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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

This is the first opportunity I have had at Barnsbury to see our own School Magazine published.

I have great pleasure in welcoming this new venture. The Magazine will perform a valuable service to the school by giving boys an opportunity to write something for publication and by providing an interesting record of school events.

I hope that all our boys will support the Magazine so that it may achieve the success which it deserves.
T.J.H. Davies.

EDITORIAL

Often the task of an Editor is a thankless one as frequently he has difficulty in getting a sufficient number of articles, and so is obliged to write many of them himself.

However, the response evoked by the first number of The Barnsburian has been very encouraging, and the Editor is grateful that his main function has been that of making a selection from the numerous articles that were submitted to him. A glance at the contents' page, and at the Literary Section will give you an idea of the wide range of topics that have been discussed or written about. Clearly, there is opportunity for everybody to be able to contribute something to the School Magazine.

As the Head Master has said, the School Magazine can play a valuable part in the life of the School, and its success depends upon your interest and support.

SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

Autumn Term, 1959. Head Prefect: J. West

Prefects in the 6th Year

M. Belson, R. Brannan, C. Couch, D. Hall, N. House, E. Hussein, W. Harcon, E. Harlow, C. Michaelides,
K. Post, A. Bymill, K. Sharp, A. Stone.

Prefects in the 5th Year

C. Dathorne, D. Decort, C. Docwra, J. Gates, M. Green, P. Hall, B. Head, ? Tones, W?. Jordan,
B. Rogers, J. Smith.

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

During the year various school journeys and visits were made. In March Mr. Richards took a party of senior boys to Snowden, and in May he and Mr. Ley went with a group of boys to the Isle of Wight. During the summer holidays Mr. Matthews, Mr. Smeaton, and Mr. Graham organised a holiday in Switzerland for a party of boys.

On the 14th July Open Day was held in the Junior School, and on July 16th one took place in the Senior School. On July 17th, a presentation was made to Mr. Page on his retirement after 26 years' Service in the school, and tribute was paid to him by the Headmaster, his colleagues, the boys, and by a former pupil.

Mr. Page has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the school, and all of us will miss him very much. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing him much happiness in his retirement. A valedictory notice appears below.

Also, regretfully at the end of the Summer Term we said good-bye to Mr. Clark, Mr. Cocking, Mr. Demolder, Miss Zedes, Mr. Joliffe, Mr. Laniliert, Mr. Huzello, Mr. Parry, Mr. Simms, Mr. Stankiewicz and Mr. Trollope.

We welcome to the School Mr. C.K. Basu who will teach Geography and History, Mr. D. Comey to teach English, Mr. Dewis to teach French, Mr. Goodsall as Head of Technical Studies, Mr. Parker who will teach Carpentry and Joinery, Mr. F. R. Puddefoot, M. A. as Head of the English Department, Mr. P. Rooke to take Brickwork and Plumbing, and Mr. R.A. Williams, B.A. who is Head of the Modern Languages Department.

MR. R.E. PAGE

Mr. Page, who retired in July, entered the school in 1933, and therefore spent about 26 years at Barnsbury. He was a man of wide and varied interests, and he believed in enjoying life. For instance, perhaps few know that he was one of the first members of the Boy Scouts organization.

Some 'old boys' will remember the dapper figure who took them for P.T. and swimming; and even at the end of his career Mr. Page was able to do the most difficult physical exercises. Some, too, will remember the master who took the comic role in school plays. Others will recall his Technical Drawing lessons or his "Geography periods"; or they will have memories of Mr. Page conducting a choir or of taking a party of boys on a school journey. What is certain is that none will forget his giving up so much of his free time in order to look after the tuckshop.

As a master and as a colleague we all appreciate Mr. Page as a good friend. We wish him much happiness in his retirement, and know that he will continue to lead a very active life, and that he will enjoy to the full the beauty of the countryside and of his own lovely garden.

NEMO.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, July 14th and on Thursday, July 16th Open Days were held in the School. During the afternoon and evening parents came to visit the school and to see various exhibitions that were held and to consult subject masters about the progress being made by their boys.

In the Senior School apart from various display of work in the Science laboratories and subject rooms, there was an exhibition of practical work carried out in the metal work and woodwork departments.

In the evening, when most of the parents came to the School, various additional items were provided. In the gymnasium a P.T. display was provided, and in the playground different activities, such as cricket and tennis were in progress. Later in the evening the parents and boys assembled in the hall, where they were addressed by the Headmaster. He said how pleased he was to see the interest shown by so many parents in attending the function, and he was sure that it was valuable for contact to be made between staff and parents, and for the latter to appreciate the important work being done by the School. Mr. Davies concluded by saying that as the Open Day had proved to be such a success, he felt that in future parent-teacher meetings should be held at fairly frequent intervals.

Afterwards a short concert given by the School band, and some mimes presented by a company of Junior boys, provided a fitting climax to the evening's programme.

THE ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

On the evening of Monday, 26th October the Annual Prize Giving ceremony was held at Itrchway Central Hall, in order to provide accommodation for the very large number of boys and parents.

The programme began with an item of music being played by the School Brass Band under the direction of Mr. McHugh. Afterwards, the Chairman of the Governors called upon the Headmaster to give his report for the Year, 1958-9.

The Headmaster began by saying that it was a unique occasion for the school to meet as one body in one building, as usually the junior boys and senior boys were separated in two buildings. Mr. Davies stated that the number of boys in the school was over 1,130, and that about 100 boys over the age of 16 were taking G.C.E. and R.S.A. courses. The School had become popular in the neighbourhood, this year 315 new boys had joined the School, and many more than this number had wanted to come to the School.

Mr. Davies then referred to various staff changes mentioning in particular the retirement of Mr. Page, the former Head of the Technical Drawing Department, who had given 26 years' loyal service to the school.

The Headmaster mentioned the advantages that were being gained from the senior boys being in the new building. In the year that they had been there the boys had learned to appreciate the better surroundings, and the value of the library, which had well over 1,000 books, due much to the extra grant from the London County Council for books. In addition, the Islington Public Library and the L.O.C. Education Library had been very generous in lending certain books to the School Library.

Then Mr. Davies drew attention to the various School activities. The very satisfactory progress of the School Brass Band, which had been in existence for 5 years, was very pleasing. During the year there had been undertaken several School journeys. A party of 40 boys and 3 masters had made a very successful visit to Switzerland and next year it was hoped that journeys would be made to Austria and Spain. In addition, visits had been made to the Isle of Wight, IYlarchant Hill, and Snowden. Mr. Davies declared that he felt the visit to Snowden made by a party of 20 boys under the leadership of Mr. Richards and Mr. Ley was the type of holiday that was the most suitable for senior boys. Consequently, he recommended it to parents as being of value as an healthy, out-of-doors holiday for boys, and next year he hoped to see more senior boys partaking in such a trip. The Camping Club, which had equipment on loan from the L.C.C. had gone to 6 weekend camps, and had enjoyed the use of a canoe that had been made in the School Woodwork Shop.

The School's sporting record was good. The Headmaster mentioned that on 4 mornings of each week the boys went in coaches to sports grounds on which were played a wide variety of games. In Soccer the Seniors had been League Champions, and in Cricket the Seniors had been champions, and the Juniors were unbeaten. In Swimming for the sixteenth successive year the school had been champions in Islington. At this point the Headmaster mentioned the great service given to School Swimming by Mr. Madley.

In Athletics the School had been second in the Championship. In Rugby the School team had gained valuable experience by its games against a school team from Wales, and visits had been exchanged between the respective schools. The season this year had opened well by "Mr. Bone's babes" defeating Woodbury Down School by 25 points to nil.

In boxing the results had been good.

The Drama Group had had a successful year, and had presented a mime for the Open Day programme, and had now begun to prepare for the Christmas show.

Afterwards, the Headmaster spoke of the Academic work of the School. There was a very satisfactory number of boys staying in the fifth forms, and the G.C.E. results had been most gratifying. In addition, pleasing results had been obtained in the R.S.A. School Certificate examinations.

Mr. Davies pointed out that these results had been due to the efforts of the boys, none of whom had been considered as outstanding pupils when they entered the school at the age of eleven, and had been due to the good teaching of the staff. Mr. Davies stressed the value of hard, consistent work, and looked forward to the time when it would be possible for boys to be taught at Advanced level.

The Headmaster mentioned the good start that had been made to the New building Course, and he referred to the fine achievement of Ring, who gained 6 passes in the G. C. E. in winning the Malwver cup in practical metalwork test.

Some disappointments were referred to by Mr. Davies. There were still a few cases of irresponsible behaviour, but they were becoming fewer, owing to the School not being so overcrowded. Comment was made about slovenly speech, which Mr. Davies asserted was due mostly to carelessness. Reference was made to the lack of effort by some boys whose parents wished them to leave before the boys had completed the full four year Course.

Finally, the Headmaster thanked the staff for their loyal support, and effective work, and Mr. Hamm and the secretarial staff for their efficient service. Also, gratitude was expressed to the London County Council, and to the Governors of the School for their continual and sympathetic support, and encouragement. Thanks were expressed to the parents for their support, and for sending the boys so neatly dressed to school.

The Chairman of the Governors thanked the Headmaster for his most encouraging report, and then called upon Sir Isaac Eaywood the Guest Speaker to present the prizes and G.C.E. and R.S.A. certificates.

Afterwards Sir Isaac Haywood addressed the school and parents. He said that the School was fortunate in having such a good Headmaster and staff, and that the boys should appreciate what was being done for their **benefit**.

Sir Isaac remarked that he wanted to emphasise the great sacrifices made by teachers in giving up much of their free time in order to organise various school activities; the school journey to Snowden was cited as an example of this regard for the welfare of the boys.

Reference was made to the number of boys staying on at the School after the statutory leaving age. Sir Isaac was very pleased to note this, and he considered that in London soon at least 50% of the school population would be remaining at school after the age of 15.

Sir Isaac Haywood declared that he was glad to see so many parents at the Prize Giving ceremony, as it was encouraging to see the interest shown by parents in the School. He concluded by emphasising that the ultimate success of a school depended upon co-operation between parents and teachers, and upon the encouragement of boys.

After Sir Isaac Haywood had concluded his speech, Mr. H. Sharr, the Deputy Headmaster, expressed a Vote of Thanks to the distinguished Guest Speaker for having come to distribute the prizes and certificates.

Then the Chairman of the Governors thanked Sir Isaac Haywood for his speech, and thanked the very many parents who had come to the ceremony.

The evening's programme concluded with the School Brass Band playing a musical item.

School Prizes OCT.1959

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IA.. 1. David Wozzley	2, James Allen	3. David Eastman
IB. 1 John Skinner	2. Robert Fitt	3. John Rooke
IC.. 1. Dennis Nicholls	2. Brian Feldon	3. Robin Mayer
1D. Alan Keane	2. William Barnes	3. Michael Young
IE. 1. Christopher Clark	2. Peter Hawkins	3. William Robinson
IF. 1. Malcolm Harris	2. Charles bennett	3. Roy Wright
IG. 1. John Ayres	2. William Frances	3. James Palmer
IH.. 1. Robert Reay	2. Sergonitis Samuel	3. Walter bates

~RIZE LIST FORM PRIZES

IJ...I.Roy Whitmarsh 2.Tammour Lapite 3.~Qhn Mackmur.di
 2A...I.Michael Rice 2.Brian Bathie 3.Martin Worster
 2B...I.Roger Shearn 2.Richard Saunders 3.John Stroud
 2C...I.Robert Waller 2.Keith Kent 3.David Watts
 2D...I.Michael Barker 2.James Cox 3.Sandro Pinani
 2E...I.Brian Treadwell 2.Albert Martin 3.MichaeIRando~h
 2F...I.Peter Wilson 2.Stephen Parrott 3.Leonard Foster
 2G...I.Andreas Michael 2.Michael Rubin 3.David Reeves
 2H...I.Brian Whipp 2.1VIichaelRodosthenous 3.Peter Stevens
 3A...I.Clifford Coxshaw 2.David Wales 3.Alan Russell
 3A1phal.David Chapman 2. Terence Corcor::m 3. TerenceWalker
 3S...I.Phillipe Bremont2.Tony Branch 3.James Goodb+and
 4.Colin Bliss
 3X...I.John Smith 2.George Bray 2.John 3.John Tower 3.Dere
 3R...I.Paul Ambler Castagnetti 2.John Reeves
 4A...I.Peter Mansfield Gates 2.Colin 3. Terry Denni::JON
 4C...I.EdwardCoventry Dathorne 2.Eric HearB. 3.John West
 4T1...I.John Jones 3.1\lichael Jorq.an
 4. Peter Hall.

4T2..1.Raymond Caffell 2.Raymond Anthony 3~Vladimir Ki~sky
 Head Prefect...Peter Symes
 For Music Frank Howes Barry Michael
 Sport Terence King, Graham Meek
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 . (Winner of District Championship David Hall 5A)
 Cohen Shield Richard Warr 5th.
 (Largest perientage of IOOyds.certs.in Islington).
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 90ccer ...Championship Shield) Senior Team Edward GeEj.ter
 .~ trophies 1958.9 James Bird

IVI AKOWER CUP... for Metalwork... George Ring.

R~I...: Junior School...Brian Bathie 2A. David Woozley 1A
Fifth Year

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3.History ... William Fisher ;

4. Geography Jeffey:-IlorsneII

5.Art Geoffrey Harrison

6.Maths ..G.C.E.Richard Hagan, David Hall-R. S. A. Stanley Fursse

7.Physics ...George Ring 8.Woodwork, Metalwork, Tech. Drawing, George

9.Technical Drawing ...Ronald Boothby Ring R. \$j.A.Roy Brannan

10.CollitlerCe..Peter Cherry9John Venables " Barry Michael

11.Accounts..Robert Luther " Alan Bowhill

Kenneth DE LA SALLE

STAFF v. BOYS CRICKET MATCH

For the first game in what will become an annual event the staff team included four 5th year boys. In future the team will consist of masters only, some from the other building in Eden Grove.

Mr. Davies, the Headmaster, and Mr. Matthews were umpires in this first very enjoyable game. The school team captain, Peter Mansfield, won the toss and put the staff team in first.

In his very first over Walker took two wickets, a habit he had practised in several inter-school games. It was only an excellent innings by Mr. Roberts that prevented a complete collapse of the staff team. First Mr. Freedman and then Mr. Richards kept an end up while Mr. Roberts built up a score of 71.

The next highest scorer was Welch who knocked two fours before being bowled by Geater.

Facing a total of 92 the school team tried hard for runs but found difficulty in playing some of the fast bowling. They ended with a total of 50, Anderson being top scorer with 10 runs.

STAFF

Mr. Bone, Mr. Freedman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Ley, Mr. Puddefoot, Mr. Richards, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Samuels, Mr. Todd, Mr. Welch.

SCHOOL TEAM

Anderson, Brown, Cork, Devon, Earl, Gaater, Green, Mansfield, Walker, Warner Webster.

Scorer

D. Field

SCHOOL RUGBY TEAM

During the two seasons that the school team has been playing, there has been a noticeable and marked improvement in the standard of play and sportsmanship. This standard is now higher than ever, and the players more eager and keen to uphold the school's name.

There is now a wide choice of players from which to choose a good team; whereas at the start of the first season that the team ever indulged in, to gather fifteen boys outside the school on a Saturday morning took Mr. Bone a great deal of tact and some gentle persuasion. However, the game has caught on and Barnsbury now runs four teams; these are drawn from the fifth and sixth years of the senior school to the (younger) second year of the junior school.

I can only comment, however, on the senior team (the 'under sixteens'), as this is the team to which I devote most of my time.

It is a team of wide and varied characters, ranging from diplomatic-like Gates to bull-like Michaelides.

I shall endeavour to give a pen-portrait of them in their playing positions (starting with J. West).

J. West, full back. As full back he fills the position admirably. He has the necessary strength for powerful kicking, which has often helped our team to victory. Also his powers of recovering a fast and difficult ball are exceptional. *He* is in fact one of the strongest keystones of the whole team.

R. Clark, right wing. Clark is a fast and tactical player but to be really efficient he should pay a little more attention to the process of passing and receiving the ball; other than this he can mix it with the best of them.

J.B. Gates, right centre (Captain). As captain of the team, he holds his place perfectly with a constant show of gentlemanly behaviour. *He* has not as yet scored but with the aid of his associate and friend Wooldridge has brought about some highly successful point-scoring moves.

T. Wooldridge, left-centre. Having one failing; when he tries to let his feelings get the ability to change direction opposite.

He is an excellent player, is angered or aroused he tends to be better of him. His speed and quickness suddenly make him a dangerous player.

Q. Couch, Left-wing. Couch is a fairly good player, but slow to learn from his mistakes, and will keep repeating them. Apart from this weakness, he has managed to score some highly successful tries this season, and I think that he is on the upgrade.

E. Geater, outside half. He is a more recent addition to the team, and will soon adapt himself to this difficult position, for he is calm under pressure, and thinks and quickly in emergencies. He has grasped the seriousness of his position (the link between the scrum and the three-quarters).

D. Hall, scrum half. As scrum half he is a tough and determined player, and always enters the fiercest of struggles with a grin.

G. Michaelides, back. In this position Michaelides gives of his best, he has the required strength and staying power to make himself really useful. His tactics vary a great deal, and at the start of the season he was seen to vault over the opposition.

C. Dathorne and V. Bowbyes. These two boys have the drive and stamina that a wing-forward needs, Dathorne has been with the team since it was started, whilst Bowbyes is a player from the fourth year team. He scored an excellent try against Edgware T.C. on Saturday November 7th in an effort to even the score, and I think he will keep the good work up.

P. Hall and B. Rogers, second row. Hall and Rogers represent the type of player who enjoys a rougher type of game. Hall has not got a great deal of talent, but plenty of brute strength and determination; this fact (with the rest of the pack) has helped the team no end; whilst Rogers is slightly faster and less prone to tackling.

D. Anderson, hooker. Anderson has recently been re-introduced to the team and was up to his old standard when he made his debut on Saturday November 7th against Edgware. He has speed for his bulk, and is constantly amazing me.

Smith and Green, prop-forwards. Of the two Green is more of a battering ram in human guise; he will enter any scrum with the power of a dynamo. Once in possession of the ball he is a formidable target for even the stoutest, Smith, however, is more scientific and will, instead of barging through, find an easier way out with the ball for a 'loose'.

That is the team, and a rare bunch however, there are others to mention. These wingers Bartlett, and Cutcliffe. All these many times in the team, all. I hope they will do so. They make a team, are, Jones, have played continue to

B. Head 5A.

MOUNTAINEERING IN SNOWDONIA

Plas-y-Brenin (Palace of the King) is set in the beautiful countryside of Snowdonia amid extensive lakes and high mountains. It was founded by King George VI, and Sir John Hunt, leader of the successful Everest expedition.

We arrived on the Saturday evening after a very long but pleasant journey. We were first shown round the house by Major Milton, the chief instructor, and then we were allowed to go to our rooms. Although the staff had picked our sleeping partners, most of the boys managed to get with their friends.

After breakfast on Sunday we did some theory work on map reading. This was most interesting and proved very useful in the week that was to come. In the afternoon we donned our boots and anoraks with much we had been issued, and attempted our first mountain Moel Siabod. This mountain consists mainly of hill walking although when we got nearer the summit there was some rock scrambling.

Theory work on living out of doors was on the agenda for Monday. This was also very interesting; we learned how to use a primus stove. In the afternoon we did some rock climbing. I enjoyed this very much, and as long as you use your common sense you are perfectly safe. We learned how to do the necessary: Y knots, and generally "learned the ropes". In the evening we had films on the various aspects of mountaineering.

On Tuesday we climbed Tryfan. This was a very much steeper mountain than Moel Siabod, and consisted of rock scrambling and rock climbing. The part of the course I enjoyed most was the twenty-four hour expedition. We went by truck for ten miles, but at the end of this ride we started on the eight mile hike. On our backs we had a pack of thirty pounds which consisted of a sleeping bag, billy cans, primus stove, food, and spare clothing. We camped out in the old 13th century cottage on straw. The other occupants of the cottage were huge beetles, which crawled up and down the wall. We cooked all our own food satisfactorily, and the next day we returned to the centre.

On Friday we did some more rocks: climbing which included assailing and ascending a chimney. In the afternoon we were sent out in groups with a map and compass. We were given questions which we had to answer by going to the spot shown on the map. This was good fun, and most of us got them right. In the evening we had a dance with the party of girls from Birmingham.

On Saturday we sorrowfully left the centre having fully benefited both in mountain climbing and in using our initiative, but none of us got our leg over.

THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SWITZERLAND 1959

During the Sillillner holidays I took part in the school journey to Champery in the canton (county) of Valais in South-West Switzerland. In the past year the members of the staff that were to accompany us (Mr. Smeaton, Mr. Grabmn and Mr. Matthews) were busy organizing and preparing, for what was for most of us, our first holiday abroad.

We left England on the 27th July from Folkstone at about ten o'clock at night aboard a cross-channel ferry. After, what seemed to me to be a very rough crossing, we arrived at Boulogne at a quarter to twelve, and by midnight we were all aboard a French train and heading towards our destination. Most of the boys never got to sleep at all, and I suppose it was almost impossible to do so. As the greyness of the early hours turned to purple and then blue, I could see the flatness of the land. I must confess that it was unlike anything I had seen in England, not a road or house for miles, just flat land farmed in strips. Gradually the scenery changed, and the land became hillier as we approached Switzerland.

At about ten o'clock we pulled in at Basle, a town on the borders of France, Switzerland and Germany. Here we had breakfast and then boarded a Swiss train which took us to Lausanne, and here we changed again for Aigle. Up till now I had not seen any mountains, but as we approached Aigle they came in view. At Aigle we climbed aboard a rail-car which jerked and squeaked, for what seemed a very long time, until we came to Champery, high up in the mountains. We had been travelling for almost twenty-four hours in which time I do not think any of us got more than two or three hours' sleep. Unfortunately, the hotel was almost full and most of the party had to go to the annexe farther along the village, while the fifth year, and a few others including myself went to the hotel. From our hotel window we had a magnificent view of the mountains which were covered in snow at their peaks, but at that moment I was not very interested in mountains, all I wanted was a wash and clean shirt.

That evening after dinner, we had an opportunity to look round the village, and that did not take long. It was a small place with one main street (the only street) running right through it. It was old and quite attractive really, but there was the inevitable juke-box, and coffeebar and none of the younger people were lacking in the horrible style of clothes now fashionable. The village was situated in a valley surrounded by mountains nine and ten thousand feet high. Whether it was the fact that I had not been to sleep for twenty-four hours or the mountain air, I fell asleep as my head touched the pillow.

The next morning after breakfast, which consisted of coffee, rolls and butter (the typical continental breakfast) we went for a walk up through the thick forest along a mountain path called the "Galleries", and in the afternoon for a walk along a route which we were to pass next day on a walk I will never forget.

Armed with the toughest pair of I had with me, I set out with the rest under uncertain on a trek up the mountains to attempt to reach a place the Cabane de Sausanne. It would be a long walk, so Mr. Graham, our expert on mountain climbing and hiking, told us that the pace would be very slow. After we had done hours of tiring walking it started to rain. It had rained the day before and the ground was already muddy, and my shoes were beginning to get caked with mud, but that was only the beginning. We kept on going, but the rain came down more heavily, and eventually it brought us to a stop underneath a fir tree. Some decided to go back, and I cannot say that I blamed them. The rain stopped, and we carried on until we reached a cabin where our lunch could be eaten. After this stop we carried on past waterfalls, and along narrow ledges until I had become soaked through with rain, streamwater and mud. The mountain got steeper, and some of us did not like the idea of carrying on, so it was decided that we should go down, much to our relief. We reached the bottom after a few hours, and the rain had started to come down

again, but we reached our hotel and I climbed the stairs and flopped down thankfully. Looking in the mirror I swore that I'd never go on another climb like that, but looking back, apart from the rain, I think I rather enjoyed **it**.

After this the weather improved greatly, and the rest of the time was spent on going on some lovely coach trips to Geneva where a lot of francs were spent, and we saw the place where the foreign ministers were holding their conference, to Lausanne where more francs were spent, to Vevey on Lake Geneva which looked more like the French Riviera, to the St. Bernard Pass, and across into Italy along some very winding roads with hairpin bends which the coach driver drove round like Sterling Moss. Here in Italy the mountains were covered with rocks and boulders, and looked quite bare compared with those of Switzerland.

We also went to Gryire and a Chocolate factory, where we were given free samples, much to our delight. There were trips to Saas-Pee in the German speaking part, and we passed through the length and breadth of Switzerland, passing through many towns by mountainside and lake.

All good things come to an end quickly, and the holiday was no exception. It seemed no time at all before we were packing to leave, and boarding the rail-car to start our homeward journey. On August 8th at three o'clock in the afternoon we arrived at Victoria station, our holiday had ended.

D. BATES? 4A

I was unable to get a good copy of the rest of the magazine which consisted of poetry and short stories not connected with the school.

Typeface was just as found. (JS)

SUMMER TERM 1959

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GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PASSES
IN 3 OR MORE SUBJECTS

6 PASSES

RING George
SYMES Peter
STEWART Allan

5 PASSES

TIBBETTS Brian
HARRISON Geoffrey
HOWES Frank
VENABLES John
HAGAN Richard
WELCH Alan

4 PASSES

SEYMOUR Arthur
SHARP Keith
FISHER Wm. Arthur
LAFONEY LANE Roy P.
LUTHER Robert E.
BOOTHBY Ronald
BUTLER Roger B.
HOLT Derek M.
TODD Victor J.A.

3 PASSES

BROWN Reginald
BREMONT Pierre
COUCH COLIN
HALL David
JUDGE Martin
KITCHENER Edward
STONE Anthony
CHERRY Peter
DE LA SALLE Kenneth G.
WEBB Brian
CONNELL Terence
RYMILL Tony M.

R. S. A. SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS
3 OR MORE PASSES

6 PASSES

MICHAEL Barry

5 PASSES

FURSEDOWN Stanley
TYRELL Thomas

4 PASSES

ELLIS William

3 PASSES

BESZANT Henry

SPORTS REVIEW, 1959

ATHLETICS The school came 2nd in the District Championships

The following boys were winners of their events:-

P. HOWES (Hurdles and High Jump)
P. HOWES AND WELCH (1 mile)
CULLEN (Hurdles)
SYMES (100 yds)
VALE (High Jump)
BEANE (Long Jump)
GEATER (Discus)
MICHAEL (Javelin)

were chosen to represent Islington in the London Sports.

BOXING 4 boys reached the London Semi-Finals. They were Cutcliffe, Dathorne, Shearer, and Stanborough. In addition, Dathorne got through to the Great Britain Semi-Finals.

CRICKET The School team were League winners without their having lost a single match. The team was composed of:-

MANFIELD (Captain)
BROWN
CORK
CULLEN
DARLINGTON
EARL
GEATER
GREEN
WALKER
WEBSTER
WAMER

CROSS-COUNTRY The school team was 3rd in both the under 15 and under 17 age groups. The best individual run was by Earl, who came 3rd in the under 17 race.

Earl was in the under 17 group of the District team, and Denney and Shearer represented the District team in the under 15 group.

SOCCKER The Senior team were winners of both the Cup and League. 6 Boys played for the District team. They were:-
Andersen, Bernie, Churchill, Dawe, Edwards and Taylor.

<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>HOUSE SOCCER COMPETITION</u>				<u>Goals</u>		<u>Points</u>
	W	D	L	F	A		
Datson	2	1	1	13	6	5	
Wardman	1	2	1	10	7	4	
Court	1	2	1	8	9	4	
Gerred	1	1	2	5	14	3	

It is hoped that each of the house teams will play all its 6 matches this season.

SWIMMING The results of the Swimming Gala were as follows:-

1st Wardman	...	...	70 $\frac{1}{2}$
2nd Gerred	...	...	56 $\frac{1}{2}$
3rd Court	...	...	45
4th Datson	...	...	27

SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS

Held in July, 1959 at Finsbury Park.

The inter-house athletics championship was this year run in an afternoon, only with a consequent speeding up in the tempo of the meeting.

The performances generally were very good, and three new records were set up:-

P. Symes	(C)	220 yds in	24.8 secs.	B
B. Michael	(D)	Javelin	112'7"	A
E. Hussein	(W)	Triple Jump	37'2"	B

Special praise must go to boys who achieved double victories.

J.D'Entrecasteaux	(G)	100 yds	220 yds	A.
P. Symes	(B)	100 yds	220 yds	B.
B. Michael	(D)	440 yds	Javelin	A.
E. Hussein	(W)	High Jump	Triple Jump	B.
A. Shearer	(C)	880 yds	"	" A.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS ON SPORTS DAY

Winners of two events underlined. New School Records *

<u>Event</u>	<u>WINNER (HOUSE)</u>	<u>PERFORMANCE</u>
100 yds A.	<u>D'Entrecasteaux</u> (G)	12.4 secs.
B.	<u>F. Symes</u> (C)	11 secs.
220 yds. A.	<u>D'Entrecasteaux</u> (G)	28.1 "
B.	<u>F. Symes</u> (C)	24.8 " *
440 yds. A.	<u>B. Michael</u> (D)	62 secs.
B.	<u>P. Cherry</u> (D)	60.2 secs.
880 yds. A.	<u>A. Shearer</u> (C)	2m. 25.7 "
B.	<u>A. Welch</u> (C)	2m. 27.5 "
Hurdles A.	<u>Joslin</u> (C)	14.1 "
B.	<u>Rymill</u> (W)	13.2 secs.
High J. A.	<u>Gardner</u> (C)	4'6"
B.	<u>Hussein</u> (W)	4'11"
Long J. A.	<u>Terry</u> (G)	15'7"
B.	<u>A. Bernie</u> (W)	16'0"
Triple J. A.	<u>A. Shearer</u> (C)	32'5"
B.	<u>Hussein</u> (W)	37'2" *
Javelin A.	<u>B. Michael</u> (D)	112'7" *
B.	<u>C. Michaelides</u> (W)	121'11"
Discus A.	<u>O'Dell</u> (G)	70'9"
B.	<u>J. West</u> (D)	84'2"
Shot A.	<u>Bailey</u> (C)	32'
B.	<u>Cutts</u> (C)	37'8"
Relay A. Court	{ Shearer Nemeth Moore Wright	54.8 secs.
Relay B Wardman	{ Hussein Bernie Gates Wooldridge	51.3 secs.

STAFF V BOYS CRICKET MATCH

For the first game in what will become an annual event the staff team included four 5th year boys. In future the team will consist of masters only, some from the other building in Eden Grove.

Mr. Davies, the Headmaster, and Mr. Matthews were umpires in this first very enjoyable game. The school team captain, Peter Mansfield, won the toss and put the staff team in first.

In his very first over Walker took two wickets, a habit he had practised in several inter-school games. It was only an excellent innings by Mr. Roberts that prevented a complete collapse of the staff team. First Mr. Freedman and then Mr. Richards kept an end up while Mr. Roberts built up a score of 71. The next highest scorer was Welch who knocked two fours before being bowled by Gaeter.

Facing a total of 92 the school team tried hard for runs but found difficulty in playing some of the fast bowling. They ended with a total of 50, Anderson being top scorer with 10 runs.

STAFF

Mr. Bone, Mr. Freedman, Mr. Graham, Mr. Ley, Mr. Puddefoot, Mr. Richards, Mr. Roberts, Cutts, Samuels, Todd, Welch.

SCHOOL TEAM

Anderson, Brown, Cork, Devon, Earl, Gaeter, Green, Mansfield, Walker, Warner Webster.

Scorer D. Field

IMPRESSIONS OF THE BARNSBURY RUGBY TEAM

During the two seasons that the school team has been playing, there has been a noticeable and marked improvement in the standard of play and sportsmanship. This standard is now higher than ever, and the players more eager and keen to uphold the school's name.

There is now a wide choice of players from which to choose a good team; whereas at the start of the first season that the team ever indulged in, to gather fifteen boys outside the school on a Saturday morning took Mr. Bone a great deal of tact and some gentle persuasion. However, the game has caught on and Barnsbury now runs four teams; these are drawn from the fifth and sixth years of the senior school to the (younger) second year of the junior school.

I can only comment, however, on the senior team (the 'under sixteens'), as this is the team to which I devote most of my time.

It is a team of wide and varied characters, ranging from diplomatic-like Gates to bull-like Michaelides.

- I shall endeavour to give a pen-portrait of them in their playing positions (starting with J. West).

J. West, full back. As full back he fills the position admirably. He has the necessary strength for powerful kicking, which has often helped our team to victory. Also his powers of recovering a fast and difficult ball are exceptional. He is in fact one of the strongest key-stones of the whole team.

R. Clark, right wing. Clark is a fast and tactical player but to be really efficient he should pay a little more attention to the process of passing and receiving the ball; other than this he can 'mix it' with the best of them.

J.B. Gates, right centre (Captain). As captain of the team, he holds his place perfectly with a constant show of gentlemanly behaviour. He has not as yet scored but with the aid of his associate and friend Wooldridge has brought about some highly successful point-scoring moves.

T. Wooldridge, left-centre. He is an excellent player, having one failing; when he is angered or aroused he tends to let his feelings get the better of him. His speed and ability to change direction suddenly make him a dangerous opponent.

C. Couch, Left-wing. Couch is a fairly good player, but is slow to learn from his mistakes, and will keep repeating them. Apart from this weakness, he has managed to score some highly successful tries this season, and I think that he is on the upgrade.

E. Gester, outside half. He is a more recent addition to the team, and will soon adapt himself to this difficult position, for he is calm under pressure, and thinks and acts quickly in emergencies. He has grasped the seriousness of his position (the link between the scrum and the three-quarters).

D. Ball, scrum-half. As scrum half he is a tough and determined player, and always enters the fiercest of struggles with a grin.

C. Michaelides, back. In this position Michaelides gives of his best, he has the required strength and staying power to make himself really useful. His tactics vary a great deal, and at the start of the season he was seen to vault over the opposition.

C. Dathorne and V. Bowbyes. These two boys have the drive and stamina that a wing-forward needs, Dathorne has been with the team since it was started, whilst Bowbyes is a player from the fourth year team. He scored an excellent try against Edgware Tec. on Saturday November 7th in an effort to even the score, and I think he will keep the good work up.

P. Hall and B. Rogers, second row. Hall and Rogers represent the type of player who enjoys a rougher type of game. Hall has not got a great deal of tallant, but plenty of brute strength and determination; this fact (with the rest of the pack) has helped the team no end; whilst Rogers is slightly faster and less prone to tackling.

D. Anderson, hooker. Anderson has recently been re-introduced to the team and was up to his old standard when he made his debute on Saturday November 7th against Edgware. He has speed for his bulk, and is constantly amazing me.

Smith and Green, prop-forwards. Of the two Green is more of a battering ram in human guise; he will enter any loose serum with the power of a dynamo. Once in possession of the ball he is a formidable target for even the stoutest. Smith, however, is more scientific and will, instead of barging through, find an easier way out with the ball for a 'loose'.

That is the team, and a rare bunch they make. However, there are others to mention. These are, Jones, Stringer, Bartlett, and Cutliffe. All these have played many times in the team, and I hope they will continue to do so.

B. Head 5A.



AUTUMN LEAVES

In Autumn when the leaves turn brown,
The winters nearly here,
All colours falling to the ground,
The days are bright and clear.

The squirrels scamper all around,
While the leaves keep falling,
Finding nuts that are on the ground,
While the wind is calling

Then the squirrels start to slumber,
Surrounded by their store,
Red ones grey ones all in number,
Waiting for the spring once more.

I. SMITH 1A.



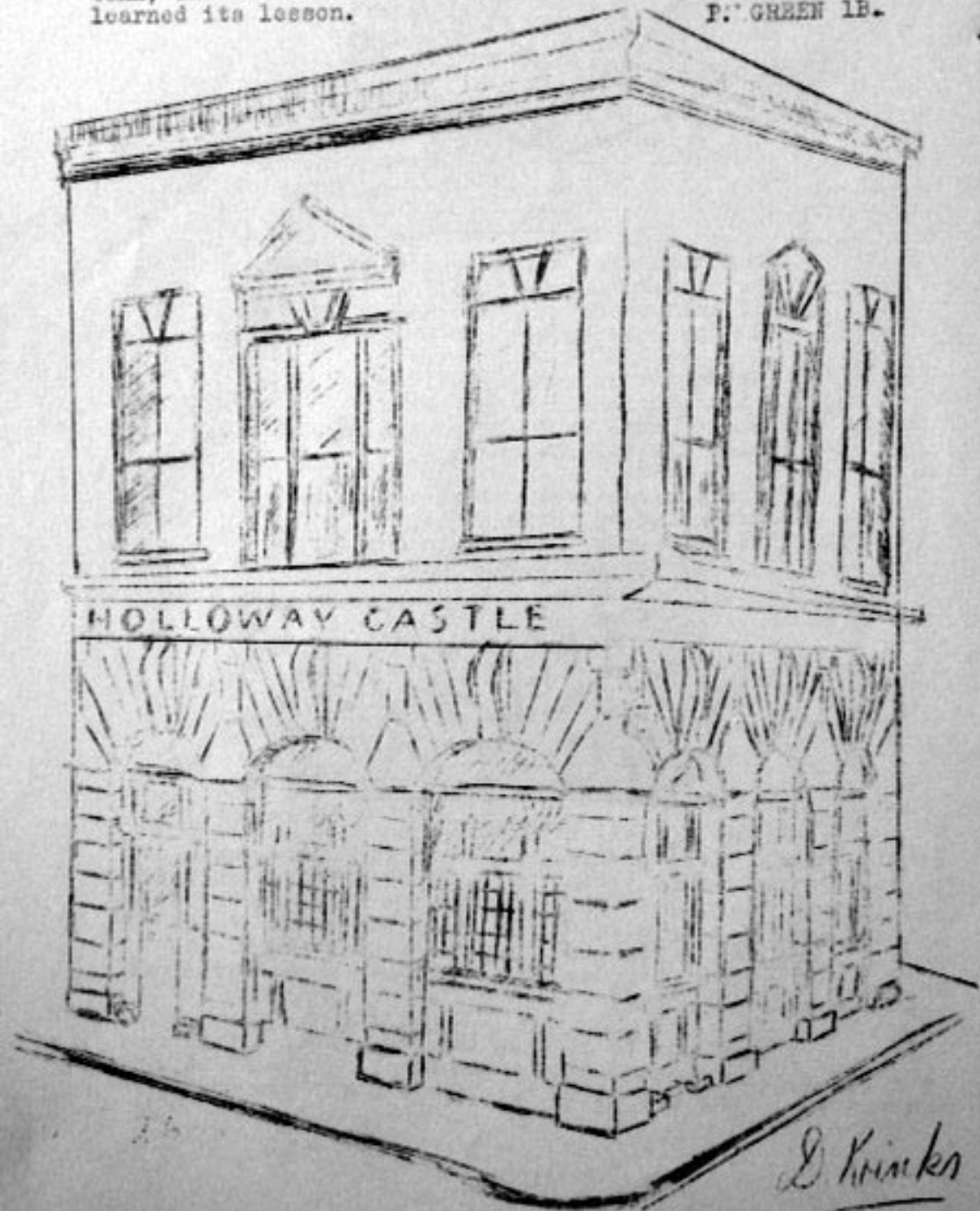
"ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY"

In my tropical fish tank I used to have a big Opal Gourami, (Colisalalia), and this fish just would not leave the other fish alone, so I put it in a jar of water and floated the jar in the water of the tank. A day or so later I was tipping some of the dirty water out of the jar, and out jumped the fish and down the sink it went. So quickly, I washed my hands with some soap so it would put the fish out of agony.

I went out to pick up the dead fish, but there it was flapping about on the drain cover, I picked it up and rushed in and put it in the jar of water and floated

it in the tank again. At first it was a bit dazed but after a while it was back to normal, and I put it in the tank, and it did not touch a fish anymore. So I think it learned its lesson.

P. GREEN LB.



THE HORSE

With the invention of the steam engine in 1825, men thought they would no longer need the horse; and that the age-long friend of man would vanish from the civilisation which it had helped to create. Contrary to expectations with the rise of the railways and trade the horse multiplied. Riches increased, and people who had never before kept horses now kept them for pleasure. New trades arose and horses were needed for their development.

Before the railways could cross virgin lands, horses had to precede them; levelling the land and laying the tracks.

When the first Great World War came everything in the last resort depended upon the horse. Coal was the vital material for munitions, for industries, for medicines, and for fuel for our Navy which carried food and men to the theatre of war. This coal could not have been mined without tiny ponies which brought the coal along ways neither man nor machine could act. A few thousand Shetland ponies hauled it along dark, narrow ways in the deep mines where machinery could not be safely employed. So, in reality the ponies won the war.

It was, however, the early man who found the great asset of the horse. By the aid of this animal he found he could cover fifty miles a day; he could get the horse to carry his goods, he could barter, he could ride down game, and, most of all, he could combat his enemy.

In the early ages there was only one type of horse but by now there are various kinds, such as the racehorse, farmhorse, zebra, pony, and donkey.

In the earliest forms the horse was four-toed, because he used to live on marshy ground and required a spreading foot. Now, the outer toes have disappeared, and the remains of these toes sometimes make the horse lame. Also, the glands growing out from the inner sides of all four legs are useless to-day. Their former use was to give off a scent which would leave a trail to be followed if one member should have strayed from the herd.

Nowadays, man has interfered with the horse in

two ways, but it is to its advantage. He has nailed hoops of iron to horses' hoofs; this is necessary because the hard roads along which horses are driven would otherwise wear away the horn of the hoof. Man has also placed curious flaps of leather, known as blinkers, on the side of the horse's eyes. These blinkers are to restrict the horse's vision to straight ahead so that it is protected from sights which might frighten it. I doubt whether blinkers have this effect and am sure they do more harm than good. It is a known fact that a horse is less frightened if it can see a noisy object that has alarmed it, and, of course, blinkers or anything else cannot save the horse from hearing an alarming sound.

The use of a horse for work, in England, is now obsolescent, although in some agricultural areas as in France it is still used. The horses which now exist are used for two purposes, for shows and pleasure, such as those which roam in the New Forest, and for horseracing. The latter originally existed for sport, but in my opinion it has turned into gambling.

The horse, however, will always exist even if it remains in a small number, for man has never eradicated instinct for guarding anything that he has tamed.

CHERRY 50.



MY BUDGERIGAR

I have a budgerigar named Bill,
He sits in his cage on the window sill,
He cannot talk but chirps all day,
To while his lonely hours away.

For Mum is at work,
And I am at School,
He is alone in the flat
All day as a rule.

But I think he is happy,
And loves us I know,
But I wish he could talk,
And tell us all so.

NORMAN SMITH LA.

SUPERSTITIONS.

Superstitions are purely imaginative, for it is only the weakness of a person's mind that leads him to think that some preposterous incident, such as spilling salt leads to a psychological effect on his (or her) mind.

These psychological trends may range from walking under a ladder to breaking a mirror, of which the "supreme penalty" is seven years' bad luck.

I would not be surprised if these superstitions originated when some sceptical person walked under a ladder, spilt salt, or broke a mirror all on Friday the thirteenth, and decided that his days were numbered, and preached for the rest of his puny life about his misfortunes he was made to suffer from these terrors.

It is difficult, though to realize how a superstition such as spilling salt brings bad luck to a person. This misdemeanour happens to most of us at sometime or another, and is discarded from the mind with a flourish of contempt. That is, to most of us. Some people regard this as an omen from God, stating that the time has come for a run of bad luck to shadow your work.

To me women are more superstitious than men. I find that men would not think twice about walking under a ladder, whereas women would proceed to avoid it as if a fate worse than death (if there is such a thing) would fall upon them with startling devastation.

A supposed omen of good luck is to have a black cat walk across your path of way. How amicable! What joyous good-tidings must be made. There must be a boom period in business now.

I wonder what would take place if a black cat crossed your path whilst you were walking under a ladder on Friday

the thirteenth. What a tangle of good and bad luck would befront you. I suppose the person to whom these misdeeds had occurred would wait until a black cat crossed his path again, (or deliberately stand in its way so it has to), and then the misfortunes would balance themselves out, saving him from destruction. He would then go about thanking the strange apparition that saved his life.

It would then be seen that superstition is nothing more than crass emotionalism to which is added the paltry weakness of one's puny and weak mind.

STONE 5A.

WINTER IN THE CITY.

When winter comes, it has a surprising effect on city life and its people.

On waking one finds the wind howling through the branches of leafless trees: the rain is coming down in a steady soaking drizzle.

You go out into the almost deserted street, the few people you see, pass you without a glance, all are muffled up in overcoats, scarves, gloves and hats; most of them have umbrellas too. As you near the main road, you can hear the loud hiss of tyres on the wet surface.

There are seen the gloomy faces of people waiting in 'bus queues, and who are only too glad to get out of the rain and on to their bus. The ceaseless to and fro movement of the windscreen wipers on cars also catches the eye. There are the angry looks and muttered oaths of people who are splashed by some passing vehicle, and the dejected looks of schoolboys, carrying bulging satchels.

Later in the day you will see people hurrying home from work, thinking of a pleasant evening at home by a cosy fireside, watching television.

It will get dark about five o'clock, and then the lights will come on in the larger shops, throwing a colourful reflection on the wet pavement.

All day the clouds have been massing, and making the sky darker than ever. Now the rain has stopped, and the first snowflakes are beginning to fall earthwards.

Overnight the snow will pile up, and the first traffic will turn it into slush, then the whole procedure will start all over again, and once more the morning will greet us with hungry little robins and sparrows chirping and hopping on the window-sill.

FRANK COE FORM 2A.

THE HISTORY OF THE CANONBURY TOWER

Canonbury Tower is a historical building in Islington. It is built of red bricks, and has small Elizabethan-style windows. Next to the tower is the "Tower" Theatre. This building has stood there for many centuries. It used to be called Canonbury House. It has an open day when people can be shown round by a guide, and be told the many historical events that have happened there. From the tower you can see many miles over London.

Sir Walter Ralieg, Lord Essex, and Sir John Spencer and Sir Francis Bacon, and many other famous people have visited Canonbury House. Every summer it is open for one week.

GRAHAM LLOYD 1A.

THAT WHICH HAS PASSED

Last Summer was by far the best,
But now at last its gone to rest,
No more sunny, scorching days,
No more browning by sun's rays.

But Winter soon will grace our lands,
Covering up the seaside sand,
But think of the future, not of the past,
And hope next Summer is better than last.

ROY SEIBERT 1B.

