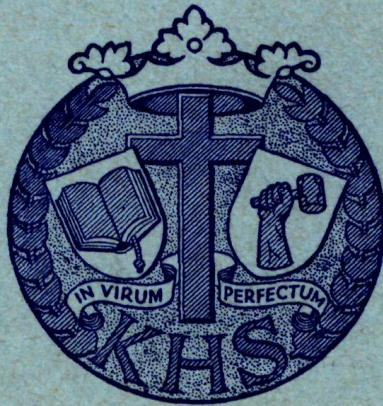


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## Calendar for Christmas Term

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 M All boys return  
 10 Tu Prefects' Meeting  
 12 W School opens 9.0. Elections
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- 15 S 17th S. after Trinity.  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL—**  
 Holy Communion, E.  
 Preachers: *M. Hugh Elder, Esq.*  
 (Headmaster of Dean Close)  
*E. The Warden*
- 16 M Lecture: Right Rev. Bishop Wright  
 (North Africa)
- 18 W *Ember Day*  
 20 F *Ember Day*  
 21 S *St Matthew. Ember Day*
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- 22 S 18th S. after Trinity  
 Preachers: *M. Rev. G. Foster-Carter*  
 (St. Andrew's, Oxford)  
*E. T. F. Tucker, Esq.*
- 23 M—28 S Visit of Mr. T. F. Tucker  
 23 M Autumnal Equinox  
 27 F Merit Holiday

### OCTOBER

- 2 W Sch. XI v. Sibford Sch. XI, h
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- 6 S 4th S. after Trinity  
 Holy Communion, M.  
 Preachers: *M. The Warden*  
*E. Rev. C. R. Forrester*  
 (Vicar of Portbury)
- 12 S Sch. XI. v. Rendcomb Coll., a  
 13 S 21st S. after Trinity  
 Preachers: *M. R. E. Durrant, Esq.*  
*E. Rev. R. E. T. Bell*  
 (St. John's, Reading)
- 16 W Sch. XI v. Ch. Norton County Sch., h  
 18 F *St. Luke*
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- 20 S 22nd S. after Trinity  
 Holy Communion, E.  
 Preachers: *M. Rev. C. O. Raven*  
 (Oxford)  
*E. Albert Mitchell, Esq.*
- 23 W Cross-Country Race  
 24 Th Merit Holiday  
 25 F Lantern Lecture, "South Africa," by  
 Miss Newbery

- 27 S 23rd S. after Trinity  
 Preachers: *M. Rev. Canon Taylor*  
 (Principal of Wycliffe Hall)  
*E. Rev. J. H. Hughes*  
 (Reading)

- 28 M *SS. Simon & Jude*  
 30 W Under 14 v. C. Norton C. Sch. under 14, h  
 31 Th Min. of Information Film, Kingham

### NOVEMBER

- 1 F *All Saints. Half-Term Holiday begins*
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- 3 S 24th S. after Trinity  
 Holy Communion, M.  
 Preacher: *M. & E. Rev. W. T. Burton*  
 (Tunbridge Wells)
- 5 Tu School re-opens, 9.0  
 7 Th Pianoforte Recital: Thos. Marshall, Esq.  
 8 F Gymnastic Competition
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- 10 S 25th S. after Trinity  
 Preachers: *M. N. C. Porter, Esq.*  
*E. E. H. Lockey, Esq.*
- 11 M Remembrance Day  
 13 W Sch. XI v. Sibford Sch., a  
 17 S 26th S. after Trinity. Summer time ends  
 Holy Communion, E.  
 Preacher: *M. & E. Rev. H. N. Duncan*  
 (Cambridge University Mission)
- 23 S Sch. XI v. Rendcomb Coll., h
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- 24 S S. next before Advent  
 Preachers: *M. W. A. MacFarlane, Esq.*  
 (Wycliffe Hall)  
*E. R. E. Durrant, Esq.*
- 26 Tu Merit Holiday  
 27 W Norwich Evening  
 30 S *St. Andrew*  
 Preparation Service for Holy Commun'n

### DECEMBER

- 1 S 1st S. in Advent  
 Holy Communion, 8 & M.  
 Preachers: *M. E. H. Lockey, Esq.*  
 "The Communion of Saints"  
*E. N. C. Porter, Esq.*  
 "The Forgiveness of Sins"
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- 8 S 2nd S. in Advent  
 Preachers: *M. R. E. Durrant, Esq.*  
 "The Resurrection of the Body"  
*E. The Warden*  
 "The Life Everlasting"
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- 11 W King's Accession
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- 15 S 3rd S. in Advent  
 Holy Communion, E.  
 Preachers: *M. The Lord Bishop of Oxford*  
*E. The Warden*

*A few Football fixtures remain to be arranged.  
 Prize Day will be early in December. It is hoped that the  
 Lord Bishop of Dorchester will distribute the Prizes.*

### Editorial.

CRICKET, athletics, swimming are the things which capture interest in the summer term, even if there is a war on and bad news is pouring in all the time. Summer is essentially a season of out-of-door activities but, all the same, time was found for other things, such as singing.

The athletics were more successful this year than ever before. The weather was good and the cricket pitch sufficiently dry to allow plenty of practice. Almost every day saw boys in football shorts and shirts out on the pitch, bending and stretching and touching toes, or practising starting or dashing round the pitch. Of course, many concentrated on jumping, which was better than ever this year.

This summer there was, for the first time, a cricket match between the school and staff. The school was well represented—so well, in fact, that only heavy rain saved the opponents from a massacre. We hope there will be another match next year when, perhaps, there will be no rain to pluck victory from our hands.

At the end of term the Choral Society gave a concert. I do not know if the audience liked it, but I can say that the Choral Society enjoyed practising for it. Anyway, nothing was thrown at us during the concert, so we assume that either the audience enjoyed it or they used supreme self-control.

Many more boys than usual were unable to go home in the holidays, but those who stayed found plenty to do. They helped to get the harvest in and gave the money they earned to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of air-raid victims. The weather was very good all the holidays, so they used the swimming baths almost every day and had several picnics.

We hope that the magazine will give satisfaction to everyone who reads it, and hope to be forgiven for any shortcomings.

### Warden's Letter.

*"Business As Usual."*

IT seems to me that it is something of an achievement, in these days, that the magazine should be produced "as usual"; I know the immense amount of work which it entails for the Editor and his helpers, and I should like them to feel that their labour, and the fruits of it, are both appreciated by their readers.

But in one sense we all need to remind ourselves that the phrase "*as usual*" covers what might be a dangerous state of mind. In the last war it denoted too often a conservatism, a carelessness, a blindness, and even a flippancy that might well have been our national undoing. This time, instead of hoping to get back to normal as soon as possible with the fewest possible changes, I think the aim of our people should be definitely to change the many things whose insufficiency has been brought to light by the ordeal of war. Certainly, Education needs to be changed, and we who are to some extent responsible for the School side of life are very fully alive to the fact. Equally certain, and far more urgently, the religious life of country and individuals must be changed and quickened; and with that supreme change—if we seek it and God gives it to us—will come all sorts of adjustments, or even revolutions in social and business life, in training for careers, in international relationship, in the aims of commerce and production, and in all the other aspects of what is

broadly known as "civilization." We need therefore—all of us—to look ahead steadily, to face trials courageously, and to be prepared to fight evil relentlessly ; all of which is possible only if, like Moses of old, we learn to endure "as seeing Him Who is invisible."

D. F. H.

### Death of Captain Murray Buxton, M.C.

**A**LL Kingham Hill, and especially Old Boys, will hear with deep regret of the death of Captain Murray Buxton, M.C.

He and his brother, Alfred Buxton, a missionary in Abyssinia, were killed on October 14th by a bomb which fell on the Church House, Westminster, where they were dining.

Captain Buxton served in the Great War in France, where he was badly wounded, and received the Military Cross for distinguished service. He joined the Trust soon after the death of the Founder, and from the time of his appointment as Trustee he has taken a keen interest in all our work.

He was specially interested in Havelock Farm, Canada, which he visited in 1930. While there he introduced many reforms which have made it more than ever a worthy and useful memorial to the great work accomplished by Mr. Charles Baring Young. He hoped to have paid another visit to Canada after the War.

A keen business man, occupying this year the position of President of the Institution of Structural Engineers, he was also an earnest Christian and took an active share in the work of the Church Army, Church Pastoral-Aid Society, and in all Foreign Missionary work, and he brought a trained mind to bear upon the many problems with which our Trust has had to deal in recent years.

Since the start of the war his many other engagements have prevented his coming to visit us, but many of our older lads and staff will remember him and his keen interest in everything connected with the Hill. He was above all loyal to the traditions of our Founder.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Buxton and to his son, a boy at Eton, and his daughter.

Speaking for my co-trustees and myself, I feel I cannot adequately express our sense of loss of one who was not only a personal friend but also a valued and trusted partner in the work entrusted to our care.

J. KINAHAN.

**M**ANY Old Boys, in this country and in Canada, will have heard of the tragic death of Captain Murray Buxton and mourned the loss of a true friend. As a Trustee he took a deep interest in Kingham Hill and brought to this work the fruits of his wide experience in industry. Those of us who knew him soon came to appreciate his rare gifts and common sense, to realise his practical Christian outlook and sympathy, and to value his friendship. The London Branch of the Kingham Hill Old Boys' Association will ever remember with gratitude his encouragement, interest and support in promoting, amongst Old Boys, a loyal brotherhood founded on the ideals of our beloved Founder.

A. F. J.



CAPT. MURRAY BUXTON

### Service in Memory of Church House Officials.

**A** MEMORIAL service for Mr. Alfred Buxton, Mr. Murray Buxton, Mr. Henry Hall, Mr. W. Lionel Hichens, Miss Ruth Mecey, and Mr. E. Wilcock was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Church House, Westminster. The Dean of Westminster and Canon J. McLeod Campbell (general secretary of the Missionary Council of the Church Assembly) officiated.

Mr. Hichens was a devoted churchman and had been for many years a member of the council of the Corporation of the Church House. Mr. Murray Buxton was also a member of the Council, and Mr. Hall was assistant secretary of the Corporation of the Church House. Mr. Alfred Buxton was a missionary for twenty-five years.

*The Times, 31/10/40.*

### Salvete.

*To Plymouth.*—R. Carver, E. Smedley, P. Vaughan.  
*To Durham.*—P. Mason.  
*To Clyde.*—L. Bone.  
*To Norwich.*—B. Booty.  
*Day Boy.*—D. Painting.

### Valete.

*From Plymouth.*—D. Caldwell.  
*From Clyde.*—A. Dean, E. Flack.  
*From Bradford.*—D. Gladstone, W. Carter.  
*From Norwich.*—C. Batchford, R. Bell, A. Caldwell, R. Caldwell, G. Dennis, R. Harrison, C. Mayo, N. Taylor, G. Holtom.  
*From Sheffield.*—A. Weber, N. Willmer.  
*Day Boy.*—R. Stares.

### Appointments.

*Head of the School.*—E. Harrison.  
*Head of Bradford.*—J. Goble.  
*Head of Norwich.*—E. Harrison.  
*Football.*—Captain, S. Fountain; Vice-Captain, R. Butler.  
*Cross-Country.*—Captain, W. Jones; Vice-Captain, T. Butler.

### Armed Forces.

**T**HE following have joined H.M. Forces since our last issue: A. Barker, L. Dainton, A. L. Eagle, G. Dennis, H. Jones, L. Osborne, A. S. R. Parker, E. Quartermaine, N. Willmer, P. Woolrich.

### FALLEN OFFICERS.

**YOUNG.**—In August, 1940, by enemy action, Lieut.-Commander Malcolm Henry Cathcart Young, dearly loved husband of Robin (Gwenda) and only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. A. Young, aged 37.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER MALCOLM HENRY CATHCART YOUNG, R.N., killed in action, was the only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. A. Young, and was 37 years of age. He entered Osborne as a cadet in January, 1917, and served as midshipman from May, 1921, in the *Valiant* and the destroyer *Viceroy*. On completing his courses for lieutenant, he was appointed to the aircraft-carrier *Eagle*, and while in her was promoted to lieutenant in August,

1925. In 1927 he specialized as an air observer, and subsequently in meteorology. He had served as an observer officer in the aircraft-carriers *Courageous* and *Glorious* and the cruiser *York*. On January 1, 1935, he retired at his own request. He had been promoted to lieutenant-commander in August, 1933. He leaves a widow.

### Prisoners of War.

To the Trustees, 66 St. Aldate's, Oxford  
2/9/40.  
I have been asked to send you my brother's address in Germany.  
Pte. Harry Widdows, 7266740,  
Stalag XX A,

Kriegsgefangenenpost,  
Gebührenfrei,  
Germany.

It is post free.

I would like to add: Thank you very much for your past kindness to him.

I am, sincerely yours,

W. J. WIDDOWS.

KEN TOWNSEND.

Extract from letter received to-day from his brother.

"Four days ago we had a letter in French from a nurse in a Belgian hospital. It was dated May 27 and said that Ken was suffering from superficial burns in his face and hands. She said he would write himself in three weeks."

The Air Ministry say they have not this information yet. The nurse says, "His condition gives no cause for alarm. Have no fear."

### News of Old Boys.

C. BATCHFORD (Norwich) is employed by the Ericsson Telephone Company.

W. CARTER (Bradford) has joined the Bristol Branch of the Guardian Assurance Co.

J. COLLETT (Norwich) has joined the R.A.F.

G. DENNIS (Norwich) was successful in the recent Examination for a Naval Dockyard Apprenticeship.

G. EDWARDS (Sheffield) is on the Staff of the Royal G.W.R. Hotel, Paddington.

E. FLACK (Clyde) is employed in the Biochemical Laboratory of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

R. HARRISON (Norwich) is taking a preliminary medical course at Brighton Technical College.

R. HIATT (Clyde) has entered St. John's Training College, York.

N. WILLMER (Sheffield) has also gained a Dockyard Apprenticeship.

### Occasional Notes.

**W**E should like to offer our congratulations to the Warden on his appointment by the Bishop of Oxford as Rural Dean of Chipping Norton.

WE welcome Mr. Jones to the Staff this term. He has taken the place of Mr. Nunn as Science Master. He is also Assistant House Master at Stratford House and has become an able and enthusiastic member of the Choir. We are also very pleased to report that Mr. Gilbert is to continue with us for the time being.

PSALMS are now sung on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Morning Prayers in Chapel instead of the usual Hymn.

ANOTHER "important military objective was successfully bombed" by the Luftwaffe during the holidays, when a bomb landed in the Baths' Field, making a large hole in it. We are thankful to record that "Chippy Dick" suffered no damage, having retired for the night some hours previously.

THERE was a series of VIth Form Talks last term, which were given by visitors to the Hill on various topics of general interest. The following is a list of speakers: April 13th, Dr. Casson; June 3rd, Dr. Spencer; June 27th, Rev. H. F. Sawbridge (Area Padre, Toc H).

### Chapel Notes.

IN spite of the difficulties of transport, we were able to welcome a large number of special preachers during the term; to all of them we were grateful for their presence and message.

The National Day of Prayer was observed on May 26th. Much preparation was made for it. On the Saturday evening, Prayer Meetings were held for adults and senior boys respectively, and on the Sunday an unbroken chain of prayer was maintained throughout the day, either by individuals or by groups of boys, in chapel and elsewhere. The whole day was divided into short periods, to each of which a special prayer-topic was assigned. There were over fifty communicants at 8.0, and in the evening the Chapel was crowded. For a good many, the day gave a fresh insight into the possibilities of prayer, and the "Miracle of Dunkirk" showed us how quick God is to answer the requests of a praying nation.

On August 11th, a special Form of Service was drawn up for the observance of Youth Sunday. We greatly appreciated the presence of Lord Roche, who kindly read the closing Lesson.

### Examination Results.

OWING to the war and the need for economy, the Junior Examination was marked by the School Staff, although the School Certificate Examination was taken in the usual way.

All the members of VIa took the School Certificate Examination, and all VIb took part or the whole of the Junior Examination.

Out of the twelve candidates for the School Certificate Examination, five passed, one with Exemption from Matriculation, and out of the dozen or so candidates who took the Junior Examination, six passed.

The successful candidates were G. Thompson—School Certificate with Exemption from Matriculation; W. Carter, J. Griffiths, W. Jones and A. Leech—School Certificate; J. Butler, A. Dibben, G. Downer, P. Griffiths, J. Popper and A. Stringer—Junior Certificate.

These results were good in that more candidates passed than last year in the School Certificate, but one less in the Junior.

J. GRIFFITHS.



### Plymouth House Report.

**N**EAR the beginning of this term we went for two picnics, both to Adlestrop, and once we took our dinner and tea in the trek cart. We went three or four times last term, and once we came back on an army lorry. We went quite a lot in the holidays down to the baths' fields, and we had a fire, and some boys caught crayfish and cooked them on the fire and then ate them. We went to the pictures two or three times last term, and about four times in the holidays, and we went to the circus once in the holidays. Last term John Symes found a snake and he killed it. We have been once to the pictures so far this term and we saw "Gulliver's Travels."

F. COLEBY.

### Durham House Report.

**A**NOTHER happy term has passed. The principal event in summer was the Swimming Sports. All through last term we had been striving harder in swimming than in anything else. When the "Great Day" actually did come, we made quite a success. Our best performance was "Pirates"; in which twelve boys were chosen to be pirates (they were dressed up by Mrs. Porter), and three went on each raft, and then the battle began. Our lances were mops.

In the holidays, the boys who remained here went to the cinema four times, and also once to the circus.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Barber for helping us such a lot in our swimming and games.

D. KABRAJI AND J. HEARD.

### Bradford House Report.

**T**HROUGHOUT the Summer Term we spent a considerable amount of time on our gardens, "digging for victory." Our efforts were rewarded by a fairly good crop of vegetables and some nice bunches of flowers.

We were very unfortunate in losing the Head of the House, W. Carter, who has taken up work in an office, and we wish him luck. D. Gladstone has left us too; but we welcome R. Caukwell from Durham in his place.

During the term we did not fare too well in House Cricket. However, we were represented by R. Dredge, G. Stansfield, J. Mould and R. Vass in the School "Under 12" Team and by H. Hornsey in the "Under 15" Team. W. Carter and J. Goble, who gained their Colours, played in the School 1st XI. In the coming football season we hope to do well although we have lost the House Captain.

Some of the boys played tennis and croquet during the holidays, including me boys from Clyde and Norwich who stayed with us.

While Mr. and Mrs. Durrant were on holiday, Mr. Gilbert acted as House Master. We are very thankful to him for his kindness in giving us such an enjoyable time.

Finally, some of the boys helped to gather in the corn, etc., on our farm and the one at Daylesford. They sent the money they earned to the Lord Mayor's Distress Fund.

J. GOBLE.

### Clyde House Report.

OUR House Captain, E. Flack, has secured a post at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford; our good wishes go with him. A. Dean has returned home. Three new boys have joined the House—L. Bone, P. Caney, J. Long. We trust they will soon settle in well with our happy party. The summer was very good, some excellent bathing and cricket being enjoyed; also the sports gave us good running and keen events. Although we cannot hope to have many outside matches, given reasonable weather, the quantity and quality of matches played should be as good as previously.

P. HIATT.

### Norwich House Report.

THE Summer Term was not one of outstanding events in School or House—one does not expect them when there is, or should be, hard work for examinations which affect many. We lost a few boys from the House at the end of the term, including R. Harrison, the head of the House, and G. Dennis, who left to join the Navy.

We had a successful term in the way of sports and games. We won two cups—the cricket cup and the swimming cup—and were fairly successful in the athletics, in which we gained second place. The athletics were specially enjoyable because we were handicapped for our superiority in numbers, which is rather an advantage to us in most things. It gave us the satisfaction of competing on a common level with the other Houses.

The Annual Singing Competition was held during the summer, and we sung, as our item, a piece from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." We drew with Sheffield for the cup, but they managed to get the cup and only left us the, plinth although we hope to open negotiations for an exchange when they have had it for half the year.

E. HARRISON.

### Sheffield House Report.

TAKING the term from all angles we can say, safely, that it has been a good one. We have lost two of our senior boys: N. Willmer, who went to serve in the Fleet Air Arm, was one, and A. Weber, who is working in Leicester, was the other. In their places we have welcomed L. Elstone from Durham House, and J. Collett from Plymouth House. We were pleased to receive a visit from J. Hayter, who is now at Latimer, and who was one of our number a year or so ago.

Very few of Sheffield were able to go home for the holidays, but we spent an exceptionally happy six weeks on the Hill. For three weeks we were with Mr. and Mrs. Porter in Sheffield, and for the other three we were with Mr. and Mrs. Lockey at Norwich. We owe much gratitude to the Masters who gave up part of their own holidays to stay with us; having taken us to the swimming baths, organised cricket matches, and arranged trips to the pictures at Chipping Norton.

We have managed to hang on to the Athletics Cup for the second year in succession, and we now have a half of the Singing Cup. This seems queer, but the reason is that we were a draw with Norwich for first place in the Singing Competition.

We now look forward to the cross-country race, and the inter-house football competition during the winter months.

J. GRIFFITHS.

### Stratford House Report.

I HAVE always been an admirer of any person who can sit down and write. The magical influence that holds his fingers in thrall, while page after page and ream after ream is scattered over the table and overflows to the floor, is quite beyond my comprehension. There he sits while the clouds of concentration grow ever thicker and thicker above his head. There seems to be an unwritten law that writers must be left in peace. He is a person apart. Wrapped in his own peculiar aura he is dead to outside influences. With his brow wreathed in creases and his brain working at its highest pressure, he churns out paragraph after paragraph, and probably nobody cares two hoots about it anyway.

But I? I can never bring myself to do it! Writing has always been my bugbear. A note or two when I am really in that humour is all that I can manage. No embellishments emerge from my cranial cavity to augment the simplicity of my memoranda. Just the bare statement of fact that there has been no illness comprises all that I can say about this item.

Also, we have had a large number of Old Boys visit us during the past year, most of them being members of one or other of H.M. Forces. A genuine writer would, of course, expatiate on this. He could remark that he was pleased to see them. So he was, and perhaps their optical organs lit up at the sight of him. If so, the pleasure was reciprocal. He might legitimately mention that some had come from long distances—two were from India, one from Canada, one from North Ireland. But that is no excuse for the gratification of a desire to write a rhapsodic composition on armipotent patriotism. He would naturally mention their names: W. Coates, T. Read, L. Dainton, F. Boniface, D. Howells, W. Lewis, G. Lamb, T. Peacock, T. Blencowe, T. Ashton, W. Weeden, F. Woodward, F. Shorter, A. Caudle, W. Stiles, N. Hawes, C. Beveridge. To them and to all our Old Boys serving their King and Country, we wish them God-speed and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

For weal or woe, two of our Old Boys have entered into the state of Matrimony. Douglas Howells, who married Miss Marjorie Piper of Churchill; and Albert Plowman, who married Miss Eileen Busby of K.H. We hope there will be more weal than woe. Douglas is serving "Somewhere in England," and Albert has gone to a farm near Tewkesbury.

We hold out the hand of welcome to Mr. Jones, who has come to live with us at Stratford. We could write eulogistically upon his exertion of energy. We shall simply but wholeheartedly wish him success in the varied, though important, range of subjects he has taken up with his youthful scholars. We trust that no indifferent feelings will obstruct their lucubrations.

We have welcomed to the House, John Wixen, Harold Collett, William Collett, Victor Neilson, Arthur Parker, John Howes, George Holtom and Norman Taylor. Here is a subject for treatment *ad gustum*. We shall content ourselves by hoping that they will be happy here, in spite of an occasional preceptual lecture.

*Quo fata vocant*: M. Hatcher, L. Dainton, D. Lewis and J. Sperry.  
*Lectori benevolo, Vale!*

G. BOND.

### Scout Report.

CAMPING! This is one thing Hitler cannot stop us doing. Because of the fear of invasion we camped near the Hill. We went to Chevil, about three miles from Chipping Norton. It was a beautiful spot and there were

many facilities for scouting. Although we could not swim we had a wonderful time.

Because we lost out two A.S.M.'s, W. Collett and R. Hughes became Rovers so they could help Mr. Durrant in the running of the troop.

So far we have sent two tons of waste paper away and we have about another ton collected. We thank all those who kindly kept their paper for us.

Some of our older Scouts left us this summer, but we welcomed six Cubs into the troop to replace them.

We are soon to begin the practising for our annual Scout Concert, so Beware !

### Wolf Cubs.

**I**N spite of the war, we have had a very happy year. We celebrated our 9th birthday two days later than we should, as the birthday turned out to be on a Thursday, and we had decided to celebrate it on the Saturday. Mr. Horsefield, Mrs. Kinahan, and a few friends were present. Mr. Horsefield distributed badges and stars to those who had passed. There are only very few boys who haven't passed their 1st star. As we have heard that Harry Widdows (an old Cub, who joined the Army) is a prisoner of war in Germany, we wrote a letter to him, and we are going to try and write more—at least we all remember him in our prayers. Recently, Mrs. Michie has been fully explaining to us the meaning of the words: "Do your duty to God and the King," which comes in with our Cub Promise; and she told us what "good citizens" should be in war time.

We are all very sorry at losing our Cub mascot—Judy. She had an accident and went blind. At one Cub meeting we had a new game in which each six drew a tiger, and they came out to be as follows: two sea-lions, a pig and one something like a tiger.

And now autumn finds us once again beginning our winter work, and we hope to do a little work for the Red Cross. At present, we have a large collection of silver paper and stamps, and some money to spare! There are now thirty Cubs and four recruits, and there are a few more waiting to join. We hope that 1941 will be brighter and happier for everyone. We are all very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Michie for helping the Pack in so very many ways.

Dyb! Dyb! Dyb! Dyb!

D. KABRAJI AND J. HEARD.

### School Cricket 1940.

**W**E have on the whole had a very successful season. True, the ideal cricketing weather did not arrive until the August holidays, but that is characteristic of all English summers.

Only one School match, however, was seriously affected by the rain, and that was to our advantage as we would almost certainly have been decisively beaten. Of the other five matches played, four were won, and the match against the staff, although officially a draw, went very much in our favour.

We were unfortunate in losing our captain, E. Flack, half-way through the term. He was awarded the Distinction Badge before he left.

Colours were also awarded to J. Goble, W. Carter, G. Collins and S. Fountain.

The tables below are for the term's cricket matches against other schools,

and for the best batting and the bowling averages of the School team.

#### MATCHES PLAYED.

*May 25th.*—School XI *v.* Rendcomb College School, at home.

School XI, 91 for 7 wickets declared. Rendcomb, 30 all out. Result, won by 61 runs. Best batting, Carter, W., 29. Best bowling, Leech, 5 for 11.

*June 12th.*—School XI *v.* Magdalen College School, away.

School XI, 83. M. C. S., 23 and 58—81. Result, won by an innings and 2 runs. Best batting, Flack, 18. Best bowling, Phipps, 4 for 3.

*June 26th.*—School XI *v.* Bloxham 2nd XI, at home.

School XI, 104. Bloxham, 100. Result, won by 4 runs. Best batting, Carter, 28. Best bowling, Flack, 1 for 3.

*June 29th.*—School XI *v.* Dean Close Colts.

School XI, 67. Dean Close, 19 for 2. Result, draw, match abandoned owing to rain. Best batting, Fountain, 27. Best bowling, Phipps, 2 for 8.

*July 6th.*—School under 15 XI *v.* Bloxham Colts.

Under 15 XI, 49. Bloxham, 177. Result, lost by 128 runs. Best batting, Phipps, 10. Best bowling, Bedingfeld, 2 for 6.

*July 19th.*—School XI *v.* The Staff.

School, 77. Staff, 29 for 8. Result, draw, abandoned owing to rain (which was very lucky for the Staff!). Best batting, Fountain, 30. Best bowling, Leech, 4 for 7 (Collins bowled the hat trick).

#### BATTING AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON.

Name.	Highest Score.	No. Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Average.
Fountain ...	30	5	—	95	19.00
Goble ...	21	5	1	61	15.25
Flack ...	18	3	—	44	14.66
Carter ...	29	5	—	68	13.60

#### BOWLING AVERAGES (QUALIFICATION, 15 OVERS.)

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
Leech ...	34	11	88	15	5.87
Phipps ...	17.4	5	47	8	5.875
Butler, R. ...	15.2	3	47	7	6.71
Collins ...	51.3	21	107	12	8.92

#### House Cricket 1940.

**T**HE House Matches this year were not interrupted in any way, not even by bad weather! In this we were fortunate.

Norwich House still holds the Cup; they won last year's competition. The other three Houses—Sheffield, Clyde and Bradford—finished the season in that order.

We owe our thanks to Mr. Ball and Mr. Gilbert especially, who gave up so much of their time to organise and umpire our games.

It is good to see boys playing the *proper* cricket strokes correctly; perhaps that is the reason why five out of the six School matches played were won by the School team! However, that report is printed elsewhere, so I will say no more.

## Waterloo.

(By A STRICTLY NEUTRAL OBSERVER.)

“ Waterloo, ce plateau funèbre et solitaire,  
Ce champ sinistre où l'on mêla tant de néants,  
Tremble encor d'avoir vu la fuite des géants.”

THESE words of Victor Hugo might well have been prophetic of the great Cricket Match of Staff *versus* School on July 19th. But probably the sympathetic reader will require details which were hidden from the poet, and which the present reporter will endeavour to supply.

The weather was—to say the least—unsettled. A solitary season-ticket holder graced the Grand Stand on the far side, while the general public crowded the less opulent seats. The School batted first; but Mr. Northway's guile, and some literally Masterly fielding, wrought havoc, and two wickets fell in the first over. The School Captain made a valiant effort at recovery, fortified (as were the field and—not least—the distinguished Umpires) by a kind of anachronistic elevenses thoughtfully dispensed by a dexterous Nippy; but before long Mr. Bond's characteristic slows claimed Fountain as a victim; and, in spite of sundry excursions to the boundary on the part of the more agile among the fielders, exhorted by their sedater colleagues, the whole School team was dismissed for a paltry 77 runs. The score sheet read as follows:—

R. Butler, c Mr. Barber, b Mr. Northway	...	0
W. Carter, c Mr. Parker, b Mr. Northway	...	0
Collins, run out	... ..	7
Towsey, c Mr. Michie, b Mr. Porter	... ..	3
Fountain, b Mr. Bond	... ..	30
P. Griffiths, c and b Mr. Nunn	... ..	5
Goble, b Mr. Michie	... ..	11
Bedingfeld, c Mr. Porter, b Mr. Ball	... ..	3
Phipps, run out	... ..	0
Hiatt, not out	... ..	7
Leech, b Mr. Ball	... ..	7
Extras	... ..	4
TOTAL	77	—

The magnificent reply made to this challenge by the Staff can best be summed up in the familiar words, “ Our forces, after inflicting enormous damage on the enemy, all returned safely (and rather rapidly) to their base.”

Mr. Gilbert opened with a spirited 13; and, but for a secret understanding between the Axis Powers, represented by Leech and Bedingfeld, he would probably have been batting still. Mr. Northway scored an invaluable single that might have been—even though it was not—the turning-point of the whole match. Mr. Nunn did not belie his name; and Mr. Porter, experimenting with the intersection of planes of motion, found that sometimes they failed to meet.

Then Mr. Eagle arrived, grimly squaring hypotenuses on his way; and scored six runs before Goble and Leech helped him to solve a very pretty triangle. Mr. Bond, of course, was imperturbably Not Out (did anyone *ever* see Mr. Bond put out?); while Messrs. Michie and Ball, craftsmen both, constructed a beautifully symmetrical pair of circular designs.

By this time the struggle was proceeding on the lines of a Smash-and-

Grab Raid. Time and again we rushed out on to the sodden ground, seized bat or ball, made a wild lunge, and raced back through the drenching rain. Meanwhile, the Staff continued victoriously to make strategic withdrawals to prepared positions.

When Mr. Parker's turn came to bat, he was to be seen standing at the top of the steps, gazing at the rain, and remarking :

“ Whan than Aprillè with his shourès soote

The droghte of Marche hath percēd to the roote . . .

Thenne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages : ”

So he set forth ; as he passed the umpire (very shortly afterwards) on his return journey, he appeared to be quoting, with emotion, extracts from Dante.

Mr. Barber, needless to say, carried his bat ; together with a certain famous hat, and sundry other decidedly offensive weapons. But now the jealous rain robbed the Staff of their imminent triumph ; the score sheet being as follows :—

Mr. Gilbert, c Bedingfeld, b Leech	...	...	13
Mr. Northway, b Collins	...	...	1
Mr. Nunn, b Collins	...	...	0
Mr. Porter, b Collins	...	...	0
Mr. Eagle, c Goble, b Leech	...	...	6
Mr. Bond, not out	...	...	2
Mr. Michie, b Leech	...	...	0
Mr. Ball, b Leech	...	...	0
Mr. Parker, c Butler, b Collins	...	...	1
Mr. Barber, not out	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	6
TOTAL (for 8 wickets)			29

I understand that the match was finished on the following day ; but I don't think it was very interesting.

### Swimming Sports.

THE swimming bath paid a dividend this year and the School took to natation like ducks to water. A large number of boys was to be found down there nearly every evening, and Norwich House in particular is to be complimented on having made the most of every available opportunity to put in a practice.

The Swimming Sports were held on July 27th. What portended to be a wet, dismal afternoon turned out to be just the opposite and a large number of spectators, including Mr. and Mrs. Kinahan, Lord and Lady Roche, the Warden and Miss Horsefield assembled to witness the various events.

Many heats had been successfully accomplished earlier on in the week, and the dress rehearsal of the cock-fighting on the slippery pole, when the boys made up their own rules as they went along, was undoubtedly far more amusing to watch than on the day itself, when certain restrictions were imposed. We were treated to many an excellent bout of what could only be termed improvised “all-in wrestling,” especially that between Aubrey Collett and “Grubber” Lea, who had us all in fits of laughter.

What greatly added to the enjoyment of the afternoon was the appearance of Durham in their true colours. Their faces as dirty as their knees, they made as ferocious looking a lot of pirates as has been seen on the Hill for many a

long day, and when they paddled out to do battle, most of them seemed to be imbued with the original idea of Christopher Columbus—that by sailing west they would eventually reach the far east. We extend our grateful thanks to the ladies of Durham and to Mrs. Porter for their valuable co-operation in this matter.

The "pièce de résistance," of course, had to be Mr. Biggleswade. Funnily enough, nobody guessed his true identity excepting the 200 odd boys in the School. Knowing what we had to put up with, however, in no way detracted from the merit of his performance. In a terrific set-to on the raft, Birtchnell got hit in the mouth, J. Heard got hit in the eye and Mr. Biggleswade got hit in the excitement. They all, however, made a rapid recovery. We deeply regret that at the height of the battle Mr. Biggleswade's best Sunday hat fell into the water. In answer to many inquiries as to where he bought his bathing costume, we are able to state authoritatively that the firm went into voluntary liquidation 50 years ago.

The races were held in quick succession, the most exciting being the One Length under 14, when in a thrilling finish Santer accounted for Denham with barely two inches to spare (time, 40.4 secs.). Denham, however, gained full honours by running away with the One Length open in 42.7 secs. Those of the foreign contingent also gave a very good account of themselves, Strupp having no less than three wins to his credit, and Breitenfeld one win and one second. We congratulate W. Jones on justifying his position as Captain of Swimming by winning the Shield for the best all-round individual performance. The Cup was deservedly retained by Norwich.

We congratulate the following on officially passing their One Length test : Allin, I., Chapman, I., Caukwell, J., Caukwell, R., Clyne, J., Dredge, R., Green, P., Hewson, D., Kabraji, R., Kirkwood, J., King, A., Mayo, C., Morgan, L., McKnight, J., Newman, D., Nunn, R., Piper, M., Shepherd, B., Stevenson, B., Stevenson, E., Turner, P., Walker, C., Walker, H., Ward, F., Weber, W., Young, W.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Goddard, Michie and Wiggall for helping us with the preparations and to all those who so kindly co-operated with the organising of the sports. An enjoyable time was had by all and we feel that much useful experience was gained.

E. E. G. G.

### **The Inter-House Athletic Sports.**

The principal change in the arrangement of the sports this year was the spreading of the events over two days, Saturday, June 1st and Monday, June 3rd.

After the experience gained in the previous year the standards were altered slightly and by a coincidence the number gained was the same as in 1939.

At the end of the first day Sheffield, Norwich and Clyde were very close with 85, 80 and 72 points respectively, so that the events on Monday provided keen interest and some excitement. The final event the Inter-House Relay, was a keenly contested item and was finished in a time just over five seconds faster than in the previous year.

On the whole the times and distances recorded were very close to those of 1939, but there was a considerable improvement in the Long Jump. W. Jones won that event with a jump of 17ft. 2½in. which was almost 2ft. 6in. better than last year's distance.



Almost every boy underwent training and took part in the eliminating heats and as no boy could enter for more than three individual events each House was represented by a fairly big team.

The final results were:—

*Tug of War*—1st Norwich, 2nd Bradford, 3rd Clyde.

*Relay*—1st Norwich, 2nd Sheffield, 3rd Clyde.

*Inter-House Cup*—1st Sheffield, 138 points; 2nd Norwich, 132 points; 3rd Clyde, 100 points; 4th Bradford, 48 points.

W. Jones, who was first in three events won a National Savings Certificate presented by Capt. D. Board for the winner of the highest number of points.

### Technical.

THE School Technical Class continued their Rothamsted Experiments this year with the growing of carrots and onions. The work is in the nature of an experiment to explore the possibilities of the three main plant nutrients, namely—nitrogen (N) in the form of sulphate of ammonia; phosphate (P) in the form of superphosphate and potash; (K) in the form of sulphate of potash. The nutrients are tested singly, in pairs and all three together on a series of horticultural crops. The experiments are conducted on sixteen small plots, each  $\frac{1}{160}$  acre, viz.: O. (i.e., no treatment)—two plots; N.—two plots; P.—two plots; K.—two plots; N.P.—two plots; N.K.—two plots; P.K.—two plots, and N.P.K.—two plots. The fertilisers are applied at the rate of N.—3 cwt., P.—4 cwt., and K.—3 cwt. respectively and in combination. Last year's crop was potatoes and the two initial plots combined yielded: N.—71 lb. 8 ozs. (96 plants); K.—85 lb. 14 ozs. (104 plants); P.K.—123 lb. 12 ozs. (96 plants); P.—131 lb. (95 plants); O.—135 lb. 12 ozs. (106 plants); N.K.—139 lb. 12 ozs. (100 plants); N.P.—144 lb. (99 plants); N.P.K.—193 lb. 11 ozs. (101 plants). Precision is measured by the standard error per plot expressed as a percentage of the mean yield of all the plots.

Mean Yield per Acre—4.58 tons.

Differential Responses—10.699.

	Mean Response.	Sulphate of Ammonia.		Super-phosphate.		Sulphate of Potash.	
		Absent.	Present.	Absent.	Present.	Absent.	Present.
Sulphate of Ammonia	+0.63	—	—	-0.20	+1.46*	-0.93	+2.20*
Superphosphate ...	+1.42*	+0.59	+2.24*	—	—	+1.21	+1.62*
Sulphate of Potash ...	+0.54	-1.02	+2.10*	+0.33	+0.75	—	—

\* Significant effect.

This year we planted carrots and onions. Each plot was split into two, and six rows of each of the above were planted in each plot. The onions were very erratic in their germination, and the subsequent poor growth on account of the continued drought resulted in a very meagre crop. To have thinned them to anything like uniform numbers would have resulted in terrific wastage in some cases, so we just let them grow in hopes of being able to use them for culinary purposes. However, we give the returns: N.P.K.—59 lb. 7 ozs. (777 plants); P.K.—60 lb. 14 ozs. (760 plants); P.—43 lb. 10 ozs. (581 plants); N.K.—44 lb. 10 ozs. (579 plants); N.—36 lb. (985 plants); K.—34 lb. 10 ozs. (1,212 plants); N.P.—30 lb. (660 plants); O.—36 lb. 8 ozs. (1,244 plants).

The carrots germinated very evenly and being deeper rooted were able to stand against the adverse weather conditions.

Carrots: N.P.—48 lb. 11 ozs. (836 plants); P.—52 lb. 11 ozs. (839 plants); O.—53 lb. 2 ozs. (826 plants); P.K.—54 lb. 3 ozs. (832 plants); K.—62 lbs. 8 ozs. (826 plants); N.P.K.—72 lb. (842 plants); N.—73 lb. 3 ozs. (842 plants); N.K.—73 lb. 8 ozs. (863 plants).

It will be interesting to compare the result of this with the result of last year.

We engaged in another experiment apart from the N.P.K. Rothamsted asked us to test certain town refuse to be applied to grass land. Some of the refuse came from Birmingham in the form of screened dust (S) and some from London as Hyganic (H). Other plots were treated with farmyard manure (D), and some were left with no treatment at all (O). There were sixteen plots, four treated with S., four with H., four with D. and four with O. The combined hay crop from each four was: S.—78 lb. 7 ozs.; H.—80 lb. 11 ozs.; D.—86 lb. 7 ozs.; O.—70 lb. 6 ozs. The plots were  $\frac{1}{160}$  acre. I have not had Rothamsted report yet, but it should be rather interesting.

Up to the present, except for the initial outlay for tools, etc., our expenses have worked out at: Artificial manures, 5s. 6d.; carrot seed, 3s. 6d.; onion seed, 9s. 3d.; total, 18s. 3d. Against this we sold last year's potatoes which did not get frozen for 10s. 6d., and the turnips from 1938 for 7s. 6d.; total, 17s. 3d. Markets have been found for the carrots and onions. We have also planted several soft fruit bushes, which we hope will yield good results in the future.

We tried our hands at budding roses and succeeded in getting one to grow. Next year we are going to try grafting.

G. BOND.

### The Bee Club.

ON February 19th, 1940, a General Meeting of boys and adults was called to discuss the possibilities of Bee-keeping. The subject mooted was the formation of a club by any interested residents on the Hill.

Mr. Bond was elected Chairman and a Committee was nominated and elected to run the club. They were R. Hughes (Hon. Sec.), W. Collett (Hon. Treas.), and J. Griffiths, A. Parker and H. Collett.

Mr. Bond explained to the meeting the proposed objects of the club.

- (1). To study the "wonderful works of God" as exemplified in the organisation of the life of a hive.
- (2). To learn and practise the science of beekeeping.
- (3). To discover the possibilities of beekeeping as a profitable financial concern.

The club began strongly and has now seventy-two members holding 209 shilling shares. The capital of the club was substantially augmented by a generous gift, by the Warden, of £5 from his Discretionary Fund.

With the money obtained we purchased two stocks of bees, which arrived on May 14th. We placed one behind Swansea and the other behind Plymouth. We now have four hives in a flourishing condition. We had a fairly successful season; we increased our stock by 100% and also extracted 13 lb. of honey, which allowed us to give 8½% to the boys on their shares. We have made a start anyway.

The Committee visited several apiaries and attended lectures and demonstrations.

On the advice of the Rev. M. Frost of Deddington, we joined the Oxfordshire Bee Keepers' Association.

R. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

### Music.

IN the summer most indoor activities give place to such things as cricket, athletics and swimming; but this year we had two musical events—the House Singing Competition and the Choral Society Concert.

The House Singing Competition was held on Wednesday, the 3rd of June, and was judged by B. de Selincourt, Esq. The Cup was won, for the first time, by two Houses—Norwich and Sheffield. Mr. Marshall, who gave a piano recital last Christmas, perfected a very enjoyable afternoon by playing some piano pieces and a two-piano piece with Mr. Parker.

On the last Friday of term the Choral Society gave a concert—its most ambitious attempt so far. There were three soloists, who each sang a piece alone, with one altogethler at the end of the evening. The programme was as follows:—

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|-----|---|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Now is the Month of Maying ... ..   | ALL.                    |
| 2.  | Awake, Sweet Love ... ..  | ALL.                    |
| 3.  | Where'er you Walk ... ..  | TREBLES.                |
| 4.  | Silent Worship ... ..   | TREBLES.                |
| 5.  | <i>Piano</i> : Duet: Marche Militaire; Solos: Minuet from <i>Berenice</i> ;<br>Invention in F. ... .. | MR. PARKER & J. POPPER. |
| 6.  | When that I was (Solo) ... ..   | P. GRIFFITHS.           |
| 7.  | Sylvia (Solo) ... ..  | D. THOMASON.            |
| 8.  | How should I your True Love know (Solo) ... ..  | G. CHAPMAN.             |
| 9.  | Over Hill, over Dale ... ..   | ALL.                    |
| 10. | Why do the Roses ... ..   | ALL.                    |
| 11. | Down among the Dead Men ... ..  | TENORS & BASSES.        |
| 12. | Matthew, Mark, Luke and John ... ..   | THREE SOLOISTS.         |

Mr. Marshall again played some piano pieces at the end of the concert as well as during the supper to which the members of the Society were invited afterwards.

### The Holidays.

IT was with not a little envy that we watched the luckier ones among us depart for the holidays; but still, those who were staying for the first time and those who usually went home for the summer holiday soon forgot their sorrows in the spirit of making the best of a bad job and they settled down to enjoy themselves. But after a few days we began to doubt whether it really was such a bad job after all, for thanks to the masters who gave up the greater part of their holidays to see that we had a good time, we went to the baths almost every day; we enjoyed many happy picnics together; we went to the cinema at Chipping Norton each week, and we had a good time all round. What do we care for the tall stories of air-raids told by those who spent their holiday under somewhat exciting circumstances at home? We had a bomb very kindly deposited by Messrs. Hun & Co. for our benefit by the baths; what more could one ask?

W. JONES.

### Farm and Garden Notes.

**A** RECORD harvest, and a record crop of potatoes (one weighed 3 lb. 2 ozs.) all well saved and of excellent quality; such is the thankful report we are able to give.

The fine summer has been a real God-send and has enabled the extra ploughing and cropping, as ordered by the Agricultural Committee, to be carried through successfully.

The same applies to the Daylesford Hill Farm, now in the hands of the Trust, with Mr. Ronald Edginton as bailiff.

The Agricultural Committee have also requested us to take over an adjoining 62 acres of badly-farmed land, so our hands will be full for the coming year.

All the staff are working with a hearty good will, and the school boys gave very useful help in gathering in the harvest and the potato crop. We are very grateful to them for their help.

Our fruit crops too were good, and every inch in the garden is fully stocked, so we are facing the coming winter with a good heart.

J. K.

### Canada.

**O**N behalf of London Branch Committee we send you our sincere greetings. At the same time we wish to express our feelings of deep appreciation of Canada's magnificent contribution of assistance to the Mother Country.

Yours sincerely,

J. MUGGERIDGE, *Tem. Hon. Sec.*

On behalf of all on Kingham Hill, I send greetings and good wishes to all Old Boys and their families in Canada and the States, or wherever they are, and hope that a better time is coming for all.

FRANK G. GODDARD.

### BROTHERS, GREETINGS,

To all on Kingham Hill and elsewhere. How delighted we were to get the Magazine again! We were hardly expecting it on account of the war. We sure appreciate it with its news on this side of the water. We were much impressed with the "Warden's Letter"—"God is our Refuge and Strength. He will never leave nor forsake." I trust the daily prayer of the boys on the Hill will be the sincere prayer of everyone of our Old Boys. Our God will not fail us in this trying hour. So cheerio! There will always be an England. Our prayers are with you daily. No doubt you folks had a little of the Canadian winter. I am sure you would all feel it keenly, especially when not being prepared for it as we are. I had hoped to have sent a list of our boys who had enlisted, but as they are so scattered it takes a little time, but I will forward them as soon as possible. We met at the Farm for our Memorial Service, but the number was much smaller owing to the war. Many of our number are working full time on war work, and of course were unable to be present. We hope the Memorial Wreath reached you in time. We were anxious about its safe arrival.

Our Government is just launching its second great War Loan of \$300,000,000. In the first two hours they received \$41,000,000, so it looks as if there will be no trouble in raising the amount. We have had a very wet

season this summer, and the crops in general are very poor, but we are thankful for what we can get these days, and we pray for the less fortunate, especially those in the war-stricken area.

May God protect you all in these terrible days and may we all look up to Him with fresh courage and stronger faith. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Praise the Lord! There's a great day coming. We look up to-day and see destructive bombers, but one of these days when we have the upward look, we'll see Jesus.

God bless you all.

PERCY FITZGERALD, *Secretary.*

### Voluntary Services.

I should like to express on behalf of my co-trustees and myself our thanks to all those who are serving the Hill without money reward in the services designed for our protection in these anxious times. The A.R.P. and Fire Services and the Home Guard, and the masters who so kindly devoted a portion of their summer holidays to looking after the boys remaining on the Hill.

The position of the School geographically is a great protection, but nevertheless vigilance is necessary, and a complete and careful black-out is essential, so we thank our protectors.

One word more arising out of the fact that these services are unpaid. I am sure that none of those who render service would have it otherwise. None of us ought to desire to be better off financially as a result of the war, and many people cheerfully face the fact that they are much worse off and at the same time have to work harder.

The position of the Trustees is simple. Their expenses have greatly increased and they have to meet calls for war damage and expenses in much-tried London, but they will try with the co-operation of all concerned to keep the Hill going without diminution of numbers.

ROCHE.

### Home Guard.

SARSDEN RANGE. RIFLE SCORES. 300.

4ft. Target.	100 yards Range.	H.P.S.	20.
Section	Average Score	Percentage of each Section which fired	
Kingham Hill	... 16.9	...	100
Churchill	... 14.6	...	94
Sarsden and Fairgreen	... 13.7	...	90
Kingham	... 15.4	...	89
Kingham Station	... 15.2	...	53

Platoon Average 15.0.

(Signed) M. D. Day, Platoon Commander, 2/11/40.

### Oak Hill College.

IT has just struck eleven in the morning, and the siren has just sounded its third Alert to-day since the night raid ceased. There are bombs! and heavy firing follows. It is raining and the clouds are low; it is impossible to see the plane and for the plane to see where it is while it keeps above the clouds, but

there it goes again, a couple more bombs somewhere. How can proper work be done under these circumstances? The last two night raids have begun before seven, and from that time until some hours later the gun barrage has been more or less continuous. Men may say what they like, but it is impossible to concentrate on one's studies when, consciously or unconsciously, one is listening for the next bang of gun or bomb, and sometimes wondering whether our own building may be the next to fall. There they are again! Both sides are at it.

We very gratefully acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us thus far, and we do not wish to falter in our faith, but a price has to be paid for victory. Some must contribute with life itself, and if that is our part, I think I may say we are all ready to pay it. The fact that we are a Theological College and a "reserved occupation" does not mean we are not ready to bear our full share. We are ready enough, but we believe that our part, as "reserved" and exempt from service, is rather in the future work of reconstruction, and for that, in the service of the King of Kings, we are trying to prepare ourselves. The trouble is that all this noise, etc., makes book-work so desperately difficult.

Of course, it has its thrills, and not enjoyable thrills, as when the other night 30 or 40 incendiary bombs descended on our grounds (one just in front of the front door of the College) and practically the whole College went out to suppress them. The noise from the Park sounded like a Sunday School Treat! But the possibilities are too terrible for us to treat these interruptions lightly, and one hates to think as I write of the trouble, sorrow and suffering which is even now coming on other people for all the time the fighting continues and bombs keep falling somewhere.

War is a horrible thing. It may indeed call out the very best that is in man, but if so, it is required to meet the very worst that can be in man. And for it all we are not ourselves sufficient. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

As far as we can make out, we are about the only College of this character remaining in London, and that is because we are farther out than most, but it may well be we shall have to evacuate.

H. W. H.

### Latimer House.

*October, 1940.*

**T**HE mere fact that we are able to contribute to this issue of the "Mag." is surely a matter for praise, that in the providence of God our lives have been spared.

Several more of our household have joined the Forces. At each parting we dread the ordeal of saying "Farewell," although most of our number envied those leaving for "Somewhere in England," and longed to join them. However, events have so happened that the "Air-Blitz" has brought us all into the "Front Line."

The call for increased production demanded the sacrifice of many comforts and leisure hours, such as no half-days, irregular meals, and working Sundays. Surely a grim programme for young lads. But in every case, without exception, it was done in the spirit of "doing their bit." Added to this was the "Nuisance Raids," which deprived all of us of most of our night's sleep for several weeks. Here again the lads proved they could "take it."

We would like here to record one night in particular which stands out

vividly in our memory ; it was the sight viewed from our flat roof of dear old London's famous spires, the dome of St. Paul's, and the Monument, clearly outlined against a sky crimsoned by raging fires.

Our next experience was to accustom ourselves to the heavy gunfire which at times was almost deafening, the house vibrating around our ears.

On the 16th September, at ten minutes past ten o'clock at night, a bomb (500 lb.) fell within ten yards of our Air-Raid Shelter ; it caused tons of débris to be hurled in the air and to come crashing down on the roof of the shelter, penetrating it at one end from which boys had just been withdrawn, with the result that not a single boy was hurt. The explosion caused the shattering of almost every window in the main building, the heavy oak doors were wrenched from their hinges and thrown in some cases up a whole flight of stairs, others were sent spinning along the corridors ; heavy iron plates fitted to the Air-Raid Shelter windows were ripped off and flung yards away ; iron railings were twisted as if they were bits of wire ; man-holes to drains were forced up. Yet with all this the main building stood like a rock, although it was a sad sight with all its windows and doors and beautiful fittings gone. As soon as the roar of the explosion had died down a volunteer offered to go out into the streets to find out where the boys could go as they were now homeless. We are proud to say the one who did this brave piece of work was an old Kingham Hill boy, John Hayter. With his name we would like to link Frank Sanson and Leslie Francis, who remained with us all night in the wrecked building. To every lad must be given credit for behaviour worthy of a good soldier, each one grabbed a suitcase (packed beforehand for an emergency!) and filed out of the door in perfect order. The boys were all safely transferred to another shelter within fifteen minutes of the disaster. Next day was spent in arranging billets, etc. The builders are now busily engaged making the place habitable again, and we are all looking forward and hoping that soon again we shall be back in "Latimer." The Lord who has so wonderfully kept and protected us is worthy to be praised.

It is with deep regret we learn of the death of Mr. Murray Buxton. Latimer mourns his loss ; several weeks ago when first the bombardment started, the telephone bell rang. It was Mr. Buxton enquiring : "Were we all right? Did we want anything? Could he do anything for us? and to ring him at any time if we needed him." We shall miss him ; his encouragement, his cheerfulness, were sources of inspiration. He was a man of great faith. We recall that on every occasion on which he visited us he had a word in season for us. He was at "Latimer" practically daily getting the place put in order.

Our earnest prayer is that the Lord will overrule all the happenings of these distressful days and that peace may soon reign again.

A. P. DOHERTY.

### K.H.O.B.A.

**I** TAKE this opportunity to express most reluctantly my feelings of regret at the deplorable response to circular posted to all members calling attention to a Comforts Fund.

All that was asked of you was the meagre sum of 3d. per week or 1/- per month to supply gifts to K.H. boys serving in Forces. Some have responded, but unfortunately a large majority have not.

May I even now appeal to your inner feelings to assist in this good cause by sending your donation to Mr. H. Boyden, Treasurer, Comforts Fund, 44 Windermere Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

On behalf of Committee I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Trustees and other K.H. friends who have so generously contributed.

I would also like to pay tribute to the members who travelled through the black-out, some making quite long journeys, to attend our monthly meetings at Latimer House, for whose comradeship to Association and benevolence to Comforts Fund I thank you.

The chairman has decided to postpone future committee and monthly meetings. Those of you who may know of a K.H. boy serving in Forces, please let me have particulars as to number, name and address. In conclusion, I beg to make this request: Whether you are in the Forces or not, please write me as to where and how you may be.

As it is my foremost desire that the Association be kept healthy and functioning, I hope it may soon be possible for all of us to look forward to our very popular and successful annual gatherings.

Yours sincerely,

J. MUGGERIDGE.

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