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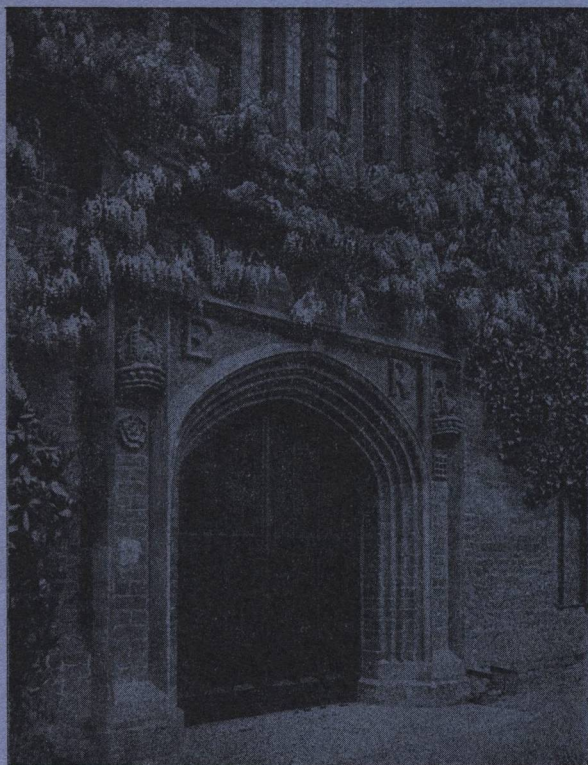
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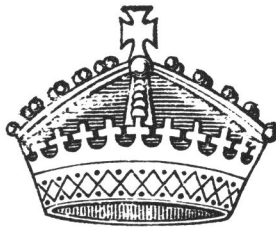
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Main door of Tudor Hall, Old School Buildings, 1573-1932



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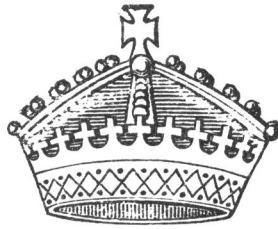


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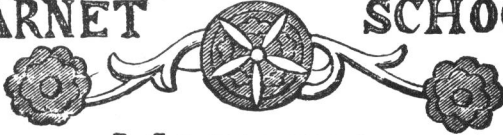
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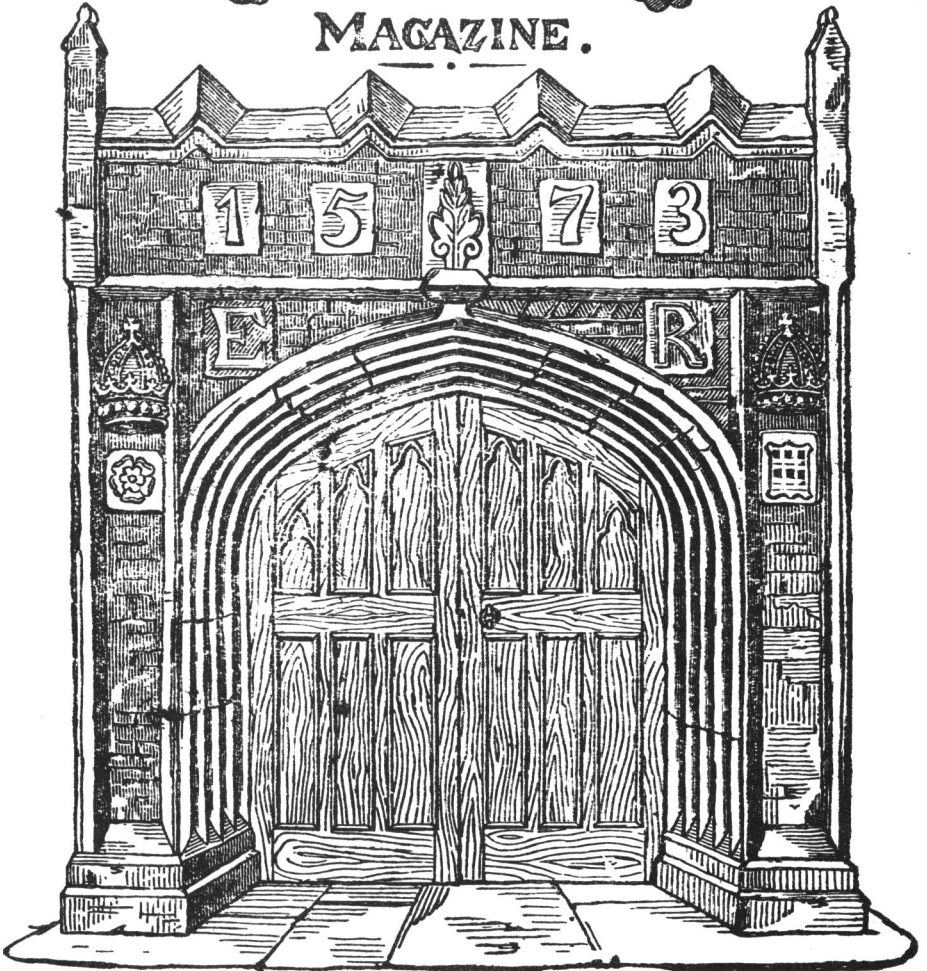


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CENTENARY BROCHURE, EXTRACTS from
"THE ELIZABETHAN".
NOVEMBER, 1876 – 1976.

FOREWORD.

When I realised that this year was the 100th Anniversary of the first issue of "the ELIZABETHAN", the magazine of QUEEN ELIZABETH'S BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Barnet, I approached the Old Boys' Association with the suggestion that a reprint of the first issue be made for distribution to the present boys at School, to members of the Association, and to the general public.

A reprint was a simple process, but after consideration the Association Committee asked that I produce a reprint of extracts over the 100 years. This may appear just as easy a task, but it has proved most difficult to contract into 44 pages, a 100 years of history.

I browsed through all my own library of "Elizabethans", then through the School's library of early volumes (by kind permission of the Headmaster). As a result I have been able to complete some of my early volumes from spare copies the School had preserved over the years.

If anyone would like to look through any particular bound volumes I have, I will happily allow the books to be borrowed on request.

The problem of selecting extracts was solved by Headmasterships, very conveniently, as follows:—
Rev. John Bond Lee, M.A., (1875, New Foundation, 1876 to 1906, started with 48 pupils. Issued 1st "Elizabethan" November, 1876).

Williams L. Lattimer, M.A. Cantab. 1906 to 1929, (1st World War, and issue of C.L. Tripp's "History of the School").

Ernest H. Jenkins, M.A. Oxon., 1930 to 1961, (New Buildings, 2nd World War, issue of "Elizabethan Headmaster, 1930 - 61").

Timothy B. Edwards, M.A. Oxon., 1961 to present day. (More new buildings to Comprehensive status, and over 1,000 pupils. The regular thrice yearly issue of "The Elizabethan" ceased in 1968, and occasional issues have been made since.)

I worked on these lines, and hope that the extracts reprinted will adequately cover the major and minor activities of the School and Old Boys, and will prove of interest not only to those connected with the School, but to members of the general public who have had a boys school established locally for the past 403 years, 1573 - 1976.

The "Friends of Q.E. School" has assisted financially to help in keeping the price of the issue to the School at 10p each. The Old Boys Committee have taken copies at cost for issue to their members, and additional brochures may be obtained from me at 40p each (which includes postage). Please offset the cost of production by taking an extra copy. Apply to me at anytime.

F.J. Parsley, (1922 - 27),
Vice-President,
Old Elizabethans (Barnet),
1st Hon. Treasurer, 1946 - 66,
"Kheda", Park Road, New Barnet,
Herts., EN4 9QA.

June, 1976.

P R E F A C E.

VERY little apology we trust is necessary for the appearance of this indication of our life as a School. At any rate, on the principle of "qui s'excuse s'accuse," we shall abstain from much speaking on the point.

Every healthy body pre-supposes a voice. We hope we have firmly established our existence as a vigorous corporate body. The ELIZABETHAN will be our voice. It will make itself heard in various ways:—

1. It will from term to term chronicle the manifold events which go to make up the exuberant life of a schoolboy. These events, though trivial to the grown-up world, are not so to us; nor, rightly deemed, should they be to anyone. "The child is father to the man"; and many a man can point to some definite event in his schoolboy life as having made a lasting mark on his character. To preserve for Barnet boys a permanent record of many such events, is a main object of the ELIZABETHAN.

2. In a growing community wants many and various must ever be arising which can only take definite shape under the wear and tear of everyday life. To make such wants known and to discuss the best means of supplying them our voice will from time to time make itself heard.

3. We confidently expect that now and then some Barnet boy, present or past, will inhale the divine "afflatus" of the Muses, under which he will long for deliverance in original composition in prose or verse. For such utterances the columns of the *ELIZABETHAN* will provide a natural channel.

4. Finally, we trust that we have to look forward to a long roll of successes achieved and victories won by Barnet boys, both in the world of school and in the world at large. Of such heroes, though the trumpet of fame proclaim not their names, there will always be a grateful record in the pages of the *ELIZABETHAN* and a fitting shrine in the loving memories of their old schoolfellows. And so we trust that heroic deeds however humble may not altogether perish "carent quia vate sacro."

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL,
October, 1876.

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ORIGINES BARNETIENSES.

(I.)

Some account of our start into a fresh lease of life will not be out of place in the present number of the *Elizabethan*; we hope in future numbers to summon up from time to time the ghosts of our former selves and to make them tell us how that, in bygone times, the sixth form wore knee breeches and wigs, and how that they were obliged under pains and penalties duly set forth in statutes and ordinances to speak nothing but Latin within the school precincts. Have we not a survival of this custom of speaking Latin in the considerable number of words still in daily use among us such as *quis? ego, sum, cave, præfect*, etc.

Leaving however for the present our connexion with the past and the great historical interest that attaches to it, and saying nothing about the spirit of honourable pride and emulation which it engenders, we will give some account of the events which

preceded and accompanied the re-opening of the Grammar School, merely premising that in altering the school buildings themselves not a single relic of the olden time has been displaced, not even the bricks on which departed scholars have, at the cost of many a pocket knife perhaps, engraved their initials. Although the walls have been freshened up a little they are substantially and actually the same as they were three hundred years ago.

The school was founded under Queen Elizabeth in 1573 and when the Schools Enquiry Commissioners visited it in 1866 though it was doing in its sphere a good work it was found that like many other schools it had not kept pace with the times for want of money. In 1868 the visitors of Jesus Hospital were debating what could best be done with their surplus. Jesus Hospital we should state was founded in Barnet by JAMES RAVENSCROFT in the reign of CHARLES II. for the support of six poor sisters. The hospital property situated in Bethnal Green had for many years produced about sufficient for the sisters, but its rents had then reached about £1200 a year. The Endowed Schools Act gave powers to the Grammar School to take out of this £5000 for building purposes and a further annual endowment. The governors then procured the royal assent to the transfer and to the new school scheme. This was obtained in July 1873 and the formal opening of the school took place on Saturday, April the 25th, 1875, the interval being

occupied by the building of the new class-rooms and master's house. The hall was well filled. The chairman of the Governors, H. E. CHETWYND-STAPYLTON, Esq. M.A. J.P. presided. The Rector of Barnet having opened with prayer, the Rev. F. C. CASS, M.A. Rector of Monken Hadley, one of the Governors, gave a rapid and interesting sketch of the past history of the school. The chairman then traced the history of the new school scheme which he said was fortunately "a very "elastic one, and would allow them to keep pace "with the age and to make whatever alterations "might be necessary." In the course of his speech he explained the use of the "whipping post," from the vivid recollection of one who had had part of his education based on it. He told his audience how in days past one of the oldest inhabitants of Barnet had when a boy been taken up by the legs and arms by four of his fellows and then brought into somewhat sharp contact with the post. But the whipping post is for the present a whipping post only in name. As, however, we find we have already overpassed the space allotted to us we must postpone farther remarks to the next number of the *Elizabethan*.

The Rev. R. R. HUTTON then read the Report of the Examiner, and the proceedings closed by a vote of thanks to the Head Master proposed by the Rev. F. C. CASS.

THE CRICKET FIELD.—We got into our new field last term. It is a little over six acres and is very level, and as nothing but hay has been grown in it for generations the turf is magnificent. Much has still to be done to the ground before it can be regarded as being in a satisfactory condition. We have only made a beginning so far in getting things straight, our more immediate wants are a lawn mower and a field roller. We hope to be able this winter to prepare a pitch of about six hundred square yards for the First Eleven, and to get practice grounds in condition for all three Elevens.

We are very sorry that we are prevented through want of space from giving one of the Third Eleven matches in which much spirit and good play was shewn, the bowling of Newth min. proving particularly destructive. We think that several boys in this eleven deserve much credit for the energy and organizing spirit they have displayed. With a field such as ours and with vigorous players we look forward to long scores next summer. We will now give an account of some of our more important matches.

NOTES OF NEWS.

NEW PREFECTS.—At the commencement of Term, Mr. LEE made BEATTIE ma., MITCHELL ma., RITCHIE, PLANK, and EDWARDS prefects. We have now two prefects for the week, one is library prefect and the other is roll prefect.

NEW MASTER.—The Head Master has appointed Mr. S. CLARK to the mastership of Lower School *vice* Mr. PAUL. Mr. SWALLOW our drawing master has left.

PRIZES FOR HOLIDAY TASK.—The subject for these prizes was chemistry. The first prize was gained by CROSS ma.; for the second prize SEAMAN and STEWART mi. were bracketed equal.

NEW BUILDINGS—Our new buildings are now roofed in, but we suppose that a large amount of work still remains to be done inside.

THE “BISHOP BROUGHTON” PRIZE.—We are much pleased to be able to call attention to the fact that this prize will in future be given annually for divinity. It was founded in honour of an old Barnet boy who was selected on the suggestion of the great Duke of Wellington for the arduous

and important post of first Bishop of Sydney about the year 1835. The fund which provides the means of thus associating the Bishop with his old School was raised, on the occasion of his visiting the scene of his boyhood about 25 years ago, through the energy of the Rev. R. R. HUTTON, now rector of Barnet.

DESTRUCTION OF THE "OLD CROWN."—At last this "ancient hostelry" which is supposed to have been the place of meeting of the School Governors in the reign of Elizabeth is succumbing to our modern requirements. Its demolition will open out the view of our new buildings a little, though a perfect *coup d'œil* will not be obtained until the drill shed is removed.

CHANGES IN THE GOVERNING BODY. — Lord STRAFFORD and the Rev. T. H. WINBOLT having resigned, S. WILDE, Esq., of Hadley, and T. KEMBLE, Esq., of Potters Bar, have been elected in their places.

SCIENCE SCHOOL. — The chemistry class was inspected on Monday March 12th by Captain HAMILTON TOVEY R.A., from South Kensington. The examination comes off in May, when we hope we shall make a good show in the class list.

who misses an easy catch, or fails to stop an easy ball, be fined twopence for each offence; thus we should not only help to raise the subscriptions, but make the players more careful. I think that if some such means were employed, we should get the required sum together, and trust that the matter may not be unworthy of the attention of the officers of the cricket club.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

TENTATOR.

[We are assured by the authorities that "Tentator," whose punning capacities are clearly of a high order, has only to head a list with a handsome subscription in order to obtain the consummation of his desires.—EDIT.]

An "Aggrieved Train-boy" complains that the rights of the British School-boy are being grossly infringed by the railway company. A train which is advertised to arrive at High Barnet at 8:55 a.m., and which would bring him just in nice time for school—he declares—rarely, if ever, reaches its destination before nine o'clock, and so necessitates his starting at an earlier hour and by another train! He especially laments that his morning sacrifice at the shrine of Minerva is thus rudely disturbed. We are free to confess that we might have suspected our correspondent of a lurking allegiance to another potent deity—whose worship under similar circumstances would not be without its attractions for our less ethereal minds—had not his energetic disclaimer disarmed the suspicion and thoroughly convinced us of the contrary. We may remind our correspondent that the company does not pledge itself to run the trains up to the advertised time; however, we feel assured that if, as he proposes, all the train-boys joined to memorialise the company on the subject, the combined grievances of so many outraged British school-boys must have their due weight.

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April, 1915.

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EDITORIAL.

This number of the Magazine will reach, we hope, every Old Elizabethan who is serving in His Majesty's Forces either at home or abroad. With it the School and the Old Elizabethan Club send joint greetings to all. A school does not forget her sons at any time, still less is she likely to do so when she is supremely proud of their deeds. Many to whom these words are addressed have been removed far from the sphere of their old School by business and other occupations, and have had possibly little news of the place of their early youth for many years. It is highly significant, however, that many of these have already sent some word of their doings in the great war to their School. In return we hope to convey to them some account of our own activities. By special request the list of Elizabethans serving with the colours is reprinted. It has been compiled not without trouble, but it cannot pretend by the nature of things to be either complete or accurate. Any corrections or additional information should be sent to the Head Master, who is extremely anxious that no name shall be omitted from the Honours Board which is to have a permanent place in our historic monument, the Old Hall, when war is ended. We have to draw attention, too, to a

very valuable suggestion, which we sincerely trust will be adopted by all who read these pages. Let all Elizabethans who have come forward in the time of their country's need vow to celebrate their homecoming and the victory which is surely destined to be theirs by attending the prospective dinner of the O.E. Club to give them welcome. Such a gathering may never again be possible in our lives. Let not the opportunity pass. We feel sure that no British schoolboy is entirely oblivious of his school, and we are confident that none of those who have displayed the highest form of patriotism in proving themselves ready to sacrifice their lives for their country, need any lesson in practical devotion to their school mother. One outcome of the war, it is certain, cannot help but be a very large increase of new (or renewed) members of the O.E. Club. The mere formality, even if it is nothing more than this, of keeping intact the link that binds to the old school is but a small price to pay for the inestimable example of practical patriotism which it illustrates. No School can prosper without its Old Boys' Club. This then demands the membership of all who have any sentiment of gratitude or affection for their School.

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As a further example of the utter inappropriateness of the catch-phrase, "Business as usual," at the present time, we have to state that there will be no Sports Day this year. In coming to this decision we had to choose between the policy governing such sporting events as the 'Varsity Boat Race, Gentlemen *v.* Players, Eton *v.* Harrow, etc., and that which controls the Final Tie of the Football Association

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

Boys Left, April, 1917.—C. Booth, R. Chameroy, E. Chandler, J. C. Hooney, I. M. March, I. K. Pyne, J. D. Shaw, P. R. Shaw, E. J. Shilling, and F. W. Willway.

New Boys, May, 1916.—Form IVa., S. E. Bulloch; Form IVb., A. W. Randle; Form III., K. W. Bulloch; Form II., W. L. Frusher; Form Ia., J. F. W. Harrison, N. B. Hodgson, E. Armour; Form Ib., G. E. Timpson, P. J. White, R. G. Barrett.

Second Lieutenant F. H. Pyle has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health, caused by wounds, and retires with the honorary rank of second lieutenant.

R. L. Houghton, Royal Fusiliers, severely wounded in the shoulders by a shell, in April, has been sent home to a Military Hospital.

Lieutenant Hugh Williams has been severely wounded. He was on the school field on a match day in June, in good spirits, in spite of all.

A Troop of the Herts Yeomanry claim to have been first to enter Baghdad. A number of Elizabethans have been members of this body since the outbreak of war.

Lieut. A. L. Smith, who was recently appointed to a commission in the Indian Army, has had an exciting experience. A telegram which he sent home was as follows:—"Torpedoed. Safe; but have lost everything."

L. Elrick has joined the Royal Garrison Artillery.

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The continued growth of the School has presented a problem that demands solution. With 240 boys, it is more than full, and the Governors have decided not to go beyond that limit, for the time being at any rate. This means that at the beginning of each term only those places will be filled which have been vacated by boys leaving. The entrance examination will be of a competitive character, so that the best boys may be obtained from the applicants. This term work has been carried on only under great difficulties. We were certainly fortunate in securing a large American Red Cross Hut, which will easily provide four large class-rooms, and we looked forward to seeing it in full use soon after its foundations were laid in September, but we were doomed to disappointment, as nothing has been seen of certain essential parts for two months. We may have to wait some time yet before the increased accommodation becomes an effective force. It is agreed on all hands that plans for building must remain in abeyance for some years owing to the difficulties of post-War conditions, so that schools will be compelled to put up with improvised accommodation for some little time

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Pianoforte Solo, Mr. Normanton.
Song, "Uncle Ned," R. P. Scott.
School Song, J. F. Friend.
Reading, Yorkshire Dialect, Mr. Judson.
Imitation of Scottish Comedian, Mr. Knowles.
Topical Song, Mr. Lattimer.

THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET)

The annual general meeting of the Old Boys Association was held in the School Hall on March 11th. About 30 members were present, and Mr. G. Henderson was elected chairman. In their report for 1919, the Committee stated that owing to the large increase in the number of life members the reserve fund had been considerably augmented, and the greater part had been invested in War Savings Certificates. During the year 83 new members had been elected. The death of four members was reported with regret; one resignation had been received, and the appointments of 17 members had lapsed. The total membership was now 171, including 14 hon. members and 32 life members. Messrs. H. V. Bearman, H. A. Dalton, G. Henderson, E. A. Pounds, J. A. Strugnell, and A. K. Williams were elected members of the Committee for the forthcoming year, and Messrs. W. H. Heath and J. L. Howson were appointed assistant hon. secretaries. A proposal to change the name of the Association from "The Old Elizabethan Club (Barnet)" to "The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)" was adopted. The question of colours was again discussed, and it was decided to retain the existing design

of hatband if it could be manufactured, and if not, it was left to the Committee to select a suitable design. It was also decided to obtain a supply of ties, but it was felt that mufflers should not be ordered unless it was ascertained that there was a demand for them. With regard to blazers it was suggested that the School crest should be worn on a dark blue blazer. The possibility of running an Old Boys' Cricket Team was discussed, and was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. G. Henderson, A. W. Pounds, E. A. Pounds, Junr., and D. M. Rourke. It was suggested that a series of dances should be run next winter, but the proposal was not adopted. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1919.

Accounts.—We submit herewith the accounts of the Club for the year ended 31st December, 1919. Owing to the large increase in the number of life members the Reserve Fund has been considerably augmented, and the greater part has been invested in War Savings Certificates.

Meetings of the Committee.—There have been four meetings of the committee, and two meetings of sub committees during the year.

Membership of the Club.—We have elected 83 new members during the year. We report with regret the death of 4 members; 1 resignation has been received, and the appointments of 17 members have lapsed. The total membership is now 171, of whom 14 are hon. members and 82 life members.

obtained last year, this year constitutes a still better effort. With Lundie's achievement in the Higher Certificate, 30 passes in the School Certificate (including 10 exemptions from Matriculation), besides other satisfactory features of the examinations, we are sure that all concerned can feel proud. And if anyone has merited success, it is surely Lundie; he has deserved it by his quiet and patient effort, and this has been recognised by the authorities of the School and of the County. No less pleasant is it to congratulate Mr. Stevens and Mr. Friend on obtaining their degrees. It is no easy matter to obtain such success when free from other duties, and hence their effort is all the more meritorious.

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As we go to Press we learn that Mr. Ruscoe has received the recognition to which his qualifications and ability entitle him. In appointing him to the headmastership of the Hereford High School the Governors have had the good sense to secure a good man. Their gain is our loss. Both on the cricket field and in the class-room, as well as among the staff, his loss will be keenly felt. We offer both him and Mrs. Ruscoe our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Saturday, June 19th, marked the inception of Founder's Day at the School. After a week of anything but summer weather, the day opened with brilliant sunshine, which, happily, lasted all day.

The proceedings were opened with the reception of old boys by the Headmaster in the school hall. After-

wards the old boys, in goodly number, attended a special thanksgiving service, at which the present boys and the School staff also were present, in Chipping Barnet Parish Church.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The service had been especially compiled for the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Stevens, who was at the school in 1876. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Mr. A. S. Martin-Smith and Mr. C. Whittington. Mr. Martin-Smith presided at the organ, whilst Mr. Whittington led the choir, formed of the boys of the School and old boys. The Rev. W. E. Moll, Rector of Barnet, and, by ancient charter, a Governor of the School, conducted the service, and added to its solemnity by his sympathetic reading of the prayers.

The processional hymn was, "All people that on earth do dwell." After some collects, the prayer for the school was said, and the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd," was sung. Mr. G. Henderson read the first lesson from Deut. xxx.; and the second lesson, the parable of the Sower (St. Luke viii.), was read by the Headmaster after the singing of the hymn, "For all the saints." Then followed a prayer for Founder's Day, and a prayer for the inspiration of the day. Parry's "Jerusalem" was sung by the whole congregation, and the service was closed with the Blessing and the recessional hymn, "Now thank we all our God."

In the church were many friends of the school, and all were impressed by the beauty and simplicity of the service.

We now come to the all-important topic of the Sports. In previous years we have failed to distinguish ourselves, but at the present time the outlook is brighter. We hope that all boys will be enthusiastic, and turn up regularly to training.

C.G.M.

OLD ELIZABETHAN NOTES

THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL.

It was with very glad hearts that Elizabethans learned that the School is not to be disbanded in a few years' time, in order to clear the way for a County Council secondary school. Our School, like all old institutions, has, in its time, sailed through troubled waters, but it is to be doubted if ever its fate seemed more precarious than during the past few months.

It would seem that the Hertfordshire Education Committee, when first they decided to erect a new set of buildings, entirely overlooked the fact that there was in existence in Barnet a School which had been established by Royal Charter, and had in the space of 354 years built up a very valuable educational heritage. That the people of these parts were not prepared quietly to accept any such proposals quickly became manifest when, in a space of a week, over 7,300 signatures were obtained to our petition, which was presented on our behalf by C.Cr. L. T. Harris, J.P., to the County Council.

The County Council wisely decided to defer approving their Education Committee's proposals until the matter had been more fully considered. Whereupon the Old

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Elizabethans drew up and circulated a memorandum, setting out the case for the retention of the present status of the School. This statement was considered at a joint conference of the O.E. Committee and the Governing Body. Subsequently, the parents of the present boys held a meeting at the School, at which they decided to assist in all ways possible the fight which the Old Boys were making.

The task of setting before the local residents the vital factors of the case was most successfully accomplished by the able editorial articles which appeared in the "Barnet Press"; while to C.C. L. T. Harris fell the very difficult, and ultimately successfully accomplished, task of making the County Council realise the educational value of an independent Board of Governors, such as is enjoyed by "aided" schools.

The scheme for the future management of the School, which has been agreed between the Governing Body and the County Council, provides, in addition to the independent locally-appointed Governing Body, that the name, customs, and traditions of the School shall be continued. While it rests with the authorities to decide what the name of the School shall be, the preservation of the customs and traditions depends upon the spirit of the School. That spirit should be enshrined in the Old Boys' Association, and continuity can only be effective in so far as the School, after its transfer, is actively supported by "Old Boys." The transitional stage will necessarily be difficult, and we expect everybody, present and past, will assist in tiding

over this period. The new building will, undoubtedly, afford greater scope for the School, and the augmented foundation income will make possible many things which at present are unobtainable. The change, so far from weakening the O.E. Association, should add to its strength and usefulness.

The agreed Articles of Government give to us the chance of securing the continuity of our School. This opportunity must not be wasted, for it can, in the very nature of things, never occur again.

Needless to say, we are very glad that Mr. C. L. Tripp has been elected a Governor of the School. The presence of an active member of the Association on the Governing Body should be of great value to the School, especially in the critical days of the transitional period. We hope that in the days to come the various bodies which appoint the School Governors will see their way to securing the services of other Old Boys on the Governing Body.

FOUNDERS DAY, 1928

In the above connection we would remind all Elizabethans that Founder's Day, with which is incorporate the Past v. Present cricket match, is now definitely fixed for the third Saturday in June. Those who keep engagement books are asked to book immediately June 16th for this year, so that Founders' Day Supper may see a reunion of past and present Elizabethans worthy of the School, which is celebrating the 355th anniversary of its foundation.

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As most of us will now be aware, this is the last number of the ‘Elizabethan’ to appear during the Headship of Mr. Lattimer. He came here in 1906, and his Headmastership has now lasted 23 years. This is not the moment to dwell on what Mr. Lattimer has done for the School. We shall have occasion to return to this later on. The sorrow which all will feel at his approaching departure will be lightened, we are sure, by the pleasant recollections we can associate with his last term at the School, as well as by the thought that Mr. Lattimer himself may be able to look back on his last term with well-justified satisfaction. That he will have reason to do so is clear from the following facts:

The results of the School Leaving Examination show that out of 30 candidates entered 24 passed, giving a percentage of passes of 80 per cent. This is again above our average for last year—75 per cent.—and well above the average for the whole country—64.4 per cent.

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EDITORIAL.

ALL questions of news or general editorial matter—even the fact that the elevens throughout the School this year are the best that there have been for some years—pale before the great changes that are about to come upon us.

This is the last issue that we shall publish from these old buildings. Ever since 1573 some part at least of the existing rooms has been used for the “Grammar Schole of Queen Elizabeth atte Barnet.” It has been known for a long time that a move was impending, and in many ways, of course, this is a pleasurable thing. Not only is it going to vary (more, probably, than we shall like) the monotony and routine of years, but it is going to take us into new buildings—how very different from our old ones!—modern (as Squeers would have said) in construction, charming in appearance, efficient in design, cool, clean, light, and airy, filled with shower baths, dynamos, gymnasias, tiles, dining halls, and other things of which we had hardly thought, even in our wildest dreams. We have watched it growing at the back of Stapylton field for many months; and even now we hardly realise that the move is so imminent, and that our old home will know us no more. That being so, we are rather sad about it. It seems a tremendous pity (though it is a ridiculous thought) that the best parts of the old place could not have been incorporated with the new; that the hall, which has seen so many changes in the School’s life, from small beginnings to comparative success, from success to genuine poverty, from poverty to recovery, and from recovery to new organisations, that once formed, not only

the whole of the schoolrooms, but the whole of the boarders' sleeping quarters and the whole of the headmaster's house as well, that must have seen very real childish griefs and very real childish successes of tens of generations of scholars, shall be a "schole" no longer. It seems sad, too, that those tall and gawky classroom quarters, with their quaint and much-damaged brickwork, and the unspeakably chilly and very noisy laboratory, which have held us for more than half-a-century, while we have grown from 50 to 300 in numbers, should now pass into other hands and be used for other purposes. It even seems a pity to say "Goodbye" to the hut and to the playground—much abused, in more senses than one. But, on the whole, we gain prodigiously. There can be none, except the very small amongst us, who does not realise how, in many ways, our growth, our scholarship, our activities, our behaviour, and even, in some respects, our dignity, have been cramped in our present surroundings. The magnificent new buildings present us with our great chance—let us seize it with both hands. No more should makeshifts and compromise in work and games, in clubs, in the very way in which we have to move about, and (bless the Victorian word) comport ourselves, be necessary. Here we have the real opportunity for developing that liberal education, "as well in grammar as in other sound learning," which our mighty Foundress intended should be our portion. Old buildings, like old people, grow lovable and command affection and respect because of their age; but, also, like old people, they often develop bad and irritating habits. Let us take the chance, which the change provides us, with all our heart and will, remembering that the foundations which we are to lay will have to endure from generation to generation. Let us take with us all that is best and noblest of our old School, all, in other words, that is real tradition; let us leave behind all that is unnecessary, undignified, noisy and cheap, all, in short, that has grown up as a habit to spoil good tradition and ancient custom.

Above all, let us pray sincerely that, whatever differences the change may make, the eternal spirit of Queen Elizabeth's School, which, in all its vicissitudes, has grown steadily from small things to larger, shall continue to flourish from generation to generation of all its scholars for ever.

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We wish to thank Mr. A. B. Vialou, J.P., of the Governing Body, for the gift of a show-case, for the purpose of holding old records, etc., of the School, in order that these may be exhibited each year on Founders' Day. May we assure him, on behalf of the Headmaster and the School, that we are sincerely grateful for his generous gift.

owing to the dearth of amateur photographers in the House, the standard of our entries was rather poor, and we must attempt to atone for this by entering some first-class work next year. All members of the House who possess cameras would do well to use them to advantage during the summer holidays.

We should like to offer our congratulations to N. D. M. Parsons on gaining his Athletic Colours and his 1st XI. Colours; to G. P. M. Brewer and H. C. Griffiths on obtaining their 1st XI. Colours; and to N. H. T. Bennett and W. M. Gibson on obtaining their 2nd XI. Colours.

H.C.G.
A.S.V.T.

UNDERNE.

House Master: Mr. O. M. Mathews.

Prefects: L. R. Heard, W. E. Newnham. *Sub-Prefect:* R. J. Jeffery.

At the end of the term we shall lose Mr. Mathews, who has been with us in the capacity of House Master since Mr. Harrison was indisposed. Mr. Mathews has done a great deal for the House, not only by helping us on the Sports Field, but also by continuing the unselfish example set by his predecessor. We wish him every success in his new position as House Master at Keswick School.

Since the last House Notes were written, the Cricket Cup Competition has taken place. We drew Stapylton in the semi-final, and were defeated after a good game. We have, however, the consolation of knowing that Stapylton were finally the winners of the competition.

In the Junior Competition we again lost in the semi-final to Stapylton, after a very close game. In the second innings of this match we were rather unlucky not to be able to dismiss the last three Stapylton batsmen when we were in a good position. We therefore lost on the result of the first innings.

In the competition for the Athletic Cup we have, to date, only ninety-seven points, whilst our nearest rivals have one hundred and sixty-six points. We hope, therefore, that our juniors will be amply rewarded for the keenness they have shown during training, by obtaining good results in the Junior Sports. We wish them every success.

Our Swimming team has again won the Swimming Cup, whilst we have high hopes of retaining the Individual Cup presented by Mr. O. J. Gardner. We heartily congratulate the team on their success. We would wish, however, to see more swimmers from the Junior School, so as to have efficient teams to be responsible for the destinies of the House in the Swimming Cup in years to come.

Congratulations are due to R. J. Jeffery on being awarded his 1st XI. Colours; to L. R. Heard on being appointed Captain of the 2nd XI.; and to J. H. Heard on being awarded his Colts' Colours.

Finally, we hope that next term the House will do all in its power to make the task of its House Master as easy as possible.

L.R.H.

OLD ELIZABETHAN NOTES AND NEWS.

W. H. Jopling (1921-1929) has secured the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P., and is now practising as a doctor.

A. N. Worden (1928-1932) has passed the third professional examination of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

S. Jackson (1919-1927) again played badminton for England during the season 1935-6.

E. J. Nankivell (1926-1934) won the Mile in the Hertfordshire County Championships.

J. D. Oates (1922-32) has obtained the degree of B.Sc. (Engineering) with second-class honours.

MARRIAGES.

On 2nd May, 1936, at Wrangthorn Church, Leeds, Philip Walrond Powell (1908-1915) to Mary Evelyn Lowe.

On 23rd May, 1936, at Holy Trinity Church, Lyonsdown, George Edward Jefferes (1921-1927) to Freda Marshall.

On 4th July, 1936, at Holy Trinity Church, Lyonsdown, Eric William Daw (1915-1921) to Hylda Winifred Goddard.

On 11th July, 1936, at All Saints' Church, Whetstone, Herbert W. Holland (1922-1927) to Irene J. Southgate.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on 1st April, 1936. The chair was taken by Mr. P. W. Powell, who submitted the subjoined report of the Committee and statement of accounts for 1935.

All the officers of the Association were appointed to serve for another year, and the following members were elected to serve on the Committee:—W. O. Cook, M. A. G. Howgate, S. C. Paterson, P. W. Powell, B. G. White and A. N. Worden.

A statement was made by Mr. W. O. Cook as to the action being taken to form a Rugby Union Section of the Association.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. W. T. Holmes Spicer, Sir Harry Pritchard was unanimously elected President of the Association.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1935-36.

ACCOUNTS.—We submit herewith the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December, 1935. We regret that there is a deficiency of £3 5s. 11d. on the income and expenditure account, owing to the fact that 52 subscriptions for 1935 were still outstanding at the end of the year. The deficiency would have been much greater but that the List of Members was not issued during the year.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.—We have elected 15 new members during the year; there have been 5 resignations of membership; and, in 25 cases, membership has lapsed. We regret to report the death of Dr. W. T. Holmes Spicer, President of the Association. The total membership is now 285, of whom 34 are more than a year in arrear with their subscriptions. There are 102 life members and 18 honorary members.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.—There have been four meetings of the General Committee and seven Sub-Committee meetings during the year. The attendances of the elected members at meetings were as follows, the maximum possible number of attendances being given in brackets:—W. O. Cook, 3 (4); W. H. Jopling, 4 (9); S. C. Paterson, 4 (7); P. W. Powell, 3 (11); B. G. White, 5 (8); and A. N. Worden, 2 (4).

SUBSIDIARY CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.—The Lawn Tennis Section held one meeting during the summer, and conducted the annual tournament, which was again won by S. Jackson. One meeting of the Golf Section was held, and another was arranged but abandoned owing to weather conditions. A Rugby Football Section has been formed and fixtures have been arranged for a roving team.

theless great confidence in our ability to win. The weather conspired to make things difficult, and prolonged rain put even the White City Stadium out of action for training purposes. Chaps were reduced to jogging round the asphalt surrounding the school, or sending discol splashing across the Gun Field and then wading after them. In fact, the final training consisted chiefly of free-standing work in the gymnasium, such exercises having already been a prominent feature of the athletic preparation all through the term.

The heats and preliminaries on the Friday gave us a look at the opposition, and confirmed the belief that we could not fail to win. Three runners attempted a discus or javelin throw in addition, but all the others limited their efforts to one event. Only the long jumpers failed to reach their best form, but all the runners had either attained standard time or qualified to run in the finals the next day. The seven points thus gained were soon doubled in the Saturday, when F. F. Edwards and A. Coleman ran third and fourth in the 880 Yards, and half an hour later E. N. H. Shearly added another seven by winning the Mile. H. E. Maudslay of Eton was a much boosted entrant in this race, but Shearly set out successfully to crack him with a fast third lap, and holding off the only other serious challenger in the last lap, won with five yards to spare in only one fifth of a second slower than the record time. A. P. Smith had meanwhile scored a point for standard in the Weight, and with the Walk and Steeplechase still to come, we had nearly as many points on the board as altogether last year. R. H. Vincent won the Walk by a long distance from D. C. Clark with F. E. Cowtan fourth, a remarkably good effort on the part of these two Class B fellows, and J. V. H. Spicer ran into third place in the Steeplechase, with the first two runners both inside the previous record. But even before this we knew the Cup was ours. Competitors who scored points were :

E. N. H. Shearly : Mile Challenge Cup and Standard Medal	7	points
R. H. Vincent : Mile Walk Challenge Cup and Standard Medal	6	..
(also awarded the Fowler-Dixon Medal for style)	7	..
D. C. Clark : Mile Walk, 2nd and Standard Medal	6	..
J. V. H. Spicer : $\frac{3}{4}$ -Mile Steeplechase, 3rd and Standard Medal ...	5	..
F. F. Edwards : 880 Yards, 3rd and Standard Medal	5	..
A. Coleman : 880 Yards, 4th and Standard Medal	4	..
F. E. Cowtan : Mile Walk, 4th and Standard Medal	4	..
J. D. Blainey	}	$\frac{3}{4}$ -Mile Steeplechase, Standard Medals
R. G. Smith		
P. J. Richards		
L. J. Harding		
J. T. Blois : Mile Walk, Standard Medal	1	..
A. P. Smith : Putting the Weight, Standard Medal	1	..

With this total of 44 points the School led Eastbourne College, who were second, by 14 points, Mill Hill being third with 26. Writing in the Manchester Guardian, E. A. Montague said that "in Shearly, Edwards, Coleman and Spicer, Queen Elizabeth's had four runners of a better average quality than any other school could produce. . . . In the one mile walk they picked up no fewer than 18 points, and what is more, most of their competitors in the race were real walkers, and they had evidently trained seriously for it. They took another nine points from the steeplechase, five of them for standards. In these days of stiff competition (63 different schools scored one or more points) that is the way to win the cup. . . . They scored only one point—a standard for the weight—in field events; yet for several years it has been taken as axiomatic that no team which did not score well in field events could win the cup."

For the London-Paris Schools' match at Motspur Park a fortnight later E. N. H. Shearly and A. Coleman represented London in the Mile and ran first and

News has come of the first O.E. to "join" the Caterpillar Club: W/O. T. H. Lloyd (1925-31), R.A.F.V.R., is the claimant to this honour, having "baled out" over the Tunisian desert; he repeated the procedure into the "drink" from his Beaufighter Night Patrol, losing his "dingy," and being in the water some four hours; was married in April, 1940, and has a son of nearly three; and still going strong! Sergt. G. T. Lines (1932-37), R.A.F.V.R., whose arrival in England apparently anticipated the announcement of his coming, met three O.E.s "over there" in the States: F/O. E. W. E. Barnard (1933-38) in Toronto, Cadet C. F. Dainton (1933-38) R.A.F.V.R., in Detroit, and Sergt. C. S. Mays (1929-35) "learning of his many adventures and his continued literary accomplishments" before his return to England qualified to drop bombs with the best of them! Major A. F. Buttery (1938-), R.C. of Sigs., a master many of the more recent O.E.s remember, has a son, and is himself in Canada, where he notes that there is "an odd custom that for some extraordinary reason they play cricket with the shirt outside the trousers!" Is this just another leg-pull?

Another good piece of descriptive writing (won't Mays be out of a job!) comes from L.A.C. J. G. Duncan (1923-33) R.A.F.V.R., telling of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, but space will not permit us to reprint it. F/O. J. L. Rodger (1936-42) R.A.F.V.R., sending us a little "gaff" in the smallest writing yet seen by the O.E. Forces' Committee on any airgraph, from N. Transvaal, is on "the supposedly binding job of trying to show dim pupils how to fly," finds his station life pleasant, though the "one-horse joint" of a town nearby a trifle restrictive to his activities; the main "sport" is cycling on a "bone-shaker" ("Genus Normii or Frosti!" we suggest!), where apparently the sudden appearance of local women "à la mode nature" has still an embarrassing effect!

Signalman D. G. Morrison (1934-40) R.C. of Sigs., tells of the turn out of the town brass bands to welcome their unit's entry into a French town of some size! Two bands, two tunes at the same time. Others writing at some length, and with some feeling are S/Sergt. G. R. Knibb (1931-37) R.E.M.E., and Corporal G. W. Kingsmill (1927-31) London Rifle Brigade. Kingsmill's letter has already appeared in the *Barnet Press*.

Knibb writes: "It will not be surprising for you to learn we are now in Belgium and have been for some time now, but I will go back and try and remember something of events in France.

My job on this stunt has been slightly different from usual. They have given me a jeep and two recovery tractors—one of which you have seen before. We have frequently been as much as thirty miles behind the regimental column and completely out of touch with them.

We passed through a large French city: it was more like a coronation procession than a convoy. Huge crowds lined the wide streets throwing flowers and waving flags. On from there to the coal mining district in sight of the famous ridge on which the Canadian War Memorial stands. As soon as we harboured on the outskirts of a large town, the camp was invaded by the townsfolk—"Cigarette pour Papa," "Biscuit," "Bon-Bon." We got under way again late in the afternoon and found progress through the town painfully slow. Crowds kept surging round the vehicles, impeding their progress—climbing on to them and chalking on the sides. Eventually we got clear and pressed on through the night—crossing the frontier soon after one o'clock—and did not stop until breakfast time. Each village we passed through was ablaze with light—the locals evidently thought the war was over as far as they were concerned. The inns were crowded with happily intoxicated people right throughout the night. We could see fires blazing ahead which at first

we took to be Jerry demolitions, but which afterwards turned out to be the looting and burning of pro-German houses and shops. Passing one such fire one of our petrol lorries was sent up in flames by a spark although the driver managed to bale out unharmed. To console us for this severe loss the locals pressed huge boxes of cigars in our hands—looted from the burning building. Soon after this I was left behind with some crows. Rather than mess about in the dark I gave the tractors one each to tow and sent them on. When I came upon another, later, I had to do something about it. After groping about in the dark for an hour or more—the engine at last started and away he went. We were about to follow when suddenly we noticed the tyre was flat and we had to set about changing the wheel. Two Maquis came up suddenly on bikes and asked for some ammunition for their German rifles—it shook me for a second—I thought they might be Jerries, as we usually leave a lot behind us hiding in the woods. However we managed to supply their wants and they went off into a wood beside the road. Soon we heard them firing but what they could see to shoot at, I don't know.

Once mobile again it started raining—the driver, I think, was half asleep and I was doing by best to navigate but could see neither the road nor the map. The result was that sometime during the night we got off course and just as it was becoming light we entered a town which from its name on a German sign beside the road, I found to be eight miles off our route. We were about to turn round in the market square when some Belgian army officers came out of a large building we took to be the Town Hall and asked us in. We went in what was their "ops" room and mapped our course back while the Colonel marked in for us the positions of the Jerry pockets in the district. We had breakfast with them—black bread and black coffee—and the Colonel told us we were the first British troops to enter the town. I don't mind sharing that honour with a regiment of tanks, but to one jeep with a lot of tools and a Bren gun it was a bit too much. Finally we took our leave and coming out on to the steps we found the market square solid with people who let a terrific cheer as we appeared. We had to fight our way to the jeep, through a barrage of flowers and kisses. The Boy Scouts were mobilised to clear an exit for us and three Maquis mounted the front as bodyguard.

Once back on our course we went full speed ahead until we caught up with the regiment at three o'clock in the afternoon, feeling very tired. Our hopes of a good sleep were dashed to the ground when one hour after our arrival we found ourselves on the road once more, arriving in the morning on the outskirts of a large city and one of the principal ports of Belgium. We halted while the tanks and some infantry went in to clean up.

Around noon we saw a huge body of prisoners marching out of the city escorted by Bren carriers and Belgian patriots. They had also roped in numerous civilian collaborators. At the rear of the whole column marched a man made up exactly like Adolf, he was being led with a rope round his neck by one of the patriots. The little tableau raised a terrific laugh from the crowd and from our boys as well. In the afternoon we entered in style—both sides of the streets lined with dense crowds—huge banners across the way bearing the words "Welcome to our Liberators" and "Welcome to Belgium." Our lorries and tanks looked like a cross between a carnival car and a well used railway truck. They were chalked all over in three languages and adorned with flags of all sorts—huge bunches of flowers and wreaths of laurel. We harboured in what had been a German Headquarters—our tanks and vehicles lined the long drive and we pitched our lorries in the grounds while the house was com-

mandeered by the officers' mess. In spite of notices to the contrary the place was immediately turned into a sort of public park where the citizens paraded in their Sunday best. Instead of the usual requests, we were handed bottles of beer and fruit of all kinds while many handed out their visiting cards with offers of hospitality.

Here we were allowed 48 hours' rest and for the tank crews it was a paradise with scores of pretty girls waiting to take them out and free beer in nearly all the Cafés. However, for the unfortunate grease-monkeys it was two days' hard graft. The tanks had had a terrific hammering and there was much to be done. We always worked before an admiring audience and a test flight down the road usually brought us some free drinks or a few luscious pears.

I did manage to get out from 8 to 11 on our last night there and went to one of the houses to which I had received an invitation. It was a medium-sized modern house, built in 1939, with a family of four—parents and two small sons. We had some tea saved since 1940 and they told me something of their life during the occupation. Rationing was very tight but there was a flourishing black market in which almost anything could be bought by those with enough money. They told me they used to cycle 25 km. into the country to buy butter at 350 Fr./Kilo. They had a radio which had spent four years hidden in the loft and some very well made modern furniture. The kitchen was all tiles, with Frig., water softener, and a heat storage cooker of the Esse type. I left with an invitation to return the following night when they were going to have a little party with a few friends—they had a sixteen-year-old bottle of wine for the occasion—but I was unable to join them—the following morning found us on our way.

The shops in the City were full of goods of all sorts—furniture, clothes, electrical goods, even flowers—huge chrysanthemums and gladioli. Everything was of excellent quality but a terrific price. Everybody was very well dressed—the girls in gay summer frocks and men in well-made suits which looked anything but ersatz. Those who toed the line and did as they were told were left severely alone by the Germans and soldiers convicted of civil offences were severely punished. On the other hand any who showed anti-Nazi tendencies were wheeled into a concentration camp on the outskirts of the city. It looked pretty gruesome—rather like a stadium with little machine-gun turrets all round. I spoke to one Belgian who had ten of his mates killed there.

Already the signposts bear the names of big German towns and for us it is a case of one more river to cross."

A.C.1 R. S. Ferdinando (1932-39) R.A.F.V.R. from the Middle East has assisted in his spare time amid their "canvas" homes in building a small church, complete with altar and pulpit—oak Cross—and a painted reredos, which building was officially dedicated by the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief M.E.F., much to the satisfaction of the many who had assisted with skilled or unskilled labour in its building.

Vesuvius also affected Private L. W. Bunce (1930-33) R.A.M.C., who having "supported" the crossing of the Volturno and Garigliano rivers, helped to clear casualties from Anzio, and is now following up our further advances in Italy. A comrade in the same force, Corporal F. P. Ockleston (1932-39), serving in India, has received the "News" in the most "jungly" places; he has struck good English hospitality; and from Poona has sallied forth on some exploratory trips of interest, "for there are many old Mahratta forts built on the top of mountains in these parts. One is situated on a mountain as high as 4616 feet. During this period, I obtained a month's leave, and paid a 17 day visit to the Himalayas, near Darjeeling at Kolim-ping, the beginning stage of the famous through-Tibet

route to China. In 'wanderings' I noticed an abundance of orchids, and gathered two kinds of raspberries: one, golden in colour, very sweet, English size; two, deep red, size of large strawberry!" Lieut. R. L. Valentine (1933-37) London Scottish, who we hear has been wounded in Italy, but is now on the mend, wrote in August to say, "fortunately I managed to escape the 'horrors' of an O.C.T.U., and was commissioned on the field. So, if and when I meet Lieut. V. A. M. McLeod (1934-37), R.A., again, after his experiences at O.C.T.U., he may expect to find that my accent will differ quite considerably from his!" L.A.C. L. A. Mills (1930-37) R.A.F.V.R., has had his "ups and downs" as a D.R. and M.T. driver through Sicily, and round Mt. Etna, and is convinced that any inclination he ever had for "wanderlust" is eradicated, swearing "my furthest wanderings shall be to Hadley Woods!" He sends "good wishes to all—no forgetting the masters against whom I bear no malice!" Sergt. P. S. Jackson (1933-37) Indian Army, called in at Durban on route, and (of course!) caught a glimpse of Lieut. K. D. Bullett (1926-35), R.N.V.R. and enterprisingly sought out a Smith (O.E.) (which one he didn't state!); is now in the I.A. Corps of Clerks; and situated in a "jungle retreat not exactly abounding with modern conveniences." Another O.E., who this time lunched with K. D. on his destroyer, is Lieut. W. E. Fernie (1924-33) R.A., now in England recovering from wounds received in Italy. L/Sergt. S. Theaker (1920-27) R.A., from "Italy—no fixed abode," has been hot on the track of Gunner K. A. Howard (1931-36) R.A., though never managing to catch him, except by letter. He passes on the news that Sub-Lieut. S. J. Osborne (1920-1928) took part in the Normandy invasion, and has now a "flak" ship. The members of the original O.E. "wandering" Rugger side will be pleased to hear of Lieut.-Commander W. O. Cook (1921-26) R.N.V.R., as follows (his precise record of fact is in line with his marking out of pitches!). He records "the arrival of a small girl, named Rosemary Jane, on July 31st," and states, "we were not surprised at her sex as it was predicted at the Admiralty where the statisticians have been at work that the proportion of girls and boys is about 25—1 amongst officers on very particular jobs! My move into a new office 'was not without interest' as we found that the cupboard would not go through the doorway. It appeared to have the office built round it. We took it (the cupboard) to pieces to move it." Captain D. D. Beveridge (1910-20) att. A.M.G.O.T. in Italy, finds plenty of interest and variety, and would like news of his fellow scholars. (It's up to you!) Captain W. H. Jopling (1921-29) S.R.M.C., records a baby daughter, Daphne Louise, born at Salisbury on January 31st; he is now M.O. at King George VI Barracks there, and would welcome a call from any O.E. in Rhodesia.

Space precludes all except the "high spots" from L.A.C. Pyke's (1924-31) R.A.F., letters home from India; the over-worked bullock; the half-starved and unkempt village population, hunting with a bow-and-arrow; the Muslim girls; thirty-seven inches of rain in three days; temples in the forest; a fellow with a B.A. degree teaching in a village school and "tanking-up" on native spirits; some political parties hostile to England, the "I'd-like-to-slit-your-throat-but-can't-do-it-yet" look—14 pages of practical India, and worth a book of theory!

A short note from A.Q.M.S. F. J. Parsley (1922-27) R.E.M.E., reports, be "reporting" with a "dirty" thumb from A.D.S. to F.D.S., to C.C.S., to F.S.U., and "via a 'crate' by air to Brussels and France, and so ten days 'up to now'" with Emyln Williams in "Blithe Spirit" and Betty Grable in "Pin Up Girl"—what more could he ask for!

So, cheerio and God-speed!

The Elizabethan

EDITORIAL.

This term has been quieter than, but none the less as eventful as, its immediate predecessor ; we have seen the departure of the nerve-racking electric drills which shattered our minds as the Upper School wrestled with the first General Certificate (Ordinary, Advanced, or Scholarship Level) Examinations ; and the draughts occasioned by the former gaping holes in the outside walls of the lower corridor are now only represented by the equally discomfiting machinations of fresh-air enthusiasts among the magisterial body. The School has entered upon a process of mental rehabilitation, amid the doubtfully pleasing odour of boiling tar and new distemper, as the builders put the finishing touches to the new Senior and Junior Changing Rooms, which will come into use in January, 1952. The cavalcade of noise has been continued only by occasional prolonged hammerings and by the choral and sibilatory efforts of the builders' men as they travel about the School in the course of their work, only rivalled by the School Choir in its efforts to produce Bach's "Sleepers Wake!" tolerably well before the end of term.

The Musical Society has not provided the only sign of activity by the School, however ; the other Societies have been flourishing as never before, an attendance of eighty being recorded at one meeting. On the field of sport, the Fifteens have been grovelling fairly successfully in the mud of Stapylton and Galley Lane, while Cross-Country enthusiasts have been putting in some early training with regular weekly expeditions (after dark) to Hadley Woods.

On the Scholastic side, the transformation from School Certificate and H.S.C. to the General Certificate of Education as its various levels took place with mixed feelings with regard to the results ; we must congratulate K. G. Beechey and J. N. W. Preston on their State Scholarships, awarded on a very high standard of French in this examination. Our congratulations also are due to R. B. E. Bell, on his gaining fourth place in the Special Entry examination for Naval Officers. In spite of the age-limit restrictions of the new Certificate, the Sixth and Seventh Forms continue to grow to enormous proportions ; there are now twenty-three boys in the Seventh alone.

In mid-November, the School underwent a long-overdue full Inspection by His Majesty's Inspectors. These gentlemen, although thorough in their work with regard to our scholastic abilities, did not solely confine their interest to this aim ; they were seen in the Gym, on Stapylton, at Galley Lane, at the head of House tables at lunch, and at a practice of the School Choir. One member very courageously ventured to the aid of the School tenors, always conspicuous by their paucity. A very pleasant gesture on the part of the inspectors was the subsequent donation of two guineas to the Library, in their appreciation of a pleasant week spent at the School.

This term has also seen the installation of a magnificent oak showcase for the display of School cups and trophies, which was provided from the remainder of the E. W. Harrison Memorial Fund, and is now proudly situated at the rear of the Hall. It shows to the fullest advantage the cups which once graced the House tables in the Refectory, and it is a very fitting memorial to Mr. Harrison's keen and tireless work for the Games Club.

Amid the brilliant display of cups in the new cabinet has appeared a strange Fives Cup, last awarded in the 1920's. It has been strongly rumoured that, amongst the general mystery and labyrinthine sections of the new buildings, the foundations of new fives courts are being laid, but that their completion may take several years owing to building restrictions. The reinstating of fives would add yet another sport to an already wide athletic curriculum in the School.

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THE HEADMASTER

To follow a Headmaster who has held office for over twenty years can never be easy; if in addition a new building is to be planned and built on a new site, the incoming Head has a consignment which might well cause the most experienced to quail. Nevertheless, E. H. Jenkins, M.A.(Oxon.) faced just such a situation when he was appointed to succeed W. Lattimer, M.A.(Cantab.) in 1930 and how triumphantly he succeeded is now past history.

E. H. Jenkins' first contact with Queen Elizabeth's was when, as a pupil at University College School, he came to Barnet to play a rugger match against the school which at that time was making its contact with the handling code.

From school into the senior service during World War I E.H.J. proved himself thoroughly at home at sea, but with the war over he was able to proceed to Oxford with an Open Scholarship to Queen's College. With an Honours History degree to his credit he was appointed as an Assistant Master to Brockley School where he helped to build up very useful Rugger and Cricket teams during the next six years. Then he was appointed to take the Sixth forms in History at the Grocers' Company's School, Hackney Downs, but it was not long before further promotion brought him to Queen Elizabeth's, where his life's work awaited him.

From the start it was clear that only the best was to be good enough for all connected with Queen Elizabeth's, but the establishment of standards is never easy and inevitably the new Head was not universally popular. Slowly, however, it was clear that a new spirit was entering into the school and E.H.J. showed his skill in choosing a good team of masters to implement his ideas. The school sides were soon able to take on more experienced opponents while in athletics the name of Queen Elizabeth's was inscribed on the Public Schools Challenge Cup.

The annual play became more ambitious in its scope and the standards of performance improved from year to year, while, in a new field for us, the Christmas Concert was initiated under the direct leadership of the Head and became an event in which parents, O.E.'s, and school combined to give an evening of noteworthy musical enjoyment.

All the time standards of scholarship were being built: the sixth form grew in size and more of its members began to see it as a natural gateway to the Universities. The seal of quality of all this work was to be seen in the increasing number of University Awards and in the numbers of O.E.'s in residence at Oxford and Cambridge.

The outbreak of war in 1939 threatened to halt this progress and even Hitler did his best to eliminate the school. But adversity only proved a greater spur and the quality of the school's work soon became evident in the conduct of its old boys on active service, while the school found itself exploring new (harvest) fields under the leadership of its Head.

The mood of relaxation which followed the war years offered the Head his sternest test, for the maintenance of standards is always harder than their creation, while extensions to the building to cope with increasing numbers did not make for ease of life.

E.H.J. resolutely set his face against any lowering of quality in the boys to be admitted to the school or any easing on the demands on those who became its members, and thus we have seen a growth in size matched by achievement of its members in scholarship and on the field of sport and in every other facet of school life.

E. H. Jenkins never thought to spare himself in the service of the school and now that Father Time has removed the bails, all Old Elizabethans will applaud a magnificent innings in which his concentration never flagged and will join in wishing both Mrs. Jenkins and himself a long and enjoyable evening in the pavilion.

J. A. STRUGNELL

“Reading maketh a full man; Conference a ready man; and Writing an exact man.”

—BACON.

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EDITORIAL

At the beginning of term we were very pleased to welcome our new Headmaster, Mr. T. B. Edwards. He soon made it clear to the senior members of the school that, although a school could never be organized democratically, he intended that in this School the boys should have as much say in the running of it as is reasonably possible. He realized that it was often difficult for boys in the sixth-form when their friends and contemporaries were out at work earning money; although the position was becoming easier as more people were staying on to the sixth form. To help senior boys with this difficulty he gave them the privilege of no longer having to wear their caps, since many feel that the school cap is a mark of the schoolboy, and that it is juvenile for older boys to have to wear it. In giving them this privilege the Headmaster stressed that they should respond to this by behaving responsibly as becomes young men of their age. The prefects in committee elected to continue to wear their caps as badges of Authority. The Headmaster also amended the regulations regarding dress; boys are now obliged to wear school uniform only to and from school and school functions.

Another innovation this term has been the introduction of a House Debating Competition. Each House provided a team of two main speakers and four floor speakers, and the competition took the form of a three round knock-out competition which was finally won by Leicester House.

On the sports field the weather has been kind to us, and we have seen some good football. Unusual this term was the visit of Carlisle Grammar School, on a southern tour during their half-term. The whole school was allowed to watch the second half of the match, which produced some fine play.

With this ‘wind of change’ blowing the *Elizabethan* has not remained untouched, as the discerning reader will notice.

Thus the School has not been stagnant, inactive, or unsuccessful during the past term, but has continued to flourish, a state of affairs which, we trust, will continue under our new Head. With this thought we leave the reader to the rest of this edition and to enjoy the festivities of Christmas and the New Year.

SPEECH DAY, 1961

This year’s Speech Day was unique in two respects: it was held on July 25th, and the prizes were presented by the Headmaster. The Chair was taken by the Chairman of the Governors (County Alderman H. E. Fern, C.B.E., J.P.), and the proceedings began with the Andante from Mozart’s Sonata for two Pianos (K.V.448), played by K. E. J. Wiseman and D. P. Stevens. The English Declamation was a speech from *Henry VIII* (Shakespeare), well delivered by R. W. H. Davies. There was no formal French Declamation, but, instead, a scene from Molière’s *Les Fourberies de Scapin* was played by D. J. Farrer and J. H. C. Edwards. This was brilliantly done, and it formed a fitting epilogue to the fine performances previously given in School plays by these two capable young actors.

The Headmaster’s thirty-second and last Report was then made. He noted various successes during the previous scholastic year and thought that standards had at least been preserved both in and out of the classroom. He regretted the impending disappearance of State Scholarships and spoke of the tendency to level down, to pander to mediocrity, to be afraid to tell certain people that others were better than they were: yet this was one of the things that one came to school to learn as a preparation for life. He condemned the educational proposals of the Greater

London Plan, and he said that, when schools had settled down after the many educational changes of recent years and were working so well under such good organization with such an admirable authority as Hertfordshire, to transfer them to a new, vast, indeterminate authority with all sorts of local proliferations would be almost wicked. He wished his successor and his school all good fortune and urged the School and parents to support any changes that the new Headmaster might make.

Mr. Jenkins then distributed the prizes and gave his Farewell Address. In his time as Headmaster, longer than any except the forty-seven years of John Gray (1740-1787), the School had had some fine scholars, some able performers on field and stage, and, as the war had shown, some very gallant gentlemen. Above all it had had a large number of fellows of sterling calibre. He remembered them all and would always do so. Fortunately the School had had less than its share of rotters, even if they had stood out a bit. Looking back over football, cricket, and athletics triumphs, he recalled that in his early days the School had been a pioneer in the field of physical education. He admitted that one present phenomenon did appeal him, namely the extraordinary number of young and middle-aged men who were playing games for money and the way that

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EDITORIAL

A connoisseur of School life might describe the past term in near-poetry, perhaps as "an exciting term, with a rich bouquet of Society activities and a firm body of vintage sport reared in a fair season on the games field." He would not be far from the truth in his assertions, although the recalcitrant minority present in any society and visible in a school as those who regard corporate life as an infringement upon personal freedom might use less poetic language to the same effect. Happily, the reactionary element is a dying race and activity after the statutory 4.10 p.m. has reached a gratifying peak this term.

The able-bodied among us have appeared in a variety of costumes each evening and for those gentlemen of our number whose talents lie buried in the fields of mental exercise, the various School Societies have operated a programme sufficiently comprehensive to allow their members to reach back in time and hollow tree-trunks into boats (on a small scale) at the Handicrafts Society, and to progress, through the historical researches of the Records Society, to an appreciation of the more or less rosy future predicted by the esoteric Symposium. Although full reports of such activities appear elsewhere in this magazine, it is important to note their *overall* growth at this point, for the health of a body can be judged by the interest it shows in other than essential functions, and the degree of interest shown in extracurricular activities this term has been symptomatic of the well-being of that indefinable entity called "School Spirit".

Our congratulations are due to R. W. Beeny on gaining a State Scholarship in Classics. We must also offer our congratulations to Mr. J. L. Wakelin on his being appointed to a Schoolmaster Fellowship at Merton College, Oxford: we have been pleased to welcome Mr. M. E. Hutchinson, M.A. (Cantab.) in his place this term.

This Editorial must end on a sad note. On Monday, November 12th we learned of the death of Mr. Mayes during the previous night. He had been with the school for many years and the news of his passing came as a sad blow to the many masters, O.E.'s, and senior boys who knew him.

H. MAYES

Harry Mayes was born on November 28th, 1874. He entered the service of the School on October 12th, 1902, and he died, still in the same service, on November 11th, 1962. The funeral service was held in the Parish Church on November 16th, conducted by the Rector, and the interment took place at Christ Church. The Lesson was read by the Headmaster, and the School choir led the singing. The large congregation included nearly all the Senior School, together with Governors, Masters, Mr. E. H. Jenkins, Old Elizabethans of many different years, and Mayes' fellow-servants.

Such a gathering was some attempt, at a tribute to a man who had been a feature of our School life for sixty years. Mayes and his wife were originally appointed as servants to the then Headmaster, the Revd. John Bond Lee, in the days when the Headmaster lived next door to the school; but his duties were soon enlarged to include the general supervision of all the premises. This sometimes involved teaching boys how to treat the school buildings; and many a boy was on occasion rather roughly reproved for not doing what he ought to have done. The 1914-18 War brought a severe shortage of competent schoolmasters, and Mayes was frequently brought into a classroom to restore order. The war eventually came to an end and there was less need for him to go outside the normal routine of his duties

(which in winter included the daily care of twelve coal fires). In 1932 the school was moved to its present premises and a cottage was built for Mayes and his wife, who was also the school cook. Unfortunately Mrs. Mayes died in the very next year, and he began what proved to be nearly thirty years of widowhood. The Second World War brought its share of difficulty and danger (Mayes was outside in the drive when the buildings were bombed), and also six years without a holiday. In more recent years Mayes suffered from arthritis and eye trouble, and it was painful swelling of the ankles that made him go into hospital last July. He had made substantial progress towards recovery, and it came as a shock to learn that his heart had suddenly ceased to beat and that he had died peacefully.

It is impossible adequately to express what Mayes did for the School in his sixty years of hard work. He had a deep affection for the School and hated anything that would derogate from its good name. Indeed he hated anything that was ill done or slovenly. Clock-watching was not in his line, and the number of hours he worked each week was past computation. He was very proud of being an honorary member of the Old Elizabethans' Association, and regularly wore his O.E. tie on Founder's Day. To say that he will be missed is the grossest of understatements. It is sad to think that he

Honorary Treasurer: F. J. Parsley is nominated.

Honorary Editorial Secretary: P. F. Rymill is nominated.

Honorary Membership Secretary: J. H. Buswell is nominated.

(b) Honorary Auditor (Rule 20): E. E. Frisby, F.C.A., is nominated.

(c) Committee (Rules 21 & 22): eight vacancies.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

P. G. Brealey,
Honorary Secretary.

In accordance with Rule 35 forms of proxy may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary by members unable to attend the meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE, 1963-64

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Pavilion, Gipsy Corner, on Monday, April 29th, 1963, and the Committee there elected submits the following report, covering the period March 6th, 1963, to February 21st, 1964, together with the financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1963.

Administration

At its first meeting the Committee elected R. E. Orton (1919-27) to serve as Chairman for the year. P. F. Rymill was appointed Assistant Membership Secretary under Rule 18.

There have been eight meetings of the Committee, at which attendances of elected members have been as follows:—

R. E. Orton (Chairman) 8, P. G. Brealey (Hon. Secretary) 8, F. J. Parsley (Hon. Treasurer) 8, A. E. Solomon (Hon. Editorial Secretary) 4, J. H. Buswell (Hon. Membership Secretary) 7, W. E. Fernie 5, K. R. FitzGerald 6, K. E. Harris 5, L. O. W. Herbert 7, P. F. Rymill 6, K. Townsend 7, N. G. S. Watling 8.

Membership

At December 31st, 1963, membership of the Association was 877, compared with 823 in 1962, but the figure of 877 includes a large number whose subscriptions were overdue and whose membership was subsequently regarded as having lapsed.

We regret to record the deaths of W. E. Armour (1917-21), M. Butcher (1954-60), C. J. A. Green (1922-27) and L. W. Hill (1919-23).

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day wreaths were placed on the memorials at the School and at the Pavilion.

Social Events

The Annual Dinner in 1963 took place on December 12th, the Dinner Dance on March 1st and the Dinner Debate with the Elizabethan Union on April 5th. A car rally was held on September 8th. Reports of these will be found in *The Elizabethan*.

On Founder's Day the second lesson was read by C. L. Martin (1954-62). The cricket match against the School, in which the Association team was captained by H. A. S. Howard (1918-25), was lost by 50 runs.

In the Past versus Present rugby match on December 14th the Association team, captained by N. G. S. Watling (1950-56), lost 9-11.

"Curly" Mayes Memorial Fund

The memorial fund to Mr. H. Mayes has been closed with the total of contributions received by the School and Association standing at £187 14s. 6d. The greater part is being devoted to the purchase of benches for the School playing fields and for Gipsy Corner. A memorial plaque in the School entrance was unveiled on Founder's Day by Dr. F. Brittain (1906-11).

Special Sub-Committee

Following a resolution at last year's Annual General Meeting a special sub-committee was set up to inquire widely into matters of the Association's functioning. Five meetings of the full sub-committee were held, and a final report was presented to the Committee in November. A Special General Meeting of the Association was held on December 16th to give effect to increases in subscriptions and other changes in the Rules which were proposed. The Committee regrets the necessity for these higher subscriptions but regards them as essential in view of the need to offset the effects of rising costs on the Association's finances, to provide for the amortisation of the pavilion and ground improvements during the period of the lease and to finance further improvements to the pavilion. The intention is to transfer annually a sum from the Association's account to that of the Playing Field Company; a proposal for this transfer will be submitted each year to the Annual General Meeting. It is envisaged that the Social Club subscription will be abolished and membership extended to all Association members. The Committee plans at a later date to address an appeal for funds to existing life members. Meanwhile, the possibility has arisen of the purchase of the freehold of Gipsy Corner; this was welcomed by the Special General Meeting and is now being further explored.

The Committee hopes that it will be possible to introduce a scheme whereby boys while at School pay subscriptions to cover their first few years of Association membership. This has received the support of the Headmaster, and details are under consideration. The Committee endorses recommendations of the sub-committee that no steps should be taken regarding the repayment of the Association loan to the Playing Field Company and that no change should be made in the present practice of paying the donation in lieu of interest into the Life Fund. After taking actuarial advice, the Committee proposes an increase in the annual payment from the Life Fund from 4/- to 5/- a head.

Steps are being taken to improve co-operation among the various parts of the Association, to promote social activities at Gipsy Corner and to publicise the activities of the Playing Field Company and Social Club. It cannot, however, be too strongly emphasised that plans for developing Gipsy Corner into the social centre that the Committee feels it should be rely heavily on the willingness of younger members to offer their help and thus relieve a small group of members of part of the burden that they have already borne for too long.

"A Record of Stewardship"

To mark the tenth anniversary of the opening of the playing fields a booklet, entitled *A Record of Stewardship*, has been distributed to members; this gives an account of the history of the playing field project and outlines progress since the opening.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges a donation of £10 from J. L. Howson (A.M. 1914-24) in memory of J. A. Strugnell to mark Mr. Strugnell's great contribution to the realisation of the plans.

Subsidiary Sections

Accounts of the activities of the subsidiary sections will be found in *The Elizabethan*.

Signed R. E. ORTON (Chairman).

P. G. BREALEY (Hon. Secretary).

SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Social Club will be held at Gipsy Corner on April 17th immediately following the Association A.G.M. The agenda will be posted in the Pavilion.

Queen Elizabeth's Quater-Centenary Celebrations 1973

- 1st January 1973** **QUATER-CENTENARY BOOKLET** was published. (Copies are still available at the School if required.)
- SPEECH DAY 1973**
Speech Day was chaired by Councillor Usher who, after preliminary remarks, invited the Headmaster to give his annual report. The guest speaker was Mr. Edward Blishen, O.E., of "Roaring Boys" fame, who entertained boys, teachers and parents with delightful, if nostalgic reminiscences of school life. After presenting the prizes, Mr. Blishen was thanked on behalf of the School by I. Lanyon, School Captain.
- 13th-17th March** **"THE PRISONER."** An opera specially commissioned for the Quater-centenary celebrations. A full report appears on pages 4-7.
- 24th March** **400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANTING OF THE CHARTER.**
Special stamp together with a commemorative hand-stamp was issued. A telegram was received by the Trustees sending the School and pupils good wishes from a direct descendant of one of the original School governors, Archdeacon Robert Johnson, named in the Charter. The descendant is Lt.-Cdr. Francis Nelson Blois Johnson who lives in Cowes.
- 24th March** **COMMON ROOM DINNER**
The 24th March, 1973 fell luckily on a Saturday and it was therefore possible to arrange a formal dinner on precisely the 400th anniversary of the granting of the School's Charter. A firm of caterers provided an Elizabethan style meal of sturgeon soup, boars head pâté, saddle of lamb, wortleberry pie and syllabub as main courses, with mead, ale, claret and hock for refreshment. Efforts were made to assemble as many present and former members of the Common Room as possible. The senior member was Mr. J. F. Friend, O.E., who was a master here 1923-26. The total present was 67. The meal was held in the Refectory which was decorated by the help of the Borough's Parks Department and others. The Headmaster chaired the occasion.
- K.W.C.
- 28th March** **HOBBIES EXHIBITION** A detailed report appears on page 8.
- 30th March** **CELEBRATION RUGBY MATCH** O.E.'s 13 points: Q.E. Masters and Boys 7.
- 16th May** **ELIZABETHAN BANQUET**
The formal centrepiece of the 1973 Quater-centenary celebrations was the Elizabethan Banquet held in the Grand Hall of the Connaught Rooms, London, on Wednesday, May 16th. Among the distinguished guests of the Headmaster were his predecessor, Mr. E. H. Jenkins, the Rt. Hon. Reginald Maudling, M.P., Alderman J. L. Freedman, the Mayor of Barnet and the Chief Education Officers of both Barnet and Hertfordshire, Mr. J. Dawkins and Mr. S. Broad. Most welcome was the presence of the Alderman H. E. Fern who received a standing ovation from all attending when the Chairman (the Headmaster) congratulated him on his 52 years of association with and service to the School.
Amongst the ex-masters to be seen were Messrs. K. L. Woodland, Gerald Murray, Jack Covington and Don Fairbairn, 327 Old Boys, Old Girls, parents, boys and guests attended this nostalgic occasion, some from great distances. Mr. Arthur Brooks, who left the School in 1908, flew from the U.S.A., and Lt.-Col. E. Coward of the Salvation Army came from Canada. The occasion was superbly organised by Mr. T. D. Ryan, O.E. and a small committee representing the O.E.'s, masters, parents and Q.E. Girls' School.

Queen Elizabeth's Quater-centenary Celebrations 1973

16th June

FOUNDERS DAY 1973

Founders Day was favoured yet again with fine weather. Boys gathered for the Thanksgiving Service in the Parish Church at 10 a.m. when the sermon was preached by R. C. Cocks (O.E.). Returning to Queen's Road, the School assembled on Stapylton Field when after an address by the Mayor, Cllr. Frank Gibson punctuated by numerous thuds as boys fainted, special prizes were presented by the Mayoress and Mr. John Aylard, Chairman of the 'Friends.' Coffee was consumed in the School Hall where the History of the School was on display after which there was a special commemorative ceremony — the planting of a tulip tree at the senior end corner of Stapylton.

The afternoon's activities featured the athletic competitions on the Third field, constant use of the swimming pool, the Promenade Concerts in the Hall, Hobbies Exhibitions and the traditional cricket match against the Past captained (most appropriately) by Mr. E. N. Shearly. An exciting game ended in a victory for 'Sir's side' by three runs. The day ended with Candlelight Supper in the School Hall organised by the O.E.'s.

9th-13th July

CRICKET WEEK

Five games were played on Stapylton Field in which an Old Elizabethan side containing O.E.'s schoolboys and masters, played Jack Robertson's XI: a World of Sport XI, featuring Bob Wilson of Arsenal and Ed Stewart: the Incogniti XI and R. W. Newton's XI. All these games, though enjoyed, were lost by the O.E.'s but on the last day the Common Room elevated the O.E.'s spirits by presenting them with a victory.

14th July

JOINT FETE AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

This raised £1,200 presented to the Marie Foster Home on 19th October, together with a Chairmobile for the Home.

20th October

400th ANNIVERSARY BALL

The 400th Anniversary Ball was held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane and organised by Mr. Ron Orton. Mr. E. N. Shearly proposed the toast to the ladies and guests. The Headmaster in his reply stressed the need for close liaison between the School and the O.E. Association.

8th December

PAST v PRESENT RUGBY MATCH — ending in a victory for the Past.

14th December

ELIZABETHAN UNION DINNER DEBATE

The annual dinner debate of the Elizabethan Union, was held on Friday, 14th December 1973 at the school. Many former and present members of the union were present, including Mr. John Pearce, the special guest for the evening, and Mr. Jack Covington, founder of the Society. The secretary, Mr. Goldman, thanked Mrs. Challingsworth for the excellent dinner enjoyed by all.

Mr. Jones took the chair for the debate after the meal, on the motion 'This house believes ignorance is bliss.' Proposing the motion were Mr. M. J. Fairey (O.E.) and Mr. N. U. Spring, who were opposed by Mr. R. L. Busvine (O.E.) and Mr. A. D. Goodman. The debate proved to be both highly entertaining and of a very high standard. There was some lively discussion from the floor, and on a show of hands, the motion was carried by an exceedingly narrow majority, with the Headmaster and Mr. Smith abstaining. Judging from the amount of laughter generated, the dinner debate was an enjoyable occasion for all.

R. A. Emond

The Old Elizabethans Association

1573/1973, the 400th year of the School's existence, has come and gone since the last O.E. entry in the "Elizabethan." That was an exceptional year for renewing old friendships, meeting new friends and still enjoying the continuing process by which our School changes and is changed.

Why an Old Boys' Association? In what ways can Old Boys justify a continuance of allegiance and loyalty to their School? The fact that we have a memorial ground at Gipsy Corner is perhaps a good tangible reason with its Rugby and Cricket facilities all perhaps too obvious to those of the School who are sportsmen, but what of the others? As the years go by, it seems that the sporting side, while acting as a magnet, has caused other interests to be born. There is (and has been for some years) a very keen Chess club meeting at the ground during the winter. A very welcome revival in the Golf Society in only three years under the energetic organisation of Mike Swinn shows what interest there is in a new and obviously needed section. The possibility of an Association football section really only needs an organiser to utilize even more the facilities at the Memorial ground. Do the players want it? Martin Attwood tried hard in 1973. Dining Societies in Manchester, London and Kent, the 1573 Club appear to have been conceived in the past year and these, together with Annual Association functions already running offer further avenues of involvement. The Masonic Lodge too has continued to flourish.

The clubs, the sections and the members are bound together by the Association and it is that tenuous thread that can make our Old Boys a vital and continuing link with and for the School. It is only by the support of boys leaving School and the efforts of existing Old Boys that can make the Association work and work well.

Should any more information be required, join us at Gipsy Corner one Saturday during the Rugby season or on any Saturday or Sunday during the summer, or get in touch with: D. P. Godfrey, Association Secretary or C. A. Winchester, Association Chairman, 8 Orchard Road, Barnet, 01-440 4969. Come to a function! There were nearly 200 O.E.'s with their families and friends at the Founder's Cheese and Wine this year. Were you one? Will you be there next year?

1573 ties with and without date are still available – price £1.30, postage included, from C. A. Winchester, address above. Blazer badges on black background at present only £2.75 each.

C. A. Winchester

“The Friends of Q.E.’s”

The “Friends of Queen Elizabeth’s Boys’ School,” began in 1966, has now established itself as an important body relating to our school affairs. Its aims are basically two-fold:

- (a) Providing help and support for the school.
- (b) Providing functions of various types to foster understanding and friendships between parents, and between teachers and parents.

The past year and a half exemplify the scope of the organization.

Activities of the “Friends” since January 1973

(A) Providing help and support for the school

- (1) A Video Tape Recorder and tapes were bought and are now being regularly used by many masters for a wide range of purposes, including recording BBC economics programmes, boys presenting their own prepared lessons and watching “rugby technique” tapes.
- (2) A Printing Press was purchased (jointly with the Borough and Trustees of the school) and is now well used by an expanding Design Department.

- (3) **A Mole Plough**, presented last winter, has proved successful in helping drain the third field, which has up until now been waterlogged for many weeks of the year.
- (4) **Crested mugs** for the Sixth Form in their new luxurious accommodation have been ordered.
- (5) **£100** has been donated to the Masters to help furnish or otherwise equip their Common Room.
- (6) **£5,700** has been repaid on a £7,000 loan, the agreed contribution of the Friends to the fund for covering the school swimming pool; it is hoped the remainder will have been raised by the end of the summer. This has been a truly magnificent effort, without which the pool in all probability would have been doomed to summer use only for many years to come.

(B) Fostering mutual understanding between members

(a) Social and Fund Raising Activities

- (1) **The Edwardian Evening** in February, though abandoned this year owing to the power crisis, was a highlight in 1973.
- (2) **The Summer Fete**. This was arranged jointly with Q.E. girls in 1973 and raised over £1,200 for Multiple Sclerosis.
- (3) The Friends were well represented at the **400th Anniversary Dinner**.
- (4) **A Country and Western Dance** was held in September.
- (5) In October, a **Cheese and Wine Evening** was given for "First-year parents."
- (6) **A Jumble Sale** in November was held in Ewen Hall.
- (7) In March 1974 a **social evening** proved highly successful down at Gypsy Corner.
- (8) And in April was held a **Spring Dance**.

(b) Open Evenings (now called "Parents' Forum")

Jan. '73: "**History of the School.**" Speaker Mr. Pearce, the last Second Master at Q.E.'s whose service to the school has been recognised by lending his name to the recently created Pearce House. A most interesting evening.

May '73: "**School Uniform.**" Always designed to stimulate controversy, the subject matter provoked lively debate.

Nov. '73: "**Standards of Behaviour.**" Following brief talks by Messrs Guthrie, Carter and Shearly (the heads of Upper, Middle and Lower School respectively) the issue developed to the wider implications of changing standards of behaviour, the role of schools in general, and the means by which Q.E. School maintains discipline.

March '74: "**The Work of a School Counsellor.**" Speaker Mr. Lyn Williams. Mr. Williams enlivened his talk with some graphic and occasionally harrowing descriptions of personal experiences in the field of counselling, and presented a point of view broadly sympathising with the child with "deviant" behaviour. A good follow up to the November evening.

(C) Other functions/activities

The Commemorative Tree planted on the Quater-centenary Founder's Day has now taken root, and grows while others of greater vintage topple around it, making way for the expansion of concrete and girders.

The opening of the Marie Foster Home was attended by members of the Friends' Committee, invited in recognition of their efforts to bring about this long-awaited development in the care of the disabled.

Representation on the Board of Governors has now been attained by the "Friends."

The School would like to thank the Friends for all that they have done for us to date, with especial thanks to members of the Committee. All parents and teachers are automatic members of the organization which charges no entry fee, and enquiries should be addressed to Mr. E. Shearly at the School.

P.M.F.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

— extracts from the Headmaster's report delivered in December 1974

We have in the School been consolidating our development as a Comprehensive School, planning our first non-selective year group's examination courses leading to C.S.E. and G.C.E. in 1976, occupying and getting used to the first part of the Fern Building, experiencing additional inconveniences with the development of other parts of that building, trying to come to terms with our growing numbers as we approach a roll of 1,000 boys, and adapting to their needs by a number of organisational changes.

Staff resignations

Despite the fact that we lost eight teachers in July, '74, this figure is, though disturbing, yet paradoxically also reassuring. For of these eight, one, Mr. P. Timson, retired after over thirty-four years' service to the School, and six left to take up senior appointments as Heads of Departments — surely a compliment, if a sad one, to the School as a training establishment. Those who left were Messrs. Jordan, Fox, Moakler, Hawley, Terry, Mumby and Ellis.

The Academic Work of the School.

In the C.S.E. examinations, so far taken only by a small number of boys, results have been acceptable and, in one subject, Technical Drawing, outstanding.

The G.C.E. Ordinary level results, though no worse than last year's, were still poor, with an overall success rate in all subject entries of only 63%. A scrupulously fair analysis of these results would have to be far too long for a report like this, but to balance our conviction that boys are all too often far less ready to work hard than they should be, it needs to be pointed out that a readiness on the School's part to enter boys even when success seems doubtful inevitably leads to a lower overall success rate.

At Advanced level the picture is much more encouraging, comparing favourably with last year's, though the best grades were spread more evenly this year among a larger number of boys. Two boys obtained three Grade A. passes each — Richard Bennell and David Stevenson, and four others two Grade A. passes and one or more Grade B. passes — Anthony Browne, Clive Freeman, Charles Golding and Michael Lawson. 59 candidates between them took 178 subject examinations; 79% of these were passes, and 33% of all these passes were at 'good' grades — Grade A. or Grade B. Results in History and Economics (our first candidates at Advanced level in this newly introduced subject) were especially encouraging.

The number of boys embarking on Degree level courses at Universities and Polytechnics this autumn was 36 — appreciably higher than last year, but a shade below the average (40) over the past ten years. This is in part, in my view, a reflection of a developing national trend among young men and women not always to apply to institutions of Higher Education, even though qualified in Advanced level terms to do so.

Six recent O.Es. were awarded First Class Degrees in the summer examinations — the largest number, I believe, ever recorded for this school.

A major development in our curriculum was begun this term when our first non-selective entry, now our Fourth Year, embarked upon their two-year course leading to C.S.E. or O. levels in 1976, having chosen their programme from a set of 'options'. The process whereby boys choose their options is a lengthy and complicated one, involving detailed consultation between boys, parents and staff. We feel that the result will be that boys will be willing to work harder at the subjects they have chosen. So far, early reactions to the scheme's operation are guardedly favourable, both among boys and teachers.

Parents

One of the continuing bright spots in the general picture is the steadily growing and increasingly effective cooperation between the school and our parents through the Friends of Queen Elizabeth's. In purely material terms, we are getting a steady flow of much-needed items of equipment, furniture and so forth, and a major recent example is the Roneo Stencil Cutter 800s presented to us jointly by the Trustees and the Friends. The outstanding evidence of the work of the Friends, together with many O.Es. and others interested in the School, is

of course the newly covered Swimming Pool, part of which is being paid for by money collected by the School and the Friends over many years. Without the drive and enthusiasm of our parents, this might all too easily never have been built.

But welcome as all these material benefits are, it is my view that the most valuable function of the Friends has been and continues to be the development of mutual understanding between teachers and parents, and, not less important, the removal of misunderstanding and suspicion wherever these have arisen.

1974: PRIZE LIST

Bishop Broughton Divinity Prize	No Award
Kiddell-Coffin Prize for English	A. D. Goodman and D. W. Tonkin
John Bond Lee Prize for Classics	G. Weston
Kiddell Bequest Prize for Science	N. J. Lewis and S. J. Govey
French Prize	J. S. Dixon
German Prize	D. B. Currie
Geography Prize	G. Lindsey
Art Prize	J. R. Hall
Harrison Mathematics Prize	No award
E. H. Jenkins History Prize	A. D. Goodman
Normanton Prizes for Chemistry	G. P. Lofts and P. Nicholas
Powell-Davis Prize	H. R. Minty
Vincent Memorial Prize	A. N. Stevens and J. D. Berry
Dr. Frederick Brittain Prize	G. D. McCallum and G. Weston
Rhodes Public Speaking Cup	A. D. Goodman
Powell-Davis Prizes	P. G. Yates and J. S. Alford
Donald Pratt Prizes	G. F. J. Fawcett C. K. Gibson and C. R. McNeill
Harnett University Prize	N. A. J. Goldman
Taylor Memorial Prize for Music	D. J. Stevenson
Old Elizabethan War Memorial Prize	M. J. Ball

Year Notes

FIRST YEAR


When it is considered that the boys in the first year come from more than twenty Primary Schools, the way that the vast majority of them has settled down has been encouraging. Whilst they are still far too selfish, noisy and often ill-mannered, which could well be a reflection on Society outside School, their enthusiasm has made them a lively and likeable year with which to work.

In the classroom some have found it difficult to settle down to work, especially to homework, but this situation has improved as they approach the end of their first year. On the games field, once they began to understand and enjoy Rugby, the standard rapidly improved, both in School and inter-form games — the 1st year XV being unbeaten. Cross-country was very successful and the year team played an important role in the School winning the Borough Junior League. If cricket, athletics and swimming provide equally good results, it will have been a very satisfactory year.

Some have had to leave us already; we wish them success in their new schools, especially N. D. Cuckson who has gained entrance to the Royal Ballet School.

E. N. Shearly

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