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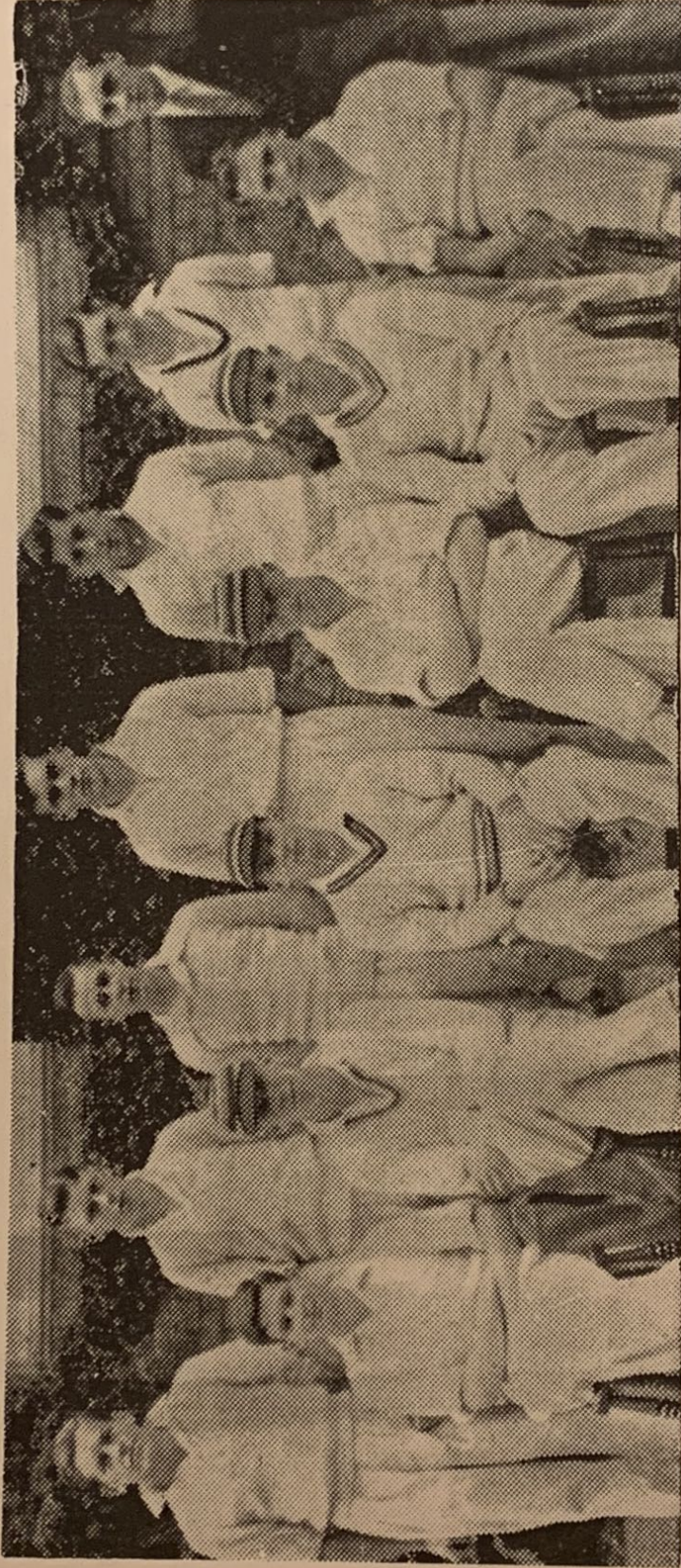
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EDITORIAL

In January of last year, this School, in common with the nation at large, mourned an irreparable loss in the death of our King. At that time we knew nothing of another great loss which touched this School, not, indeed, more nearly, but, shall we say, more especially and particularly. Dr. V. K. Ting, possibly the most distinguished Old Boy of the School, died on January 5th, 1936.

It is difficult for us to form an adequate conception of what Ting meant to modern China. He has been referred to as the "founder of scientific geology in China," which in itself would be distinction enough. He was also one of the half-dozen who led the literary Renaissance which "made possible a vernacular literary of science, history, philosophy, romance, and even the newspaper." Before this time, says Professor George Barbour, "It was as if in Europe nothing but Latin might appear in print." Of his political work, it is, of course, impossible for anyone without special knowledge of Chinese conditions to attempt to form any idea. Above all, Ting was a great personality. It is the personality, rather than the greatness, of the man which is insisted on in the appreciation by Dr. J. W. Skinner, which we have the privilege to present in this number of the Bentleian.

PROFESSOR VEN KIANG TING

By the death on January 3rd, 1936, of Professor Ven Kiang Ting, Spalding Grammar School lost one of its most distinguished Old Boys. Few members of the School can have enjoyed a more romantic and significant career than Professor Ting.

“ Ven Kiang ” (as we knew him at School) left China at the age of 16, proceeding to the University of Tokio, where, for a few months, he edited a Chinese revolutionary journal. After this brief stay in Japan, he came, with two compatriots, to this country.

The three Chinese friends immediately went to Edinburgh, in the vain hope of being accepted as undergraduates of the University. It was there, I believe, that Ven Kiang met Dr. Smith, of Pinchbeck.

Dr. Smith was a medical missionary in China, and he at once saw Ven Kiang's difficulties. This Chinese youth of 17 knew little English, no Latin, no French, no Greek, and but little mathematics; and he had but a small allowance from his father. How could he hope to matriculate at a British University, and, when matriculated, how could he hope to maintain himself there on his exiguous allowance? And so Dr. Smith advised Spalding Grammar School. Ven Kiang was not the first Chinese boy Dr. Smith sent to us. I remember three other Chinese boys who came to us before Ven Kiang, and I can still see the first of those Chinese boys being initiated into the weird mysteries of cricket by that great cricketer—our Headmaster!

I shall never forget my two years at the School with Ven Kiang, and, in a letter he wrote to me in October, 1934, he said, “ The two years we spent together at Spalding are unforgettable years for me.” He arrived with his friend, Tsoo Hong. Never could two boys have provided a more fascinating contrast: Tsoo Hong—thin, wiry, dour, passionate, temperamental, and, above all, artistic (he greatly excelled at art under the inspired teaching of Mr. Spicer, and is now, so Ven Kiang told me, a teacher of art in Nanking), and Ven Kiang — fat, dumpy, smiling, good humoured, philosophical, and with a great round head and a great round face, like a jocular full moon.

We soon learned to love and respect Ven Kiang. In two years he was head of the School, had passed the Cambridge Senior and the Little-Go (a remarkable feat in view of his almost total ignorance of western languages and mathematics when he entered), and only just missed an Open Scholarship at Cambridge. His chief friends at School were Dr. E. P. Farrow, T. H. Foreman (now Education Officer to the Borough of Cambridge), and myself; and we all acknowledge an unredeemable debt to our Headmaster, the Rev. E. M. Tweed, M.A.

Mr. Tweed found Ven Kiang and Tsoo Hong lodgings in Victoria Street, and Ven Kiang always retained a very real affection for his kind landlady. I will refer to that later. In describing his life at Spalding, he said: "The worst was those dreadful wet English winters. I liked to play football in the School playground with the other boys. I would wear holes in my one pair of boots. Then they had to be mended, or my socks became wet. I had but two pairs of socks, one pair on my feet, and the other at the wash. So I would sit at my mid-day dinner with my feet bare, while my socks were drying over my chair-back at the fire."

In 1907 or 1908 Ven Kiang went up to Cambridge, but, although the Head of his College gave him opportunities of earning money by writing magazine articles, his allowance was totally inadequate to support him, and he had to leave Cambridge at the end of one term. So he went to Belgium where, at that time, the Chinese Government was paying for the education of a number of Chinese students.

Ven Kiang's subsequent academic career was meteoric. At the end of two or three years he left Belgium, having passed out brilliantly in biology. From there he went to the University of Glasgow, where he took a first-class B.Sc. in geology and won the University Gold Medal. Later, he did post-graduate research at Freiburg and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science.

Apart from a chance meeting in 1934, I met Ven Kiang for the last time in London in 1912. He was about to return to China and begin his life's work. His route to his native land was vividly typical of the man. He travelled steerage to Bangkok, went geologising through Siam "for practice" and then went on foot most of the way (with just a pack-mule for his instruments and personal goods) through Yunnan up to the Yangste — a mere bagatelle of a thousand miles, with the handicaps of unknown jungles, stern mountain passes, and uncompromising bandits.

"Surely," says Lady Hosie, "he was the first Chinese who had done that hard, dangerous journey for the sake of an idea; a not unworthy successor of General Chang Chi'en, of the second century B.C., who reached the waters of the Oxus, or of the monk Fa Hsien, who in the fourth century A.D. sought India through the grim gorges of the Tibetan borders to bring back to his people a deeper knowledge of Buddhism."

At the Yangste, Ven Kiang joined a river steamer finally to reach Shanghai and begin his great work. For great was the work that Ven Kiang did in his native land. From 1913 to 1921 he was Director of the Bureau of Geological Survey of the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, and from 1922 to 1925 he was Managing Director of the Peipiao Coal Mining Company; and in 1926 he became Mayor of Shanghai. As Mayor he was appointed

to administer the Chinese Area of this "New York of the Far East" (his own description). It was a colossal task to administer these 1,250,000 Chinese compatriots according to modern ideas in the matter of sanitation, police, education. In describing some of his initial difficulties, Ven Kiang said, "You will be surprised, but I am discovering that the first thing I have to do is to persuade our people to register births and deaths. I have nothing to go on. I must ascertain facts and numbers first. You remember that Saul realised the first thing he needed was to take a census of the people. And the Roman Emperors also. I know now they were right, though I never thought so before."

In less than a year he fell from office for political reasons, and, becoming sick of politics, he resumed his professorship at Peking. His last distinction came in 1934, when he was appointed Secretary General of the Academia Sinica at Nanking. In a letter to me he says, "The last named institution is something between the French Academy of Science and the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute. It controls ten different research institutes: Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Zoology and Botany and Social Science, Psychology, Astronomy, Meteorology, Geology, History and Philology. Several years ago the Geological Society of London made me one of its correspondents. So I have reached the best position a student of natural science can aspire. Yet I am not happy in my new environment, because I am no longer able to do much research myself. The post is really one suitable for a man of 60. I do not think I will stay very long at the job." Ven Kiang was tragically right: he did not stay very long. For he died on January 3rd, 1936, in hospital at Changsa, from the effects of gas-poisoning contracted while visiting a mine in Hunan.

I am quite unqualified to speak of Ven Kiang's scientific work. I can only mention some of his books and record a sincere tribute which the present Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, paid him in my presence some two years ago. Among many other works, Ven Kiang published "Fifty Years of Mining in China," "Geology of the Yangste Delta," and many articles of both a geological and a non-geological character. I believe it is quite true to say that if he had not been a great geologist, he might easily have been a great mathematician, biologist, or anthropologist.

In an appreciation ("The Times," January 8th, 1936), Professor Sir Grafton Eliot Smith writes: The death of my learned friend, Dr. Ting, removes a man of conspicuous courage, charm, and wisdom whom China can ill afford to lose. Like his friend, Dr. Hu Shih, the great philosopher, he played an important part in controlling the process of the adoption of the dangerous culture of Western Europe in China, restraining the adoption of disturbing elements until there was a time for the assimilation of desirable

culture in an appropriate form. Dr. Ting was a faithful friend and loyal ally of the British in China. Dr. Ting played an outstanding part in the scientific renaissance of China, which began with the cultivation of geology, securing the assistance of Dr. Gunnar Andersson, and the discovery of the Peking skull, the earliest evidence of the human family. The earliest months of the Geological Survey's work were so fruitful that Dr. Ting conceived the idea of founding a special journal, "Palaeontologie Sinica," for the publication of the results. In this important work he had the enthusiastic co-operation of the late Professor Davidson Black, who entertained a deep affection and admiration for Dr. Ting. By their collaboration they created a new chapter in the history of man.

And the Peking Correspondent of "The Times," in giving a resume of Professor Ting's career, reminds us that in 1926 Dr. Ting was appointed with Dr. Hu Shih and Dr. C. C. Wang by Sir Austen Chamberlain to serve as Chinese members on the Committee to advise on the utilisation of the funds of the Chinese indemnity.

Such are the bare facts of the glamorously romantic career of this poor, and, according to western ideas, unlettered boy, who came to us at Spalding in 1905, and who, dying at the tragically early age of 48, is mourned as a world-scientist and a great and wise patriot.

Of Ven Kiang Ting, the man, the best account I know is to be found in "Portrait of a Chinese Lady," by Lady Dorothea Hosie, daughter of the late Professor W. E. Soothill, formerly Professor of Chinese at Oxford. In that delightful book (chapter xxxiv.: The consolation of geology) Lady Hosie gives a fascinating study of my old friend. Lady Hosie calls him "Dr. Ling." On reading the book, I immediately recognised my old school-friend; and Lady Hosie herself assured me that I was right. I would recommend all Spaldonians to read this engaging book.

There is little for me to add. In August, 1934, I met Ven Kiang by chance one day in Spalding. He had been attending a Geological Conference in New York, and, en route for China, had called in for an afternoon at Spalding to renew old friendships. I, too, was in the town, and, hearing he had turned up, eagerly sought him. I shall always remember seeing him again—some two hundred yards away. We had not met for 22 years; but there was the same jaunty, springy step; the same beaming, whimsical, slightly ironical smile; the same benign, moonlike countenance; and on the same round head—apparently the same aged panama!

We talked of old school-days and what had happened to us since we last met. He told me how important he thought it was for Chinese boys to be educated in Chinese schools, although he spoke in terms of the deepest affection for his own English school in

Spalding. I asked him if he remembered the name of his landlady when he was a boy in Spalding. His reply was that one of the first things he had done that day was to find out where this kind lady was, and, discovering that her circumstances were none too good, he had telephoned to ask what he could do on her behalf. Need I say that, great gentleman as I always thought Ven Kiang Ting at school, I thought of him that summer's eve of 1934 as perhaps the greatest gentleman I had ever known. And I doubt whether I shall ever know a finer.

His passing will be mourned by great scientists the world over. But none will remember him quite as we shall—we few privileged ones, who knew him in his formative years, who played and worked with him at Spalding Grammar School. We shall never forget the brilliant scholar, who beat us all with such fantastic ease; nor shall we forget the keen and successful researcher after truth; but we shall remember best a wise, laughter-loving, generous-hearted, faithful, understanding friend.

J. W. SKINNER.



CORONATION IMPRESSIONS

The 11th of May, in Spalding, was just about as bad a day as one can possibly imagine for the time of year: pouring with rain the whole day long and very cold. What depressing prospects for the long-looked-for Coronation. We arranged to meet at the Sessions House at 11.30 p.m. and motor to Pinchbeck to catch the 12.6 a.m. special, which did not stop at Spalding. It struck us all as something novel to have to go to Pinchbeck to catch a train for London, as we had never heard of such a thing before.

Well arrayed in mackintoshes and waterproof sheets, we arrived at King's Cross punctually at 2.16 a.m., and took the tube to Oxford Circus, and, on alighting from the station, were surprised to find the streets all dry and the weather warm. It seemed incredible that there could be such a drastic contrast in the space of a hundred miles.

An astonishing sight soon revealed itself, for the pavements were covered with people all lying down trying to get some sleep, or sitting on the kerb cooking their breakfasts on small spirit stoves brought for the occasion. Though all the pavements along the whole route were covered with prostrate bodies, the streets themselves were full of animation and conviviality. Bands of young people, dressed in all sorts of patriotic costumes, were marching along the route playing mouth organs, concertinas, and all sorts of musical instruments, and singing patriotic songs. Everyone seemed fully

imbibed with the proper spirit of carnival and patriotism, and it seemed out of place, when we walked round the back of Selfridge's to inspect their marvellous decorations, to see Communists in these side streets, and, away from the crowd, hawking "The Worker" and other Communistic literature. We could not help thinking that if all those loyal subjects in Oxford Street knew of these people, their papers would soon be among the other litter which made the streets resemble the highways of Canada in the depth of winter. We wondered what they would be like when the procession came along, and little realised the efficiency of the London authorities, for machines came and soon cleared up all the paper and rubbish, and a large staff of scavengers were kept busy the whole night long. One could not but admire the police, tall handsome men, standing in groups, chatting and joking with the crowd, accepting a cup of tea from some pretty girl, or helping to make some old lady's head more comfortable on the pavement, and trying to make everybody as happy as possible.

We arrived at the stands in Hyde Park about 3.30 a.m., but, as they were not open till 5 o'clock, we strolled among the crowd, enjoying every minute, for there were numerous interesting things to see. Soon after four the day began to break, and one could discern through the mist the numerous arrangements which had been made for the spectators' convenience: Ambulance stations, lavatories, refreshment booths, &c. About 6 o'clock the police began to line the route, and then came as many ambulance men, who took up their positions between each policeman. As our stand was immediately in front of Grosvenor House, where many foreign celebrities were staying, we found it very interesting looking over the back watching them walking to their cars to be driven to Westminster Abbey to witness the Coronation ceremony.

About 9 o'clock we walked through the Park to the Serpentine and saw the many thousands of troops assembling there to take part in the procession or line the streets. It was a marvellously thrilling sight to see these famous cavalry regiments: the Life Guards, Scotch Greys, and all the other Dragoons, Lancers, and Hussars, together with the Royal Horse and Field Artillery, assembled in their gorgeous full dress uniforms and mounted on beautiful horses, which called forth the admiration of everybody. Then there were the Indian, Dominion and Colonial troops, very picturesque and smart, who made one wonder what they thought of England, whose weather has been very unkind since they landed here. The many thousands of infantry, who, apart from the Guards and Scots, presented rather a drab appearance in their dark blue uniforms, would have looked better if they had worn their khaki instead of those clothes which hardly distinguished them from the police and ambulance men. Cutting across the Park we saw the procession a

second time, and soon the route was lined by the unmounted troops, who took up their positions in front of the police.

Many things helped to pass the time away enjoyably. The sun came out and it was warm. Many troops passed by, including batteries of Royal Horse Artillery, in full dress, with their guns, on their way to fire a royal salute on the crowning of the King. There were loud speakers on the stands so that everyone could hear the ceremony in the abbey, and then a Fusilier band, in red uniforms, took up their position opposite us and entertained the crowd with popular tunes.

Another source of amusement was the number of youths who kept climbing the trees in the park for a better view of the procession, and when they were nicely settled and congratulating themselves on their achievement, the police would come with ladders and fetch them down again. Some of these lads would not obey the police and climbed higher and higher, but the constables were just as nimble and soon overtook and forced them down. It wasn't just officiousness which made them adopt this attitude; they realised that if the branches were loaded with folk they were liable to break and injure the crowd underneath. As a matter of fact, just before the procession came along, when the police were engaged in lining the route, a lot of boys climbed on to a branch, which soon gave way under their weight, and they were precipitated to the ground, and several of them injured, together with spectators who were standing underneath. It was rotten luck and we felt sorry for them, as they had been waiting all those hours only to be disappointed in the end.

Also many girls, who had been waiting all night, were disappointed of seeing the procession through fainting just before it came along. Indeed, in front of us the ambulance men were continuously busy carrying fainting cases to the rear, whereas further along they seemed to be having an easy time; on enquiring the reason for this, it was explained that if one person fainted it was very liable to make others do likewise.

The drummer of the infantry band who, when he was passing us, gave an extra sharp tap and smashed the parchment on the right of his drum, had our sympathy; what must have been his thoughts as he marched through that concourse of people, being able to use his left hand only? When one batch of troops had marched by, a policeman picked up a war medal belonging to some proud owner, who would have to take up his position with dejected thoughts at being deprived of the chance of displaying his medal to the crowd. There were many such incidents which humbled the pride of those who rarely have such an opportunity of displaying their prowess.

Soon after 2 o'clock we could hear the roar of the crowds in the distance, and gradually the noise grew louder and louder as the procession approached. Soon our long wait would be rewarded, but few of us realised that the long vigil would be so amply compensated, and when the picturesque colonial troops, who headed the procession, came by, they were greeted with such enthusiastic cheering that they must have felt proud to be members of an empire who showed them such kindness and affection. Then came the contingents from Rhodesia, Newfoundland, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Canada; they all received a great ovation, especially the Australians, whose picturesque headdress, with the emu plumes, particularly appealed to the people.

The Royal Air Force detachment were an exceptionally smart lot of men, and their magnificent bearing earned them merited applause. By the time the Indian contingent had passed the crowd had cheered themselves hoarse, and the large number of Territorials, Reservists, and Regulars who then passed by gave us time to regain our voices so that they could break forth again to greet the eleven Premiers as they drove by in their carriages, each escorted by a body of magnificent cavalry. General Hertzog and Mr. Baldwin came in for a particularly warm welcome and must have been very moved at the reception they received.

The Premiers were followed by numerous members of the Royal Family riding in magnificently embellished carriages drawn by beautiful horses, and they all received cheers according to their popularity, but when Queen Mary and the two little Princesses came by, the crowd showed their affection by shouting itself hoarse, and were again glad of a respite as the large mounted contingent of Orderly Officers, Aides-de-Camp, Field Marshals and their staffs rode by, presenting a picture of coloured magnificence which will long be remembered.

Then in the distance we could see the fairylike gilded coach of their Majesties, and a tremendous noise and fluttering of flags and handkerchiefs, and gradually that waving and cheering drew nearer and nearer and we saw them in their Cinderella coach with crowns upon their heads and sceptres in their hand, looking perhaps a little tired, but very majestic in their beautiful robes, and, somehow, everyone's heart beat with loyalty and love for these two whom God has destined to be the most important people in the whole wide world.

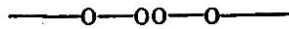
Everyone was burning with ardent patriotism when, soon as the procession had passed us, the storm broke and the rain came down in torrents and cooled the ardour of those who were not well

protected from the elements. The jam, through people seeking shelter, was terrific and one just had to go where the crowd took them, and many a couple became separated and did not meet again till arriving home or at the station.

But nothing really mattered after being fortunate enough to witness such a magnificent sight, which will linger in our memories as long as we live.

E. H. GOOCH.

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TRAVELLING IN CHINA

The reader may well ask what has been the provocation for an article on this subject. It is simply that the Editor has requested an article, and his wild faith is probably based on the same principle which Mr. Spicer once used to explain a passer-by's appreciation of the Third Form singing-class, that distance lends enchantment! The subject itself is due to the writer's own deductions. If one happened to be the Editor's next-door neighbour and he requested a contribution, one might feel encouraged towards an epic or a dissertation on the Bolshevik activities of the B.B.C., but, when one happens to be in China, one cannot but deduce that the Editor wants a few objective observations rather than some immortal expression of the writer's soul. Thus the article, thus the subject.

Most people get their first sight of the China coast from the deck of a P. & O. liner in the vicinity of Hongkong and their only insight into Chinese life from much the same viewpoint. For life on a P. & O. liner, the reader may be recommended to Galsworthy's "Over the River" and for the mind of the Old China Hand, and of the Chinese people, to Dr. Lin Yü-t'ang's "My Country and My People," an excellent book. Of two glorious pages of satire on the subject of the O.C.H., here is a sample, referring to the O.C.H.'s motor car: "That three-mile ride of an enclosed mind in an enclosed glass case from the home to the office, he takes every day of his 25 years in China, although he does not mention this fact when he goes home to England and signs himself 'An Old Resident Twenty-Five Years in China' in correspondence to the 'London Times.'" The satire that a distinguished Chinese writer has used to express his feelings is herewith gratefully borrowed by "one of those damn missionaries," who now returns to the subject. In view of the title of the article the reference to ocean liners above may also seem out of place. As a matter of fact, those who travel in China often make the ocean journey along the thousand mile, convex coast between

Shanghai and Hongkong, for one can often travel more quickly and comfortable in China by getting out of China. I have just met a Customs officer here in Yunnanfu who has been transferred from Chengtu, the capital of Szechwan, the adjoining province. A glance at the map will show that these two places are some 400 miles apart as the crow flies, but this gentleman, like many before him, preferred to do the journey as the fish swims, that is, down the great Yangtze river to Shanghai and then round by Hongkong, well over 2,000 miles altogether. You could better understand why he went that way if you had tried the direct way, but, as you haven't, get the Maths. Master to explain why he proceeds from the Master's Room to the front gate via circuitous paths and corridors rather than over the Assembly Hall. You get full marks if you deduce that Yunnan is a mountainous region, even rather more so than the rest of China, for our mountains here are descended from Tibet and the Himalayas.

We must get on to a new paragraph here before the Editor gets out his red pencil and, in any case, one simply can't write about ocean liners and Yunnan in the same paragraph. This province of China, as large as England and Wales, is remote from the sea, bordering on Burma and Tibet. Travelling here is more the sort of travelling that one expects to read about in books. The last few years have seen a considerable extension of the motor roads radiating from the capital city, some almost negotiable during the rainy season, some definitely not. In the city here, there is a growing number of stream-lined cars, which, we presume, are the latest style at home. Some red and green traffic lights have just been erected at cross-roads but the lights are not yet functioning. Belisha Beacons I have only seen in "Punch." Buses have come into good use, and, much as we grumble at the rough roads and the locally-built bodies on the imported chassis, we do appreciate being able to do three or four days' journey in as many hours. The new roads are always referred to as "motor" roads, for the roads that have been used in China from time immemorial are usually nothing more than mountain paths or narrow tracks between the flooded rice fields. Most of our journeying is still done on the old roads, by chair, "hua gan" or horse. The "hua gan," or "flowery pole," is a less elaborate form of sedan-chair, being simply a kind of net suspended between two bamboo poles, usually carried by two men. Loads of more than 80 lbs. are carried in a similar style. The commonest method of transporting goods, apart from horse, is by "t'iao," i.e., 40 lbs. suspended from each end of a bamboo pole carried on the shoulder. In this way we travel anything from 60 to 110 li a day, a li being one-third of a mile. The cheapest transport for man or goods is the horse. Chinese horses are very small, but they carry 80 lbs. each side, along difficult paths for days at a time. Our worldly goods are now sitting round us in 80 lb. boxes ready for transport to Chaotung, an interior city twelve days from here on

the road to Chengtu. It is hoped that the motor road will soon be through and then this two hundred mile journey will only take about two days.

It must not be assumed that the only modern form of travel in China is that by ocean liner round the coast. The Customs official who travelled from Chengtu to Yunnanfu via Shanghai and Hongkong could have done the journey in three hours instead of three or four weeks if he had used the bi-weekly air service run by a Sino-German company. His single fare would have been \$200, about £12, but only light baggage is allowed. China is a country that, owing to its size and physical features, is eminently suitable for aviation, and great developments have already taken place. As in other countries, air travel is still expensive, but the poorest of us can send an air mail letter to any place in China for the same price that we pay for sending a letter to England, and Peking and Shanghai are only two days away by air, which means a time saving of at least 80 per cent. It is a great thrill to see the beautiful Junkers plane flying over the city, and even more of a thrill to hear the drone of its powerful engines when riding among the mountains and valleys of Yunnan, perhaps among some of the aboriginal tribes of China, miles and miles from anywhere among people hundreds of years behind the times.

This contrast of new and old is a marked feature of modern China. Every Wednesday and Saturday the aeroplane passes over one place where we often spend the night, five days' journey from here, and I remember sitting by a charcoal fire in one of the inns explaining what an aeroplane is to people who have never seen any vehicle at all except an ox cart. It is hoped to build a railway connecting Yunnan with Central China, but in other parts of China there have been railways in operation for some years, and again one is struck by the close proximity of old and new ways of life. Three years ago I was travelling from Peking to Shanghai by the Blue Express, a 36 hours' journey. The train arrived at Tsinan in the evening, and, after taking some exercise on the platform, I turned in for the night. On waking up next morning, I was pleased to find we were again at a station, and proceeded to take my morning exercise, only to find the train had not moved during the night. The cause of the delay was an ancient one, bandits, and it was then that I first learned the Chinese word for "bandit." An official explained that "fei" had caused the delay, whereupon I hunted for a dictionary in my baggage, found that one of the many "fei" characters meant "bandit" and then hunted out the official again to get corroboration. The troop trains and dead bodies by the railside were further corroboration of the meaning of a word that is not yet obsolete in China.

A. L. PACEY.

“SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON”

I couldn't work that afternoon. It was hot; or even hotter. A fly, or perhaps two, buzzed noisily but peacefully round the room. The low hum of conversation was only occasionally broken by muttered exclamations about the heat. Not a breath of air, only buzz and hum, with—

I was walking down the road, alone; the wind in the willows made a southing sound. (I was a poet.) I sighed, and recited the “Aeneid” (having learnt it by heart). After six miles I tired of this and started Gray's “Elegy.” “The ploughman homeward plods,—plods,—plods.” The time quickened, the procession was in full swing. Our banners proclaimed “Viva la France!” “Vive l'Amour!” “Come on, School!” But something was surely wrong in our village band. There they were, armed with strange stringed instruments, from which came the most uncanny howls. Each player was a Paganini (in looks, not playing). With a rustling they blew their hair from their faces, and gnashed their toothless jaws in unison, as the conductor, dressed as a cannibal chief, beat time with his cigar. This cigar grew and grew until it resembled a rigger pole, and, as it was dexterously wielded in every direction, the row was terrific. Our guide continued: “This massive steam-hammer, weighing 5,000 tons, works on a principle. It is diametrically opposed to the parallelogram of forces, the Magna Carta, and Milton's Laws of Motion, but we won't argue about that. It's a minor point.” He was a little chap with a mass of sickly ginger vegetation on his face, and at cover point he was useless. The ridiculously tall batsman was putting every ball over his head, just at his finger-tips, and so the poor chap was having his finger-nails gradually filed down. “How like William Tell,” I thought. There was the apple on my head. Bill took his portable cannon and neatly shaved me, with a warming up burst of gunfire. I snatched the apple and flung it; it burst with a terrible roar. “There goes the non-intervention pact and the new grass-cutter,” I cried, and settled down to a spot of quiet machine-gunning, against the opposing forwards. They all went down, except one huge “tough” with hair like a haystack and a face like the front of a 'bus. I held up my hand, and with the flat of my palm stopped the 'bus. The conductor bade me jump in. “Time's time,” he said, “and we are late; it is Wednesday already, and a wet wicket, so we shall have to put on another bowler.” They put on another bowler, who bowled so fast that I wanted one and a half tennis rackets and my butterfly net to stop his services. I ran backwards and forwards across the court in the hope that I might perchance meet a ball and pocket it, or knock it into the middle of next week, where I had found several last week. Someone called “Deuce!” “Hail,

Duce! " I replied. (Mussy. looked quite strange in a Charlie Chaplin moustache and an 18-inch walking stick.) " Hail, Emperor of Abyssinia! " he answered. And so it was, hailing like the deuce. (Sorry.) We picked up the huge hailstones. " Three shies a penny! " yelled the fair-man. " Hit the nuts on the top! " He was promptly felled by a well-aimed dictionary.

I never really knew what hit me. Perhaps it was the dictionary, but there I was—awake.

For the best interpretation of this inconceivably authentic dream, the author is thinking of giving a prize of five shillings. All entries should be accompanied by seven shillings and sixpence (7s. 6d.) entrance fee. This fee should be sent to me " toute suite, and the touter the suiter," as an avaricious Russian composer once said.

I.K.E.



THE SPORTS

Fine weather was again enjoyed during the Sports this year, but the attendance appeared to be hardly as good as usual. For days before conjecture was rife and profound expectation rampant. For this year was to mark the end of an epoch in the history of the School.

The old system was revolutionised by the introduction of age divisions instead of handicapping, the institution of a Middle School Championship, and the substitution of cups for individual prizes. Furthermore, there was much argument, mingled with fear and hope, that perhaps Bentley would come down a peg. Gamlyn had a lot of good juniors, Wykeham was considered to have a very good chance in several events, Hobson would do its best. On paper it might come off, but . . . well, you never know.

Then, who was going to be Victor Ludorum? Bailey and Brittain each had a good chance; perhaps Hewison might pull it off, but it was to be a fight between these two. So the time passed in uncertainty until Thursday, May 27th.

The day dawned bright with all the splendour of a Vergilian daybreak and Aurora left Tithonus' saffron bed (videlicet the mud banks in the Wash) quite à la mode classique.

The hundreds were over and the 220s halfway through before we realised that the great epic battle had begun. However, it was in such an epic style that the struggle continued. In a welter of hard running there were mingled the comic interludes of the sack

and obstacle races, and a few outstanding performances, such as P. W. Watson's fine run to win the mile, some good high-jumping by Goodman, and, above all, two record-breaking feats, one by Hewison, who threw the cricket ball 96 yards 1 foot 2 inches, and the other by J. C. Brittain, who beat the school record which he set up last year with a long-jump of 19 feet 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

In the midst of this, attention became centred on the major issues. Brittain had a definite advantage over Bailey in the duel for the Victor Ludorum, and Humphries and J. H. Harrison consolidated their positions as leaders for the championships in the Middle and Lower School respectively. Bentley had a good lead over Gamlyn for the House Cup and maintained it to the end. For the Howard Cup, however, this position was reversed.

After the last event, the tug of war, won by Wykeham, the cups were presented by Miss M. Ralph, the new headmistress of the rival establishment "over the fence." Proposing a vote of thanks to her for so kindly performing the duty, Alderman J. W. Gleed expressed a hope that he would see many boys at the High School Sports the following week, where, no doubt, there would be many more records broken, but it was noticed that Miss Ralph did not pursue the subject. This proposal was endorsed by Mr. H. G. Frost. The School then cheered Miss Ralph, the Governors, and the Headmaster and Staff. During the afternoon a bouquet was presented to Miss Ralph. Among the governors present were Messrs. W. F. Howard, W. A. Atton, J. C. Rayner and R. S. Donington.

RESULTS

100 yards (under 11)—1 J. N. Adams, 2 M. R. Tointon, 3 Cope.

100 yards (age 11)—1 Bettinson, 2 E. C. Charlton, 3 W. H. Sneath.

100 yards (age 12): Heat 1—1 R. R. Perkins, 2 Evison, 3 P. Bradley.
Heat 2—1 Watson, 2 English, 3 Muxlowe.

100 yards (age 13)—1 J. H. Harrison, 2 D. P. Brittain, 3 L. N. Garner.

100 yards (age 14)—1 G. N. Prescott, 2 Hayton, 3 Moor.

100 yards (age 15): Heat 1—1 Humphries, 2 Housley, 3 Tarlton. Heat 2—1 Hollingworth, 2 Brocklehurst, 3 Shearer.

100 yards (open)—1 J. C. Brittan, 2 Bailey, 3 Thompson.

Finals: Age 12—1 Perkins, 2 Watson, 3 Dodson. Age 15—1 Humphries, 2 Hollingworth, 3 Brocklehurst.

220 yards (under 11)—1 J. N. Adams, 2 Cope, 3 M. R. Tointon.

220 yards (age 11)—1 Bettinson, 2 E. C. Charlton, 3 Reeves.

220 yards (age 12)—1 R. C. Perkins, 2 B. Watson, 3 English.

220 yards (age 13)—1 J. H. Harrison, 2 D. P. Brittain, 3 Hardy.

220 yards (age 14)—1 G. N. Prescott, 2 Hayton, 3 Francis.

220 yards (age 15)—1 Humphries, 2 Hollingworth, 3 Shearer.

220 yards (open)—1 J. C. Brittain, 2 Bailey, 3 Thompson.

- Sack race (final)—1 E. V. King, 2 B. Watson, 3 English.
- Throwing cricket ball—1 Hewison, 2 Bailey, 3 Brittain. (96 yards, 1 foot, 2 inches—record).
- High jump (14-16)—1 Shearer, 2 Edgoose, 3 Humphries.
- One mile (open)—1 P. W. Watson, 2 Higham, 3 Ross.
- 440 yards (under 14)—1 J. H. Harrison, 2 D. P. Brittain, 3 R. B. Hardy.
- Long jump (open) — 1 J. C. Brittain, 2 Hewison, 3 Thompson. (19ft. 8½ins.).
- Old Boys' race—1 Mr. N. P. Judge, 2 Mr. H. King, 3 Mr. R. Smith.
- Half-mile (open)—1 P. W. Watson, 2 Pennington, 3 Thompson.
- Half-mile (14-16)—1 Hollingworth, 2 Humphries, 3 Shearer.
- Obstacle race (final)—1 Edgoose, 2 Warboys, 3 B. Watson.
- High jump (open) — 1 Goodman, 2 Bailey and Johnson (tied). (4ft. 9ins.).
- Long jump (14-16)—1 Humphries, 2 Holland, 3 Brocklehurst and Moor (tied).
- 440 yards (open)—1 J. C. Brittain, 2 Bailey, 3 P. W. Watson.
- House relay (junior)—1 Gamlyn, 2 Bentley, 3 Hobson.
- House relay (senior)—1 Bentley, 2 Hobson, 3 Gamlyn.
- Tug-of-War—1 Wykeham, 2 Gamlyn.
- Long jump (under 14)—1 R. B. Hardy, 2 J. E. Harrison, 3 J. H. Harrison.
- High jump (under 14)—1 J. E. Harrison, 2 J. H. Harrison, 3 Reeves.
- Throwing cricket ball (under 14)—1 Sneath, 2 J. H. Harrison, 3 R. C. Perkins and J. E. Harrison (tied).
- Throwing cricket ball (14-16) — 1 Humphries, 2 Clements, 3 H. L. Holland.

CHAMPIONS.

House Athletic Cup (house winning most points for Sports Day events)—Bentley, 143 points; runner-up Gamlyn, 75 points.

Howard Champion House Cup (champion house for all sports through the year)—Gamlyn; runner-up Bentley.

Victor Ludorum—J. C. Brittain, runner-up Bailey.

Middle School Champion—Humphries, runner-up Hollingworth.

Junior School Champion — J. H. Harrison, runner-up J. E. Harrison.

Officers: President and treasurer, Mr. L. J. Driver; referee, Mr. E. V. Spicer; judges, Messrs. W. Brundrett, J. Goode, J. R. Green, R. C. Jowett, H. E. W. Rentell; starter, Mr. A. Bottomley; time-keeper, Mr. J. B. Smeathers; committee, J. E. Bailey, J. C. Brittain, H. G. Hewison, F. W. Johnson, J. H. Measures, A. H. Seaton, C. W. Stubley.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President	...	...	...	...	...	The Headmaster
Chairman	...	...	...	...	...	Mr. H. E. W. Rentell
Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	J. E. Bailey
Treasurer	...	...	...	...	...	A. H. Seaton
Librarian	...	...	...	...	...	P. W. Watson

As usual, no meetings have been held during the Summer Term. A report of the trip appears elsewhere in this issue. Several new books have been added to the library during the term.

J. E. BAILEY, Hon. Secretary.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OUTING

This year the annual trip was to the L.M.S. Locomotives Works at Derby. The journey was made by rail in two reserved coaches. The usual horde of about 85 were taken through Bourne, Saxby and Nottingham to Derby. There the party were taken to the Arboretum, where they lunched and scattered to various localities.

After meeting again, the party was conducted back to the station and to the works, where it was split up, each half of the party going in an opposite direction round the various "shops."

Our party commenced in the pattern shop, where we saw wooden patterns being made for the cylinders and other parts of the locomotives. In the paint shop there were many interesting exhibits to be seen: full-size models of Stephenson's "Rocket" and "Northumbrian," and the luxurious saloon coaches of Queen Adelaide and Queen Victoria, besides an old engine of the famous "Princess of Wales" class, which was carefully examined at the expense of blackened hands and trousers.

In the erecting shop we failed to see a locomotive being put on to its wheels, but, nevertheless, this was one of the most interesting sections visited, and many questions were asked. In the works museum we saw, besides interesting models, an inch and a half thick piece of skin of an old railway official! In the brass foundry we saw the huge furnaces developing terrific heat; no one envied the men working there. In the boiler park scores of old boilers were seen waiting to be renovated.

The iron foundry attracted much attention, and the party watched for some time the molten metal being run from the furnaces. The chair foundry was next inspected, where we learned that 12,000 chairs for the rails are made per week. In the forge the skill of the smiths in manipulating the huge lumps of red hot steel was much admired. The boiler mounting shop gave the impression of being solid noise, about 20 electric riveters were working. In the boiler shop similar or worse conditions prevailed.

In the flanging shop the large hydraulic presses, one of 500 tons' capacity, were inspected. The next place, the tyre shop, and

then the axle turning shop showed the progress of the wheels and axles through various stages. In the wheel shop, the finished wheels were turned and carefully tested to see that they ran straight. In the smithy the skill of the smiths was shown to advantage, and the party lingered for some time watching the work in progress. The party then returned to the station and to the Railway Institute, where a very enjoyable tea helped to soothe the many headaches.

The journey home was quick but not uneventful. Two members of the party broke the 100 yards' record on Nottingham platform, only to find the train was drawing up the platform. On arrival home all agreed that the outing had been interesting and well organised, and the railway was a change from the 'bus. R.K.P.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

The last Easter holidays were cold and damp at first, frosts of as much as 6° being recorded, the wind being in the northerly quarter, but these conditions soon improved and the weather became warmer and drier, with the barometer fairly low. Sudden cyclonic disturbances, however, changed the wind round to the North, and the maximum thermometer dropped as much as 10° in as many hours.

The beginning of the Summer Term saw a continuation of these conditions, but slightly warmer, and the barometer pressure considerably higher. Rain fell heavily about once or twice a week, the total rainfall for May being 3.82 inches, considerably above normal. The wind continued to be very variable.

June saw an abrupt falling off in the rainfall figures. The maximum fall for the month was only .32 inches, and the total 1.03 inches. The barometer remained fairly high and steady around 29.70. The maximum thermometer was fairly high, over 70° F. at the beginning of the month, but it dropped later on into the "sixties," and rose again before the end of June. The minimum readings fluctuated accordingly. The rainfall at first was slight to moderate, but later a dry period set in and continued into the present month. For the first fortnight the wind was variable, but for the rest of the month (an unusually long period) the wind was in the westerly quarter.

The present month has been hot and fairly dry. The maximum temperature has three times been over 80° F. The barometer has remained steady for the first half of the month, but, at the time of writing, it is beginning to rise, bringing promise of more fine weather to come. A heavy fall of rain was recorded for the evening and night of July 16th, there being .98 inches. A little more rain will be welcome for the tennis courts and cricket pitch. The wind has been steady in its usual westerly quarter.

R.K.P.

CRICKET

L. J. DRIVER'S XI. v. Rev. L. SMITH'S XI.

Played at School, May 6th.

The Rev. L. Smith's XI. batted first, and started with some hard hitting by H. N. Shaw and H. Thomas. Thomas was out lbw to Brittain, and H. W. Dods joined Shaw to form a strong partnership. Shaw was caught by Futter, with the score at 49. E. W. Everard and A. West quickly followed, scoring 5 and 1 respectively, both wickets falling to Brittain. Dods was also out for 16, bowled by Brittain. The score, 65 for 6, did not seem too bad, for us, but the last two wickets proved expensive. N. W. Woolley was bowled for 17 by Brittain, and H. W. Walker scored 19 before being lbw to the same bowler. Brittain bowled steadily and successfully, taking 7 wickets. Mr. Jowett took the other 3 wickets.

The home team's innings started disastrously, Mr. Jowett being out first ball of the innings to Everard. Hewison was also bowled by Everard, with a score of 5 and the total 11 for 2. Blackledge was out lbw also to Everard, having scored 6. Brittain, who was still less lucky, only managed to hit three singles. Bailey was more successful and hit a four and a three before being bowled by Everard, and the score stood at 23 for 5. The next two batsmen, Johnson and Seaton, each scored 0. Futter scored 5, being not out. D. King hit two singles before being lbw to West. Osborne was caught by Everard, bowled by West. Cragg made a last effort to raise the score and knocked 4 runs before being bowled by Everard. The biggest score came under extras—10. Everard's bowling was too good for the home team; he took 8 wickets for 6 runs. West took 2 wickets in 2 overs for 10 runs, and F. Green took no wickets for 16 runs.

REV. L. SMITH'S XI.

H. N. Shaw, c Futter, b Jowett ...	24
H. Thomas, lbw, b Brittain ...	9
H. W. Dods, b Brittain ...	16
E. W. Everard, c Bailey, b Brittain ...	5
A. West, b Brittain ...	1
N. Webster, c Cragg, b Jowett ...	11
F. Green, lbw, b Jowett ...	5
S. Hubbard, b Brittain ...	5
N. W. Woolley, b Brittain ...	17
H. Walker, lbw, b Brittain ...	19
Rev. L. Smith, not out ...	3
Extras ...	7

MR. DRIVER'S XI.

Mr. R. C. Jowett, b Everard ...	0
Hewison, b Everard ...	5
Blackledge, lbw, b Everard ...	6
Brittain, b Everard ...	3
Bailey, b Everard ...	7
F. Johnson, c West, b Everard ...	0
Seaton, b Everard ...	0
Futter, not out ...	5
D. King, lbw, b West ...	2
Osborne, c Everard, b West ...	0
Cragg, b Everard ...	4
Extras ...	10
	42

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Bowling: Brittain 7 for 37, Jowett 3 for 28, Seaton 0 for 50.

Bowling: E. Everard 8 for 6, F. Green 0 for 16, A. West 2 for 10.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. PETERBOROUGH DEACON'S 1st XI.

Played at Spalding, on Saturday, May 8th. The School won by 38 runs.

Bailey won the toss and put Peterborough in to bat. Peterborough's first wicket fell at 10 and the second at 24. Yandell, who had batted extremely well for Peterborough, stepped in front of a ball from Ross and was lbw with the score 36 for 4. Naylor and Venables then made a stand of 13 runs before the former was bowled. An astonishing collapse then followed, due entirely to the fine bowling of Brittain and Seaton, and the remaining five wickets fell for 2 runs.

Brittain bowled consistently well for Spalding, and took 6 for 20.

Blackledge and Hewison opened for the school and 25 runs were on the board before Blackledge was out lbw. Osborne and Bailey were both out with the score 28. But then good batting by Hewison and Brittain took the score along to 73 before Hewison was bowled. He had batted very well for an invaluable innings of 45, which included four 4's. Brittain was bowled eight runs later, and his 22 included a 6 and two 4's. The batting of the rest was very poor, and only Futter did himself justice. The last six wickets only put on 16 runs.

Wilmott bowled well for Peterborough, taking 5 for 16 in 9 overs.

PETERBOROUGH 1st XI.

Pattinson, c Futter, b Britain ...	3
Yandell, lbw, b Ross ...	17
Gess, c Blackledge, b Brittain ...	6
Howes, b Brittain ...	3
Naylor, c Osborne, b Brittain ...	13
Venables, not out ...	3
Munton, b Seaton ...	0
Lewin, c Brittain, b Seaton ...	0
Lawrence, run out ...	0
Wilmott, c & b Brittain ...	0
Nutt, c Hewison, b Brittain ...	0
Extras ...	6

51

Bowling: Brittain 6 for 20, Seaton 2 for 14, Ross 1 for 11.

SPALDING 1st XI.

Hewison, b Gess ...	45
Blackledge, lbw, b Pattinson ...	5
Osborne, run out ...	0
Bailey, b Pattinson ...	0
Brittain, b Gess ...	22
Futter, c Gess, b Wilmott ...	6
Johnson, c Naylor, b Wilmott ...	4
Seaton, c Howes, b Wilmott ...	0
King, lbw, b Wilmott ...	0
Cragg, not out ...	2
Ross, b Wilmott ...	0
Extras ...	5

89

Bowling: Pattinson 2 for 18, Gess 2 for 18, Wilmott 5 for 16.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. SLEAFORD SCHOOL 1st XI.

Played at Sleaford, on May 22nd, and resulted in a draw.

Bailey won the toss and put Sleaford in to bat. Spyvee and Kirton opened for Sleaford on an easy wicket, and by good and steady batting hit up 98 for the first wicket before Kirton was out.

He had batted very well and had not been troubled by any of the bowlers and did not give a chance. He hit six 4's in his 46. Spyvee did not get any more, but he too had batted well and did not give a chance. He hit six 4's in his 50. Two wickets then fell quickly, and Spyvee declared the innings closed at 111 for 4.

Brittain was the most successful bowler for Spalding, taking 3 for 33.

When Spalding went in they decided to try and hit off the necessary runs, but with three wickets down for 19 the cause seemed lost, and the rest of the team were sent in with orders to stay there. Hewison batted well for 24. With the score 42 for 6 and about 20 minutes to go, things looked bad for the School. Osborne and Futter batted well, and the defeat was averted. Hewison was the only Spalding batsman to get double figures.

SLEAFORD 1st XI.		SCHOOL 1st XI.	
Spyvee, c Cragg, b Brittain	50	Bailey, lbw, b Spyvee	8
Kirton, lbw, b Brittain	46	Johnson, b Spyvee	1
Creasey, b Osborne	5	Hewison, b Creasey	24
Kidd, b Brittain	2	Blackledge, b Spyvee	0
Travers, not out	5	Brittain, b Kidd	9
Nightingale, not out	0	Seaton, b Creasey	0
Extras	3	Futter, not out	3
		Osborne, not out	7
		Extras	3
Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	111		

Langley, Onyon, Louth, Hardy and Willson did not bat.

Bowling: Brittain 3 for 33, Osborne 1 for 10.

Total (for 6 wkts.) 55
King, Cragg and Ross did not bat.

Bowling: Spyvee 3 for 14, Kidd 1 for 29, Creasey 2 for 5.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. MOULTON 1st XI.

Played at Moulton, on Thursday, June 3rd, and won by Moulton by 14 runs.

When Moulton went in to bat a light drizzle was falling, yet this feature did not deaden the wicket, which, as the result shows, was a spin bowler's paradise. The spin bowlers made the most of the conditions and both sides were out cheaply. Cottam and Scrimshaw put on 21 valuable runs for Moulton before Scrimshaw was caught off Ross by Seaton. But then Ross caused a collapse, and 5 Moulton wickets fell for the addition of only ten runs. Cottam then began to hit lustily, and the score mounted steadily to 54. Then Ross caused another collapse, and the last three Moulton wickets fell at the same total. Cottam batted well for Moulton in making more than half their total. Ross bowled well for Spalding and returned the remarkable analysis of 7 for 17. At one period his analysis was: Overs 5, maidens 2, runs 4, wickets 5.

The School innings was little more than a procession, and they were all out for 40.

No Spalding batsman got double figures, although Matthews, playing in his first match, deserves special mention. Wickets fell at regular intervals, chiefly owing to the brilliant bowling of Cottam, who took 6 for 16.

MOULTON 1st XI.	THE SCHOOL.
Cottam, c Blackledge, b Brittain 28	Hewison, lbw, b Cottam 0
Scrimshaw, c Seaton, b Ross 9	Blackledge, b Cottam 5
Porter, c Matthews, b Ross 3	Brittain, b Cottam 3
Hickson, b Ross 4	Futter, b Rowell 6
Blackburn, b Ross 0	Johnson, c Hickson, b Porter 7
Rowell, b Ross 0	Bailey, lbw, b Porter 0
Witherington, run out 0	Matthews, c Scrimshaw, b Cottam 7
Curtis, c Brittain, b Hewison ... 2	Seaton, lbw, b Cottam 1
Sharman, b Ross 5	King, b Cottam 0
Raisborough, not out 0	Cragg, not out 4
Lawson, c Seaton, b Ross 0	Ross, run out 3
Extras 3	Extras 4
54	40

Bowling: Brittain 1 for 16, Ross 7 for 17, Hewison 1 for 8.

Bowling: Cottam 6 for 16, Porter 2 for 16, Rowell 1 for 4.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. BOSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.

Played at Boston, on June 5th, and won by Spalding by 5 wickets.

Boston won the toss and elected to bat. Horry and Brant opened, and 8 runs were on the board before Brant was bowled by Brittain. Coppin and Horry then put on 14 runs, before Coppin jumped out to Ross and was easily stumped by Bailey. Tyreman had the misfortune to tread on his wicket, and Horry, who had batted well for 11, and Richardson were bowled at the same total. Ryan and Chester, however, took the score to 37 before Ryan was caught off a bad length ball from Seaton. Chester was out in the same way. Mablesen had some very lucky shots through the slips, and the Boston total was raised to 52. Brittain, Seaton and Ross all bowled well for Spalding. Horry and Ryan both got double figures for Boston.

Hewison and Blackledge opened for Spalding, but Blackledge was bowled by Brant with the score 16. Matthews was soon out, and the score at the tea interval was 25 for 2. Brittain and Hewison batted well before Brittain was bowled by a full toss with the score 35. Hewison and Futter then took the score to 82 before Futter

was caught. He had batted extremely well for his 20. Hewison and Bailey then took the score to 108 before Hewison had the misfortune to be out lbw when within 1 of his "fifty." He hit two 4's and four 3's. Bailey also batted well for his 15 not out. No Boston bowler was particularly successful.

BOSTON 1st XI.

Horry, b Brittain	11
Brant, b Brittain	3
Coppin, st. Bailey, b Ross	4
Tyreman, hit wicket, b Brittain	0
Richardson, c Matthews, b Ross	0
Chester, c Hewison, b Seaton ...	7
Anderson, b Ross	1
Ryan, c Cragg, b Seaton	11
Houseman, b Brittain	0
Mableson, not out	10
Appleby, b Seaton	0
Extras	2
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	52

Bowling: Seaton 3 for 20, Brittain 4 for 15, Ross 3 for 15.

THE SCHOOL

Hewison, lbw, b Mableson	49
Blackledge, b Brant	5
Matthews, b Househam	2
Brittain, b. Brant	8
Futter, c Coppin, b Tyreman ...	20
Bailey, not out	15
Extras	9
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Total (for 5 wks.) ...	108

Johnson, Ross, Cragg, Seaton and King did not bat.

Bowling: Brant 2 for 34, Househam 1 for 13, Mableson 1 for 9, Tyreman 1 for 15.

THE SCHOOL 1st XI. v. PETERBOROUGH DEACON'S 1st XI.

Played at Peterborough, on June 12th.

Peterborough won the toss and elected to field. Hewison was soon out with only 5 runs on the board. Futter and Blackledge, however, proceeded to lay the foundation for a formidable total. Blackledge played very soundly and left at 51, with 35 to his credit. He and Futter had put the School in a very good position, but four wickets then fell for 11 runs. Brittain was caught and bowled by Wilmott at 55. Futter, Ross and Johnson were all bowled by Pattinson, who in a period of three overs took three wickets for 4 runs. Futter had batted very well and had compiled 15 runs.

Matthews left almost immediately — bowled by Nutt. Then Bailey and Seaton, in a most useful stand of 67, put the School in a commanding position. Bailey made 51 runs and Seaton 20 not out. The former hit out freely as he got set, whilst Seaton batted sedately but surely. The innings was declared closed at 136 for 8.

Peterborough at first batted as though they were going to play out time. Then, as the score slowly mounted, they batted more enterprisingly. Yandell, Naylor, Gess and Pattinson all pushed the score along as quickly as possible. Bailey very sportingly allowed an extra over, and the necessary runs were knocked off.

PETERBOROUGH DEACONS

1st XI.	
Yandell, run out	37
Lawrence, b Brittain	15
Naylor, not out	28
Howes, b Brittain	0
Gess, b Brittain	25
Pattinson, c Hewison, b Seaton ...	18
Nutt, not out	1
Extras	13

Total (for 5 wkts.) ... 137

Bowling: Seaton 1 for 37, Brittain 3 for 42.

THE SCHOOL.

Hewison, c Yandell, b Wilmott ...	4
Blackledge, c Pattinson, b Wilmott	35
Futter, b Pattinson	15
Brittain, c & b Wilmott	4
Ross, b Pattinson	2
Bailey, b Gess	51
Matthews, b Nutt	0
Johnson, b Pattinson	2
Seaton, not out	20
King, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 8 wkts. dec.) 136

Cragg did not bat.

Bowling: Pattinson 3 for 47, Wilmott 3 for 25, Nutt 1 for 18, Gess 1 for 14.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. LYNN SCHOOL 1st XI.

Played at King's Lynn, on June 19th, and won by the School by 29 runs.

Lynn won the toss and put the School in to bat. The School quickly lost a wicket when Blackledge was bowled with the score 1. Futter and Burn did not last long, and three wickets were down for 10 runs. When Bailey came in the shine had almost gone off the ball and Hewison and Bailey, by careful batting, raised the score to 40; a very valuable stand which was broken when Hewison was caught at the wicket when he had compiled a most patient 13. Bailey soon followed, and he too had shown that he was the right man in a crisis. Wickets then fell at an alarming pace, and 9 wickets were down for 57. Seaton and King, however, put on 29 most valuable runs. Seaton batted well for 22 not out, and hit three 4's. Rout returned the best analysis for King's Lynn, taking 2 for 11.

23 runs were on the board before the opening pair were separated, when Brown was bowled by a good ball from Brittain. Barnett was out next ball, but Leggett and Gibson took the score to 38 before the former was completely beaten by a ball from Ross. Unfortunately for King's Lynn, however, the rest of the side could do nothing against the bowling of Seaton, Brittain, Ross and Hewison. The fielding was greatly improved. Gibson batted right through the innings for a very patient 19. Leggett was the only other Lynn batsman to reach double figures. Brittain bowled well for Spalding and took 5 for 18.

KING'S LYNN 1st XI.

Brown, b Brittain	8
Gibson, b Brittain	19
Barnett, lbw, b Brittain	0
Leggett, b Ross	12
Rout, c Futter, b Hewison	3
Hinks, b Ross	1
Marks, b Seaton	7
Smith, b Brittain	0
Willson, b Brittain	2
Meek, lbw, b Seaton	0
Reckett, not out	1
Extras	4

57

Bowling: Seaton 2 for 22, Brittain 5 for 18, Ross 2 for 12, Hewison 1 for 1.

SPALDING 1st XI.

Blackledge, b Leggett	0
Hewison, c Hinks, b Barnett ...	13
Futter, b Leggett	1
Burn, b Barnett	5
Bailey, b Marks	17
Brittain, b Barnett	5
Seaton, not out	22
Cragg, lbw, b Marks	0
Johnson, b Barnett	0
Ross, b Marks	2
King, lbw, b Rout	8
Extras	13

86

Bowling: Leggett 2 for 22, Barnett 3 for 23, Rout 2 for 11, Marks 3 for 17.

THE SCHOOL v. DONINGTON G.S. 1st XI.

Played at Donington on Saturday, the 26th June. The School won the toss and put Donington in to bat. Houghton and Chamberlain opened the Donington innings, but the first wicket fell at 8. Drinkall and Houghton then brought the score to 24. Houghton continued to bat well, and was the fifth man out for 73, of which he had scored 52. After this, little resistance was offered to the School's bowling and the innings closed for 81. Bailey was the most successful bowler for the School, taking 5 for 21.

After tea Brittain and Blackledge opened the School innings. Brittain had the bad luck to run himself out at 14. Hewison and Blackledge brought the score to 26, when the latter was bowled. After the fall of the fifth wicket Bailey and Seaton brought the score over the Donington total, and the sixth wicket fell for 85. Seaton batted well for 26 not out.

DONINGTON G.S.

R. Houghton, b Bailey	52
W. Chamberlain, b Brittain	4
R. Drinkall, b Brittain	5
A. Craymer, b Hewison	1
F. Barnsdale, b Bailey	2
T. Allen, b Bailey	1
E. Lane, b Bailey	2
J. Toon, b Brittain	2
J. Barnsdale, run out	3
H. Wright, not out	2
H. Metcalf, st. King, b Bailey ...	0
Extras	7

81

Bowling: Bailey 5 for 21, Brittain 3 for 15, Hewison 1 for 12, Ross 0 for 12, Seaton 0 for 16.

THE SCHOOL.

J. C. Brittain, run out	6
R. C. Blackledge, b Craymer	11
H. G. Hewison, c F. Barnsdale, b Houghton	21
P. R. Futter, c Chamberlain, b Drinkall	0
P. W. Watson, b Drinkall	2
J. E. Bailey, c Drinkall, b Craymer	20
A. H. Seaton, not out	26
E. H. M. Burn, not out	3
Extras	9

Total (for 6 wkts.) 98

G. N. Ross, W. H. Cragg and D. King did not bat.

Bowling: Craymer 2 for 31, F. Barnsdale 0 for 20, Drinkall 2 for 21, Houghton 1 for 17.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. MOULTON 1st XI.

Played at Spalding on July 10th, and won by Spalding by 37 runs.

Bailey won the toss and put the School in to bat. Blackledge scored quickly and the first wicket fell at 11, when Matthews was beaten by a ball from Cottam. Blackledge soon followed him at 15, but Hewison and Futter raised the score to 24 before Futter was bowled. Hewison had the misfortune to be run out, when apparently set, after the wickets of Bailey and Seaton had fallen, with the score 36 for 6. Brittain, however, pulled the side together and batted very well for 24 not out. Ross and Cragg helped him, and the last wicket fell at 73.

Brittain, Blackledge and Hewison were the only players to get double figures.

Moulton wickets fell very quickly before the excellent bowling of Seaton and Brittain, and five wickets were down for 15. With Witherington and Sharman together 16 runs were added quickly. The rest made little resistance and were all out for 36.

Witherington was the only batsman to reach double figures for Moulton. Seaton bowled well for Spalding and took seven wickets for 9 runs in 7.4 overs.

MOULTON 1st XI.	SPALDING 1st XI.
Cottam, c Blackledge, b Brittain ... 5	Blackledge, b Porter 13
Scrimshaw, b Brittain 3	Matthews, b Cottam 0
Porter, b Seaton 0	Futter, b Porter 8
Blackburn, c & b Seaton 0	Hewison, run out 11
Raisborough, b Seaton 3	Bailey, b Porter 2
Sharman, b Seaton 6	Seaton, c Scrimshaw, b Porter ... 0
Witherington, c & b Seaton 12	Brittain, not out 24
Curtis, b Seaton 0	King, b Cottam 0
Aitkin, c & b Brittain 2	Watson, b Cottam 0
Rowell, not out 0	Ross, c Sharman, b Cottam 7
Lawson, b Seaton 0	Cragg, lbw, b Porter 1
Extras 5	Extras 7
36	73
Bowling: Seaton 7 for 9, Brittain 3 for 16.	Bowling: Cottam 4 for 36, Porter 5 for 30.

Mr. L. J. DRIVER'S XI. v. Rev. L. SMITH'S XI.

Played at School on July 1st. Match drawn.

The visitors batted first, opening with H. N. Shaw and L. Simson. L. Simson was bowled out by Seaton with the fourth ball for a duck. In Seaton's next over Shaw was out for 2. E. Clarke, number three batsman, was more successful and went on to score 43. But meanwhile A. West was out to a brilliant catch by Cragg off

Seaton, having scored 4, with the total at 10 for 3. The next wicket, that of Wilkinson, fell very soon. Cragg took another good catch off Seaton's bowling, and, the batsman only having scored 1, the total was 13 for 4. N. Webster joined Clarke and together they brought up the score to 59, when Webster was out lbw to Ross. The next batsman, T. Greenwood, was run out, having 3. He sent up a catch to Hewison, who dropped it, but, throwing the ball quickly to the bowler, Ross, Greenwood was run out. S. Hubbard was in next and scored 24. During this partnership Clarke knocked a 6 into Dr. Farrow's garden. Clarke was out next, caught and bowled by Bailey. Hubbard quickly followed, giving a difficult catch to Blackledge. The next two batsmen, Overton and Walker, each scored 1 before the innings was declared closed, with the total 121 for 9.

Seaton bowled well, taking 4 wickets for 25. Brittain took 1 for 27, Hewison 0 for 10, Ross 1 for 32, and Bailey 2 for 12.

Brittain and Blackledge opened for the home side. Brittain scored 4 before caught behind the wicket by the Rev. Smith. Blackledge, after a bit of hard hitting, was caught by Simson off Greenwood, having scored 8. Futter was soon bowled for 1 by Walker, and Seaton was caught by the Rev. Smith for 4. Bailey, in a determined attitude, scored 9 before being run out. Hewison, the top scorer, was stumped neatly for 13, bowled Greenwood. The total then was 45 for 5. Burn was caught by Webster, bowled Hubbard for 2. Watson was more successful and stayed on to score 8 not out. Cragg was caught by Shaw off Greenwood, and Ross was run out for 0. D. King and Watson managed to hold out till stumps were drawn, King scoring 1. The total was 64 for 9.

REV. L. SMITH'S XI.

H. N. Shaw, b Seaton	2
L. Simson, b Seaton	0
E. Clarke, c & b Bailey	43
A. West, c Cragg, b Seaton	4
Wilkinson, c Cragg, b Seaton	1
N. Webster, lbw, b Ross	27
T. Greenwood, run out	3
S. Hubbard, c Blackledge, b Bailey	24
Overton, b Brittain	1
N. Walker, not out	1
Extras	15
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	121

Rev. L. Smith did not bat.

Bowling: Seaton 4 for 25, Brittain 1 for 27, Hewison 0 for 10, Ross 1 for 32, Bailey 2 for 12.

MR. L. J. DRIVER'S XI.

Brittain, c Rev. Smith, b Greenwood	4
Blackledge, c Simson, b Greenwood	8
Futter, b Walker	1
Seaton, c Rev. Smith, b Walker	4
Bailey, run out	9
Hewison, st. Rev. Smith, b Greenwood	13
Burn, c Webster, b Hubbard	2
Watson, not out	8
Cragg, c Shaw, b Greenwood	2
Ross, run out	0
King, not out	1
Extras	12

Total (for 9 wkts.) ... 64

Bowling: Walker 2 for 9, Greenwood 4 for 27, Overton 0 for 6, Simson 0 for 7, Hubbard 1 for 3.

THE SCHOOL v. BOSTON G.S.

Played at Spalding, on Saturday, July 3rd. Boston won the toss and put the School in to bat. Brittain and Blackledge opened. The first wicket fell at 13. Seaton came in at the fall of the fourth wicket, when the score was 43. At once he attacked the bowling, and remained undefeated at the close. His 52 included seven fours. Ross, Cragg and King were the partners who chiefly helped Seaton to reach his 50, their partnership realising 27, 12 and 12 unfinished respectively, Seaton in each case doing the majority of the scoring.

Chester and Horry opened for Boston, and it was evident from the start that they intended to play for a draw. They refused to take any risks, and, though the School let Boston get runs in the hope of getting their wickets, in spite of this, though Boston had a chance, they refused it, and the match ended in a tame draw. Tyreman was the most successful batsman for Boston.

THE SCHOOL.

J. C. Brittain, b Brant	...	...	3
R. C. Blackledge, b Brant	...	...	11
H. G. Hewison, lbw, b Brant	...	...	11
J. E. Bailey, c & b Ryan	...	...	3
P. R. Futter, run out	...	...	1
A. H. Seaton, not out	...	...	52
P. W. Watson, b Brant	...	...	5
E. H. M. Burn, c Horry, b Househam	...	...	1
G. N. Ross, c Wilson, b Chester	...	...	2
W. H. Cragg, run out	...	...	3
D. King, not out	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	11

Total (for 9 wkts. dec.) 112

Bowling: Chester 1 for 32, Brant 4 for 38, Ryan 1 for 18, Mablesen 0 for 3, Househam 1 for 0, Tyreman 0 for 6.

BOSTON G.S.

A. H. Chester, c Bailey, b Brittain	10
A. Horry, c Brittain, b Bailey	7
R. A. Brant, c Ross, b Hewison	11
G. Tyreman, not out	19
E. Mablesen, run out	0
W. Coppin, not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for 4 wkts.)	53

N. Anderson, R. Hassnip, F. Ryan, W. Househam, G. Wilson did not bat.

SCHOOL 1st XI. v. DONINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.

Played at Spalding, on July 17th, and won by Donington by 73 runs.

For the first time for many years Donington beat the School. The defeat sustained by Spalding was heavy, and was not entirely due to the fact that luck was against them. Lack of practice, owing to the examinations, might have had something to do with the form of the School team, but there is no doubt that Spalding were totally off form.

Houghton won the toss and decided to bat. The wicket was dead. 32 runs were on the board before Chamberlain, who had

made 5, was caught off Hewison, 14 more runs were added before Craymer was out to Ross, and, when Houghton was out, beautifully caught in the long field by Matthews, it looked as though the game was turning in favour of the School. But it was not to be so, and 50 more runs were added for the loss of only three more wickets. Houghton batted well for Donington, and Ross, 5 for 27, and Hewison, 1 for 11, bowled steadily for the School.

The School decided to go for the runs, and Hewison and Bailey opened. 17 runs had been scored when Hewison was bowled by F. Barnsdale. Bailey continued to score runs, but Seaton and Watson did not last long, and, with the score 30 for 4, Bailey played on. The cause was now lost and an effort was made to stop the rot, but the end was not far off, and Drinkall made short work of the rest of the team. Bailey was the only Spalding batsman to make double figures.

Drinkall bowled splendidly for Donington and took six wickets for five runs.

DONINGTON 1st XI.

Houghton, c Matthews, b Ross ...	32
Chamberlain, c Ross, b Hewison	5
Craymer, lbw, b Ross	6
Barnsdale, b Seaton	10
Drinkall, b Ross	16
Toon, not out	14
Allen, c Hewison, b Ross	4
Lane, b Ross	0
J. Barnsdale, not out	13
Extras	10
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	110

SPALDING 1st XI.

Hewison, b F. Barnsdale	8
Bailey, b Drinkall	21
Seaton, b Craymer	0
Watson, c Chamberlain, b Craymer	0
Blackledge, c Chamberlain, b Drinkall	2
Brittain, lbw, b Drinkall	2
Futter, b Drinkall	4
Matthews, c Chamberlain, b Drinkall	0
Ross, b Houghton	0
Cragg, not out	0
King, b Drinkall	0
Total	37

Bowling: Hewison 1 for 11, Seaton 1 for 24, Ross 5 for 27.

Bowling: Craymer 2 for 13, Barnsdale 1 for 17, Drinkall 6 for 5, Houghton 1 for 2.



CRICKET CHARACTERS, 1937

- J. E. Bailey (Captain) — Has not had the best of luck this season with the bat, but has been successful as a slow-break bowler on occasion. He is very good in the field. The School's best thanks are due for his work as Captain.
- J. C. Brittain (Vice-Captain)—Our most capable all-round player, but luck also in his case has not been of the best. He bats in good style and bowls well, but, although he beats the batsman

many times with good length breaks, he just manages to miss the wickets. Is good in the field.

- H. G. Hewison—Has improved this season and has been useful with both bat and ball. He has a good defence and watches the ball carefully—others might copy. Is becoming a very capable player.
- A. H. Seaton — Has made unexpected progress as a batsman, with several good scores to his credit. His bowling has deteriorated owing to attempting to bowl slows. He would have been more successful with his usual medium-fast deliveries.
- P. Futter—Promoted from the 2nd XI., he has shown good promise with the bat. Footwork needs attention, and he should try to add to his variety of shots.
- R. C. Blackledge—We expect much of him, for he is keen, and already shows capital style. He is useful in the field, too.
- W. H. Cragg—Particularly noticeable for his fielding, he promises well as a batsman when he has had more experience. Again, lack of quick footwork is his failing. It is worth remembering what has been said of a very famous batsman, that he can make a ball any length he likes—by his exceptionally rapid footwork.
- D. King—Has acted as wicket keeper. He fails too often to retain hold of the ball—a serious fault. Should improve with practice. A wicket keeper, by the way, is expected to be a batsman also, now-a-days.
- R. D. Matthews — Has played at times for the 1st XI. His determined defence should make him a useful opening batsman. Can field quite well.
- F. W. Johnson — A very promising player who has unfortunately been absent from School most of the term. We wish him better luck next season.
- P. W. Watson — Has played for the 1st XI. on several occasions. He has not yet mastered the art of footwork, nor does he give the face of the bat to the ball, but he is keen and strong, and will improve with experience.
- E. H. M. Burn—A young player yet, he shapes quite well and we expect to see him playing regularly for the 1st XI. next season.
- G. N. Ross—Has a permanent place in the XI. now which is well deserved. His bowling has improved greatly this season for he keeps a better length and his spins are correspondingly more difficult to manage. A quick one in each over might be effective. His batting is improving too with practice.

SWIMMING NOTES

The season so far has been a successful one for the School. We have had several water polo fixtures, and a swimming match against Grantham King's School, in which we more than held our own. Although a number of good swimmers left last year, the high standard set by them has not in any way been lowered. There are in the lower part of the School some very fine swimmers, who, if looked after, will do as well as their predecessors.

King's School, Peterborough, has promised us a fixture for next season, and it was suggested, by a Wisbech master, that an inter-school swimming sports might be arranged for next year.

On June 9th the School played the Town "B" team. It was a hard game, although the Town were one man short. They had, however, two of their First Team playing, and these were more than we could manage. The shooting of the School forwards was rather erratic, King and Holland putting the ball over the bar on more than one occasion. The backs played a very good game, and, but for them, the Town's victory would have been greater. When the final whistle went the score was 3—0 in favour of the "B" team. The relay team beat the Town team by nearly a width of the baths.

SCHOOL v. GRANTHAM KING'S SCHOOL.

Grantham King's School visited Spalding on June 23rd for a swimming and water-polo match. King's, who were playing their first game of the season, were on bad form, and the match ended in a win for the School by 10 goals to nil. D. King scored 6, Holland 2, and Thompson and Woodham 1 each.

The other events were more exciting. Grantham won the breast stroke and plunge. Garrard, their plunger, made a wonderful effort, and was several feet in front of our best man. The breast stroke was a close thing, as not more than a yard separated the winner from the last man. The School won the two lengths freestyle, the back-stroke and the relay. Points were awarded for each event: 3, 2, 1 for events 1—4, 3 for event 5 and 5 for the water polo.

RESULTS.

1 length breast stroke—1 Grantham, 2 Spalding, 3 Grantham.
1 length back stroke—1 Spalding, 2 Grantham, 3 Grantham.
Plunge—1 Grantham, 2 Spalding, 3 Spalding.
2 lengths freestyle—1 Spalding, 2 Spalding, 3 Grantham.
4 x 1 length relay—1 Spalding.
Water polo—Spalding 10, Grantham 0.

Spalding 21 points; Grantham 11 points.

SCHOOL v. WISBECH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Monday, June 29th, we entertained Wisbech Grammar School at the Pool. Both King and Holland netted the ball in the first half, and at half time we led by two goals to nil. The second half, however, was more exciting. King and Holland again scored a goal each, but several shots went wide. Faulty marking by our backs let the visitors through twice. They took full advantage of these two chances, and their centre beat Hemy twice with powerful shots. No goals were added to this score, and at the end of the game the School led by 4 goals to 2.

The School relay team easily won the relay, leading from the start. There was also a one-length breast stroke race. Stublely was first and Ley second. This concluded a complete victory against Wisbech.

SCHOOL v. WISBECH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

On Thursday, July 8th, a team from the School visited Wisbech for a water polo match against Wisbech Grammar School. The first half was a hard struggle, and the two Reserves, Humphries in goal and Dobbs back, played very well. King and Moffat scored a goal each, and Wisbech also scored from a penalty. At half-time Humphries was overcome by cramp and remained out of the water for the rest of the game. Woodham went in goal. The School team, however, did not seem to miss the man out of the water. Moffat scored two more goals and King one. Wisbech failed to net the ball in the second half, and Woodham saved several good shots. No other score was added and when the final whistle went the School led by 5 goals to 1.

The relay ended in a tie, but the School team was without Hemy and Munro. Wisbech won the breast stroke, and Humphries was second.

R.J.H.



TENNIS CLUB

The membership of the club has been higher this season than in previous years, the upper half of the School showing considerable interest. Owing to the continual use of the courts and the lack of rain, their condition at the present time is far from good. It is almost certain that the present courts will not be available next season owing to the erection of the new buildings, but it is hoped that new ones will be laid on the small field, which will be suitable for entertaining other school teams.

This season two matches only have been played, both with Grantham.

On June 17th, at Grantham, School lost by five sets to four:—

Casswell & Measures beat Jackson & Abbott 7—5, 6—2; and Workeley & Richardson 6—4, 5—7, 8—6. Bell & Brittain lost to Jackson & Abbott 0—6, 2—6; and to Workeley & Richardson 0—6, 2—6.

At home, on June 23rd, the score was reversed, School winning by five sets to four:—

Casswell & Measures beat Jackson & Richardson 8—6, 6—2; and Workeley & Addison 7—5, 6—3. Seaton & Prescott lost to Jackson & Richardson 6—., 3—6, 1—6; and to Workeley & Addison 3—6, 4—6.

J.H.M.



HOUSE NOTES

BENTLEY.

We lost R. D. Matthews at the beginning of the term, and L. H. Pennington was elected to fill the vacancy as Prefect.

The great event of the term was, of course, Sports Day, when we retained the Athletic Cup, beating our nearest rivals by 60 points. In spite of this, after holding the Howard Cup for seven years, we had to take second place to Gamlyn for this trophy. J. C. Brittain's brilliant performance on Sports Day was better than anything that has been done in this direction for several years. Not only did he win the open 100, 220, 440 and long jump, thus gaining the honour of Victor Ludorum, but in the last event he beat the record of 19 feet he set up last year by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. He deserves special congratulation. K. Humphries had the distinction of being the first Middle School Champion of the School. J. E. Bailey was runner-up for the Open Championship, and M. A. Hollingworth and Shearer backed up Humphries well in the Middle School. The Juniors, with one or two exceptions, were rather disappointing. In the relay races the Seniors finished first and the Juniors second.

We have been well represented in the School Cricket XI. In addition to the School Captain, J. C. Brittain was elected Vice-Captain, and N. G. Matthews and E. H. Burn have also played for the 1st XI. L. H. Pennington has played in the 2nd XI. In the only House match played we lost to Gamlyn 64—51. The Juniors beat Gamlyn by 30 runs, C. B. King, Hayton, Francis and M. C. Hardy excelling with bat and ball. D. A. D. Moffat represents us in the School water polo team.

J. E. BAILEY.

GAMLYN.

Gamlyn have rather excelled themselves at sports this term, and we hope they will keep up their standard. At the beginning of the term we successfully beat Bentley. Gamlyn batted first and reached the score of 54, of which Johnson made 23. Bentley were all out for 40, Stubley, Johnson and Holland sharing the wickets. Our Juniors were not so successful, and lost badly. We have been fairly represented in the two School teams: Johnson and Futter in the 1st XI., and Stubley, J. and H. Holland, Woodham and Cheney in the 2nd.

The Juniors and Middle School ran well in the sports, and it was mainly due to them that we were runners-up on the day. J. H. Harrison, who was Junior Champion, and R. R. Perkins gained many points. In the Middle School, G. N. Prescott and H. L. Holland were most successful. Our greatest achievement, however, was the winning of the Howard Cup for all sports combined.

At swimming Stubley, J. Holland, Ley and Hemy have been members of the School team, of which Holland is captain. At tennis Casswell has been our representative.

We have still the swimming sports, in which we hope to be most successful, and the final House matches. Gamlyn Seniors meet Wykeham Seniors at the end of the term.

We are glad to hear that Muse, our former House Captain, now at Goldsmith's, has been very successful at both Rugby and at Cricket, for both of which he has obtained his colours.

In conclusion, we wish all those taking part in the Higher School Certificate and Cambridge every success, followed by a pleasant holiday.

C. W. STUBLEY.

HOBSON.

So far this term Hobson has had quite a fair share in the sporting activities of the School.

We have been ably represented at cricket by R. C. Blackledge, D. King and H. G. Hewison in the 1st XI. G. Higham, too, has been listed several times as first reserve. R. E. Gooding and J. Higham have shown promise in the 2nd XI.

1st XI. Cricket Colours have been awarded to H. G. Hewison.

At swimming D. King and R. L. Thompson have had regular places in the School polo team, the former playing with great

distinction. Both members represent the School in the relay swimming team.

We have played one cricket match so far, but were very unlucky to lose to Wykeham. Once again we are left to play Bentley in our last match, but are confident of repeating last year's win. Several of the comparatively junior members of the House show promise for future occasions.

Hobson put up quite a brave show at the Annual Sports, chief point scorers being V. E. Moore, R. L. Thompson, and H. G. Hewison, the latter being fortunate enough to break the cricket ball record with a throw of $96\frac{1}{2}$ yards.

In conclusion, to all Hobsonites leaving this term may we wish success in future careers, to those taking examinations the very best of luck, and to all in general a very happy holiday, and one we hope that will be well spent.

H. G. HEWISON.

WYKEHAM.

We were lucky in starting the Summer Term with full numbers. There were no "valetes" at the end of the Spring Term. However, a few weeks after the commencement of the term we were unfortunate enough to lose Osborne, who would have been a great help in the Cricket XI. Good luck to him in his new career. He has obtained a post on the railway at Holbeach.

In the Annual Sports we came third, and we must be grateful to Watson for his share in the points. We did well in the tug-of-war, pulling Bentley in the preliminary round and Gamlyn in the final, owing to good team work.

As concerns the cricket, the House final is still to be played. We beat Hobson comfortably in the qualifying match, scoring 67 for the loss of 5 wickets as against their 61. For us, Ross scored 32 and Seaton 23 not out, and these two shared the main part of the bowling, taking 4 for 32 and 4 for 22 respectively.

In the School 1st XI. we have been regularly represented by Seaton, Ross and Cragg. Watson came in after all the 2nd team matches had been played and has retained his place since. Osborne played in the first three matches before he left.

We have three members of our House taking the Higher School Certificate, and eight taking the "Cambridge." To these unfortunates we wish the best of luck and good news from the "Telegraph."

In conclusion, we wish all members the usual happy holiday, although it is generally far from restful.

A. H. SEATON.

NOTTINGHAM LETTER

University College,
Nottingham.

July 13th, 1937.

To The Editor of "The Bentleian."

Dear Sir,—During the second half of this term Spaldonians here who are doing "finals" have apparently had much to do in a short time. I thought I had missed such a task this year until I received your request for a letter by return.

At the end of the Christmas Term the Nazi debating team paid a visit to Nottingham, and since then the French and American teams have also provided us with very interesting evenings.

This year, for the first time, Nottingham has won both the Soccer and Cricket U.A.U. Championships. The water polo team reached the semi-final, when they were beaten by London during extra time. We congratulate Mr. Facer on being awarded his "Gold" for water polo and Mr. Spencer-Lee his Rugby Club Colours.

The term's events seem to fade in comparison with the Hospital Rag held during the first week. Everyone, except the people of Nottingham, enjoyed what was a very full day. The result was that about £1,500 were raised.

On May 22nd the annual athletics match between Past and Present Students and the Achilles Club provided the latter with an easy victory. Nevertheless, it was a very good and interesting match. Several fast times were recorded during the afternoon.

The activities of the other Spaldonians have been restricted by examinations of late. I hope their work yields excellent results, though it gives me little to write about. Sir, they all look well, but only of Mr. Garfoot could I say more; that, however, I dare not, for I understand that he is staying on for another year.

We read with pleasure of Mr. Overson's successes and hope that he will come up here to have a very successful college life. We assure him that he will find it a most pleasant life.

While sympathising with your readers who now are in the throes of examinations, we wish them every success, and you, Sir, and all your readers, we wish a pleasant vacation.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. JUDGE.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

THE CRICKET CLUB



The Old Spaldonians' C.C. is having an enjoyable season, but, unfortunately, it has been marred by an unusual number of cancellations of fixtures by opponents. Not a single match was played in May; of the five arranged, two were cancelled through rain and the three others for other reasons. Since then two more have been cancelled.

Since then eight matches have been played to the time of writing, of which two have been lost—one an evening "limited-overs" match — three won and the others drawn.

With the breaking-up of the School, home matches will be started on the School field, through the kindness of the Headmaster, and, including the Cricket Week, Bank Holiday week, eleven home games are arranged between July 31st and September 18th.

The outstanding achievement of the season so far has been F. V. Green's magnificent innings of 108 not out at Wisbech, against the Town "A" team.



NOTES

- J. D. Brown, who is on the Post Office Staff at Spalding, gained first-class passes in the recent City and Guilds' Examination in magnetism and electricity and in telephony.
- M. W. English has finished his course at Goldsmith's Training College and has secured a teaching post at Ealing.
- E. L. Hancock, who, since leaving the University has been on the staff of Newport Grammar School, Shropshire, in September is taking up an appointment at the City Secondary School, Leicester.
- J. A. Muse has had a successful cricket season with the First Eleven at Goldsmith's College, London. In 13 innings he has scored an average of over 30 runs and taken a good number of

wickets. He has been chosen cricket Captain of the College for next season.

J. H. Barton (St. John's College, Cambridge) has obtained 3rd class honours in Economics.

J. H. Prentice has been awarded his B.Sc. (London) with 2nd class honours in Physics.

D. S. Lee has also gained his B.Sc.

R. E. Clay and J. Garfoot have both obtained 2nd classes in the B.A. (general) final examination.

J. Facer has taken his Diploma in Engineering.

SUMMER REUNION

It is hoped to arrange a Cricket Week in August and a Dance early in September. Particulars of these events will be forwarded to all members of the Old Spaldonians' Association in due course.

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. F. Gethin—a Son.

MARRIAGES

W. A. Elderkin to Miss Winnie Atkins, of Spalding.

L. Seymour to Miss Enid M. Kirby, of Spalding.

C. C. Blackbourn to Miss Marion F. White, of Spalding.

A. P. Samuels to Miss A. A. Everett, of Westwood Park, Droitwich.

SALVETE

M. H. Chester, J. Insley, F. O. Hyam, J. M. E. Todd, A. Williamson, R. J. Williamson.

VALETE

R. D. MATTHEWS—School Prefect, Vice-Captain 1st XV., Bentley House Prefect, Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1934; London Matriculation, December, 1935; Intermediate Scholarship.

P. V. SMITH—Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1936; London Matriculation, December, 1936; Intermediate Scholarship.

H. OSBORNE—Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1936; London Matriculation, December, 1936; Intermediate Scholarship.

D. S. TOINTON, N. G. P. WALKER.

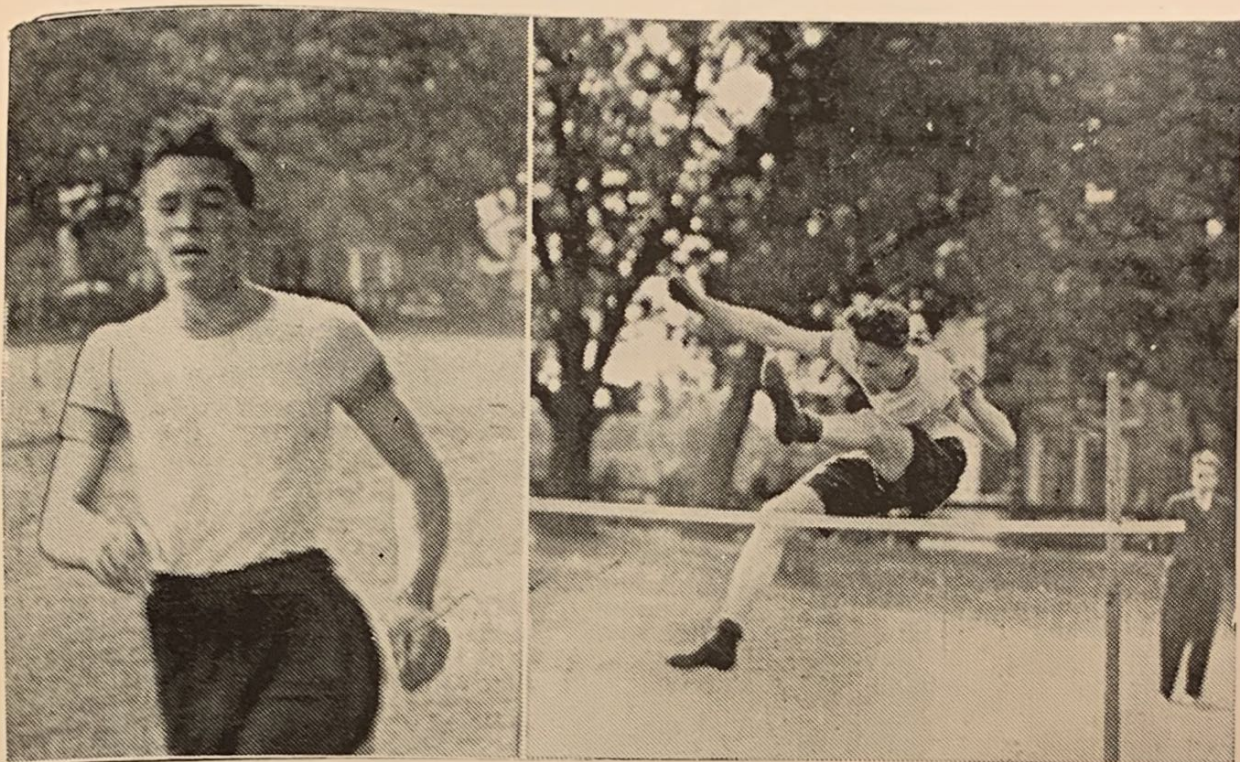
WATER POLO TEAM, 1937.



D. A. D. Moffatt, S. E. Hemy, R. J. Holland (captain), D. King, J. C. Rayner, A. C. Woodham, R. Thompson.

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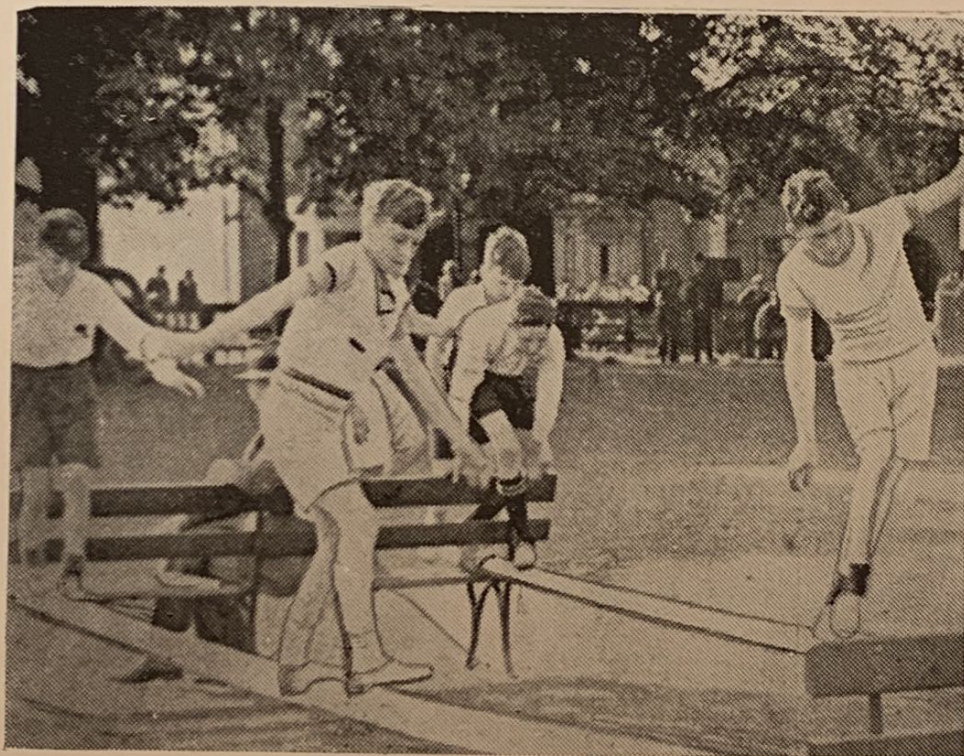
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P. W. WATSON WINNING THE MILE

R. GOODMAN WINNING THE HIGH JUMP

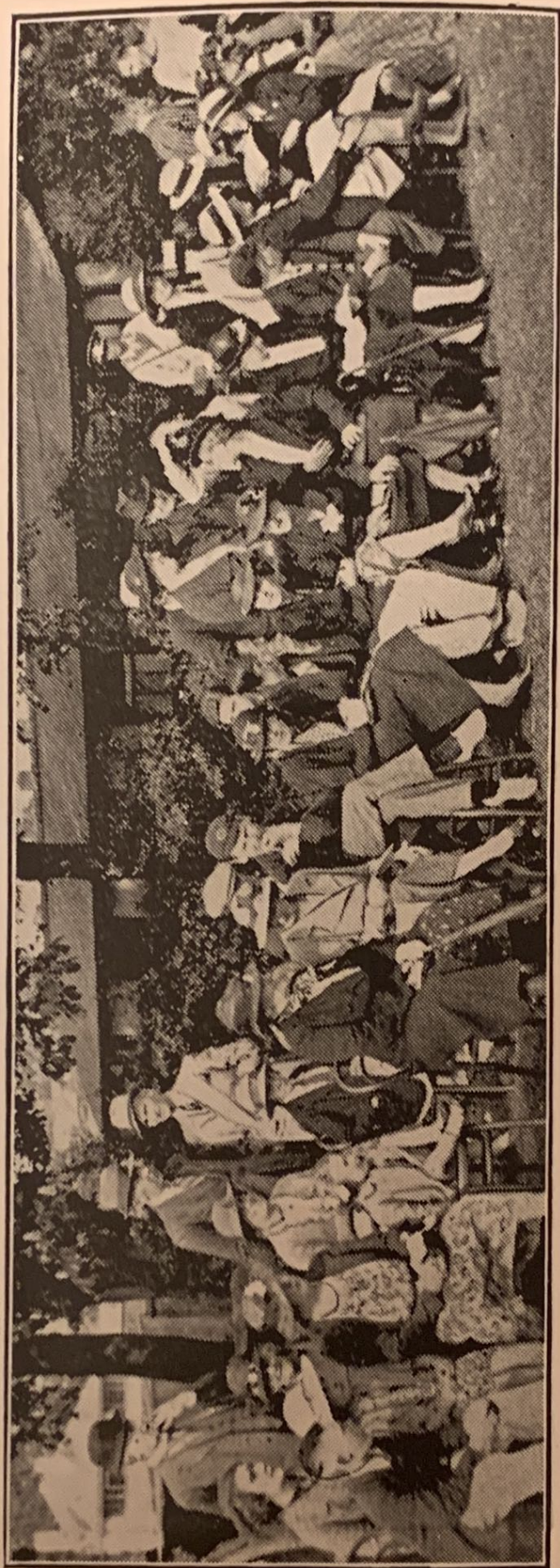
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OBSTACLE RACE

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SCHOOL SPORTS.



A Section of the Crowd.

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