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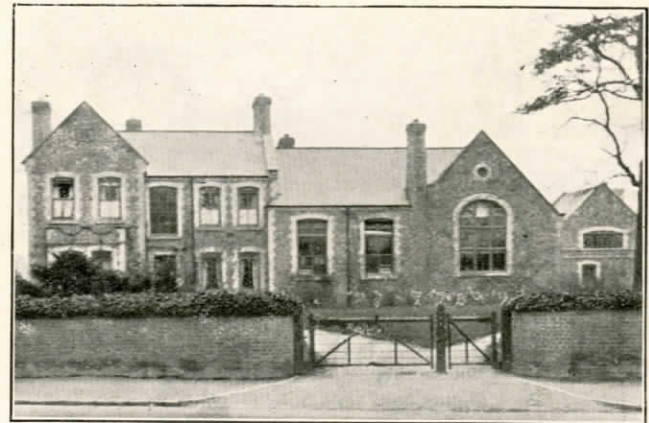


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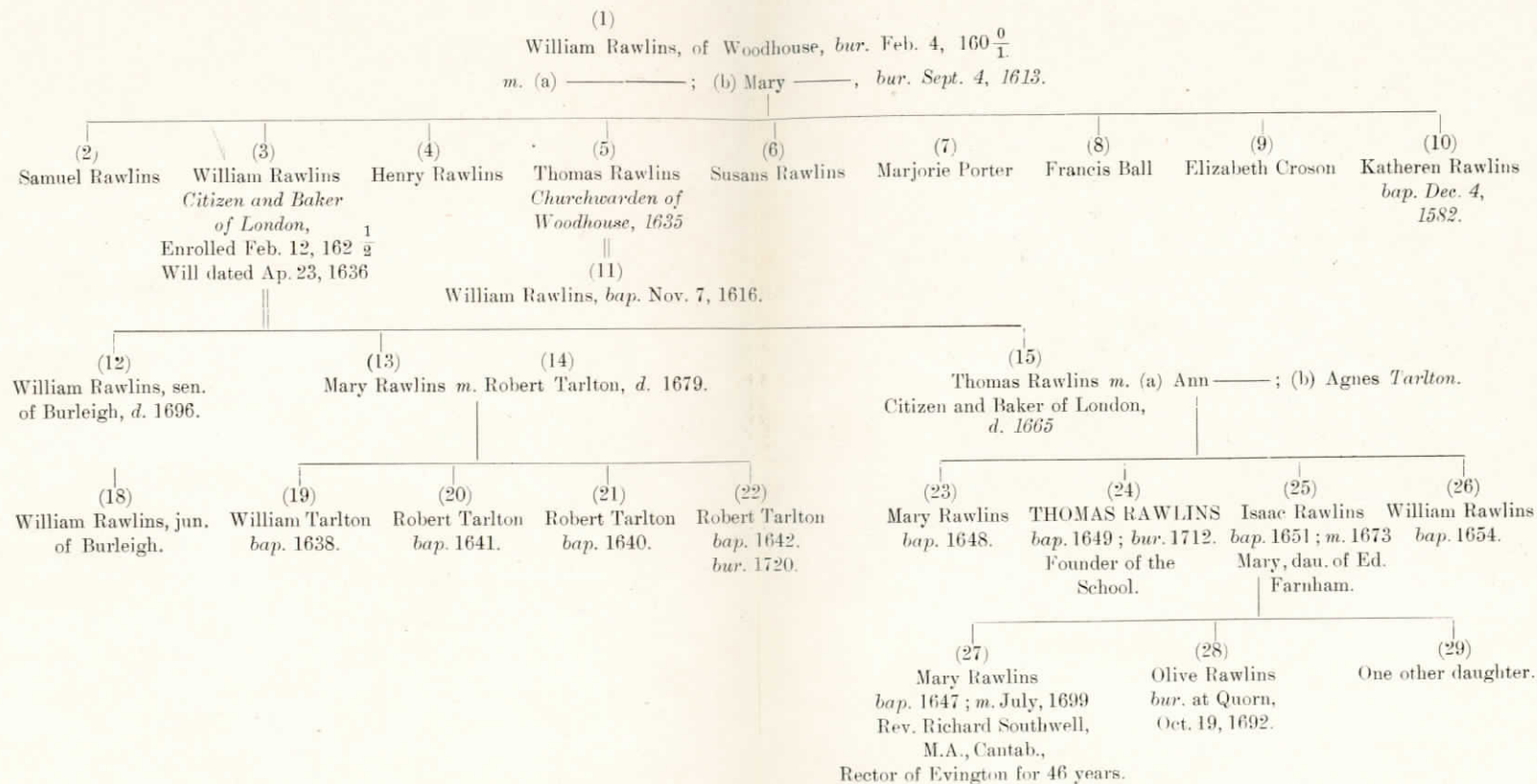
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# The RAWLINS PEDIGREE

(Revised).



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## School Notes.

WE are by this time well advanced with the most anxious term of the School year—the term of examinations—and we need hardly say that we wish success to the labours of all who represent the School in any of these encounters. Last Summer Term gave us our first Matriculation successes, and we hope that this term may see one of us safely through the London Intermediate Science Examination. Courage! Harriman! Courage!

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May we echo the word we said to the boys a year ago—"Be kind to the birds." A very few have lately become Associates of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. This is a satisfactory beginning; but we could wish that many more had decided to encourage such a praiseworthy institution.

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In spite of the rain, we are reminded that June 24th is Sports Day. After a year's break it is hoped that we may have a very successful time on that occasion. Many new pupils have joined the School since the last Sports, and so the competitions should be interesting. Now is the time for the keen ones to infuse a little of their enthusiasm into their lukewarm friends so that all may take part in the competitions in real earnest.

It is pleasing to see that more boys have joined the Cricket Club this term. This is very necessary if the honour of our School is to be maintained. All must shoulder the responsibility and work hard. Possibly, in the past, those who were the first to grumble at defeat were those who did nothing to strengthen the hands of the players, some of them did not even join the Club. Let us have a pride in our School, and seek in every way to raise the standard of work and play.

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It may seem nonsense to some of us; but, undoubtedly, if homework is conscientiously learnt, the best preparation for a Geometry lesson is a run in the field. The cloak room is intended to be a "cloak room," not a study!

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The following, *à propos* of Mr. Hicklin's marriage, has set some of us thinking:—

SMALL BOY: "Please, Miss Butler, will Mr. Hicklin come back next term, when he's married?"

MISS BUTLER: "Yes, of course he will! Why do you ask?"

SMALL BOY (surprised): "Oh! I thought he would have had to go to work!"

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We have now, besides a Lending Library of 316 books, a Reference Library containing 86 books. The former is open to all the pupils; the books in the Reference Library may be used by the members of Forms VI. and V., on the premises only. Will all who consult the books be careful to put them back into their right places?

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A Museum will shortly come into existence. Will all our readers, especially those in foreign countries, remember this and send us objects of interest? We hope to have the cases made before our energetic handy-man, Antonio, leaves us.

We intended to give our Public Entertainment this month, but have unfortunately been compelled to postpone it, as some of the chief actors are suffering from swollen necks—not "swelled heads" as well, let us hope! Mumpy water-babies, fairies, kings, and courtiers would neither feel comfortable nor look beautiful; so our budding actors must possess themselves in patience for a time.

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Shooting is again in full swing. Twenty-four boys have joined the Club, and two practice days a week are necessary. Several of our members are already improving very steadily, and at the time of writing, Sharman has returned to his old form by making six consecutive bulls at 500 yards range. A. H. Mee has run him close, with 34 points out of a possible 35. Before this number of the magazine is in the hands of our readers, we hope to have completed the arrangements for the matches to be held this season.

### Lent Term—Final Order.

VIA.	1. Harriman, F.	IIIA.	1. Merladet, A.
VIB.	1. Trautmann, Octavia		2. Shuttlewood, Ivy
	2. Perkins, F. H.		3. Crosby, Elizabeth
	3. Bailey, Margaret	IIIB.	1. Bailey, Annie
V.	1. Perkins, Ruth		2. Dakin, Bessie
	2. Ball, A.	II.	1. North, S. T.
	3. Payne, W. F.		2. Hack, Ruth
IV.	1. Frisby, Ellen		3. Stonehouse, A. Mary
	2. Frisby, Adeline	I.	1. Cart, A. A.
	3. Sturgess, Sarah E.		2. Hack, D. G.



The following have neither been absent, late, nor put down for punishment detention during the term. Those whose names are starred have gained full marks for conduct:—

VIb. Trautmann, Octavia

IV. Frisby, Ellen

Frisby, Adeline

Sturgess, Sarah E.

Mee, A. H.

Smith, A. E.

Spence, J. H.

Hayes, G. W.

IIIa. \*Merladet, A.

\*Shuttlewood, Ivy

Crosby, Elizabeth

Gamble, Gertrude

Frisby, C. W.

Oliver, V.

IIIb. Bailey, Annie

\*Mills, Nellie

Baum, G.

II. North, S. T.

Gamble, C. E.

Priestley, W.

Burrows, Constance M.

Walley, Ella

I. Cart, A. A.

Hack, D. G.

Shuttlewood, Estella

Morris, Lucy

### Old Quornians.

ON April 15th, Miss Nellie Jamieson was married to Mr. Robert W. Squire, Mr. J. W. Sault acting as best man. On the 16th they sailed for their new home in Canada. Both are "Old Quornians," and we wish them happiness and long life. Mrs. Squire is our first married "Old Girl."

On Friday, May 8th, Thomas Pepper, a very popular "Quornian" in his day, set sail for Canada. We wish him every success, which we feel certain will be his if he continues to enjoy good health. Some day, in the near future, we may read of his doings in these pages.

Mattie Hack has become a well-known Hockey player. She has done well for the "Mountsorrel Ladies;" and, according to the *Leicester Mercury*, has scored a very large proportion of the total number of their goals. We give below her own account of the matter, sent in reply to an express request for precise particulars. She writes: "Beatrice Moore has scored two goals during the season, Vera Turlington five, and I twenty-five. Muriel Brooks played in most of the matches and scored some goals. Several other Old Quornians play for the Club. Dora Turlington was captain for some time, and played splendidly as centre half-back. Lily Moore plays back, and saves many goals. Nellie Saunders, Edith Dodson, and Marjory Burton have played in some of the matches."

She adds, "I have wished many times this winter that we could have an Old Girls' Club at School. Some of the old pupils would be pleased, and I think many would join."

[NOTE.—We should be very pleased to see an Old Girls' Club for Hockey and Tennis, but should need another Hockey pitch and Tennis court, and these need money. However, "everything comes to him who waits," and *works*, we add. E.B.]

Muriel White is making good use of her skill and knowledge of Hockey in her new School. There was no Hockey when she went, so she set to work and organised a Club, undertaking to teach the members. Her task was not an easy one, for all her players but one were quite ignorant of the game; moreover, the majority were French girls, who were unused to games needing vigour. They all felt the effects of Muriel's enthusiasm for some time after their first game, and some of them had to rest in bed the next day. Consequently they were not allowed to play on more than one day in the week for the rest of the term.

A few months ago news was received from Canada that Edwin Harrington had died under an operation. His death took

place while our last number was in the press. May we take this our first opportunity of expressing our deepest sympathy with his relatives and friends for the sad loss that they have sustained.

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Old Boys will be interested to hear that Mr. J. H. Hicklin has taken to himself a wife. He was married on April 15th, to Miss F. M. Smith, of Loughborough, and his present address is 130, Park Road, in that town. Amongst the many presents of which the happy couple were the recipients were one from his colleagues and one subscribed for by the great majority of present Quornians. We have no doubt that they carried with them, what is of more value than the gifts themselves, handsome as they were, the assurance of high esteem for Mr. Hicklin's personal qualities, and the sincerest of wishes for his future prosperity.

[NOTE.—This paragraph is not editorial, but has been inserted at my express desire. E.W.H.]

### News from Old Quornians.

**J. W. Sault.**

"Thanks for the copy of 'The Quornian.' I found it most interesting reading, especially the 'News from Old Quornians.' They, like myself, must be glad of this opportunity of keeping in touch with their old school mates, and the doings at the old school. I should be glad if you would dig out a few more of them, and make them give an account of themselves. There are one or two more hiding their light under a bushel somewhere, whom we should like to hear about—'Scun' Hensman, Trilby Smith, to wit. I hope also the modesty of the worthy Editor of 'The Quornian' will not prevent his mentioning the very im-

portant event which took place at Woodhouse, I believe, on April 15th. I have not yet received any news from Mr. and Mrs. R. Squire. From these marriages it would appear that R. J. Backhouse is not the only one who is lonely. I notice he gives the price of his gloves, and boots, but has omitted to give the cost of the hair-cut he was so badly in need of. If the charge is on the same exorbitant scale, one can't blame him for 'keeping his hair on.'

As you are aware, I am still in the office of the Superintendent of the Line of the Great Central Railway, at Marylebone, and after having had nearly three years in London I should not care to leave it. Practically the best of almost everything is to hand at a minimum cost, but it is surprising to note the indifference Londoners display to objects of interest which people in the provinces would go miles to see.

The best of Education can be had at marvellously cheap fees, and the Libraries, at such places as the London School of Economics and the various Working Men's Colleges, give every facility for studying any subject one wishes, facilities which I am afraid I do not make so much use of as I might.

A friend and myself spent our Easter holiday at Wimereux, a small but growing seaside resort just outside Boulogne, and I was glad to find that the natives understood their own language, that is, the language as I had been taught it at The Rawlins School; but when it came to understanding *them* it became necessary to say 'Parlez plus lentement, s'il vous plait,' fairly often. However, we managed very well, and had a very enjoyable time at a reasonable cost. I give the address, as it may be of use to some readers of 'The Quornian'—

Madame Dormard-Dulot,

Hotel Belle Vue,

Wimereux (Pas-de-Calais).

The French spoken by the natives of the place is, of course, a *patois*, but there are always visitors there who speak good French."



## The School and its Founder.

SINCE the last number of "The Quornian" was issued I have discovered, at the Leicester Probate Registry, a Will of the year 1600 (No. 131), which appears to have an important bearing on the history of the Rawlins family. It contains, moreover, some points that may be of interest for other reasons. I therefore venture to quote it in full:—

"In the name of God, Amen: the second day of Februarie in the XLI<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our most gracious Sovrayne ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God of Englande ffrance and Ireland Queene Defender of the faythe, I William Rawlins of Woodhouse in the Countie of Leicester Yeoman being whole in mind and of good and pfect remembrance (thanke be to God for hit) doe make and ordaine this my laste will and Testament in maner and forme following: That is to saye **FIRST** and principallie I comend my spirit to almightie God my most faythfull Creator, and to Jesus Christ my most loveing redeemer, and to the holie Ghost by whose meanes in the blood of the same Christ I assure myselfe that I am sanctified: And my bodye to be buried in the Churchyard of Quorndon in the pische of Barrowe upon Soare in the Countie aforesayd, in full and certaine hope of the resurrection: And as for such worldlye goodes as God of his goodnesse hath lent unto me I dispose them as followeth. First I **GIVE** and bequeathe unto Marie my loveing wife the two closes at Turvill Leyes next adjoining unto Oak Crofte to enjoye (?) dureing her naturall life: **Item** I gave and bequeathe unto Samuell Rawlins myne eldest sonne ten pounce of current Englishe money, and the playne Closse lyeing next unto John Bathbyes (?) Closse at Turvill Leyes aforesayde dureing his natural life, **Provided** alwayes that my sayd sonne Samuel shall neyther let nor set the sayd Closse but from yere to yere, and that onelye to one of his

brethren giveing as an other will give: **Item** I give and bequeathe unto William Rawlins my second sonne the aforesayd playne Closse (after the decesse of my sayd son Samuell Rawlins) to him the sayd Willm Rawlins and to his heyres lawfullie begotten of his bodye, **And** if it please God that my sonne William dye without issue lawfullie begotten of his bodye, Then I doe bequeathe yt unto Thomas Rawlins my youngest sonne and to his heyres lawfullie begotten of his bodye, **And** yf it shall please God that my sayd son Thomas dye without heires lawfullie begotten of his bodye, Then I doe bequeath the sayd Closse to be equallie divided amongst the daughters of me the sayd Willm. Rawlins and Marye my latter wife: **Item** I give and bequeath unto Thomas Rawlins my aforesayd youngest sonne the Closse next adjoining to Oak Crofte pcell of Turvill Leyes before mentioned and to his heyres lawfullie begotten of his bodye, **Provided** alwayes that yf yt shall please God that my sayd son Thomas dye wthout yssue lawfullie begotten of his bodye, Then my will is that the sayd Closse shal remayne unto Willm. Rawlins my sayd second sonne and to his heyres lawfullie begotten of his body, **And** if it please God that my sayd sonne Willm. dye without yssue lawfullie begotten of his bodye, Then I doe bequeath the sayd Closse to be equallie divided amongst the daughters of me the sayd William Rawlins and Marye my latter wife: **Item** my will is that all such hovels and pales as stande now as fence w<sup>th</sup>in and about my homesteede shal remayne to the longer liver of Marye wife and Willm. Rawlins my sonne: **Item** I give and bequeathe unto my daughter Susans Rawlins XIIId. of currant Englishe money to be payd unto her two yeres after my decesse: **Item** I give and bequeathe to my daughter Katheren Rawlins ten pounds of currant Englishe money to be payde unto her at the age of XXI yeres, And yf yt shall please God that my daughter Katheren dye before she come to the age of XXI yeres, Then my will is that her



portion shall be equallie devided amongst the rest of the daughters of me the sayd William Rawlines and Marye my latter wife then being alive : **Item** I give unto my son Henrie Rawlines XIIId. : **Item** I give unto my daughter Margorie Porter XIIId. : **Item** I give unto ffrancis Ball my daughter XIIId. : **Item** I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Croson XIIId. : **And** as for the rest of my goods cattell and household stuffe unbequeathed (my debts payd and my legace pformed) I doe give and bequeath them unto Marye my sayd wyfe, whom I make my full and onely Executrix of this my last will and Testament: **Item** I do institute and ordeyne my welbeloved in Christ Clement Ffouldes and William Rawlines my sonne to be my Overseers to see this my last will and Testament duelye and rightlie performed, desyreing them to take the paynes for me and to have for theyre paynes three shillings and fower pence to eyther of them."

Witnesses :

Henrie Twittie.	Probat decimo die mensis Mtii.
Clement ffouldes.	Anno dom. 1600.
ffrancis Hunt.	

In the Quorn Parish Register I find, amongst many entries of the name of Rawlins, the following, which apparently relate to persons mentioned in the will above

1582. Christenings.—Caterin Rawlin, daugh. of Willm.  
Dec. 4.

• 1600. Burialls.—Willm. Rawlin, Feb. 4.

1613. Burialls.—Mary Rawlin, Sept. 4.

1616. Christenings of Woodhouse.—Willm. Rawlin, filius  
Thomae, Novem. 7.

The question will now be asked, "How do you connect the persons mentioned in the will with those given in the pedigree printed in No. 3 of "The Quornian"? I am bound to admit in reply that the mere number of the Rawlinses living in this neigh-

bourhood, coupled with the fact that the registers frequently give names and dates of christenings and burials without indicating kinship to other members of the family, makes an absolutely certain connection at present impossible. I think, however, that such a connection can be made with a considerable balance of probability in favour of its correctness. I therefore give, as the frontispiece of this issue of our magazine, a revised genealogy, which will at least serve as a useful basis for further investigation. Conjectural entries are denoted by italics; conjectural connections are shown by double lines; and I have, for purposes of reference, re-numbered the entries, beginning with the William Rawlins who died in 1600.

The reasons for the arrangement I have adopted will be apparent to anyone who has cared to read carefully the third article of this series; and I need only add, by way of further explanation, that the date of the will of William Rawlins (3) is taken from the will itself in Somerset House, and that I am indebted to Mr. George Farnham for the names and other particulars of Isaac Rawlins's two daughters.

Three minor points in the Leicester will seem to deserve a word of comment. The first, which can hardly have escaped the attention of the most careless reader, is the fact that no less than four of the testator's children were "cut off with a shilling." Two of them, the married daughters, may have been considered to be already well provided for; but the third son, Henry, had probably offended his father, the extent of whose anger against his eldest (?) daughter may be inferred from the injunction that the shilling was not to be paid until two years after her father's death. The second point I refer to is the name Turvill Leyes. This still survives as Turvey Leas, the name of a meadow or meadows near Rusly Fields, now in the occupation of Mr. John Camm of Woodhouse Eaves. Oak Croft, the other portion of land bequeathed by name, I cannot identify, for I understand that no field is so called now. My third point is the use of "hit" for "it." "Hit" was in early times the correct spelling of the

accusative neuter of the pronoun "he" in the Midland dialect, but its use amongst educated people had almost given way in favour of "yt" or "it" by the end of the sixteenth century. "Hit" is therefore never found in Shakespeare or in the authorised version of the Bible, and the attorney who drew up the will has only dropped into it once, as if by accident, whilst he has used "yt" everywhere else.

By way of conclusion to this article, I must refer once more to the supposed identification of Thomas Rawlins, the Founder's father, with an officer in the Parliamentary army.

During the months of March, April, and May, 1647, this army was at Saffron Walden, agitating for arrears of pay, protesting against a proposal to send them to Ireland, petitioning Fairfax, negotiating with Commissioners sent by the Commons, and almost on the verge of mutiny. When looking through a volume of the Thomason Tracts in the British Museum, in January last, in order to elucidate quite a different problem, I came upon one of the earliest of these petitions—[Press Mark, E. 390, Pamphlet No. 26]. Appended to it was a list of the names of about 230 officers who supported the petition, and I found amongst them that of Thomas Rawlins, Ensign of Foot. Whether he is at all likely to be the same as the Rawlins whom we last heard of as a Captain of Horse under Sir Robert Pye in 1645, I must leave it to those thoroughly conversant with military affairs to decide. But however the point be settled, the existence of this signature at the end of such a document favours the belief, which I have already expressed, that the admission of our Thomas Rawlins by the Bakers' Company as a "Householder" in the following January, without the usual preliminaries of apprenticeship and journeymanhood, can best be accounted for by the supposition that he had been serving with the army up to that time.

E.W.H.

## The Village Hall and its Associations.

READERS of the "Quornian" will no doubt remember the interesting article penned by our old friend "Bob" Brown, and recalling the time when the Rawlins School had for its home the Village Hall. As I am one of the select few who had the honour of receiving instruction during the very first term of Mr. Hensman's *régime*, perhaps it would not be uninteresting to dig up a few more recollections of those by-gone days. By the way, if some "Old Boy" thinks the "digging-up" process is not deep enough, he would be conferring a favour upon all and sundry by sending to the "Quornian" the result of his own spade work—(Am I right, Mr. Editor?).

If memory serves me right, Quorn itself was not represented by a very large proportion of the First Term's seekers after knowledge, both Mountsorrel and Woodhouse being very prominent in point of numbers, the total number not being more than sixteen; however, what the Quorn contingent lacked in quantity, they made up in quality. "Bundad" and other kindred spirits had not reached the zenith of their fame. Many were the disputes between the Mountsorrelites and the Quornites (the latter including the Woodhouse brigade), and things were not quite peaceful at such times, especially when satchels, full of books, were used as sledge hammers. Enthusiasm in these encounters waxed stronger and stronger, until several of the ringleaders certainly exceeded the bounds of good fellowship, and the "Boss" . . . but what is the use of raking up painful memories. In those days, there was no Dining-room like unto the present spacious apartment, and the consequence was that all boys who hailed from a distance brought lunch baskets with them and "pigged it," as it were, in the kitchen. It would have surprised outsiders not a little, if the contents of one or two of those miniature food depôts had been examined. Some people talk grandly about their dinners at the "Carlton," but what would they not say had



they been intimately acquainted with a Rawlius grub basket! The kitchen was then not only used as a dining-room, but also as a class-room, and many a French and Latin Lesson was held round that good old kitchen table. When the School increased in numbers, more space being wanted, one class had perforce to occupy the stage, the atmosphere of which, no doubt, contributed to the air of general restlessness pervading that particular class. Perhaps some boys have dim recollections of the following:—*"Loose a conduct mark!!!"* a most frequent remark of Billy (I beg pardon) Mr. Gurd's, the Irishman; and very few journals were free from that blue pencil entry—*"Inattention!"*

The Games in those days were not as flourishing as they are now; at football, for instance, there was no such luck as having a 1st and 2nd XI., and we were sadly in need of a goal-keeper, for in the earlier matches with Barrow, it was quite customary to lose by at least 10 goals to nil. "Skun" Hensman, who was then Captain, made valiant efforts to improve our play, but once in a groove it is difficult to get out, and one reverse of 17—3 at the hands of Barrow showed what sort of a groove we were in. Mr. Brown's field was then used for practice, and the writer distinctly remembers one occasion on which the river played a conspicuous part in the game. It was during the progress of a dinner-hour practice, and the ball was kicked clean over the river; as there was no bridge and no one was brave enough to jump across, two venturesome spirits went all the way to Barrow, over the bridge and back across the fields, to get it. Of course they were late for afternoon school, and were probably put down for "detenny." Good progress was made at cricket, though much time was sacrificed through the necessity of carting stumps, bats, etc., to and from the Stafford Orchard, the field of play.

By way of conclusion to these rambling reminiscences, I will add a supplementary list of nicknames to those chronicled in R. J. B's notes; doubtless many pleasant memories and some amusing episodes will be revived by the mention of "Tin-ribs," "Buster," "Trilby," "Bighead," "Dos," "Whiskers," "Punjab,"

"Uncle," "Carrots," "Festina," "Inspector," "Chicken," and "Cock-sparrow."

C.K.W.

## Hockey.

THE play last Term was not brilliant, the loss of some of our strong players being keenly felt. We only just held our own, the total number of goals for and against being 7.

The frequent wet weather prevented many practice games and two matches from taking place.

Winifred Bradshaw and Dorothy Drew were the best all-round players, while Margaret Bailey and Marjorie Perkins did good steady work as backs. The goal-keeping in the matches was feeble (due, we think, to neglect of practice). Mabel Gamble is improving, and should make a very good forward.

Among the younger members of the Club, Olive Bamber does well in any part of the field, and some of her goal-keeping has been brilliant. Lizzie Cotton and Gertrude Gamble promise to become good, energetic players.

The beginners play with great enthusiasm at something which they *call* Hockey. However, we can form some idea of their capabilities, and among them we see that Sarah Shuttlewood will make an excellent back. Her strokes are strong and clean, and she is at the same time a graceful player. The word "graceful," we may note, is not often used in connection with Hockey.

We are glad that many of our Old Girls still play. They are much in evidence in the Mountsorrel Ladies' Club. As may be seen on another page, Mattie Hack and Muriel White are as enthusiastic as ever.

Matches.		Results.		Goals.
Barrow	...	Win	...	2—1
Hinckley (mixed)	...	Tie	...	3—3
Barrow	...	Loss	...	2—3

In the Hinckley Match we played 7 girls and 4 boys; our opponents reversed the numbers.

We hope we shall have had our first Tennis by the time this appears in print. A Tournament for the Championship will be played in July, and we are glad to see that keen interest in the event has been aroused.

### Football.

<i>Matches.</i>		<i>Goals—For Against</i>	
<i>v. Loughboro' Pupil Teachers</i>	... Home ...	1	12
<i>v. Ratcliffe College</i>	... Home ...	9	6
<i>v. Barrow G.S.</i>	... Home ...	9	2
<i>v. Barrow G.S.</i>	... Away ...	3	7

#### *Term's Summary—*

Played, 4; Won, 2; Lost, 2. Goals—for, 22; against, 27.

#### *Season's Summary—*

Played, 11; Won, 6; Lost, 5. Goals—for, 63; against, 53.

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OUR team was sadly weakened when we returned after Christmas, and substitutes had to be found for Cotton and Pilgrim. The team fought well to a man, and deserves nothing but praise. To express our opinions upon the game will only be to repeat what we said in January. Of the players new to the eleven "Antonio" was the star. He confesses to having been somewhat bewildered during the first ten minutes of his first match. After that the bewilderment appeared to be transferred to those of our opponents who came within his sphere of influence. All agree that he has taken up the game wonderfully well considering the short time he has been in England. Several times during the term it was impressed upon us how successful a captain Payne really was. Twice he was away through illness, and on both occasions no one came for the Wednesday practice game. Undoubtedly much of the interest taken in the practice games was due directly to his personal influence.

### Hobbies Exhibition.

ON Wednesday, March 11th, we held our second annual Hobbies Exhibition. Although many good exhibits were sent in, the scarcity of articles made by the boys themselves was very noticeable. Last year, for instance, we had several fretwork exhibits which did great credit to the workers; but this year the number of such entries was very limited. We hope that this does not mean that many of our boys have no hobby.

As a whole, however, the Exhibition was far in advance of the previous one in point of quality; there was, moreover, a larger number of entries, the majority being in the Cookery and Musical Sections, which were both new features.

It was thought advisable to alter the non-competitive portion of the Exhibition; and, instead of arranging for a collection of interesting curios, such as that of last year, we set aside one room for an "Art Gallery." The catalogue was of considerable length, and many of the sixty-four "works" attracted much attention, those most admired bearing the titles "An Old Organ-Blower," "The Lost Sheep," "Single Life," "Married Life," and "A Water Otter from the Soar."

The most pleasing feature of this year's function was that a larger number of parents and friends visited the show. This is distinctly encouraging, for we feel that the more it becomes known amongst parents the more popular it will become both from the exhibitors' and from the visitors' point of view.

Our advice is that pupils should keep the next Exhibition in mind throughout the winter months, and not delay making preparations until the New Year. We shall endeavour to publish in our next issue a list of classes and conditions for the next Exhibition, and to make some suggestions to would-be exhibitors.

In conclusion, some of the entries deserve mention:—

In Class A—articles made—Antonio Merladet's model of a Basque Fishing Boat was immensely popular, as shown by the fact that it gained 78 out of 81 votes. It was a tiny model, and



the next exhibit—a model yacht which would draw nine inches of water—emphasized its size. Its popularity was undoubtedly due to the evident care which had been taken in the construction. No tool but a pocket knife had been used, yet the boat was complete; the rigging was workable, the sails could be raised and lowered, the anchor had its chain and its windlass, the hatchway was covered, and the cabin had its flight of stairs.

There were many collections of eggs, stamps, engines, etc., in Class B. The prize went to S. C. Backhouse for his egg collection.

Some very good and tasteful work was shown in the Needlework Section. Julia Freer was awarded the prize, though Dorothy Drew's work also showed great taste and skill.

The Cookery Section was open to Girls and Boys. The exhibits were excellent, and made a very tempting show. Everything was well-cooked, and showed the care which had been taken in the baking. L. H. Facer took the first prize with his trifle, and Margaret Bailey's sandwich cake was also awarded a prize. Annie Bailey, F. Harriman, Lizzie Cotton, Louie Baker, and Richardson all sent in excellent exhibits, the cakes of the last-named proving to be infinitely better than their appearance led one to expect. Miss Butler heroically ate some of each, and was not unfit for School next day, which proves that they were, at least, harmless.

The Section for Pets was not large, and perhaps it was as well that it was so. Another time we shall have to make a rule that "Pets must be seen and not heard." A. T. Seaton's dog was awarded the prize.

The Musical Contest proved entertaining; but voters found a difficulty owing to the fact that vocal and instrumental items were classed together. Of the ten competitors Sidney Baker was the favourite, with his song "The Galloping Major."

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## Things we have said.

A large number of them were to lie in hambush on the north side of the town.

When the day arrived all had taken the oath except one, MacIan, a rocky and desolate valley in the Highlands.

The king lent him an army, and one morning while it was dark they surrounded the huts and dragged them out of bed and killed them.

The sun stood still when Joshua fought at the battle of Senlac Hill.

The poll-tax was that every man had to pay one shilling for his head.

One of the leaders told Wolfe that the French were running away. Wolfe said "I die a happy life."

A definition:—A circle is a figure bounded by one line called the circumference, and is such that any one point drawn from any other point to the circumference is a straight line. This point is called the centre.

A railway that goes from one place to another and back every half-hour. [This is in Spain].

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