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Editorial.

Once again we have to publish the Thornburian in difficult times, and we are sorry that restriction of space has reduced it to simply a record of the year's School activities. There have been a number of interesting and entertaining contributions "which we have regretfully had to dispense with.

As we look back over nine years at this School (an enviable position as oldest inhabitant) we realise that in the various stages of our progress from our stormy youth to our present glorious position as Editor, it is a matter of pride to belong to a School which has been recently described as one of the best in the West of England; to know that we in our small way have had a chance of helping to build up this reputation. Let us hope that the present and future generations of Thornburians may raise it ever higher. The Grammar School has been in existence for over three hundred years, and it is safe to say that its development has been the most important thing that has ever taken place in Thornbury. for though it has harboured no great statesmen, yet it has learnt, as far as it is possible for any school to do so, to give every member the opportunity of becoming a useful citizen of the British Empire.

School Notes.

We have led a comparatively quiet life at School since the last publication, the chief effects of the war during the year being the inevitable changes of Staff.

In January we welcomed Miss Leamon (London) and Miss Franklin (Cambridge).

Miss Hill left at Christmas to take up a post at Rickmansworth Royal Masonic School for Girls, and as we were unable to find an immediate successor. Mrs. Timbrell valiantly tackled the senior Biology until Miss Jones, a Graduate of Bristol University, came in April.

At Easter we suffered a two-fold, blow; Miss E. M. Preston left us for a permanent post at St. Mary's School, Calne, and Mrs. Maitin has a new post at a Senior Bristol School. Both departures are much regretted. Mrs. Timbrell once again proved her versatility by stepping into the breach and taking Geography in the Upper School, "while Miss Evans, of Bristol University, came to take the Examination Candidates. Miss Haddelsey is now in charge of all girls' games and physical training.

To our part-time members of the Staff, the Rev. E. Jupp, the Rev. J. E. Rogers, and the Rev. D. Ford, we would; extend our very sincere thanks. All have taken a most intense interest in the School, on the games field, and in various other activities.

There has also been a change in the Domestic Staff, Miss Savery leaving in February to join the W.R.N.S. Her place has been filled by Mrs. Hughes.

A new appointment is that of the School Secretary, taken by an Old Thornburian. Eileen Roddick.

The cleaners Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Rugman, who had been at the School for four years, have both left, and their places have been competently taken by Mrs. P. G. Walker and Mrs. H. Walker.

The School raised a total of £908 2s. 0d. in Warships Week, the House results being: Howard, £165 1s. 6d; Stafford, 160 1s. 6d Clare, £138 5s. 0d.

A Scout Troop has recently been formed in the School with the Headmaster as Scoutmaster. Three patrols have been made, with former Scouts as Patrol Leaders and Seconds. A trek was made in the half-term holiday, which proved to be a wet one. None the less, all enjoyed it in the true Scout spirit. A summer camp is being arranged and looked forward to, and although the site has not yet been chosen, three tents have already arrived.

The Domestic Science Department has been very active this year, and several cookery displays have been given. A House competition among seniors, who baked from a war-time cake recipe, resulted in Clare proving their capabilities on the Home Front. In Warships Week, 5A Girls auctioned some of their produce to the School, and raised over £2.

On July 12th a party of seventeen music-loving pupils, accompanied by Miss Scott, went to a lunch-hour concert at the Colston Hall- Bristol, where they saw Barbirolli conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a most interesting excursion, and it is to be hoped that this is only the first of a series of such.

3A have proved most enterprising this year. They are in communication with Form 3A of the School of Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada, and they were the first to start the penny-a-week fund for the Red Cross at School. They sent £1 in farthings to Mrs. Churchill's Aid for Russia Fund, and received her personal thanks.

The secondhand clothes store is still functioning, and we would be most grateful to any Old Thornburians willing to sell kit through it.

Members of the School doing extra war duties are:—

Home Guard: H. S. Tymms, I. Knight.

Fire Guard: Marion Watts, Maureen Hunter, Eileen Roddick, Pamela Mumford, Joyce Gough, Helen Moxham. H. Tymms, T. Godwin, W. Garland, C. Coward. J. Panes, J. Williams.

Youth Service: Marion Watts. Peggy May. Rosemary Poole. Kathleen Davis. Joan Councill, Sheila Appleby, D. Horder. E. Thompson, P. Rugg. I, Knight, J. Lewis. J. Williams, F. Midwinter, W. Garland. D. Lansdown, H. Tymms.

A.R.P.: T. Godwin, R. Morris, E. Elliott. J. Lewis, N. Gunnineham. D. Roddick, P. Weeks. H. Drew.

A.T.C.: H. Tymms, T. Godwin. C. Coward. R. Morris. A. Smith, I. Lewis, W. Garland. J. Panes, J. Flower.

A Regional Mass Meeting.

Her Majesty. Queen Mary, was present at a Regional Mass Meeting for the Nursing Service, held at the Colston Hall, Bristol, on March 23rd, 1942. Miss Florence Horsburgh. M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, and Chairman of the Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council, gave a most interesting talk. She explained the necessity for trained nurses, especially during war-time, and emphasised that although a lot of girls who become nurses during the war think that they will be without work after, this is not true. The auxiliary nurses are now given a better and shorter training, at the end of which, if they like the work, they can be drafted to hospitals. After a short interval, with an organ recital by Mr. Frank C. Taylor. Her Majesty presented Red Stars to 291 Nursing Auxiliaries who have given both one and two years satisfactory service. After Her Majesty had left the platform, two silent films were shown:—"Why not Nursing as a Career?" and "Health in Wartime?"

P. MERCER, R. DIMERY, J. COUNCELL.

Good-Night.

Barbara Neads.

The sun is down, the day gone by.
The moon is sailing o'er the sky,
The stars are shining in the may,
And there will be another day
The birds are making homeward flight,
The world whispers "Good-night, good-night."

The lady in her curtained bed,
The swineherd sleeping in a shed,
The knights that feast in yonder hall,
The moon and stars can see them all.
The fairies dance in the moonlight bright,
The world whispers "Good-night good-night."

Sweet sleep be with us one and all.
As the black night on earth doth fall;
Sleep, come peacefully, rest my brain.
"Till day comes to earth once again
And God gives us dawn, light and sight,
The world whispers "Good-night good-night."

School Officers.

School Captains : P. M. Mumford R. V. Morris.

School Vice-Captains M. L. Watts, R. Elliott.

School Prefects : Girls—E. M. Roddick, S. M. McDonald, M. P. Hunter, J. M. Gough, P. May, B. H. Moxham, M. P. Boulton. Boys—T. A. F. Godwin, C. R. Coward, H. S. Tymms, I. Knight, J. Panes, J. Flower.

Literary and Dramatic Society : Senior : President M. L. Watts; Vice-President, R. V. Morris; Secretary, P. May. Junior: Chairman, P. Weeks; Secretary, B. Neads.

Scientific Society : President. R. Elliott Secretary, C. R. Coward.

Young Farmers' Club : Chairman. S. M. McDonald; Vice-Chairman, B. Cullimore; Secretary, R. Lovell.

House Captains : Howard—P. M. Mumford, R. Elliott. Stafford—M. L. Watts, T. A. F. Godwin. Clare—S. M. McDonald, R. V. Morris.

Games Captains : Hockey—P. M. Mumford. Football—R. Elliott. Tennis—P. M. Mumford. Cricket—H. S. Tymms,

Magazine Staff: Editor—P. M. Mumford

Examination Results.

We congratulate the following upon their examination successes: —

Bristol Higher School Certificate.

Audrey Lydford (Geog, Hist, English); A. B. T. Hills (Geog, Hist, English); H. B. Lee (Geog, Chemistry, Zoology).

Bristol First School Certificate.

E. M. Roddick M. L. Watts (m), S. M. McDonald, M. P. Hunter. D. Smith. D. Legge, R. Elliott (m). R. V. Morris (m). H. S. Tymms, C. R. Coward, F. Morgan (m), H. F. Gould (m), J. Rugg. H. C. Hooper, T. Lanham

(m) Matriculation.

Commercial Form.

R.S.A. Typewriting. Stage 1. J. Meredith (credit) L. Taylor,

R. Ford. V. Cole.

Pitman's Typewriting. 60 Words a minute. J. Meredith, V. Cole.

Literary and Dramatic Society Notes, 1941-42.

This year has been one of great activity for both the Junior and Senior Literary and Dramatic Society. The Juniors have shown great enthusiasm in the variety of meetings they have had: plays have been read (in costumes provided by the ingenuity of the members) as well as short stories; a dumb-show was acted by Form 2A, and on one occasion the girls defeated the boys in a Spelling Bee.

In the Senior Society we have met every fortnight during the Autumn and Spring terms. With the addition of Lower V., we have been able to vary our casts much more than hitherto in the plays that have been read. The most popular of these was Sir J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street." Towards the end of the year a little variety was provided by a selection of impromptu speeches, but this innovation will be more successful when the stage of self-consciousness is passed.

However, we hope next year to continue our meetings with even more variety, and with some of the members of the present 4A to join us, the prospect seems to be pleasant.

We are very glad that Mr. Cyril Wood is now Dramatic Advisor to the County Education Authorities.

Scientific Society Notes, 1941-42.

The Society has not been in action this year, but it is now in the process of revival, and we hope to have some interesting meetings to record in the next Magazine.

Young Farmers' Club.

During the Spring Term of 1942 the Club was revived and more interest was taken in it, especially by the lower school. Mr. Stubbs, the local Organiser, gave us a useful talk on "Conducting a Debate." At another meeting, a debate, "That one acre of land is more valuable split up into allotments than farmed as a whole," resulted in the motion being carried. Two Agricultural Bees were also held. It was decided that members should keep Agricultural Note Books, and a record is being made of the stages in the growth of different crops cultivated in the district.

Speech Day, March 9th, 1942.

We were much gratified to see the large attendance of parents and friends at our first public Speech Day since the outbreak of war, when prizes and certificates were presented by Professor Fletcher, the newly-appointed Professor Education at Bristol University.

Captain Bennett, Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings, and his speech was followed by the Headmaster's Report.

Professor Fletcher began by quoting the following, written 300 years ago on a tablet overlooking an English churchyard: "In the year 1642, when all things sacred were either demolished or profaned, this Church was built by one whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in the worst! times, and to have hoped them in the most calamitous."

Children were at school to-day in a calamitous time, and instead of their rightful inheritance of laughter and peace, they had tears, blood and sweat. A new thing, full of hope for young people, arising from the misery of war, was the Youth Service Movement, which he compared with those of China and Germany. The Chinese movement had three great qualities, being voluntary, governed democratically by elected leaders, and possessing variety.

As a contrast, the movement in Germany was compulsory, and governed from above downwards. The members had to wear uniform, and that enhanced the great lack of variety.

The British movement had the voluntary spirit, but he felt that the young men and women were not idealistic and enthusiastic enough,

and he concluded by wondering if the youth of this country, were doing as much as those in China and Russia.

After the ceremony an excellent War-time Cookery Exhibition was given in the Domestic Science Room, and it is to be hoped that many of the interested onlookers gained some useful hints.

Dramatic Activities,

On the afternoons of December 18th and 19th the School was entertained by various Forms, who produced plays, and in the case of 3A and 3s Girls, gave an excellent T. Display.

2B acted "The Green Imp," a very effective little playlet about toys quarrelling, produced by Miss Storey.

The members of 2A acted. "The Stolen Prince," a play in Chinese style. They and their producer, Mrs. Rouch, are to be congratulated on a very fine and amusing performance. Bland, as the property-man, deserves especial mention.

Miss Gale and Lower VA produced "The Wolf", a thriller in one act, while the Certificate Form ingeniously staged the Trial Scene from Pickwick Papers, specially dramatised and produced by Mr. Morse.

Last Term the VI. and Commercial Forms gave a performance of "Mr. Pim Passes By," by A. A. Milne. It was perhaps somewhat ambitious to attempt a three-act play with such a small cast, but all the actors worked hard and were rewarded by the evident appreciation of the audience.

C. R. Coward as the well-meaning but absent-minded Garraway

Pim, who unintentionally causes the whole plot, deserves particular mention for an intelligent interpretation of the fatuous part.

H. S. Tymms joined the cast after rehearsals had been going on for some time, and is to be congratulated on a most spirited rendering of the die-hard George Marden. Only those with experience of the rehearsals realised what an achievement it was that George needed no prompting on the day (and if some of his lines were not exactly Milne, who shall complain?).

Eileen Roddick and R. V. Morris, apart from an unfortunate tendency to rush their lines and consequently to become inaudible, showed considerable stage sense, with an idea of appropriate movement, gesture and inflexion. Particularly effective was Olivia's apparent pre-occupation with the famous curtains.

Pamela Mumford made a charming Dinah, friendly and naively confiding. Her expression and movement about the stage were very good, though some of her gestures were rather pointless, and she, too, was occasionally inaudible.

Marion Watts, as the forbidding Aunt Julia, "sixty-five and proud of it," made a praiseworthy attempt at a character part. Her manner was just right, but she suffered badly from the same complaint of inaudibility.

Sheila McDonald was a well-trained maid; T. Godwin and R. Elliott ably contrived curtains and lighting, and Maureen Hunter by her quiet efficiency as prompter inspired confidence in the whole cast.

We are grateful to Miss Smith and the Commercial Form for typing out all the actors' scripts.

The cast would like to thank Miss Scott for her patient and untiring efforts during rehearsals.

Library Notes.

During the present school year the following have kindly presented books to the library: C. Coward, P. Hewes, T. James, J. Molton, Maureen Barry, Doreen Blanch, Marian Boulton, Sybil Craik-Smith, Janet Cullimore, Joyce Gough, Freda Green, Barbara Neads, Jean Poole, Joy Shepherd, Simone Wuillemin, Marion Watts.

We are very grateful also to Mr. F. A. Mumford for the gift of a book on Local Government, which will be of particular interest to

the Upper School; also to Mrs. Davis for books presented in memory of her son, Donald Davies; to Miss Dicker for A Dictionary of Dates; and to J. F. Carter for gift of "thrillers."

Besides transferring several books from the Senior to the Main Library, we have bought many new ones, and are now subscribers to the Science and Travel Book Clubs, which send us their newest books each month.

Lists of books recently added will be put up on the Library notice-board from time to time, and we welcome suggestions for any books particularly wanted. Such suggestions should be made to the Librarian, Marion Watts.

We would strongly emphasise the fact that the non-fiction section of the Library is NOT merely for reference in lessons, and that there is much really interesting reading in that section, on such varied subjects as wireless, aeroplanes, adventures, exploration, pets, cooking, toys, stamp-collecting, and Red Indians—not to mention the Encyclopaedias. I here are books here for juniors as well as seniors, and I shall be glad to help anyone who wants to know where to find them or more about them.

I am grateful to Marion Watts for her most efficient and industrious work in the Library, also to those who have helped her with the entering and checking of books.

M. A. SCOTT.

Sports Comments.

FOOTBALL NOTES, 1941-32.

Captain : R. Elliott. *Vice-Captain* ; T. Godwin.

Another disappointing season calls for few words of praise and much criticism, the possibilities of the eleven remaining on paper largely because the older members of the side failed to improve upon the previous season's form.

R. Diment, in goal, fluctuated between the very good and the very bad. I. Keitch in his position as full back, displayed courage and speed, but needs to develop a sense of position; W. Garland showed the same fault.

Of the half-backs, the Captain, R. Elliott, was hardly robust enough for centre-half, but is a clever footballer, and played well. J. Panes, very slow in recovery, was a non-improver. R. Morris worked hard but could not support the forwards as he has no ball control. If he did not suffer from Pane's trouble, J. Lewis would be very good. H. Tymms and T. Godwin did not come up to expectation, the former as centre forward missing too many chances, the latter being a very good individualist, but unable to knit the forward line together, especially as he had to do too much defence.

F. Midwinter failed to show last season's promise, and D. Roddick was too slow, while D. Lansdown, with plenty of football ability, was strong enough for one half only. D. Aldry, before leaving at Christmas, was a steady player, though also rather slow.

Colours were awarded for the first time to R. Morris, I. Keitch ; for the second time to T. Godwin, H. Tymms, J. Panes ; for the third time to R. Elliott.

The results were :—

1941.

DATE.	OPONENTS.	RES.	F.	A.
September 28th...	An A.T.C. Team	H ...	Won	14 6
October 5th	Kingswood G.S.	A ...	Lost	0 5
November 23rd ...	Old Thomburians	H ...	Lost	1 13
December 7th ...	Wotton Seniors	H ...	Won	9 2

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February 1st	Youth Service	H ...	Won	7 4
February 15th ...	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	A ...	Won	5 2
February 22nd ...	Gotham II.	A ...	Lost	2 4
February 29th ...	Wotton Seniors	H ...	Won	3 2
March 8th	Gotham II.	H ...	Lost	0 6

HOCKEY NOTES 1941-42.

Captain : Pamela Mumford.

Vice-Captain : E. Roddick

The School was fortunate in having a captain who, in addition to several years' experience in the 1st XL, was excellent in both leadership and play, and it is to be hoped that she may stay to lead the 1st XI next season. She was supported ably by Roddick, the vice-captain, who will be much missed next season.

The match results were generally good, and when the team can learn to play more as a whole instead of relying on one or two good individuals, they should rarely lose a match. Lack of combination leaves out the most vital part of the game. This criticism applied to every Form game as well as the 1st XI.

The School as a whole was better at forward play than defence, though there was a weakness in shooting at first. The general standard of play improved after a painful period of obvious attempts to learn new tactics.

The team forwards (P. Mumford, J. Gough, B. Harper, R. Poole, D. Spratt) showed promise, notably Mumford and J. Gough, who played consistently well in all matches. R. Poole's play was sometimes disappointing for a player who had much talent. B. Harper and D. Spratt worked very hard in difficult positions. On the whole they improved as a forward line.

Of the defence, V. Knapp showed promise, and should make a very good centre half next season, being a strong player with good staying power. E. Roddick played steadily in every match, showing plenty of energy. H. Moxham and R. Lovell, after they had learnt to cover each other and back up, settled down well. The goal-keeper, M. Watts, worked hard, trying to adapt herself to using her feet, and beginning to learn when to rush the forwards.

Colours were awarded to R. Lovell for the first time; J. Gough, R. Poole, H. Moxham, V. Knapp, for the second time; Roddick for the third time; P. Mumford for the fourth time.

The match results were as follows :—

1941.	DATE.	OPPONENTS.	RES.	F.	A.
	September 27th ...	Colston Girls' School	H ...	Won	5 3
	October 4th	Red Maids' School	A ...	Lost	2 6
	October 11th ...	Kingswood G.S.	A ...	Won	3 1
	October 18th ...	Wotton G.S.	H ...	Won	7 1
	November 15th ..	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	A ...	Draw	0 0
	November 8th ...	Old Thornburians	H ...	Draw	2 2
	November 29th ...	Wotton G.S.	A ...	Won	6 0
	December 6th ..	Kingswood G.S.	H ...	Won	4 3
	December 13th ..	Redland High School	A ...	Won	4 2
	1942.				
	February 28th ...	Old Thornburians	H ..	Won	4 2
	March 7th	Redland High School	H ...	Lost	0 2
	March 14th	Colston Girls' School	A ...	Won	3 1

CRICKET NOTES. 1942.

Captain : H. S. Tymms.

Vice-Captain : T. Godwin.

The cricket side made a good start with an easy win over Wotton G.S., H. Tymms the captain, setting the pace with a century, the first scored for the School since eachin's, some seasons ago. An excellent victory over Thornbury, a defeat by the same side, and the Maritimes and victories over Bristol G. Scotham Secondary School and the Old Thornburians is the record to date. The fielding is good, marked by a certain amount of venom, and the batting is attractive, with Tymms, Elliott Keitch, Lanham Diment and Panes all producing good shots.

Godwin has bowled really well, with his weird mixture, and Tymms has supplied the usual straight up and down variety at the other end. R. Morris has improved greatly behind the wickets. The remainder have shown useful form, so that whether winning or losing.

the School has kept up its cricketing reputation. The wickets have been satisfactory, and the lunch-time rolling parties; should know that their work is very much appreciated, as are the teas supplied by Mrs. Hughes, Marion Watts, Maureen Hunter, and the Commercial Form.

TENNIS NOTES, 1942.

Captain : P. Mumford. *Vice-Captain*: V. Knapp.

The team has been unfortunate in having matches against other Schools scratched owing to petrol shortage, but others have been arranged, which has been a great help-

At the moment of -writing, the season is not over, but even at this stage it is possible to see an improvement in the play of the team, who have worked very hard to develop better services, more volleying, more attack play, and greater pace about the court. The Juniors and 4th Forms have worked well, but there is still too much standing about and lack of concentration.

P. Mumford has made an excellent captain and has played very well all the season. She and her partner, V. Knapp, have made an energetic and enterprising 1st couple, who tried new tactics with success. H. Moxham and J. Gough, 2nd couple, have also improved, and though wild at times, have been adaptable to a different kind of play. R. Curtis and P. Hutchins have played steadily, though more static than the other two couples. R. Curtis has improved at volleying, and with more confidence and more backing up by her partner, should play -well. Several members of the Upper School have made great improvement, thus making better House matches.

The match results to date are as follows :—

1942.						
DATE.	OPPONENTS.	RES.	F.	A.		
May 9th	Wotton G.S.....	A... Won	70	29		
June 6th	Mrs. Rouch's VI.	H... Lost	31	50		
June 20th	Mrs. Rouch's VI.	H... Won	44	37		
June 28th	Old Thornburians	H... Won	42	39		

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Cross Country Championships were held on March 30th, 1942. over courses that were rather shorter than the ones used for the last few years. This was made necessary by the ploughing up of certain fields on the old courses. In spite of the more limited amount of practice put in by the older boys this year, the Senior race was won by Thomas (H.) in very good time, -with Tymms (S.) and Elliott (H.) close behind.

The Juniors this year have put in a fair amount of practice during their P.T. periods when the weather has been too cold for outdoor classes, and the standard! of running was high. Jenkins (C.) was first, followed by Newman (C.) and Court (S.).

The total points gained were :—

Stafford: 20. Clare: 18. Howard: 0.

Thus Stafford are now the proud possessors of the Williams Shield.

SWIMMING NOTES.

Captains: Sheila McDonald and R. Morris.

The Swimming Sports last year were again won by Howard House, although only by a narrow margin of points.

Swimming began late again this summer, owing to the spell of unseasonable cold weather, but practices for the Sports are now in progress.

The School as a whole has a lower standard of swimming than of any other sport, and although facilities are not ideal, we should like to see more enthusiasts in future.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual Athletic Sports were held on Thursday, May 28th. at 2.30 p.m., and after a morning when the weather gave every sign of repeating its unpleasant tactics of last year, the sun came out and dried the course. There was, however, a strong head wind on the 100 yards track, and it is not surprising that the times recorded were

slower than for the last few years. The standard of running was consistently high.

In view of war-time difficulties, the School was fortunate in receiving the enthusiastic support of so many parents and friends; this year, too, both Mr. Cudmore and Mr. Williams were able to attend and assist in their former capacities.

For the fourth time Howard House were successful in winning the Old Thornburians' Shield. After presenting certificates to the successful competitors, and the Shield to the Howard Sports Captains, B, Harper and D. Thomas, the Rev. E. Jupp made a short address to the School and visitors, in which he paid tribute to the team spirit, as opposed to individualistic outlook, shown by all competitors and spectators.

Points gained by the Houses were: —

Howard : 129. Stafford : 90. Clare : 74.

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAYS.

When Mr. Williams left Thornbury at the end of Spring Term, 1941, he expressed the hope that the remaining members of last year's Boys' P.T. Team would continue their practices, with a view to putting on another display this year.

Hills, whose skill and enthusiasm, had contributed so much to the success of the team, left the School in July, 1941, and his place as leader was taken by Morris. Under his spirited leadership, practices were continued once a week after school during the winter months, and another display was staged in the Hall on March 30th, 1942. Those taking part were: Morris, Elliott, Thomas, Keitch, Midwinter, and Horder. Roddick, who attended all the practices was unfortunately unable to perform in the display. The high standard maintained speaks well for the keenness of the team, and shows what can be done in spite of war-time difficulties if the effort is made.

At the end of the Christmas Term the III.a and b girls, under Mrs. Martin, gave a form gymnastic display, which was a great success. The free-standing exercises, helped by adequate music, *were* rhythmical and pleasant to watch, the work in canon adding to their interest, and the apparatus work was good, some excellent individual talent being revealed. All III.a and b girls took part, and those with less ability worked with concentration and courage, so that the whole display showed how even the less skilful can produce good work.

At the end of the Easter Term the III.a and b boys, under Miss Haddelsey, also gave a display, which they performed creditably. They did some interesting free-standing exercises in unusual formations and with music, and their apparatus work was good, in some cases individually promising. As in the girls' display, good work was done even by the less talented, so that the whole effect was not spoiled by any lack of skill.

Form displays are an innovation and it is to be hoped that others will follow, as such displays produce good team and individual work throughout the School.

House Notes.

CLARE.

Captains : Sheila McDonald and R. Morris.

An array of shields over a House notice-board is a satisfying token of work on the Sports side, but it is usually a short-lived one. A better token is the lasting knowledge that although the possibility of gaining a shield was negligible, the House strove its utmost and gave its best. Sir Hugh Walpole wrote: " It isn't life that matters, it's the courage you bring to it." Clare can say, " It isn't the shields that matter, it's the way you try for them. Clare tried but was unsuccessful.

The girls, both Seniors and Juniors, have made strenuous efforts to catch up with the other Houses, winning one Senior Hockey match and drawing three Junior ones. The junior boys have made good progress, and in a few years time should bring credit to the House. They won three of their four football matches, both cricket matches, and came first in the Junior Cross Country Championship. The

weakness seems to be the Senior boys, who were unfortunate enough to lose all matches.

We must extend our thanks to the Headmaster and Miss Haddelsey for their enthusiastic and stimulating interest in the Sports of the House, and hope to show the fruits of their coaching in the future.

STAFFORD.

Captains : Marion Watts and T. Godwin.

After a contest of varying fortune, in which blue and red alternated at the top of the board, we failed to regain the Games Shield by the small margin of five points. We congratulate Howard, but are" determined to make even greater efforts next year. The fact that the boys wrested the Cross Country trophy from them is a good omen. For this we had to thank the Seniors, who gained most points, although our best runners were seriously handicapped.

This year we were unfortunate, in that the girls failed to reach their normal high standard, and the boys, by themselves, could not win the Athletics Shield, which is once more in Howard's hands.

We regret the loss of Miss Preston and Mrs. Martin, but welcome the new members, Miss Leamon, Mrs. Rouch, and Miss Evans.

HOWARD.

Captains : Pamela Mumford and R. Elliott.

The loss of the Cross Country Shield to Stafford early in the year was compensated for by our eventually wresting the Games Shield from them after a very close fight.

Sports Day also was a great day for us, for we succeeded in retaining the Athletics Shield' for the fourth consecutive year, and we are glad to be able to say that the boys have helped considerably more this year than previously.

It is to be hoped that the Juniors will prove as enthusiastic and capable as the present and recently departed Seniors have been, so that the high standard set by them may be maintained.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Franklin and Miss Jones, who have already displayed much interest in the House.

University Jottings.

St. Paul's has been the happy hunting grounds of many Old Thornburians, but never before have five O. TVs graced its roll in one year. However, September, 1941, saw Knight and myself begin our second year, and Hills, Hosken and Holpin start their first term. Since then two of that gathering have joined H.M. Forces—Hosken, who firmly established himself in the College Harriers Team, and Hills, who was the very successful producer of two plays in the Junior Year Concert. The sorely weakened remainder, however, are gallantly carrying on, with Pilot-to-be Holpin about to attack his second lot of teaching, and with Knight and myself trembling on the brink of Finals.**

To any member of the School who may consider coming to St. Paul's. I can assure him that he will never regret the decision. Even in war-time it is a grand place.

To the School we send our best wishes and all the best of luck in examinations and on the Sports field.

L.G. TAYLOR.

St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.

EDITOR'S NOTE. We would like to congratulate Taylor upon being himself the Editor of the 500-page Magazine of St. Paul's College, Cheltenham,

I am very pleased to hear that the School Magazine is again to be published, and I only wish that there were more Old Thornburians in this University to share with me in its reading.

Here, and in spite of war-time changes, Cambridge still has very much to offer its students. Whether one wishes to study endlessly, or

whether one prefers a more varied existence depends chiefly on the person concerned, for there is ample choice of outside activities. Clubs and Societies are too many to number, and range from the Political and Religious to Country Dancing. Anyone interested in Music is especially well provided for. For those Athletically inclined there is a chance for every variety of sport, and the Cam provides relaxation from study during the summer months.

Yet Cambridge knows the way to work, and the thought of Tripos Exams, can be a veritable nightmare, the cause of pale faces and sleepless nights.

To those who seek a University education. I can only say how worth while they would find it to try for Cambridge. Only by being here is it possible to realise how much can be gained from its College life.

Hoping to see more of my " fellow countrymen " here in the future.

MARY H. H. TURNER.

Girton College. Cambridge University.

EDITOR'S NOTE. We would congratulate Mary on being placed in Class II. Division I. of the Geographical Tripos as a result of the June Examinations.

College life as shown in American films is not found in Exeter. Most students, especially in war-time, take their years at a University seriously, realising that it is a privilege few enjoy.

Like all Universities, Exeter has suffered from war-time conditions. Staff and students have left to do work of national importance, and members have decreased. In peace-time a large proportion of the students come from abroad, and naturally there is only a small percentage of the normal numbers now. Luckily, however, the Halls thus left vacant have not been commandeered, as we have two Schools from London occupying empty hostels.

Although many pleasant activities have been curtailed, the College Societies and Sports are still " going strong," though as time goes on more will be dropped. The College newspaper is still published, in reduced size.

Every student belongs automatically to all College Societies, and can take his pick. The Musical Society has given Concerts fairly regularly once a fortnight, and the Drama Society has given several play readings and the annual " Big Prod."

Moreover, when there is time after lectures, and war work in the town or on the College Farm. Exeter and the surrounding district is extremely interesting.

AUDREY M. LYDFORD.

University College of the South-West, Exeter.

While in many ways University life has remained unaffected by the war, in some respects it has experienced radical changes.

All male students are now members of either the Senior Training Corps, the University Air Squadron, or the Home Guard, with compulsory fire-watching duties in addition. The women, not to be outdone, spend much of their spare time knitting, making camouflage netting, working in canteens, and cleaning Service hostels, as well as fire-watching. The Social life, in consequence of these activities, has of necessity been cut down.

The attitude and ways of thinking of students have also undergone considerable changes. Many students are up on shortened courses, or are expecting to have their studies interrupted: with the energy and untiring driving force of the Prime Minister. Winston Churchill, who is Chancellor of the University, as an example, all are making a concentrated effort to achieve the maximum in the short time at their disposal.

H. B. LEE.

University of Bristol.

Old Thornburian Notes.

News of Old Thornburians is chiefly Service news in these days. Since our last number, three other Old Boys have fallen in the defence of their country : Royce Gazzard and Frank Burns, both Sergeants in the R.A.F., and Sergeant Observer Hugh Powell ;while Sergeant Brian Dennis. R.A.F., was reported missing last September. Five cherry trees have been planted between the new and old Schools to honour the memory of the Fallen; and R.A.F. badges, given by the Filton Squadron, have been attached to the supporting posts, with a Merchant Navy one on the tree honouring Norman Taylor.

We extend our congratulations to Acting Fit-Lieutenant J. M. Dennis (1922-29) who has been awarded the D.F.C.

Among Service visitors on leave have been D. Hosken. A.P.T.S. ; F. Hunt. R.A., now in Madras; E. Richardson, A.A. ; A. N. Garrett, R.A.S.C. ; H. Lewis, R.A.M.C. ; J. Shepherd. T. Price, T. Newman. G Meredith. R.A.F. ; W. Appleby and W. Garry, Reconnaissance Corps; J. Skinner, O.C.T.O. ; T. Lanham, Fleet Air Arm; J. Hosken, Royal Corps Signals; C. Alien, R.A.O.C. ; and Gordon Panes, M.N., who paid his usual in-between-trips call.

Recent departures to the Forces have been L. Stovold, R.A.C. ; F. Cunningham, R.N.; A. B. T. Hills. R.A.F.

The School heard with much regret of the death, through illness, of Donald Davies (1923-30). He had a very successful career, passing not only the Schol Certificate Examination, but also the Civil Service Examination (Executive Branch), an outstanding performance. His mother has very kindly presented to the library the prizes which he won, and also his cricket bat.. This bat will be presented each year to the House winning the Cricket championship. It will be suitably inscribed when the necessary materials become available.

The Hockey season was the most successful that the Old Girls' Club has enjoyed, the success being due mainly to the spirit of the hard-worked secretaries, J. Meredith and B. Body, who increased the enthusiasm of half-hearted players to such an extent That thirteen turned up to the eagerly awaited match against the School.

The away matches proved an added attraction, and it is hoped that the Club will secure many new members next season. A full fixture list is almost completed.

Our stalwart goal-deeper, F. Bishop, played well and deserves a word of praise, especially for her excellent foot-work.

The team has lost one of its most enthusiastic members, N. Watkins, who has joined the A.T.S. We wish her luck.

Of a total of ten matches played, the team won seven, lost two, drew one.

A few tennis matches have been arranged with local Clubs.

