

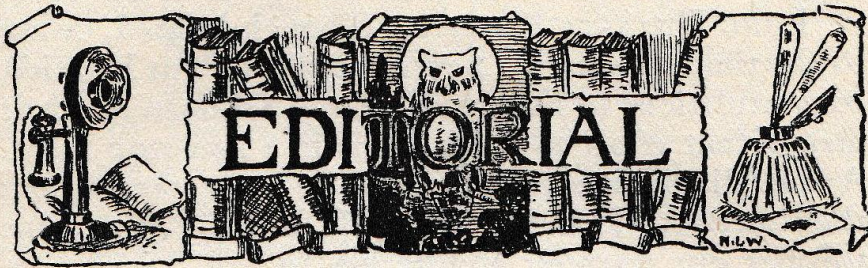
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**M**IDSUMMER, 1927.—It is a moot point, when an Editor sits down to write his Editorial, as to which presents to him the greater difficulty, that of having too little to say or too much to say. But when, as in the present case, he is faced with the problem of having to comment on many comparatively small matters, with a few big exceptions, then indeed his plight is sad.

But let us first mention the big matters. First and foremost among events this term is :

**THE HALTON AERO CLUB.**—We must congratulate heartily all those who were instrumental in building and tuning up the “Mayfly” to enable her to compete in the Air Pageant at Hamble, Hampshire ; and further congratulate the pilot, Ft. Lt. C. F. le Poer Trench, on his skill in enabling the machine to win the Louis Mountbatten Cup, a photograph of which, together with that of the “Mayfly,” appears in this issue.

As we hand over our notes to the printer, news of a further success has come to hand. On June 23rd at Bristol, the “Mayfly,” flown again by Ft. Lt. Trench, was again successful, by winning the Selfridge Challenge Cup.

By kind permission of the *Western Daily Press*, we are able to publish a very striking photo taken at Bristol, which we think will be new to most of our readers.

The Magazine Committee are in a special degree pleased with these results, as the Committee were one of the first to support by financial encouragement the Halton Aero Club.

May further success attend the efforts of the Club.

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS.—Though belated, owing to the time of issue, we nevertheless offer our heartiest congratulations to Ft. Lts. Carr and Gillman on their magnificent effort to reach India in a non-stop flight. A splendid failure can at times be more meritorious than success. It is also fitting in a R.A.F. magazine to offer our warmest admiration to Col. Lindbergh, A.F.C., of U.S.A., on his record-making non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic. The fact that His Majesty the King received him at Buckingham Palace and invested him with the Air Flying Cross, shows what His Majesty and the country as a whole think of this achievement.

Then further we have the flight of 25,000 miles, arranged by the Air Ministry of four Service Supermarine Napier all-metal machines, starting from Felixstowe to India, Singapore, circuit of Australia, and thence to Singapore.

A/A.'s now under training, stirred by these and other great achievements and conceptions, ought to be dreaming dreams of high adventure and service.

HALTON MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.—It may interest readers to know that at the last meeting of the Magazine Committee, it was decided to co-opt on to the Committee a representative from each Wing. The representatives who have undertaken this work are: No. 1 Wing, Wing-Commander B. E. Sutton, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.; No. 2 Wing, Ft. Lt. E. K. Blenkinsop; No. 4 Wing, Ft. Lt. J. W. Jean, D.S.M.

We feel sure that this arrangement will be of profit to the Magazine Committee, and will help towards maintaining and, if possible, increasing the efficiency of the Magazine.

In this connection we should like to add that the A/A.'s Advisory Committee, under the enthusiastic chairmanship of Mr. Kermode, has been of great service to us, both in the way of advice and suggestion, and in the encouragement of intending, and even reluctant, contributors.

We cannot conclude this paragraph without an appreciation of the work of Capt. Neville and Mr. Harrison, Sales and Advertisement Managers respectively, who have now left the Magazine Staff. On behalf of the Magazine Committee we take this opportunity of thanking them for the arduous and important, and at times, perhaps, uncongenial work, which they have accomplished.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Literary and Art Editors are very glad to note that the number of contributors and contributions to this number of the Magazine has increased very considerably. It is of course impossible to make use of every contribution submitted, and in some cases improvements are required. But it is hoped that all contributors will get into touch with the Editors and continue to submit contributions, and not be discouraged if their contributions are not immediately accepted.

It is an excellent sign that so many more contributors are submitting their work, for it enables the Editor to have a larger range of articles from which to choose, therefore increasing the standard of the Magazine.

The Editor has decided to present a complimentary copy of the Magazine to every contributor whose work is published in the Magazine.

Attention is directed to page 101, where the Literary and Art Editors give a few hints to intending contributors.

FINANCE.—We have made a slight innovation in the present issue. We are publishing a Balance Sheet of last year (Jan.-Dec., 1926) to enable our readers to see how the Magazine Funds are spent. In future this will be published in each Easter issue. It has been pointed out before that the Magazine plays a very useful part in Station life by encouraging financially and sympathetically various activities in the life of Halton Camp.

DAEDALUS.—Since we last went to press a new magazine has been born. The *Daedalus* is the

Magazine started in connection with the Old Boys' Association and contains all the news and the doings of Old Boys. We congratulate heartily the Editor, Mr. D. E. Williams, and his Staff on its first appearance, which is most artistic in production, and excellent in matter. We wish it a prosperous career.

VALE.—We have at the end of this term to bid farewell to the 10th Entry, who pass out from Halton. Originally entered at Cranwell, its members were transplanted to Halton last September, and soon settled down to the Station life. Many of its members having helped considerably in the activities of the Station, such as theatricals, sports, debates, etc. In this connection we would like to congratulate G. V. Buckler on winning the Elliott Memorial prize, and G. W. M. Dunn on being runner-up. Both these A/A.'s belong to the 10th Entry.

We wish the Entry the best of luck and a prosperous career.

BATTLEFIELDS TOUR, 1927.—Under the enthusiastic leadership of Capt. Fanstone and Mr. Kermode, a party of forty A/A.'s will again tour Belgium this summer. Great as was the success of last year's tour, we understand that this year's tour promises to be even more successful and entertaining.

We envy the members of the party and wish them bon voyage.

MISCELLANEOUS : (1) *Photographs*.—It was decided at the last meeting of the Magazine Committee that in future, as far as the Apprentices' Wings were concerned, only photographs of winning Wing Teams in each sport should be published. We feel that this is the most equitable system. This does not include any special photographs of teams or individuals of outstanding merit, to whatever section of the Station they belong.

(2) *Bound Volumes*.—We should like to draw the attention of our readers to the fact that bound volumes consisting of three copies, i.e. one year's issue, can be obtained for the cost of 4/-.

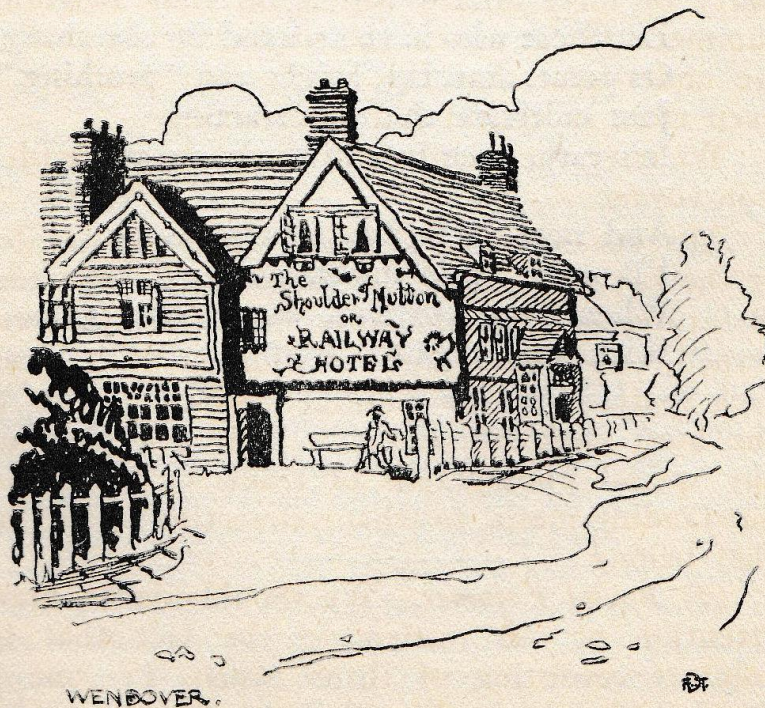
Our year starts with the Easter issue. Should, however, any reader care to produce his own back numbers of the Magazine, the cost of binding only is 2/6.

A specimen copy can be seen in the Magazine Office (The School Room No. 40) at any time.

(3) *Competitions.*—We wish to bring to notice that we have revived the Competitions Column at the request of the Apprentices' Advisory Committee. We hope that the work expended in editing this column will be justified by the contributions submitted. Two special competitions have been arranged to appeal to the artists and good penmen on the Station.

IN CONCLUSION.—We hope that Parents' Day, July 16th, will prove an unqualified success, both in numbers, and, perhaps even more important, in weather. Given those two factors, we feel sure that it will be an enjoyable day for everybody concerned.

Lastly we wish all our readers a good Summer Leave.



## Our £10,000 Prize Competition.

AMAZING OFFER BY THE HALTON MAGAZINE.

**B**Y the time this issue of the Magazine is on sale the Channel Swimming Season will be close at hand. In view of this, and stirred to enthusiasm by the recent magnificent non-stop flights from America to Europe, the *Halton Magazine* has decided to offer prizes to the value of £10,000 to the first persons to swim the Atlantic Ocean non-stop from New York to the coast of France. There will be three classes, as follows :

(a) Open event. Five thousand pounds will be paid to the first registered reader of the *Halton Magazine*, irrespective of nationality, sex or colour of hair and eyes, who successfully swims the Atlantic Ocean.

(b) Limited to Aircraft Apprentices. The prize in this instance will be three thousand pounds and a complimentary copy of the Christmas Number of the *Halton Magazine*.

(c) Limited to grandmothers and great-grandmothers. The prize will be two thousand pounds and a glass of milk.

The use of water-wings will not be allowed. The decision of the Competition Editor will be final and legally binding, and no correspondence will be entered into with competitors in mid-Atlantic. All intending entrants should read the following rules carefully and fill in the Coupon printed below.

### RULES.

(Failure to comply with which will entail instant disqualification).

(1) All entrants must be registered readers of the *Halton Magazine*.

(2) The serial, dramatic, film and musical rights that may accrue from the successful attempt will be the absolute property of the *Halton Magazine*.

(3) Competitors may carry umbrellas in case of showers during the crossing.

(4) In Class (b) only Service Rations may be taken during the attempt.

(5) The Editorial Staff of the *Halton Magazine* and



members of the Magazine and Boys' Committees, are absolutely barred from taking part in the contest.

(6) The Competition Editor's decision is final and very legally binding.

COUPON.

HALTON MAGAZINE TRANSATLANTIC SWIMMING  
COMPETITION.

*I desire to enter the above Competition in Class .....  
I declare that I am a registered reader of the "Halton  
Magazine," and I agree to accept the above rules and the  
Competition Editor's decision as final. I realise that I am  
permitted to enter only on these conditions. I am of sound  
mind, despite what anyone may say to the contrary.*

*(Signed).....*

*(State Title and Rank in Service, if any).*

*Address.....*

*Age next Birthday (if any).....*

## Realities

Trees over Boddington stand dark against the sunlight,  
Fair shines the landscape wherever eye can see.  
How I fain would wander in the freshness of the  
morning—

“ Pull yourself together, don't you know you're on  
P.T. ? ”

Larks singing madly, poised in bluest heaven,  
Fill the mind with pleasure and cheer the gloomy heart.  
Leaves rustle softly ; hear the ringdoves cooing—

“ Don't you drop that crankshaft, or you'll be in the  
cart.”

Red sinks the sun, past Coombe Hill and the  
Monument, [west.  
Touching with its radiance the white clouds in the  
Now let us ponder on nature and her mysteries.

“ Now, did you say ? No, bed will suit me best.”

W. J. W.

## Answers to Correspondents.

*Mashie Niblick* : You say you recently went round the Halton golf course in nine. You are wasting your opportunities—you ought to take up fishing.

*Orpheus* : So you prefer the bagpipes to trumpets. Well, there are certainly fewer of them in the Camp.

*Lover of Literature* : We cannot agree with you that the author of Bradshaw's Railway Guide is a greater writer than Shakespeare. The plot is good, but the rhythm always seems to us a little jerky.

*Naturalist* : "Can fish communicate with one another?" We remember a certain piece of boiled cod that seemed to have a good deal to say for itself.

*Hubert* : The letter you enclose from your uncle in China is most interesting. We are distressed to learn of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease among the local silkworms. It seems a pity that so many of the infected worms have had to be beheaded.

*Antiquarian* : You are right in saying that the famous London thoroughfare, Pall Mall, takes its name from the ancient game known as "pell-mell." We are not aware whether there was ever a canteen situated in that street.

*Engineer* : "What is a sliding scale?" A freckle on an eel.

*Enquirer* : "When Newton saw the apple fall, did he afterwards eat it?" This is a question of some gravity.

*Eager* : "Pay deferred maketh the apprentice sick." We cannot trace the proverb in this form.

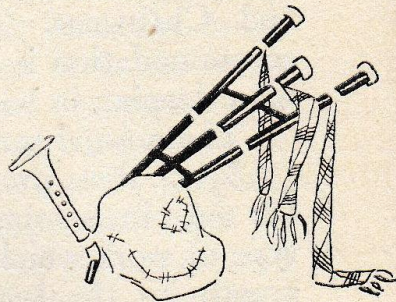
*Augustus* : "If seven boys with seven brooms  
Should sweep for half a year,  
Do you suppose," the Fitter said,  
"That they would sweep it clear?"  
"I doubt it," said the Carpenter  
And shed a bitter tear.

We don't think you have quoted the verse quite correctly, and it is in any case most unlikely to have any reference to dormitory inspections.

*Senior Entry* : We are glad to hear you have done so well in the exams., but are afraid that you can hardly hope to pass out Squadron Leader.

*Peeved* : Sorry to hear you were "on the mat" for scrapping in the dormitory so early in the term. In future, remember the good old saying, "Till May be out, ne'er cast a clout."

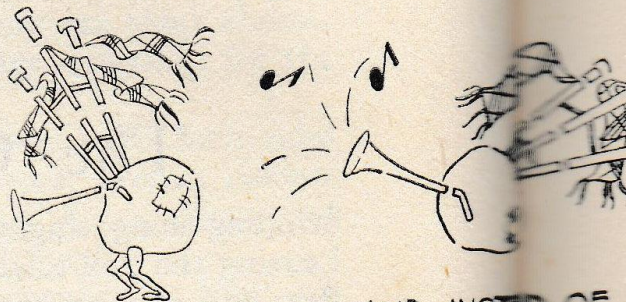
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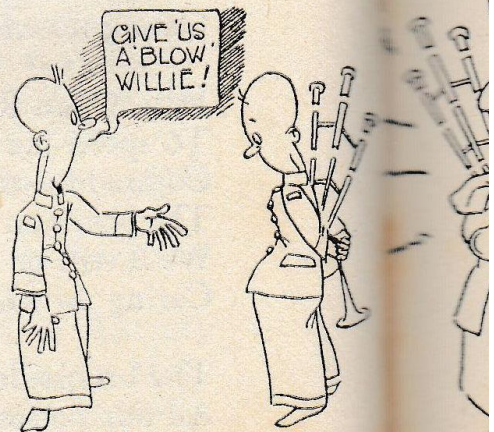
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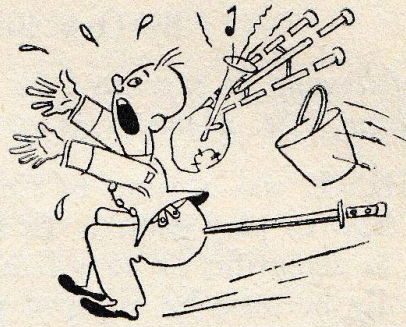


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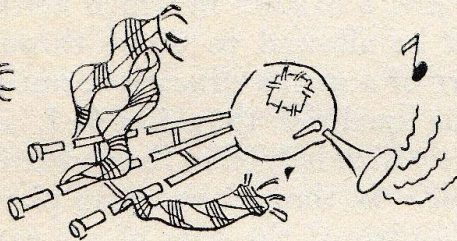
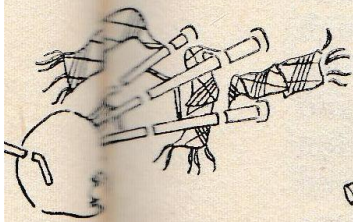
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THE INSTRUMENT  
BECAUSE IT IS  
ECONOMICAL  
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TWO NOTES  
AT ONCE

IF ANYBODY  
WILL LET YOU



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SOUNDING 'SHARPS'

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A RASPING 'FLAT'

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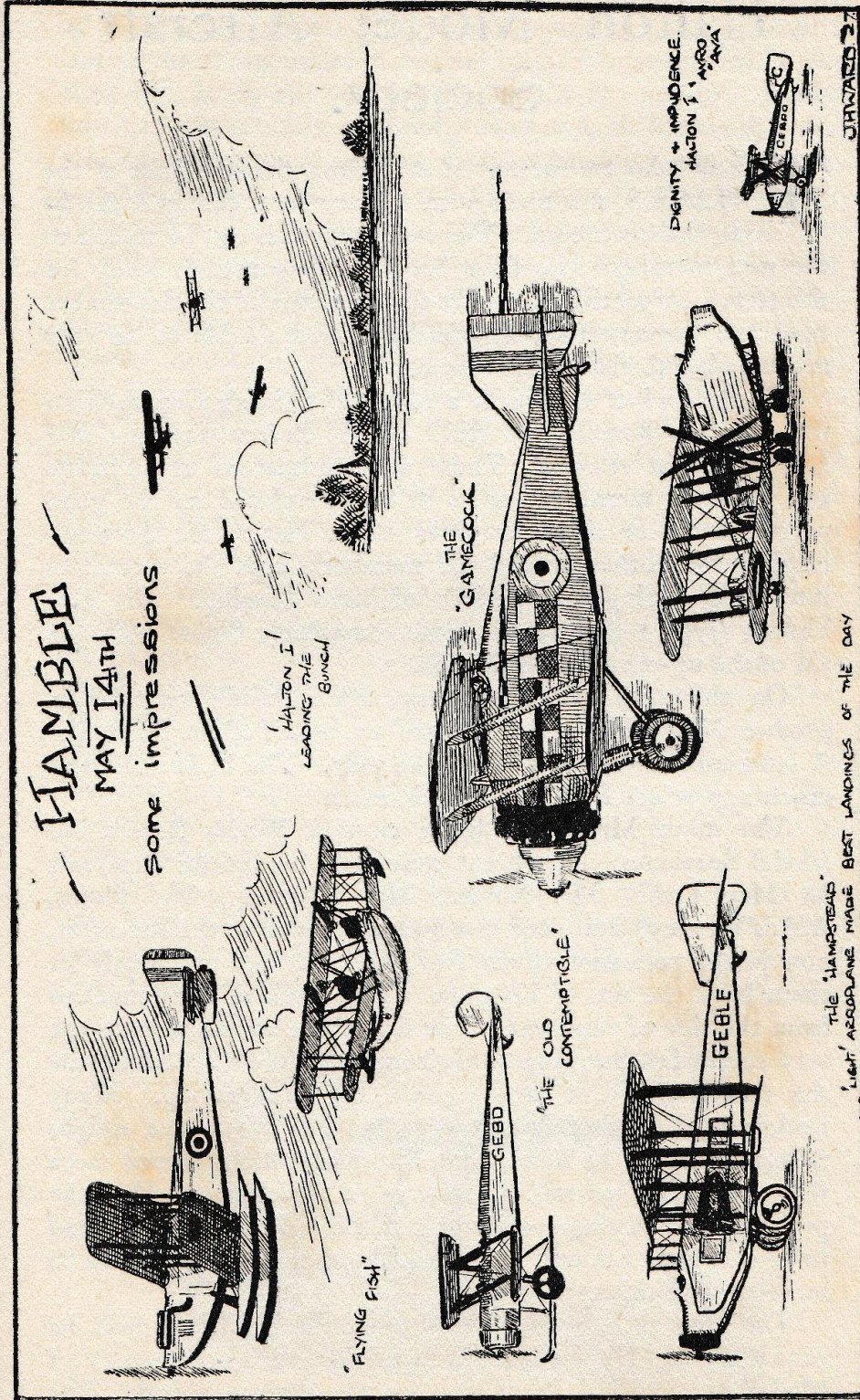


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A. Drake  
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## The Second Halton Battle- field Tour.

*"It is genergally accepted that travel is a part of education"*—  
THE PRINCE OF WALES, opening Imperial Education Conference,  
June 20th.

MUCH excitement prevails among the forty fortunate boys who are in  
this year's Battlefield Party. They are :

	10th ENTRY.	
A SQUADRON.	B SQUADRON.	C SQUADRON.
L A/A. Dudgeon.	L A/A. Lane.	L A/A. Hester.
L A/A. Oldroyd.	L A/A. Tipple.	L A/A. Rowls.
L A/A. Grundy.	L A/A. Hofman.	L A/A. Coleman.
A/A. Dance.	L A/A. Lewis.	L A/A. Kirkland.
A/A. Dawson.	A/A. Ascott.	A/A. Cooley.
A/A. Ford.	A/A. Ewens.	A/A. Soper.
A/A. Penney.		
	11th ENTRY.	
A SQUADRON.	B SQUADRON.	C SQUADRON.
L A/A. Banett.	L A/A. Denham.	L A/A. Bergin.
L A/A. Coveney.	L A/A. Street.	L A/A. Goffe.
L A/A. Sawyer.	L A/A. Humphreys.	A/A. Beeching.
A/A. Keates.	A/A. Duckworth.	A/A. Hunter.
A/A. Alderson.	A/A. Liner.	A/A. Rose.
A/A. Copsey.		A/A. Gordon.
A/A. Owens.		A/A. Cowles.
		A/A. Galbraith.
		A/A. French.

In addition to Mr. Fanstone and Mr. Kermode, who conducted last year's party, Dr. Hart, Mr. Farthing, Mr. West and Lt.-Cdr. Whittaker, have kindly offered to join and help the party.

Our programme this year is considerably more ambitious than last year, though roughly the same ground will be covered. We have chartered charabancs to be at our disposal for the whole week so that we can make a far more thorough survey of the battlefields, and we are visiting Malines and Louvain, which only one or two favoured ones managed to do last year. But perhaps it will be wiser to wait till our return and say what we *have done*, rather than speak now of what we intend to do. And talking of return, one word to parents. Your sons will turn up (we hope!) late on August 3rd, tired, dirty and penniless, but very "worldly"-wise and blasé. Humour them. It's just a passing attack of mental indigestion. They'll soon get over it and begin to realise that there's nothing like travel, if only to make one realise that there's no place like home.

Address letters to Hotel VERRIEST, Bruges (up to Saturday, August 30th), and to Hotel SPLENDID, Brussels (up to August 3rd).

A. B. F.