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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Life in the Association has been full of interest, and not wholly unsuccessful, since I last wrote to you. On Sports Day, a number of energetic Old Boys ran against the School and, surprisingly enough, won; perhaps this is not so surprising, really, because they allowed the schoolboys to run against each other all the afternoon, and when they were dog-tired, the aforesaid O.A.s stepped in, fresh as daisies (?), challenged them to a race or two, and just managed to reach the tape first. Another pleasant afternoon we spent being thoroughly thrashed at cricket by the School 1st XI, although out of our defeat emerged two old Old Boys (or old men?) with flying honours, having saved the side from ignominious defeat. Then there was camp, which leaves behind it a trail of pleasant memories. We remember

a party of O.A.s setting out to see the sights and ending up by being conducted around Ottery St. Mary gas-works. There was also the gentleman who tried to sell his return ticket to Manchester for sixpence (for altruistic reasons) and who hitched home instead; the last we heard of him, he was in Bristol thumbing a lift: apparently, a car stopped for him, and on enquiring of the driver, he found its destination was Altrincham; further enquiries revealed it was going to Bath Street; whereupon our friend is

reported to have said: "Sorry, you're no use to me—I want to go to Barrington Road." I also remember playing my part in the Old Altrinchamians' Massed Band by beating the big drum (a corrugated iron roof!) with a mallet, and the celebration afterwards with a tin of Russian crab. One or two of us have memories of that long dark tortuous path back to Ladram (with the Dagenham Girl Pipers) imprinted on places other than in our minds, but there is one thing that I did learn which I must pass on to you: when Chatty is around, be careful, or else you will be going around as I was at the end of camp singing "Somebody stole my girl." But more of this later from the Ancient Camper himself.

The number of O.A.s in Africa seems to be on the increase. J. N. Campbell tells us that J. D. Mason and H. C. Mason are in Bulawayo with him, and now Jimmy Ainsworth has gone to Mufilira on the borders of Northern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo to mine copper. The former (i.e., J.N.C.) supposes in his last letter that the Memorial Tennis Court is now in full swing. Since nothing has appeared to the contrary in the magazine I suppose he is quite justified in coming to this conclusion; but in actual fact the tennis court, after a change of site, and new tenders and so on, is materialising only very slowly, and it refuses to be pushed any faster.

We have recently heard that an Old Boy of this School, Edward J. Waterhouse, has been appointed as the fifth Director of Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, in succession to Dr. Gabriel Farrell who retires after twenty years as the fourth Director. The following is an extract from the official citation:—

"Edward J. Waterhouse is a graduate of Cambridge University, England. He holds the degrees of B.A. and M.A. Coming to this country in 1930, he became a member of the Perkins staff in 1933. In 1934, he married Sina Fladeland, who since 1923 has been a teacher of speech correction at Perkins. They have a twelve-year-old daughter.

