

BERGMAN OSTERBERG UNION.

NEWS SHEET. — JUNE, 1942.

Dear M.B.O.'s,

The paper shortage has again caused us to have only a news sheet this year. The Committee thought that these three letters would perhaps be the best way of giving the Old Students as much news as possible. After reading Miss MacLaren's full and interesting letter about College and the Student Editor's equally interesting account of the extra activities the students find time for these days, I feel our meagre old students' news will fall very flat. We have only had two meetings this year, as we feel in wartime that we must travel as little as possible though we do our best to keep the affairs of the Union ship-shape and in full working order. The attendance at the meetings has been good, in spite of travelling discomforts and extra work.

Just before the war started we were trying to work out a plan by which we should compile a Book of Remembrance, to be used in conjunction with names on the panelling in the Dining Room at College. The Committee of 1939 felt that a list of names would, in time, lose its full significance, and it was suggested that a fuller record of our benefactors would be very acceptable. We decided to ask Old Students to write records of the lives and work of the six people commemorated and to whose memory we have started the Kingsfield Remembrance Scholarship Fund. We also thought further names could be added on Old Students' Day with due and proper ceremony, and that the Book could always be kept under the panelling for reference. As the war put a stop to these plans the present Committee thought that they would go on with the good work and have it all ready for the happy day when we are once more able to meet in College.

In the absence of letters from individual Old Students, Mrs. Hann, the Old Students' Editor, has a practical suggestion to make. She would like to act as a link between Old Students seeking news of each other. She would be able to do this only if Year Representatives continue to send out their request forms for news and if members send back plenty of replies; so all we shall have to do is to send Mrs. Hann a card asking for news of any Old Student whom we may want to trace.

We are looking forward to the Annual General Meeting on July 18th. It is being held, by kind permission of the L.P.E.A., at the Ling Headquarters, as being easily accessible to those coming a distance, as well as for those working near London.

Sincerely yours

M. S. S. CHAMBERLAIN
(Chairman of Committee).

May 25th, 1942.

Dear Old Students,

College life has not been quite so eventful this year as last. The year has shown that we have all settled down to hard work and the ordinary pleasures of community life.

Our conditions are steadily improving. The new gymnasium is completed. The large garage has now a good floor and is equipped with bars and ribstalls. This addition has not only re-established our gymnastics, but has given Students better opportunities for teaching in a gymnasium.

We have managed to acquire another Hostel. It is a beautiful small hotel with a southern aspect and has lovely views. It accommodates fifteen Students with study-bedrooms, together with three staff. There is also a very nice lounge and dining-room.

The number of students is increasing: there are thirty-seven leaving and fifty-six starting in September.

This letter goes to press before the end of term, therefore I am unable to give you the complete examination results. Up to date, twenty-five students gained their Conjoint, and I hope seven more will have this qualification before they leave. There are twenty-six Students sitting for the London Diploma. The results are not up to the usual standard, but this is understandable, as the present set of Third Years had very disturbed study periods during their first year.

The following list shows you the posts, which have already been obtained by leaving students, viz.:

- J. Barron, Solihull High School.
- K. S. M. Bowater, St. Martin's, Solihull.
- M. J. Byford, Peterborough County School.
- H. Chadder, Southlands, Exmouth.
- B. E. Costerton, Ashford County School, Kent.
- S. J. Fawcett, Bolton Municipal Secondary School.
- W. L. Geill, Market Drayton County Grammar School.
- M. Gilliland, Royal Commercial Travellers' School for Girls, Hatch End.
- L. S. Gower Williams Harrogate College.
- N. Hughes The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.
- M. F. Jackson, Downe House, Berkshire.
- N. J. Jowett, Sherborne.
- I. Lainé, Penrhos College Junior School.
- K. L. E. Laurie, Newcastle-on-Tyne Church High School.
- M. Lewis, Tamworth High School.
- M. McGraw, Neath County School.
- Z. Needham, Tynemouth Secondary School.
- M. D. Pickering, Eversley School, at The Manor House, Great Durnford.
- E. J. Quaire, White Secondary School, Salisbury.
- J. Read, Harrogate College Junior School.
- J. Riddell, Sherborne.
- M. R. Scott Stroud High School, Glos.
- J. M. Sexton, Bedgebury Park, at Nannau, Dolgellay.
- R. M. Sparrow, Uplands, at The Hendre, Monmouth.
- H. E. Wright, Liverpool College.

The Students' Editor has given an interesting account of our lectures, so that I am not enlarging on those outside our work, but the most interesting ones in connection with work were given by Professor Blackburn, of the London School of Economics, which were very much appreciated. Professor Blackburn spent a week with us, giving the Second and Third Year Students lectures on Social Psychology. He also led discussions, which gave the students an opportunity to air their views.

The Students now attend a four-days' course of Dissections at the London School of Medicine at Exeter.

The Second Year Social Science Students left College a fortnight earlier during the Easter Term to attend a course arranged by the Leeds University. They stayed in one of the Men's Hostels. As well as attending lectures on Social Science, they visited schools, hospitals, courts, factories and special schools. They thoroughly enjoyed their stay, and it did a great deal to widen their outlook and stimulate their interest in both branches of their work. The experiment was so successful that I hope to give all the students a similar opportunity in the near future.

I should like to thank Old Students for the very generous donations we have

received during the last year to the Kingsfield Remembrance Scholarship Fund. The Old Students' Union has subscribed £50 one Old Student £100, and we have another £105 made up by smaller donations of £1 or more. This means that the Fund has increased this year by £255. If we can maintain this high standard we will soon be able to offer a very generous scholarship from Old Students.

There is no Reunion this year, but we are hoping to welcome any Old Student during August who would care to spend a holiday in Newquay. They will be looked after by leaving students, who have volunteered to do the housework. A charge of 30s. a week will be made to cover the cost of food, lighting, etc.

I was glad to see so many Old Students at Cambridge, and I should like to thank them for the very pleasant evening which I spent with them.

Yours sincerely,

G. MACLAREN.

May 25th, 1942.

Dear Old Students,

Having had a year in which to settle down to College life in Cornwall, we came back in September feeling that we were no longer evacuees, but accepted inhabitants of Newquay. It has been a busy year, both in work and in our free time. We are very glad to welcome Miss Graham and Miss Daniell as new members of the staff, and to have Miss Tuck back again. Our new gymnasium is now completed and the staff are revelling in putting our heaving muscles to their fullest use on the bars and ribstalls! Old Students will be interested to hear that we may now have leave on any evening during the week as well as at week-ends. We have held two very successful dances in College during the winter. Our guests at the ~~one~~ ^{two} dances were all members of the Royal Air Force, but at Easter we found that the Army and the Royal Air Force mixed very successfully—we have not yet had the pleasure of entertaining the Senior Service!

In spite of these deviations from former College regulations we have still kept up many of the old traditions. This Christmas Carol singing was revived and resulted in a substantial contribution to the local hospitals. During the same week we gave an entertainment to patients at the Headland Hotel (Ministry of Pensions Hospital).

We ourselves were highly entertained by the First Years at the end of the Christmas Term, and particularly enjoyed the Notions of Life on both sides of the Microphone during a broadcast of "Early Morning Exercises" and then a historical charade on the word "America" as well as many songs.

We have been on several excursions to various parts of the country this year, as Third Years went up to London in November for the practical part of the Conjoint; Second Years went to Exeter for three or four days in the Easter Term for a short course on Dissections and a fortnight before the end of term their Social Science Group went to Leeds with Dr. Willoughby and Miss Sewell, where they spent a busy time attending lectures at the University and visiting Factories, Hospitals, Law Courts, Housing Estates and Administrative Offices. At the beginning of the year Third Years gave a demonstration of gymnastics and dancing for Secondary School Teachers and enjoyed Miss MacLaren's address.

We have been very fortunate in having Miss Bird at College to give the Third Years a most useful and stimulating course on Public Speaking. In spite of being in a

somewhat remote part of the country, we have enjoyed the visits of several lecturers. Mr. Lubsan not only talked to us on the fascinating subject of "Games, Toys for Children, and How to Make Them," but he also took practical classes; Sir Bernard Pares gave a lecture on "Russia Today"; and Miss Susan Stebbing mystified us with her talk on "The Need to be Definite." Mr. Hassie spoke to us on "Some Aspects of British Foreign Policy"; Mrs. Marsden Smedley on the Low Countries; and Dr. Bourne gave us two very interesting lectures on "Nutrition."

Although we do not seem to have time to do very much, we are trying to do war work whenever possible. First Years went potato-picking on several days during the winter, and we are doing various types of work during the holidays in hospitals, canteens, schools, clubs and munition factories. We now help with clearing tables and dusting rooms, and at week-ends we cut the lawns and deal with our own evening meals.

Our facilities for games are much better this year, and we no longer use the beach. Unfortunately, we have had very few opportunities for matches, but we have enjoyed some strenuous games of hockey against the Royal Air Force and the Cornwall Guiders and some good games of Lacrosse against Benenden School and the Downs School. On Saturday afternoons we have compensated for the lack of matches by competing among ourselves and have had a good deal of enjoyment out of Blondes playing Brunettes and the North battling against the South. We are very grateful to Miss Armfield, who came for a week in October and gave some valuable help with our hockey playing and coaching, and we are looking forward to a visit from Mrs. Dewhurst this term and to some swimming coaching from Mr. Howcroft.

We have demonstrated this summer as we intend to help the war effort locally in our spare time, but we hope to produce "Distant Point" in the Newquay Theatre at the end of the term.

The Literary and Dramatic Society has read several plays: "Thunder Rock," "The Corn is Green," "Pygmalion" (read by the Staff), "The Monkey's Paw," "Arms and the Man," and "The Apple Cart."

The Musical Society.—Miss Woolaston has given several most enjoyable piano recitals. At one meeting new gramophone records were heard, including Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Myra Hess playing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Destrining." At another meeting a good deal of hitherto unsuspected talent was revealed when Students gave individual and group performances.

The Debating Society.—This Society is a co-opted form of the Current Events Group and the Foreign Affairs Group. Debates have been held on the "Standardisation of Clothing" and the "Possibility of a State Medical Service after the War." Dr. Willoughby has helped us all a great deal by reviewing the world situation in a short talk each fortnight. Three Students attended the Students' Federation for the International Co-operation Conference at Sheffield during the Christmas holidays and gave an account of it to College after their return.

The National Savings Group.—From September until May £87 4s. has been collected in College and a special effort in Warship Week resulted in £70 14s.

This, I think, is all our news up to date.

Sincerely yours,

THE STUDENTS' EDITOR.

M. E. SCOTT.

May 25th, 1942.