

The powers that be have now released for publication the news that January was a very wet month. We imagined that this might have been the case, having got wet through several times, but are glad to have it confirmed! It is also announced that in addition to having been the wettest January for 40 years, the month had more sunshine than usual, but we regard this as a rather obvious propaganda attempt to reinforce our morale! As a matter of fact our morale does not particularly need reinforcing, for the month's war news has given us quite a lot in that direction. We just say to ourselves the magic words 'Tripoli', 'Rostov', 'Guadalcanal' and 'Casablanca', and we feel better at once.

As regards Campden itself, among other items of news recently announced we notice the following:- The gift of an Almshouse (cost £1000); the building of a commodious Market House in the town (costing £90), and gifts to the Parish Church comprising a Bell, a Pulpit, a Gallery, a Window, a Brass Falcon, two Communion Cups, the building of the roof of the Chancel, repair of the Chapel by the said Chancel and the walling of the Churchyard! H.B. On looking into the matter we find that these benefactions were made about 250 years ago by Baptist Hicks, 1st Viscount Campden, and we have been rightly reminded of some of our debts to those in the past. Campden owes much of its material beauty to the efforts of men who lived long ago; and it owes even more to generations of forgotten men and women who have handed down a tradition of right thinking and right living that we in our day must do all in our power to maintain and carry on.

The catalogue of modern Campden's doings during the last month contain the following items:- The repair of the Almshouses is practically finished and the houses are being reoccupied; the improved sanitary and cooking arrangements are a great boon. --Mr J. Mare announces that Campden's War Savings for January have reached nearly £5 per head of the population, a most encouraging performance. --The Boys' Club on Feb. 13th gave at the Grammar School Hall a successful rendering of 2 plays, "Flowers of Coal" (produced by Anthony Thomas) and "The Invisible Duke" (produced by Molly Thomas). --The Debating Society has discussed "Reprisals" and also the thesis that "the progress of Science has decreased the sum total of the happiness of man". --The 'Cotswold Winter Evenings' latest event was a delightful lecture by Mr Kaines-Smith on "Adventures among Pictures". --Coming events include a C.E.M.A. Concert on Feb. 28th at Cotswold House Hotel with Brahms's music by the Zorian String Quartet, also a play sometime in March arranged by the Campden Dramatic Society.

Our Post Bag contains an Airgraph letter from Cliff Eales (9757659 W Draft, 2nd Training Sqdn, RAC Base Depot, MEF) who arrived in Egypt on New Years Day. "Please tell Toe II that I am carrying Campden's greetings around with me as I go. So far I have been to a Toe II meeting at our last post, and last night I visited a Group here (sorry I can't give you place names). Please convey my greetings and best wishes to Toe II members and don't forget to let me have the ever welcome Newsletter!" A letter also came from Mrs C. Eales who is at Stratford on Avon, in which she mentions that Fred Jones has been stationed for the past 16 months at Blandford in Dorset. ----- We are glad to hear of and from these friends and take the opportunity of reminding all our readers that letters are always welcome. They would add to the usefulness of this Newsletter in constituting a link between the 200 Campden men and women serving in the Forces.

Some Schoolboy Howlers (certainly not from any of the local schools) Grammar! The plural of forget-me-not is forget-us-not! The plural of penny is twopence! The masculine of lady-bird sounds as if it should be gentleman-bird-but it looks funny!

Literature- Wordsworth wrote "Imitations of Immorality".
History- The chief clause in Magna Carta was that no free man should be put to death without his own consent. Clive imprisoned a large number of men in the Black Hole of Calcutta and so laid the foundations of the British Empire. Queen Elizabeth was never married. She had a peaceful reign. Natural History- From Australia we get wine from a bird called the Emu. Geography- The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are connected by the Suez Canal.

For the quieter moment

"He who is too busy to pray is busier than God would have him be."
"Who serves himself serves a slave; who rules himself, rules a king."

-----Cheerio everybody.-----

Correspondence this month includes a welcome letter from Rev. Mark Green, who will be well remembered by many Campden men; he is serving as Chaplain in East Anglia at a large Infantry Training Centre (where are many men from Gloucester and Gloucestershire), also at a Motor Boat Company of the RASC and at a Military Hospital. He writes "Thank you so much for sending the N/letter on so faithfully month by month... I often think of Campden and the very happy years I spent there. In particular will you give my greetings to Toc II. I often think of the good evenings we used to have, not less good because of the fierce arguments!" His home address is 20 Pelham St., London, SW7, and he would be glad to hear from any of his old friends. We are glad to hear again from LAC J. Chamberlain 1149959 RAF Indian Command; in an Airgraph letter he says "Just to let you know how much I appreciate the monthly N/letter which I have received very regularly since coming to this country. It seems to shorten the distance that separates me from my dear old England and all those I love; and I can assure you that every scrap of news is eagerly devoured. I was very sorry to hear of the death of LAC Keeley and my sympathy goes out to his dear parents. My very kindest regards to all Toc II members."

Our Dialect Correspondent writes:- "A couple of our Campden small boys, on one of our many sunny days recently, were going round the corner and we overheard one of them say - 'Looking shadder yunt cumin wi me, o's a goin up ther' and he pointed to the shadow climbing the wall. Wouldn't you just like to hear the dialect again now?"

The same friend (J.W.) comes forward with the suggestion for a new feature for the Newsletter, viz, a list of your comrades serving, what they are in, and a general idea of where they are; and he offers List No. 1 - Sheep Street, Westington and Catbrook, as follows:- Home Front: Major Naumann, Rifle Bde; F/Sgt Arthur Drinkwater, RAF; Sgt G. Drinkwater, Glosters; Cpl F. Hopkins, Worsters; Cpl F. Gladwin, RAF; Cpl A. Warmington, RAF; Lac J. Mc Grale, RAF; Acw F. Benfield, WAAF; Ac J. Shadbolt, RAF; L/cpl A. Newman, Pioneer; Driver O. Stanley, RASC. Egypt and Middle East: Sqdn/Ldr C. Payne, RAF; Sgt Ted Smith, RAF; Meck/QMS J. Meadows, RE; Lac Allan Drinkwater, RAF; Ac J. Cherry, RAF; Pto T. Meadows, RASC; Sapper E. James, RE; Driver H. Blake, RASC; Canada: Ac W. Guest, RAF; Iceland: Lac Arnold Drinkwater, RAF; North Africa: L/cpl Rep Bennett, Pioneers; Unknown Address: Sapper E. Cherry, RE; and C. Keeley. In succeeding N/letters we hope to be able to give further lists of men and women coming from the Campden Districts. If any are eventually inadvertently omitted, will those concerned please let us have a reminder.

We most cordially congratulate Mr and Mrs Harold Pymont on receiving news of their son Desmond. After being reported missing in the Far East, an inaccurate report was received that he had been located in Ceylon; and now 13 months later the War Office has notified that he is alive and a P.O.W. in Borneo. Our deep sympathy has been with them in the anxious time through which they have passed and we rejoice with them in the new hope that is theirs.

Campden's "Wings for Victory" Week is to be May 29-June 5 and plans are being prepared for a great and worthy effort. It is planned that the target for the whole N/Cotswold District shall be £225000; while that for Campden and its adjacent villages is £60000. Further particulars will be given next month. In the meantime we hope that where possible Campden men with the Forces may find a way of taking a part in the realization of our aim.

Events in Campden during the month include the following:- An Instrumental Concert in connection with the "Cotswold Winter Evenings" and under the auspices of C.E.M.A. was given on Feb. 28th. A large audience in the Cotswold House Hotel Dining Room (kindly lent by Mrs J. Hargreaves) listened to the music of Haydn, Debussy and Brahms, rendered by the Zorian String Quartet. On March 5th and 6th the Campden Dramatic Society presented the play "The late Christopher Bean" (Emlyn Williams). It was a most enjoyable performance and evidently appreciated by the full houses drawn.

Now some genuine Howlers actually heard recently in Campden.

- (1) "When the Highland Gardeners were here". (Do you recognise a famous British Regiment here?)
- (2) "I hear the Red Army has captured Miasma." (Hope it didnt bring malaria!)
- (3) "His voice is as deep as a boomerang." (I suppose the 'boom' comes back at you!)
- (4) "You know, he is a worker in non-ferocious metals." (Not making armaments, evidently!)

Last Word "Opportunity is the swiftest bird that flies."
C h e e r i o e v e r y b o d y .

This is the B.B.C. Home & Overseas News Service for April. To avoid confusion it may be explained that "B.B.C." here refers to "Braw Beautiful Campden" which as all Campdonians know, well describes our home town. April has brought out the prunus and almond blossom and now the plum trees are showing white and beautiful here and in all the country round. The best we could wish you all is that you were here to see it. Also nothing changes the quiet grave beauty of the centuries old houses, unaltered by time. Dr C.E.M. Joad commented the other day "I have seen the Parthenon of Athens and Milan Cathedral; but you can have every stone of them if you leave me Chipping Campden High Street." Well, we take it humbly but proudly, though Campden needs no testimonials, for it is in our hearts. And the day draws steadily nearer when you will see it again - and may that time not be long in coming!

As to actual news there is as usual nothing very exciting. It is the information we get from the war zones, especially from overseas, that is our chief excitement; and there is surely much to encourage and stimulate us just now. Things are undoubtedly moving towards the great climax. Meanwhile we are trying to carry on with our part. All our local war services are running well, in a high state of efficiency and ready for every eventuality. We hope to make a good showing at the end of May in Wings for Victory week. An echo of our North Cotswold Warships week effort was heard on April 7th when Rear Admiral Sir Robert Hornell KBE, DSO, presented to the N. Cotswold R.D.C. a plaque from the Admiralty to commemorate the Warships Week success; and Gen. McCalmont presented a plaque from the district to be affixed in H.M.S. Cotswold as a reminder of the N. Cotswold connection with the ship. The plaque was made by Messrs Pymont of Campden. Campden War Savings are going ahead and the latest report is that we raised during the last six months over 10/- per head per week in War Savings.

Other items of interest connected with the more usual life of the town are as follows:- (a) Poppetts Alley, so well known to all Campdonians, is being demolished. It took its name from a Miss Poppett who owned the property in the 18th century. Incidentally it contained one of the smallest gargoyles in Campden, a dolphin head through the open mouth of which the rain water formerly passed. (b) Mr Harold Pymont has been appointed a Justice of the Peace; we congratulate him - and ourselves! (c) The Cotswold Winter Evenings closed its winter session by a meeting on March 29th at which Mr D.R. Dudley (Reading University) gave a most interesting talk on "Lewis Mumford - a modern American humanist". (d) The Annual Meeting of the British & Foreign Bible Society was held on March 30th in the Church Room; the speaker was Mr W.J. Wiseman who spoke on "Russia and England 1812-1943".

Now here is List No. 2 of Campden men & women serving in the forces. (List 1 was given last month) England: - Private Joan Donne, ATS (Fanny); Private Jessie Bunker, ATS; Driver P. Jolly, ATS; Private Ben Hopkins, RAOC; A/c. W.E. Bruce, RAF; Private Sylvia Gabb, ATS; Lieut. George P. Hart, AA. RA; Lac. Stella Hart, WAAF; Sergt. Henry Hart, RASC; Ac Stanley Knott, RAF; Lac. R.H. Smith, RAF; Lac. M.J. Smith, WAAF; Lac. D.H. Smith, WAAF; Private Thos Haines, (Canadian Army, England); Private E. Lockyer, RSignals; Dawn Thompson; Olive Thompson; Lieut. R. Margreaves, Paratroops; Flt Sgt Ray Brown, WAAF; 2nd Lieut. Harry Gabb, AA. RA; Sgt Freddy Coldicot, AA. RA; Private Jack Baldwin, RASC; Scotland: Major James Margreaves, Pioneer; Major Douglas Spittal, AA. RA; Ac Ronnie Walters, RAF; Overseas: Private Alfred Keen, RASC; St. Sgt A. Haydon, REHE; DGMS T. Haydon, AA. RA; Private P. Haydon, R. Marines; Sig. J. Tucker, RCS; Gnr F.W. Bruce, RA; Prisoner of War: Sgt Desmond Pymont, RE (Borneo). Correspondence: Spr E.J. James, (RE) MEF, writes a letter dated 22/10/42 wishing us all a Happy Xmas and a bright and better New Year. (The wish arrived late but is none the less welcome.) We congratulate him on his recovery from illness. While at Base Camp he met 'Billy Booker from Station Road'. Flies and mosquitos are the chief worry but he keeps smiling. We are sorry the Joke section has had to be omitted this number for lack of space and we conclude with this month's SIGNAL:-
"Keep your faith! Keep your temper! Keep your wicket up!"

Cheerio everybody, cheerio.

Campden. May 1943. Toc. H. Newsletter No. 44.

May is here! And as we write the sun is shining but a cold wind is blowing from the N.E. to warn us I suppose in the words of the old adage "No'er cast a clout till May is out". In these days of shortages of clothes coupons that may not be without its advantages; for we comfort ourselves with the other old adage "It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good".

The Easter season brought many visitors to Campden, and it has been a familiar sight to see G. Haysun's bus going and coming crowded to the door with sitting and standing passengers. But now the Easter holidays are over, the schools are in full swing, and we return to more normal life until in a few more weeks Whitsun comes round.

Events since our last letter have been varied, gay and grave, important and trivial and life runs its round. Among the sad things has been the loss to our community of two friends well known to most of you. Mr. J.S. Reeve passed away at Cheltenham Hospital on April 20th; he came to Campden in 1902 with the Guild of Handicrafts and left a few years later to take a position as Art Master at the Leicester College of Arts. He retired to Campden six years ago. "He was a craftsman in the highest sense of the word.... a valued friend, and his sudden death leaves a sad blank in Campden". We regret also to announce the death of Mr Frogley, for some years Manager of Messrs Elsleys on the High Street. He had been ill for several months and died on May 2nd. He will be much missed in the life of our town.

Of news of a less sombre character there is not a great deal to report. The Boys' Club has moved to its new premises in Peyton House and has acquired thereby a very suitable and comfortable home for its activities. ... Furniture sales have always proved a great attraction in Campden and the one held recently in Messrs Pymont's yard was no exception. All Campden seemed to be there for the day and among the many buyers we noticed that "Teapot" occupied a prominent place. A circus was advertised to visit us on April 23rd but for some unknown reason did not materialise.

The Church Bells are ringing again on Sundays, much to the pleasure and we trust the profit of all good people.

Correspondence (of which we should be glad to have more). We have been glad to hear from Signalman E. Lockyer (14523149, Sqad. 2B. 6TTB. RS) who writes from Yorkshire; he tells us "I am in a very windy spot up here. It is no fun being up on top of a 26 foot pole with the wind blowing like that. The only fun we get out of it is when we come down on terra firma and say to our Yorkshire pals 'Ee lad, it were right draughty up theer'. I had the pleasure of meeting a Mickleton man the other day; we didn't get each other's names so I can't tell you who it was. He stopped me and asked if I came from Campden as he thought he recognised me. It was a great pleasure I can assure you". Mr Packe of Broad Campden gives news of his son Capt A.H. Packe KRRC. He is one of the officers at the new leave camp opened in Palestine for troops from the Middle East. He writes that in March the wild flowers were beyond description, the red anemone specially predominating. He has an Italian servant who puts flowers on his tent table.

Our 3rd list of those serving: - Home Forces: Spr C. Cole (RE), Sgt Jack Davis (AA), Gnr Chas Blakeman (AA), Lac Bert Hathaway (RAF), Cpl Fred Cross (Worcesters), Pte Alwin Keeley (Closters), Bdr Cyril Harris (RAF), Dvr Geo Bates (RA), Fanny Bates (WRNS), Gnr Percy Broderidge (RA), Pte F. Wheatcroft (NCC), A/c W. Blakeman (RAF), Miss Grace Blakeman (NAAFI), Gnr Will Taylor (RA), Cpl Norah Hartley (ATS), Cpl R. Cherry (RAF), Cadet Jas. Buntan (RA. OCTU), Lac/w Simpson Reid (WAAF), Sgt Stanford Nicholls (CMP). H. Africa: L/Sgt F. Benfield (RE), Cpl Val Hobbs (RASC), S. Africa: Normal Powell (RAF), India: A/c Evan Smith (RAF). Royal Navy: O/s F. Benfield, Dr L. Mortimer, Sig. E. Bennett, Lsa Joe Rock.

Anecdote: (1) On Johnny's first day at school he sat weeping copiously and nothing could stop him. At last his teacher said "You shouldn't cry like this - you will be going home to dinner in a few minutes." Johnny's face at once brightened with a look of relief as he said "I thought I had got to stay till I was 14." (2) Neighbour: "We're going to live in a nicer neighbourhood soon." Next door neighbour: "So are we." Neighbour: "Really! I didn't know you were moving." N.D.N. "We're not, we're staying here."

Something to remember -- "Respect isn't what others think of you: it's what you think of yourself."

C H E E R I O E V E R Y B O D Y.

Good morning everybody - to those who have just received their mail. This is the News from Campden for June 1943 and the Editor is writing! Time marches on towards the end of the 4th year of war, but we are all sharing with you in the encouragement the recent war news has brought. Hard times still lie before us but we feel we are at last coming to grips with the common enemy and that great and decisive events are not far ahead. So carry on everybody and expect great things from God!

Here are some of the June Headlines from the Home Front. The Home Guard Anniversary was celebrated on May 16th by a large parade of men from the district, at which the salute was taken by Captain Spencer Churchill; and a Service was held at the Parish Church, the Vicar preaching the sermon. On the same day fell Empire Youth Sunday, in connection with which a United Service was held at the Baptist Church; all the youth organisations from Campden, Weston, Mickleton, Ebrington, Burnt Norton and Blockley were represented at this service and helped to make a very inspiring gathering. Rev. O.P.J. Smith gave a short address. Wings for Victory Week (May 29-June 5) was a great and notable success, despite not too favourable weather. A most creditable programme was arranged by the committee (Messrs P.S. Winter, R. Lunn, A. Hicks, J. Mare, A.S. Fymont) and enthusiastically carried out. Space forbids all the details of the events that crowded the week--its country, morris, children's, folk and maypole dances, its Home Guard, P.T., Cadets, Scouts, Guides, ATC, Red Cross and Schools demonstrations;--its competitions, bands, whist drives, Church parade and its 3 plays, "Heaven on Earth", "The Ugly Duckling" (C. Dramatic Society) and "Birds of a Feather" (C. Boys' Club) given at the Grammar School twice. The financial results were thoroughly good, Campden reaching £38258 (Target 32500); Campden District (i.e. Campden, Ebrington, Mickleton, Weston and Willersey) made £92398 (Target 60000); while the whole N. Cotswold Area totalled £300859 (Target 225000).

We announce the 4th list of men and women serving in the Forces
 England: Lac/w R.O. Loughlin (WAAF), 1st Lieut. G. Phipps (AA.RA), Gr W. Plested (AA), Sgt Harrison, Driver G. Smith (RASC), Ronald Sadler (RAF), M. Trigg (RAF),
 Royal Navy: Lewis Sharpe, Comm. Officer Wheatcroft. India: Gr J. Harris.
 Rhodesia: Geoffrey Howell (RAF). Address Unknown: --Cruttwell, --Hamilton.

Correspondence:- Lieut. Gale from Milford Haven, writes a word of thanks for the Newsletter and remarks that "the introduction of 'Whos who' has proved extremely interesting. I just can't visualize some of the people mentioned as grown ups; one still imagines them as youngsters." F.R. Ashdown assures us that our "cheery and informative publication has real value to those once associated with Campden who are now scattered far and wide... Your N/letters go from me to Richmond (Yorks) Toc H, and through them to soldiers in the Catterick area, so there is no telling when their usefulness is quite spent." Sig. E.E. Bennett has just returned from a successful trip across the Atlantic on convoy escort duties, "which at present are not very pleasant, but the job has to be done and the saying is 'The convoy must go through' and it will take someone better than Jerry to stop us". He sends best wishes to all Toc H members etc.

A Gloucestershire story from "That mon again".
 Ello Bwoys! Yers quite a good yarn un a true un too. One of our old Campdonians (you all know him well) wuz a talkin t' Mr --- tother day, un e sez "Ah fir Swank (that yunt is name) now I wants t' ask you a question; con you tell me the diffrunce between Remembering an Recollecting?" "No Joe" wuz the reply "I'm afraid I cant. Why?" "Ah, well, d'you remember borrowin my dibber some time ago?" "Oh yes, I remember that quite well". "Ah well, do you recollect givin it me back?" "No, I cant say I do." "Well that must be th'diffrunce then; I knowed ther wuz a diffrunce!" "I'll go an get it for you, and here's two bob, go an get yourself a drink quick fer that." "Ah, thank you very much; now thats the fust time my eddication ever earned me anything." So long. See tha at Scuttlebrook

Something to make a note of :-

"He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

Cheerio.

Campden in the Cotswolds is but a small place, but like the city set on an hill, it cannot be hid! That its name and fame spread far into the world is evidenced by interesting letters received from two of our correspondents. Listen to this from MSM J. Meadows (1868378, RE. No. 2 Engineer Workshop, MEF):- "It is surprising how often one sees references to Campden in papers and periodicals. Lately I read of the 'Campden Wonder' in the 'Outspan' published in the Union of S. Africa; and I saw a photo of Child Evacuees having lunch at Campden, in our local weekly 'Parade', and a picture of the Church and Almshouses on the back cover of the 'Motor Cycle', and so on. It is quite pleasant and surprising." Further in reference to our monthly lists of serving men and women he says "I hadn't realized that so many from Campden are serving in the Forces. So far I have only met my brother and Cpl John Chamberlain of the RAF." And this from LAC Arnold A. Drinkwater, AA(1015367, Reykjavik, Iceland):- "I was at the Pictures in town and they showed a small film of country places; and what do you think was among them? Well it was Stoney Lane years ago, long before they built the stone houses up there - the only building you can see is what we used to call Fred Keeley's sheds. Now just imagine, what would make one want to get home to the old place again after seeing that?" He also refers to our Serving Lists and says "I must honestly say that 'J.W.' has brought a good bit of news to us with his suggestion of sending us the names of all our pals in the forces. Believe me it is great to know where they all are and who has gone overseas." Another letter comes from Lieut. G.P. Hart (180 HAA Bty. RA, BNAF) who writes out of 'the terrific heat' of N. Africa, expressing appreciation of the Newsletter and wishing all the boys and girls serving good hunting and a safe and speedy return home. He concludes "Well, keep the old flag flying".

Obituary It is with great regret we report the death of L/Cpl Repton Bennett of the 141 Company of the Pioneer Corps and son of Mr & Mrs J. Bennett of Sheep Street. He passed away at a Hospital in Tunisia on June 28th as the result of an accident while on duty. His commanding officer wrote that he lies in the English Military Cemetery near Tunis and adds that "he was greatly esteemed by every member of his unit." Sgt Broom also wrote "We too have suffered a great loss, as he was liked and respected by all of us. We are proud to have been his comrades. I myself have known him for a long time and a strong friendship had developed between us. May I say that the boys and I are honoured to share your grief at this sad time." All who know him will join in this tribute to Repton Bennett and in our sympathy with his parents and family. A memorial service was held in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening July 11th.

The 5th List of Campden men and women serving in the Forces. (We have been unable to ascertain particulars of rank and present location of some and would be glad to receive information. Ed.) Home Forces:- Jessie Griffiths, ATS; Gunner G.F. Crosswell, AA; Cpl F.R. Ashdown, Pioneers; Sapper C. Cole, Pioneers; L. Shorts, AA; A. Cooper, AA; R. Trollope, AA; Cpl Gordon James, AA; Lieut. W. Leadbeater, Wors. Rgt; Gunner H. Cole, AA; Lieut. J.E. Hadley, Warwick Rgt; L/Sgt J. Cotterell, S/Light Rgt; Gunner A.A. Mayo, AA; Gunner W. Merriman, RA; Gunner J. Keeley, AA; Royal Navy:- Lieut. D. Bower; M.E.F.:- C. Eales, Tanks; S. Alcock, RAOC; Trooper A.F. Hawtin, Yeomanry; L. Swaiter, Tanks. B.N.A.F.:- Driver Wm Capers, RASC; L/Bdr R. Leadbeater, AA; Rev. H. Green, C.F. U.S.A.:- F. Leadbeater, RH; India:- Lieut. G.T. Gillespy, RA. East Africa:- Major A.G. Ellis, RE. Unknown Location:- F. Jones, RE; Gunner Errys Jones, RA; D.H. Jones, RAF; J.G. Jones, RAF; Gordon Teague, RASC; A. Blakeman, RA; C. Nicholson, RA; A.H. Burso, RA; J. Cranke, RAF; W. Payne, RAF.

Campden Events since our last issue have been few. The Scouts Garden Fete at Shepherds Close was very successful and was notable by a visit from Admiral Evans ("Of the Broke"). The Girls Club Garden Fete at Westington Hill was, in such delightful surroundings much enjoyed and the pleasure was increased by the dancing display of the Tudor Hall girls.

The Month's Story is of an Irishman in Hongkong who was taking a newcomer round and showing off his familiarity with things Chinese. "And can you read that, Pat?" asked the friend pointing to a silken banner with 4 Chinese characters on it. "No, I can't read that" said Pat, "but if I had my fiddle I could play it!"

Last word "Run the straight race, through God's good grace."

Cheerio.