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ROLL OF HONOUR

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SCHOOL OFFICERS

Prefects:

J. Power, I. Morley, A. Goozee, R. Spicer, R. Pain,
I. Gardiner, G. Kelly, W. Sheeran, P. Green, A. Dawes.

Sub-Prefects:

J. Rolstone, J. Lane, R. Hullett, J. Cocks, D. Franklin,
J. Hawkins, S. Parks, N. Porritt.

Football Captain: G. Kelly.

Vice-Captain: J. Hawkins.

Captain of Beatty House: A. Dawes.

Captain of Nelson House: J. Gardiner.

Captain of Keyes House: G. Kelly.

Captain of Rodney House: W. Sheeran.

SCHOOL NOTES

War Memorial Literature Prizes. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the requisite numbers of suitable books to be read for these prizes, it has been decided to discontinue the examinations until the end of the War.

War Savings. Through the winter months the work of the Savings Club has proceeded, and the total figure subscribed has been raised from £1,132 to £1,413. During the latter half of the Spring Term some new life was put into the movement by weekly competitions between the forms, the prize offered being a "free" half holiday. Enthusiasm was very keen indeed in the lower forms of the School, Forms I and IIa monopolising the holidays: unselfishly, however, they allowed the Upper Remove on one occasion to lead the field. Without a doubt the smallest boys, who have the least money to spend, are the best savers, and it is to be desired that the seniors should follow their example.

Films. We have been very fortunate indeed in that on most Saturday evenings through the two terms we have been able to enjoy film shows in the Gymnasium. This has been

due to the kindness of Mr. Bennell, Headmaster of Northwood School, Pishiobury, and his assistant, Mr. Buckey. A very great debt of gratitude is due to these two, who so willingly gave up their spare time to come from one school to another, after their own tour of duty was done. Among other films which we enjoyed were: "Sanders of the River," "Elephant Boy," "The Ghost Train," "The Ghost of St. Michael's," "100 Men and a Girl," "Mad About Music," "Neutral Port."

St. John Ambulance Cadets. The members of the Ambulance Cadet Division have had regular classes in First Aid and Stretcher Drill. They have become most efficient in stretcher work.

Travel Lectures. On the Saturdays on which there were no film shows a most interesting series of travel lectures was given, with the help of the Episcope, by Mr. Hill and Mr. Orton, who were able to describe their own pre-war travels in Germany, Switzerland and Scandinavia.

Air Training Corps. The formation of the Army Cadets Platoon in the School has naturally militated against further recruitment to the A.T.C., but the School has been represented in the Epping Flight by the following boys: Morley, Power, Goozee, Kelly, Lane, Hullett, Dawes and Franklin. Of these Kelly and Goozee have passed Proficiency, Part I, entitling them to be called Leading Cadets, while Morley, Hullett and Lane have passed Phase I, which makes them 1st Class Cadets. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that they cannot attend parades during the holidays, these boys cannot gain further promotion.

FOOTBALL

AUTUMN TERM

HOUSE MATCHES

1. *Nelson v. Beatty.*

For Nelson, Parks and Porritt played well, and Rolstone was unbeatable in goal. Hawkins was the outstanding Beatty player. Nelson led 4-0 at half-time, but no goals were scored in the second half.

2. *Keyes v. Rodney*

This was also a keenly contested game, though little skill was displayed. Butcher (Rodney) and Elwell (Keyes) at back kept the scoring down. Kelly played hard, and a draw would have reflected the merits of the game, but just before the end Sheeran scored to win the match for Rodney, 2—1.

3. *Beatty v. Rodney*

Beatty were over-confident, having the superior team on paper. Hawkins played skilfully, but Hullett lagged behind so that Hawkins' centres were not used properly. Nevertheless, Beatty led 3—1. Play then became wild and dull, and through Morley, Franklin and Hullett in particular not exerting themselves enough, Beatty lost 3—4.

4. *Keyes v. Beatty*

As Keyes did not produce an XI, Beatty won by default.

5. *Nelson v. Rodney*

The score, 8—0, indicates the overwhelming nature of Nelson's superiority. Porritt, Parks and Parnell shone among the Nelson forwards, and Rolstone was an impassable rock in goal.

6. *Nelson v. Keyes*

This was the most exciting game of the season, for Keyes were fighting to avoid the wooden spoon and Nelson to maintain their unbeaten record and to win the House Football Championship. Kelly caught the Nelson defence napping to score the first goal. Parks was off form, and Elwell defended well for Keyes. Porritt, however, straight from his stage success, was in fine form, and Nelson equalized. Unfortunately, Porritt then sprained his ankle, but continued playing, though in pain, and, after a hard struggle, scored a beautiful goal from the right wing, which decided the match, the final score being Nelson 3, Keyes 1.

Summary

Nelson played 3, won 3; goals for 15, against 1.

Beatty won 1, lost 2; goals for 4, against 8.

Rodney won 2, lost 1; goals for 6, against 12.

Keyes lost 3, won 0; goals for 2, against 6.

School Matches

1. *Versus Saffron Walden Friends' School (Home).*

Possibly because it was the first match nobody played his best. The forwards, although their approach work was good, missed many chances, and only the weakness of the opposition was responsible for a 6—0 victory. The defence made many mistakes, but the visitors did not take advantage of them. A pleasant game.

2. *Versus Saffron Walden Friends' School (Away).*

The XI played much better, the marking being very good. The Friends failed to penetrate the College defence, and though our forwards missed several opportunities, they played well, Kelly scoring one particularly brilliant goal, so that another 6—0 victory was gained. Another pleasant match.

3. *Versus Newport Grammar School (Home).*

The XI lacked speed in attack and in tackling. Our weakest spot was the experiment of having Rolstone in goal, for he played to the gallery, and this contributed much to a defeat of 7—3.

4. *Versus Newport Grammar School (Away).*

Hawkins was absent ill, and there was little combination between the forwards. Opportunities were missed, and though Rolstone played excellently at back and Elwell played his best game, after being one goal down at half-time the defence crumpled badly, and Newport won 6—2.

EASTER TERM, 1943

School Matches

1. *Versus Saffron Walden Friends' School (Away).*

The Friends were greatly improved. Rolstone, Goozee and Elwell having left, a weak, inexperienced defence which marked poorly collapsed near the end of the match, and despite some brilliant work by Kelly and a good debut by Peacock in goal, too many opportunities were missed and a 6—2 defeat resulted. A very pleasant game.

2. *Versus Harlow Youths' XI (Home).*

Official result: lost 4—6. Despite the absence of Parks, Porritt and Gardiner, the XI showed more ability. With the

Games Master, Mr. Mallone, playing for us at centre-half, we had rather a timid referee, who, intimidated by the aggressiveness of our opponents, disallowed one obvious College goal, and allowed the visitors to score twice from off-side positions. The play was fast and keen, Kelly being in excellent form.

3. *Versus Harlow Youths' XI (Home).*

With a normal XI, and a capable referee, determination and skill overcame weight and rough tactics by 11 to 0, Kelly in his finest form scoring seven goals. One offensive visitor had to be sent off.

4.

Owing to an epidemic the Friends unfortunately had to cancel their match on our ground.

5. *Versus Netteswell Cadet Force XI.*

Play was largely individual, and only the poor play of the Cadets enabled a 3—2 victory to be gained. Kelly played hard, Hawkins gave his best performance at outside-left, and Peacock, apart from one bad miss, maintained the splendid standard he had set in the previous two matches in goal, where he was hard pressed owing to the weakness of the defence. The forwards, especially Parks, missed many easy chances.

FIRST XI CRITIQUE

ROLSTONE (Left back, first term). Not safe in goal. Proved very reliable back, though rather slow. Always played his best. Won his colours.

ELWELL (Right back, first term). Won place by always playing hard.

SHEERAN (Right half). Keen. Threw in well. Tackling forceful rather than effective. Should face opponents and keep to position more.

ROBBINS (Left back, second term). Only played twice. Once tackled and cleared well. Other time weak. Has to learn to place ball and gain experience in tactics.

BUTCHER (Right back, second term). Owing to inability to dive was moved from goal, where had played thrice and improved. Played with vigour but little intelligence. Positioning and marking bad. Kept position because of lack of full backs.

GARDINER (Centre-half, second term). Kicked and headed well, but often gave up too soon. Rather slow.

PAIN (Left half, Easter term). Lacks skill and does not play vigorously enough. Gained position owing to lack of defensive players.

PEACOCK (Goal, second term). Very promising. Improved greatly. Made some excellent saves, his positioning and anticipation in the second match against Harlow being almost perfect. If he maintains this standard should gain colours next season.

GOOZEE (Left half, first term). Not skilful. Played and practised very keenly. Reliable kick.

MORLEY (Right half). Lost last year's form and for one match his place. Threw in well. Good header, but did not head enough.

PARKS (Centre forward). Top goal-scorer in first term. Positioning then good, but far too slow to accept passes and shoot. Deteriorated in second term. Must learn to use left foot and make more opportunities for himself.

PORRITT (Outside right). Very fast promising winger. Would have done better with a good inside right. When on form centres, corners and shoots excellently. Handicapped by injury.

HAWKINS (Outside left). Very good. Fast. Good ball control. Needs to practise high centres and corners. Improved so much in second term that won colours in last week.

KELLY (Inside left). Played some brilliant games. An exceptionally intelligent forward whose approach work scintillated; he used both feet and his head splendidly, was never deterred by foul play or defeat, taking free kicks and penalties with unerring aim. Shot intelligently, on more than one occasion making opposition look stupid. A superb captain, whose behaviour, leadership, unselfishness, good temper and skill were an inspiration. Won colours.

Also played:—Hullett: Over-confident; too busy trying to do other players' work to attain 1st XI standard; seemed to fear heavy opponents. Whitby: Slow. Not up to standard. Chambers: Plucky, but no sense of combination. Fitch: Determined forward, not yet up to 1st XI standard.

EASTER TERM FOOTBALL

A particular drive was made to see that every day-boy played soccer or participated in a run, unless unfit, at least once a week. (Boarders always play or run at least once a week.) One or two day-boys played their first game of football. As in the previous term, games took place regularly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in addition to afternoon games for the first three forms. Sometimes, towards the end of the term, there were two games every evening. Hence every boy, whether possessing or lacking skill, had excellent opportunities of playing. Form games were varied with Day-Boy versus Boarder matches, both XIs and VIs, which were keenly contested, the boarders proving slightly superior. In addition there was always 1st XI coaching under the supervision of Mr. Mallone, ably assisted by Kelly, and usually there was one, if not two, 1st XI practice matches each week.

SOCCER SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

A Soccer six-a-side tournament was played at the end of the term. Six equal teams were chosen, and the games were fast and keen. Pain's VI gave Mr. Mallone's VI an excellent run for the championship, winning four games before losing their fifth to the winners, after Hullett had missed a penalty. Pain and Hullett played better than at any time during the season, perhaps striving after a 12s. prize tea! Mr. Mallone's VI, though not strong on paper, won due to stamina, the close marking of the defence (Lane and Mr. Mallone), and the goal-scoring ability of Kelly. The standard of play in the tournament showed how much school football had improved during the term.

Two challenge matches were also played. In the first Mr. Mallone's VI were just beaten by a VI from the rest of the School. The champion VI were hindered by the absence of Lane. In the second, four Va boys, Kelly and Mr. Mallone were beaten after a great struggle by a School VI. The latter established a huge lead in the first half, owing to the weakness of Gardiner, who was unfit, in goal. Eventually Mr. Mallone ran through from back to score the first goal for his VI. This seemed to awaken his side. Kelly got into his stride, scoring six goals, and Mr. Mallone added another two points, but they had left their come-back too late, and the School VI won an enjoyable match by a narrow margin.

In six-a-side soccer a goal counts three points, and a corner one.

Tournament Results

- Mr. Mallone's VI versus Morley's: 9—9.
- Mr. Mallone's VI versus Hawkins': 15—4.
- Mr. Mallone's VI versus Gardiner's: 17—8.
- Mr. Mallone's VI versus Peacock's: 18—1.
- Mr. Mallone's VI versus Pain's: 7—5.
- Pain's VI versus Morley's: 11—3.
- Pain's VI versus Hawkins': 9—6.
- Pain's VI versus Gardiner's: 11—3.
- Pain's VI versus Peacock's: 10—4.
- Hawkins' VI versus Morley's: 30—6.
- Hawkins' VI versus Gardiner's: 18—1.
- Hawkins' VI versus Peacock's: 10—9.
- Morley's VI versus Peacock's: 13—1.
- Morley's VI versus Gardiner's: 11—7.
- Peacock's VI versus Gardiner's: 8—5.

ARMY CADET FORCE

For many years the School has been on the War Office waiting list of those schools which desired to form an O.T.C., and for many years, unfortunately, the policy of the War Office had been to cut down the number of contingents, rather than increase them. On the outbreak of war all school contingents which had been previously styled as O.T.C.s took the name of Junior Training Corps, while the number of units of the Army Cadet Force, an organization which had been in existence since shortly after the war of 1914-1918, was increased. During the latter half of 1942 the Epping Forest Battalion of the Army Cadets was formed, and during the Autumn Term the Headmaster was approached with the object of forming a unit in the School. The opportunity was eagerly grasped, and by the end of the term more than thirty recruits had been enrolled. During the Christmas vacation the Headmaster, who was to take command of the unit, proceeded to a course for officers, held at Stowe School, Buckinghamshire. This was an exceedingly interesting course, and was attended by some 90 officers, 75 per cent of whom were schoolmasters, ranging from the age of 65 to 35. The work, which lasted for six days, had as its object the passing of Certificate "A," which is the aim of every cadet, and the

whole course was organized by the officers of the Stowe School J.T.C., without doubt an exceedingly efficient unit, run by men who disprove the theory that schoolmasters have too long holidays. These officers, all members of the Stowe teaching staff, gave up the greater part of their Christmas holiday to the preparations for, and the organization of, this very strenuous course, five days after which they embarked on their spring term, after the close of which they held another course of the same kind, and it is understood that they will again hold a course during the summer holiday. As far as Harlow College were concerned, the course enabled the Headmaster to forget what useless knowledge he still retained from 1914-1918, and to pick up enough knowledge to start work with our own unit at the beginning of the Spring Term.

Fortunately we are on good terms with the local Battalion of the Home Guard, who were kind enough to lend us the services of two of their permanent instructors, S.M. Taylor and Sgt. Harding, while we have in our own staff Colour Sgt. Davies. In this respect we are far better placed than any platoon in the neighbourhood, and it is to be expected that the College Platoon should lead the way in smartness and military knowledge.

Parades are held on every Wednesday afternoon during term time, from 4.5 to 5.45, and a variety of work has been covered during the first twelve parades. First and foremost comes the drill, which has been in the hands of Sgt. Harding, who has managed to turn a collection of youths with little sense of rhythm and two right hands into quite a smart body of cadets, who can now march together without looking on the ground too much, though they have yet far to go. The Commanding Officer has had charge of the Map Reading, and in this, of course, he received much help from the geography which is done in the School. What is called, rather hopefully, "Field Intelligence," has been taken by Sgt. Major Taylor, who is far more benign than the proverbial S.M., and probably gets a brighter response from these young cadets than he would from the average army recruit. The intricacies of the rifle have been explained by Colour Sgt. Davies, who has carried the cadets through the normal training given to army recruits prior to their firing on the ranges.

The uniform problem has been a difficult one, but it is understood that the Harlow College Platoon have been treated more favourably than any other platoon in the Bat-

talion, and by the end of the Spring Term more than half the platoon had been equipped.

There is no doubt whatever that such a movement as this has long been wanted in the School, and the very great enthusiasm shown by all the cadets is much to be commended. They have started their work well, and during their first term have completed the greater part of the syllabus required for the passing of Certificate "A," Part I, for which it is hoped to send up all eligible candidates, sixteen or so, at the end of the Summer Term.

The platoon is a closed unit, a great advantage, since we can arrange our parades without reference to any outside authority, and is officially styled as No. 1 Platoon, "C" Company, Epping Forest Battalion: affiliated to the 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment, and 10th Battalion of the Essex Home Guard.

SCOUTS

Scouting during the Autumn Term started with the impetus which the memory of a good camp always gives to a troop, and it was carried over into the more routine activities of badge work. To keep alive the spirit of adventure and of open air there were wide games, one of which is amusingly described in the log of the Owl Patrol, for which Brian Power, Second of the Owls, is largely responsible. The log uses sign language, and is prefaced by the hope that all who enter the Owl Patrol may have "a jolly good time." We hope they do, and may the log of the Owls serve as a dare to the other patrols.

The end of the term was marked by the celebration now usually referred to as the Scout Treat. It was certainly that, and Miss Hughes's coffee was declared the best ever tasted. Games and patrol items followed, and Brooks quite took the prize for the evening by his interpretation of Miss Riding Hood. The last ounces of steam were let off in a final dramatized round of Swazi warriors, which put the House Tutor, who was with us, "on the spot" in the centre of the warriors' circle.

During the Easter Term we continued with Wednesday as our troop meeting and Saturday afternoon used for test passing. We had a message wide game, and built a bridge across a real stream and over which we all managed to pass.

A few faithful gardeners, especially P.L. Roe, set to on the scout gardens, at which more effort is needed. We were sorry to lose several members to the new Cadet force, especially P.L. Crussell. This necessitated a regrouping of the troop. With the help of the Court of Honour we reconstructed three patrols, the Owls with Buist as P.L., the Eagles with Townsend as P.L., and Roe remained P.L. of the Peckers. These patrols have since grown with the addition of new members. We hope that those who joined the scouts in response to the Headmaster's request that all boys should have some activity have now caught the spirit of scouting and will remain loyal members of the troop. The new patrols have held patrol meetings, and we hope that tradition will be maintained. The strength of a troop lies in its patrols, and we wish our P.L.s every success.

The Scout Library has been in use each week, when the librarian, Power, or his assistant, is in attendance on Saturday. Every scout who reads this should consider whether he is making full use of the excellent library of scout books which form a tribute to the memory of Philip Compton, whose generosity made it possible.

At the end of the term we emulated the precedent of former years by holding a day hike. Our destination was Wintry Wood and Epping Plain, so that after walking to Potter Street we took a bus to Thornwood. Rain threatened, but cleared up after lunch, and we thoroughly enjoyed a wide game on Epping Plain in the afternoon.

S.M.

WOLF CUBS

10TH HARLOW PACK

The Pack held its first meeting on the second Tuesday in October, consisting of boys chosen for future sixers and seconds. At the next meeting 24 recruits were admitted, and Mr. Smith, S.M., gave a general talk on Cubs, which inspired the whole Pack. Mr. Smith enrolled the first three Cubs on December 1st, Williams, Stammers and Pollitt. Liley, Barker, Dean and Parke were transferred to the 10th Harlow Pack from other Packs. The General Enrolment was held on December 8th, at which the Headmaster and Mrs. Dames and other visitors were present. The Pack's first term ended with a Christmas Party on December 12th.

The Spring Term opened with a Cub membership of 29. Williams, Stammers and Pollitt gained their first Star. On Saturday, March 20th, the Pack "hiked" to Marigolds Farm, Potter Street, where they spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening of games and sports.

Akeela P. Sims (Cub Mistress).

G. Fritchley }
B. Gaffney } (Assistant Cub Mistresses).
V. Hughes }

CHESS

It would be rather an exaggeration to say that Easter Term has seen the beginning of a Chess Club; nevertheless, there has been considerable keenness shown by a dozen or more of the Boarders, and a knock-out competition has been played. The results of this are not yet to hand. The general standard of play is naturally still somewhat low, but the play of several boys, particularly Hawkins, has reached a high standard. One difficulty has been a lack of chess sets, and it is to be hoped that if more boys will lend or give men or boards to the School we can organize a more satisfactory club and perhaps even include the Day-Boys with a view to House Matches.

DRAMATICS

On March 26th the Upper Remove presented the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice." All Shakespearian productions naturally offer great difficulties to schoolboy performers, and the fourth act of the "Merchant," with its almost complete lack of action, was a somewhat ambitious enterprise for young boys. Shylock was played by Copeland, Portia by Baskett, the Duke by Whitby, Antonio by Tyler, Bassanio by Belben, and Gratiano by Brooks. Others taking part were Willmott, Davison, Drain, Childs and Rand. The most creditable performance was given by Brooks. The cast generally is to be commended on its enthusiasm and industry in rehearsals.

Rodney House presented "The Man in the Bowler Hat" on the same day. The apparent success of the production, while most gratifying, was due partly to the individual variations on the original text introduced impromptu by several of the actors. Butcher acted well as a married man, while Whitby was an adequate wife. Taylor made a beautiful heroine, while Nobes, nominally the hero, but in reality simply Nobes, was perhaps the outstanding character. The touching love scene with the heroine, which was almost omitted because of a skilful but premature exit through the window, moved the audience deeply. Sheeran sufficed as the villain, but might have been more melodramatic. Sandell, the Bad Man, seemed quite in his element as a "tough" character. In summary, one can say that the first half of the play was well acted, but the tempo of the second half was somewhat too slow.

Thanks are due to Dawes and his helpers, who did much of the preparation of the stage.

G. Orton.

POETRY AND PLAY READINGS

During the Easter Term several evening readings of plays and poetry were arranged by Mr. Mallone. These included Stuart Walker's "Six who pass while the lentils boil," and scenes from Sheridan's "School for Scandal," chosen by Mr. Mallone, and St. John Ervine's "Progress" and Tennyson's "Mort d'Arthur," suggested by Dawes and Gardiner. Readers included Baldock, Brazier, Crussell, Fordham, Gardiner, Gow, Mr. Mallone, Pain, Russell and Stuart.

DRAMA FESTIVAL, AUTUMN TERM

At the end of the Autumn Term three plays were presented to the School. The first, the Lower Remove play, "Tom Thumb the Great," produced by their Literature Master, Mr. Mallone, was colourful, and the players had two virtues: they were word-perfect and, usually, audible. The cast was headed by Simmonds (an understudy for a boy who left two days before the performance) as King Arthur, and

Southgate as Tom Thumb, but the boy who showed most promise, speaking with good expression, was Grant as Noodle. The actors did not do justice to the subtle parody of fantastic language, and finer points of "The Tragedy of Tragedies" were missed by the audience, who did, however, enjoy the farcical element provided by the giantess Glumdala (Townsend and Collins), the burlesque of ridiculous love scenes and the final catastrophe. The remainder of the cast, in order of merit, were: Princess Huncamaunca (Stephens), Queen Doolalolla (Bird), Doodle (Foulkes), Lord Grizzle (Bicknell), Mustacha (Leigh), and Cleora (Sheldrake). The Art Mistress, Miss Sims, and Spicer helped with the make-up and costumes, Hare and Franklin with the stage, and Dawes with the lighting.

NELSON HOUSE PLAY

Nelson was the only House to present a play, the Rodney one being postponed to the Easter Term and the Keyes and Beatty ones being abandoned. Produced by their House Master, Mr. Mallone, "The Bishop's Candlesticks" was an interesting and polished performance. Apart from one slip by Pain, the cast was word-perfect, and, if Taylor did not move the audience as much as an experienced adult actor could, his was a first-rate performance, his rich bass voice and general manner conveying admirably the simple dignity, tenderness and virtue of the bishop. Power played the simple serving-maid, Marie, very well indeed, and Pain, though his performance tended to be too much on one level of emotion, rendered the irascible nature and wrath of Per-somé excellently. (It should be stressed that Pain, Taylor and Porritt were all criticized, not against a school standard, but against an absolute one.) Porritt's playing of the convict was realistic and the result of hard work and constant rehearsing. All he failed to do was to bring out sufficiently the note of awe in his concluding words. Otherwise his was a splendid performance. The stage décor was attractive; boiling soup and a hot pie, produced by Miss Hughes, added a finishing touch to the production. Miss Sims, Spicer and Dawes again assisted the producer.

FORM IV PLAY

The afternoon's performances culminated in a fine performance of the Forum scene from "Julius Cæsar," played by all Form IV and produced by their English Master, Mr. Mallone. The high lights of this production, which by its deliberately simple setting drew attention to the acting, were a magnificent Anthony and a most effective crowd. The latter, led well by Porrit, Jennings, James and Mr. Mallone (last minute substitute owing to the absence of Grabham and two understudies), lived their part, and were suspicious, angry, resentful, greedy, tearful, overjoyed and revengeful in turn, their emotions being well controlled and life-like. Thomas i lay rigidly as Cæsar's corpse. Baggott i showed that he has ability and can work hard by his very good rendering of Brutus. Everything, however, was overshadowed by Taylor ii as Anthony. Entering into the very spirit of the character, his acting was exceptionally fine, and he moved the audience as Aristotle and Shakespeare would have wished. It is no exaggeration to say that one is not likely to see another boy of 15 act so beautifully, so sincerely, and in so masterly a manner. It will be a grave pity if Taylor, who has now left us, does not use his great talent for larger audiences than Harlow College can provide.

After the performance, Mr. Mallone thanked all who had helped behind the scenes, especially Miss Sims, Spicer and Dawes, all of whom received a special round of applause.

R. Mallone.

A QUEER ORGY

I experienced, the other day, what I thought was an interesting example of superstition in the mind of a Gurkha.

We had built a jump, about thirteen feet high, made of boulders with a thick outer casing of mud, or mutti, for the purpose of training recruits how to jump from a height. When I say we, I mean myself, my femedar, and several recruits.

I was quite surprised when, having completed the job, the femedar asked me to attend a small celebration party. We proceeded to the G.O.s' (Gurkha Officers') club, where we had a drink each, and toasted the success of the jump. We then walked down to the wall, where there were several Gurkha recruits grinning cheerfully and clutching a very worried looking chicken. It did not have to worry very long,

however, for with a deft flick of a "khukris" the femedar cut off its head, and seizing the body, rushed round the base of the wall, spreading the unfortunate chicken's blood on the ground, to the accompaniment of shouts of glee from the Gurkhas.

I learnt that this strange performance would make it safe for the people to jump off the wall. The orgy was more successful than I would have dreamed, for the next day, owing to heavy rains during the night, the wall fell down.

I am looking forward to the completion of the next wall, and of course the subsequent visit to the G.O.s' Club, where a very good if slightly potent rum can be obtained.

From Lieut. R. D. Browne, 2nd Bn. Goorkha Rifles,
Dehra Dun, India.

POST-WAR EDUCATION

We are constantly being told that after the war Education must give our children equality of opportunity, but what the goal is that the children are to have equal chances of reaching has not yet been decided. In other words, we are expected first to reorganize our schools and then to consider what is the ultimate aim of the education to be given in them. This is putting the cart before the horse with a vengeance.

Many believe that the ultimate aim of education is the securing of a higher standard of living. These entirely forget that there are empty hearts to be filled as well as empty stomachs.

A more popular aim—especially among the so-called intellectuals—is the development of the child's personality. We cannot, however, accept this without important reservations. For the personality may be potentially a most objectionable one. The pupil may be a veritable Jack the Ripper in embryo, whose individuality if developed in the line of least resistance would be a curse to the community. It follows, therefore, that the educator must deliberately seek to *prevent* the development of the pupil's individuality as far as the potential anti-social qualities are concerned.

But that reservation is not the only one. To say that we ought to encourage a pupil to develop his individuality does not imply that we are to disregard the accumulated moral experience of thousands of years and give him no guidance.

OLD HARLOVIANS

NEWS AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

W. F. Cheesman (1902-1907), 4149 Old Orchard Avenue, Montreal, Canada: "I had a letter from Herbert Marshall two weeks ago, and would have enclosed it to you, only I believe it was destroyed. He asked me again to be kindly remembered to you. When he was here we had a great talk about old times at the College. I had a reproduction of the School made for him. He was so anxious to have your photo. I am also having one done of the College building for him. It was funny, when I called him up at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, I said, 'I bet you can't guess who is speaking,' and his reply was, 'By the way, are you still playing outside right for Waltham College?' So I said, 'I lose my bet.' Eva and Isabelle and I had dinner with him, and you can imagine what a thrill Isabelle got. He was awfully nice to us all, not a bit 'high hat,' as we say here. He gave Isabelle several autographs that she wanted for her College chums.

I see by your letter that you certainly are kept busy with the several Committees, etc., and it is nice that you have been affectionately called 'The Father of Harlow.'

I have been very busy, having just returned from Halifax, N.S., where I was sent by the Ministry of War Transport to inspect some tugs and barges which are being built there. Eva and Isabelle are working night and day for the Red Cross, and Isabelle has joined one of the large munition works in the Laboratory Department.

I suppose you have heard that we are rationed here now. Sugar, butter, canned goods and meat are to be on the list very shortly. We do not complain, as we now know what you in England are going through. Dear old England, I don't suppose it will ever be the same again."

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Peter Cockrell, Lieut., R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Almandine, c/o G.P.O., London: "It is, I am afraid, after an interval of many years that I write again to the old School. I am prompted to do so by the fact that I met another Old Harlovian of my vintage (1921) the other day, and he recalled so many memories that I feel that I should like to try to get in touch with others.

In other words, while avoiding anything like mass production of a standardized type, the teacher should constantly have in mind an ideal at which his pupils ought to aim, and by precept and example help them along the road leading to that ideal.

Is it possible to define that ideal in a way which will be generally acceptable to all shades of opinion alike—socialist or individualist, Christian or atheist, churchman or nonconformist? I think it is, and greatly daring, I am going to try.

To begin with, thinkers are generally agreed that the training of character is an essential object of education and that the most important element in a good character is a correct set of values. They are also agreed that there are only three absolute values, that is, things that are ends in themselves and not means to something else—namely, beauty, truth and goodness. Therefore, in defining the aim of education I should begin by saying:

"To teach children to value beauty, truth and goodness." Provided children do this, the more fully they develop their personality, the better it will be both for them and the community. So I will continue my definition by adding: "To develop to the utmost capacity their body, mind and character."

The definition is not yet complete; for though it is not the duty of our primary and secondary schools to give direct vocational teaching, we do not want in the future to hear again of such things as would-be engineers who know no mathematics and would-be typists who cannot spell. The pupils should leave school in a fit state to receive vocational training when the time for it arrives.

Therefore my full definition of the aim of education will read:

"To teach children to value beauty, truth and goodness; to develop to their utmost capacity their body, mind and character; and to fit them to be trained later on for the work for which they are best fitted."

If our education authorities and teachers would accept this definition as their ultimate aim and try to act up to it, they would, I believe, breathe fresh life into the soul of England, which seems to have sickened and decayed during the sordid years between the wars, and create a power for good such as the world has never seen before.

E. P. Horsey.

Paper shortage has not, I trust, stopped the publication of the *Harlovian*. Would it be troubling you to send me a copy of the latest issue? I should like to hear news of others I used to know.

I still keep regularly in touch with Fred Dutton.

I wish I could describe my job. I am sure I could provide quite an interesting story for the Magazine, but the Censor forbids until after the War.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr. Horsey (who, I'm glad to see, writes authoritative letters to the Essex papers), Mrs. Horsey and Miss Jessie."

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G. H. Richmond, Thatched Cottage, Bullen, East Peckham, Kent: "The Home Guard authorities have commandeered my premises at Etchingham. The old cottage in which I am now staying is 400 years old, but it has been modernized and its owners have furnished in period style. My own affairs have been dislocated by the war. The business, which had just got to the stage where it came to you instead of having to be fought for, has been halved by rationing, so I am doing part-time work in an accountant's office. My family are all well." (Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richmond for having four daughters all doing war work, a son in the Army, and twin boys still at school.—E.P.H.)

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J. W. Cook (1926-1931), 2nd Officer, B.S.N. Co., c/o Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta, India: "This trip I've visited two interesting places already, and hope to see some more yet—early in the year we went up to Syria, and I went up to Baalbec and saw 'The Temple of the Sun' built by Antoninus Pius, and on another trip I went up to Cairo and saw the Pyramids and Sphinx at Ghizeh. Both trips were very interesting, and have given me something that I'll remember all my life. On another occasion the ship I was on helped to make maritime history. We received an S.O.S. from a ship towing a 28,000 ton liner, and were ordered to go to her assistance by the Admiralty. When we arrived we found that the tug that was steering the liner had sunk in heavy weather, so we picked up the liner's after wire and steered her for over 2,000 miles in 24 days, with the other ship doing the towing. We got her safely into port, and they told us that it was the longest and largest tow ever undertaken by merchant vessels. It was rather an anxious time,

though, because Japan had been at war with us for some months then, and we were carrying enough explosives to blow up half a town, and we could only do about 4 knots. I haven't heard it mentioned either on the wireless or in the newspapers, and suppose it is one of those things that will remain untold until the end of the war—there must be some great stories waiting to be told.

In this company we do three and a half years out here, our time starting when we reach the Indian coast, and get seven months' leave on full pay at the end of that time. I've done just over a year now, and I don't think it will be too optimistic to conclude that the war will be over at the end of my spell. I mean to make this my last spell, in fact I mean to leave the sea altogether, and with this end in view I'm saving very hard. I can't see any future for myself at sea other than a life of very hard and anxious work and complete celibacy, and I'm not prepared to continue with both evils once the war is over. I am going to take my Master's Certificate to prove to myself that I've done all that was possible in my own particular sphere, and because it may prove useful to me in some other occupation or at some other time, but when you next see me I shall most probably have joined the great army of the unemployed! Goodness only knows what I shall do: I may be able to buy myself a partnership and learn the job as I go along, or I may go on a farm for a year, and after I know something about the job start breeding pigs for the Board—I know somebody who does this and makes a very good living out of it, and the idea rather appeals to me. Whatever I do will require capital, and that's what I'm putting together now."

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Alan G. Deans (1924-1930), 67 Clothall Road, Baldock, Herts.: "When I was last at Harlow I promised you something to make your potatoes grow. There is not a very great quantity, but I hope there will be enough for you to experiment with.

You will be pleased to hear that I have a little son, born at 'Benslow Nursing Home,' Hitchin, on January 20th. He was christened on March 27th by the Rev. R. F. S. Abbott. His names are 'Roger John Marden.'

Would it be possible for you to let me have Gregory i's address, or where he was last heard of? I tried to find him some time ago, by tracing him from Bank to Bank, but all

they could tell me was that he was serving with H.M. Forces in the Middle East."

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John A. Chivers (1927-1936), Rfm., The Rifle Brigade, No. 2 I.T.D. (Mobile Troops), M.E.F.: "I have been out here about fifteen months, which, needless to say, seems very much longer, but despite a few rather exciting moments am glad to say I am still sound and well.

My job in the Army these days is wireless operating, which is very interesting, though sometimes it becomes very hard work sitting at the set all day and probably all night.

It was with the deepest regrets that I heard, some time ago, of the death of Bradbury in Iceland. As you may remember, I was at Harlow at the same time as him, and we usually travelled up to business together before the war.

My brother, Chivers ii, has taken up farming, under another Old Harlovian by the name of Nicholls, and seems, according to his letters, to be making great headway.

I often think, especially out here, of the old School and the many pleasant times I had there, despite the fact that you quite often had to make me 'touch my toes,' but I am sure it did me much more good than harm. Anyway, I am looking forward very much indeed to the day when I can visit the College once again, and enjoy one of those good 'Old Boys' days that all Harlovians used to look forward to, and I am pretty sure that this time is drawing rapidly nearer."

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J. H. Elphick (1936-1941), 9 Poplar Road, Willowbank, Uxbridge: "I am glad the School had such a good cricket season. That 82 not out of Rolstone's must be the highest School score since Friend's century. . . . Our A.T.C. Squadron was entered for the Central Middlesex Athletics at Harrow. About 15 squadrons competed. I was entered for the 880 yds. and 100 yds. In the 100 yds. I was second in my heat, but was knocked out in the semi-final. The 880 yards was an open event, for which there were 25 entries. I got home first in 2 min. 13 sec. Willmott i spent a week's holiday with me recently. We had a kind of school reunion one evening, when we went to a cinema with Willy and Engeban i."

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N. Hartrey (1931-1939), L.A.C., 1614957: "I joined the R.A.F. on July 13th. At present I am at a Grading School,

training to be a pilot. So far I have done nine hours' flying, leaving me with another three hours, then I should have three weeks' embarkation leave. I joined up with Desprey, but we are now separated, also when I came here I met Hickling's brother. It certainly is a small world.

Until last Tuesday I have been living on the aerodrome. It is much better being billeted out, as there are plenty of cinemas, etc., near at hand, also you get those little luxuries that are not found in a camp.

This life has done me the world of good, and I thoroughly enjoy it, although of course I get a bit 'browned off' occasionally, but that is only natural.

I should be much obliged if you would let me have the present address of Ross. I know he is in the R.A.F., but have no idea where he is stationed."

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Browne, S. F. (1931-1937), *Captain*, The Wiltshire Regt., c/o Army Base P.O., Bombay: "Raymond is out here now, but I have not seen him, and up till now I have not been able to contact him by letter properly. I hope to do so soon, as he has been out some time now. Brian seems to be getting along well in the 7th Bn.

I am in good health and enjoying a life of hard work and quite a lot of sport too. I hope the old School teams are still putting up a good show whenever they play."

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Peter G. Walford (1933-1938), *Sgt. Pilot*, 1st Glider Pilot Regt., 26 Wilmot Way, Banstead, Surrey: "I volunteered for the Army Air Corps in May and was transferred in June to train as a glider pilot, but I had to pass through an R.A.F. flying school first on powered planes, and I was fortunate in getting above average both in flying and navigation, after which I went on to gliders, which I found very interesting, and certain exercises we have to do are very thrilling, especially when doing it solo for the first time, as with night flying, when one mistake is enough.

A fortnight ago I was presented with my wings by Major Gen. Browning. Since then I have been home on leave and returned on January 2nd."

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Hugh L. Callcott (1896-1902): "You will remember all seven of my family at your school at the same time." (Surely

this must be a record!—E.P.H.) "Six of them served in the last war and all came through safely. Now between us we have 29 sons serving in this war." (Surely this must be another record!)

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2nd Lieut. A. Radford (1931-1937), 6th Battn. (Royal Welch) Parachute Regt., Home Forces: "Since I last wrote I have had slight promotion. I was recommended for a commission and sent to Sandhurst last June, finishing there in November. I did rather well for myself, if I may say so, having passed out top and being presented with a belt and sword of honour. I am very pleased that I served in the ranks for three years, as I had the opportunity of being with the men and learning their way of living, which many officers don't get. The Army life is suiting me down to the ground, and I sometimes think of making a career of it."

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Corpl. E. H. Wells (1932-1935), 6968180, Rifle Brigade, M. E. F.: "Just a line to let you know I am well and in the best of spirits after all the excitement of the past few months out here and Rommel's retreat from Alamein. Needless to say we have been pretty well occupied during the time. I have met my brother out here. He came out soon after me, and is in the Royal Tank Regiment. I last heard from him back at — Hospital, recovering from yellow jaundice, and he hopes to be back up the line again very shortly. How is Harlow College these days? I hope the reunion after the war will be greater than ever."

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Alan I. Ritchie (1931-1940), c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Crawley, Sussex: "It was a short time ago I heard of the University short course pre-Entry Training for the Navy. One of the first conditions of entry was to obtain a Reference from our Headmaster. If I am then considered fitting enough for a Commission I am medically examined and accepted into one of six Universities. The courses comprise a choice of three subjects. I have put in for Latin in all cases, with English Literature as a second subject, and Geography or French as a third.

I have been studying for the Bankers' Institute Examination since June and trying five subjects at once.

I heard from Willy some time ago, telling me of Mr. Robertson's leaving and of Mr. Cairns' promotion to House Master.

One of my reasons for wanting to enter Edinburgh University is because of Mr. Cairns' unique way of teaching, which he no doubt learned from Edinburgh. In teaching English Mr. Cairns was undoubtedly unequalled in every case I have known."

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Montague F. Willy (1931-1940), FX.95934 A/LA: "Yes, today has been a day of days. We had the results of our exams., which brings our two-month course here at H.M.S. *St. Vincent* to an end. Prior to this course I was on H.M.S. *Daedalus* for a month, and during the whole time never have I been discontented.

As a result of passing the exam. I was rated Acting Leading Airman from Naval Airman 2nd class, with increase of pay to 9s. 1d. per day, so you can no doubt guess that I am a trifle joyous to say the least.

This afternoon we drew our flying kit, which cheered us all up no end after the arduous course on seamanship and general naval subjects that we have undergone. My best pal was rather peeved to find that the previous owner of his kit left some blood behind on his flying helmet, but it soon washed off."

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Ralph Spicer (1933-1942), "Orcana," Tuasley Lane, Godalming, Surrey: "I started at the beginning of February in the job I was trying to get, *i.e.*, Quantity Surveying. I now work in Holborn, London, but I will soon be moving on to one of our 'sites,' or to the firm's other office at Cambridge. In either case I hope to be somewhere within range of Harlow, so that I can pay a visit in the near future. The work, which has many different branches, is naturally very interesting. I work within half a mile of O. M. Williams, but I have not yet run across him."

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Ian C. Morley (1940-1943), University College, Oxford: "I am enjoying life very much, although I have a great deal of work to do, which is only to be expected.

There are about 170 R.A.F. cadets taking the course, as well as many others on a similar course for the Fleet Air Arm, Signals, and Navy.

Every R.A.F. cadet is a member of the University Air Squadron. In this Squadron we do similar work to that done at I.T.W. For my part I do this work on Mondays and Fri-

days. On the other days of the week I attend lectures and tutorials.

As far as the University is concerned we do not have to reach any particular standard, but we must improve, and we have to pass all our R.A.F. exams. at the end of the course. During our six months here we have periodical tests, and if we fail to reach a certain standard we are sent down, and go to I.T.W."

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We are glad to hear that *John Taylor*, who was reported as missing from flying operations in Libya, is now known to be a prisoner in Italy. He was trained at Quatschoon, in S. Africa, where he spent a very happy time and made many friends. His mother writes that he had not received a Red Cross Food Parcel for a long time, and that his diet consisted of a portion of bread for breakfast and a vegetable stew in the evening, so she fears they must be hungry sometimes, and has no doubt that the food parcels make all the difference to them. (Please think of this, Harlovians, when the Red Cross collecting boxes come round.—E.P.H.)

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Laurence C. Barnes (1931-1936), Kriegsgefangenepost, Germany: "Some time ago I received news from my father that you were still in good health. There is no need to say how pleased I was with this news. I trust this card finds you in the same state. Forgive my almost non-existing correspondence, but everything is restricted out here, and naturally controlled. It is amazing how much one learns in this life, even the dullest of us. I am now acting as interpreter for my camp (please do not laugh too much). Best wishes to all in your house."

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I. C. Morley (1940-43) and *J. S. Power* (1938-43) are now up at Oxford, participating in the six months' course arranged by the R.A.F., the former at University College and the latter at St. Edmund's Hall.

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J. G. Henfrey (1932-37) writes from Egypt, while Harlow is well represented in India by *E. A. J. Healey* (1929-35), *J. R. P. Humphrey* (1934-37), *H. M. Davies* (1933-37), *P. Goozee* (1934-37), *S. F. Browne* (1931-37), and *R. Browne*.

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A. C. Goozee (1936-42) is now an Aircraftsman in the R.A.F.

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J. H. Jones (1932-38) writes from N. Africa, and *J. W. E. Grundy* (1937-38) from America.

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M. F. Willy (1931-40) and *T. A. Cox* (1940-42) have joined the Fleet Air Arm.

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E. D. Vallé-Jones (1931-37) tells us that he is now married. His brother *A. F.* (1932-38) has just finished his tour of operational flying.

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J. Negus (1932-37) is flying in a bomber.

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G. G. Jeffreys returned in April from U.S.A., with the rank of Flying Officer. To his displeasure he is to continue as an Instructor, in the North of England: he would prefer to be on operational.

