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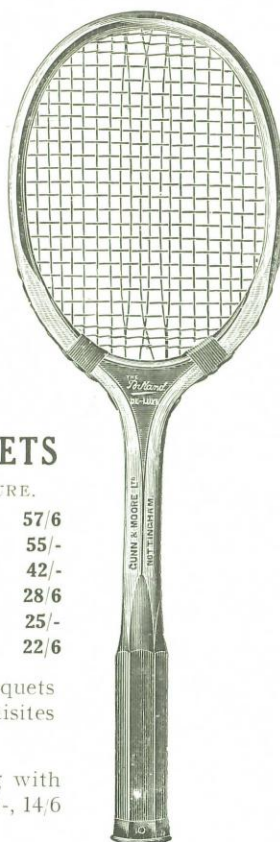
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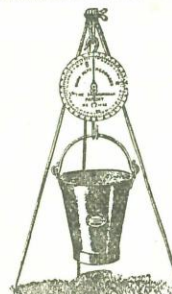
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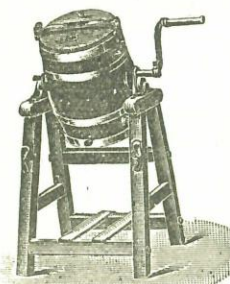
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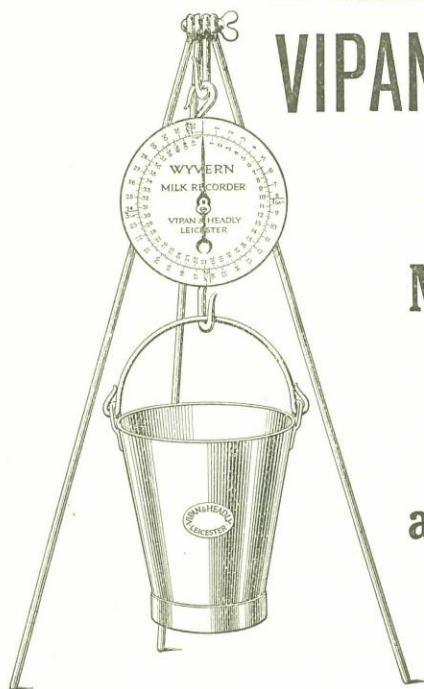
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EDITORIAL.

JULY, 1924.

How the Fates juggle with the affairs of man I know not, but it is a well-established fact that they do set one some awkward and difficult tasks upon various occasions. Although some men manage to evade most of these with extraordinary success, I am afraid that I am not in their class, and now I find myself faced with the problem of writing an Editorial.

What is an Editorial? The dictionary states that an Editorial is an article written by an Editor; but it does not suggest the subject of same, and so one finds this helpful. Apparently an Editor has the privilege to scribe about any topic he pleases, which makes the situation more awkward than ever. One cannot write on some obtruse economic or political question, or the latest murder case, such is the sole concern of our journalistic nobility. Perhaps there is matter to be found in the continual wetness of our climate, or the wonders of Wembley, but this is beyond the scope of my pen and I am forced to emulate my predecessors and scribe on the College life of the past year, and trust that it will not be too reminiscent of a parish magazine.

The records of the past year are unique because in reality they only account for the activities of the students during the first six months, and those which followed may be considered negligible. The period began with the usual programme of sports and entertainments, and in addition a performance from the Dramatic Society. After Christmas there followed rapidly a succession of social functions which grew more numerous as the term progressed, and together with the private study which the College prospectus states is essential for all requiring Diplomas, a terrific climax was reached, and although an enjoyable term, the majority found it rather strenuous. At present the College is like a deserted village, with only the extreme dullness to distinguish the term from others. A slight perusal through the ensuing pages will soon indicate what an unbalanced year it has been.

A cause of this disturbance in the equilibrium of College life may be found in the modification of the length of the Short



Agricultural Course to the two winter terms. This policy seems to rob the College of its character, for these Short Course Students can be regarded as little more than visitors, and they get small chance to build up the traditions of the place. It also destroys many of the College summer activities, which, when once allowed to lapse will be difficult to revive on some future occasion.

This year has seen many changes in our Staff. Shortly before the commencement of the session, Mr. P. S. Syme left us to take the post of Vice-Principal of Chadacre Institute. All were heartily sorry to hear of this on their return to College, but count themselves fortunate in having made his acquaintance, and it was pleasing to learn since that he is quite happy in his new surroundings. We wish him the best of success in the future. Miss Hugill also left us, and now we can wish Mr. and Mrs. Lansdowne every happiness. Later in the year Miss Macdonald left us.

On the other hand the Staff have added to their ranks: Mr. G. R. Hunter filled the vacancy caused by Mr. Syme; Miss Pritchard followed Miss Hugill; and Miss Prince came as successor to Miss Macdonald. In addition, Mr. F. Coleman has joined them as Assistant-Lecturer in Book-Keeping. Congratulations should be given to Mr. C. W. Roberts and Mr. E. R. Ling, who have been appointed on the Staff as Research Assistants. To all these we extend a very hearty welcome.

The outstanding academic features of the year were the successes in the final examinations for the B.Sc. (Agric.) by C. W. Roberts and L. R. Doughty, and in the obtaining of Honours in the N.D.D. by Miss B. Wall. Those of us who travailed at Leeds this year met with fair results; let us hope that these will be eclipsed next April, and that Reading holds a good store for us.

In conclusion, we wish our College a future of great development and prosperity.

G.W.L.

## THE BEGINNING OF OUR COLLEGE.

*By M. J. R. Dunstan.*

It may be of interest to put on record the story of the commencement of the institution which is now the flourishing Midland Agricultural & Dairy College with its two branches at Kingston and Sutton Bonington.

Thirty-two years ago the Notts. County Council, utilising the Technical Instruction Grant, popularly known as "The Whiskey Money," arranged in connection with the Oxford University Extension Authorities a series of lectures which were intended to be of use to the farming community, and the writer of this article was appointed to deliver 120 lectures in the County. The scheme formulated by the Extension Syndicate was theoretically sound but the mentality of the practical farmer had not been taken into consideration. Courses of Elementary Science—Chemistry and Botany—consisting of lectures and tutorial classes were during the first year to lay the foundation for a second year of instruction in the practical application of those sciences to the agricultural industry. The system was well suited for urban audiences where a number of earnest students would be forthcoming; but the farmer and the agricultural worker wanted something at once more obviously connected with their vocation and of some immediate practical value to them. This position was at once diagnosed and put before the lecturer by the late Lord Belper, without whose generous help agricultural education in the Midlands would never have succeeded, at the first lecture given at East Leake. The courses were altered and met with a gratifying success, although the attitude of the ordinary practical man was not entirely friendly. The need was felt however of a central institution where a more detailed and continuous system of education than could be afforded by occasional evening lectures could be arranged, and with the co-operation of the Authorities of University College, Nottingham, an Agricultural Department was established in 1904 and attracted a fair number of students. The dairying industry, being of considerable importance in Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, was helped by the instruction given by a peripatetic Dairy School and after a year or so of this method of teaching improved methods of handling



milk, and of butter and soft cheese making, the need again of a central institution was felt, where the theory and practice of the manufacture of standard hard cheeses, and their after management could be taught to resident students. The British Dairy Institute was at that time doing excellent work at Aylesbury and was contemplating a move to a more central position. Negotiations were entered upon with the Council of the B.D.F.A. to transfer the Institute to the Midlands; but the Association somewhat naturally preferred to continue its successful work under its own direction, and the counties of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire decided to establish a centre for instruction in dairying within the area of the counties. Many sites were offered and inspected, and finally the Home Farm in Kingston Park, the property of Lord Belper was selected. The position appealed to Nottinghamshire, as it was in the county whilst the station was in Leicestershire and the post town Derby. Few landowners would have been so public-spirited as Lord Belper in agreeing to have an institution which would attract a number of students, in his own Park and within a short distance of Kingston Hall. An agreement was drawn up between the counties, the necessary funds were granted by the Councils, with which the Council of the Lindsey division of Lincolnshire was associated, and the buildings were altered and fitted for the object in view, and the Midland Dairy Institute was opened by the late Duke of Devonshire on Sept. 17th, 1895.

A full complement of students was soon obtained and under the capable and genial Chairmanship of the Governors by Mr. (now Sir) T. Cope the interests of all the counties were satisfied. The University College at Nottingham still provided the courses in Agriculture; but it was deemed advisable to transfer the courses to the rural centre at Kingston where the instruction could be given in the atmosphere of a farm. A Hostel was erected for the accommodation of the agricultural students, the Staff transferred, the extension was formally opened by the President of the Board of Agriculture, the Rt. Hon. Walter (now Lord) Long on October 16th, 1900, and the work proceeded on satisfactory lines.

The writer can carry history no further as he left to undertake the duties of the Principal of Wye College in 1902, but he has

many happy years of recollection of his work in the Midlands, first as Extension Lecturer, then as Head of the Agricultural Department of the University College, Nottingham, Director of Education under the Nottinghamshire County Council, Director of Agricultural Education for the counties of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lindsey, and Director of Studies of the Midland Dairy Institute. He recalls with gratitude the co-operation of the Governors of the Institute and of the County Committee especially Lord Belper, Col. Mellish, Sir T. Cope, Thomas Bassett, and of his colleagues J. Golding, H.W. Kersey, F.T. Addyman, A.A. Jagger, J. Benson, J. P. Marx, J. Matthews and many others to whose efforts the success of the enterprise was due.

The continued development and success of the Midland Agricultural and Dairy College is most gratifying, it has taken a firm hold on agricultural development in the Midlands, and deserves its place in the estimation of progressive agriculturists.

### “HAYFIELD REMINISCENCES OF OVER HALF-A-CENTURY AGO.”

I love to put with aged hands,  
Far back, the hands of Time,  
Past manhood's noble, deep-toned bell  
To Youth's far sweeter chime.

To play again in her sweet fields;  
To help the swains 'mid hay,  
Or glean the corn from loose-strewed lands,  
Or call the cornflowers gay.

Or list the crofters' sage remarks  
Anent each fav'rite field,  
Or see the smile *light* up the face  
When *light* was not the yield.

They watched the wind; they watched the moon;  
They watched as well, the glass,  
Then *cut* their consultation short  
To go and *cut* the grass.



"When shall you mow the field?" I said,  
 "I'd like to know, and why?"  
 "We'll mow it when 'tis wet, my lad,  
 And hay make when 'tis dry."  
 "How long 'twill take you?" then I asked;  
 "How long?" he said with scorn,  
 "Our sythes will hiss full half the night  
 And t'other half of th' morn."  
 "We start at sunset—that's not long—  
 For soon the time will pass—  
 The sweat is *due* on the forehead bare  
 When *dew* is *due* on grass."  
 "We'll cut as long as we can see  
 Which field we're in, I guess;  
 But had we but a mower more  
 Of course 'twould take us less."  
 "And should we be in moody vein,  
 Scarce knowing how we feel,  
 We regulate our *tempers* by  
 The *tempers* of our steel."  
 "We rest awhile, just now and then;  
 We sing in accents blithe,  
 And always '*wet* the whistle well'  
 Before we *whet* the scythe."  
 I loved to watch the mowers bend,  
 And left foot forward go,  
 As 'blades of death' kissed 'blades of life,'  
 And kissing—laid them low.  
 And every swath lay in the sun  
 Until another day,  
 But soon the heat around us *sent*  
 The *scent* of new-mown hay.  
 How happy came the morrow's morn;  
 How jocund turned the day,  
 The tedders tossed each drying swath,  
 The yonkers—care away.

The wind-rows raked across the field,  
 Like hurdles were contrived,  
 And they who couldn't o'er them leap,  
 Beneath them soon had dived.

These rows in turn to cocks would turn,  
 Each with a well-shaped dome  
 That *turned* the rain, if it should fall  
 When we'd *turned-in* at home.

And then the happy harvest-home,  
 When all the hay was got.  
 What sandwiches! What bread and cheese!  
 What coffee, smoking hot!

And, oh, the farmer's buxom wife,  
 Who gave us such a tea,  
 Like feathered-lead around she sped,—  
 Like leaded-feathers we.

"THE OLD CROW" (J.S.M.)

### OUR CANTREEN.

Have you ever known an Agricultural College complete without  
 a Canteen? You might just as well try to pose as an American if  
 you can't say "I guess" down your nose.

One day, as near 2.15 p.m. as makes no difference, I was on the  
 stairs with no set purpose in view when my attention was forcibly  
 drawn to a confused mumbling and a slow measured tread of some-  
 one ascending the flight of steps above me. The first part of the  
 mumbling I missed. Then I caught "Four" and one foot stepped;  
 then "Five" and another step; "Six" followed by a slight pause.  
 Two steps were now ascended and more briskly came the words  
 "One, two, three." Now I know it was no business of mine but I  
 began to wonder what this strange counting was. I had heard that  
 Economics was a strange form of Mathematics and when it got  
 mixed up with Agriculture it became more so. Probably a Lecture  
 was soon to begin. I listened further. There were two separate  
 and distinct jinglings of metals, a clearing of the throat, and the



rest of the stairs were passed in quite a brisk fashion, a few paces walked and a door swung open and again shut itself. I was now alone on the stairs. What had happened was this. A Student had been to the Canteen and changed a 10/- note for a box of Virginia No. 10 and 6/3. The first jingle was the placing of 6/- in silver in the pocket which contains keys always and coins when necessary. The other jingle was the placing of three coppers with the stock of pencil ends and various odds and ends in the rough pocket. Another point was also clear, it was the beginning of Term. Towards the end of Term there would be no change and only a small packet would have been bought.

Of course we sell other things besides the tobacco tribe. We cater for all tastes, nearly. If you feel like a cowboy at the Rodeo one morning you can buy an ounce of cigarettes made from home-grown tobacco; if you have got on your delicate coloured blazer and white flannels you should try "My Queen," in silver paper; if you feel fierce try a stick of pink and white nougat. There is something meritorious in being able to eat nougat while reciting the scientific names of insects. If you have done a good morning's hand weeding you can buy a slab of soap, but you must go elsewhere for the water because it is a dry canteen.

A Canteen is not a shop. The latter displays its goods and you can study them outside at your leisure. A Canteen opens when you are ready to buy, and then only. This reminds me of a painful incident. I once got inside and was confronted with the look of a man about to receive an order for 1,000 locomotives when I suddenly realised I had no money. No money! after he had undone what seemed a dozen varied locks and bolts. I don't intend to relate what happened but mention this as an accident which may occur, if you don't make sure of your money while ascending the three sets of steps before you reach the Canteen door.

We have the goods displayed in windows and in nice cases, but the only point from which they can be studied other than inside, appears to me to be the top of the Byzantine chimney, which forms such a conspicuous feature of the local landscape.

I believe I have already told you it is a dry Canteen, whatever that may mean. It recalls an incident during one of our many parties. A man, looking very much as if he had walked across the Sahara, was on the landing as I came up. He caught the word Canteen on the door as I was passing it. His look spoke wonders. I remember once being stirred in the same way by hearing the gentle pop of a bottle cork.

Before he could consult his watch I waved my hand along the door just above the word on it and said "Dry." Ever so gently he sighed, "So am I."

A.R.

### THE BRIGHTER COLLEGE.

I glance around me at the unvarnished walls  
And seeking inspiration, on a moment find  
The colour scheme that thus adorns the halls  
Fills with sudden thought the alert mind,  
For as a theme discursive, it will give  
A chance to show illusions under which we live.

Take as an instance lecture rooms where we  
Spend many a weary hour of irksome toil,  
The colour scheme of such a place should be  
One reminiscent of the very soil.  
This to impress upon the students' mind  
The mighty background always close behind.

If this was found somnolence to induce  
Green would be the wisest colour next to grant  
For this would in a moment introduce  
The idea of the everlasting plant  
And also serve the memory to restore  
When things developed somewhat of a bore.

The chemi. lab. should be a bluish black  
A colour which no common stains impair  
And if at first a pattern it should lack  
Sufficient mishaps soon will happen there  
To decorate it with a new design  
That may be difficult, in places, to define.



Exam. rooms, too, must come within our scheme  
 And so to stimulate the groping mind  
 They should with colours like a rainbow stream  
 And dullness there, be left for once behind.  
 Then, when in doubt, a glance around would make  
 The weary student quickly wide awake.  
 Now as to rooms of recreation, they  
 Should have the walls a hectic purple hue  
 In order to express mistakes in play  
 Made by the students (as they often do)  
 And this might lessen somewhat of the noise  
 Created there by certain of the "boys."  
 The reading room were better left alone  
 Since all the walls will soon be lost to view  
 And there will be no reason to bemoan  
 The dreariness of their perpetual hue  
 For every year the records of our sport  
 Increase in numbers (as they really ought).  
 To the dining-room 'twere better to assign  
 A colour that will satisfaction prove,  
 So there, perhaps, a delicate design  
 Of multi-coloured variance interwove;  
 Since many a mixture therein do we find  
 Both of the victual and the human kind.  
 Then, last of all, we must attention pay  
 To "study rooms" as they are rightly named  
 For we study there, and fight, and sleep, and play,  
 And of their decorations often feel ashamed:  
 For on the walls are records of the time  
 Of many a scrap recorded in the grime.  
 So if we would a dainty tint employ  
 It should be one that weathers really well  
 And stains must not its elegance destroy:  
 Which would be best 'tis difficult to tell  
 And someone else the colour must assign  
 For it requires a greater brain than mine.

S. M. M.

### MOONLIGHT REMINISCENCES.

Considerable mystery still surrounds the disappearance of the College sign-board and its subsequent perambulations before the final dramatic climax of its appearance in the dining-room, and it is to dispel any incorrect theories that may have arisen, and to quell any misplaced suspicions, that this account is rendered.

*[Since the facade of our College has been likened to that of a Mental Hospital, it has been thought necessary in these days of advertising to let passers-by know what we really are. This object has been attained by the erection of a blatant sign-board near the main gates.*

—Ed.]

For a considerable time the board had been regarded with a malevolent eye by the majority of the students, and towards the latter end of the summer term, during the general atmosphere of unrest that pervaded the Hostel, a scheme was hatched which was calculated not only to give an outlet for the surplus energy of certain spirited students, but also to wreak upon the obnoxious board a portion of the malice previously invoked. But to get to our story:—

It was midnight in the Hostel, all was quiet with the deathly quietness of night, scarce a light was to be seen save where the faint glimmer of a candle betokened the belated swotter far too engrossed in the mysteries of agriculture to heed the faint creak of a gently opened door: two shadowy figures stole carefully down the corridor and negotiated the stairway with the ability born of long practice.

The bolted side door was a now serious obstacle, but with a few nerve racking creaks and rattles, this was eventually overcome, and the nocturnal adventurers found themselves in a moonlit world of light and shadow; once in the open they commenced a careful circuit of the building to ascertain the number of potential enemies who had still to assume the mantle of slumber, and, although the result was far from satisfactory, they decided to carry out the first part of their programme and then to reconnoitre further.

So, keeping carefully to patches of shadow, and judiciously feeling out their steps on the grass borders, they hid themselves to a place of their ken and there armed themselves with the necessary implements. All this necessitated a certain amount of noise, and, while creeping stealthily back beneath the wide open windows of



certain of the Staff, they thanked a generous fate that had endowed these important people with such freedom from insomnia.

On arriving at the goal of their intentions they examined the details of its structure, and, mounting one upon the others shoulders in turn, removed the nuts that held the board to the uprights, then, as the bolts were firmly fixed and would require hammering out, they again carefully surveyed the Hostel, and, finding still a couple of lighted windows, decided that a walk to Sutton would be very pleasant exercise before renewing operations.

Returning leisurely some time later they were disgusted to find one persistent student whose light still endeavoured to convince an unappreciative outer world of the difficulty of agriculture, but he conveniently retired, under most fervent blessings, and left the coast clear.

It was then that the most hazardous part of the adventure commenced, and, during the slight diversion created by goods trains passing on the nearby line, the bolts were driven out, a heavy spanner, muffled in handkerchiefs, being used for this purpose. Of course these precautions did no more than slightly lessen the din, so our two friends occasionally relaxed their efforts for a few minutes quietener between the spells of hammering until all the bolts were out. When these were all withdrawn they attempted to lift down the board, and their surprise when it refused too budge was almost painful. However, they were men of resource, and, carefully marking from which rows they were taken, they uprooted the potato sign-boards, and applied a little leverage, which resulted in the board coming down with a crash fit to wake the dead and sufficient at all events to send the prospective sign-removers grovelling to earth behind the border shrubs, and here they remained for a matter of twenty minutes or so until peace again descended on the earth. They then collected up their tools, and shouldering the board (which was fairly heavy), they hurried off from the scene of their labours and deposited their burden in a simple but effective hiding place, this being below the floor of a certain shed used for the storage of horticultural implements. Then, being well satisfied with the night's work, they exchanged a solemn and fervent handshake and departed quietly to their waiting beds.

The following day was one of great pleasure to the conspirators, to note the consternation of other people particularly those in high places, gave great joy, while to listen to the theories and conjectures of others, and also to advance ridiculous and impossible suggestions themselves proved very entertaining, while at any time during the day a glance at the empty posts, pointing like accusing fingers to the sky, would send them almost into convulsions of mirth. Towards evening the affair had become very widespread, and rumours to the effect of police aid having been called in, and heavy penalties to be inflicted on the culprits if caught, quickly gained ground.

This, together with a notice threatening indiscriminate fining displayed earlier in the day, decided our successful friends on a fresh course of action.

It seemed fairly obvious that most people would be on the alert for the coming night at least, and there was also the possibility of police supervision, this made it a daring and dangerous policy to attempt anything of the same nature again, but the spice of excitement only added to their determination to bring the thing to a successful climax.

At 2 a.m. then of the night (or rather morning) in question, they again sallied forth, bearing with them a coil of rope and two picture hooks.

Their objective was the dining room, and, after carefully raising one of the windows, they lugged the board from its place of concealment and carried it across. To tell how they got it through the window would take too long, as also would the various manœuvres that had to be accomplished before it was in position. Let it suffice to say that the moving of some twenty chairs was involved, and also the carrying about of a table, but at 3 a.m. the board was hung like a monstrous picture from the rail in the centre of the side wall, and everything else was back in position; the two amateur housebreakers carefully closed the window after them, and retired to their well earned rest with the conviction that, should agriculture prove too difficult a profession, an easy and remunerative occupation awaits them in the calling made famous by a certain Mr. Bill Sykes.

G.R.M. AND PARTNER.



### THE CHOICE.

They said it was no use to me, a spiteful little cat,  
 Nevertheless I meant to have one, in spite of this and that  
 There are those who go by shank's and others who go by trains—  
 Till one said "Why do either? why not have a James."  
 Now James he was no friend of mine I'm sorry to relate,  
 And a Raleigh or a Scott in fact would sure to make me late!  
 A Levis or a Douglas—and those things that go in two's  
 No wonder Robinson Crusoe always had the blues!  
 "Now a Triumph! There you are! Would suit you to the ground"  
 And I thought so too till I saw the wheels go round.  
 But no! the favoured lady was not in one of these—  
 Her name had not been mentioned as one to go with ease.  
 But she'd been faithful to her men folk and run them many a day—  
 So of course I had to have one—a simple B.S.A.

B.W.

### THE ROADS OF OLD ENGLAND.

There is much written to-day of the romance of the Road, too much perhaps from the modern standpoint, but to one who rides the bye-roads of a typically rural part of England all his days there is much of the charm of the period preceding the enclosure of the countryside and the advent of the railway. Have you ever read "Midwinter," by John Buchan, or "St. Ives," by R. L. S.? If you have you will realise the spirit of the roads at that time, and to-day the narrow ways are still the quagmires they always were and there are heaths in plenty where the vagrant and gipsy pitch for the night with an easy mind. I often meet the encampments and exchange a word or two. The gipsies are as enigmatic as ever and as paradoxical, the old women pathetically ugly and ghoulish, the maids as richly beautiful and gaudily dressed in their wandering poverty, while the men do their smith work and tinkering with the delicate small hands peculiar to their race.

The bye-roads are bad to travel on and have none of the majesty of the turnpike, only the sleepy hospitality of the old days, the recent floods too have made things worse. One road in the Chilterns has been washed down the hill and I walked through a foot of sand and gravel for two miles to get through at all. On the

afternoon of the cloudburst I saw a cottager's garden, newly ridged and planted with potatoes, literally washed away, and on the same day I rode down a road which was a swirling torrent. I thanked my luck that it was downhill I was going and not up. In another place five feet of water blocked my way but the timely arrival of a farm labourer with a heavy cart got my cycle and me across with but a little wetting.

One finds a decidedly tolerant philosophy in the bye-road rustic. An old fellow who exchanged a pipe of tobacco with me on the road became talkative and pointed at his legs which were crippled and twisted, the feet unequal and distorted, "They've stood me well haven't they, considering I'm seventy-five? Yes, and I'm not done yet. Now I have two sons, young man, both born with legs and feet like mine. They went to the hospital as babies though and had 'em pulled plumb. Wonderful, Sir, and both were in the army. You see each generation gets wiser, Sir, wiser and weaker," with a twinkle in his eye he emphasised the last word.

In the churchyard made immortal by Gray I met the gravedigger who entertained me by reciting a couple of verses of the elegy and now I feel I can read the piece with understanding. He told me too of American guides who accompany tourists to the place and recite the elegy for their benefit. "But, Sir," said the sexton, "those men can't speak English!"

In the countryside off the beaten track there is still the wonder at speed and distance of travel which would be common with our eighteenth century ancestors. I feel that I must quote a delightful bit of a letter from the famous "Nimrod," published in the "Sporting Magazine" of a hundred years ago, marvelling at his speed of travel by the Wonder coach:—"Although I have pronounced the "wonder" to be no wonder yet when I was drinking a cup of coffee at the Lion Inn, in Shrewsbury, a little after eleven o'clock at night, and recollected that I had done the same thing in London that morning at ten minutes past five—the distance one hundred and fifty-six miles—I began to think I ought to give it full credit. "At all events," said I to myself, "how it would make my grandfather stare, were he present to hear it! All the balling irons in England would not make him swallow it."'

And so it is in Old England still.

PAGAN.



**"I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER."**

I remember, I remember,

The Coll. where I was taught,  
To manage hens, to reconcile  
The cockerels that fought.

To rise at seven, do a day's work  
Before I broke my fast,  
Then scrub and scrape, till to our meals,  
I always was the last.

I remember, I remember,  
The feeling that I had,  
When I was told to kill a bird—  
I felt most awful bad.

The mem'ry of those piteous eyes  
Did haunt me night and day,  
Especially when the head came off,  
And on the floor they lay.

I remember, I remember,  
The staff that used to be,  
When I was at that busy place  
A student of poultree.

But I remember best of all  
Forget, I never could—  
The inmates of that most MAD Coll.  
That happy studenthood.

OLD KINSTONIAN.

**THE WELSH CABALISTIC CURE.**

Are your nerves in rags and tatters?  
Are you rushing on through life,  
Like a naked child through nettles  
Chased by wasp-band's drum-and-fife?

Are you restless as a culprit  
In his cell, but ill at ease,  
Counting sadly on his fingers  
Not his years, but hand-picked——? \*

\* No not oakum.

Or in quiet fascination  
Wandering whither Fancy led;  
Or, in whispered conversations  
Holding Commune with the dead?

Are you coughing night and morning  
With an interval at noon?  
Has hay-fever touched your nostrils  
Till you're sneezing out of tune?

Well, I'm sympathising with you  
As you drain the sickness-cup,  
"Breaking down" is simply awful—  
Speed along your "breaking up."

Come to Wales and listen keenly  
To a Cabalistic sound,  
Like "ABRACADABRA," mystic  
Of Assyria's ancient ground.

It is better than cascara,  
Better than electric shocks,  
Better than the famous pellets  
Of a guinea-valued box.

Better, better than quintessence  
In a "bottled-bovine" glass;  
Or empiric's strange decoction  
Wrung from variegated grass.



LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLILLANDYSILIOGOGOGOGH.

Visit this wee, smiling village  
On the "lengthy" scroll of fame,  
Live around it, till from memory  
You correct pronounce its name.

Till the jumbling of the letters  
And the gurgle of each sound  
Are familiar as the English  
That at present rings you round.

Then pronounce it o'er your breakfast  
Every time each holiday,  
And repeat it o'er your luncheon  
In the same fastidious way.

Say it ere you lift your tea-cup,  
Breathe it o'er each glass of milk,  
Lisp it when you don your clothing—  
Whether linen, wool, or silk.

Say it when you are disrobing,  
Whisper as in bed you get,  
And you'll drawl out in your slumbers,  
"I'll bebet—terbet—teryet."

"THE OLD CROW" (J.S.M.)

### THE COLLEGE ARISTO'S.

Now we remember clearly, when we were being taught,  
Our masters spoke of young Bill Pitt, and other men who fought,  
The ones whom we remember best, I hope that this is right,  
Are such as old King Arthur and his many men of might,  
Of good square meals these men did eat, from off a rounded table,  
But even this, we now do know, is little but a fable.

To introduce these men to you, we'll take them as they pass  
To their most highly honoured seats, in view of many a lass,  
The customary grace is o'er and everyone is seated, [completed.  
For the junior students have arrived and the first course near  
List! a sweet noise is what I hear, Oh! look towards the doors,  
What, who is this, who can it be, why these are our Superiors.

Perhaps, this may be older news to you than even us  
And therefore to our tale we'll get without much further fuss.  
The characters on whom we've picked are members of this College,  
And if you count them one by one (excluding thus their knowledge)  
You'll find, perhaps to your surprise, they total only seven,  
But if their knowledge is brought in, they'll total quite eleven.

The fellow who doth enter first, walks quickly to his place,  
With ne'er a grin, yet ne'er a frown appearing on his face,  
Some folk do say, and say I think, with small or no affection,  
His fed up look is added to, by his most fair complexion  
For all the critics he cared but nought, and as he the others led  
He cast a glance to neither side, till he reached the table head.

Now as we to the door do look, in quite a little while,  
In comes the tallest of the seven, with a most curious profile.  
But, although his nose is slightly large, and perhaps a little bent,  
He is an ideal gentleman, this is I think, most evident.  
For when his talking he has finished and finally brought to a close  
One cannot help but think for weeks of "Amateurs and Pro's."

Once more all eyes to the door do turn to note the entry late,  
And low he comes, full of bounce and pride, with a peculiar gait,  
But ere he reached the table high, he op'd his mouth to bleat—  
"I should like a little viande please. I mean to say, some meat  
And Pass along the cabbage please, if there's any left for me,"  
Quoth he "I have a topping appetite I mean to say D.V."

Now very quietly with rubbered shoes a fourth comes into sight,  
This man must have, judged by his walk, some duties every night.  
His shoulders are quite rounded getting and he wears the worried  
look

Of a man, who has, yes surely spent, quite half his life o'er books,  
They say, he hopes, while walking to his seat, his meal may not  
be fishy,  
But even so, the critics shout "cheer up and smile Old Tishy."

And now the fifth has come, with a highly coloured face,  
And judging by the way he walks, he has won many a race,  
Oh, well can I imagine him, upon a mountain side,  
Upon a horse so full of fun, so full of endless pride.  
The fellows say he cannot speak, but of that irksome Vet  
And every question he's been asked, he's always answered yet.



E'en now does come another, perhaps not quite so fleet,  
Of all the people I've ever seen, he has the biggest feet,  
His face, is too, to say the least, most steady and quite staid,  
And he possesses to make a gent, a good foundation laid,  
The students say he worked quite hard, for many an hour at zoo,  
And hence it was he came in late, for something else to do.

To end the passing of this enlightened band  
A man with worried look and pockets full of hand  
Walks briskly to the fore, his nose somewhat uplift,  
(As though in days before it had been slightly biffed)  
In attitude of much disdain (we hardly can think that)  
It did account for his great love, of a queue, a ball, or bat.

These seven men did always eat so very languidly,  
That by the end of their good meal, 'twas nearly time for tea;  
Because they always did believe in "feeding for the thought"  
Some people called them Guzzlers, but these did know but nought,  
And as they made their exit, they were compelled to pause,  
To marvel, envy and admire, their Great Superiors.

A SUPERIOR.

### PIONEER FARMING IN KENYA.

Thinking that an account of our work here since I left College in 1922, might be of interest, I have written the following:—

For nine months up to February, 1923, we were pioneering on a 5,000 acre farm in Eldana Ravine—a thickly wooded, well watered district, hilly, and consequently healthy, despite its nearness (two miles) to the equator. (Of course the sun is not to be trifled with). When we arrived all was in the wild state—thick long grass alternating with immense forests in which roamed game of all types—a good hunting-ground for the sportsman. It is interesting to note that whilst rhinoceros has passed by our house without doing damage, baboons are extremely destructive.

By the end of those nine months we had fenced a paddock for our working oxen and ploughed out of the wild 250 acres, which, even in the first year were planted with maize and sunflower. Maize grew to 8—12 feet and Sunflower to 13 feet—heights which are good when the newness of the soil is considered. We had, too, established a market garden of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

While this was going on, the railway was moving from 40 miles away to within  $2\frac{1}{2}$ —a great advantage. The railway workers provided an outlet for milk, so we got together a small herd of grade cows, supplemented by the native Boran cows. We purchased grade calves with a view to establishing a good herd. During the short time we were in Eldana Ravine this Dairy venture proved more and more successful. However, though the climate is healthy to man, ticks abound and it is necessary, in the season, to spray the stock every three days with a dipping fluid. Despite precautions we lost some ten cows from East Coast Fever, a disease which, however, suddenly abated.

In February, 1923, we moved to an undeveloped farm of our own in Tranz Nzoia (N.W. of Kenza Colony), lying at the foot of Mount Elgon. By January this year we had ploughed up with three-furrow ploughs about 420 acres—leaving 80 acres on the margin—and we had not only planted 110 acres of maize, sown 100 acres of two varieties of wheat, planted 30 acres of coffee which is doing well, and made a big home kitchen—and flower garden; but we had harvested the maize ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  bags per acre on old land and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  on new), and the wheat (8 bags on old land and 3 on new). Add to this the fact that we had made and burnt thousands of bricks, built them into a house despite the difficulty attached to transport of bricks and sand when we had only two waggons at our disposal, and you will realize that we had not been slacking. Nine months to do what our neighbours had done in three years! This just shows what can be effected with plenty of energy guided by experience of which my father has considerable.

Of course this could not be done were there not favourable circumstances such as a rainfall of 54 inches in 1923, a climate good for the white man except for the sun, and a soil that is deep, loamy, well-drained, and very easily worked, and moreover rich, so that no manures are at present necessary. Finally, though the railway is now 50 miles away there is a Government proposal afoot that will probably bring that boon to Kitale (12 miles away) in a year or so.

It is a wonderful country for Agriculture.

G. L. KNAPMAN.



## NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S DAIRY CONGRESS.

*By Capt. John Golding, D.S.O., F.I.C.*

October, 1923, was a very busy month for those who attended the World's Dairy Congress in America. Outstanding memories are—the hearty reception of English delegates at Boston, on October the 1st; the wonderful organisation at Washington, where meetings were held on October 2nd; the 16 hours of continuous hospitality at Philadelphia; the five days at Syracuse, N.Y., in which over 200 papers were communicated; not to mention the great dairy show.

Then there were visits to Colleges, Dairies, and Dairy Farms, including a three days' excursion to Geneva and to the Cornell University, at Ithaca. These were followed in my case by a flying visit to New York, New Brunswick, N.J., and Baltimore; then to Canada, via Niagara, to Guelph and Toronto, and sailing home from Montreal, on October 27th.

Flying impressions, though vivid, are apt to be onesided, and like the glorious autumnal tints of the shumac, American oak and maple trees, represent only one aspect, but I am tempted to give you a few of my impressions: America and even Canada struck me as being more foreign and Continental than I had expected. Living in wooden houses in the country without any garden or fence perhaps tends to make people less reserved than in the Old Country, and the patches of still undeveloped country may again account for the extreme youth of the people as a whole, or perhaps the pace kills, and so there are no old people.

In their scientific work the Americans seem to be a nation of "whole hoggers," the desire to get "right there" makes them very keen, but perhaps a bit previous and sketchy. The desire for results and the push and drive of the authorities lead to the publication of innumerable bulletins, many of which are of little value from the scientific point of view. The great wealth of the country is very striking, wages are high and the people seem able to satisfy their wants.

Every one seems to have a motor car and the wider streets in all the larger towns are lined on both sides with cars packed in echelon

formation so that each car can draw out without disturbing the rest. There is much accumulation of wealth in the cities though the farms we saw were not up to the standard of the average English farm in cultivation or buildings. The Colleges, however, have had a fair share and the magnificence of the Cornell University can best be described by the new dairy building, which was dedicated while we were there. The cost of the building was £135,000, and of this amount £45,000 was spent on equipment.

The new Chemistry building was on a still grander scale, while the University Campus gave the impression of a garden city of such buildings.

Now to turn from the general to the particular. I went out with the determination to find out the altitude of the American workers towards two subjects which have for some time attracted my attention.

They were:—

I. The present position of the Vitamin theory in general and its bearings on dairying in particular. More especially the estimated value of cow's milk as a food for human beings from this new standpoint and the factors on which it depends.

II. The disposal and utilisation of the by-products of the Dairy industry. I was fortunate in finding both of these subjects very "live wires," and in meeting most of the writers on different aspects of each.

I have just received the 2nd Edition, revised and enlarged, of the Report of the Present State of Knowledge of Accessory Food Factors (Vitamins), published by His Majesty's Stationery Office for the Medical Research Council, and it is interesting to examine the published summary of knowledge on this side, in the light of the opinions and papers which I heard in Oct. in America.

The English report is much more guarded in the acceptance of new Accessory Factors, and limits the number *recognised* to 3:—

The Vitamin A, or fat soluble factor, necessary to promote and cure Xerophthalmia (in rats) upon a diet adequate in all other respects; the Vitamin B or water soluble factor, deficiency of which is the cause of beri-beri; and the Vitamin C, or anti-scorbutic factor, or deficiency of which causes scurvy. The door is



however left open for the recognition of a fourth, the "Anti-rachitic Vitamin," used to define a fat soluble especially concerned with the classification of bone.

I visited Dr. Alfred F. Hess in his laboratory in New York, and although he recognised a distinction between Vitamin A. and the anti-rachitic vitamin called Vitamin D, he depreciated the use of the term vitamin for an unknown, though very real and essential dietary factor. His contention being that knowledge is not advanced by giving a name which means nothing to an unidentified factor.

Dr. Hess showed me some very good X-ray photographs of rats which showed distinct rickets; he also showed me photographs of the same rats 10 days later, when the bones had been healed up by the addition of egg yolk to the diet.

He stated that egg yolk is a very potent source of this vitamin.

Dr. H. M. Evans made out a very good case for the existence of a hitherto unknown dietary factor, essential for reproduction, which he designated X. The factor is present in green leaves, cereals, and fresh meat: there is a definite though low quota in milk.

In the discussions which took place, the occurrence of all the known vitamins in milk was accepted, but it was shown by Butcher and others that the potency of milk in this respect varied considerably and was dependent on the nature of the foods supplied to the cow.

Other causes of vitamin variation had been studied by Kennedy, who concluded that the effect of drying and condensing milk will not destroy the vitamins it contains though exposure to heat and oxidation in some processes of drying milk may tend to diminish the content of Vitamin C. in the resulting product.

The value of milk as a food for children and as a preventative for deficiency diseases was illustrated by E. V. McCullen, who found an institution where orphan children had been fed on white bread and soup made from peas, beans, tuber and root vegetables, and muscle meats. In the case of 48 of these children the diet was modified by the inclusion of a suitable amount of dried milk. The results fully corroborated the deductions drawn from animal experimentation.

La Fayette B. Mendel reviewed the causes of the value of milk as a food. He stated that the possible physiological properties of milk sugar remained to be elucidated, and spoke of the value of sour milk in this connection.

C. E. Block, of Copenhagen, reported medical evidence to show that blindness in children may be a result of deficient nutrition.

H. C. Sherman discussed the optimum amount of milk for children, and as a result of a thorough experimental study of children receiving various proportions of milk, concluded that for children of from 3 to 14 years of age, one American quart per day must be given to ensure the optimum storage of calcium and phosphates.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that although the mineral balance was of great importance, the vitamin is also necessary to enable the proper assimilation of the mineral.

This subject was discussed from the point of view of mineral requirements of milch cows. E. B. Forbes gave the results of experiments showing that fresh forage is more favourable to calcium storage than is hay cured by direct exposure to the sun.

E. B. Meigs reported the results of experiments extending over 3 years. These indicate that the rations in which Timothy hay constitutes the chief roughage are deficient for dairy cows, not only in calcium but in some other unknown material which is plentifully present in Alfalfa hay. He frequently obtained what is called a negative calcium balance in the winter time, that is to say the total calcium secreted and excreted was greater than the amount taken in the food, a condition which not unnaturally may re-act on the milk yield. This was shown in his curves expressed in percentages of the initial milk yield. The Timothy hay ration also interfered with the process of reproduction.

II. The disposal and utilisation of the by-products of the Dairy Industry exercise the minds of Dairy Chemists in America. The most promising solution, which was advocated by R. M. Allen, was the use of milk in bread making. He spoke rather from the point of view of the resulting bread and aimed at a food which should be in reality a staff of life.



The use of skim milk solids and dried whey has also been considered. The fat of milk has an additional value in "shortening" the product. Milk breads seem to be on the increase in the United States, and the necessary legislative control was under discussion. In one laboratory in Canada I afterwards heard that a Soya bean product was being put forward for the purpose of making milk bread.

Great developments are taking place in methods of drying milk and milk products.

There is no doubt that dried milk is a product of the future, and the method of preparing dried separated milk and dried whey will tend to improve on a large scale Butter and Cheese Industries, but a wider use for these products still remains to be found.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS, 1923-24.**

1923 Oct. 26—Dance at Kingston.

Nov. 2—Presidential Address. (Lecture from "Agricultural Gazette" representative).

Nov. 8—Armistice Dance at Sutton.

Dec. 7—Entertainment, Dramatic Society.

„ 21—Annual Dance.

1924 Feb. 1—Dance at Kingston.

„ 8—Lecture by W. Hanley (Lime and Liming).

„ 15—Lecture by Mr. Jackson (Outdoor Pig keeping).

„ 21—Hockey—Soccer Dance at Sutton.

„ 27—Cross Country Run.

„ 29—Dramatic Entertainment.

Mar. 6—Annual Concert.

„ 15—Sports Day and Dance.

„ 20—Concert arranged by Dr. Milburn.

May 31—Dance at Kingston.

July 17—Final Dance at Sutton (Tennis Club).

In place of the usual Presidential Address Dr. Milburn arranged that the representative of the "Agricultural Gazette" should discuss that paper with us, and a very interesting evening was the result.

The Lectures on "Lime" and on "Pigs" were also very well attended and thoroughly appreciated.

The two Entertainments given by the Dramatic Society were an innovation and the amount of talent present in the College was astonishing; both evenings being a great success, as also was the Concert given by the Musical Society.

The Cross Country Race and Sports Day were, as usual, features of great interest and excitement, and it was very encouraging to see so many old students present on Sports Day.

The Annual Dance was once again one of the most popular functions of the year—the O.K.A. Committee also being present for their meeting.

The Concert so kindly arranged by Dr. Milburn was a huge success—the Hall being packed—and the programme was thoroughly appreciated.

The list of Entertainments speaks for itself as to the social side of the College life—altogether it has been a very successful year, and many thanks are due and have been given to the Matron and her invaluable helpers—the Kitchen Staff—without whose assistance many evenings would have fallen flat.

E.F.

### **HOCKEY, 1923-24.**

As the results of the matches show, this season the Hockey Club has met with one defeat. It is to be hoped that next year more players will be available at the beginning of the season so that it will not be so difficult to raise a team.

In both the games against Melbourne and that against the Nottingham University the team were at their best.

To the Hon. Sec., Miss Fraser, the club owes much, as she has worked for it untiringly.



The following old students have helped the Club throughout the season—L. A. Thompson, C. W. Roberts, J. K. Knowles, L. R. Doughty, G. W. Wilkinson. To Knowles we are specially grateful, for his willingness to coach the team and act as its defence after leaving, up to the end of the season.

Finally, we should like to thank all supporters, and all those who have helped the club in various ways.

#### FIXTURES AND RESULTS.

Oct.	13—Melbourne	...	...	...	Away	won	2	0
Nov.	3—Melton	...	...	...	Home	won	3	0
Dec.	1—St. Margaret's	...	...	...	Away	won	6	1
"	5—Nottingham University	...	...	...	Away	won	4	2
"	12—Bunny	...	...	...	Away	won	3	1
"	15—Gopsall	...	...	...	Home	won	5	0
"	19—M.A.D.C. F.C.	...	...	...	Home	won	3	0
Jan.	19—Mundella Old Girls	...	...	...	Home	drawn	5	5
"	26—Melton	...	...	...	Away	lost	1	6
Feb.	9—Melbourne...	...	...	...	Home	won	5	1
"	16—St. Margaret's	...	...	...	Home	won	6	1
Mar.	8—Riverside	...	...	...	Home	won	4	1
"	12—M.A.D.C. F.C.	...	...	...	Home	drawn	1	1
"	22—Gopsall	...	...	...	Away	won	3	2

Played 14; Won 11; Drawn 2; Lost 1. Goals for, 51; against, 21.

#### CRITIQUES.

MISS D. NAISH\* (Goal). A very safe and reliable goal who always cleared well.

G. MILBURN\* (Left Back). A very good player both as back and half, who picked up the game very quickly, and thoroughly deserved his colours at the end of the season.

J. SOLOMON (Right Back). A good defence who improved very quickly and combined well with the other back.

L. R. DOUGHTY\* (Right Back). A most energetic player who always cleared well up the field, he was very much missed when he left.

F. CORROYER (Left Half). Tackled well and never gave up, was a very useful member of the team.

T. ASTLEY (Left Half). In the few matches he played in was a hard working half and fed his forwards well, might be quicker in passing.

J. K. KNOWLES\* (Centre Half). Captain—Oct., Feb. An excellent Captain and a splendid player. Always played an 'all out' game and held the team together well. To his untiring energy the team owes much of its success.

K. N. WILSON\* (Centre Half). Vice-Captain—Feb., Ap. At the beginning of the season played a very good game as back. In the position of centre half did very good work and got in some splendid shots from the edge of the circle.

MISS M. HALL (Right Half). Played a very good game in some matches, and tackled well, but was not always reliable and should vary her play more.

MISS R. JACKSON\* (Outside Left). At the end of the season showed much improvement and earned her colours. Might be quicker in the circle.

T. ATKINSON\* (Inside Left). A splendid shot and a most energetic player, but should pass more to his wing and not always try and get through on his own.

MISS ADLINGTON\* (Centre). Vice-Captain—Oct., Feb. Captain—Feb., Ap.

J. PECK (Inside Right). Very quick on the back and combined well with his wing. More effective as a forward than when he played as a back. when he was sometimes inclined to muddle.

MISS K. SAUNDERS\* (Outside Right). A very useful forward who made good use of the bolt in. Also played as a half.

Miss Anderson, Miss Bradfield, C. W. Roberts, E. Towndrew, and S. Makings have also played well in matches.

L.A.A.



### FOOTBALL, 1923-24.

The following Old Colours remained at the College from last season :—Mr. F. Rayns, N. D. Clarke, R. A. Jeffery, and W. Sommerfelt.

Hearty congratulations to :—

V. N. Davidson,	T. L. Whitworth,
A. H. Wilson,	W. S. Clayton,
J. H. Dawkins,	J. H. Watchorn,

who were awarded their colours during the past season, and also to the Old Colours, who were all successful in regaining their colours.

At the commencement of the football season, considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining anything like a side. This difficulty, as we know, is bound to crop up every year, due to the short course students supplying the majority of players, but this year it has been more keenly felt owing to the small number of Short Course Students as compared with previous years.

As a consequence, up to the end of the autumn term, it was practically impossible to turn exactly the same side out twice. The result of having to continually re-arrange the players is plainly shown by the results of the matches played in the early part of the season. Again, barely could eleven fellows be obtained to play in practices and thus we had to rely upon our fixtures to supply us with our much required trial games.

After the vacation, however, the side became settled and we were able, at last, to field a regular side. The final eleven was, on the whole fairly well balanced, and developed into a formidable team.

The match which caused the most excitement amongst the Students was that against the Old Kingstonians. The game, although somewhat spoiled by the elements, was fast and interesting. The result, too, was very appropriate, and it was, without a doubt, a fair replica of the game. This fixture must have created a large amount of trouble for Mr. L. A. Thompson, who with short notice obtained an excellent side. To him and all those who played, we extend our heartiest thanks, sincerely hoping that this fixture may become an annual event.





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**HOCKEY, 1923-24.**

S. M. Makings. G. R. Milburn. J. Solomon. D. E. Naish. W. Asley. T. C. D. Atkinson. J. M. Peck.  
 M. H. Hall. J. K. Knowles. L. A. Adlington. K. N. Wilson. K. A. Saunders.  
 R. Jackson.

We also wish to extend our heartiest thanks to Mr. Roebuck and Mr. Holden, who have kindly given up many of their Saturday afternoons in order to referee for us; to G. W. Lock, for filling up, that most uninteresting post of linesman, and also for his invaluable help on the Committee, and on the field; to W. Sommerfelt (Hon. Sec. and Vice-Captain), who has spent a great deal of time in arranging our splendid list of fixtures and in marking out the field before matches.

Last, but by far from being least, we wish to heartily thank Miss Nicholson for the large number of excellent teas she has provided both for our opponents and ourselves.

The side finally arranged was as follows:—

F. Rayns,

W. S. Clayton, V. N. Davidson,  
 T. L. Whitworth, N. D. Clarke (Capt.), J. H. Dawkins,  
 A. H. Wilson, R. A. Jeffery.  
 J. H. Watchorn, J. Duncan, W. Sommerfelt (Vice-Capt.),

**1923. FIXTURES AND RESULTS.**

Oct.	20.—Notts. University College ...	Home	lost	0	5
"	27.—Notts. Football Club... ..	Away	lost	2	4
"	31.—Loughboro' Grammar School	Away	lost	0	5
Nov.	3.—Duffield Amateurs ... ..	Home	lost	1	3
"	7.—Loughborough Wednesday ...	Home	lost	1	3
"	15.—Hockey Club ... ..	Home	won	3	1
"	22.—Old Westbridfordians ... ..	Home	won	6	1
"	28.—Loughborough Wednesday ...	Away	lost	1	3
Dec.	1.—Mapperley Park ... ..	Home	won	8	0
"	6.—Derby Corinthians F.C. "A" Team ... ..	Home	won	3	1
"	12.—Paton College... ..	Away	draw	0	0
"	15.—Old Alexandrians ... ..	Away	lost	0	1

**1924.**

Jan.	19.—Duffield Amateurs ...	Home	lost	1	3
"	26.—Notts. Football Club ...	Home	won	3	1
"	30.—Paton College...	Home	draw	2	2
Feb.	16.—Old Alexandrians ...	Home	won	2	0
"	20.—Paton College...	Home	won	9	0



Feb.	23.—Derby Banks ..	...	Home	lost	0	1
,,	28.—Notts. Football Club...	...	Home	won	3	0
Mar.	8.—Loughboro' Grammar School	Home	won	2	1	
,,	29.—Old Kingstonians	...	Home	draw	2	2
N.D.C.						

### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

One outstanding feature of the past Session has been the triumphant rebirth of the College Dramatic Society, which has given us two performances.

The first of these, held on 7th December, 1923, opened with a one act farce entitled "The Bathroom Door," admirably rendered by the Kingston Students. The scene was an hotel landing, the motif being the jamming of a bathroom door, which circumstance gave rise to a great deal of speculation as to what lay beyond; in addition to a number of somewhat unconventional meetings between would-be bathers. Doubtless we have here an instance of the imaginative curiosity of the human mind in presence of the unknown, an emotion especially marked in the gentler sex since the hour when, in the infancy of the world, Pandora opened the fatal casket of human cares and troubles. But to return from our digression, the advent of the hotel "boots," a youth of a practical and materialistic bent, destroyed the theory of a suicide which had gained acceptance. A vigorous thrust on his part revealed the bathroom—empty! It might be added that judging from the tendency of the Kingston hostel doors to rattle in the least breath of wind, it seems very unlikely that they will give us any trouble of this sort.

The "Bathroom Door" was followed by a three act melodrama entitled "The Wolf," which conducted us to "where never a law of God or man runs north of 53", and where the strong silent men of the frontier are in the habit of relieving the tedium of daily life by drinking wood spirit (methyl alcohol  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) and indulging in a little revolver practice with their neighbours as target. It appears that the blind god will occasionally forsake gentler climes for big shooting in these regions. Does not the magazine short story writer bear testimony to this?

Scene I. introduced us to Mr. Dan Hegarty (H. N. Somerville) an old prospector subject to rheumatism and bad temper; and his

daughter Kathleen (Miss L. A. Adlington) who tends her father's shack in the wilderness. She is the beloved of one Pete (T. C. Atkinson), a French Canadian, who beneath the rugged exterior of the trapper conceals a heart of gold. There arrives upon the scene the debonair Jack Josselyn (J. H. Dawkins), a railway surveyor from New York. Josselyn finds recreation, after taking levels or whatever it is that engineers do when they wander about with those painted poles of theirs; in ingratiating himself with the fair Kathleen. Meanwhile Pete discovers certain facts bearing on the past of Josselyn, which reveal the latter as one of those bold bad men—a wolf in sheep's clothing—a man he has sworn to kill. The two men meet and agree to propose, as Mrs. Gamp put it "turn and turn about one on, one off." Kathleen chooses the faithful Pete, rejecting the glitter of the Broadway as seen from one of Josselyn's "several cars," but Josselyn does not accept her decision with a man of the world's philosophic resignation. On the contrary he unwisely "goes for his gun" (as they say in Wisconsin). Pete, however, is well used to that sort of thing, he proves much the quicker on the draw, gets the drop on his adversary and keeps him covered as he and Kathleen beat a retreat.

The last scene is in the forest primæval. Pete and Kathleen bid each other good-bye in a most affecting manner. Kathleen is to go on to Montreal with Pete's brother, while Pete remains to settle with Josselyn who is dogging their footsteps.

To this end Pete invokes Providence, after which pious act he falls into mediation, a circumstance seized upon by the Villain "to draw a bead" on him from the rear. Pete falls apparently dead, and Josselyn entering, after a moment's natural exultation, kneels to examine the corpse, possibly with an eye to a few personal souvenirs. But the corpse, suddenly coming to life, grabs him by the throat and finally throttles him, the gargling noise produced by the unfortunate surveyor being, as it were, syncopated by the thumping of his head on the stage. The misquoting of Eugene Aram by one of Wodehouse's characters would give a most realistic rendering of this dramatic climax;

"Tum tum, tum tum, tum tumpty tum,

I slew him, tum, tum, tum."

Pete then "hits the trail" for Mon'real and Kathleen.



The next performance was given on the 9th February, 1924, and was repeated in aid of charity the following night, local residents being admitted. The attendance on the second night was remarkably good and may be looked upon as a favourable sign. A collection during the evening resulted in the handing over of a substantial sum to the Kingston Nursing Association.

The curtain rose on a short Sing Scena entitled "Sunshine Sally," words and music by Miss Stone, a Kingston Student, who is to be highly congratulated upon her production, and upon the spirited performance she put in on the piano while scene shifting was in progress. "Sunshine Sally" is an attractive song and dance act by a coon family, although it might have been concluded from the graceful dancing and tuneful warbling of the caste that they were "the rather less of kin and more of kind." Miss Anderson's singing of Eugene Stretton's bygone success "Lily of Laguna" was much appreciated.

There followed the Musical Burlesque "Leap Year." It would seem that during the years graced with a 29th of February, the female sex are in the habit of employing more open methods in the pursuit of their favourite quarry, even to the extent of "popping the question" themselves, thus for the time abandoning the more surreptitious mode of approach favoured by these sports women during the normal season. Upon this tradition the play was based.

Scene I. represented the College road. Winnie (Miss L. A. Adlington) appears engaged in trying out a new motor-cycle despite the protestations of Jack her lover (T. C. Atkinson). The expected accident occurs, Winnie being rendered partly unconscious. During such times the pet obsession of the mind asserts itself, just as the hero of Lepanto, stretched dying in his Flanders garret, again in his delirium refought his victories, again shouted the word of command and listened to the rush of charging squadrons, just as more recently an inveterant wine-bibber who had been fatally injured in a railway smash was heard to murmur before he expired and as brandy was forced between his lips, "Cognac '96"—so Winnie subconscious ego reads, Winnie dreams of proposals.

In dream I. (scene 2) she proposes to her partner after shaking a gifted dancing pump to the tune of "Love, Love, sometimes I

dream of it." The other proposals were to a waiter in a restaurant, and to a coffee stall keeper, who had previously kept the audience amused by his bright Cockney repartee and badinage with two "young sons of Belial flown with insolence and wine," as Milton puts it, who were staggering homewards late at night. Finally she recovers consciousness and after the humorous episode of a mock parson, Winnie and Jack name the day, evidently feeling, together with the delighted audience, that everything was for the best in this the best of all possible worlds.

One unexpected incident occurred that should not escape notice. During the performance a mouse seems to have chosen this singularly inopportune time to conduct a few personal investigations into the electric light installation, with the result that about half-way through the performance audience and actors suddenly found themselves staring into inky darkness with a wild surmise, a dead mouse reposing after life's fitful fever on a live wire, being discovered by the engineer the next morning.

Anything in the nature of a panic was prevented by the Principal, who with admirable presence of mind chose this opportunity of addressing a few well-chosen words to the audience. The accident was soon righted and the play concluded without a hitch.

The story is told of a theological student, who, upon being asked to distinguish between the greater and lesser Prophets of Israel, wrote on his examination paper—"Far be it from me to draw invidious distinctions between these holy men." In a like manner we will refrain from individual mention of the Caste of "Leap Year," not because we wish to damn with faint praise, but on account of the uniform excellence and spirit of the show. Mention should however be made of Miss Taylor and Mr. Hunter who gave much of their valuable time to make the entertainment a success. With what a consolatory effect must the words of his natural bard have occurred to our stage manager during the lighting incident—those namely to the effect that the "best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley?"

It is to be hoped that further successes await the society in the forthcoming session.

DRAMATIC CRITIC.



### MUSICAL SOCIETY, 1923-24.

On March 6th, 1924, the Musical Society gave its third Annual Concert, which proved to be a great success.

The first half of the Programme consisted of a Cantata, entitled "The Ancient Mariner," by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. This was rendered by a mixed choir of about 40 voices, and was under the able conductorship of Mr. H. T. Cranfield. The accompanist was Mr. G. W. Wilkinson (M.A.D.C., 1920-22). The principal parts were taken by:—

MISS KITTY RASEN,  
MADAME ETHEL PARKIN,  
MR. L. A. THOMPSON (M.A.D.C., 1920-22),  
MR. CHARLES O'CONNOR.

During the second half the choir gave two part songs, "The Long Day Closes" (unaccompanied); Sullivan; and "The Bridal Chorus" (Rose Maiden), Cowen; and each of the principals delighted the audience with well-chosen solos.

Mr. C. E. Beyton Dobson, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., accompanied the soloists.

The Musical Society wish to accord their thanks to Mr. H. T. Cranfield for his indefatigable efforts in the training and conducting of the choir; and to Mr. G. W. Wilkinson, who gave so much of his time in order to help the choir. To Mr. L. A. Thompson the Musical Society are deeply indebted, for at a day's notice he undertook to render the tenor solos.

It is hoped that the Musical Society will continue its good work for many years to come.

Should any old Students wish to attend any future concert, it is requested that they communicate direct to the Hon. Secretary of the above Society.

M.A.H.

### TENNIS, 1924.

The tennis opened with the prospects of a very successful season, but was early marred by the unfortunate accident to L. W. Furness, which, much to our regret has prevented him from playing in any of the fixture list games. Later the team was further disarranged by the loss of K. N. Wilson, who terminated his course of study here.

At the commencement of the season, the courts looked rather rough and uneven, but after a fair amount of cutting and rolling, much improvement has been made. The next difficulty was the problem of selecting a team. This had no sooner been overcome, when, as luck would have it, our best male player was rendered *hors de combat*. Many thanks are due to Mr. Scrivener, who kindly filled the vacant position until another student could be found.

Again, to make matters worse, K. N. Wilson left, and thus another place was thrown open. However, the next match happened to be a men's doubles with the Staff, and from this we were able to fill the two positions.

At last we had our team and our courts, and all we wanted now was respectable weather. This was not to be forthcoming, until, with the exception of one, four consecutive matches had been cancelled. After this the team proved itself to be quite up to standard.

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to the following, who have been successful in winning their colours:—Miss E. Fraser, Miss K. A. Saunders, Miss L. A. Adlington, N. D. Clarke.

The following have represented the mixed doubles team:—

Miss E. Fraser and N. D. Clarke,  
Miss K. A. Saunders and S. de Blank,  
Miss L. A. Adlington and R. A. Jeffery.

The following have represented the men's doubles team:—

N. D. Clarke and R. A. Jeffery,  
S. de Blank and H. N. Somerville,  
G. Milburn and J. Billaux.



### FIXTURES.

May 10—Loughborough Y.M.C.A.	...	...	Away	Cancelled
„ 24—Nottingham University	...	...	Home	5 4
„ 31—Nottingham University	...	...	Away	Abandoned
June 4—Park Road, Loughborough	...	...	Home	Cancelled
„ 11—Loughborough Grammar School (Men's)	...	...	Away	Cancelled
„ 14—Loughborough College (Mixed)	...	...	Home	Cancelled
„ 16—M.A.D.C. Staff (Men's)	...	...	Home	4 5
„ 18—Mrs. Woodfield's Team	...	...	Away (Ufnd.)	1 7
„ 21—Ellistown	...	...	Away	8 1
„ 25—Loughborough Grammar School (Men's)	...	...	Away	5 0
July 2—Park Road, Loughborough	...	...	Away	Cancelled
„ 5—Loughborough Grammar School (Men's)	...	...	Home	5 4
„ 9—Mrs. Woodfield's Team	...	...	Home	2 7
„ 16—M.A.D.C. Staff	...	...	Away	5 4

Finally, we wish to thank Miss Nicholson most heartily, for the excellent teas she has provided, both for our opponents and ourselves. She has, owing to the inclement weather, been put to a great deal of inconvenience, but in spite of this, a good tea was always to be found awaiting us, whenever we were ready, and for this and all other kindnesses shown we cannot help but feel greatly indebted to her.

### SPORTS DAY.

Owing to an alteration in the Syllabus, which cuts off the third term of the Agri. Short Course, Sports Day was held considerably earlier this year, and we were therefore very fortunate as regards the weather, which left nothing to be desired.

Great attention was paid to the preparation of the field and the laying out of the courses, and the spectacle of the field before the commencement of the day well repayed the efforts expended.

A new addition to the Trophies to be competed for was the "Potter" Cup, presented by Colonel Potter for the One Mile (men); the winner holds this cup for one year but it can be won outright if the race is accomplished in a certain time (4 mins. 40 secs.): with the Cup goes a Cup Medal.

The entire programme was carried through without a hitch and many exciting finishes were witnessed, several very good times being recorded.

Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck undertook the onerous task of selecting the prizes and are to be highly commended on the measure of success which attended their efforts in this direction.

Mrs. Potter graciously officiated in the distribution of the prizes at the close of a very successful day.

The usual Sports Dance was held in the evening, many old Kingstonians being present, and the matron is deserving of the heartiest thanks for the efficient way in which she conducted the domestic arrangements throughout the day.

A list of results of the more important events is given:—

100 yds. (Men)	W. Sommerfelt, 10 4/5ths secs.	R. A. Jeffery.
100 yds. (Ladies)	Miss Jackson, 13 secs.	Miss Saunders.
High Jump (Ladies)	Miss Saunders.	Miss Adlington.
High Jump (Men)	V. N. Davidson.	L. W. Furness.
Long Jump (Men)	W. Sommerfelt.	J. H. Watchorn.
Long Jump (Ladies)	Miss Saunders.	Miss Mudford.
440 yds. (Men) (The Goodwin Cup)	W. Sommerfelt, 57 4/5ths secs.	L. W. Furness.
220 yds. (Ladies)	Miss Saunders, 32 4/5ths secs.	Miss Jackson.
The Staff Race.	Mr. F. Rayns.	Miss Peacock.
120 yds. Hurdles (Men)	R. A. Jeffery, 18 2/5ths secs.	W. Sommerfelt.
80 yds. Hurdles (Ladies)	Miss Adlington.	Miss Saunders.
Putting the Weight.	A. H. Lamin, 25ft. 6ins.	K. N. Wilson.
880 yds. (Men)	R. A. Jeffery, 2 mins. 27 secs.	L. W. Furness.
Old Students' Race (Men)	Mr. F. Rayns.	
Old Students' Race (Ladies)	Miss Peacock.	
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Men)	A. H. Wilson, 93yds. 6ins.	J. H. Watchorn.
Throwing the Cricket Ball (Ladies)	Miss Saunders, 43yds.	
One Mile (Men) (The Potter Cup)	R. A. Jeffery, 5 mins. 19 4/5ths secs.	L. W. Furness.
Obstacle Race (Men)	J. R. Lee.	K. N. Wilson.
Relay Race.	Lindsey.	
Tug-of-War.	Old Students.	

The Cross Country Race, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles, was run off on Feb. 27th, the winner being R. A. Jeffery in the record time of 38 mins. 35 secs., L. W. Furness being a good second, while T. L. Whitworth was third. (The Staff Cup goes for this race).



The  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles Road Race was run off on March 7th. L. W. Furness being an easy winner in the record time of 14 min. 50 sec., R. A. Jeffery second, and T. L. Whitworth third.

Points for the Men's Championship Shield as follows:—

1st.	R. A. Jeffery	...	...	33 pts. (Champ. Medal).
2nd.	L. W. Furness	...	...	24 „
	W. Sommerfelt	...	...	18 „
	T. L. Whitworth	...	...	7 „

Ladies' Championship Cup:—

1st.	Miss K. Saunders	...	...	27 pts.
2nd.	Miss R. Jackson	...	...	13 „
	Miss L. A. Adlington	...	...	9 „
	Miss M. Mudford	...	...	5 „

S.M.M.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS RECORDS.

The Sports Committee considered this year that it would be very desirable to collect together the records of previous Sports Meetings, and establish an official list of the best performances recorded at the College.

With this end in view and with the assistance of Mr. C. W. Roberts and others, the following list has been drawn up.

MEN'S EVENTS.	Holder of Record.	Time or Distance, &c.	Year
$5\frac{3}{4}$ Miles Cross Country..	R. A. Jeffery	.. 38 mins. 35 secs.	.. 1924
$2\frac{3}{4}$ Miles Road Race ..	L. W. Furness	.. 14 mins. 50 secs.	.. 1924
One Mile ..	R. A. Jeffery	.. 5 mins. 19 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.	.. 1924
Half Mile ..	E. G. Chapman	.. 2 mins. 24 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.	.. 1920
Quarter Mile ..	W. Sommerfelt	.. 57 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.	.. 1924
100 Yards ..	W. Sommerfelt	.. 10 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.	.. 1923
120 Yards Hurdles {	S. Rhys Williams } R. A. Jeffery }	18 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.	.. 1923 .. 1924
High Jump ..	G. M. P. Williams	.. 5ft. 3ins.	.. 1920
Long Jump ..	J. G. Thurlow	.. 18ft. 7ins.	.. 1922
Putting the Weight ..	J. W. Cook	.. 27ft. 5ins.	.. 1922
Throwing the Cricket Ball	A. H. Wilson	.. 93yds. 6ins.	.. 1924

### LADIES' EVENTS.

220 Yards ..	Miss K. Saunders	.. 32 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.	.. 1924
100 Yards ..	Miss R. Jackson	.. 13 secs.	.. 1924
High Jump ..	Miss L. E. W. Hart	.. 3ft. 11ins.	.. 1920
Long Jump ..	Miss K. Saunders	.. 12ft. 8ins.	.. 1924
Throwing the Cricket Ball	Miss A. D. Coggan	.. 47yds.	.. 1922

There are obviously many gaps in the figures available, and before taking these as the official records, it was decided to publish them in the Magazine in the hope that Old Students and others might be able to assist in providing other records which are not available to the Committee. Any Old Students, therefore, who have official records of these performances being beaten, are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the Sports Committee before next Sports Meeting.

### OLD KINGSTONIAN ASSOCIATION, 1923-24.

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*Committee*—

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*Official Auditor*—

MR. H. T. CRANFIELD.

### TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE OLD KINGSTONIAN ASSOCIATION.

As Honorary Secretary, I have been requested to write a report of the doings of the above Association during the past year. Immediately I am panic-stricken. How do you write a report? I hastily hunt up the last two magazines in the hopes that I may derive some assistance. I read both reports, and feel worse than before. I can never attain such a high literary standard; how did my predecessors accomplish the task? I bite the end of my pen in awful perplexity; I make various notes—I begin: "Dear Fellow-Members, it is with much pleasure that I present to you the following



report." Is it? Allow me to assure you that much as I like being your Secretary, I don't at all like writing a report—and none of you could possibly believe that I did! The Editor at College is waiting! I take the plunge. There shall be no Report, but it shall be called an *Unconventional Resume of the activities of the Association*, and under this heading I hope to be able to conceal my failure to be able to write anything approaching a literary article!

The Association is now in its third year, and after the combined efforts of all its officials, since its commencement, I think "we may safely say" that it is making steady progress. There is now a membership of 106; that is to say that our Treasurer has received 106 subscriptions, of 4/- for an annual membership, or of two guineas for a life-membership. But there remain in the book of members, another 74 names, of those who have somehow omitted to send in their subscriptions. I am relying upon them to swell our ranks again, as all present students at College, who will be gladly welcomed, when the time comes for them to leave. Mr. Rayns, our trusty Assistant Secretary, is waiting to take new names, and Mr. King is longing to bank your subscriptions. Roll up, please! For unless you belong, you will not receive notices of events and re-unions, so say the Powers that Be, as the O.K.A. is the only officially recognised Association empowered to bring old students together again.

Now for news of the past year.

The Second Annual Meeting and Re-union took place on July 30th and 31st, 1923, at Sutton Bonington. Between twenty and thirty members were present, and this year we should like to see quite double that number. In the afternoon, Old Students were privileged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Governing Body and Principal of the College, when Harry German, Esq., President of the National Farmers' Union, presented the Diplomas to present students, and gave a most interesting address. The General Meeting of the Association was held in the evening, and after its adjournment, members partook of a most excellent supper, for which many thanks are due to Miss Nicholson and her staff. This was followed by an impromptu social evening.

The next morning, those who had been able to remain overnight, were conducted round the experimental plots on the Sutton Bonington Farm, under the able guidance of Mr. Rayns, Agricultural Lecturer at the College. In the afternoon, members went to Leicester, and enjoyed a visit to Evans's Flour Mill, and to Harrison's Seed Factory.

The Committee met again on December 21st, 1923, on the morning after the Annual Dance—rather "the morning after the night before" to some of us, which being translated means that we had a most enjoyable evening at the dance, extending our festivities far into the night at the Hostel afterwards. This remark is to encourage new members to become elected on the O.K.A. committee; granted, the meetings are long and arduous, but are there not compensations?

At this meeting it was decided to award a prize of books to the value of one guinea to any student at either College, who should be adjudged premier essayist on some agricultural subject, which subject was to be chosen and adjudged by a Sub-Committee of the O.K.A. The subject for 1924 was entitled "The Influence of Science on Agriculture." The Prize being awarded to N. D. Clarke.

The Spring Meeting of the Association was held on March 1st, 1924, on the evening after the Annual College Sports, to which all members were invited. Those, who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the sports, and the dance afterwards, undoubtedly must have enjoyed themselves.

NOTA BENE! A Rendezvous for re-union of Old Kingstonians at the Royal Show to be held at Leicester, on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, was arranged at this meeting, and it was decided that members should meet at the O.K.A. section of the College exhibit in the Education Tent, on each day, from 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., when it is hoped that many will renew old acquaintance.

With this, I end my Resumé of the year's events, but before closing, I should like to thank all officers of the O.K.A. for their services during the past year, and especially the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. F. Rayns, without whose unsparing efforts in shepherding the new flock, and able assistance in controlling the old one, the Honorary Secretary could not have "carried on."

Good wishes to all Old Kingstonians.

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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions Received—				Magazines, 1922 ..	5	9	2
1922 .. ..	18	17	2½	„ 1923 ..	5	5	4
1923 .. ..	17	17	9	Donation to Sports			
1924 .. ..	23	4	6	Trophy .. ..	5	0	0
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1925 .. ..	0	12	0	Fund, 1924.. ..	2	0	0
1926 .. ..	0	4	0	Cyclostyle .. ..	4	10	0
Life Membership ..	6	6	0	Printing and Postages..	18	14	4½
					40	18	10½
				Balance in hand—			
				£ s. d.			
				Cash .. 4 2 0			
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					26	2	7
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NEWS OF MEMBERS OF THE OLD KINGSTONIAN ASSOCIATION.

*Collected chiefly by means of a circular note sent out by the Hon. Secretary.*

*It is important to note that the news is of MEMBERS, as there is no means of keeping in touch with non-members. Roll up and join!*

MARRIAGE.

MISS E. J. HUGILL to MR. D. W. LANSDOWN, Hidden Farm, Shefford Woodland, Berks.

DEATH.

MR. L. E. COOPER, late of High Street, Saxilby, Lincolnshire.

MISS M. S. ATKINSON has been living at home, spending quite a lot of time gardening during the summer and keeping about 60 head of Poultry all the year, including hens, ducks and geese.

MISS HITCHON, an old Student, was in charge of some poultry on a farm near Miss Atkinson last summer: she is now doing poultry and dairy work at Ashwell Manor, Penn.

F. D. ATTERIDGE has been at the Agric. and Colonial College, Tamworth, Staffs. for just a year now, lecturing—"which just about covers my exploits recently."

P. W. BAILEY. Agricultural and Science department of Brewood Grammar School. Spent six weeks in Canada and U.S.A., summer 1923; visited Niagara fruit district, and wheat district farther west: visited Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph—"which leaves us standing with regard to buildings, ground and equipment—but money is apparently no object."

C. M. BALDWIN is a Small-holder and Pig breeder at Bisbrooke, Uppingham.

MISS EILEEN C. BATES for the past year and a half has been in charge of Hunters and Dairy Stock on a farm in South Lincolnshire, but is now living with her Father at 24 Lexham Gardens, Kensington, W. 8.

She reminds all readers that she is "the unworthy Secretary of the O.K.A., anxiously waiting to insert new names in the List of Members, and delighted to hear news of old Members and to receive suggestions which would be to the interest of the Association."

T. D. BELL was "Pupilling" on various Poultry farms until March, since when he has been Instructor to the Somerset County Council.

A. V. BERTOLLA is still working hard at the Derbyshire Farmers' Factory at Willington, and making steady progress.

MISS M. G. BILLSON has procured a small farm of 30 acres and has a herd of pedigree Jerseys; "and I spend all my days mud-scratching—with such poor results that last summer I took in paying guests, but they are enough to drive one to drink. So this year I am going to let the house and camp in a tent, which I hope will have a better result."

T. L. BOLDRY was married on Jan. 17th. 1924, and is now on a farm near Buxton.

MRS. BOWMER and MISS DRAPER have very little to record as they are not in the dairy business now, and beyond the fact that they are still at The Hays together, there is nothing more to say.



MISS T. BROWN is Poultry keeping and Gardening at home.

MISS M. BURROWS is acting as Lady help just outside London, as she found that girls were not needed as gardeners or farm workers since the war.

E. G. CHAPMAN has been farming "Greenlands," Edale, since June, 1921.

FRANK DARLING, Education Sub-Office, Aylesbury. Worked at farming from June to September. Was unlucky enough to have a crooked ankle most of October, and spent November, December and January shepherding round Kinder Scout. Since February, has been Instructor in Milking and Clean Milk Production under the Bucks County Council. "That's the lot, except that I'm fed to the teeth with the weather."

MISS M. DEAKIN has not taken a post since leaving College owing to home responsibilities.

MISS J. P. COLLINGWOOD-DENNY, Manor Farm, Garforth, nr. Leeds, has been at the Leeds University Farm at Garforth, for the past year, as junior assistant in Poultry keeping to Mr. Parton, and is very happy in her present post.

MISS R. DENNING has taken up hand-loom Weaving and has opened a work room at 2, Promenade Buildings, County Court Road, Cheltenham. She has two looms and a girl to assist. So far she is doing very well and hopes soon to have a third loom.

L. R. DOUGHTY "spent a topping fortnight in Reading last September, with unfortunate results," and finished B.Sc. (Agric.) London, last October: worked under the Ministry in Cheshire over Christmas, and is now back at College for a course in the Costings Department.

MISS M. C. EDWARDS owns a Tobacconist and Ladies' Toilet Requisites shop in Goldsmith St., Nottingham, but is hoping to sell the business shortly and will probably go to Canada next August to carry on with Dairy work. She would be pleased to hear of a girl with the same idea in mind.

A. V. B. FOSTER, with his two National Diplomas, and one B.D.F.D. took his present post at Field House Farm A.V.T.C., Catterick Camp, Yorks., last June. His work is to train soldiers in Dairy Farming during the last six months of their service. (Every soldier is entitled to learn a trade before he leaves the army). At Catterick they have a Farm section, pig section (200 head), poultry; market gardeners, boot makers, blacksmiths, Ford drivers, carpenters, painters, decorators, etc., etc. He is in charge of the dairy and has had a model cowhouse erected as well as a nice little dairy. He has collected a small herd of cows, some of which should touch 1,000 gallons in the year. Besides this he has built a milk round (bottled milk) and instructs in management of stock, milking, general dairy work, including butter making and the making of nearly every variety of cheese.

MISS K. FREEAR has been in charge of the model dairy at the Home Farm on the Old Buckhurst Estate belonging to Philip Foster, Esq., and was also assisting in the Working Dairy at the Newcastle "Royal."

JAMES GIBSON was engaged from April, 1922, to April, 1924, on the Blankney Estate, first as Assistant on a 700 acre farm, and then as Assistant Manager of five farms, 3,000 acres in all—producing potatoes, sugar beet, etc. He is at present disengaged.

MISS I. K. GLEAVE is with the United Dairies at Banbury, analysing.

DR. & MRS. GOODWIN have now settled down at Wye. A house was found near the College, and the children are at school in Ashford—four miles away. They have had visits from several "Old Kingstonians," and they hope that any who are in the district will call and see them. Dr. Goodwin's own work has been mainly in connection with spraying materials used for fruit and is being repeated this year; last season's crops were not good.

MISS M. E. HUNT has been making Stiltons at the United Dairies at Swepstone, Leicester, for the past year, and is now Head-Girl at one of the Farmers' Dairies at Hose, Melton Mowbray.



ALEX. J. KEAY spent seven months during the spring and summer of 1922, on a farm at Silkeborg, Denmark, where he was taught Danish methods in exchange for coaching in cricket. He enjoyed the farming and the Danes enjoyed the cricket. Sailing for New Zealand in January, 1923, he installed himself on a 2,500 acre Sheep Farm at Woodville, 150 miles north of Wellington. There he earned his living while gaining experience and having good cricket. During next year he hopes to visit Australia, The Cape, and Canada. After that he thinks he ought to know where to settle.

G. L. KNAPMAN is in Kenya Colony, and has sent an interesting article, which is printed elsewhere.

MISS K. L. LOMAX has been with the United Dairies for the past two years as Analyst at their Bromley Hayes Depôt—a Casein factory. She has just resigned this post which we hear MISS CLEGG is filling, and intends to spend the summer at home and then take another post.

J. M. MARTIN went to the Derbyshire Farmers' Ltd., on leaving College; but now thinks himself fortunate in having got on a farm as pupil in Ayrshire, about 3 miles from Turnberry.

MISS K. A. MUIR is managing and extensive Poultry Farm at Lower Austen Lodge, Eynsford, Kent.

MISS F. E. NEVILL with her partner, Miss Keane, started Poultry Farming "very modestly" about a year ago with some Downland, 25 hens and an army hut. They now possess a tiny bungalow, about 200 birds and a large family of chicks, and as they do all their own work they find themselves very fully occupied.

MISS D. N. NORMAN is dairymaid on a gentleman's mixed farm of 150 acres in Devon, on which Devons, Shorthorns, and Devon Shorthorns are kept. Scald cream and butter are produced, the calves being fed on the scald milk.

J. M. PECK has just gone out to Canada, and joined Rhys Williams in The National Farm Agency.

W. S. PRITCHARD left his last post with Mr. Ismay, at Iwerne Minster, in December last, and went to Wrenbury, to Trufood Ltd. (one of Lever Bros.' concerns), as Assistant in the Dairy Department. I consider that he has been very fortunate in that he has just recently moved to the position of Assistant to the Works Manager, and is at present going through the whole concern with its various stages of condensing and drying milk into Milk Powders and Baby Foods. A quite interesting job which he likes.

Like the rest of those who were able to get over to play the College Soccer XI, last term he had a very enjoyable time on that day, and was one of those sorry to be unable to attend Sports Day by reason of its altered date. There was, however, a very good rally of O.K.'s on that day—a good sight to behold.

C. W. ROBERTS having finished B.Sc. Agriculture of London University last October, has been appointed Research Assistant to Mr. King.

G. H. RUSSELL, we are glad to hear, has recovered his health, and is hoping to get an appointment at Portsmouth.

MISS J. M. SPENCER, after a short time last summer at Lamcote, bottling Grade "A" and making soft cheese, is now in Sir Thomas Rayden's Dairy, near Birkenhead, bottling, butter making, testing, etc.

MISS E. M. SPURR is Dairy Instructress at Chadacre Agricultural Institute—whither Mr. Syme has gone.

L. A. THOMPSON and J. K. KNOWLES have started Dairy Farming in partnership at Moor Farm, Morley.

J. G. THURLOW was "delighted to receive an invitation to the Sports and Dance, but as there are only three trains a week found it impossible to be there!"—but he hopes to be there in 1922? Farmers out in Rhodesia are very disappointed this year on account of the low rainfall and crops have so suffered that many farmers will only reap about 20 % of a normal crop. But it is a grand country with all its faults, and what is more, strikes are few and far between.



Bindura village appears to be quite a joy place—occasionally they have a dance, a tennis match or a shooting match, and if there happens to be a political meeting—a boxing match. When he wrote they had just had their first picking of cotton, and were having to wait [about two weeks before there would be enough out to pick again. He sends his regards to all his fellow students and the Staff—and like many more, hopes one year to see all old friends again.

MISS E. TOMLINSON is “studying human nature in a small General Hospital” at Luton.

G. F. TURTON commenced farming in April last at Brauncewell Grange. The farm is about 300 acres of light land with some stony land attached, malting barley is the chief crop, and a flock of breeding ewes is kept.

H. VALES has just acquired Crow Park Farm, which keeps him fully occupied.

F. E. WAKERLEY, Agricultural Organiser for Kesteven, and local Assistant Secretary of the O.K.A., tells us that the number of past students now resident in South Lincolnshire is greater than the number who have enrolled as Old Kingstonians. They require shepherding up—“nil desperandum!” (We are glad to hear that Mr. Wakerley is fulfilling his arduous duties! E.C.B.)

MISS B. WALL is now Assistant Instructress in Dairying at the Monmouth Agricultural Institution, and is in charge of the peripatetic work in the county.

A. J. WARD is “attempting to earn his living” on an all grass dairy farm of 175 acres near Ashbourne—the description of what happens when the milk goes sour is unprintable.

MISS D. G. WARDEN is now dividing her time between house-keeping for her father, and working at illuminated lettering. She wishes she were on the land still.

J. E. WELLS, after being assistant to Mr. W. H. Neild on experimental Pot Culture work at Long Ashton, he has been assistant to Mr. Wallace since November, in connection with advisory work on Soil Analysis, etc.

T. L. WHITWORTH, after returning to College for the past Short Course in Agriculture, is now at home in not the best of health, but hopes soon to get a small farm, “or a decent post.”

G. W. WILKINSON, one of the happy band at Leeds, this year is keeping Costings Records on the Nottingham Co-operative Society's Farm at Ruddington.

S. RHYS WILLIAMS writes from Toronto, “I worked for two months on a farm producing “Certified Milk” and milking 132 cows. Spent four months in the bush, logging, 60 miles from the railroad, with the thermometer at its worst at 46° below zero, at which time I managed to freeze both feet—very interesting work, but conditions very rough. Ontario is dry; but up there “they still have a little because they have a little still”—wonderful country, but the wolves will make you cap rise inches. I am now in The National Farm Agency, the biggest in the Empire, being interested in the firm and a director, at the Head Office in Toronto. There are big openings here for your men with small capital.”





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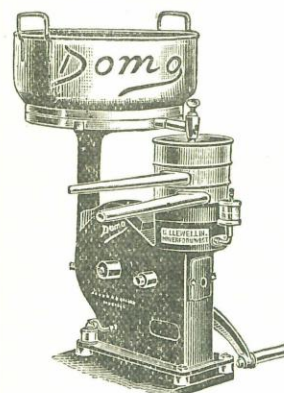
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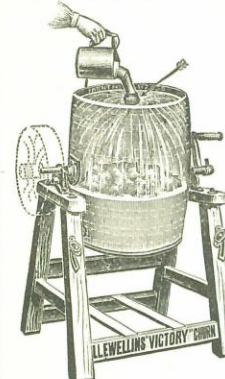
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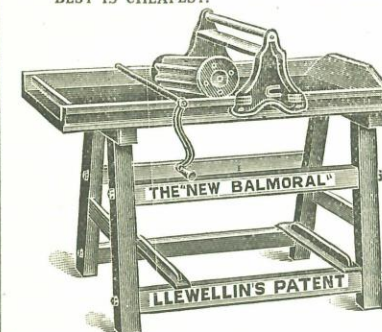
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