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IN MEMORIAM.

Sydney Tate.

We were all shocked by the news that Sydney had passed over on the first day of the Spring holiday. We had no idea that there was anything seriously wrong with him. He had only come to us last Autumn, and he seemed to have fitted comfortably into our little world. We offer our deepest sympathy to his mother and sister. At any rate he had had a happy life.

School Notes.

We grow accustomed to disappointment and delay. We remember how we waited three or four years to obtain possession of our new fields; we hoped that building operations would begin in March; we waited till June 15th for some summer weather. Now we are told that we must wait several years for the new field to be made level. It is to be ploughed in the autumn, and a crop sown to clean it, and the grass is to be sown. Meanwhile we hope to hire a football field. The builders are hard at work, but their job will not be finished in a moment. But we know that in due course we shall become beautiful, and we are ready to go through a process of uglification.

This term, too, we have suffered from an epidemic - a most unusual proceeding for us in our wind-blessed buildings. Our youngest member developed Mumps, and, after he had returned convalescent, we started another case - and then we had a group. Unfortunately for our examination candidates Miss Orr and Mr. Brewin joined the group three weeks before the ordeal, and we had hoped to do so much in that period. Both of them were very kind, and directed work from their isolation, and Mr. Ronald Delaney came to help us. We sympathise with all our mumpers and our examinees.

We are very grateful to our Printers. For the first time in 20 years the pages in our last issue were mixed up. Mr. Baker insisted

on printing the whole edition again, and we hope all our readers have now received the correct copy.

The following came this Term: T. H. Brown, Doris Leng; Doris Boyes; Marjorie Crosby.

We are glad to hear that our Band continues to function.

School officials have been: V. Wilson Captain of Cricket; R. Lunn Vice-Captain; Gladys Cooper Captain of Tennis; Dorothy Wilson Vice-Captain; Beatrice Blades Captain of Netball; Pamela Barty Vice-Captain; Eric Robson, Basil Terry, and Pamela Barty, secretaries of Games and Gladys Cooper Dinner Treasurer.

C. J. Eason and G. E. Kirkwood sat for the R.A.F. exam and Saples for the G.P.O. ; we hope successfully.

On 27th June we had the pleasure of entertaining to tea and games a party of 80 from Featherstone, where Jimmy McCowan looks after a Junior School. Our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their visit as did their hosts and hostesses. Everyone in School united in providing a very good tea. Our visitors hope that we will visit them some day soon. They have many things of interest to show us.

The Governors met on June 16th, Dr. Roberts came on June 17th, and Dr. Moffat on June 26th. On June 15th Miss Fraser took Form V. to York, and on July 8th Mr. Bartv took Form III.

On July 13th the H.M. celebrated his Silver Jubilee as H.M., and enrolled his 1,000th Maltonian.

We offer our sympathy to Geoffrey Fish, Francis Found and Freda Williamson, who have been in Hospital.

We have now an O.M. on the board of Governors. Kathleen Bostock Taylor as a Councillor of the Norton Urban District Council has been appointed a Governor as a representative of the Council. We rejoice at the honour paid to her.

On July 17th we gave our 2nd Barnardo's Homes effort, and thanks to good organisation by Miss Orr and her band of helpers, we were able to raise over £5 for this charity.

On July 24th we gave parents and friends a chance of seeing school do their P.T. Mr Rolls and Miss Fraser are indefatigable in this subject, which nowadays makes heavy demands on its teachers.

Form IH have enjoyed listening in to talks on Yorkshire.

Mr. Metcalf and some of the boys have made cupboards for the Hospital library, which has been organized by Malton Toe H.

This Term we are to lose Miss Tompkins, who has been appointed Domestic Science Mistress at Worcester High School for Girls. There Miss Tompkins will have a chance of working under such conditions as should be available at all Domestic Science centres. She is also going to superintend their food problem. We can only say how sorry we are to lose her, and wish her luck. Miss Tompkins has done us good service, and for the first time we hope for successes in the S.C. exam in her subject. We are also grateful to her for her work with the Girl Guides and other activities.

We break up on July 29th. The Autumn Term begins on September 17th, and ends on December 16th.

Rambles at Random.

No. 15. BENEATH CUMBRIAN FELLS.

The Nent frets tremulously. An elfin stream, washing the white, rounded stones and winding sinuously between borders of wild and beautiful flowers, it flows at length through the dark, shadowy glade of Lovelady Shield, where the foot falls noiselessly, as though it touched the carpet of some fair and hallowed sanctuary,

Beyond the bridge, tier upon tier rise the weeds, dim, mysterious, and as yet veiled in the vaporous amethyst of an enchanted twilight; it is a time to forget reality, to dream dreams and to see visions, a time to share a poet's rhapsodies and to receive the sweets of unheard melodies.

Half-way up the hill we rest. The shimmering air quivers with the beat of minutest insect wings. Scents of pine and bracken are about us. We look down upon a field of hay, over which a luminous, crimson moon rises, waxing to its full, and bathing the calm rusticity of the scene in a new radiance, as of the clouded opalescent gleam of jewels strung across the ebon darkness of some mountain cavern.

But not for long the witchery of the hour! The master of ceremonies at the big house, yonder by the trees, sends his unwilling valet to accuse us of trespassing in his private woods - 'his' woods,

that breathe but of Nature and the God of Nature – and to request that we depart therefrom immediately, whilst he and his gay house-party will doubtless pursue, indoors, and unhindered by distant warbling, those soulless, insipid games of chance over which great Mammon holds undisputed sway.

In the hayfield there is no peace; the balmy air is alive with myriad insignificant gnats, grievous as the third plague of Egypt. We are literally driven away, all except two or three who have promised to help the farmer to cock his hay before the rain falls. There is nothing more to do but to return to the old Hall with its armorial bearings and its motto, "Semper Vigilans"

M. H. L.

The Trip to York.

N.B. - Any mysterious points in this doubtful narrative may be elucidated by Mr. Barty. As seen by some!

BOY NO. 1. "What? A trip to York? Good. When? Thursday the 9th? That means a day off school. Ripping!

A moment's reflection: "But it'll be jolly dry, pottering about in misty ruins an' things, Jolly dry! Good mind not to go!"

A few minutes later. "8till, it'll be a good excuse to miss lessons, so I might as well stump up! Anything's better than school!" After a long wait, the day arrives. Excited and happy, the lucky party make their way to the station. On time, the train pulls in, loads up, and roars off on the way to York.

BOY NO. 2. " Ah! " What a shame they had to take us off our valuable Latin to go on this pleasure trip!"

Likewise reflection. "But it can't be helped, I suppose. After all, think of the knowledge we shall assimilate in those highly interesting museums and halls! Probably the Minster, too! Oh! Look there's-Kirkham Abbey! How delightful! Now let me see - what period of history was that - Dear me, how fast this train goes!

MAN NO. 3. " Now let me see -. Are you all here?"

BOY NO. 1. "Yes - Sir!"

BOY NO. 2 ... Assuredly, my dear sir ! "

All the others. "Hmm! I - I think so!" MAN NO. 3. "Leaders! Check up!" Leaders." All safe, sir! Er--Wbere do we go now? "

MAN NO. 3, "Well, I think we'd better try the Merchant Adventurers' Hall first, and then go to the Railway Museum." So all line neatly up, and set off for the Merchant Adventurers' Hall. We arrive there, and after admiration of the gables and carved architecture, retire to the dusky interior hall, which is below ground level and which in former times was the centre of religions and charitable activities of the guild. A few words from our guide and we are taken upstairs to the larger and more interesting hall.

BOY NO. 1. "Look at that African knobkerrie over there! "

BOY NO. 2 ... Tutt, tut! No, that is a mace, not a native's weapon of assault l "

BOY NO. 1. " Eh? A – a what?" Our guide still anxious to impart information patiently explains again, whilst the party is shown the old oak beams and supports, which, being called "King Posts," and "Cross Beams," without any "Queen Posts," therefore must have been hacked out by axes "just as they grew"! You must specially note, however, best beloved, that they had no planes or saws in those day, -only axes! They "just as they grew" led to some misunderstandings but they were cleared up by the NO. 3. MAN.

On a table we notice some bell weights and a brass rule dated 1588. These were used in the olden days to ascertain that no one was conveniently giving short measure; and whilst some illegally attempt to break their little fingers by trying to lift the heaviest "bell" weight, others are examining autographs of the late Ring George, and of Queen Mary. Whilst, too, one group interestedly discuss the working of the old ballot-box used for deciding whether a person should become a Merchant Venturer or not, a few stray round looking at an old Scandinavian bed with secret panels and elaborately-carved pillars supporting a wooden canopy arrangement.

The NO. 3. MAN humorously remarks upon the dislike of fresh-air in those times, and the probability of unpleasant animal life existent in such contraptions, and leads us out into the gardens, where after breaking a perfectly good lens, we begin to torment the drivers of York. Having arrived at the Railway Museum after many longing glances at sweet shops and fruit stalls, we are met by a very pleasant gentleman, who conducts us on our little tour, beginning with a series

of rooms or halls. BOY NO. 1. "Oowhee! Look at the queer names in this visitors' book!"

"That? Oh yes! That's Chinese! We have quite a number of queer names in there! Valuable ones, too!" He passes on to Room Two, as Room One is only small, explaining that the huge hall making up Room Two was once the first-class dining-room of the old station. The main points of Room Two were: a model, (working) of a locomotive still in use, a case of counterfeit money, a fourth-class railway ticket (from Scotland!), a cabinet of curious old bills concerned with fares, and penalties of passengers who mutilated the cattle trucks for the 'mixed trains,' a very much scarred meteorite which fell in Middlesborough, and many old signalling devices, such as magnetically operated bells, telephones, Morse Code sets, and other noisy apparatus.

No sooner have we been shown how to operate these than the whole museum is filled with the strident clamour of bells, horns, buzzers, and hoarse "hello's!" The pleasant gentleman is as nice as possible in the circumstances, but - at last a halt has to be called. We are then taken round the other rooms, which abound in old prints, documents, maps, and tomes. Whilst being shown a specimen of beautiful copperplate handwriting, the curator remarks upon the fact that "Very few people could equal that nowadays!" The NO. 3. MAN agrees, but goes on to say that the people in his charge know perfectly well how to write copperplate, having had so much practice - (!) at school !

Mr. Bywell laughs, but we secretly think he is still puzzling over that remark.

Anyway, after crossing numerous yards, we come to the gymnasium, a massive place, with a gallery about 230 yds. round. Itching hands are sternly kept off the ropes, Indian clubs, and other accessories, and curiously enough, when turned loose amongst the mighty engines in the other part of the museum, only a few venture to swing themselves into the cabs of the famous "City of Truro" or the "Columbine." Perhaps they are too occupied in ringing still more bells, for more there are!, or examining the rivetless railway bridge, which was the first ever built. Anyway, very tired, and very thirsty, the party, under the careful eye of the NO. 3, MAN, invade

a fruit, sweet, and ice-cream shop, and clean the place to whitened bones. A hidden bell-push under the door-mat in the entrance to the shop provides much harmless - (?) amusement, but nearly drives the shopkeepers insane!

Laden down with booty, we retire to the city walls to eat and drink our fill, whence, a.t about ten minutes to five, refreshed and satisfied, we leave for the station, having had a very happy, and, I am sure, - instructive day.

Thanks are given to Mr. Barty for the interesting and pleasant time he gave us whilst on the trip, and to Mr. E. M. Bywell, the Curator of the Railway Museum, for his helpful comments.

To Mr. Watt, too, is extended our great appreciation of his kind permission to use Thursday afternoon as one highly educational outdoor lesson.

The Scout Show.

On May 1st, a goodly number of people from the district gathered in the Milton Rooms to see a show which had been in many boy Scouts' minds for months. The attendance was gratifying, and, we feel, all enjoyed the evening.

They were given two glimpses of what Scouts do in two of the items. One, by Malton 2nd, showed the Cubs disporting themselves, and the other, by the Birdsall Troop, showed the Scouts in a lighter mood than that of their more usual "serious" scoutwork. This last, of course, would not have been suitable for the Show.

As regards what Scouts can do, we were given an almost glittering display. Malton 2nd gave a play, "Babes in the Wood," and its character "George," is one we shall not easily forget. The same troop also gave a humorous Mime, featuring a miserable Prince. This troop's third item was called "Statuary," a good result of some clever making up. The Castle Howard Troop gave two displays, the first with Indian Clubs, and the second more distinctly Gymnastic. These were much appreciated.

A contrast was provided by our own item. "Notlam Awkward Squad." One cannot possibly say less than that this was laughter provoking! To see Mackinnon and Harrison fighting back-to-back;

Kirkwood fetching Freddy; Cable's corpulent form bending the wrong way:- these were even funnier than seeing these people in real life.

The Shadowgraph, our second item, developed into a very exciting Scout adventure, after an inauspicious beginning. The audience would have been still more amused during those opening moments than they were if they had seen what happened behind the screen, as well as the stage-managers' forms on the screen. The second scene showed Dodsworth mi., wearied out after his sea-voyage and lost on a desert island. He fell asleep Suddenly, a cannibal appears and scrutinises him. Other cannibals appear and they surround him. They brutally arouse him and, after a short fight, he is overpowered. The scene changes and Dodsworth mi. is plunged into the local village stew-pot. He shows his indomitable spirit again, but finally is obliged to settle down out of view in the boiling depths. He next appears by instalments and Chief Simons ma. and Cannibal Simons mi. (served and assisted by their cooks Taylor and McBeath mi.) start to consume him. Finally, when these repulsive people have fallen asleep, the upper part of Dodsworth mi. is rescued by an enterprising member of the local Scout Troop. We shall not forget the Shadowgraph quickly!

We finished with a Camp-fire when several interesting stunts - on the whole quieter ones - were performed. The Pickering Troop contributed two good items here. The show began with a reminder of the Scouts' allegiance to our King, and it ended, appropriately, we feel, with the singing of "Abide with Me," a reminder of our allegiance to the King of Kings.

The Last Straw.

There are many little troubles that beset us while at school,
And it isn't very easy to remember every rule:
So when we're wending schoolwards (some by bike, some bus, some feet),
We're prepared for any bitter we may find mixed with our sweet.

Thus our bodies take no umbrage at the rhythmic stretch and bend,
Nor resentment rise when x per cent. yields $\pounds y$ dividend;
For irregular verb endings a strange liking we confess;
Even punctuation errors bear no seeds of bitterness.

Our thermometers have registered both high and low degrees,
But we've never known our blood boil or our kind affections freeze.
Ne'er a climate, rainfall, import, contour, could we really hate
And we simply love what Gladstone said in 1888.

We don't even loathe detention, copperplate or working cubes,
Re the imposition set by angry staff, or be it Rube's.
We can stand all kinds of treatment that congender fits of dumps,
But the late t is beyond a joke: we don't like mumps!

S.P.

Belgium P 1937 P

Last year at this time the Editor was compelled to do some ruthless cutting of the diary of our Belgian Party. This year owing to various causes there is no such record to show; but there are strong rumours that we have in the school a number of would-be Cross-Channel travellers, and there is some hope that we may be able to arrange another visit to the Continent in 1937. Easter next year falls early, and if we decide to go, it may be better to think whether Whitsun would not be a better time.

In view of last year's experience, Miss Orr and I feel that wherever we go, unless we embark at Hull or Harwich, it might be worthwhile spending a night in London on the outward and homeward journeys. This would make a slight difference to the cost, but would make our journeys less fatiguing and add more interest. As regards the cost, we can only give approximate figures at this stage. An approximate figure to work on would be about £6 for Belgium; or if we wanted to go to Paris this would be about £2 more. There are of course other possibilities, e.g., Holland or the Rhineland, which could be done at about the same cost. There would be some reduction for those under sixteen.

If we are to go, we should begin our saving early, and of course we shall have to limit our numbers. We must have a minimum number of ten pupils; if our numbers exceed twenty the party will be too large. Moreover, since the responsibility of those in charge is very considerable it will be necessary to limit our invitation to those who are old enough and wise enough to help to make the adventure as successful and happy as that of last year.

A.B.

" Cricket."

This term's cricket, to which we all looked forward so eagerly, has for one reason or another been completely spoiled. Rain, cold winds, and mump microbes have all taken their toll of our fixture list, and already we are talking of football when the cricket season seems hardly to have begun. It would be a waste of time to analyse the result of our few matches, for our teams have not had any real testing, but a short account of our cricket as it has been glimpsed at the nets and in our few matches would, one thinks, be valuable.

There was a time when we at M.G.S. could boast that though we might not be very good at football we usually held our own at cricket. The proof of our sometime prowess is the number of sky-blue O.M.A. cricket caps that do yeoman's work in all the local matches. Lately, however, we seem to have transferred our affections; our cricket has deteriorated and our football improved.

This year, in the senior school we have one outstanding batsman and three or four who show promise, while among the juniors there are only one or two who make any progress. There are dozens of boys who would be very good at swinging a flail or mowing a meadow - though to be sure some of them would miss the grass unless it were very plentiful - but rarely a one who can stop a straight, good length ball. In match after match one sees our mighty men of the scythe follow one another in a depressing procession. Occasionally a blind swipe connects and the undiscerning crowd yells, "Good old ----" thereby doing much harm. But the inevitable soon happens and a catch or a broken wicket brings another windmill batsman back to his friends.

The reason for this slump in our batting can be given in two words - careless practice. Very few of us go into the nets in the right frame of mind. We want to knock the cover off the ball. One good clout makes us happy, and forgotten are all our ridiculous shufflings to square leg, our blind swipes and our mis-hits. Now that is the wrong way to practise. The right way is to pad and glove oneself carefully, to take a careful centre and to concentrate on three things: the defence of one's wicket, keeping the ball on the ground, and the avoidance of the square-leg shuffle. The batsman should be

his own critic: if given that way he may boast of a good off-drive, or of how he stopped that good one of Laverack's, but never of that lucky swipe that landed the ball into the middle of the cabbage patch. Batsmen and bowlers are both made. by careful conscientious practice, not that happy-go-lucky, slovenly, ugly swiping at the nets, that so fascinates us.

Our batting throughout the school is, in all seriousness, poorer, with one or two notable exceptions, than it has been for years.

The remedy - a sure one - lies in our own hands. It is careful practice.

M.G.S., 158 for 4 declared (Wilson 56, Terry 35).

York School of Commerce, 61 (Laverack 6 for 17, Robson 1 for 0)

M.G.S., 64 (Snowball 25). S.B.H.S., 102.

M.G.S., 53 for 4. Y.M.C.A., 51 (Laverack 3 for 12, Robson 8 for 14).

M.G.S., 81. Banks, 89 (Wilson 7 for 16).

JUNIOR XI.

M.G.S., 84. S.B.H.S., 84.

M.G.S., 32. Norton School 29 (Frankish 5 for 3 runs).

HOUSE MATCHES.

Holgate, 69, beat Fitzwilliam, 64. Holgate, 110 for 1, beat Carlisle, 64 for 8. Fitzwilliam, 70 for 2, beat Willoughby, 41. Willoughby, 110, beat Carlisle, 75.

Tennis Results.

SCHOOL RESULTS. - M.G.S. v. Malton Tennis Club, won 6-3. M.G.S. v. S.G.H.S., lost 8-1.

Matches with Bar Convent, Mill Mount, York College, and Whitby, were cancelled (owing to mumps).

HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.- Willoughby beat Fitzwilliam, 5-4. Fitzwilliam beat Carlisle, 5-2. Holgate beat Fitzwilliam, 5-4: Holgate beat Carlisle, 7-0. Willoughby to play Carlisle and Holgate.

O.M.A. Tennis Racquet Tournament, 1936.

In the 1st round Mary Appleyard beat Audrey Goodwin, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Mary Cooper beat Peggy Cooke 6-1, 6-0; Vera Marshall beat Gwen England 6-0 6-2; Betty Wharram beat Betty Heath 6-2,

6-4; Joyce Horsley beat Joan Hall 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; Freda Britton w.o. Evelyn Wise; Muriel Dobson beat Margaret Watson 6-2, 6-0; Nancy Armstrong beat Peggy Webb 6-0, 6-0; Pamela Barty beat Audrey Wray 6-1, 6-0; Dorothy Wilson beat Beatrice Blades 6-3, 6-3; May Anderson beat Marjorie Robson 6-2, 6-0; Jean Bielby beat Betty Tate 6-0, 6-0; Barbara Stephenson beat Norah Cooper 7-5,6-4; Nellie Beckett beat Marjorie Lowther 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

In the 2nd round M. Dobson w.o. N. Armstrong ;D. Wilson beat P. Barty 10-8, 6-4; M. Cooper beat M. Appleyard 6-0, 6-0; V. Marshall beat B. Wharram 6-2,6-4 ; J. Horsley beat F. Britton 6-0, 6-1 ; J. Bielby beat M. Anderson 6-4, 7-5; N. Beckett beat B. Stephenson 6-3, 6-2.

In the 3rd round M. Cooper beat J. Horsley 6-2, 6-3: in the semi-final M. Cooper beat V. Marshall 6-2, 6-3 ; J. Bielby beat D. Wilson 6-3, 8-6. The final was between M. Cooper and .J. Bielby.

Sports, 1936.

We were very lucky in our weather and, as everybody did his or her share to make things go well, we maintained our reputation for one of the best days of Sport in Malton. The Quarter Mile gave us a good race between Scarborough and Whitby. This year we missed Pickering. We still hope that other Schools will find room in their programmes for an event which may give the champions of the Schools in our area a chance of seeing how they compare with each other.

Our thanks are due to our Judges - all members of the legal fraternity and therefore unimpeachable - -, Mrs. Svbil Taylor Reed for presenting the cups in the charming way we expected from her, to the O.M.A. for turning up in good numbers and for managing the meeting and teas, to our groundsmen for their good work, and to Mrs. Barker and her helpers for their usual efficiency.

We congratulate McBeath ma. as " Victor Ludorum" and wish that he was staying on at School, if only to meet eompetitors of his own age.

The Cup was won by Holgate 97½. Willoughby scoring 64 to Fitzwilliam 54, and Carlisle 36.

RESUI.TS:-

Senior Boys' Cross Country - 1 Holgate. 2 Willoughby. 3 Fitzwilliam.
 Junior Boys' Cross Country - 1 Fitzwilliam. 2 Willoughby. 3 Carlisle
 Boys' 880 yards - 1 Staples. 2 McBeath ma.. 3 Terry.
 Boys' 110 yards - 1 McBeath ma.. 2 Staples. 3 Wilson.
 Boys' I. High Jump - 1 McBeath ma.. 2 Staples. Wilson.
 Boys' II. High Jump - 1 Wilson. 2 Terry. Sledge.
 Boys' III. High Jump - 1 Young. 2 Wood and McBeath mi.
 Girls' III. High Jump - I M Crosby. 2 S Blackwell. 3 D Wood.
 Girls' II. High Jump - 1 M. Wharram. 2 C. Thompson , 3 P. Cooke and W. Grice.
 Girls' I. High Jump -1 M. Anderson, 2 P. Barty , 3 J. Bielby.
 Boys' I. 100 yards - 1 McBeath ma . 2 Staples, 3 Wilson.
 Boys' II. 100 yards - 1 Snowball ma . 2 Wilson. 3 Terry.
 Boys' III. 100 yards - 1 Parke, 2 Young. 3 Riordan mi.
 Girls' I. 100 yards - 1 P. Barty, 2 D. Wilson, 3 M. Anderson.
 Girls' II. 80 yards - 1 D Howie. 2 E. Skillbeck. 3 P. Cooke.
 Girls' III. 80 yards - 1 M. Crosby. 2 D. Wood. 3 P. Frankish
 Inter: School 440 yards -1 S.B.H.S. Welbourn. 2 W.C.S. Miller, 3 M.G.S. McBeath ma.
 Boys' III, 220 yards -1 Hodsman , Young. 3 Riordan.
 Boys II 220 yards - 1 Terry, 2 Wilson , 3 Snowball ma.
 Girls' III, Potato - 1 M. Crosby, 2 S Blackwell, 3 D. Wood.
 Girls' II. Potato - 1 D. Howie, 2 P. Cooke , 3 G England.
 Girls' I. Obstacle-J M. Cooper. 2 B. Blades. 3 V. Marshall.
 Boys' III. Cricket Ball Throwing - 1 Thackray, 2 Parke, 3 Young.
 Boys' II, Cricket Ball Throwing - 1 Wilson. 2 Terry. 3 Simons mi.
 Boys' I. Cricket Ball Throwing - 1 Wilson, 2 Rawes, 3 Hopperton.
 Girls' Relay - 1 Willoughby, 2 Holgate , 3 Carlisle.
 Boys' Relay - 1 Willoughby. 2 Holgate, 3 Carlisle.
 Boys' III. Long Jump - 1 Parke, 2 Hodsman , 3 Swales,
 Boys' II. Long Jump - 1 Snowball ma . 2 Terry. 3 Tweddle.
 Boys' I. Long Jump - 1 Snowball ma .. 2 Terry. 3 Hopperton.
 Girls' Netball Shooting - 1 Fitzwilliam. 2 Willoughby. 3 Holgate.
 Boys' Tug of War - 1 Carlisle. 2 Holgate.
 Girls' Netball - 1 Holgate. 2 Fitzwilliam.

Letter from Miss Douthett.

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 Fulford Road,

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I claim a space in the next issue of "The Maltonian," to express my sincere and grateful thanks for the very handsome Cheque and Beautifully Illuminated Address and List of Names presented to

me by the Governors, Mr. Watt, Staff, Old Maltonians, and Pupils of the Malton Grammar School, on my retirement, after teaching at the M.G.S. from the time it re-opened in 1911 to 1935. I look back on that time as very happy years in my teaching life. I always looked forward to my bi-weekly visits to Malton, and always felt Sure of being helped by the H.M. Also I can never forget the kindness and co-operation of Mr. Williams and other members of the Staff. The Pupils were ever ready to do a kindness, though not apparently "ever ready" to absorb Art! May I also say how indebted I feel to Mrs. Barker for her kindly care in looking after my physical needs.

I thank Miss Edwards for executing the Beautifully Illuminated Address and List of Names, which I value and appreciate very much. Also I take this opportunity to again thank Mr. Watt and the Old Maltonians for the honour they did me in making me the Guest of Honour at their Annual Dinner, February last, and making me an Honorary Life Member of the Maltonian Association.

I wish every success to all past, present, and future pupils of M.G.S., and again I thank you all.

I am

Yours sincerely,

M. DOUTHETT.

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Norton.

RE- UNIONS. -The Secretary is pleased to announce that at last he has received some letters from O.M.'s. To be sure the letters were evoked by a grouch, but they were very welcome none the less.

The grouch was the last Easter Re-Union which, as a few O.M.'s may recollect, did not materialise. Our correspondents - teachers both of them -complained that the Committee, by refusing to run a re-union at Easter, had deprived them of their one and only opportunity of meeting their friends and seeing M.G.S., albeit an

M.G.S. minus its staff. It is not enough, so runs the plaint, to hold re-unions during term; a more elaborate summer re-union in term time is no consolation for teachers who can come to Malton only during vacations. Both correspondents were emphatic that we, the committee, had done them and their ilk grievous wrong.

There is, however, as usual, the other side. Our last few re-unions in holiday time have resulted in heavy financial loss. We cannot afford to lose several pounds - the equivalent of many subscriptions - on a single re-union. My correspondents were wrong in blaming the Committee ; they should have blamed those Malton O.M.'s who could by their support help to make our Christmas and Easter re-unions a success. May we appeal here to all O.M.'s to support our coming Christmas Re-union? If it is a success the Committee will be encouraged to continue to provide an opportunity for my disgruntled correspondents and others like them to meet their friends,

THE INTER- HOUSE SPORTS. These notes are being written on the evening of Sports Day. As usual the Sports were managed by the Association, and, thanks especially to Wilfred Wise, were managed really well. It may interest O.M.'s to know who of their number helped to make the day such a success. Mrs. Reed (Sybil Taylor) .presented the cups. W. Wise was treasurer and organiser. D. Appleton was starter. J. Mason was scorer. A. Horsfield was judges' clerk. R. Tomlinson, J. Stansfield, G. Kendall, J. Gibson, H Shaw, C. Hornsey, and A. Norton, helped at the gates and in otherways. Mrs. E. Smith (Ena Sadler), Mrs. D. Freer (H. Lapish), M Sledge, B. Lott, J. Wise, M. Wise, N. Warcup, and Alison Watt helped Mrs. Barker with teas.

SERVICE. The Secretary has received a letter from the Urban District Council appealing for help in connection with the Malton Playing Fields. He has been asked to collect the names of any O.M.'s who will be willing to go to the fields and organise games amongst the kiddies.

Will any O.M.'s willing to help with a good job communicate with the Secretary at "Thenford," Swinton, Malton ?

BRUCE ROLLS (Hon. Sec.).

Hockey Section.

It seems such a pity, when we have the use of the school hockey pitch on Thursdays during the winter, that so few O.M.'s. turn up to play.

Although the attendance at practices last season was comparatively poor, we all thoroughly enjoyed them. It was also very amusing to observe the delight the Misses Wood and Bradshaw took in uprooting our affable centre forward. We were fortunately able to field a really first class team, but two of our best girl players are leaving us this summer. We seem to be fated: immediately we acquire a stalwart supporter, that person's work requires him to be moved into another district.

We look to other O.M.'s. and to the senior members of the school to fill their places.

W. A. Wise, Hon. Sec.

O.M.A. Notes.

We offer our sympathy to the parents of Mary Halton ('23-'27). We congratulate Alan Whyte ('12 - '19) on being appointed Assistant to the Rev. J. G. Sutherland at the Belgrave Central Church, Leeds. Mr. Sutherland is the organizer of the " Never- seen-the-Sea" Fund and Alan has been helping with that. He is hoping that the O.M.A. may perhaps see their way to taking all interest in Belgrave.

We congratulate also Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hornsey and Mr. and Mrs. Clive Smith, and offer our good wishes to Edith Rolls ('23- '25) and Eileen Bennett ('25 - '30). Congratulations also to Wilfred Wise ('28-'33) on his Law exam. Success to J. H. Freear, ('22 - '28) on his headmastership at Dalton!

We heard from Margaret Jenson ('20 - '22) who enjoys seeing Maltonians in her London Hotel.

Sybil Taylor Reed ('12-'18) has been to see us from Worthing. Marie Sledge ('82-'84) has been elected a Prefect at Hull T.C. Gordon Ross ('22-'27) is in H.M. Customs and Excise at Middlesbrough. Nancy Sonley ('26-'32) has continued to do well with her agricultural training, winning prizes and distinctions. Jean Sonley ('30-'35) has had to rest from her work through ill health. Donald Appleton ('28-'34) is with the Yorks Insurance Co. at York. Mary Freer ('23-'36) teaches at Rillington. Betty Lott ('30-'35) hopes for the G.P.O. Betty Wood ('27-'32) goes to Sunderland Hospital to finish her training. Lilian Blades ('28-'34) has been nursing at Whitby Miss Slipper, who has got over an operation. Harold Barlow ('28-'31) at Castle Acre has been studying A.A.A. rules with success. Kenneth Brown ('26-'31) still reports at Helmsley, Hubert Fryer ('21-'26) at Eastbourne and Alan Weir ('24-'25) at Leeds.

We offer as usual a prize to the reader who first writes to the Editor the name of the author of the following passage :-

The English Language.

"One outcome of the Norman Conquest was the making of the English language. As a result of Hastings, the Anglo - Saxon tongue, the speech of Alfred and Bede, was exiled from hall and bower, from court and cloister, and was despised as a peasants' jargon, the talk of ignorant serfs. It ceased almost, though not quite, to be a written language. The learned and the pedantic lost all interest in its forms, for the clergy talked Latin and the gentry talked French. Now when a language is seldom written and is not an object of interest to scholars, it quickly adapts itself in the mouths of plain people to the needs and uses of life. This may be either good or evil, according to circumstances. If the grammar is clumsy and ungraceful, it can be altered much more easily when there are no grammarians to protest. And so it fell out in England. During the three centuries when our native language was a peasants' dialect it lost its clumsy inflections and elaborate genders and acquired the grace, suppleness, and adaptability which are among its chief merits. At the same time it was enriched by many French words and ideas. The English vocabulary is mainly French in words relating to war, politics, justice, religion, hunting, cooking, and art. Thus improved, our native tongue re-entered polite and learned society as the English of Chaucer's tales and Wycliffe's Bible, to be still further enriched into the English of Shakespeare and Milton. There is no more romantic episode in the history of man than this underground growth and unconscious self-preparation of the despised island 'patois,' destined ere long to burst forth into sudden blaze, to be spoken in every quarter of the globe and to produce a literature with which only that of ancient Hellas is comparable. It is symbolic of the fate of the English race itself after Hastings, fallen to rise nobler, trodden under foot, only to be trodden into shape."

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