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## EDITORIAL

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### *Editorial Staff :*

Mary Anderson, June Ross, Roger Simpson.

### *Committee :*

Mr. Carr, Mr. Binks, Henry Mason, Wendy Herdman, James Moiser, John Greenwell, Frank Pearson.

### *Business Manager :*

Mr. Seed.

### *Readers :*

Miss Nicol and Miss Allison.

Following the policy announced in our last issue, the Committee publishes the Easter Edition, the eighth magazine since July, 1945. *Grammarians* No. 7 was in great demand and Mr. Seed tells us that every copy was bought. A financial statement covering the Christmas and Easter Editions will be published in the Summer Magazine.

Our previous seven issues have provided the Magazine with a solid foundation and as a school institution it has become popular, and we hope, permanent. We recommend all who have the welfare of the Magazine at heart, especially Old Students and Sixth Formers leaving this year, to place a permanent order with Mr. Seed. The *Grammarians* has proved itself the democratic organ of the school's opinion and "another outlet for creative activity," as Mr. Carr said it should, in his letter to the Magazine in 1945, when "A. W. S. onian" was its title.

In our last four pages, this time, we include our very first advertisements. We must stress that the advertisers, knowing our limited circulation, have acted out of good will to the School rather than with any profit-motive, and we urge our readers, as prospective customers to repay this kindly gesture. Another innovation is the photographs of the staff and sports' teams.

We have come to the conclusion that Old Students do not contribute enough material to the magazine's columns. Remembering,

as we do, our previous six Editors, each of whom was well-known for a literary flair, we judge it time to ask them and their friends for letters of criticism and advice, which we will publish.

Unlike the society committees, our Magazine Committee is not elected every year. A representative is elected for the First Year's pupils and this pupil continues to represent his year all the way up the School. If he drops out, his place is filled at the discretion of the Committee. This state of affairs, we feel, is the one flaw in our claim to total democracy. We beg to submit that in future, representatives be elected annually, the Editors being the two representatives of the Upper and Lower Sixth. A more revolutionary proposal has been received from the Fourth Year, desiring to give one representative to each form. We expect to hear readers' views on this matter.

The Editors wish to thank Miss Crossman for the industrious way in which she has typed out articles, J. Nicholson for his meticulously neat posters, Mr. Seed for his energetic organisation, the Readers for their work in correcting and in encouraging the lower forms to send in contributions, Mr. Carr for his guidance as Chairman of the Committee, and most of all, the contributors. The spade-work done by H. Young and Sheila Gracey has been invaluable to the Editors.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We reluctantly bade farewell to Miss Arkless (now Mrs. Robinson) at the end of the Christmas Term. She was very energetic in the societies, especially in the Music Society, and was an all round favourite. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will have many years of happiness together.

Mr. Conroy is welcomed kindly as our new Latin master. He is already very popular in the School, and we hope that he will be very happy with us at Stanley.

Two Old Students who have distinguished themselves recently are Mr. G. Lowen, who has been given the headmastership of Dipton School, and Mr. J. Temperley, who succeeds Mr. Goss as headmaster at East Stanley.

The societies have been going strongly all the term and the film shows organised by Mr. Livesey and Mr. Seed are proving very popular. The Music Society and the Chess Club report falls in membership, but we look upon this as the 'purging' of these worthy institutions to leave a nucleus of real enthusiasts.

Dunelm boys look as though they might win the Football Shield this season—a notable performance, seeing that it is ten years since they won it last.

Among the victims of the photographer this term were the Staff. Rumour had it that the photographs taken after those of the Staff were mysteriously ruined! The camera, however, continued to function as such!

Marjorie Tinkler's name fills the final space on the second Honours' Board in the lower corridor. The modest Sixth taking Higher in July are not unduly worried about a third Board!

The work of the caretaker too often goes unnoticed, but Mr. Jeffery, interested as he is in the school activities, especially the cricket, is very popular, both for his cheerful manner and his efficiency. Several badly-needed innovations about the building are the result of his enterprise.

*Footnote.* All the Editors and Readers are in Neville. Inference . . . . . ?

### LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs,

I noticed in your last issue a scorching remark concerning the racial discrimination in the southern states of the U.S.A. The remark was brought to mind again when I read of the February visit of Paul Robeson to Britain. In recent years we have been disgusted by accounts of how prominent coloured men have been insulted and maltreated even in this country. Learie Constantine, the West-Indian cricketer-lawyer, was asked to leave a London hotel because the other guests did not quite like his presence as a coloured man; Robeson himself has had similar experiences. America is the most prejudiced land in the world in this discrimination, though I do not forget the Malan policy in South Africa. Lynching, public-transport segregation, elections and wild justice, are all among the many hateful devices used by these unenlightened savages of 'the South.'

What is inferior in a coloured man com-

pared with a white man? The coloured athletes Dillard, La Beach, Ewell, Owens, Wint and Bailey, the boxer Louis, and the politicians Gandhi and Jinnah, are among the world's most famous names in their respective professions. Coloured men have a physique generally stronger than white men's; their ability in the medical profession cannot be disputed; with equal opportunities of education they have shown themselves equal to anyone. Most of our universities have a number of coloured students and not only are their examination results equal to our own, but their personalities have earned them high respect among their companions and among the townspeople.

Leading eugenists have deplored the intermingling of coloured and white races on the grounds that a hybrid race will result combining the good qualities of neither. This is surely a fallacy. It is well-known that a mongrel dog will have more energy and intelligence than a pure-blooded animal descended from pure-blood parents, which are usually weakly things from the beginning. The susceptibility of European Royal families in the last few centuries to insanity has been the result of a harsh code of inter-marriage within a well-defined circle of small radius. Therefore it must be thought that a fusion of white and coloured races would produce a sturdier and more progressive race. Environment plays too large a part in shaping our minds and characters to allow us to believe that heredity has such an influence on our destinies. The British especially must see to it that the colonial coloured peoples are given every modern facility to develop, despite the disadvantages of climate and natural surroundings. The Americans are clearly against this on principle, but it is to be hoped that President Truman's Civil Rights Bill will rectify much of the wrongs suffered at present by the negro in the U.S.A. This much at least is due in the cause of humanity, even if an intermingling of white and coloured peoples is not desired. John Stuart Mill has summed up my feeling in this condemnation of racial discrimination: "Of all vulgar modes of escaping from the consideration of the effect of social and moral influences on the human mind, the most vulgar is that of attributing the diversities of conduct and character to inherent natural differences." Not only is liberty denied to the American negroes, but even equality also.

Yours etc.,

OLD STUDENT.









































