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We regret to announce the death of George Walliker (Durham House) at Hendon on

For some years he was in charge of Bradford House and the blacksmith's shop. During this time he won the respect and love of those under his charge and all with whom he came into contact. During the War he volunteered for active service and went to Salonica, where he contracted malaria. Since his return he suffered from this, and eventually it was the cause of his death.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his mother and all his relatives in their sad bereavement.

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We regret to announce the death of — Bartrum (Swansea), in Canada. A further notice will be published in our next issue. In the meantime we wish to express our sympathy with his dear ones in their sad bereavement.

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Mr. H. Jenkins, C/O Mr. Deacon, Pingrup, Via Kittaring, West Australia, would be delighted to hear from any of the old boys.

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